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## Yanks, British Join in Pursuit of Axis

### Jap Air Fleet Smashed off Guadalcanal

#### Yanks Get 37 of 98 Planes On First Anniversary Of Bataan

A Japanese air armada of 98 planes attempting to bomb U.S. shipping off Guadalcanal yesterday—the first anniversary of the fall of Bataan—was crushed by U.S. fighters in one of the greatest air combats in the Solomons area.

Thirty-seven aircraft were officially reported destroyed in the battle, the Navy Department announced.

At the same time, Flying Fortresses struck for the fourth time in seven days at Jap shipping off Kavieng, New Ireland, heavily bombing an enemy convoy carrying supplies and troops for the hard-pressed defenders of New Guinea.

The U.S. fighters from Guadalcanal blasted 21 Zeros, five dive-bombers and 11 other enemy planes out of the sky for a loss of one Aircobra and six Wildcat fighters. One U.S. pilot was saved.

Including yesterday's toll, the number of Jap planes shot down over the Solomons is now at 943, the Navy Department added.

No details of this latest blow to this Jap convoy off Kavieng are yet available, except that the attack, which the communique describes as heavy, was directed against a small convoy.

#### Seven Warships Sunk

In the first three attacks on Kavieng—Apr. 2, 3 and 4—a shipping concentration was completely dispersed. A total of seven warships and five merchant ships were sunk or damaged, and three other warships and merchant vessels were attacked.

Three heavy attacks were made by Dauntless and Avenger dive-bombers on Vila, the Japanese air base in the central Solomons.

An Allied medium bomber has also scored a near miss on a Japanese destroyer in the Solomon Sea.

Heavy bombers on offensive reconnaissance bombed and strafed grounded planes on Cape Gloucester airfield and bombed Lae airfield. They also bombed Wewak harbor and towns at Salamaua and Finckhafen. Mitchells bombed and strafed villages on the coast near Saidor, 55 miles southeast of Madang.

At Babo, in Dutch New Guinea, a small formation of Liberators bombed the town and airfield, starting explosions and fires. Another heavy bomber raided Fekfak. Medium bombers attacked Saumlaki, in Tanimber Islands, and Dobo, in Aru Islands.

#### Japs Stopped in Burma

NEW DELHI, Apr. 8 (UP)—An attack by Japanese infantry on the Indian sector of the Burma front has been broken up by British artillerymen. The Japanese withdrew in the face of a fierce barrage and suffered heavy losses. Fighting in the area is still continuing, today's India communique says.

### No Discharges For 38s—Rule

No more applications for discharges from men over 38 years of age are being accepted in the ETO for the time being.

In a letter to commanding generals in the theater, Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews relayed instructions from the War Department that no new applications for discharge under the over-38 legislation were to be acted upon after midnight March 31. The ETO commander instructed that all applications now on hand be held in abeyance pending a statement of policy from ETO Headquarters. No new applications will be accepted.

In the United States a number of men have been relieved to aid agricultural work, particularly dairying, and for essential war industry jobs in which labor shortages exist. Those who have been discharged under the over-38 law, however, may be reintroduced unless they are in such jobs. Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of Special Service, announced this week.

Gen. Hershey said that men already discharged would be given until May 1 to find jobs in essential industries if physically able to perform such work. They are expected to register with the U.S. Employment Service. Failing that, they will be re-classified 1-A (H) as ready for service.

### Eisenhower Greets Montgomery



Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander of the Allied forces in Africa, and Lt. Gen. Bernard Montgomery, commander of the British Eighth Army, shake hands as they meet on the Tunisia battlefield after Gen. Eisenhower had flown by plane to congratulate the British chief for his army's recent successes against Rommel.

### U.S. Crews Bagged 70 Planes In Raids on Paris and Antwerp

A total of 70 German aircraft were destroyed by USAAF Fortress and Liberator gunners in the daylight bombing attack on the large Renault tank and automobile factory on the outskirts of Paris Monday and in the raid the following day on the Erla Aero Engine works at Antwerp, it was announced yesterday by Headquarters, Eighth Air Force, after a careful check of crews' reports.

#### Troops May Cable Gifts For Easter, Mothers' Day

American servicemen still have time to cable flowers or candy home for Easter gifts, the American Express Co. said yesterday. Gifts may also be cabled or sent by air mail for Mothers' Day, May 9, the company said.

Prices for flowers, including cable or air mail charges, range from £1 14s. 7d. to £2 16s. 11d. Two-pound boxes of candy are priced at 13s. 5d. by air mail and 18s. 5d. by cable. They are, of course, bought in the States and shipped to the designated addresses.

American Express offices are located at 6 Haymarket, London; India Buildings, Water St., Liverpool; and W. A. Williamson, Ltd., 115 Hope St., Glasgow. Orders may also be placed with branches of principal banks throughout Britain.

The Paris raid, carried out against strong enemy fighter opposition at the cost of four bombers, netted the air gunners 47 enemy aircraft—mostly yellow-nosed Focke Wulf fighters of the Goering squadron with a sprinkling of Me109s.

The raid the following day on the Erla works by a large formation of Flying Fortresses and Liberators accounted for 23 FW190s and Me109s. Four bombers were missing from this raid. The German fighters met the bombers as they approached the European coast, followed on in to the target and then trailed the Forts and Liberators back to the coast on the return trip.

RAF, Dominion and Allied fighters, supporting and covering both operations, destroyed ten of the enemy at a loss of eight fighters missing.

#### Maneuvers at Gibraltar

Large-scale troop maneuvers were held last night at Fortress of Gibraltar, according to a report from Paris radio.

### 2 Sergeants Build Bomber Gun Mount

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Apr. 8—American heavy bombers in the ETO are using a new type machine-gun mount, designed by two enlisted men in their spare time, and combat crews credit the armament with aiding in the increased destruction of enemy aircraft.

How they spent many spare hours designing the mount and improvising materials to complete the job was told here yesterday when the Legion of Merit, Officer's Degree, was awarded to 19-year-old S/Sgt. James C. Green, of Cost, Tex., and 26-year-old Sgt. Ben F. Marcilonis, of Dearborn, Mich.

An ex-armament chief, Green is now a prisoner of war. He volunteered for combat duty after collaborating with Marcilonis on the gun mount and failed to return from his second mission two months ago.

Marcilonis, attached to the Engineer maintenance section here and a welder in

civilian life, credits Green with conceiving the idea of a new mount.

"While he was keeping his bomber in flying shape, Jimmy got the idea for an improved gun mount," Marcilonis said. "He talked it over with me and we went to work. It only took a week to do the job, but we had to work like hell sometimes, running back and forth from ship to shop to get measurements, fit parts and finally install the mount."

Marcilonis and Green installed the original mount in the plane so Green could use it when he undertook combat duty.

A shortage of material left Marcilonis without welding wire while they were constructing the armament, so he used baling wire from old crates and barbed wire, minus barbs.

