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Reds at Czech Border on 60-Mile Front

Great Blows At Germans' Air Defenses

Multiple Assaults Follow Heavy Attack Saturday On Battered Brunswick

Flying Fortresses and Liberators roared over the length and breadth of Germany and even into Poland and East Prussia over the weekend in the announced campaign to break the back of the German air force before the invasion.

In some of the longest missions of the war, powerful formations smashed their way across German territory yesterday to bombard four important aircraft factories in clear weather that permitted visual bombing.

All of the targets yesterday were Focke-Wulf plants. While one task force made a round trip of at least 1,750 miles to give the factories at Marienburg, East Prussia, their second heavy blow of the war, three others struck at Posen, in Poland; Warnemunde, on Germany's Baltic coast, and Tutow, also near the northern extremity of Germany.

In addition to some of the biggest fighter factories in eastern Europe, Posen has great freight yards serving troops on the Russian front.

At Posen, 150 miles east of Berlin, and 760 airline miles from London, are plants making fuselages, tailplanes, rudders and other parts. At Warnemunde, 550 miles away, are fuselage plants and factories making the Arado seaplane. At Tutow are still other FW plants and a huge airfield.

Both days' operations involved somewhere in the neighborhood of 700 bombers and 1,000 escorting fighter planes. Thirty-four heavy bombers and 25 fighters were lost Saturday. Losses yesterday had not been announced late last night.

11 Down in Sweden

Eleven American bombers made forced landings yesterday in Sweden, Stockholm reports said last night. Swedish reports said that six came down at Malmoe, three at Rinkeby, one at Kalmar and one in the sea off Ystad. Swedish naval craft went to the rescue of the crew forced down off Ystad, but it is not known whether the airmen were saved. The crews of the other ten planes were reported unhurt.

The heavies' operations, supplemented by blows of Marauder medium bombers against airfields and the Hasselt railway center in Belgium, were part of the offensive designed to give the Allies complete air supremacy before the ground troops land on the continent.

Gen. Henry H. Arnold, USAAF chief, said in Washington that the Allies "are well along on their program of destruction of the German air force that will precede the movement into Germany with ground troops."

The USAAF, he said, is just reaching top strength, and he added that "with good weather we ought to be able to determine the full striking power of these forces."

He reiterated that the Allied heavy (Continued on page 2)

After Berlin Comes Tokyo, Arnold Warns His Airmen

MIAMI, Apr. 9 (Reuter)—Gen. Henry H. Arnold, USAAF chief, said here yesterday that after the conclusion of the European war the USAAF would have to face a long, hard road in the Pacific.

"The Japanese war will not be won by taking New Guinea, by taking the Marianas or by taking the Philippines," he said. "The Japanese war will not be over when we have driven them from China. It is going to be tough going until we finally clean up Tokyo itself."

'Hell of a Lot of War Left,' Somervell Warns Nation

ATLANTA, Ga.—Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, chief of the Army Service Forces (ASF), has advocated a national-service law because "we have a hell of a lot of war left and will need every man, woman and child connected with the war effort before victory is ours."

Unlatching Hitler's Gates



Russian troops stand at Czechoslovakia's eastern frontier southwest of Tarnopol, while in Rumania columns swing south through the Pruth and Sereth valleys toward the Danube ports and Ploesti oil fields.

28 Jap Vessels Sunk by Navy In Palau Foray

Three Are Warships; 132 Planes Are Destroyed, Battleship Damaged

PEARL HARBOR, Apr. 9—Twenty-eight Japanese vessels, of which three were smaller warships, were sunk and 132 enemy planes destroyed by the U.S. naval task force which raided the western Carolines Mar. 29-31, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, Pacific fleet commander, announced yesterday.

Eighteen other Jap ships were damaged, including a battleship hit by a submarine, 49 aircraft carriers were destroyed, and heavy damage was inflicted on important airfields, dock installations, factories and warehouses, the report said.

U.S. losses were 25 aircraft and 18 men. No U.S. ship was damaged.

Navy Secretary Knox last week credited the task force, under the command of Vice Adm. Raymond A. Spruance, with dealing a "severe blow" to the Japs by "sinking or damaging every ship it saw" in attacks on Palau, Yap and Woleai, important Jap strongholds, spread out over 900 miles of the western Carolines.

Newspapers in America heralded the operation by saying: "The American Navy has done it again, this time scoring probably its greatest single victory."

Summary of the sinkings as listed in Adm. Nimitz's communique is as follows:

Two large destroyers, one unidentified warship, two large cargo ships, six medium cargo ships, eight small cargo ships, three large oil tankers, one medium oiler, one small oiler, one patrol vessel and three other vessels.

U.S. submarines torpedoed a Jap battleship of an unidentified class departing from Palau under heavy escort, inflicting what was believed to be considerable damage.

DeGaulle Will Aid in France, Hull Pledges

WASHINGTON, Apr. 9—Secretary of State Cordell Hull, in a specific discussion of pending problems in connection with the much-criticized American foreign policy, told the nation last night that the U.S. expects the French Committee of National Liberation to be given every opportunity to organize government in liberated France under Gen. Eisenhower's supervision.

"We cannot recognize the committee as the government of France, but the committee will have American co-operation and help in civilian administration," Hull declared, thus making the first official statement of policy toward the group headed by Gen. Charles DeGaulle.

In a radio address appealing to the nation not to let the "controversies of election year create disunity and destroy effectiveness in world affairs," Hull said that the agreement between Britain, America, Russia and China was a "solid framework on which all the future policy of international organization must be built."

Other main highlights of Hull's speech, laying down the foundations of the U.S. foreign policy, dealt with the Atlantic Charter, Italy, the neutral countries, peace problems and boundary disputes.

Declaring that "there can be no compromise with Fascism," he said that the Atlantic Charter clearly outlined the course of world security and did not leave out any important steps, including those dealing with enemy states.

Hull saw the promise of success in current political activities in Italy and said the U.S. was seeking to broaden the base of the Italian government of Badoglio.

"The United States and the Allies are insistently asking the neutral nations' to (Continued on page 2)

Poised for 1st Blow At Germany's Grip On Central Europe

Koniev, Deep Into Rumania, Turns South For Ploesti; Russians 5 Miles From Virtually-Encircled Odessa

Red Army soldiers stood on the border of pre-war Czechoslovakia last night, probing the eastern defenses of Adolf Hitler's fortress in readiness to carry the war for the first time into the enemy's own territory in central Europe.

From the blizzard-swept frontier along the crests of the Carpathian passes, reached by the Russians over the weekend, came reports of savage fighting as Soviet mortars, artillery and planes raked the enemy in the opening phase of the battle to liberate the nation Hitler devoured in 1939.

Marshal Gregory Zhukov's breakthrough to the Czechoslovakian border, on a line stretching 60 miles along the frontier of Ruthenia, the easternmost Czech province annexed by Hungary more than five years ago, was hailed in Moscow with 24 salvos from 324 guns—a salute heretofore reserved for the victories of Leningrad, Kiev and the crossing of the Pruth into Rumania.

More than 150 miles to the south, forces of Red tanks and artillery—now better than 26 miles inside Rumania after a broad thrust to the Sereth River on a 53-mile front—wheeled south along the Sereth valley toward the Danube port of Galatz and, eventually, Ploesti and Bucharest.

While the Russians liquidated a Nazi pocket 45 miles north of Odessa, killing 7,000 and taking 3,200 prisoners at Razdelnaya, other Red forces tightened the ring about the remnants of 15 divisions southeast of Tarnopol and still others virtually completed the encirclement of Odessa itself, ringing the port from the east to the Dniester mouth in a great arc that was only five miles from the city at some points.

Nazi attempts to break out of the Skala pocket southeast of Tarnopol met with disaster. In one engagement, the Russians said, 900 perished and 300 others surrendered.

760 Miles From London

Marshal Ivan Koniev's rolling back of the enemy to the Sereth in Rumania after forcing the Pruth above Jassy along a stretch of 106 miles was greeted with 20 salvos from 224 guns. With their feet thus firmly planted in the Sereth valley leading to the Danube and Rumania's oil fields, the Russians were reported driving ahead relentlessly, cutting German and Rumanian forces to pieces as they fled over the river.

Koniev's next main goal appeared to be the east-west railway from Galatz through Braila, another Danube port, to twice-bombed Ploesti. The line was more than 125 miles away from Red Army positions, but Moscow reports said the Russians were pouring tanks, artillery and infantry into the Pruth and Sereth valleys to sweep southward parallel to the Carpathians.

Indications that Koniev may have crossed the Sereth were given in yesterday's Rumanian communique which reported strong enemy forces advancing in the Suceava area, a province 15 miles west of the river.

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Joe Louis Is Here, but Don't Tell Anyone

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

S/Sgt. Joe Louis and his barnstorming ring circus are in the ETO. But where?

That was the query hurled at military authorities from many directions yesterday as reporters and amateur detectives tried to unravel the mystery surrounding the troupe's whereabouts. Apparently Joe and his buddies were hiding and the persons who know the secret won't talk.

It was intimated in official London circles yesterday that the valuable array of boxing talent "might be here, but the persons who could tell you are out of town." So until the self-styled bodyguards release Louis from their clutches, his whereabouts will remain a mystery.

The "missing" ETO guests, in addition to Joe, include Lt. Fred Maly, supervising the junket; Sgts. Ray (Sugar) Robinson, long-time lightweight favorite in New York; Jackie Wilson, NBA featherweight champion; James Edgar and Bob Smith and 1/Sgt. George Nicholson, the Brown Bomber's sparring partner.

Unless Army authorities in Washington advise otherwise, there will be no Louis-Freddie Mills bout and the Brown Bomber will confine his personal appearances to sparring with members of the



Joe Louis

unit or playing straight man for Robinson in a comedy routine. The "show" will be the same as that which wowed GIs in the States when 1,000,000 service-

men were entertained at 111 performances.

The boxers have developed a scriptless and unrehearsed act with plenty of laughs, according to reports from the home front. It runs about 35 minutes, with Sugar pitching pointed questions toward Louis on touchy subjects, such as the first Schmeling fight—Joe was knocked out in the 12th—and his more recent tiff with Billy Conn, when the champ was in trouble until Billy became careless and stopped a haymaker with his chin in the 13th round.

Following the dialogue, a pre-fight training-camp scene is enacted, with audiences treated to a view of the pro veterans flaying leather. Joe's contribution consists of punching the bag, shadow boxing and sparring lightly. Nobody gets hurt.

The Bomber and the others underwent special training in the United States on how to protect themselves in battle areas. Louis turned up at 210 pounds, about ten above his normal fighting weight, but he is in excellent condition.

Assuming that authorities eventually relent and turn the fighters loose to tour the ETO, the troupe will face an ambitious itinerary here. Too, future stops are scheduled to include North Africa, Sicily, the Middle East, India and Australia, with Louis and his group expected to remain overseas almost a year.

Stettinius, Eden to Open Conferences This Week

Edward R. Stettinius Jr., U.S. under-secretary of state who arrived in London last Friday and was scheduled to see Prime Minister Winston Churchill over the weekend, will hold the first of his talks with Foreign Minister Anthony Eden early this week.

No agenda has been set for the talks, but Washington observers were said to interpret them as the final conferences before the Anglo-American invasion of Europe.

100,000 Absentee Ballots For Connecticut's Troops

HARTFORD, Conn., Apr. 9—Connecticut has 100,000 absentee ballots available for members of the armed forces for the November election, Frances B. Redick, secretary of state, said yesterday.

Fifteen thousand applications already have been distributed to town clerks, who have been given timetables showing how long it takes mail to reach various war theaters, Mrs. Redick said.

# Easter Sunday Sees Colorful(?) Parade of OD

### Eggs Were Dusty, WAC Chapeaux No Bonnets, But Services Were Real

Sunrise services, held in Britain for the second year, added something of the American touch to the ETO's third Easter celebration yesterday, but for the most part it was a dehydrated affair—even to the eggs—with Easter parades confined to military functions. Even WACs wore the same old bonnets.

