

Nazis Reinforce Odessa; Reds 9 Mi. Off

Candidacy Abandoned By Willkie

He Quits After Wisconsin Trouncing; Convinced He Can't Win Nomination

WASHINGTON, Apr. 7—Wendell Willkie's withdrawal from the Republican presidential race after his disappointing showing in Tuesday's Wisconsin primary—where he failed to win a single one of the 24 delegates—gave Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York "the inside track" for the nomination, in the view of many political observers today.

One of the first results was an appreciable rise in the stock of Lt. Comdr. Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, who ran second to Dewey, capturing four delegates to Dewey's 14 and Gen. Douglas MacArthur's three. "This certainly puts Stassen among the top three Republican presidential possibilities," said Sen. Joseph H. Ball (R., Minn.), reflecting the views of many Stassen backers that Willkie supporters might now go over to the Minnesota camp.

Willkie announced his withdrawal dramatically in the midst of an anti-administration speech at Omaha Wednesday night. Describing the Wisconsin results as "disappointing," he declared: "It is obvious now that I cannot be nominated. I am therefore asking my friends to desist from any activity to that end and not to present my name to the convention."

He said he would continue to work for "the principles and policies for which I have fought for the last five years" and expressed the hope the Republican national convention would adopt a platform embodying his ideas of international co-operation—"views which I believe are shared by millions of Americans."

Willkie described the Wisconsin vote as "doubly disappointing, since the candidate who led the poll is known as one active in organizations such as America First." America First was a pre-Pearl Harbor isolationist group.

Rep. Martin Scores Congress' Awarding Of Medal to Nimitz

WASHINGTON, Apr. 7—Commenting on Congress' award of the Distinguished Service Medal to Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, Rep. Thomas E. Martin (R., Iowa) declared that decoration and medals were being handed out at such an "indiscriminate" rate that they may lose their value in public esteem.

The value of medals for heroism, Martin said, would decrease in proportion to the number awarded as clashes with the enemy increased.

Martin termed Congress' action awarding the DSM to Nimitz a "very dangerous precedent." Although he granted that Nimitz deserved the medal, Martin said that the military services were better qualified than Congress to "determine the merits of each case."

Nimitz was one of the few men in history to receive the DSM by act of Congress.

Hitler Quits or Smith Hunts Himself a Cave

Hitler Surrenders Unconditionally; European War Ends—that'll be tomorrow's news, according to a Georgia seer named Smith, who early in February forecast that the Allies would be victorious by Easter Sunday.

No weary traveler bound for neutral capitals, Virgil Smith is a respected citizen of Baldwin, Ga., who already has an impressive record of substantiated predictions based on dreams—the exact date of the 1918 armistice, the triple election of President Roosevelt and the date of Mussolini's downfall.

News item: "You'll be home for Christmas," said an ETO chaplain last summer.

A Tremendous Invasion Toll? 'Tommyrot,' Says Gen. Bradley

'You'll Be Surprised by Naval, Air Support,' He Tells Officers

By Tom Hoge

A U.S. INFANTRY DIVISION, England, Apr. 7—Loose talk about tremendous losses likely to be suffered in the invasion of Europe was branded "tommyrot" by Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, American ground forces commander, in a recent three-day inspection of this division.

Declaring that Barnum and Bailey's self-proclaimed "greatest show on earth" would be "only a sideshow compared to the one you'll be in," Bradley told division officers: "The eyes of the whole world will be on this show. It will undoubtedly be the decisive fight of the year."

"When the time comes you will be surprised at the naval gunfire and power you will have. You'd know you can't lose if you could see what is lined up." "This stuff about tremendous losses is tommyrot," Bradley said at another point. "Some of you won't come back, but it'll be very few. In the Tunisian campaign we lost only an average of three or four men to a thousand—and certainly seeing a show like this ought to be worth that chance. It is something to be proud of, something to tell your grandchildren about as long as you live."



Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley told officers that "lots of people would give their shirts to be with us." (Continued on page 4)

Nearly Every Unit in ETO To Have an Easter Service

Sunrise services in Hyde Park, London, on parade grounds and on other open spaces near U.S. Army Camps in Great Britain tomorrow will mark the American forces' observance of Easter.

The Chaplains' Corps said yesterday nearly every unit is planning an Easter service. Undoubtedly more soldiers than ever before will join with the British people at worship in their cathedrals, churches and chapels.

The Bishop of London will deliver the sermon at the Hyde Park service at which the soldiers will be guests of churches of all denominations in the London area. The service will be conducted by three chaplains, Maj. Chester R. McClelland, of Dallas, Tex.; Capt. John J. Weaver, of Troy, N.Y., and 1/Lt. Ford L. Gilbert, of Long Beach, Cal. The service, starting at 7.30 AM, will be broadcast to America and throughout the world.

Negro Choir to Sing At a port in England, members of Negro port units will hear their own 100-voice choir at a sunrise service. Many British civilians and military visitors will be guests.

An armored unit will hold a Protestant sunrise service at 7.30 AM on a great open parade ground, followed by a Catholic service at 9.30. On Easter evening at an Air Force bomber base, an English choral society will sing Handel's "Messiah" before an audience of airmen. Fighter station personnel will hold a sunrise service in a bomb dispersal field.

A male choir from a Polish Air Force base will sing high mass at Easter services at the fighter base commanded by Col. Hubert Zemke. In Northern Ireland, Catholic services will be conducted by Chaplain Matthew (Continued on page 4)

Thus the Japanese air force has been bombed off New Guinea for all practical purposes. Hollandia is a shambles, graveyard of 300 enemy planes, including all that were withdrawn from Wewak while that base was absorbing 4,000 tons of bombs in recent weeks, according to dispatches from the Southwest Pacific.

Meanwhile, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz and Gen. Douglas MacArthur continued to hammer away at Truk with another two-way attack on that Jap fortress in the Carolines. Following the 13th assault—by Nimitz's Liberators last Monday night—MacArthur's Solomons-based air fleet bombed Dublin, the badly-battered isle which guards an anchorage.

Allies 40 Miles Within Myitkyina

Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters said last night that British troops were in contact with the enemy slightly west of the Kohima-Imphal road, 40 miles inside India.

The Japanese News Agency claimed last night that Jap forces were only six miles from Imphal, capital of the Indian state of Manipur and main Allied base for the central Burma front.

In north Burma, Allied troops drove to within 40 miles of Myitkyina, northern terminus of the railroad from Mandalay.

Killer Gets 90 Years

PORTALES, N.M., Apr. 7—Carl Smalling, 23, of Kingsport, Tenn., received a 90-year sentence for the slaying of Fred M. Phillips, 56, in a tourist camp at Kenma.