"While I was welding for Firestone, in Riverview, Mich., I learned quite a few tricks of the trade," Marcilonis said. "They came in handy for this job."

### Foe in Full Retreat, Loses Much Material And Many Prisoners

#### U.S. Offensive Kept Much Rommel Armor Busy as Montgomery's Army Smashed Through Wadi Akarit Defenses

American and British troops, who joined forces halfway down the road between Gafsa and Gabes Wednesday with an informal "Hello there, Limey" and "Glad to see you, Yank," were hot on the heels of Rommel's retreating Afrika Korps along the coastal reaches of southern Tunisia last night.

In the Maknassy area, where the Americans have been advancing slowly but steadily for days, the enemy was still fighting a rearguard action, and in Maknassy Pass itself artillery duels were reported to be in progress. Many prisoners were reported to have been taken in the American advance east of El Guettar, though no official count has been announced.

### Reds Encircle Nazi Garrisons Around Kuban

#### Isolate German Posts In Forward Moves, Take Prisoners

MOSCOW, Apr. 8 (UP)—Soviet tactics of encirclement threatened today to isolate German garrisons holding out in strong defensive positions on the Kuban front.

The strength of the German positions is largely offset by their precarious communications in the water-logged Kuban Delta and the Nazis are fighting strenuously to defend the narrow strips of ground and roads which emerge above the water.

Several of the isolated villages in the Delta, which are connected by the strips of land, have been taken by the Russians in the last few days and Soviet forces are slowly, but surely, pushing the Germans back towards the sea.

The whole area around the mouth of the Kuban river is covered by flooded lakes and rivers with tall reeds sticking above the water. The battle is being fought under extremely difficult conditions and both sides are hampered by communication problems.

The central front remained quiet today, except for occasional exchanges of artillery fire, but in the Sveysk area, south of Orel, the Germans launched an attack on Russian positions. They were broken up before they reached the Russian lines, and retreated, leaving about 100 dead on the battlefield.

A heroic battle by the Czechoslovakian detachment, which broke up repeated German panzer and infantry attacks and held its own positions against overwhelming force, was reported in today's dispatches from the front. The detachment, commanded by Col. Ludwig Svoboda, who escaped from Czechoslovakia after the German occupation, smashed 19 German tanks and killed about 400 infantrymen during the battle.

Russian reports said the Germans are using extensively a tank-type mobile gun against Russian artillery. The gun was described as a 75mm. cannon mounted on a 22-ton tank, with a maximum speed of about 30 miles an hour and a fuel range of about 90 miles.

The junction of the American and British forces was made by small patrols in armored scout cars. There was no enemy opposition, and the two patrols just advanced along the road until they met. The men climbed out, shook hands and took pictures.

Rommel, it appeared last night, was in full flight. Abandoning much material, the enemy was retreating northwards along the Tunisian coast towards La Skirra—and along the road from El Guettar toward the coast.

Hard on his heels, mobile forces of the Eighth Army were repeating the processes that carried them right along the coast of Libya from Egypt into Tripoli, while American forces from El Guettar area were pushing forward in his wake, supported by the French.

#### Yanks Draw Off Armor

What forces Rommel was able to withdraw from El Guettar front, which he reinforced strongly in the hope of preventing a junction of the Eighth Army with the Americans, is not yet known.

The attacks by U.S. forces in the Maknassy area gave the Axis virtually no opportunity to establish a strong flank anchor in that area.

Much of Rommel's armor was held from attacking the Eighth Army when it broke through the Axis Wadi Akarit positions by the U.S. Second Corps.

The Americans particularly helped Gen. Montgomery's advance by drawing off armor from his two divisions which outflanked Rommel's right wing, Pinkley says. Rommel assigned many veterans to the triangle east of El Guettar and Maknassy in an effort to halt the Americans' advance, but Gen. Patton's Second Corps was too tough.

On all three fronts many more prisoners have been taken and material captured. The French on El Guettar front took 20 light guns among other booty.

In the north, Gen. Anderson's troops of the Anglo-American First Army smashed forward about five miles on a 12-mile front north of the Medjez-Beja road after the greatest artillery concentration.

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### Iowa-London Meet in Desert

WITH U.S. FORCES, Southern Tunisia, Apr. 8 (AP)—"Hello there, Limey," shouted Sergeant Joseph Randall, of State Center, Iowa, to Sergeant A. W. Acland, of Maida Vale, London.

"Very glad to see you," was Acland's reply.

Those were the first words spoken when the Yanks and the Tommies joined hands in Tunisia.

The two sergeants were leading reconnaissance patrols when the historic link-up of the First and Eighth Armies was made on the macadam road 42 miles from Gabes amidst the desert wastes.

The helmeted, grinning American, and the freckled, red-haired Englishman stepped forward and shook hands.

This is Acland's own story of the meeting:

"At first we thought you were Jerries because of your helmets. We had been having trouble with Jerry all night, and all this morning we have been picking up Italian prisoners. We were seriously considering opening fire on you."

"There was a hell of a lot of hand-shaking. A small community took form on the spot. Some of the Yanks started offering us American cigarettes as soon as they saw us, and one even passed round a flask. One Yank shouted, 'Christ, what's this?' when he saw everyone ahead of him start throwing their arms round each other."



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German Propaganda

Never underestimate the enemy. That is a fundamental rule of war. It is equally important that you never underestimate enemy propaganda, no matter how silly it may sound to your ears. Many items of propaganda are believed because the original story is repeated by clever fifth columnists, then picked up by gossips and given a local twist.

Samples of original German propaganda stories beamed for American and British consumption are listed here. Notice carefully the original version and then check yourself mentally and see if you have not been guilty of discussing a local version with your buddies and friends.

The Germans beam this thought to America: "England is using our Lease-Lend help to build up a net of commercial aviation after the war and under the catchword of 'freedom of the air' will dominate the air, including our own hemisphere, just as 'Britannia rules the waves.'"

The Germans tell Britain: "The nation controlling the world's transport controls world trade. While British authorities are busy planning the post-war world they will do well to see to it that British civilian air transport and export industries are not deprived of their prosperity after the war, whether through the Atlantic Charter or the Lease-Lend Act. Lease-Lend cannot be paid for in gold or goods. The answer must be in territory. This territory is going to be supplied out of the flesh and blood of the Empire."

The Germans beamed this thought to America: "While Roosevelt is fighting for the cause, England is fighting to preserve her Empire, to keep control of all the seas, and to add to this her control of the air, and that at America's expense."

At the same time Britain was told this German lie: "If it is paradoxical for the Yankee troops to fill the London streets, what is the name of American occupation of North and West Africa, of Iceland, North Ireland, Australia and India. Where is it going to stop? These occupations are not at the expense of the Axis powers; but at your expense."

Goebbels told America: "The Americans will bear the brunt of the fighting in Tunisia and will make costly and bloody sacrifices, with the British in the rear, cheering them on."

German propaganda told Britain: "Even the most charitable cannot ignore the fact that most of the troops in the actual battle zones in North Africa are British."