As any Sunday, it was a work day for the multitude of troops performing the many tasks necessary to prepare for the Second Front.

More soldiers than ever before, however, worshipped in British churches and post chapels.

#### Officiates for Second Year

At London's dawn service in Hyde Park, Chaplain Chester R. McClelland, of Dallas, Tex., officiated for the second year. In attendance were Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee, deputy ETO commander, and many U.S. soldiers, WACs, British civilians and Allied servicemen and women.

The Easter message was delivered by the Bishop of London, Chaplain Ford L. Gilbert, of Long Beach, Cal., read the Scripture lesson and Chaplain John J. Weaver, of Troy, N.Y., the morning prayer. The American Army Band played the Processional and two anthems, and the CBS choir, which included three WACs, sang Easter hymns.

A 100-voice Negro choir led the singing at a service at an English port. At one airfield a Polish Air Force choir was present.

#### Separate Services Held

While most sunrise services were non-sectarian, both Catholic and Protestant rites were held at many posts. Thousands of Americans also attended Catholic and Protestant services in churches and cathedrals throughout Britain.

In London, soldier congregations were comparatively small, as holiday travel restrictions made it impossible for all but a few men stationed out of town to visit the British capital.

Last night on the "Army Hour" world-wide hookup, Maj. Brooks Watson, of Peoria, Ill., interviewed two paratroop chaplains—Matthew J. Connelly, of Denver, Colo., and George Bartlett Wood, of Austin, Tex., both of whom have parachuted in combat. A hymn was sung by the CBS Choir.

The ETO's Easter radio program was broadcast to America on "Army Hour" after a program from the South Pacific.

Thirty per cent of Easter weddings in London were between British girls and American soldiers, according to the London Register Office.

#### Pope Celebrates Easter Mass

The Pope celebrated Easter mass yesterday morning in the small hall of the Vatican instead of in St. Peter's Cathedral—as is usual. Most of Rome's 400 churches and chapels were open, German radio reported, adding that special services were organized for refugees from Sicily, Sardinia, Calabria, Anzio and Nettuno.

#### Greek Easter Week Later

Members of the Greek Orthodox Faith in the U.S. armed forces will observe their Easter next Sunday. For men stationed in the London area, these services have been arranged at the Greek Orthodox Church on Moscow Road, W.2. Apr. 13, Holy Thursday—Passion Service, 5:30 PM; Apr. 14, Good Friday—Epitaphios Service, 6 PM; Apr. 15, Holy Saturday—Communion Service, 9 AM; Apr. 16, Easter Sunday—Resurrection Service, 10:30 AM.

### Easter Service Broadcast By Allies to Nazis in Italy

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY IN ITALY, Apr. 9 (UP)—All guns along a mile of the Garigliano front ceased firing for 55 minutes this morning while loudspeakers only 400 yards from the German lines broadcast an Easter service and a special Easter message in German.

Immediately the service ended Americans loosed a burst of mortar fire. No German shells landed in the area during the service, but artillery and machine-gun fire could be heard from a nearby sector.

A U.S. Lutheran chaplain of German descent read the 28th chapter of Matthew in German, and added: "We have been instructed to love all men, even our enemies. Christ died for all men, Germans and Americans alike. Therefore I wish you in the name of my soldiers a happy Easter."

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cease aiding the enemy," he said. "We can longer be satisfied with these nations drawing on the resources of the Allied world, when they at the same time contribute to the death of troops whose sacrifice contributes to their salvation as well as ours."

Touching on peace plans, Hull said that the European Advisory Commission was in London now at work "upon the treatment of Germany" and would propose to Allied governments plans for concrete action.

### An Easter Parade Far from Fifth Ave.



Associated Press Photo

WACs in ODs took second place to the Marines for dress glamor in yesterday's Easter Parade. Cpl Charles T. Brady, of Yonkers, N.Y., with Sgt. Frederick J. Patton of North Tarrytown, N.Y., Pvt. Elma Harrison, of Kirkwood, Mo., and Seaman Wyatt Deale, of Birmingham, Ala., leave St. Paul's Cathedral after attending the Easter morning service.

### Artillery Duels Continue in Italy

Artillery dueling along the static Italian fronts continued yesterday, with the Germans inflicting some damage in the Anzio harbor and Allied guns firing an enemy ammunition dump 2 1/2 miles west of Cisterna.

Another enemy attempt to pierce the beachhead lines by the use of radio-controlled tanks was reported Friday. This "secret weapon" was first tried in February and the latest venture was equally unsuccessful. Three of the small robot tanks were destroyed by direct hits and a fourth damaged. In addition, nine man-driven tanks were shelled successfully and two knocked out.

Railway lines, bridges, road traffic and ammunition dumps from Cassino to the Rome area were targets yesterday of MAAF planes, which flew about 1,000 sorties without loss. Two enemy planes were destroyed in combat.

#### Bing Buys Cattle Ranch

ELKO, Nev., Apr. 9—Bing Crosby has purchased a 10,000-acre ranch near Tuscarora on which he plans to raise 2,100 head of cattle.

### U.S. Heavies Hit Plane Plants In Poland, Prussia, North Reich

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blows have slowed German plane production and caused its fighter output particularly to drop sharply.

As in the Saturday assault on Brunswick, which alone cost the USAAF 30 of the 34 big bombers lost during the day, there apparently were big air battles over some parts of Germany. German radio said "enemy formations coming from the north and from the Baltic were engaged in violent battles over Kiel Bay by strong German air-defense units. Air battles also took place over Mecklenburg and Pomerania, where anti-aircraft guns took part in the defense."

Marienburg was pounded once before by the USAAF—on Oct. 9, 1943—in what Gen. Arnold called "the greatest example of daylight precision bombing."

The entire assembly and components plants were virtually devastated, and only a couple of sheds remained standing, but the Germans, proving again their recuperative powers, doggedly went to work of rebuilding. Allied recon planes watched the progress, until the time for resumption of production approached. Then yesterday's assault was arranged.

The first bombing of Marienburg occurred on a day when Goering was to visit the plant and present an efficiency award, after which the workers were to put on an air raid drill. When the sirens sounded, they believed it was the demonstration and were proceeding in practice style when the American planes came over and dropped their explosives.

The Marienburg and Posen trips were among the longest yet made by the Eighth Air Force, but were not record missions. The raids on Danzig and Gdynia on Oct. 10 both involved round trips of about 1,600 miles.

### New Airborne Stab in Burma

A second landing by Allied airborne troops behind the Japanese lines in North Burma was disclosed yesterday in a delayed United Press dispatch which said British and Indian troops were landed Mar. 22-23 due east of Imphal between the Chindwin and Irrawaddy Rivers.

These troops, the report stated, were to meet one of the Allied columns marching from the "original" landing points—presumably part of the force landed by Col. Philip Cochran's Commando unit and announced Mar. 17.

The evening of Mar. 23, the dispatch reported, Allied bombers which had raided targets deep in Burma encountered bad weather and landed on strips prepared by the airborne troops. It was believed to be the first time Allied bombers had passed the night behind enemy lines.

In New Delhi yesterday it was officially announced that a small Japanese penetration of Kohima, British base in India 40 miles from the Burma frontier, had been repulsed. Continued Jap pressure on the outskirts of the city, however, was admitted by the Allies.

The tactics in the widespread raids yesterday spread Germany's fighter defenses thin across a tremendous area, and first returning fighters said that resistance in the air was feeble and sporadic, with the Luftwaffe apparently not too eager to mix with the Americans.

According to first reports, the fighters did not accompany the bombers all the way to Poland.

Photographs taken during and following the Saturday attack show considerable damage to the Wilhemitor and Neupetritor Me110 fighter components factories at Brunswick and to the nearby Wilkewerke engineering works, headquarters said last night.

There also was damage to a nearby motor transport industry, several unidentified factories and the main railroad marshalling yards.

All the most important buildings were hit but the Wilkewerke plant, which makes boilers, structural steel and equipment for the chemical industry.

At the Handorf, Achmer, Oldenburg, Quackenbruck and Rheine airdromes, attacked Saturday by B17 Flying Fortresses, damage varied from severe to moderate. Several aircraft on the ground were destroyed or damaged at each of the airdromes attacked.

In the Saturday raids, the bomber force which hit Brunswick's airplane factories wore the brunt of the Luftwaffe's defenses and suffered the heaviest losses—30 bombers. In the furious air battles that raged above the city, U.S. fighters—P43s, P47s and P51s—shot down 81 enemy aircraft. One fighter pilot said he had never seen the enemy attack with such numbers or determination.

Bombers striking the airfields on Saturday, however, met no lighter opposition, although flak was intense at some places.

### 3rd War Easter Parade Gay But Subdued in U.S.

NEW YORK, Apr. 9—America's third Easter at war revealed a Fifth Avenue fashion parade as gay as ever today, but with new spring styles putting the accent on "practicality."

The Weather Bureau gave the Easter paraders a good sendoff by predicting seasonal temperatures for the entire country.

Visitors poured into New York, led by large numbers of servicemen given leave to visit their homes.

### Military Warns Japan of Raids

#### Big Allied Pacific Drive Near, People Told, With Homeland Threatened

Japan has been warned by a spokesman for the Jap High Command to expect before the end of the summer a big Allied Pacific offensive in which Japan proper will be bombed.

In an article in the periodical Fuji, which was quoted yesterday by German Radio, a Capt. Takase declared that American forces must be expected "to penetrate into our waters with strong naval squadrons and to make sea-based raids on Japan proper."

The Marshalls Island operation, Takase said, showed that the Allies had abandoned island-hopping strategy in the Pacific.

"The Japanese command," he said, "has done everything possible to reinforce extensively our own air force. Japanese war potential is growing, but as time goes on we must anticipate the so-called general enemy offensive before the first half of the year is over."

### London Movie Taken Over For Free Films for Troops

The Royal Cinema, Edgware Rd., London, has been taken over by the Army for free movies for U.S. troops stationed in the capital, and is now open for business. EMs are required to show Class B passes; officers their ration cards.

The schedule is: Weekdays—Matinee at 3 PM; evening performances at 6 PM and 8:30 PM; Sundays—continuous from 3 PM to 9 PM. Programs will change Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, and titles will be announced weekly in advance in the CBS Special Service bulletin.

The cinema will be available to any CBS organization for training films or meetings on weekdays from 10 AM to 2:45 PM, and from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM. Applications must be made to the CBS Special Service officer.

### Two U.S. Ships Survive Mediterranean Torpedoes

WASHINGTON, Apr. 9 (Reuter)—Two U.S. Liberty ships were torpedoed in the Mediterranean a few weeks ago, the War Shipping Administration disclosed last night. Only one life was lost, and both ships were towed to port.

The victims of an attack on an Allied convoy were the Peter Skene Ogden and the George Cleve. Each had delivered military cargoes to Mediterranean forces and then had reloaded.

### Child Dying, Mother Asks FDR to Get Father Home

RAHWAY, N.J., Apr. 9—Mrs. Alice Truax has appealed to President Roosevelt to obtain a furlough for her husband, Sgt. Elmer Truax, who is in the South Pacific.

Her 18-month-old daughter Theresa is near death from a leukemia, a disease involving lack of red corpuscles. A letter signed by presidential secretary William Hassett said the request was "being brought to the attention of the appropriate officials of the War Department."

### Oil Executive Indicted In Wife's Death in East

WINCHESTER, Mas., Apr. 9—Henry D. Vanderwyk, 50-year-old oil-company executive, has been indicted on four charges in connection with the death of his socially prominent wife Rena, whose body was found in the driveway of their home Mar. 18.

He is accused of manslaughter, dangerous driving, drunken driving and hit-run driving.

### 3 Million in Bonds Netted As Circus Opens in N.Y.

NEW YORK, Apr. 9—An audience restricted to War Bond buyers paid \$3,000,000 to see the premiere performance of the Ringling Bros.-Barnum and Bailey circus which opened at Madison Square Garden here.

#### Swing Sued for Divorce

BRATTLEBORO, Vt., Apr. 9—Mrs. Betty Gram Swing has filed suit for divorce against her radio commentator husband Raymond Gram Swing, charging intolerable severity. The Swings were married in Berlin in 1921. She asks custody of two minor children.