Ploesti Oil Fields Hit As Allies Step Up Air Attacks to Aid Soviets

Zagreb Fighter Field Guarding Balkans Also Blasted

Anglo-American bombers, striking two more heavy blows at strategic Balkans targets in their campaign to hamstring German forces battling to stem the Russian onslaught, have showered bombs onto the great Ploesti oilfields in Rumania for the second time.

Within the last 48 hours, fires which sent smoke curling 16,000 feet into the air were kindled by American bombers roaring in for the first time over Ploesti since their historic low-level attack last August, and a strategic Luftwaffe airfield at Zagreb, Jugoslavia, was blasted. More than 56 German planes were shot down in these latest aerial thrusts designed to batter enemy supply and communications in support of the Red Army's advance into the Balkans.

Direct Hits on Refineries In the Ploesti raid Wednesday, direct hits were scored on oil-storage areas, a munitions dump, oil refineries and rail yards. Long-range Lightnings and Thunderbolts escorted the Liberators to within a few miles of the area from which Hitler is said to be obtaining a third of the oil necessary to run the Wehrmacht.

Fleets of German fighters and a heavy barrage of anti-aircraft fire met the attackers. Violent aerial battles were fought out less than 30 minutes' flying time from Soviet spearheads approaching Jassy, in northern Rumania.

Twelve out of a force of an estimated 300 U.S. Italy-based bombers were lost in the Ploesti attack, while escorting fighters and bomber gunners shot down at least 40 German aircraft. U.S. fighter losses were not announced.

In the Zagreb attack Thursday, more than 120 German planes vigorously defended the Yugoslav airfield, a main obstacle in the path of Allied bomber fleets in their deep Balkan penetrations.

Sixteen German planes were shot down over northern Jugoslavia, near Zagreb, and three heavy bombers were lost.

Discussing the Allied Balkan air offensive at his headquarters in Italy, Air Marshal John C. Slessor, deputy commander of the MAAF, declared yesterday that the Ploesti target was one of the most important the Germans had in the Balkans and if the oilfields "can be knocked out and kept knocked out, the effect on the outcome of the war can be very great."

The British airman said that the Bucharest rail yards which were attacked Tuesday by U.S. bombers had offered the "best bomber target in the world."

"Thousands of oil tank cars choked the yards which were to carry oil from Ploesti to the Danube, where it was to be transferred to river barges," he declared.

5 Tech Sergeants Flying P51s Are Only EM Pilots in ETO

By James Q. House

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent NINTH AIR FORCE FIGHTER COMMAND HQ, Apr. 7—Five tech sergeants who now are full-fledged Mustang pilots with Ninth Air Force Fighter Command are believed to be the only AAF enlisted men flying as combat pilots in the ETO.

They are T/Sgt. John Ferguson, of Bayside, N.Y.; T/Sgt. Dennis L. Johns, of Jackson, Mich.; T/Sgt. Daniel L. Richards, of Long Beach, Cal.; T/Sgt. Clifford W. Hare, of Frankfort, Mich., and T/Sgt. Walter H. Yochim, of Pittsburgh.

The men were formerly RCAF pilots, having signed up before Pearl Harbor. At that time the youngest of the five was 18, the oldest 21.

They received their wings after training with the Canadians, and some later flew with the RAF on detached service. Four transferred to the USAAF last December, the fifth last month.

Several attempts have been made to get direct commissions for them, but so far

each attempt has become engulfed in official red tape. They entered the USAAF with permanent ratings as tech sergeants, equivalent rank to RCAF flight sergeants, the rank they previously held.

"It would be nice to have a commission," one said, "but all of us want to fly more than anything else, and we're getting what we want."

Meanwhile, the sergeants "sweat out" chow lines and otherwise conduct themselves on a 100 per cent GI basis, except when flying their Mustangs.

The nearest approach they make to enjoying the privileges of commissioned officers is the wearing of regulation pilots' wings.

"And that has been our biggest headache so far," one of them said. "MPs are always picking us up and demanding to know what right we have to wear pilots' wings."

Richards has flown eight missions—two over Berlin—since transferring to the AAF; Johns three, including the Mar. 23 attack on Brunswick, and Ferguson, Hare and Yochim, two each.

Two other Americans who transferred with them are now missing in action.

Big Battle for Port On Black Sea Is Expected

Special German units, under orders to "halt the Red Army at any cost," were rushed forward to defend Odessa yesterday as three columns of Soviet cavalry and light tanks advanced within nine miles of the Black Sea port.

The eleventh-hour decision to battle to hold Odessa coincided with a new Nazi effort to relieve the encircled garrison at Tarnopol, 65 miles southeast of the German base at Lwow, in Poland.

Big forces of Germans were reported tied up in "violent fighting" in the Odessa area, where the Russians held a belt of land east, northeast and northwest of the city. A correspondent of the Russian Army newspaper Red Star said the enemy reinforcements launched counter-attacks from "favorable positions" but that Cossack cavalry beat them off with heavy losses to the Germans.

Planes of the Russians' Black Sea fleet air arm kept constant day and night patrol over the entire coastal area to prevent evacuation of the Odessa garrison by sea. German counter-action in the air was difficult, with the Nazis' nearest major base 200 miles away at Constanza in Rumania.

Bitter Fighting at Tarnopol

Even heavier fighting was in progress outside Tarnopol, where strong enemy tank and infantry forces were thrown into the attack in an effort to break through to the surrounded garrison, now holding less than half the town.

Russian reports said the drive, from southwest of Tarnopol, was repulsed with heavy losses to the Germans, but acknowledged that the fighting was fierce.

The Germans appeared to be attempting to rescue both the Tarnopol garrison and the remnants of the 15 Nazi divisions encircled just to the southeast in the Skala sector.

Two major counter-attacks were reported. Big tank groups were employed in both, but a Red Star reporter said neither gained any appreciable objective. Only a few tanks escaped, the report said.

Moscow dispatches told of heavy Nazi losses in the Skala pocket. When the enemy tried to break out of the area, these reports said, they were cut down by the massed fire of hundreds of Russian guns slowly compressing the trap.

German prisoners taken in the past 24 hours were quoted as having said their high officers had been evacuated from the area by plane.

Fighting appeared to have died down on the Ssaranian front leading into Rumania. Correspondents in Moscow said no reports of new advances in this area had been received in the last 24 hours. They suggested that forward units had slowed down to permit supply to catch up.

Eaker Promises Weakened Reich Greater Attacks

ADVANCED ALLIED HQ, Italy (Reuters)—Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, commander of the Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, declaring that Germany had never been in "such straitened circumstances as now," said yesterday that Nazi air strength had been reduced greatly by attacks on German aircraft plants, airfields and in aerial combat.