Divide with propaganda and rule with force is the German aim.

World News

Because the Army knows that a well-informed soldier is a more effective fighting man, the Special Service Division has inaugurated a news service to troops here and in other theaters. Under the direction of officers who are all experienced ex-newspaper men, a 1,000-word summary of world news will be sent daily to a large majority of all U.S. forces no matter where stationed.

The new Army news service will cover both overseas and domestic news. Written in terse style, this news will stress both the war and the more important national happenings. As facilities permit, the service will be expanded so as to reach troops in all overseas theaters of operation.

The Domestic News Service will utilize all the regular news sources such as AP, UP, INS and Transradio. This news will be rewritten with the needs and interests of soldiers kept particularly in mind. There will be more facts about such things as terrain and tactics than is found in the average civilian periodical.

To insure that the news is fresh and up to the minute, the new Army News Service is observing a late deadline. Writing and editing will continue until midnight every night. Transmission is scheduled to be completed to all points by 3 A.M. This means that the summaries as they reach troops will be as timely and often more timely than the news dispatches appearing in morning newspapers.

Your newspaper will, in addition to regular news services, receive this Army service. We hope through its addition to be able to give you more and better news from home.

Hush Marks

Believe it or not, it still happens here! Eugene A. Rose, of a postal unit, in the Army since May, 1942, and now serving overseas, has just received final notice to appear before his local draft board. We imagine he enjoyed chuckling at the phrase, "Failure to comply with this notice will result in your being declared a delinquent."

Youth must have its fling! Authorities of Louisiana State University started the nation recently by issuing a ruling that



slacks should be worn only by those coeds whose rear-view looks well when draped with such attire. A dozen male members of the university's law school offered to serve as a jury to decide. Which all goes to prove that there is a destiny which shapes our ends.

Thanks to Lt. William R. Lynch, who spotted this masterpiece in a Camp Pickett paper. The M.P. is my protector; I shall not stray. He maketh me to abide by military law. He returneth me to camp. He restoreth my property. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for my own sake. Yea, though I walk through a stop light, I will fear no evil, for they are with me always. Their brassards and their clubs protect me and comfort me. They prepare a guard before me in the presence of mine enemies. They hold me with a steady hand when my cup runneth over. Surely Army regulations shall direct me all the days of the duration, or I shall dwell in the guard house forever.

A little guy rushed into an FBI office and excitedly offered to "put the finger on a fugitive" for \$100. Suspicious



officers fingerprinted the informer—discovered he was the guy they were looking for.

In a San Francisco hotel lobby a man played a pin-ball machine for several hours, pouring nickel after nickel into the slot. Suddenly he drew a gun, turned around and threatened the hotel clerk. The nickel dropper got away with \$80. (At least half of what he put in the machine, if we are any judge of slot machines.)

J. C. W.

Booby School Cures GI Curiosity

Men Learn to Suspect Deadly Explosives Everywhere

AN AMERICAN ARMY SCHOOL, England, Apr. 8—British and American troops advancing into African territory formerly held by German and Italian forces have been running into an infinite



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos

variety of "booby traps"—those innocently disguised explosive charges left by the enemy to wound or kill the curious and the unwary.

From copious information, much of it gathered the hard way, Maj. H. C. Trask, of Medford, Mass., and Sgt. F. P. Kayser, of New York City, have assembled here a display room full of the dangerous little "souvenirs" which forms the first "booby trap school" in the ETO.

Maj. Trask, an engineer by profession and a "gadgets" by taste and inclination, is mighty proud of his little lethal collection. He has a right to be. Not only has he set up traps of the classic German and Italian types—he's done even better than that. He's improved on them so that graduates of his school should be able, not only to find, identify and render harmless the best the enemy can build, they can also contrive better ones themselves.

As a result of Maj. Trask's research and organization work every American soldier going into action will have enough knowledge to avoid and take the sting out of these nasty little scorpions of modern war.

Came from Africa

Some of Maj. Trask's traps came straight from the battlefields of Africa, others were manufactured from notes by combat Engineers who search them out.

In addition to the indoor display, the school has an outdoor booby-trap course where officer candidates crawl on their hands and knees through areas planted with traps. Maj. Trask, Sgt. Kayser and two soldier-mechanics, Pvt. Charles W. Akers, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Earl R. Jones, of Joplin, Mo., set the traps, start the students through the course and then tell them what errors they have made—if they have to be told.

Dummy corpses litter the ground—don't lift one or there may be two.

A broken shovel sticks out of the ground—somebody else will use it if you try to do so.

There's a smashed wheelbarrow—try to

Four OCS students test out the Army's mine detector (top) at a booby-trap school in England. The detector responds to any metal underground with a howl in the earphones. The white tape is strung to indicate how far the section has advanced (second man from left). A booby trap might be concealed under a "dead" body (bottom), and lifting the body would explode the trap. Here, OCS students study trap on training course.

move it and you're due for a ride yourself.

Two lumps of coal—an old oil can—anything and everything can be used, and often is.

Those are outdoor traps. There are just as many types which can be set up indoors to trick tired and hungry men into making one final, fatal move.

Maj. Trask has those on display too—a loaf of bread concealing a "mouse-trap" detonator, a bottle of beer with as much kick as a hand grenade for anybody who lifts it off the table. There's an easy chair—with a trigger under the seat—which is considered a very unhealthy place for a tired soldier to drape his frame. When the bomb goes off he's liable to be draped all over the walls.

Three Basic Types

Getting down from the theatrical effects which can be contrived, Maj. Trask is anxious to explain to his students that there are three basic types of booby traps. All known examples fall into one of them. They are:

1. The pressure type. This variety of booby trap mechanism responds to a push, no matter how light. It can be used in a door bell, underneath a loose floor board, in the seat of a chair or anywhere else that pressure can be expected. The trick is to arrange the bomb so that the victim is invited, by the setting, to push or press or step.

2. The pull type. This is the bomb most often used out of doors. One popular way of using it is with an arrangement of trip wires. They are placed in such a manner that a soldier, stepping through a door, or across a ditch or through a gap in a hedge gives the wire a tug which sets off the bomb. Rendering such mines harmless is one of the important things taught at Maj. Trask's school. Officer candidates are taught to spy out the tiny trip wires, trace them to the mine and render the device harmless by inserting a lock pin.

Under Beer Bottle

3. The release type. This firing device depends on the release of pressure which has been holding down a firing spring. Delicate in the extreme, release mines have been found under dead or wounded soldiers, held in place by a loaf of bread or a bottle of beer. They are especially dangerous to tired troops, after a day's marching, who enter abandoned houses in search of a place to sleep.

There is one sure method of rendering

the release bombs harmless. Since they depend on the release of a very light pressure, a Mills bomb or other type of hand grenade, tossed into a suspected room will blow the hold-down out of position and explode the mine. Then, if there is anything left, the room is safe to enter and use.

Highly confidential and not for publication are details of two gadgets displayed and explained to Officer Candidates at Maj. Trask's school.