## 2 ETO Pilots Near Mark of Rickenbacker

### Johnson, Gentile Have Shot Down 23; Latter Has K.O'd Seven on Ground

Capt. Robert Johnson, of Lawton, Okla., P47 pilot in Col. Hubert Zemke's group, shot down an enemy fighter plane while escorting heavy bombers to Germany yesterday to tie Capt. Don S. Gentile, 23-year-old Mustang pilot, for top place among Eighth Air Force aces. Both have 23 destroyed in aerial combat, three short of Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker's World War I record.

Gentile, 23, of Piqua, Ohio, has a total of 30 enemy aircraft destroyed, seven of which he shot up on the ground. He got five Ju88s on the ground Wednesday and three FW190s in the air Saturday. He did not fly yesterday.

Top-ranking ace among all Allied pilots in the United Kingdom is an RAF flier—Group Capt. A. G. (Sailor) Malan—who shot down 32 German planes during and shortly after the Battle of Britain in 1940.

At least two U.S. pilots in the Pacific have equalled Rickenbacker's record of 26 planes shot out of the sky.

Marine Maj. Joe Foss, of Sioux Falls, S.D., got 26 Japs before he went home to get the Medal of Honor. Maj. Greg Boyington, ex-AVG ace from Okanogan, Wash., got his 26th Jap on the same day he was shot down himself. Lt. Robert Hanson, of Newtonville, Mass., went down after with a record of 25 in the Pacific while Capt. Richard Bong, of Poplar, Wis., was credited with his 25th on Mar. 17. S/Ldr. Lance C. Wade, of Tucson, Ariz., American pilot in the RAF, was lost over Italy two months ago after bringing down 25.

Early reports indicated fighters of the Eighth and Ninth may have marked up a 7-1 score yesterday.

Lt. Col. David Schilling, of Traverse City, Mich., and 1/Lt. Carl J. Luksic, of Joliet, Ill., each were credited with three enemy planes destroyed. Lt. Col. Francis Gabreskie, of Oil City, Pa., shot down one to raise his total to 22.

Col. James H. Howard's pioneer Ninth Mustang group destroyed ten enemy planes without loss over Denmark yesterday while giving withdrawal support to heavy bombers returning from eastern Europe. This brought the group's total to 31 planes destroyed in two days.

1/Lt. Robert L. Shoup, of Port Arthur, Tex., and 2/Lt. Thomas F. Miller, of Portland, Ore., destroyed two FW190s each to become aces.

#### 92 Destroyed in Air

Gentile's score was part of 92 German planes destroyed in the air Saturday in addition to "a considerable number" destroyed on the ground by fighters of the Eighth and Ninth and RAF Mustangs.

The Eighth AF Mustang group commanded by Col. Blakeslee, which set an ETO group record for a single month by destroying 156 enemy planes in March, set a new mark of planes shot down in the air in one day Saturday with 31. The previous high for combat in the air was 30 established by Col. Zemke's Thunderbolt group Mar. 8.

Lt. Col. Harold J. Rau, of Hampstead, N.Y., destroyed four aircraft on the ground and one in the air while leading his P38 group against an enemy airfield. The group destroyed eight interceptors in the air and 17 on the ground.

Cpts. Don M. Beerbower, of Hill City, Minn., and Jack T. Bradley, of Brownwood, Tex., each destroyed three enemy planes while their P51 group was shooting down a total of 20 in the air.

Other triples were scored by 1/Lts. Willard W. Millikan, of Malvern, Ia., and Louis H. Norley, of Conrad, Mont.

Meanwhile, the Air Ministry announced that Spitfires bombed targets in northern France without loss Saturday, operating for the first time as fighter-bombers. The planes were flown by an RCAF squadron of the Second Tactical Air Force.

### Shipping Losses in March Slightly Above February's

Allied shipping losses were slightly higher in March than in February, "but still were low and the rate of U-boat sinkings was fully maintained," according to a joint statement yesterday by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill on the submarine situation.

#### Sgt. York's Son at Wolters

MINERAL WELLS, Tex., Apr. 9—Woodrow Wilson York, 18-year-old son of World War I hero Sgt. Alvin York, has reported for service at near-by Camp Wolters. His famous father gave him this advice: "Make a good soldier and if you get to go across, get as many as you can."

## Czechs - - - - -

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would see that Ruthenia, easternmost province of Czechoslovakia in 1939, would be restored to the Czechs from Hungarian possession. Adolf Hitler gave the province to Hungary after he gobbled up Czechoslovakia in 1939.

A Reuter correspondent said the Czechoslovak government's plans for progressively taking over the civil administration of the country were ready to be put into operation at any given moment.

# 8 Fliers Adrift For Two Days In the Channel

## Lib Men Bury 2 of Crew At Sea; Sufferings in 2 Dinghies Described

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, Apr. 9—Forty-four hours adrift in the English Channel in two dinghies, burying their dead with improvised religious services, rowing hour after hour soaked to the skin, with only their parachutes to keep off biting winds and with only a little candy for food—

That was the way eight Liberator crewmen came home a week ago from the Apr. 1 raid on southwestern Germany. They told the story this weekend.

Two of the crew didn't get back. The co-pilot went under before his mates could get to him when the Lib crash-landed about 15 miles off Dunkirk. The flight engineer died in a comrade's arms after hours of unconsciousness. Both must remain unidentified until next of kin have been notified.

### First Hit by Flak

The Lib was hit with flak near Ludwigs-hafen Saturday, Apr. 1. She kept up with the formation on three engines for a time. Two more engines died after she passed through the flak on the French coast. Then she ditched. She sank after 45 minutes.

At first her dinghies wouldn't come loose, and Sgt. Eugene Dworaczyk, radio operator, of Falls City, Tex., went back inside to pull the release handle. "I thought I was going to drown before I could get out again," he said.

The crew took turns paddling toward what they thought was the English coast, working shifts of an hour and 15 minutes. The first night there were no stars; they had to wait until next day to set a course.

When the flight engineer died, after muttering his wife's name twice, Dworaczyk said the Lord's Prayer and a Hail Mary, and Sgt. Wilfred M. Haschke, of Cedar Rapids, Neb., a gunner, read the mass from his Catholic prayer book.

"And then in both boats we all said the Lord's Prayer together," Dworaczyk said, "and I let him over the side as gently as I could. We'd decided we had to bury him at sea."

### Sight German Planes

That was about midnight Saturday. Sunday was rough. They kept rowing, and tried to fish but couldn't catch any. German planes passed over in the afternoon. The men signaled frantically but weren't seen.

"I guess most of us prayed most of the time," said 2/Lt. Robert P. Burkhardtmeier, the bombardier, from Chicago.

Monday morning they saw seven or eight fishing boats and three mine-sweepers in the distance, but the vessels didn't see them. By that time they had paddled from Dunkirk almost to the English coast.

"Then we saw another fishing boat," Dworaczyk said. "We waved an oar with a piece of parachute on it, and they started their engine and came out to us. They gave us food, cigarettes, even the lemonade they had for their lunch."

Besides Dworaczyk, Haschke and Burkhardtmeier, the eight included: Sgt. Richard L. Campbell, of Seattle, Wash., gunner; Sgt. Harold Benvenuti, of Cicero, Ill., tail gunner; 1/Lt. Jack L. Black, of Galveston, Tex., pilot; 2/Lt. Peter Wermeg, of Union City, N.J., navigator, and Sgt. Michael J. Curran, of St. Paul, Minn., gunner.

# Slower Exposure Advised On Color Film in England

Soldiers in the U.K. using Dufaycolor film are advised by Dufay-Chromex, Ltd., to use a slower exposure if they are to expect satisfactory pictures, according to Lt. John H. Vogel, chief of the amateur film division of the Army Pictorial Service.

In a letter to Lt. Vogel, the president of the company pointed out that the low actinic power of the sun's rays in England at this time of the year accounted for the extremely high rate of under-exposures and that a basic exposure of 1/25 of a second with a lens opening of "f" 4.5 would bring about good results. For cloudy days an even slower shutter speed was advised.

## AFN Radio Program

- On Your Dial  
 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.  
 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.
- Monday, Apr. 10
- 1100—Spotlight on Tommy Dorsey.
  - 1115—Personal Album with Dyanal Gale.
  - 1130—Jack Payne's Orchestra.
  - 1150—French Lesson.
  - 1200—Noon Edition.
  - 1205—Barracks Bag.
  - 1300—World News (BBC).
  - 1310—Melody Roundup.
  - 1330—Dinah Shore (Repeat).
  - 1400—News Headlines—BBC Scottish Orchestra.
  - 1430—Visiting Hour.
  - 1500—Music While You Work.
  - 1530—Off the Record.
  - 1630—Family Hour.
  - 1700—Rainbow Rhythm and Program Resume.
  - 1730—BBC Midland Light Orchestra.
  - 1755—Quiet Moment.
  - 1800—World News (BBC).
  - 1815—GI Supper Club.
  - 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
  - 1905—Red Skelton—with Harriet Hilliard and Ozzie Nelson's Orchestra.
  - 1930—Command Performance.
  - 2000—News From Home.
  - 2010—Fred Waring Program.
  - 2025—This Week in Science.
  - 2040—Contented Hour.
  - 2100—World News (BBC).
  - 2115—Front Line Theater—"Men in White," with Gene Herscholt.
  - 2145—Ranch House.
  - 2200—Village Store—with Joan Davis and Jack Hailey.
  - 2225—One Night Stand with Bobby Sherwood.
  - 2255—Final Edition.
  - 2300—Sign off until 1100 hours Tuesday Apr. 11.

# LCT's Assembled in Sections in U.K. Ships Bring Tank Carriers Across In Three Parts

By John M. Vogt  
Stars and Stripes Navy Writer

A BRITISH PORT, Apr. 9—With a kit of a half-dozen wrenches, a soldering pot and welding torch, U.S. Naval technicians, American sailors and skilled British artisans are assembling tank-carrying landing craft here under one of the most novel production schemes of the war.

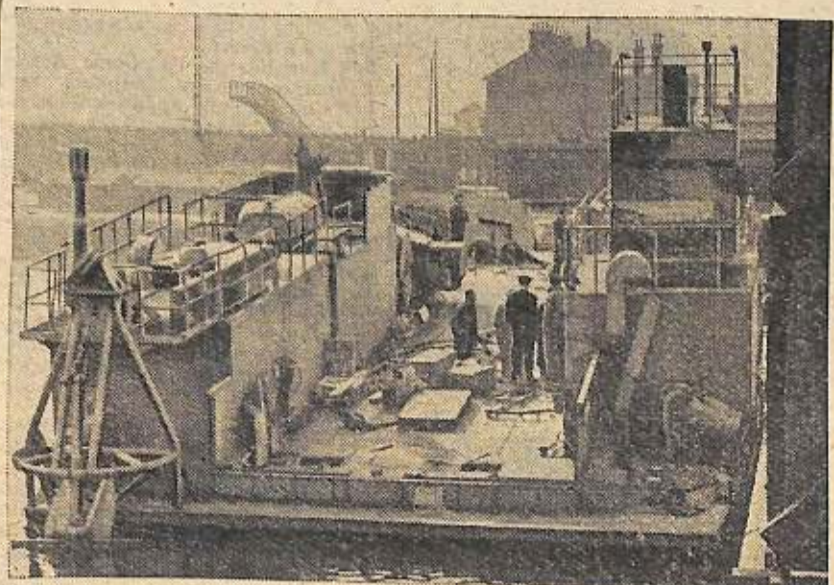
Vessels being assembled—LCT's (landing craft, tank)—are manufactured in three sections in the U.S., and brought piece-meal across the sea in cargo ships.

On arrival, practically the only thing necessary is to put them together.

Workmen first line up the three sections so that holes drilled in the bulkheads match and can be drawn together with large master bolts. Then with the aid of one-ton weights to draw them closer together, large bolts are inserted into the matching holes and the sections clinched together.