"We are co-ordinating with heavy bombers from Britain in attacks on German industry," he said, "and we can expect these attacks to grow in size and increase in numbers as the two air forces (Italy-based and Britain-based) grow and weather permits an increased rate of operation."

Stettinius Here for Talks

Edward R. Stettinius Jr., Under-Secretary of State, arrived yesterday for a series of foreign policy conferences with British officials which some observers believe may prepare the way for another Big Three meeting of President Roosevelt, Joseph Stalin and Winston Churchill.

THE STARS AND STRIPES

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Easter Eve

The Saturday preceding Easter Sunday is called Holy Saturday here in the British Isles, and the evening, Easter Eve. On this day customs are observed which, with a few exceptions, are of a ritualistic nature...

In olden times the morning fires and lights in all churches were extinguished, all ashes and embers were removed, and fresh fires were prepared, lighted, and consecrated. From these fires parishioners obtained tapers or pieces of wood for use in their homes...

Another custom common in England in days gone by was that of pace-egging. Companies of boys and men toured the towns and villages performing simple plays in order to obtain money and eggs.

In Devonshire, young people have a custom that is unique. New gloves are generally sent on Easter Eve by the boy friend to his sweetheart.

And in pre-war England, as at home, eggs were colored on Easter Eve, ready for use on Easter morning.

But one custom, common in England during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, is now almost completely forgotten. That was the custom of bringing home the Easter tree, which was brought out of the woods in a ceremonial manner...

And so was Easter Eve observed in Great Britain. Time and the customs have changed; but the significance of Easter remains. That significance is the promise of life everlasting.

A Stake in the Future

Hitler once yelled that his New Order in Europe would last a thousand years. He guessed wrong. But it is true that the struggle which unfolds day by day will decide the kind of world you'll live in...

You're a player in that struggle. You're not on the sidelines. Your job, however small it seems to you, fits into the overall strategy that is defeating the Axis.

You'll get a bigger kick out of that job, and do it better, if you see it in its proper relation to the whole picture. To assist you in this orientation, the Army offers you the daily news found in the columns of The Stars and Stripes, news via radio as supplied by the Army Forces network...

Allot a little of your off-duty time to these news sources and you'll be surprised how soon you'll gain a new and clearer knowledge of world geography. You'll be surprised how the far-flung, widely separated campaigns fall into a pattern that you can follow and understand.

Just to learn more about this world you live in, will in itself make you a better informed soldier, a better educated American. And in the days ahead, when it becomes your job to help decide issues on which the future of all depends, your knowledge of the big picture will make you a better citizen, and in a small way that will help make this a better world.

Simple Worship

A British reporter assigned to cover air force activities visited an American base to find out what our crewmen do to counteract the strain of combat. He reported to a group whose bombers have been on the most dangerous missions of this war and one of the answers he received contains a message for all servicemen—a message of particular interest during this season of religious emphasis.

One of England's historic cathedrals provides the answer to our problem, one crew explained. "When we return from a mission we go to this cathedral and quietly rest. We don't go there to be talked to—just to meditate."

There is something about the atmosphere, they explained, that is good for us. When we leave all strain and tension are gone. We feel fortunate, they said, in being stationed near this shrine, for it provides us a comfort that we can secure in no other manner.

The statement of these fighting men who have faced death many times contains a message for us all. They have discovered the value of simple worship.

Hash Marks

Today's Daffynition. Genius: One who can do most anything—except make a living.

Fun on the Home Front. M/Sgt. Simon Sagle of the ETO received a letter from his little niece who is attending grade school in Philadelphia. She writes, "Yesterday two British soldiers visited our classroom—they could not speak very good English."

Telephone Conversation of the Week: Hitler: "What's holding you up, Tojo? I thought you'd be in America by now!" Tojo: "So sorry, Adolf—where you call from—Moscow?"

One of the military secrets in a certain vicinity is the identity of an inspecting officer who was instructed to see that his brother officers as well as the Ems stayed on the ball in the matter of neat, correct dress. Towards dusk he peered into the doorway of Ye Men's Shoppe and



glimpsed a brother officer with two buttons conspicuously unbuttoned; so he proceeded to lay down the law. When no action was forthcoming he investigated and hurriedly took off—he had been addressing one full-length mirror!

A Navy guy just back in the ETO after a short stay in the States reports he saw more WAVES in Washington than waves in the whole north Atlantic.

It's a rough game. Lt. Frank McWilliams, uninjured in 50 flying combat missions, took a few minutes off for a hot game of ping-pong. Reaching for a high shot, he sprained his back—spent two weeks in the hospital.

GI Philosophy. A first sergeant may not make many friends but he can sure influence a flock of people.

You probably don't know T/5 W. and maybe he's glad you don't. When he called up a certain high HDQ the other day he got the wrong extension. "This," said the T/5, "is Cpl. W. Will you please



signal the operator and transfer my call to extension 000?" "THIS," said the voice at the other end of the wire is General X—and will you please do your own dangled telephoning?"

Life is like that. Pfc Frank Di Giuseppe, a cowboy from Brooklyn, stationed in the ETO, thought he would get the jump on the rest of the boys back in the staging area; so he got a full-fledged Indian in the outfit to pitch his tent with him. But to his surprise and amazement, when they started pitching tents the Indian didn't know what the score was. To Giuseppe's questioning he replied, "I'm a modern Indian." So there. J. C. W.

PRIVATE BREGER



"See? I always knew I was officer material! Lookit how everybody's saluting me!"

World's Biggest Circulation 'Newsboys' Air Force Delivers to Germany



Examining the papers which the "Newsboys' Air Force" delivers to German doorsteps are crew members of the Fortress We the People. Originally called Snafu when it was on bombing missions, it did just that until its name was changed. Its record today is 35 bombing hauls, 15 news runs.

By Bud Hutton Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A FORTRESS BASE, Apr. 7.—Pilots of "The Newsboys' Air Force" today taxied their Fortresses out from under the anonymity which has hidden them for months and told the story of the newspaper bombs they've been dumping on the occupied countries and the Reich.

With the strict rappings of censorship and secrecy removed from their work, the leaflet-bombing airmen showed log books full of their own peculiar

brand of operational stories and combat freaks. They told the stories in a slang as indigenous to their particular jobs as other slang is to the bomber crews who haul high explosives to the Reich.

As a matter of fact, they are just about like any other bombing outfit, except for the cargo in their bomb bays—tissue-thin miniature newspapers and leaflets telling in straightforward fashion what is happening in the world at war so that the people of the occupied lands, and the Germans themselves, may be exposed to the truth.

These B17 men began calling themselves "The Newsboys' Air Force" (Biggest circulation in the world—Advt.) shortly after they delivered the first copies of L'Amérique en Guerre (America at War) to France last year.