Like Spark Plug

What can be said now is that the United States has an improved booby trap mechanism and a mine detector which Maj. Trask believes is the most efficient device of its kind.

Men who have gone through the booby trap school here are a very suspicious lot of soldiers. They have had the most innocent objects go off with a "pop" when they touch them. That "pop" is the warning of a simulated booby trap. In actual battle conditions it would be a loud crash which they probably wouldn't hear—at least they'd never have a chance to tell anybody about it.

But that little "pop"—as they crawl through a hedge, walk into a room or pick up a wallet with a sheaf of pounds peeping coyly from the corner, points out the lesson Maj. Trask is here to teach: Trust Nothing, Suspect Everything. You live longer that way.

Lenten Message

MARK 11:25—"And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any."

In an English hospital lies Sgt. Bronislaw Godlewski, a Polish American airman. Recently in a simple ceremony he was awarded the Virtuti Militaire, Poland's equivalent of the Congressional Medal of Honor, for, wounded almost to death, Godlewski had fought off German night fighters from his gunner's position as his bomber returned from a raid on Essen. After a crash landing they found him unconscious, his shattered hands still gripping his gun butts. Now his arms are gone, but he speaks without hate when discussing the enemy.

Learn to forgive . . . and you will have learned an important lesson.

PRIVATE BREGER



"I had my mother knit this sweater, just for you, Sarge!"



# Joe McCarthy Confident Over '43 Flag Race

## Says Present Nine Is Best To Be Had Under Circumstances

By Lawton Carver

International News Service Sports Editor  
NEW YORK, Apr. 8—Just a fortnight away the most revered of American sports opens the 1943 season in the major league baseball parks with the cry, "Play ball!"

Thus begins a season many said wouldn't start and that many insist won't finish. However, threatened as it is by depleted manpower and harassed by the uncertainties of the times, baseball is not yet washed out and the century-old game looks like it's here to stay. The 1944 season can't be even vaguely planned if the war is still continuing, but at least this season will get underway, which may be pretty good, considering everything.

On thing about it—now is one time when money does not talk. The rich, dominant New York Yankees are on even terms with the Philadelphia Phillies in so far as getting and keeping talent is concerned. Now they can't open the pocket-book and get players or keep them as a luxury because there are no more players to be had and when Mister Whiskers puts the finger on one—he goes.

### Cards Have Best Pitching

But the situation is such that Manager Joe McCarthy is prompted to name the Yanks pennant winners—almost, but not quite. Yet that's something coming from McCarthy for in normal times McCarthy figures himself way out on the limb if he even names his probable starting battery of the next day's game. Just yesterday Joe was quoted at Asbury Park as sizing up his team and its chances. "This team is all right—as good as we can get. We're probably as good as any team in the League. I'm really not afraid of any team, although I don't know yet where our opposition is coming from."

It might interest McCarthy to know that the Yankees will be short-priced favorites to repeat in the American League while the Cardinals are favored to repeat in the National at possibly the shortest odds in many years. The Brooklyn Dodgers figure to get good pitching, but the Cards probably will have the best pitching in the game this coming season and they still will be best even if they lose two, three or four chucks. And you know what wise baseball men say about pitching—it is 75 per cent of a team's strength.

Anyway, hold your hat, buddy, here we go in just two weeks. Play ball!

### NEWS FROM HOME

## Induct Bunny Austin After 'Religious Scruples' Plea Fails

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 8 (UP)—F. W. (Bunny) Austin, one of 25 "Buchmanites" who sought draft deferment on religious grounds, was inducted into the Army here today in a move which probably sets the precedent for other members of the "Oxford Group" of which he is a member.

A former international tennis champion, Austin stayed off induction for several days after he had been ordered into service, while doctors re-examined reports on his physical examination.

On his way to a reception center, British-born Austin said he was "proud to be associated with moral rearmament as the best guarantee that this time the battle is for a new world and victory."

### Indict Meat Chiselers

NEWARK, N.J., Apr. 8—Seven corporations and 11 individuals were indicted in Federal Court here today as members of a nation-wide conspiracy to evade meat rationing and price ceiling regulations. Organized like the rum rings of prohibition days, the defendants are charged with using slaughter houses, packing plants and wholesale butchers in a huge "black market" plot to bootleg choice cuts to unpatriotic citizens willing to pay fancy and illegal prices.

### Beer Shortage at Home

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8—A committee of brewers told War Production Board officials today that a beer shortage exists in some areas of the country—particularly California—at the present time. In order to have enough for Army PX sales, the beer makers said, they are being forced to ration suds for civilian sipping.

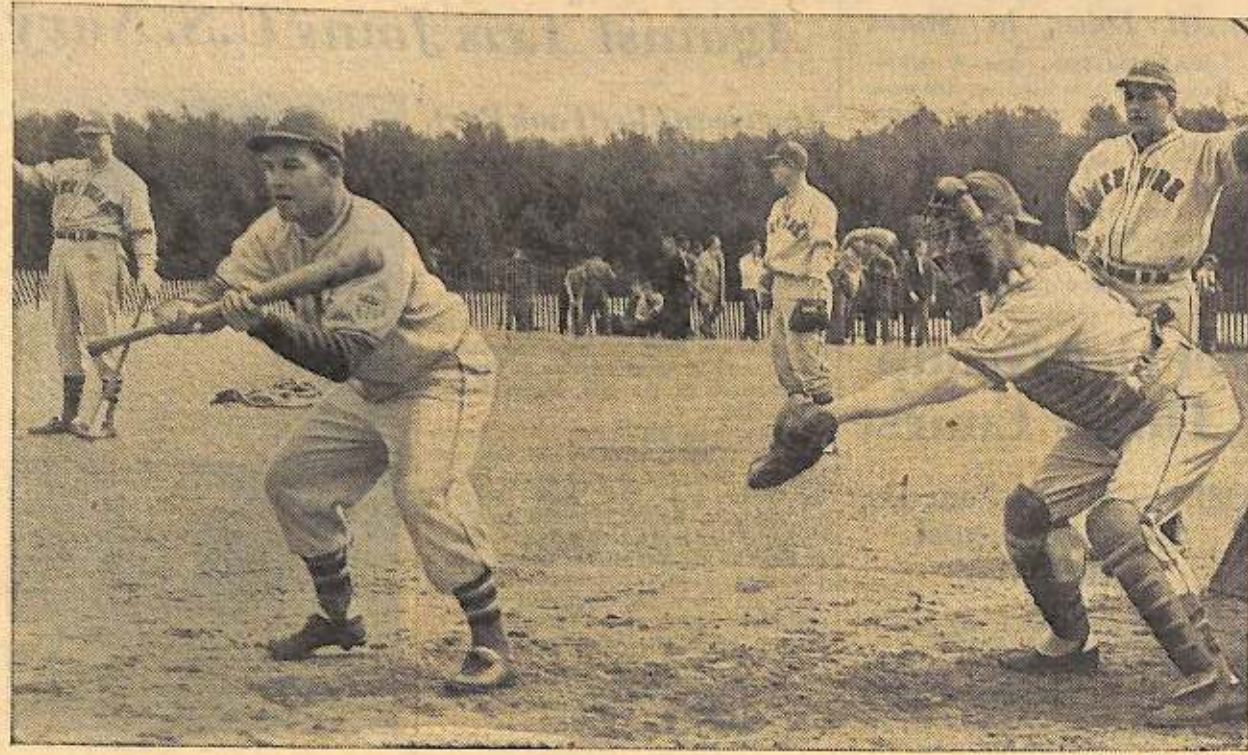
### Welcome World Bank Plan

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8—Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. said today that he had received favorable replies from ten of the 37 united and friendly nations invited a month ago to participate in an after-the-war international stabilization fund agreement for the prevention of currency devaluation.