A total of 176 bolts are used to join one part to the other. Canvas and red-lead gaskets make the vessels watertight.

When Allied workmen began assembling LCT's at this port six months ago, their first vessel required 53 days for completion. Since, the time has been cut to nine days per vessel, and it is hoped



Anglo-American workers at a British port are shown working on one of the sections of the big tank-carrying landing craft, which are shipped from the States in three parts and assembled here.

that a further reduction of two days can be made soon.

Upon arrival the main engines, generating engines and generators need only oil and the flip of a switch to start them running. The galley and living quarters are complete with stoves, refrigerators, bunks, wash basins and showers.

Large cranes unload the dismantled

vessels, placing them in the water where they are lashed together with cables and towed to assembly points. Forward sections of the type of LCT's being assembled here weigh 38 tons. Center sections weigh 65 tons and the after sections 60. The vessels carry approximately five tanks, but may be used to transport other types of machines or large numbers of men.

# 12 of 74 Survive as Fierce Gale Wrecks Ships 60 Yds. Off Shore

A pair of 'teen-age American sailors—two of 12 survivors of a crew of 74—told yesterday how officers and men prayed, joked and fought for their lives while a fierce gale and heavy seas pounded their Liberty ship to pieces on rocks within 60 yards of shore.

Thirty-nine of the merchant crew of 44 were lost in the seven-hour battle. Of the 30 Navy gun crewmen aboard, 23 were lost, including the commander, Ens. Edgar H. Pritchard, of Norfolk, Va.

Henry Charles Donnelly Jr., 19, of Stratford, Conn., related how he dragged himself onto the rocks after an hour and a half in the water in which time he was knocked unconscious twice by debris and his legs frozen.

After the ship went aground it began

to sleet and snow. In the heavy seas, escort ships couldn't get close.

Just before dawn the bow separated and sank, then the stern fell away. Up to this point not a man had been lost. They still were cheerful; some prayed, some joked.

Then, shortly before noon, a giant swell swept over the wreck, leaving nothing but floating debris and men struggling in the water. "I had to swim like hell to make it," said Donnelly.

John Edward Foy, 17, of Troy, N.Y., told how his head was caught between two pipes in the pilot house. Then he was tossed overboard, knocked unconscious, his hand impaled on a nail and his eye "split wide open" before he was rescued from the reef. "When I came to I was covered with blood," said Foy. "I thought I was a goner sure."

# '38 Purge Target Hailed by FDR for Plan to Run Again

WASHINGTON (Reuter)—President Roosevelt has joined in efforts to unite the Democratic Party by congratulating by letter Sen. Guy M. Gillette, of Iowa, on the latter's decision to seek re-election. Gillette was a target of the President's unsuccessful purge in 1938.

Some of Gillette's colleagues described the letter as a cordial note addressed to "Dear Guy." It expressed the conviction that the US needed men of Gillette's caliber in the Senate.

President Roosevelt's move caused immediate speculation in the Capital that he was strengthening his fences in the vital Midwest political battleground for a fourth-term attempt. Gillette has publicly opposed a fourth term and has designated Secretary of State Cordell Hull as his first choice for the Democratic nomination.

### The Sea Legs Did It

PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 9—His girl friend and a fellow-sailor bet him \$10 and \$50 respectively that he couldn't do it, so Joseph A. Charles, aviation machinist's mate second class, got a police permit and police-car escort and ran six and twentieth miles down Broad St. from Olney Ave. to City Hall. He turned the \$60 over to the American Red Cross and Navy relief.

# U.S. Flier Wakes In Nazi Ward Next To Foe He Crashed

A U.S. FIGHTER BASE, Apr. 9 (AP)—Col. Kenneth R. Martin, 27, of Kansas City, Mo., reported missing after leading a bomber escort in the Frankfurt raid Feb. 11, wound up in a hospital ward next to the German fighter pilot with whom he crashed head-on five miles up in the air, it was reported today.

Martin, a veteran fighter pilot, suffered a broken left arm and a broken right leg, a German Overseas Radio war reporter said in a broadcast in English beamed to North America. The German pilot suffered a broken arm.

"It is a story of courage and luck on both sides," the reporter said. "I went to see the colonel. He had the plaster taken off his left lower arm that morning and was exercising his fingers, which had grown stiff. The only other injury was a broken right leg still in a plaster cast; otherwise he was very fit."

"He imagined his companions who had seen the collision had reported his death, so he asked me to pass this message to his wife in Kansas City. I left him having afternoon coffee with two slices of white bread and a piece of cake."

### Army to Train Youths

WASHINGTON, Apr. 9—The Army announced that its specialized training program for 17-year-old reserve students would get fully under way about July 1.

# 21 USO Shows Out This Week

Twenty-one USO-Camp Shows are touring the ETO this week, with two, "Band Wagon" and "Loop-the-Loop," resting. Six all-soldier troupes also are out.

Shows, with their locations for the week, are:

- Berkshire—"Booms-a-Daisy." Evans family, dance team; Phyllis Colt, singer; "In the Groove," Ken Harvey, MC and comedian; Vi Wallis, tan dancer.
- Hampshire—"Rudy Starita and his Starlites." Rudy Starita, vibraphonist; Al Goodhart, composer. "At Your Service," Eddie Cochran and Nadyne, MC and magic act; Harry Pooley, pianist.
- Devon—"Full Speed Ahead." Carl Nixon and Carmen Sands, MC and comedy act; Gail Manners, singer. "Yanks Abroad." Jack and Murray, Lane and Al and Dolores Verdi, comedians. "Keep 'Em Rolling." Joe and Jane McKeena, MC and comedy act; Victor and Ruth, roller skaters.

Gloucestershire—"Bubbling Over." Sid Marlon and Cliff Hall, comedians; Frances McCoy, singer. Wiltshire—"Showtime." Sid Slate, MC and comedian; Rene Pougnet, pianist.

Oxfordshire—"Happy-Go-Lucky." Lorraine Rognan, MC and comedienne; Anne Falvo, singer.

Norfolk—"Flying High." Al Bernie and comedian; Charlene and Zonie Russell, singers. Suffolk and Huntingdon areas—"Words and Music." Johnny Woods, MC and comedian; Cabot and Dresden, ballroom dancers.

Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire areas—"Swingtime." Grace Drysdale, puppet entertainer; Freddy Morgan, MC and banjoist.

S. Wales—"At Ease." Hank Ladd, MC and comedian; Franetta Malloy, singer. "Laughs from Home." Jan Murray, MC and comedian; The Whippettes, dancers.

Birmingham and S. Wales area—"Cagney Show." James Cagney; Norman Secora, accompanist. Birmingham area—"On the Beam." Freddie Lightner, MC and comedian; Chris-Pin-Martin, comedian.

Northamptonshire and Essex areas—"On With the Show." George Freemans, MC and comedian; Canfield Smith, ventriloquist.

Liverpool area—"Laugh Time." Bob Evans, MC and ventriloquist; Bobbe Armit, singer.

N. Ireland (Belfast area)—"USA Calling." Frankie Conville, MC and comedian; Penny Beaumont, singer.

Iceland—"Sunny Side Up." Fin Olsen, MC and dancer; Dr. Jester and Lady Ethel, mind readers.

### Soldier Shows

All-Soldier Shows: Gloucestershire—"Yankee Doodlers." Wiltshire—"Swimming in the ETO"; Cornwall—"Rise and Shine"; Berkshire—"Skyblazers"; Bedfordshire—"Glad Sacks"; Kingston Empire, Kingston—"Skirts."

DETROIT, Apr. 9—The Rev. Leonard Mailey, pastor of the St. Elizabeth Spiritual Church of Science, and his wife were placed on probation yesterday after they admitted helping men evade the draft by giving them potions to raise their blood pressure.

The FBI said that the couple were arrested after Mrs. Mailey gave the treatment to a federal agent.

# 'Kitten's' Letter Baked a Cake in Ireland

By Jules B. Grad  
Stars and Stripes Belfast Bureau

BELFAST, N.I., Apr. 9—Civilian postal clerks were puzzled last week by a U.S. air mail envelope with a note in the lower left-hand corner: "Please deliver this to any bake shop in Belfast."

The letter was sent to a large restaurant and bakery in downtown Belfast, and Richard B. Thomas, proprietor, found this message inside:

"Undoubtedly you think this rather strange, but I'm only an American girl trying to make her soldier hubby happy. Would it be possible for me to cable you some money to have a special cake baked for my husband's birthday? All I know of the address is that it is the headquarters of a Quartermaster unit. The APO is—

"In case you're able to do this, I'd like a large-sized cake with the words 'Happy Birthday, Darling,' on top. Also would you put in a card saying 'From Kitten.'"



"Kitten's" letter, which traveled 3,000 miles to a Belfast baker.

reporter and Capt. Bradley was located in a district headquarters outfit. The baker rolled up his sleeves and 12 hours later came up with a pink-and-white beauty, icing encircled "Happy Birthday, Darling, From Kitten."

After Capt. Bradley placed it tenderly in a jeep and drove off to camp, the baker walked to a cable office and sent this message to Cleveland: "Capt. Bradley located. Birthday cake delivered. Best of luck."

# Berle Winds Up Air Talks With British Officials

## Says U.S.-Russo Parley Will Follow; Agreement On Principles Reached

America and Russia will hold a conference on world civil aviation in Washington within the next few days, Adolf Berle, assistant secretary of state, announced at the close of Anglo-American air talks here with Lord Beaverbrook, lord privy seal, and Capt. Harold Balfour, British undersecretary for air.

Any international air plan for the future should exclude Germany and Japan, Berle declared, mentioning a possibility that all Allied governments would stage a conference later this year to draw up a blueprint for world-wide civil flying after the war.

Both Britain and America made concessions at the conference here, he said, and it was agreed that airline competition should never be allowed, through subsidies, to interfere with common interests or national security.

"A subsidy should never be used to knock somebody else out of the air or out of business," he declared. The question of whether a nation should have competitive lines or one "chosen instrument" was that nation's business, he said.

When it was suggested at a press conference that America might use a monopoly of long-range aircraft after the war to the disadvantage of Britain's short-range planes, Berle said he didn't believe America would attempt anything of the kind. "It would be considered bad business and a betrayal of an understanding entered into in good faith," he said.

Air bases in the future amount to a question of use and of transit rights, rather than of title, Berle said, and America hopes that countries will set aside airports for international traffic—which would mean continued national ownership of airports. Nevertheless, he added, there is a vast area in which international control is "not only desirable, but essential."

America hopes to acquire more bases in the Pacific by "a good right arm," Berle declared.

He emphasized that it was premature to make suggestions about running U.S. airlines into Japan and Germany.

Berle described the Anglo-American air conference here as a medium merely for an exchange of views, rather than a means of binding the two governments.

# Army to Stage GI Play Contest

A one-act play contest, open to all members of the U.S. forces in the ETO and sponsored by Central Base Section Special Service and the American Red Cross, was announced yesterday.

Five winning scripts will be chosen, the authors sharing \$300 prize money, and the plays will be produced by military personnel at a London theater.

Intended to foster latent GI dramatic talent, the contest will open Apr. 10. Scripts, which should not run longer than 50 minutes, should be sent to the Special Service Officer, CBS.

Judges will be C. B. Cochran; Basil Dean, director of ENSA; Jack Hylton; Alfred Lunt; Henry Kendall; Dwight Deere Wiman, director of entertainment, ARC; Maj. Ward J. Walker, CBS Special Service officer, and 1/Lt. Gene Jeroski, CBS entertainment officer. Honorary chairman is Brig. Gen. Pleas B. Rogers, CBS commander.

Plays, which should be submitted with two alternative titles, should be preferably of one setting with a small cast, and an Army background is suggested; costuming and war-time property problems should be considered by authors, and each play must be submitted in manuscript form, preferably typewritten, and on one side of the paper only. Literary, stage and kindred rights will be retained by the Army until the conclusion of the presentation, when they will revert to the authors.

# Yanks and Canadians Join In a Vimy Day Review

Americans and Canadians, some in civilian clothes and some again in uniform but all veterans of the Canadian Army in World War I, gathered at Wellington Barracks at a Vimy Day review, held annually in honor of Canadians who fell at Vimy Ridge, France.