Hauls which would have been "milk runs" to regular bomber outfits became "paper runs" to these crews, and the bombardiers became "pressmen." Some crews go so far as to call their pilots "the editor."

Line records showed why the air and ground crews alike have been unhappy as story after story was printed about bombers with exceptional operational records. Anonymously, some planes hauling the hitherto secret pamphlets have been piling up records such as the 74 missions of the Fort Target for Tonight, of the leaflet squadron commanded by Maj. Earl J. Aber Jr., of Racine, Wis. Target for Tonight did 41 normal bombing missions—a good record in anybody's log—and then was converted to leaflet bombing. It's done 33 such jobs and is still ticking over.

The story of a Fort's name the "paper boys" like to tell best, however, is that of the B17 We the People.

ETO old-timers will remember We the People. It used to haul high explosives with one of the first wings in the ETO; it was one of the ships which proved the experiment of daylight, high-altitude precision bombing. But We the People came to the ETO named Snafu. It went out on the line for its first haul. The No. 4 engine wouldn't start. After the

other planes were off and gone, No. 4 started fine.

Things went about like that for half a dozen hauls. Either Snafu wouldn't get off the ground or if it did it was such a headache to the pilot that life wasn't worth while. Finally the crew decided to change its name. They settled on the first three words of the preamble to the Constitution... We the people.

Since that day there hasn't been a murmur out of the B17 which used to be named Snafu, and it has a record of 35 bombing missions, 15 hauls with newspapers and leaflets.

There have been so many of "The Newsboys' Air Force" planes to make outstanding operational records that Lt. Gen. James Doolittle officially has commended Capt. Harry W. Chandler, of Detroit, this outfit's man to keep 'em flying.

Just as outfits which haul high explosives, the "newsboys" have turned up their own brand of inventive genius, including S/Sgt. Emile Lenseigne, of Moxie City, Wash., who has perfected a tail-gun ring sight made of plexiglass, with the rings cut into the glass and indirectly illuminated through a rheostat control. Lenseigne, who is in armament, is an ex-combat gunner grounded by ear trouble from altitude flying.

The combat crews find their job is a tedious one, but they wouldn't swap with anyone, because "it's different," as 1/Lt. A. E. Weil, operations officer from Tottenville, Staten Island, N.Y., describes it.

Since the first haul last year, they've put in 76 more, an average of some 13 a month. Targets have been largely in the occupied countries, but they've gone to Frankfurt, Bremen, Hanover and other towns in the Reich, and in the first daylight job on Berlin leaflets and newspapers went down with the bombs, which might have been some comfort to the Germans but small solace to the Nazi leaders who devoted a major share of their propaganda efforts to the next two weeks to combating the insidious, disturbing influence of the straightforward news stories in Sternenbanner—The Stars and Stripes—which the OWI prints exclusively for Germany.

There is no deliberate co-ordination, in most cases, of leaflets and high explosive. The leaflets go where the OWI people think they are needed when they are needed.

"The Newspaper Boys' Air Force" knows what's in its "biggest circulation in the world" (Advt.) Briefings, which resemble normal briefings in most ways, include a translation by an intelligence man of the contents of the newspapers or leaflets to be carried. The OWI people also send down a literal translation and almost everyone in the crew reads every one.

Some of the leaflet-spreading airmen already have finished their operational tours and have gone home for a rest. Some of the veterans, men who have helped work out the experiment of carrying newspapers instead of TNT, have gone down in crashes. Some of the leaflet men went through plenty carrying high explosives before getting into the "newspaper business."

T/Sgt. Albert Haymon, of Stamford, Conn., another Ole Bill man and at one time "the most decorated gunner in the ETO," has been commissioned now and, after 21 bombing hauls, about half as many leaflet hauls, and going through the experimental phase of "newspaper bombing," is training new bomber crews to fly to Europe with half a million newspapers each time instead of 6,000 pounds or so of TNT.

As a matter of fact, Haymon and all the rest are pretty well sold out on the idea by now that the bomb load they carry is maybe even more explosive than the ones that are fused and fanned.

This Is The Army

M/SGT. Frank W. Gove, 30, of Parkersburg, W. Va., is credited with saving the Army approximately 300,000 man-hours by fashioning a device which facilitates the marking of ammunition boxes. By substituting a stamp, made of chamois and blocks of wood, for the stencil method, Gove's Ordnance outfit stationed in the ETO was able to fill rush orders much faster. The marking was done by simply dipping the stamp in paint and striking the end of the boxes. The method also resulted in a cleaner job.

Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public will dine in post-war Cloud Cafes—and a paratrooper will run them. Cpl. Leo Girodo, stationed in the ETO, received from the Fred Harvey Restaurant, Inc., of Los Angeles, an offer to supervise the plan for feeding peacetime air transport passengers. Girodo owns the Rendezvous Niteroy in Reading, Pa. He already is working out ideas for the comfort and entertainment of the prospective Cloud Cafe clientele. They do not include jumping.

PFC Frank (Gramps) Allesandro, 36-year-old ration storeroom supervisor in a general depot in England, is one of the youngest grandfathers in the Army. His 16-year-old daughter, Mrs. Samuel Falzone, of Rochester, N.Y., became a mother in August, 1941. Allesandro married at 16 and his wife died soon after their daughter was born. His sister, Mrs. Rose Ferrara, also of Rochester, also married young and became a grandmother in January of this year at the age of 38.

Lost in the blackout one evening, Sgt. Joseph C. Fenton, of an Eighth AF signal supply depot, asked a stranger for directions and learned (1) the address of a cousin he had been trying for months to locate and who turned out to be an old friend of the passerby, and (2) that the latter was from the same town, Kilroe, Ireland, as Fenton's parents; in fact, lived next door to Fenton's grandfather. Fenton has met two uncles, an aunt and five cousins in his 19 months in the ETO.

One Shorty Ruber has submitted his entry in the "shortest-GI-in-the-ETO contest." Ruber says he is exactly five feet "without pack." He admits the boys also call him Half-Pint.

Notes from the Air Force

Lt. Arlow P. Henry Jr., Ninth AF P47 pilot from Detroit, came back from a sweep over France with a twisted prop, evidence that he flew along the deck so low he ploughed up a turnip field.

Henry had shot down an FW190 and was running for home, too low on ammunition and gas for additional encounters. Racing across the French countryside he ran into fire from two flak towers and in trying to escape through evasive action swept so low his prop churned up the field. Despite violent vibrations and a 115 mph head wind, Henry got back over the Channel for an emergency landing on an RAF base.

A Ninth Air Force fighter base—the identity of which shall be otherwise undisclosed for charitable reasons—has a new flag. They needed it.