### FDR's Son-in-Law To Army

SEATTLE, Apr. 8—John Boettiger, FDR's son-in-law, is being drafted.

## Laying Down a Bunt—In Giant Camp



Just as if he was out there at the Polo Grounds laying down a bunt to fool the Dodgers, Mel Ott, of the New York Giants, gently biffs one during batting practice at the Giants' Spring training camp at Lakewood, N.J. Ray Berres catches.

## Domiter Takes 'Derry Crown

LONDONDERRY, Apr. 8—Pvt. Joseph S. Domiter, 147-pound Marine from Bethlehem, Pa., slugged his way to the welterweight championship of the U.S. Navy's base here by decisioning Cpl. Frankie Lenardi, of Boston, Mass., USMC.

Both men carried on a whirlwind pace throughout the four rounds, attempting to score a knockout, but Domiter managed to outpoint his opponent.

Heavyweight slugger John Goring, 210-pound sailor, and Kayo Duffy, 205, of Londonderry, battled to a draw in the semi-final.

Summary of other bouts:  
Pvt. John Buhel, Elmont, N.Y., 142, drew with Irving Arnold, SF3c, Baltimore, 140.  
Harry Herron, S2c, Milwaukee, Wis., 147, drew with Howard Vincent, S1c, Branch Co., Mich., 147.  
Pvt. Cloyd Hamm, Washington, 145, drew with Battling Hawkins, Londonderry, 143.  
Francis Loucka, CM3c, Cleveland, 160, decisioned John Vukovich, TM3c, Columbia, Ohio, 160.  
Pvt. Herbert Arnold, Union City, N.J., 153, chalked up a technical knockout over Young Bowie, Londonderry, 153, in the third round.

## Pep, Beau Jack Backbone Of Jacobs' Fight Program

NEW YORK, Apr. 8—Promoter Mike Jacobs is making plans for an ambitious summer boxing program, but if he loses two particular fighters—lightweight champion Beau Jack and featherweight titleholder Willie Pep (both New York version)—he will lose everything. The long arm of Uncle Sam is reaching out for both these young gents and the entire immediate future of boxing depends on whether they go.

### Hawkeye Grid Hopes On the Upswing Again

IOWA CITY, Iowa, Apr. 8—Things have taken a turn for the better for head football coach Jim Harris, of the University of Iowa—and Jim is all smiles. At his latest practice session he had 21 men turn out.

He was quite downcast last week when only seven players, two of them freshmen, turned out for the first Spring drill. What's more, Harris says he expects five or six additional players shortly.

### Landis Sees Good Brand Of Baseball This Season

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Apr. 8—Baseball Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis, who is visiting his son, Col. Reed Landis, chief of staff of the First Troop Carrier Command at Stout Field here, said, "I've been looking over the box scores of some practice games played this year and from all indications there are still lots of good ball players in both major leagues."

"Of course military necessity may explode any of the teams at any time, but I think we can look forward to lots of good ball playing. It is certain to be an interesting season."

## Exhibition Baseball Games

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—The Brooklyn Dodgers battled for eight scoreless innings before scoring a 2-1 triumph over the Yale University team coached by Red Rolfe, former New York Yankee infielder. Paul Waner's single, a couple of passes to Al Sherer and Augie Galan, and a fielder's choice netted the winning runs off Yale Pitcher Bob Bratcher. Brooklyn garnered six hits to Yale's four. Kirby Higbe fanned nine during five innings on the mound. . . . ASBURY PARK, N.J.—The New York Yankees blanked their Newark farm hands, 14-0, in their first and only appearance at their seaside training camp here. Atley Donald, Rookie Tom Byrne and veteran Johnny Murphy held the International Leaguers to four hits. . . . BALTIMORE—The Boston Red Sox clubbed their way to an 11-0 victory over the Baltimore Orioles in their game here yesterday. Boston's

Here's the way the thing works: there aren't heavyweights around now who can create a crowd, and champ Joe Louis is in the Army. The light heavyweight division is static because Billy Conn, Gus Lesnevich and the rest are in the services. The middleweight division is bereft of its champion, Tony Zale, who is in the Navy, while welterweight titleholder Freddie Cochrane is also in service.

**Armstrong Wants Rematch**  
This brings everything down to the littler men. There we find lightweight champ Beau Jack with Sammy Angott the chief pretender to the throne with Bob Montgomery. The featherweight division has champ Willie Pep—per New York style—with Jackie Callura, NBA titlist, as chief contender. Then there's Henry Armstrong seeking a rematch with Jack.

Jacobs can shuffle these various fighters around, matching several fights of major caliber considering these times, but when Uncle Sam finally catches up with one, two or three of these standouts, then the whole thing folds up and there goes boxing.

Mike knows this and is making preparations accordingly, the idea being to stage as many Summer outdoor shows as possible before Pep, Jack and the rest are swept away for the duration.

### Boxing at Aero Club

—BOMB GROUP, Apr. 8—Boxing sessions at the American Red Cross Aero club of this station are held three times weekly with more than 50 men turning out for instruction under Coach Lt. D. S. Matoon. A station tournament will be held in a few weeks.

## Wings Shut Out Bruins, 4-0, for Third Straight

### Grosso Nets Three Goals In Third Game of Cup Finals

BOSTON, Apr. 8—Scoring three goals, Don Grosso paced the rampaging Detroit Red Wings to their third straight victory in the National Hockey League Stanley Cup playoffs, whitewashing the Boston Bruins, 4-0, before more than 14,000 fans at the Boston Garden last night.

The fourth—and possibly the final game—will be played at Boston tonight. Detroit played an outstanding team game while Boston played a hit-or-miss brand of hockey with an occasional spurt. Detroit scored first during the fourth minute of play as Eddie Wares shot a long pass to Grosso who came in fast converting before Goalie Frankie Brimsek had a chance to get set.

### Two Near Tallies

Seven minutes later, speedy Detroit Wing Grosso took Carl Liscombe's short pass near the Boston blue line and ripped through the Bruin defense for a second score. Neither team scored in the second period, but Boston had two near goals when Don Gallinger fired a drive at Detroit Goalie Johnny Mowers which appeared to have entered the net, but rebounded and officials ruled it wasn't a goal. Also in the same period, Murph Chamberlain drove at Mowers, but the puck rolled around the net mouth and wasn't recorded.