In the review were members of the British Legion, Canadian Military Headquarters personnel and members of the Veteran Guards. They were inspected by Maj. Gen. P. J. Montague, in charge of administration at Canadian Military Headquarters. Americans attending were inspected by Lt. W. E. Coss, of Ashland, Ohio, who served in the last war with the Canadian Army.

### Jury Goes to Jail

PHOENIX, Ala., Apr. 9—A jury deliberating a murder case spent the night in the Russell County jail, because no hotel rooms or rooming houses were available.

### Frisco Warehouse Burns

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 9—A four-story brick warehouse was swept by fire, destroying thousands of dollars worth of Lent-Lease material. Five firemen received minor injuries.

# Midwesterners Dominate All-Star Five

ST. LOUIS, Apr. 9—Two Eastern hoopsters, two from the middle west and one from the south, won places on the second Annual All-American collegiate basketball team, released by The Sporting News.

The central states, however, dominate the Big Five, carrying off four of the positions, although two of the cagers are wearing the colors of eastern schools. The quintet, which would average 79 points per game if each player maintained his performance of the past season, includes two men from Kansas and a pair from Illinois.

The honored five are headed by Dale Hall, Army's ace who was designated as captain and named as The Sporting News player of the year. Although used only infrequently last year because his style of play didn't fit Coach Dutch Lentz' give-and-go tactics, Hall really blossomed when Ed Kelleher replaced Lentz and averaged 18 points per game as the Cadets rolled through the season without a loss.

Hall, who hails from Parsons, Kan., is rated by observers as the best Army player since the heyday of Johnny Roosma, of Passaic, N.J., who played at the Point during the early '20s.

Others voted first team berths are George Mikan, DePaul's six-foot-nine-inch center; Aud Brindley, captain of Dartmouth's Ivy League champs; Otto Graham, of Northwestern and later Colgate, and Bob Brannum, Kentucky's six-foot-four-inch speedster.



Dale Hall

Mikan, a native of Joliet, Ill., scored 408 points during the past campaign to head what many experts termed the leading team in the land. He also was named on the Madison Square Garden all-star five. A skilled ball-handler and one of the nation's best "goalies," Mikan was a coach's dream, collaborating with Dick Triptow to pull the Blue Demons

out of many a tight spot when a few points were needed.

Bob Kurland, the Oklahoma Aggies' seven-foot center, and Brannum were Mikan's only serious opposition for the center job, but the Kentuckian was too valuable to be ignored and was put at guard with Graham. Brannum, the youngest player ever to make an All-American team, won't be 18 until June. Yet he was tops on a quint that outclassed the entire Southern Conference.

Brindley sparked his club to the NCAA finals before bowing to Utah's blitz kids and was selected as the Ivy League's most valuable player. He was an accurate one-hand shot artist from the pivot or on the dead run, providing rival guards with a busy time when the Hanover Indians came to town.

Graham was a virtually unanimous choice and rates as the smoothest operator on the whole squad. Before Graham was transferred from Northwestern to Colgate by the Navy, the Wildcats had a record of six wins in seven tries, but when he departed the Cats promptly nosedived and Colgate appeared rejuvenated.

The second team likewise is loaded with formidable players and could give the Big Five quite a tussle. The runner-up quintet is comprised of Dick McGuire, of St. John's, who was chosen the best player in New York, and Notre Dame's Leo Klier, who broke Johnny Moir's Irish scoring record, at forwards; Kurland at center, and Billy Morris, of Washington State, and Dave Danner, Iowa's sharpshooter, at guards.

# DIAMOND DUST

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Apr. 9—The Cincinnati Reds touched Garth "Whatta" Mann, right-handed semipro pitcher last year, for five runs in the fifth inning to set down the Chicago Cubs, 10-3, here yesterday. John Burrows allowed the Reds one run in the first four innings. Mann lasted until the eighth when Bill Sahlin, southpaw from Nashville, replaced him and gave two runs in the eighth and two in the ninth. Tommy Delacruz blanked the Cubs for six innings, and Arnold Carter, who finished, handed the Cubs their three runs.

ST. LOUIS, Apr. 9—Despite Vern Stephens' homer with two on in the ninth, the St. Louis Browns lost, 8-6, to the St. Louis Cardinals here yesterday in the first spring meeting between the city rivals. The Redbirds tallied three runs off Newman Shirely in the first five innings, added two more in the sixth off Weldon West, and clubbed Sam Zoldak for three in the eighth. The Cards used four pitchers, Alvin Jurisich, Eldred Byerly, George Munger and Freddie Schmidt.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Apr. 9—Babe Dahlgren's single scored Bob Elliott and Tommy O'Brien in the 11th inning to give the Pittsburgh Pirates a 4-2 triumph over the Detroit Tigers here yesterday. Hal Newhouser fanned eight Pirates and pitched shutout ball the five innings he worked, but Stubby Overmire, who replaced Newhouser, was unable to silence the National Leaguers' bats and was charged with the defeat. Art Cucurullo and Johnny Gee twirled for the Pirates.



Babe Dahlgren

LAKESWOOD, N.J., Apr. 9—Timely hitting by Larry Miggins, Leon Treadway and Dick Lajesis enabled the Jersey City Giants to defeat the parent New York Giants, 4-2, to end the New Yorkers' three-game winning streak. Rube Fischer, Harry Feldman and Frank Seward pitched for the Gotham club, Seward checking the minor leaguers without a hit during the last three innings.

WILMINGTON, Del., Apr. 9—Knuckle-baller Roger Wolff fooled both Batter Nick Goulish and Catcher Fermin Guerra with his delivery in the ninth inning and the Phillies edged the Washington Senators, 5-4, as Ford Mullen scampered across the plate while Guerra was shagging the ball. The bases were loaded when Wolff uncorked his puzzling and costly pitch. Milo Candini, Wolf and Santiago Ullrich hurled for the Nats, while Dick Barrett and Jack Donohue shared the mound chores for the Phils.

FRENCH LICK, Ind., Apr. 9—The Chicago White Sox plan their first intra-squad tilt in ten years today. With Manager Jimmy Dykes visiting Philadelphia, Coach Herold "Muddy" Ruel subjected the squad to its first slicing yesterday, sending several hopefuls back to the minors and giving another his unconditional release.

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Apr. 9—Held to one hit in four innings, New York Yankee bats started to boom and the champs trounced the Philadelphia Athletics, 8-5, here yesterday. The Yanks made little headway against Russ Christopher but they found the range to pepper Don Black. Tuck Stainback, making his spring debut, played center field and drove in two Yank runs with a triple. First Baseman Nick Etten drove in three runs for the Bombers with three singles. Rookies Walter Dubiel and Floyd Bevans pitched for the Yanks.

BROOKLYN, Apr. 9—The Boston Red Sox had a strenuous two-hour workout here yesterday after their scheduled game with the Brooklyn Dodgers had been called off. Both teams hoped to get some action today. Manager Joe Cronin plans to pitch Emmett O'Neill, Mike Ryba and Joe Wood Jr. against the Flatbush team.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Apr. 9—Rain prevented the Cleveland Indians from playing Indianapolis here yesterday, but

the American Leaguers had an intensive batting drill when the weather cleared. Al Smith, Allie Reynolds and Mel Harder, who were scheduled to pitch against the Indianapolis Indians, chucked three hours of batting practice. Red Embree and Vernon Kennedy were named to pitch today's game with the Indians.

BROOKLYN, Apr. 9—Catcher Bobby Bragan notified the Dodger front-office today that he has been accepted for service at Fort McClellan, but will work out with the club until called to active duty.

GREAT LAKES, Ill., Apr. 9—Billy Herman, veteran second baseman of the Brooklyn Dodgers, started boot training at the Naval Training Station here yesterday. He arrived from Indianapolis.

NEWARK, N.J., Apr. 9—Harry Harper, New Jersey Labor Commissioner and former American League pitcher, announced today he will visit training camps of the New York Giants at Lakewood and the New York Yanks at Atlantic City to determine if players under 18 have employment certificates as required under New Jersey labor laws. Both clubs have found it necessary to sign young minor leaguers because of military and essential industry demands on their veteran players. Harper, who pitched for Washington, the Boston Red Sox and Yankees 20 years ago, said he also will investigate the Newark Bears.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 9—Infielder Bill Ebranyi has threatened to go AWOL after being informed he would be released by the Senators to Chattanooga. He demands to be sent to Minneapolis of the American Association instead because it is nearer his home.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Apr. 9—Ogden Wise, young right-hander who obtained a tryout with the Pittsburgh Pirates after pitching a no-hitter against them in an exhibition last fall, returned home today, still a free agent. He couldn't agree with the club on contract terms and said he'd prefer to stay away than work for what they offered him.

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Apr. 9—Uncle Sam grabbed another important cog from the New York Yankees today when Outfielder Johnny Lindell was accepted by the Navy after a three-day exam. According to Jack Ferrell, Yankee spokesman, Lindell was examined in Camden, N.J., Wednesday and sent to Fort Dix, N.J., for further examination of a hand injury. Lindell hurt his hand when he collided with



Johnny Lindell

Wlenty Kurovski, Cardinal thira baseman, during the World Series, but apparently the injury is healed.

CHICAGO, Apr. 9—Jimmy Gallagher, Cub general manager, conferred with holdout Bill Nicholson here today, but the slugging outfielder's status still is in doubt. Nicholson may return to his 1,000-acre vegetable farm in Maryland and raise lettuce—but not the kind offered by the Cubs.

CHICAGO, Apr. 9—Len Merullo, expected to be the Chicago Cubs' regular shortstop this summer, has returned his unsigned contract, explaining there was no need to go through the formality of signing as he may remain at his war job in Boston instead of playing baseball.

DALLAS, Apr. 9—Bob Finley, local grid star who threw a spectacular pass to give SMU a 20-16 triumph over Texas Christian in 1935 to put the Mustangs in the Rose Bowl, has been signed by the Philadelphia Phillies. Finley, 28-year-old catcher and father of one child, is classified 3-A.

## Farrar Sweeps Prelims Of Boston AA Marathon

BOSTON, Apr. 9—Clayton Farrar, U.S. Coast Guardsman from New York stationed at New London, Conn., made a clean sweep of three preliminaries to the Boston AA marathon by winning the 34th Annual Cathedral AA Handicap here yesterday, covering the ten-mile course in record time of 49:11.

Farrar, heavily favored to win the classic event because of his sparkling performances in the 20-mile North Medford race two weeks ago and the Reddish AA ten-mile stint last week, eclipsed the old mark of 52:42 set in 1940.

## Coast League Opens Season

### Bad Weather Holds Down Attendance; Seals Drub Portland

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 9—Opening day of the Pacific Coast League baseball season lured 20,588 fans to the parks at San Francisco, San Diego, Sacramento and Hollywood as the 164-game championship schedule got under way.

Last year 40,000 customers witnessed the openers, but unfavorable weather kept many home yesterday. Rain interrupted the game at San Diego where the Padres defeated Oakland, 8-5. And threatening weather and cold marked the Hollywood game, which ended 2-1 in favor of the Stars over Seattle.

Sacramento, although losing 5-1 to Los Angeles, drew the largest crowd, 6,384 fans. Frisco, also combed by chill breezes, delighted 6,204 rooters as the Seals drubbed Portland, 18-3.

## Minor League Results

Pacific Coast League			
San Francisco	18	Portland	3
Hollywood	2	Seattle	1
Los Angeles	5	Sacramento	1
San Diego	8	Oakland	5
W L Pct.			
San Francisco	1	0	1.000
Hollywood	1	0	1.000
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000
San Diego	1	0	1.000

SUN BEAU DEAD  
BINGHAMTON, N.Y., Apr. 9—Sun Beau, one-time holder of the world's record for earnings by racehorses, died suddenly at a stud farm. The 19-year-old bay racer earned \$376,744 for his owner, the late Willis S. Kilmer, until retired in 1931, and reigned as champion money winner until '40 when Seabiscuit topped the Beau's mark.