The group took over from the RAF. There were speeches from both outfits, a small ceremony, the British flag came down and the Stars and Stripes went up. A couple of days later an RAF squadron leader stepped in the colonel's office and said "Aren't there 48 stars in the U.S. flag?" He pointed to the flagpole.

Somehow, from somewhere, someone had rung a 32-star flag into the dedicatory exercises.

A MESS sergeant has devised what he feels is one of the most effective "secret weapons" yet conceived. Stationed at an Eighth P47 field S/Sgt. Thomas F. Halley, of Washington, has offered three eggs, any style, to the pilot who destroys a German fighter. Halley has already served eighteen to his group commander, Lt. Col. Glenn E. Duncan, on the deal.

A bombing attack on a Nazi air-base in western France was sweet revenge for Lt. John E. Schneider, of Miamisburg, Ohio. Piloting his B24 into the target, Schneider flew a steady course with one hand and shook his other fist at the air base below until his crew reported direct hits followed by smoke and flames; then Schneider nearly wept with joy. The base was one from which the German counter-patrol craft flew that knocked down Schneider's plane when he was on anti-sub warfare with Coastal Command.

FOUR years ago, Jack Warren, of San Jacinto, Cal., was sewing the fabric on the tail sections of planes at the North American Aviation plant in the States. Last week Warren took one of those North American planes into Germany and became an ace. Within six minutes the P51 pilot destroyed three planes to boost his total to five.

In a brief, boiled-down report, Capt. Robert J. Brooks, 23-year-old P51 pilot from Little Rock, Ark., listed as much excitement as many airmen get on a whole tour. What happened to Brooks on an escort mission to Oschersleben and Halberstadt:

Destroyed an Me109, shared another, probably destroyed two enemy aircraft, panicked Nazi fighter pilot, flew back to base minus half a wing, put his hot 51 down in a belly landing and climbed out without a scratch.

Little Rock 'Rookie' Sensation for a Day

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Apr. 7—Local fans gaped admiringly at a stranger during the local Travelers' workout here yesterday.

Manager Bob Seeds, asked by fans for his new sensation's name, said: "That's Bill Dickey—he's working out with us to get in shape for the Navy."

Lib Boxers Top Fort Punchers

Default Triumph Decides 7-Bout Card in Flier Semis

By Hal Biller

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

AN EAST ANGLIA TOWN, Apr. 7—Plenty of punishment was dealt out here last night as punchers from two heavy bomber units traded blows in the qualifying fight of the Eighth AAF boxing tourney.

In the quickest finish, Cpl. Bobby Volk, 151-pounder from Portland, Ore., sailed into Cpl. Glen Seibel, of San Diego, Cal., 155, at the outset and pummeled him unmercifully for 1:08 of the initial round until the referee parted the gloves and awarded a TKO win to Volk.

Sgt. Al Altman, 149-pounder from Scranton, Pa., bleeding from the nose and from a cut under his eye, flayed heavy leather at Pfc Charles "Chuck" Bryan, Indianapolis 152-pounder, in a belated third-round comeback.

In other bouts: Cpl. Keith Voorhees, Ventura, Cal., 135, outpointed Cpl. Sol Guajardo, Detroit, 131.

Pvt. Joseph Luciano, Hoboken, N.J., 146, outpointed Pvt. Horace Ware, Carthage, Mo., 150.

Sgt. George Nipper, Colorado Springs, Colo., 175, outpointed Cpl. Ralph Levitsky, New York, 171.

Cpl. Harold Dary, Oklahoma City, Okla., 199, outpointed Pfc Albert Ruplavis, Rochester, Minn., 177.

Clyde Fox Takes Two Tank Crowns In GI Competition

BOURNEMOUTH, Apr. 7—Lt. Clyde Fox, Ninth AAF Fighter Group entrant from Tulsa, Okla., carted off two first places in a mixed-units swimming meet that attracted 153 tankers here Wednesday night, winning in the 66-yard back stroke and the 100-yard individual medley events in :46.2 and 1:17 respectively.

In addition to sparking their relay team to victory, Cpl. William Griffin, of Los Angeles, and T/5 Clark Rohde, of Milwaukee, each captured an individual prize for their Engineer Supply unit.

Maj. George C. Poore, ex-Yale water polo star from Portland, Me., gave the General Hospital a triumph in the 33-yard free style sprint with his 17.4 seconds performance, but bowed to QM Pfc John Pahl, of Reading, Pa., when Pahl navigated the 66-yard freestyle in 39.3 seconds.

Sgt. Paul Dehlin, Ordnance pride from Nampa, Idaho, headed the field in the living event.

Medwick Stopped Short



Joe "Ducky" Medwick, star outfielder of the New York Giants, hits the dirt during a training camp game at Lakewood, N.J., but is out.

Baseball's Best by Decades: 1910-20

Tris Picks Matty, Bender, Johnson

By Chip Royal

Associated Press Sports Editor

CLEVELAND, Apr. 7—Tris Speaker, rated by many as the greatest center-fielder of all time, is another baseball man who never selected an all-star team because he thought it was unfair to do it on an all-time basis.

But, when Connie Mack suggested that AP Features have five men pick the best players by decades, Speaker agreed to follow Mack and Honus Wagner. So old "Spoke" names the all-star team he saw play during the 1910-1920 era.

Here it is: Catcher Ray Schalk, White Sox. Pitchers Walter Johnson, Senators; Christy Mathewson, Giants; Chief Bender, Athletics.

First Base—George Sisler, Browns. Second Base—Eddie Collins, Athletics. Third Base—Buck Weaver, White Sox.

Shortstop—Honus Wagner, Pirates. Utility infielder—Jimmy Dykes, Athletics. Outfielders—Ty Cobb, Tigers; Babe Ruth, Yankees; Joe Jackson, White Sox; utility—Ed Roush, Reds.



Tris Speaker

"Attempting to recall players of 25 years ago makes any selections a difficult job," says Speaker. "But I think this team would compare favorably with any you could name."

Canadiens Push Nearer Crown With 3-1 Victory Over Hawks

CHICAGO, Apr. 7—The Chicago Black Hawk "blitz wagon" was upset by the National Hockey League champion Montreal Canadiens again here last night as the Canucks won, 3-1, to assume a 2-0 lead in games over the local skaters in their best-of-seven Stanley Cup hockey finals.

Once again the Hawks, who eliminated the defending champion Detroit Red Wings in the semi-finals, were unable to break through the tenacious Canadian defense.

Goalie Mike Karakas had more than enough traffic with Maurice Richards, Montreal flash, who accomplished the "hat trick" by netting all three of his team's goals.