In the final period, Detroit scored twice. Les Douglas stole the puck from Bruin Murph Chamberlain and hit the net with a waist high drive. Shortly before the final bell, Grosso scored for the third time with Wares credited with an assist.

## Pro Grid Team Limit Lowered

CHICAGO, Apr. 8—The National Football League has met the stringent manpower problem by reducing the maximum squad limit to 25 players and adopting a free substitution rule for one year. The League solved the transportation problem by following the big league baseball example of training "at home."

Since the 1940 season, the pro circuit had a squad limit of 33 players and a minimum player list of 22 gridgers. Under the new change, mention is not made concerning the minimum squad size. League President Elmer Layden said, "That question is left entirely up to me. If a squad should drop down, for example, to 16 players, then I might deem it necessary to take measures to bolster the squad roster."

The free substitution rule is limited to one year because some coaches "feel it is not good for pro football." Under the old rule, a player could re-enter the game only once in each half. Colleges adopted the free substitution rule two seasons ago.

The League voted to change the draft rule whereby it was agreed to permit the draft meeting to be held whenever Layden decides such a session is advisable. Formerly the draft meeting was held annually, but the accelerated academic program of the colleges where classes are graduated on a staggered basis caused the change.

### Squadrons E and C Lead Ted's Traveling Circus

—BOMBER BASE, Apr. 8—Squadron E and Squadron C finished the first half of the split season enlisted men's basketball league race with four wins and one defeat apiece.

Squadron D officers' quintet went through the first half of the abbreviated season with five straight victories. The squadrons are members of "Ted's Traveling Circus," the heavy bombardment outfit recently returned from the Middle East.

### Devils Thumb Out of Derby

NEW YORK, Apr. 8—Devils Thumb, second choice in the Winter book for the Kentucky Derby, won't run because a cracked hoof will sideline him for 60 days.

### Feldman Gets Draft Notice

LAKEWOOD, N.J., Apr. 8—Giant Infielder Sid Feldman, Pitcher Harry Feldman and bullpen Catcher Ray Berres have been ordered to appear before the draft board.





# Yanks, British Join in Pursuit Of Axis Forces

## Rommel in Full Retreat, Loses Much Material Many Prisoners

(Continued from page 1)  
tion yet used on the northern front had smashed Axis resistance. Early yesterday morning, according to the latest cabled dispatches, the First Army was continuing its advance on a line running from Djebel Munchar, seven miles northeast of Beja, to Toubabeur, seven miles west of Medjez el Bab.

Latest reports reveal that the offensive which the Eighth Army opened on Tuesday against the Wadi Akarit was immediately successful and by noon Montgomery's men had won strategic positions and formed a good bridgehead which was widened by mid-afternoon, when the enemy launched strong counterattacks. These were driven off and the enemy lost heavily in men and material.

Late on Apr. 6 the enemy began to pull out of the Akarit positions which they had intended to defend. Meanwhile the Americans, supported by the French, had hammered Axis armor and the crack German troops east of El Guettar and Maknassy to such an extent that they were forced to withdraw.

Allied bombers and fighters, continuing the heaviest aerial offensive they have ever waged in any theater, blasted the retreating columns and supply ports on both sides of the Mediterranean.

### Enemy Ports Pounded

Palermo, on the northern coast of Sicily; Naples, the biggest Axis supply port, and Messina, in northern Sicily, were hammered again, while on the coast of Africa itself Tunis was attacked.

Fourteen enemy aircraft were destroyed during the day for the loss of one Allied plane, according to the score at headquarters—a further indication of the growing Allied air supremacy.

In the land operations, headquarters said, the enemy lost 65 vehicles and many tanks, and from one end of the front to the other was working under the handicap of communications disrupted by Allied aircraft.

The raid on Naples was carried out on Tuesday night by heavy bombers which, before they left, saw scores of fires below them in the target area. This was the second raid on Naples in three days. It was on Sunday that 100 Fortresses blasted it in daylight.

Messina, the great ferry port on the narrow neck of sea between Italy and Sicily, was also bombed, bombs bursting north of the harbor.

### Nazis Admit Retreat

Frank admissions of the German inability to stop the Allied attacks in Northern Africa were made by the German military expert broadcasting from Berlin.

"The Eighth Army has broken through the Shott position (the Gabes gap) which was defended by Axis infantry forces," he said. "This break through could not be checked by a counter-attack of German armored units."

"Nevertheless, the counter-attack was not quite unsuccessful because it foiled the encirclement of the Axis troops in the Jebel Chemsim east of El Guettar."

Gen. Eisenhower sent the following message of congratulation to Gen. Alexander, the deputy commander-in-chief in North Africa:

"I hope that you and all ranks serving under you will accept my personal congratulations and those of the entire Allied headquarters on your recent successful operations which joined up the victorious Eighth Army with the British First and American Fifth Armies, which have been toiling on in the forefront of the magnificent fight in Central Tunisia under most adverse conditions."

## USAAF Men Sing Duet On Eagle Broadcast to U.S.

Eleven members of the U.S. Army and Air Force and one American serving with a British unit yesterday took part in the weekly BBC broadcast to the United States from the Red Cross Eagle Club.

Sgt. Joe Goady, of Philadelphia, and Cpl. William Barron, of Macon, Ga., members of the USAAF, sang a duet, "Oh Tell Me, Pretty Maiden," from a GI show in which Goady played the feminine lead.

Others taking part in the broadcast, for which Maj. Brooks Watson served as master of ceremonies, included Cpl. Maurice H. Plass, of New Ulm, Minn.; Cpl. Irving Berman, of Waterbury, Conn., and Pfc Howard Blafkin, of Arlington, Va.—cousins who had not seen each other for three years until they met accidentally in a Red Cross club; Sgt. Francis Veirand, New York; Sgt. James Taylor, Salvisa, Ky.; Cpl. John F. Donohue, Flushing, N.Y.; Cpl. Perry Scudder, Verona, N.Y.; Cpl. Murphy Gower, Nashville, Tenn.; Sgt. Eugene E. Shaffer, Canton, Ohio, and Lt. George Thompson, an American serving with the British forces.

The Eagle Club broadcasts to the U.S. are held on Thursday evenings. Soldiers interested in broadcasting may call Mr. Husted, MAYfair 7234, extension 321 (London). The American Red Cross (London) telephone number is TF5016.

## 170 'Chutist Alarms, All False, in States

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8 (UP)—Jittery Americans have reported more than 170 "landings by enemy paratroops"—every one of them false—since July, 1942, the FBI reported.

G-men who ran down the reports said they had originated with such innocent sights as flocks of birds, a boy flying a kite and a man carrying a sack of flour on his shoulder.