## Bill Durnan Unanimous Choice For Goalie on All-Star Sextet

NEW YORK, Apr. 9—Bill Durnan, the sturdy goal tender whose brilliant work enabled the Montreal Canadiens to set several records in winning the National Hockey League title, was a unanimous choice as goalie on the 14th annual all-star hockey team, released here today.

The 29-year-old native of Toronto is the first rookie ever named on the first team. But he was so far above the other net-minders in the league there was no doubt of his right to a position on the honorary squad.

Durnan compiled 756 points from 28 hockey experts in six cities having teams

## Former Road Secretary Chosen by Montgomery

MONTREAL, Apr. 9—Col. Guy Gauvreau entered "baseball road secretary" as his former occupation when filling out Army papers, and his pre-war vocation landed him a berth on Gen. Montgomery's staff.

Monty asked Gauvreau for details of his duties. "I arranged transportation, signed up players, determined their salaries, forked out advance money, scored the ball games and wrote stories for the newspapers," the colonel replied.

"You're my man," Monty decided on the spot.

## Zivic Leaving Ring For Good

PITTSBURGH, Apr. 9—Fritzie Zivic, former welterweight champion entering the Army next Wednesday, said today he is hanging up his gloves "not just for the duration, but for good."

Fritzie, veteran of 267 fights in 14 years, added, "There'll be no comebacks for Fritzie, believe me. I'm at the end of the road. My legs aren't what they used to be, and if I keep on boxing I might get hurt."

The 30-year-old wavy-nosed scrapper started his career in November, 1929, and finished in March, 1944. "I'm satisfied," he declared, "and I hope the folks who paid to see me got a run for their money."

FILIPOWICZ SIGNS GIANT CONTRACT  
NEW YORK, Apr. 9—Steve Filipowicz, former Fordham grid ace recently released from the Marines because of a paralyzed nerve in his right hand, has signed a contract with the New York (baseball) Giants. A catcher in college, Filipowicz has been working out in the Giant outfield and his hitting has impressed Manager Mel Ott.

## Jamaica Opener To Devil Diver

### Whitney Entry Upsets Dope by Outlasting Favored Apache

NEW YORK, Apr. 9—Turnstiles clicked off a record 45,796 customers as the New York spring race season opened at Jamaica yesterday, and favorite players took a cleaning when Devil Diver outlasted Apache in the feature \$10,000 Paumonok Handicap.

Mrs. Payne Whitney's pride paid \$8.30, \$4.30 and \$3.40 across the board, covering the six furlongs in 1:11.2.

Meanwhile, behind the scenes was an argument threatening to curtail New York horse racing. Just before the horses entered the paddock for saddling prior to the first race, grooms struck for a \$5 fee for leading a horse to the paddock and to hike the winning groom's pay from \$10 to \$15.

Another beef was entered by Tom McCreery, president of the Horsemen's Benefit Protective Organization, over the tax imposed by New York City on horses running at Jamaica and Aqueduct. The city assesses one per cent on a horse's value once per annum, while Belmont, Empire City and Saratoga, located outside the city, are exempt.

## Hawk Center Smith Wins Byng Award For Sportsmanship

MONTREAL, Apr. 9—Clint Smith, veteran center of the Chicago Black Hawks, has been awarded the Lady Byng trophy as the National Hockey League player who best combined sportsmanship with playing ability during the past season.

Smith established a new mark for making assists while teamed with Doug Bentley and Bill Mosienko, high scoring duo. It was the second time the Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, center has won the Byng trophy during 11 years in the League, also receiving it in 1939 when he played on the New York Rangers.

The Hawk star received 99 of a possible 120 points in the balloting. Herb Cain, Boston Bruin ace and the loop's leading individual scorer, was second with 93 points, while Syd Howe of the Detroit Red Wings finished third with 69 points, two ahead of Lorne Carr of Toronto.

## Daily Double Pays \$2,917

SAN MATEO, Cal., Apr. 9—Glennie, paying \$205.90, and Treachery, paying \$13.90, combined in a daily double paying \$2,917, the season's largest, at Bay Meadows track in the second and third races. Hughie Thaus, of Santa Rosa, on Glennie, and George Pederson, of Rowley, Ia., on Treachery, were apprentices.

## Terry and the Pirates



By Courtesy of News Syndicate



By Milton Caniff



By Milton Caniff



## Ain't Nothin' Sacred?

CAMP GRANT, Ill., Apr. 9—A program, cruelly being dubbed a move "to help the blind" by bleacher critics, has been instituted here by Sgt. Art Passarella, former American League umpire. The much-maligned arbiter is operating a school for baseball umpires with the idea of training servicemen for post-war umpiring jobs.

When the announcement was made public, several WACs joined the bandwagon, and Pfc Louie Thomen, catcher on the gals' softball team, was the first to register.

# ETO SPORTS MIRROR



Result of the first softball game to reach this department proved to be a no-hitter, the Evaluation Hospital having the QMs, 1-0, in nine innings behind the flawless pitching of F/4 Joe Oertel, of Cavenworth, Kan. Oertel struck out 12 QM batters. The winners shoved across their run when Pvt. Carroll Ward, of Sanford, Me., singled, dashed to third on an error and scored on a long fly to right field by T/Sgt. Bill Messner, of Sunbury, Pa.

The unbeaten — Infantry Division Blues, runner-up in last year's ETO basketball tourney, increased their current winning streak to 32 straight, downing a strong WBS quintet, 60-31. The fast-moving Blues never were troubled, rushing to an early lead and increasing it at will.

Sgt. Johnny Gacek, paratrooper and ex-member of the pro groan 'n' grunt gentry from Racine, Wis., eliminated another grappler who answered his "all-comers" challenge when he twice pinned Cpl. Frank Hickey in a recent match. Gacek won the first fall after 26 minutes; lost the second 14 minutes later, but ended the match in two minutes after his own visit to the mat, hastening his self-styled "Octopus clamp" on Hickey.

The Blues whipped the Reds, 5-3, on a boxing slate between glovers from Armored units, four of the bouts ending before the judges had to choose winners. . . . Pvt. Eddie Garcia, 132-pounder from Las Vegas, N.M., put Pvt. Jim Vigil, Delbert, Colo., 134, to sleep at 1:32 of the second. . . . And Pvt. Manuel Cisneros, 166-pounder from Salenos, Cal., kayoed Sgt. Jack Youngblood, Aiken, S.C., 166, in 1:59 of the second, just one second before the bell would have saved Youngblood.

Two Infantry units traded blows in a swarm of bouts last week with one of the teams, unbeaten in competition this season, copping 13 of the 16 duels on the docket. . . . Four kayoes and two TKOs highlighted the marathonic affair.

T/4 Malcolm Black, stationed at a Ninth AAF station, is getting nostalgic as the Kentucky Derby running approaches. . . . Black, a 39-year-old Kentuckian who was a sports scribe before Pearl Harbor, covered his first Derby in 1925 and saw all of 'em until '42, when he was in Uncle Sam's hands. . . . "I sure would like to see the 70th edition of the Derby, but I don't think Hitler will cooperate enough to get us back by May 6. But next year, . . ." and Black smiled hopefully.

Army and Navy boxers will mix on an eight-bout card at a U.S. Navy base tonight, a show that has British civilians in the area clamoring for ducats. . . . Ensign Johnny Bucholz, former U. of Wisconsin mittman from Madison, will referee. . . . The GIs are handled by Lt. James Clark, of Charlotte, N.C. while the bill is being sponsored by CO of the Navy camp.

### Help Wanted — AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, 37, Upper Brook St., London, W.1. Telephone, ETOUSA. Ext. 2131. Unless otherwise stated in the ad, direct all correspondence c/o Help Wanted.

### APOs Wanted

JSGT, Harold D. ARTHUR, Tex.; Cass BOL-JACKI, Detroit, Mich.; WAC Sgt. Gerald BRENNAN, Glens Falls, N.Y.; Walter CARNIE, Hilton, N.J.; Pfc Robert C. CLARK, 12004657, Ft. Meade, Md.; Lt. Anthony G. DePALMA, USN, Long Branch, N.J.; Pfc Arthur DRAPEAU, USN, Biddeford, Me.; John A. GAY, Wayne, Mich.; Sgt. Ralph HAMILTON, Terre Haute, Ind.; Sgt. Henry E. HOPKINS, Ft. S. A. S. McKinney, El Paso, Tex.; Pvt. Walter MARTELL, Jr., El Paso, Tex.; Pvl Perry MILLER, Old Ghilchrist, Hosmer, S.D.; Pvl Frank PARRY, Greensburg, Pa.; Pvt. William REALY, Wilmington, Del.; Cpl. Victor SALIO, Lt. Bert SCANDELLE, Los Angeles, Cal.; Pfc Pryor SMITH, Forest City, N.C.; Cpl. Carney SYKES, 34672583, Lt. G. A. WHITE, Hermon, Ore.; S/Sgt. William B. WILSON, Dallas, Tex.

### Pedigree Trouble

WILL American officer who purchased Chow dog puppy from Hartley-Balfett Mar. 5 get in touch with the undersigned, as the pedigree given the officer is all fouled up and the correct one is waiting for him.—J. Hartley-Balfett, 21 Ethingam Rd., Hornsey, N8.

Albert J. Balkcom, ASN 11043840 CONTACT Inspector Jordan, Tel. Mansion House 1665, Ext. 6, who has recovered some property belonging to you.

### Lost

IDENTIFICATION bracelet in London, Feb. 27.—Capt. J. T. Braaten.

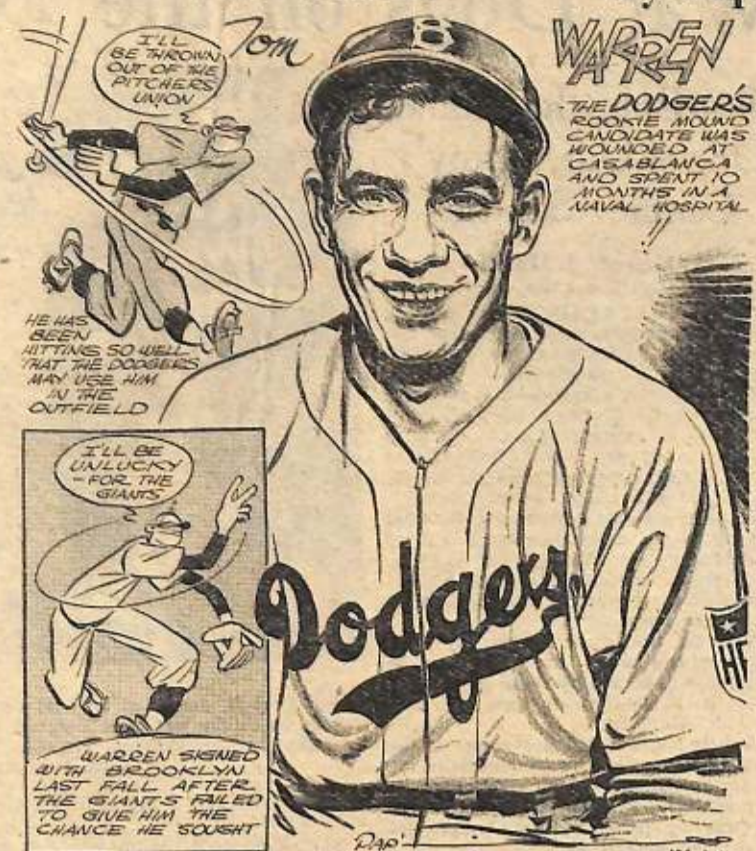
### Texas Aggies

MUSTER of Texas Aggies will be held at No. 8 Hill St., London, Apr. 21, 5:45 to 10 PM; refreshments and drinks included.—Send reservations to "Texas Aggies Master," c/o The Stars and Stripes College Registration Service, 37 Upper Brook St., London, W.1. No reservations accepted after Apr. 17.

### College Registration

SEND your name, rank, college, year, unit and APO to The Stars and Stripes College Registration Service, 37 Upper Brook St., London, W.1. From time to time as new names from your college are received, revised lists of those registered will be sent to you.