After a scoreless opening frame, Richards punched the puck past Karakas at 13 minutes of the second, assisted by Toe Blake and Elmer Lach. The Hawks, meanwhile, deluged Bill Durnan, Canadian net tender, with shots aplenty, but none of them found its mark.

Richards increased the margin to 2-0 at 12:16 of the third stanza when he registered on a pass from Leo Lamoreaux, the play being Montreal's first close shot at the goal during the period.

Three minutes later Richards tallied again, Lach setting up the goal.

Durnan was robbed of a shutout with exactly one second to go when Johnny Harms fooled him after snaring a pass from Clint Smith for the Hawks' consolation marker.

Bisons overwhelmed Cleveland, 12-2. BUFFALO, Apr. 7—The Buffalo Bisons overwhelmed the Cleveland Barons, 12-2, here last night to take a 2-0 lead in games in the American Hockey League playoff finals.

The Bisons scored three times in the first period, twice in the second and then set a league playoff record by denting the net seven times in the last frame.

Walt Atanas, Larry Thibeault, Max Kaminsky and Fred Thurier each contributed two goals to the rout.

Cpl. Jimmy Goodfellow, former booter from Detroit, headed the CBS offensive by chalking up four goals, two in each half. Pvt. Manuel Rey Jr., of New York, kicked in the other GI counter.

Sinkwich, Paschal On Way In ATLANTA, Ga., Apr. 7—Professional football stars Frankie Sinkwich, of the Detroit Lions, and Bill Paschal, of the New York Giants have left here for Sheepshead Bay, N.Y., for Maritime Service training.

Pep to Defend Feather Title Against Ortiz on June 19 BOSTON, Apr. 7—Willie Pep, featherweight champion a la New York version, has accepted an offer of \$25,000 to defend his title against Manuel Ortiz, bantamweight champ from Elcentro, Cal., here June 19.

Pep has been inactive for some time, having recently received a medical discharge from the Navy.

Webber Scores 40-Second Kayo Charlie Schnappauf Also Has Easy Time in Field Force Tourney

A FIELD FORCE HQ, Apr. 7—ETO featherweight king Pvt. Don Webber, of Roanoke, Va., and Pvt. Charley Schnappauf, clever ringman from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., turned in impressive victories here yesterday to headline the first two rounds of eliminations in this unit's ring tourney.

Webber and Schnappauf, co-leaders of the Infantry Division Blues boxing stable, finished off their opponents quickly, Webber, in fact, notching the fastest kayo of his career as he protected his unblemished slate. In just 40 seconds, the ETO champ landed his favorite sleeping pill on the chin of Pvt. Ed Stager, 116-pounder from Greensburg, Pa., after softening the overmatched Stager with a barrage of jolting rights and lefts to the body.

Schnappauf, fighting his usual whirlwind way, packed too many weapons for Pvt. Joe Luciano, 144-pounder from Chicago, and the Rainbow Corner favorite was awarded a TKO win after 30 seconds of the second round.

Charley floored his foe three times in the first stanza and opened cuts around both eyes. However, rather than injure Luciano unnecessarily, Schnappauf shifted to the body after the opening damage and toyed with the Chicagoan until the referee intervened.

In other bouts: Pvt. Woodrow Womack, Dalton, Ga., 126, outpointed Pvt. Ed Lang, Detroit, 124.

Pvt. Richard Dalton, Chicago, 133, outpointed Pvt. Henry Bishop, Charlestown, Mass., 130.

Pvt. Joe Johnson, Flomaton, Ala., 157, outpointed Pvt. George Spindolini, New Bridge, Conn., 163.

Pvt. Ed Ferris, Benton Harbor, Mich., 164, TKOed Pvt. Frank Balog, Tonawana, N.Y., 162, in the second. (Balog unable to come out for third).

Pvt. Elmo Barnes, Detroit, 169, kayoed Sgt. Jim White, New York, 172, in 1:03 of the third.

Pvt. Don Codispoti, Jennes, Pa., 171, outpointed T/5 William Walker, New York, 166.

Sgt. Bill Dirks, Cumberland, Md., 191, TKOed Pvt. Aaron Beck, Lamesa, Tex., 185, in 1:10 of the first.

Pvt. Ed Gilagatias, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 120, outpointed Pvt. Sal Scurto, Baltimore, 120.

Pvt. Mike Finnerty, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 124, TKOed Pfc Al Papy, Detroit, 125, in 50 seconds of the third.

Pvt. Moon Mullins, Birmingham, Ala., 128, outpointed Pvt. John Shkoluk, White House, N.J., 132.

Sgt. Fran Clark, Salem, N.Y., 139, outpointed Pfc T. Macaluso, Pittsborough, 144.

Pvt. Chester Marcinkiewicz, Kulpmont, Pa., 154, TKOed Pfc William Kilpatrick, Bethlehem, Pa., 154, in 1:10 of the second.

Pvt. Mike Denski, Philadelphia, 164, TKOed Pvt. Nefreo Zizzo, Chicago, 158, in 1:45 of the second.

Pvt. Isaac Easley, Washington, 175, outpointed Pvt. George Swaney, Blarsville, Pa., 171.

Pfc Charles Endlich, Canton, Ohio, 172, outpointed Pvt. Gene Ingram, Barlo, Mont., 174.

Pfc Paul Boudman, Berwick, Pa., 199, outpointed S/Sgt. G. Kolowitz, Elizabeth, N.J., 178.

Stanley Cup Playoffs

First Bracket

(Best four out of seven)

Toronto 3, Montreal 1

Montreal 5, Toronto 1

Montreal 2, Toronto 1

Montreal 4, Toronto 1

Montreal 11, Toronto 0

(Montreal won, four games to one.)

Second Bracket

(Best four out of seven)

Chicago 2, Detroit 1

Detroit 4, Chicago 1

Chicago 2, Detroit 0

Chicago 7, Detroit 1

Chicago 5, Detroit 2

(Chicago won, four games to one.)

Finals

(Best four out of seven)

Montreal 5, Chicago 1

Montreal 3, Chicago 1

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By Al Capp



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Believe Tirpitz May Be Out for Balance of War

Experts Cite 24 Direct Hits Shown by Photographs Of Big Battlewagon

The German battleship Tirpitz has been neutralized possibly for the duration of the war, experts said yesterday after an examination of photos taken in the surprise attack Monday by the largest carrier-borne force ever concentrated against a single ship.

At least 24 hits—four by armor-piercing bombs and 20 by medium bombs—were scored on the 35,000-ton battlewagon as it apparently was about to leave its anchorage in Alten Fiord, North Norway.

Not one German plane rose to defend the Tirpitz in the attack by two forces of dive-bombing Barracudas based on aircraft carriers of the British Home Fleet.