## Service Group Holds Course

### Officers Attend Four-Day Refresher School On Duties

EIGHTH AIR FORCE HQ, Apr. 8—Special Service officers, Red Cross personnel and others engaged in providing entertainment, educational and other services to members of U.S. forces yesterday completed a four-day refresher course sponsored by the Eighth Air Force.

The course, presented under the supervision of Lt. Col. William Bailey, chief Special Service officer for the Air Force here, was attended by more than 70 officers who were given instruction in the best methods of promoting athletics, music, education, war bonds and insurance, the American Red Cross, and Anglo-American relations among members of the U.S. forces.

The school was opened Monday by Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, commanding the Eighth Air Force.

Instructors for the various subjects covered at the school were from the Special Service sections of the ETO, SOS and Air Force, as well as from the British War Office and the University of London. Maj. Halleck Lefferts, who attended the school as a representative of Gen. F. H. Osborne, chief of the Army's Special Service section, showed new war newsreels.

### General a Student

Brig. Gen. W. S. Rumbough, head of the Signal section of SOS, attended several meetings of the school, as did Col. Theodore Arter, chief of Special Service in the ETO, and Col. E. M. Barnum, administrative officer in charge of the Post Exchanges organization.

Among those who served as instructors for the course were Col. Neal Creighton, Maj. K. C. Chatwin and Maj. E. H. Gilman, of the Air Force; Maj. J. L. Holbrook and Capt. Fred Hanna, of SOS; Capt. Eddie Dowling, of ETO; Donald Corrie, British War Office head of correspondence courses; A. Clow Ford, of the University of London, and C. S. Williams, founder of the Anglo-American Brains Trust.

A model library display was provided by Lt. Col. Sir Thomas Moore, M.P. Other English participants were Col. David H. Cole, Lt. Col. E. C. Priestley, head of ABCA, and Air Vice Marshal D. Colyer, director-general of the Air Ministry's special service organization.

## Sister of Five Brothers Lost at Sea Joins WAVES

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 8—The five Sullivan brothers, all U.S. sailors, lost their lives when the cruiser Juneau was sunk by the Japs in the South Pacific.

Today a sixth Sullivan enlisted. Latest member of the family to wear the uniform is Genevieve Sullivan, 26, sister of the five Sullivan brothers, who joined the WAVES the day after a new destroyer, named for her brothers, was launched. The family comes from Waterloo, Iowa.

## Ice Cream At This Mess Hall Thanks to Salvaged Machine

HEADQUARTERS, SOS, England, Apr. 8—A salvaged ice-cream freezer, plus mess hall supplies of powdered milk, egg powder, water and sugar, is providing ice cream for an outfit here which makes them the envy of all who hear about it.

Driven to desperation after long, lip-smacking talks about this delectable, non-existent luxury, soldiers of the unit combed the area and triumphantly discovered an old, decrepit freezer discarded by British troops more than two years ago.

They rushed their prize to the camp commander, 1/Lt. Howard E. Lee, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who called in the mess officer, 2/Lt. Robert W. Krueger, Pittsburgh, Pa., for a hurried conference. Eager volunteers soon solved the

## Veteran of 44 RAF Operations Against Axis Joins U.S. Navy

### American Flier Took Part In Three of 1,000 Plane Raids

By Tom Bernard

Stars and Stripes Navy Editor

John H. Stickell, American veteran of 44 RAF bombing operations over Germany and Italy, has been accepted as a lieutenant in naval aviation at London headquarters of the U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.

A pilot in the RAF's first 1,000-bomber raid on German territory—at Cologne, May 30, 1942, and in attacks on Berlin, the Ruhr and other Nazi targets—Stickell is 28. Before he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force at Windsor, Canada, in 1940, he was a farmer at Gilson, Ill.

Stickell made two other 1,000-plane raids—on Essen and Hamburg—and 14 operations against such German cities as Bremen, Frankfurt, Dusseldorf and Duisburg.

"K for King," Stickell's Stirling, struck first at Kassel, a German industrial railroad center.

From Kassel, Stickell, his crew and "K for King," turned to Osnabruck and Karlsruhe, other industrial towns, but then heavy weather forced a temporary stop on German operations and his squadron was diverted to Italy. He made the round trip across the Alps six or seven times.

Stickell called the Italian raids "joyrides."

"The defenses were lousy," he added. "We had little trouble from either flak or fighters."

When the USAAF and RAF started their "round-the-clock" bombing of Germany and German-occupied territory in February, "K for King" was in the front lines again—always over Germany. In February and March he made many operational trips—twice to Hamburg, three times to Wilhelmshaven, twice to Berlin, twice to Nuremberg, twice to Bremen and to Munich, Stuttgart and Mainz.

"Hamburg and Bremen were our toughest targets," he admitted. "Those Jerry night-fighters are aggressive, well equipped and fighting demons."

Of Berlin, which he raided twice, Stickell says little. His first trip, on Mar. 1, was "most successful." It was the heaviest raid ever made on the capital, the bombing which left 30,000 people homeless.

Although he made two tours of duty, Stickell was never wounded. Only two of his crew were injured—the navigator over Essen and a tail gunner on a Bremen raid.

Stickell's toughest flight was over Mainz.

"We made the target all right and started the return trip. Over Coblenz we were caught in a cone of searchlights

## Celebration of Army Day By Yanks, Soviets in Iran

TEHERAN, Iran, Apr. 6 (AP)—With an American soldier glee club singing the Internationale and a Soviet Army band playing the Star Spangled Banner, Army Day was observed here with transfer of a plane assembled by Americans in Iran, symbolic of growing aid to Russia.

Russian Maj. Gen. Ivan Obrazkov accepted the new plane and expressed satisfaction with the help Russia is getting from the U.S.A.

There was no official celebration of Army Day in the ETO or America.

### Show, Dance at Duchess Club

An all-soldier variety show, followed by a dance, will be held from 7.30 to 11.30 PM Saturday, at the Duchess Red Cross Club for Negro soldiers.



U.S. Navy Photo  
Lt. John H. Stickell, USNR.

at 12,000 feet and were passed from beam to beam for 16 minutes. Every position on the plane was pierced by heavy flak which mushroomed all around the ship. It seemed as if they were throwing every piece of steel in Germany at us. Shrapnel whizzed by my head. Another chunk just missed the second pilot and the observer. Every man in the plane had a narrow escape, but none of them was hit," Stickell recalls.

The plane was the only one in the light and it got the works, according to Stickell. From 12,000 feet he maneuvered the plane down to the deck—under 500 feet—attempting to escape the explosions and an attacking fighter.

Still over Germany he managed to elude the lights, gain altitude and make his home drome, where he landed "K for King" on a flat tire.

Stickell was awarded the DFC last October. He says it was "for consistent good work" following three or four raids. Decorations also went to the wireless operator, the engine and the rear gunner.

"I always managed to get away from Jerry so the ship has no credits," explained Stickell.