## Rookie War Veteran By Pap



WARREN SIGNED WITH BROOKLYN LAST FALL AFTER THE GIANTS FAILED TO GIVE HIM THE CHANCE HE SOUGHT

## Undeclared Division Ringmen Dominate Field Force Tourney

A FIELD FORCE HQ, Apr. 9—Pat Gallagher's unbeaten — Infantry Division Blues, placing qualifiers in all but two weight classes, hold a virtual monopoly as glovers in this unit's boxing tourney toward the finals to be held tomorrow night.

### Apprentice Jockey Rides Five Winners Three Days in Row

CORAL GABLES, Fla., Apr. 9—Jockey Bobby Permane, who doesn't lose his apprentice "bug" until August, booted home five winners here yesterday for the third straight day, accomplishing what no other jockey in history ever did. Permane was almost mobbed by railbirds who crowded the winner's circle after the eighth race when he brought Belfry Chimes in by four lengths, his 18th winner in four days. His streak also broke the Florida record, as he rode 50 winners during the 30-day meeting. Available record books show no performance even approaching the 20-year-old kid's feat. And bettors here who fancy a horse when Permane is in the saddle have been lining their pockets with plenty of money the past week.

## Redskin Tieup Denied by Shag

NEW YORK, Apr. 9—Clark Shaughnessy, Pitt grid mentor and the nation's foremost exponent of the T-formation, today denied any connection, advisory or otherwise, with the Washington Redskins of the National Football League. "What's more," Shag said, "I held conversations from time to time with George Halas (owner-coach of the Chicago Bears) but never on the club's payroll. I have given advice to several coaches on the T-formation; however, nothing ever will interfere with my job at Pittsburgh."

Among the coaches he has advised on the tricky football system, Shaughnessy mentioned Frank Leahy of Notre Dame, Jeff Cravath of Southern California, Bill Jones and Red Blaik at West Point and a host of others. "If that makes me an advisory coach," he declared, "I guess I've covered the waterfront."

### Rymkus at Great Lakes

CHICAGO, Apr. 9—Louis Rymkus, former Notre Dame and Washington Redskin tackle, has reported for active duty to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, the 42nd National League football player to enter the services.

## Li'l Abner



## Chuckin' Charlie Says: Planes Carrying Bombs Now May Tote Gridmen After War

O'Rourke, Ex-BC Ace, Ensign With Navy In 'Derry

By Tony Cordaro  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

LONDON, Apr. 9—The Fortresses and Liberators carrying bombs to Berlin these days probably will be toting professional football players around the United States after the war. That's the prediction of Ensign Charles C. (Chuckin') O'Rourke, whose name and picture were plastered across the nation's sports pages in 1941, when his quarterbacking for Boston College placed him on the Associated Press, United Press, Colliers and Kate Smith All-American teams. That season the BC eleven ranked second in the nation.



Charlie O'Rourke

"I also believe there'll be an inter-sectional league, comprising West Coast teams as well as those from the midwest and the east, which will play an almost year-round schedule," said Chuckin' Charles during a brief noon-time interview.

The former gridiron star now is busier decoding 'plays' for the U.S. Navy as a communications officer than an income tax collector just before the Ides of March.

However, after the Germans and the Japs have been beaten, O'Rourke said he plans on returning to the Chicago Bears. Before entering the service, he put in a one-year apprenticeship with George Halas' Bears in the role of understudy to Sid Luckman, generally considered pro football's greatest field general.

The blond Navy officer, who weighed 156 when he was chosen All-American, but now tips the scales at 170, was the one-man show during the 1942 Sugar Bowl game when Boston College defeated the Tennessee Vols, 19-13. The winning touchdown was scored by O'Rourke, who faded back to pass and then changed his mind and sideswiped his way through the Vols' defenses for 24 yards to reach the pay-dirt.

Chuckin' Charles became widely known in gridiron circles for cutting around ends in the same style that Army jeeps two-wheel around a corner. He outdoes the jeep, however, when he pivots around would-be tacklers.

A controversial subject in which Charlie is well versed is the much-discussed "T" formation, a system drilled into him during his collegiate and abbreviated professional careers. He admits, however, that he still has "plenty" to learn about it.

"The 'T' formation is the best balanced offense in existence today, and it's here to stay," the diminutive 26-year-old footballer from Malden, Mass., explained. "Key men in the 'T' are the center and fullback. The center is responsible for taking the defensive fullback out of the play. That's quite essential before any play off the 'T' makes headway of any consequence. That's why the Bears have had such players as 'Bulldog' Turner, Bronko Nagurski, Bill Osmanski and Norm Standlee around."

## Canucks Seek Third Straight

### Largest Crowd of Season Expected for Last Chicago Tilt

CHICAGO, Apr. 9—The Montreal Canadiens will be after their third straight triumph when they battle the Chicago Black Hawks here tonight in the third game of the Stanley Cup hockey finals.

Victory will advance the Canadiens, National League winners this year, to within one triumph of the title. A crowd of over 19,000, largest of the season, is expected to jam the Chicago Stadium for the contest.

The tilt will be the last here this season, even should the series go the full distance. With the circus taking over in the Stadium Monday, all other playoff tilts will come off in Montreal.

Chicago fans were warned today by President Red Dutton, of the National Hockey League, that another demonstration such as the one here Thursday, when play had to be held up 17 minutes, might result in the home team forfeiting the contest. League governors have okayed the action, Dutton said.

## CBS Cagemen Reach Final

### Corkeys Tackle Screwballs For Section Hoop Championship

The Corkeys and Screwballs will battle it out for the CBS basketball championship after hooping their way to victory in the quarter-final and semi-final rounds last week.

In the first game of the quarter finals the Hyaks smacked the HQ quintet, 42-32. Williams of the Hyaks and Renze of the HQ five were high scorers with 11 points each. In the second game, the Corkeys took a photo-finish 19-17 victory over the favored Peeps. Paikowski had the Peeps out in front at the half, 10-8, but his squad faded in the final period. Sobotta sparked the Corkeys with eight points.

The Corkeys had an easier time against the Hyaks in the semi, winning by a ten-point margin. Sobotta and Heath again were the mainstays of the winning five's attack with nine points each. Snyder was high man for the losers with 12 points.

The Screwballs enter the finals by virtue of a 33-29 triumph over the Redskins in the semis. Al Pajonas sparked the Screwballs, hooping 27 of his squad's total 33-point score. Goldman netted 14 points for the losers.

All teams participating in the tournament will receive plaques at a presentation ceremony immediately following the championship game.

## Bisons Whip Cleveland, 8-1

CLEVELAND, Apr. 9—The Buffalo Bisons last night roared to within one victory of the American Hockey League championships by whipping Cleveland, 8-1. It was the Bisons' third victory in succession in the Calder Cup playoffs.

## Vols to Return to Gridiron

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Apr. 9—The Tennessee Volunteers, who abandoned football last year because of the manpower shortage, will return to the gridiron under Coach John Barnhill this fall.

## British Ringman Joins Marines

NEW YORK, Apr. 9 (Reuter)—Tommy Martin, British heavyweight boxer who was discharged from the British Merchant Marine because of injuries, has enlisted in the U.S. Marines.

## Michigan State to Resume Intercollegiate Athletics

EAST LANSING, Mich., Apr. 9—Michigan State will resume its intercollegiate athletic program this summer, but only on a small scale, against schools whose teams are composed entirely of civilians, it was announced today.

Athletic Director Ralph Young and Charles Bachman, football coach, will start immediate negotiations for a grid schedule.

## By Al Capp



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The Old Order Changeth

Japan, who once had the upper hand in the Pacific, has learnt many bitter lessons since those early days when her military machine was classed as "invincible." Starting from scratch, the Allies have taught the Nipponese that their techniques, once held superior, are just second rate, and a poor second at that.

First, the legend of the Japanese soldier as a superman type of jungle fighter was smashed. American soldiers and Marines and Australian troops blasted that myth, assisted by the doughty fighting men of the Fiji, Tonga and Solomon Islands, whose technique had a finesse all its own. Once the zero dominated the Pacific skies. Our Corsair, Hellcat and Lightning, just to mention a few, took care of this department. Allied bombers added their weight to the battle; then our Navy moved in and the Japs learnt that even their Imperial fleet is behind the times.

Now come the pay-off. Japanese troops are discovering that even their ancient and honorable rite of hari kari isn't just quite the thing for modern warfare. In the Admiralty Islands, reports a CBS correspondent, the rate of suicide in actual fighting among the enemy was really beyond belief.

And, although the use of hari kari was in evidence, there was a marked increase in a new method—"grenade nursing," in which a grenade is held to the head or stomach and the pin pulled out. Surely the tempo of the Pacific war has increased tremendously—the Japs have even had to find a faster way to die.

Texas Looks Ahead

Texas—famous for its cowboys and rangers, its oil and gas, its modern cities and ancient Alamo—is looking ahead. Texas planners are swinging into action on a post-war program that will make Texas the industrial empire of America. Plans take into consideration five southwestern states: Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, but it's Texas that's keeping her eye fixed on the ball in the big game of industrial expansion. In the past the wealth of southwestern states has been measured in terms of raw materials. Agriculture, stock raising and oil were the foundations of their prosperity.

But World War II has changed the viewpoint of the great southwest. Now the southwest is beginning to think in terms of manufactured products. Governors of these states, together with Federal and state officers, economists, agriculturists, industrialists and business leaders, met not long ago to organize a post-war program, for these states possess 50 per cent of the nation's resources and only 20 per cent of its factories.

In Texas the industrial expansion program is already getting into high gear. Texans can see no reason why war industries now located in their state should not be reconditioned and retooled and kept going for the manufacture of civilian goods when the guns cease fire. With plants, labor and raw material all available, Texas is convinced that now is the time to decentralize industrial power in the United States. With the southwest producing all the country's helium, 99 per cent of the sulphur, 97 per cent of its magnesium, 67 per cent of its natural gas, 61 per cent of its crude oil and a considerable quantity of its zinc, coal, lignite, salt gypsum, timber and guayule, it looks like the old slogan of "Go West, young man, go West," should be revised to read, "Texas, here I come."

Paying the Fiddler

It was easy to get in the war on the side of Hitler; but satellite nations are finding it more difficult to get out.

To secure national recruits for his gang of thieves, Hitler used every form of bribery, corruption and coercion. He gave pieces of Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia to Hungary and Bulgaria. He gave a generous chunk of Russia to Rumania. He gave a big slice of the Balkans to Italy. He bound all his allies with many and varied economic chains which they cannot easily break. He promised Finland revenge on Russia and military assistance strong enough to insure victory over the Red Army.

"But today," claims the New York Times, "the whole aim of the Germans is to make and keep these countries a battlefield as long as possible. While they can stave off the invasion of their own soil, they will devastate the territory of their friends as ruthlessly as they have laid waste the lands of their enemies."

News reels showing in Great Britain vividly picture the destruction wrought in a country when modern armies meet in battle. Cassino and other Italian towns are today a mass of rubble. And now it is Rumania's turn to face battlefield destruction, for in the days ahead Rumania will be the main fighting ground of German and Russian armies.

Hitler's gifts to satellite nations have carried the same blessing as a kiss from the Devil. And those who have succumbed to his Saranic diplomacy must now pay the price.

Hash Marks

And how did you enjoy your powdered Easter eggs?

Now Ned Ryan of an armored force band has got spring fever. Here's his contribution to the spring verses: I love Spring, Wonderful season, Your 'round I'm lazy Now I've a reason!

This Week's Oldest Gag (printed at the request of Lt. ANS). A game but out-classed fighter went wading into the ring



at Rainbow Corner and got his ears pinned back right from the opening gong. Staggering to his corner at the end of the round he was greeted enthusiastically by his second, who kept up a cheerful line of chatter, "Nice work, boy, he hasn't laid a glove on you!" The same routine was repeated during the second round, and when the second again started his cheery chatter the weary boxer leaned over and whispered, "Listen, bud, if what you're saying is true, you'd better keep an eye on the referee—because SOMEBODY'S slugging the — out of me!"