The Tirpitz, its guns silenced by the blow, was left adrift and possibly grounded by the stern as a 3,000-foot column of smoke poured from its battered insides, torn by heavy explosions. A roaring blaze was observed in two places amidships and small fires elsewhere.

In the first of two attacks the Admiralty announced, the Tirpitz was hit near the bridge, amidships and forward. More than an hour later the second wave of Barracudas pierced a smoke screen to achieve more hits.

Three Barracudas and one of the escorting Seafires, Corsairs, Hellcats and Wildcats were lost.

Naval experts said yesterday that although the Tirpitz might be able to make its way southward some time in the future it would be useless as a warship for months and perhaps for the remainder of the war.

Boeing's Factory At Seattle Building The B29 Only Now

SEATTLE, Apr. 7—Boeing Aircraft's huge plant here soon will discontinue building B17 Fortresses and switch to mass production of B29 Super-Fortresses. Other Boeing plants already are building the new bomber.

Rep. Andrew J. May (D-Ky.), chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, said in Washington the announcement meant the new B29, with a range of more than 3,000 miles and a cruising speed of 250 miles an hour, had proved itself in tests.

He forecast it would find its principal usefulness in the Pacific. "It can take off from the interior of China or from islands in the Pacific and bomb any part of the Japanese mainland," he said.

In Sickness and in Health?
PITTSBURGH, Apr. 7—Henrietta Leaver Mustachio, 27, who was "Miss America of 1935," is seeking a divorce, testifying her husband John left home when she got the mumps and didn't return until she was cured. He did the same thing when their daughter contracted whooping cough, she said.

Fort Group Chief to Analyze Air War on AFN Program

Col. Kermit Stevens, a Fortress group commander, will give an analysis of the air war in Europe on the "Take the Air" program over the AFN at 8.10 PM today.

A CBS correspondent will interview Lt. Col. Philip Ardery, of Paris, Ky., a veteran of raids on Ploesti and Berlin.

Tomorrow at 10.30 AM a special recording of the Easter Sunrise Service in Hyde Park will be presented. The "Your Town" program, at 11 AM, will bring news from Little Rock, Helena and Fayetteville, Ark.

- Saturday, Apr. 8**
- 1100—Spotlight on Duke Ellington
 - 1115—Personal Album with Kate Smith
 - 1130—Yanks Radio Weekly
 - 1200—Noon Edition
 - 1205—Barracks Bag
 - 1300—World News (BBC)
 - 1310—Melody Roundup
 - 1330—Crosby Music Hall
 - 1400—News Headlines and Dowbeat
 - 1430—Hello India
 - 1500—Music While You Work
 - 1530—Off the Record
 - 1630—NBC Symphony and Program Resume
 - 1730—Surprise Package
 - 1800—World News (BBC)
 - 1810—GI Supper Club
 - 1830—Atlantic Spotlight
 - 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports
 - 1905—Waltz Time with Abe Lyman's Orchestra and Frank Munn
 - 1930—Dinah Shore Program
 - 2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.
 - 2010—Take the Air
 - 2030—GI Journal
 - 2100—World News (BBC)
 - 2115—Serenade
 - 2120—American Commentary
 - 2135—All Time Hit Parade
 - 2200—Xavier Cugat
 - 2230—One Night Stand with Bobby Sherwood
 - 2255—Final Edition
 - 2300—Sign off until 0800 hours, Sunday, Apr. 9

- Sunday, Apr. 9**
- 0500—Sign On—Hymns from Home—Program Resume
 - 0815—Sunday Serenade
 - 0900—World News (BBC)
 - 0910—Band Wagon
 - 0930—Major Bowes
 - 1000—Morning Varieties
 - 1030—Sunrise Services
 - 1100—Your Town—Radio News-Letter from three American Towns
 - 1115—Sad Sackers Trio
 - 1130—Hour of Charm
 - 1200—News

Wife Divorces Gob Who Became a Pop Abroad

PITTSBURGH, Apr. 7 (AP)—Mrs. Walter James Kaiser has been granted a divorce from her husband, now serving with the Navy in the Pacific. She said he had fallen in love with another woman and was the father of the latter's child.

She began to think that there was something amiss when her husband wrote, "I sort of wish we lived in a country where more than one wife was permitted, because if ever a man loved two women, it's me."

Enemy Leaflets Rained on Anzio

Beachhead Gets Its First German Propaganda 'Attack' by Air

Mixing propaganda with high explosive, the Germans showered leaflets Thursday on Allied positions in the Anzio beachhead as they tried once more to break into the Fifth Army perimeter in the vicinity of Carroceto, Reuter reported yesterday. It was the enemy's first use of leaflets in the beachhead warfare.

Nazi fire was concentrated at the indent made when the enemy's first major counter-attack was absorbed in February, but Allied guns silenced enemy mortars in the area and none of the Allied positions was seriously affected.

Allied ack-ack gunners have brought down 394 German aircraft, in addition to 253 probables, since the Salerno landing, it was announced. In March, these gunners destroyed 80 enemy planes, plus 56 probables.

Cairo radio was quoted by the United Press as saying yesterday that the Germans had brought up considerable reinforcements in Cassino and appeared to be preparing a counter-attack.

Goebbels Made Boss of Berlin

Adolf Hitler has placed Joseph Goebbels, Nazi propaganda minister, in full charge of Berlin, and the mayor and corporation will take orders from him in the future, according to the German News Agency, which said Goebbels would be known as "city president" and explained the action as "for the concentration of powers, in particular for war purposes."

"Goebbels' functions as national and district party leader and as minister are not affected by this appointment. The status of the capital in its relations with the supreme authorities of Germany and Prussia remains unchanged," the agency added.

Opposition for Sen. Thomas

TULSA, Okla., Apr. 7 (AP)—Rep. Wesley E. Disney declared today that he would oppose Sen. Elmer Thomas for the Democratic senatorial nomination in the state primaries.

- 1210—Barracks Bag and Program Resume
- 1300—World News (BBC)
- 1310—Melody Roundup
- 1325—GI Tommy
- 1335—Bob Crosby Show
- 1400—News Headlines—Sacred Music—BBC Orchestra
- 1430—John Charles Thomas—Metropolitan Baritone sings popular favorites
- 1500—Take Your Choice
- 1530—Sammy Kaye's Sunday Serenade
- 1600—News Flash
- 1605—Radio Chapel with Chaplain John Weaver
- 1630—Andre Kostelanetz
- 1700—Information Please with Clifton Fadiman
- 1730—South American Way
- 1800—World News (BBC)
- 1815—GI Supper Club
- 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports—Presented by The Stars and Stripes
- 1905—Jack Benny's Program—with Mary Livingstone, Dennis Day, Rochester, Phil Harris and his Orchestra
- 1930—California Melodies
- 2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A. with Corporal Ford Kennedy
- 2010—Fred Waring Program
- 2020—Fanny Brice
- 2045—Into Battle (BBC)
- 2100—World News (BBC)
- 2115—Great Music—Walter Houston introduces the classics
- 2130—Jubilee
- 2200—Your Radio Theater—"Buck Privates," with Abbott and Costello
- 2255—Final Edition
- 2300—Sign off until 11 hours Monday, Apr. 10.