An amateur motorcycle builder and racer in civilian life and assistant to his father who operates several Illinois farms, Stickell went over the border to Windsor, Canada, in 1940 and enlisted in the RCAF. His brother, Lawrence, an Illinois attorney, was commissioned in the Navy as an Ensign last year.

Stickell will go to Corpus Christi, Tex., for indoctrination and a refresher course.

## Doubts Axis Has Big Air Reserve

### Luftwaffe Strained to Utmost In Tunisia, OWI Chief Says

WASHINGTON, Apr. 9 (AP)—Failing Axis air strength in Tunisia indicated that the Luftwaffe was strained to the utmost, Elmer Davis, head of the Office of War Information, said today.

It appeared very doubtful, he added, that Germany was holding back any large reserves of planes in Europe.

He declared that Rommel's retreat from Wadi El Akarit was "likely to be repeated over and over again until he has no place to go to."

"When we are able to use Flying Fortresses in blocks of about 100 in two different parts of Europe in one day, it is certain that American aircraft construction is really being felt."

"The Germans know, too, that this is just the start, and nothing to what they can anticipate from now on," he said.

## Report 2 Nazi Cruisers Damaged in Norway Port

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 8 (UP)—Two German cruisers, described as about 4,500 to 5,000 tons, have reached a Norwegian harbor badly damaged, according to a report last night from northern Sweden.

No details are given, but it is thought that they may have been damaged in an engagement with an Allied convoy.

German cruisers nearest to the tonnage given in this report are the 5,400-ton Emden, and the 6,000-ton Leipzig.

## 'Father of RAF' Pins U.S. DFC On Raid Hero

### Alabama Major Gets Medal From Lord Trenchard On Tour of Airfields

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Apr. 8—Marshal Lord Trenchard, "father of the Royal Air Force," stopped here on a tour of USAAF operational stations in Britain yesterday to pin the Distinguished Flying Cross on Maj. Paul L. Fishburne, of Montgomery, Ala., during ceremonies attended by 50 officers of the Eighth Air Force.

The award, previously announced, was for "exceptionally meritorious service" while leading a group of Flying Fortresses on the Mar. 4 bombing raid against the Ruhr's key railroad center in Germany.

The citation accompanying the award was read by Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, commanding general of the Eighth Air Force.

"The group was attacked incessantly before reaching the target during the bombing run and on its return journey," Gen. Eaker said. "The superb leadership and skilful airmanship of Maj. Fishburne on this occasion made possible the success of a highly important mission and the destruction of 18 enemy planes by gunners of his group."

Other high-ranking Air Force officials present were Air Commodore A. C. H. Sharp, deputy chief of staff to Gen. Eaker; Brig. Gen. Newton D. Longfellow, commanding general, Eighth Air Force Bomber Command, and Brig. Gen. Frank A. Armstrong, of Bomber Command.

Earlier in the day Lord Trenchard inspected the B17, "The Eight Ball," at another bomber station. He was conducted by Lt. Col. George Robinson, of Los Angeles, group executive officer.

## Jerseyites Meet At Mostyn Club

### 14 From Newark, Six From Jersey City, at State Night Party

New Jersey service men met at the Red Cross Mostyn Club on Wednesday for their "State Night" reunion. Newark was represented by 14 men while Jersey City had the second largest delegation present with six.

Pvt. Patrick Kiernan and Pfc Thomas P. Peterson, who at one time lived only a block apart in Jersey City, met during the reunion. Peterson now hails from Bayonne. T/4 Charles F. Byrne and Cpl. George Stickle, of Newark, met for the first time in two years.

Last night was Oklahoma night. Next week Georgians meet on Monday, Connecticut men on Wednesday, and those from Kansas on Thursday.

Those present at the New Jersey reunion were:

- 1/Lt. William Adler, Lt. Henry H. Rubenson, Sgt. Isadore Malekoff, T/4 Charles F. Byrne, Cpl. George Stickle, T/5 Stanley Marx, T/5 John Pevarik, T/5 John Laboda, Pvt. Vincent Greco, Pvt. Nathan Lewis, Pvt. Jack Gottlieb, Pvt. Anthony Genovese, Pvt. James Rone, and Pvt. Jerome Russomano, all of Newark.
- Pfc Herman C. Lazinsky, Pfc Charles Glick, Pvt. Patrick Kiernan, Pfc Robert Peterkin, Pvt. Walter L. Jarmola, and Pvt. Charles U. Burmmer, all from Jersey City; S/Sgt. Oscar Kaplan, Pfc Louis Rakin and Sgt. Herbert Worthington from Linden.

- 2/Lt. Jack Ehrenberg, T/5 Stephen Arnesman, and William Cruise, club director, all of Passaic; Sgt. Robert Venator and T/5 Eugene Van Slyke of Ridgely Park; S/Sgt. Joseph Tartaglia and T/5 Frank Moraski, of Belleville; Pvt. John Hugin and Pvt. James Boland, of Weehawken; S/Sgt. Ray Donato and T/3 Harold Weiner, of Paterson; T/5 Thomas McGuff, Auburn; S/Sgt. Amzi Dudley, Chatham; Cpl. Fred Sloan, Nutley; Pfc Frank J. McKenna, Cliffside Park; Sgt. James Baudette, Hasbrouck Heights.

- Pfc Thomas P. Peterson, Bayonne; T/5 Dominic Casternova, Springfield; Sgt. Harry Chidsey, Atlantic City; T/3 Gabriel Atanasic, Fairview; T/5 Richard McCloy, Union; Pvt. Earl W. Mills, East Orange; Pfc Ernest Hoffer Jr., Carteret; T/4 John J. Branti, Summit; Cpl. William Buchanan, Trenton; Pvt. Raymond Ralecz, Camden; T/4 Robert Onderdonk, New Milford; S/Sgt. Norman White, Irvington; Pfc William Buchanan, Red Bank; SK 1c William Carrollton, USN Bloomfield; Pvt. Gerald Nagle, Ridgewood; Pvt. John Kursar, South Bound Brook, and S/Sgt. Fred Brown, Pennington.

Men from Texas met at the club Monday and discussed plans to gather every two weeks. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 19, at 7.30 PM.

## M3 Tank Survives Four Hits by Nazi 105mm. Gun

CAIRO, Apr. 8 (AP)—An American General Grant M3 tank received four direct hits from a German 105mm. gun in the recent savage fighting in a forward area and lived to tell the tale.

"My colonel says that the Grant is an ideal commander's tank," Cpl. Clacksfield, who survived the assault from the German gun, said.

"It has got speed to keep up with a Crusader and room enough for two wireless sets. The factory workers who built the tank might like to hear how it saved our lives."

### Concert at Queensberry Club

A concert by the National Philharmonic Orchestra, featuring famous pianist Poushnoff, will be held for American soldiers and other Allied servicemen at the Queensberry Club, Old Compton Street, London, W1, at 7 PM Saturday. Harold Fielding, who offered the orchestra's services to the American Red Cross, will conduct. Tickets are available at the Rainbow Club and the

### Blondie

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by Chic Young