Terry and the Pirates



You Can't Boil These Easter Eggs



Tomorrow's Easter Sunday, and four ETO young ladies, all WAC privates, prepare to greet the holiday with an appropriate and inescapable display of powdered eggs while a slightly despondent bunny looks on. The girls (from left to right) are Nora Belle and Doris Nell Barber, twins, of Gilmer, Tex.; Evalyne M. McDine, McKeesport, Pa., and Margaret T. McFadden, Ambler, Pa.

ETO Units Hold Calais Pounded Again by Libs

Heavy, medium and light bombers of the RAF and USSTAF pounded military objectives in France and Germany in mid-week attacks that saw Eighth AF Liberators, escorted by Thunderbolts, blast Pas de Calais Thursday for the second successive day without loss, meeting no fighter opposition and only meager flak.

The same day, Ninth AF Thunderbolt fighter-bombers and escorts bombed and strafed enemy airfields in northern France without loss, hitting hangars, fuel dumps, flak towers, barracks and other buildings, while Wednesday night RAF Lancasters attacked three aircraft factories on the outskirts of Toulouse used mainly for the repair of Ju88s and He111s. One bomber failed to return.

Wednesday, Ninth AF Mustangs and Thunderbolts destroyed and damaged a number of aircraft on the ground at Bourges and Tours. Two Mustangs were missing. At the same time Eighth AF Mustangs, Thunderbolts and Lightnings strafed airfields deep in Germany and destroyed several dozen planes on the ground for the loss of eight fighters.

Skimming ten feet over a road in France Wednesday 1/Lt. Clayton K. Gross, a Ninth AF Mustang pilot from Spokane, Wash., saw a busload of French people file out and scramble for cover while three boys stood calmly waving to him. Lt. Gross rocked his wings in reply.

Crime Doesn't Pay When FBI Camera Is Shooting the Act

NEW YORK, Apr. 7—Three unwilling and unwitting "actors" sat in a darkened General Sessions courtroom watching a film which the FBI said showed them in the act of hijacking a truckload of liquor worth \$30,000.

The trio, shackled and guarded, watched themselves performing in what the prosecution termed the first motion picture ever shown of a crime as it was being committed. Twenty federal agents set the trap.

OPA's Price Ceilings Plague the Auctioneer

NORWALK, Conn., Apr. 7—Deputy internal revenue collector Frank Lattanzi must auction off 60,000 quarts of liquor, and chances are he'll get many bids per bottle, each identical because of the OPA price ceiling.

The liquor is being sold to satisfy a federal tax claim. Lattanzi asks: "How do I know who gets it, if I get 300 identical bids?"

Bulgarian Port Seized By Nazis, Turks Say

ISTANBUL, Apr. 7 (Reuter)—German airborne troops from Salonica (Greece) have now completed the occupation of Varna, the largest Bulgarian Black Sea port, 245 miles by sea from Odessa, it was said here today.

A number of Luftwaffe bomber and fighter squadrons previously based on Salonica have arrived in the last few days in the neighborhood of Varna, it was said.



NEWS FROM HOME

Army Strength Of 7,700,000 by April Attained

75,000-100,000 Face Call Monthly for Rest of Year To Maintain Level

WASHINGTON, Apr. 7 (Reuter)—The War Department announced today that although the Army's planned strength by April of 7,700,000 men had been reached, draft boards still would have to call between 75,000 and 100,000 men a month for the remainder of the year in order to maintain its strength.

The Navy Department at the same time stated that by July 1 its forces should total 3,500,000. Approximately 300,000 men will be needed to reach that strength and also provide necessary replacements.

Between July 1 and Sept. 1, about 100,000 more men will be added to the naval forces.

800 Strike in Row Over Flag

ALIQUIPPA, Pa., Apr. 7—A dispute over removal of the American flag from beneath a crane runway caused an unauthorized strike among 800 workers at the seamless tube mill of the Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp. The company claimed a foreman sought to remove the flag to a better location, but the strikers demanded removal of the foreman.

Mrs. Browder Won't Be Ousted

WASHINGTON, Apr. 7 (UP)—A deportation order against Mrs. Earl Browder, wife of the Communist leader, has been withdrawn by the Board of Immigration Appeals the Department of Justice announced yesterday. The board's action made it technically possible for Mrs. Browder to be admitted legally to the U.S. under the Russian quota.

Porter Saves 8 on Train

WASHINGTON, Apr. 7—A Negro porter, Pernet Morgan, of New York, saved the lives of eight passengers when he detected monoxide gas in a Pullman car and stopped the train. All eight passengers were found unconscious in their berths and were rushed to hospitals.

\$250,000 Sears, Roebuck Fire

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Apr. 7—Fire officials are investigating a blaze which started on the top floor of the five-story Sears, Roebuck department store, causing \$250,000 damage. No one was injured.

Excuse It, Please

NEW YORK, Apr. 7—A Navy plane from Floyd Bennett Field accidentally unloaded two small practice bombs on Rockaway Beach, in Queens. The bombs contained smoke-producing charges, but no harmful explosives. One fell in a hospital yard and the other went through a restaurant roof.

Youthful Plotters Held

JACKSON, Mich., Apr. 7—Five teenage members of a secret society are in the hands of police who said the boys planned "to control the government and dominate inferior races." Four of the youths are members of prominent families.

9 Jap-Americans Sentenced

PHOENIX, Ariz., Apr. 7—Nine draft-age Japanese-Americans from the Poston (Ariz.) relocation center were sentenced to three-year prison terms after admitting in Federal Court that they failed to report for pre-induction physicals.

Mass Attacks by U-Boats In Atlantic Seen by Knox

A U.S. NAVAL BASE, Bermuda, Apr. 7—A mass U-boat attack against North Atlantic shipping may be expected "soon," Frank Knox, U.S. Secretary of the Navy, declared last night at ceremonies marking the third anniversary of the establishment of a \$34,000,000 naval operating base here.

Blast at Ordnance Plant Is Fatal to 3 in Nebraska

WASHINGTON, Apr. 7 (Reuter)—The Navy Department announced yesterday that three persons were killed and 35 injured in an explosion of an undetermined origin at an ordnance plant near Hastings, Neb. Twelve persons are missing.

By Milton Caniff