Whatever it is, Brooklyn has a word for it. Latest Brooklynism came from Sgt. Rubin Cramer, now of the ETO. When one of his pals had to withdraw from a hot dice game because of a severe kink in his back, Cramer slyly observed, "Suffering from gambler's crouch, eh?"

Strange Odyssey. Two nurses thought they were headed for the same destination; so one of them offered to carry a



heavy suitcase for the other, who was heavily loaded down. But the owner of the suitcase wound up in Iceland and the other girl was left holding the bag in England. After lugging the heavy grip around the U.K. for quite awhile the nurse located a major who was en route to the Rock and he gallantly offered to take the suitcase off her hands. He cursed its bulkiness the way, but, thinking it was full of clothes, cosmetics, etc., he handled it very carefully. The major felt slightly snafued when he later discovered that the suitcase contained nothing but empty jars and bottles placed there because the nurse "had heard there was a shortage of things like that in Iceland!"

J. C. W.

War Dogs on the Night Watch

Meet Bob, the Collie, One of U.S. Army's Canine Sentries

By George J. Maskin Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A USAAF STATION, North Ireland, Apr. 9—Among the brotherhood of GIs in the ETO, there's only one, probably, who has chewed up his CO.

The one Yank who did—Bob by name—never has heard about the Articles of War, and is ignorant of such things as courts-martial, rank, etc. Bob sprang upon his CO, clipped a piece out of the boss' hand and walked merrily away.

While he escaped punishment, Bob did end up in the doghouse—which was to be expected. For Bob is a war dog, one of the many who each night pull a four-hour stretch on guard at U.S. airfields in the British Isles.

A collie, Bob came to his outfit via reverse Lend-Lease. He grew up in England, was loaned by his British master to the RAF, who in turn forwarded him for U.S. Army duty.

Perhaps the fact that Bob is one of the younger members of his gang explains his boldness. He still hasn't celebrated his first birthday, while most of his canine brothers have passed at least a couple and some have marked six.

Besides collies, Bob's mates include German police dogs and Doberman Pinschers.

Before arriving here Bob attended a six-week school conducted by the RAF. There he learned about his duties and met the American soldier with whom he patrols a beat nightly.

When Bob was "enlisted" they made out a service record for him. On page one, under "father's name," it reads "unknown." Inside, under "remarks, financial," there is the notation: "Due dog" instead of "due soldier."

He's Vitamin-Conscious

Like any Yank, Bob must be accounted for daily on the company's morning report. If forgotten, he'll be out his day's rations, and Bob's no slouch at packing away the vitamins.

Here's what he daily devours: One pound of raw meat (generally beef steak), four ounces of fish, dry cereal, cod liver oil and a quantity of powdered milk.

There are other records involving Bob and his canine pals. If they take ill they appear on the sick book and must see the veterinarian. There is an efficiency report, turned in monthly and sent to the dog's owner, describing his erstwhile pet's health, progress and any new accomplishments.

The War Department also has stipulated that when the dogs are released each will receive an honorable discharge.

A war dog covers three times as much territory as a single man on guard duty, thus bringing about a considerable manpower saving and increase in efficiency. Two men are released for other duties with the arrival of one dog—that tops the WAC boast, incidentally.

Bob walks his beat with the same GI nightly. He is capable of picking up a scent 900 yards away and directing his master to the spot. If necessary, Bob and Co. can do a fancy job of biting and they're said to shine in escorting a suspect to the guardhouse.

Most of the time Bob's sniffings land him and his GI handler in the path of a soldier endeavoring to slip on to the post through a fence. On other occasions he



U.S. Army Air Force Photo

1/Sgt. Carl D. Jones, of an MP Company at a USAAF base in Northern Ireland, checks up on the war dogs assigned to his outfit. Masters of the dogs from left to right are Sgt. William Sargent, Pfc William Nicholas, Pvt. Robert C. Fox and Pvt. Ralph W. Kieselback.

traps men on pass using the back roads to save time.

So far, none of the dogs at this post has nailed a dangerous character. There are reports from other stations, however, of dogs bringing in suspicious gens.

Bob has his grounds for gripes. After all, he's in the Army and gets his regular training. Like a flock of Yanks, Bob goes through his paces daily, usually just before chow.

Close-order drill is out now, although they did "catch" some in RAF school along with facing movements. But there are some special exercises, plus drill in obedience. The latter is a must. The dog has to know how to obey commands, and from whom.

Bob continuously works with his master, listening to his voice. He studies hand signals, because in his work the hand signal is essential.

It is regarded as a smart idea to let a war dog bite somebody from time to

time. Otherwise he may refuse to snap at a spy. In biting drills Bob sinks his teeth into the arm of his handler, who wears a special leather protector.

Bob and his mates live in separate kennels. Brought together, they engage in too many fights. There are no female war dogs—less distraction that way.

War dogs are not new. The U.S. Army Signal Corps used them as messengers in World War I. However, their employment as guards of government property is a new development and more practical than one might imagine.

Handlers of war dogs make one suggestion. If you ever are challenged by a sentry accompanied by a dog, shout out and freeze, brother, freeze!

Many an American guard wants to buy "his" dog. Several British owners say they'll never sell the pets—"we'll give them to you as a gift after the war."

Incidentally, a war dog does wear dog tags.

They're Gonna Shoot Ducks

King of Egypt's 17,000,000 Is the Pal of a GI Sergeant

By Sam D. Souki United Press Correspondent

CAIRO, Apr. 9—When T/Sgt. R. A. Walters, of Rougemont, N.C., talks to the King of Egypt he stands with his hands in his pockets and a friendly grin on his face.

And tall, 24-year-old King Farouk, monarch over 17,000,000 people, grins back and offers no objection to this lack of respectful approach to royalty.

The two are fast friends, welded by a common love for rifle shooting.

"He's invited me to go duck shooting with him shortly—soon as he can get some time off," Walters reports.

Farouk's favorite pastime is shooting and Walters is instructing his royal bodyguard. As such the stocky, rough sergeant spends considerable time instructing Farouk himself, and the King listens with respect.

People are still talking about an incident at the recent international rifle shooting competition at Abbassia, near Cairo, where teams from the U.S., Britain, South Africa, New Zealand, Egypt and Switzerland competed.

The gathering was dignified. With Farouk stood three high generals—Ralph Royce, at that time commander of U.S.

Middle East Forces, Sir Bernard Paget, of Britain, and Ferik Atallah Pasha, Egyptian chief of staff. The King wore the blue uniform of a marshal of the Egyptian Air Force.

From the crowd of about 600 competitors and guests Walters walked out to greet Farouk. The King greeted him with a warm handclasp and soon they were deep in conversation, punctuated by occasional hearty laughter from Farouk. Walters had a rifle in his hand and obviously was explaining a point or two about it. He put the rifle down and stood with feet apart and hands deep in pockets to talk to Farouk.

"The King is a fine man," Walters said later. "He is quite a good shot. We often shoot together. Lately, however, due to his work we've not had time to get together. He spent some time in a hospital after his auto accident. Do you know he got to Cairo at 5.30 this morning after touring upper Egypt, where there's a malaria epidemic, and here he is at nine attending this competition."

Several times while the event was on the King left his party to talk to the square-jawed sergeant and when Farouk tried his hand at the target, Walters lay in the sand beside him and gave him a few pointers. Farouk was attentive.

Government Told Plenty When Allotments Are Not Received

Twins "enclosed in envelopes" to speed allotment payments and threats to write "to Uncle Sam" no longer are puzzling to the War Department. The department's high-priced legal experts, engaged for the most part in musty research, get many a chuckle out of the letters they often receive from relatives of servicemen in application for allotments. Here are a few which brightened what otherwise would have been drab routine.

"Please send me my clopment as I have a 4 months old baby and he is my sole support, and I need all I can get every day to buy food and keep him in close."

"Both sides of my parents is poor and I can't expect nothing from them as my mother is in bed one year with the same doctor and won't change."

"Please send my wife's form to fill out."

"I have already wrote the President and I don't hear from you. I will write to Uncle Sam and tell him about you both."

"Please send me a letter and tell me if my husband made application for a wife and baby."

"This is my eighth child. What are you going to do about it?"

"I can't get my pay. I got six children; can you tell me why this is?"

"Sir: I am forwarding my marriage certificate and my two children. One is a mistake as you can see."

"I am writing to tell you that my baby was born two years ago and is two years old. When do I get relief?"

"I am annoyed to find that you branded my children illiterate. Oh, the shame of it; it is a dirty lie as I married his father a week before he was born."

"In answer to your letter, I gave birth to a boy weighing 10 lbs. and I hope this is satisfactory."

"I have no children as my husband was a truck driver and worked day and night when he wasn't sleeping."

"You have changed my little boy to a girl. Does this make any difference?"

"In accordance with your instructions, I have given birth to twins in the enclosed envelope."



Adios, Major

The Eagle has fallen. . . . Icarus flew too close to the sun. His wings are folded now; He rests. His task is done!

He wore no fancy dress. . . . By his fighting, men knew him. Gone—his familiar form; We knew greatness—through him.

The Eagle has fallen. . . . But he flies with us as before. Rising on each blazing sun; Till our own wings are no more.

2/Lt. John J. Mann, AC



"Wanna know the way eh? Wal keep straight up there till yer come to a war. Yer can't miss it."

# NEWS FROM HOME Draft of Miners Means Deficit in Coal, Ickes Says

## Refusal to Defer Men 18-26 Will Cost 50 Million Tons Annually, He Warns

WASHINGTON, Apr. 9.—Induction of 36,000 coal miners between the ages of 18 and 26, as proposed by the Inter-Agency Committee on Deferments, would put the nation's coal supply on a "hand-to-mouth" basis, Fuel Administrator Harold L. Ickes told a weekend press conference.

His remarks were inspired by the committee's rejection of Ickes' request that young coal miners be deferred.

If the 36,000 were put into uniform, Ickes said, the country must be prepared to suffer a deficit of more than 50,000,000 tons of coal annually.

Meanwhile, the War Shipping Administration announced it had agreed with Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director, to enlist no more men between 18 and 26 for merchant sea duty because they are needed by the Army and Navy.

### Marriage Goes to the Dogs

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 9.—Mrs. Frederick C. Peters Jr., whose husband is a department-store buyer and a brother of the late Carole Lombard, charged in her divorce complaint: That Peters excluded her from his bedroom and let two large dogs sleep there; that he spent \$150 for a picture of himself, yet accused her of extravagance when she spent \$39 for a rug for the house; that he allowed her as little as \$15 a week for household expenses, although he made \$14,000 a year.

### Curtail Farmer Deferments

WASHINGTON, Apr. 9.—The nation's draft boards have been notified to grant deferments to farmers only if they are irreplaceable and regularly engaged in an agricultural endeavor essential to the war effort. Heretofore agricultural deferments were based on a system of production units.

### Service Center Opens

NEW YORK, Apr. 9.—Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia officially opened the Veterans' Service Center here. The center will give detailed information to discharged servicemen and women on how to obtain aid from the several hundred civic and government agencies.

### MacDonald Honored Again

NEW YORK, Apr. 9.—Comdr. Donald J. MacDonald, who is one of the most decorated men in the Navy, has been awarded a gold star in lieu of a third silver star, it was announced. He has commanded a destroyer through three major battles in the South Pacific.

### Jurisimprudence

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Apr. 9.—Two veteran circuit-court judges—60-year-old Robert J. Wheeler and John C. Morrow—got into an argument in the latter's chambers, and fists and a cuspidor began to fly.

### Sheep Shearing

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Apr. 9.—Because of the lack of lawnmowers, as well as the manpower shortage, city officials hired 200 head of Montana sheep to handle the very-high-grass problem on the 2,000 park acres at Lake Springfield.

### Fifth Loan Drive Set

WASHINGTON, Apr. 9.—Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. announced that the country's Fifth War Loan Drive would be held between June 12 and July 8. The goal is \$16,000,000,000.

### Kirk Gets Post in Italy

WASHINGTON, Apr. 9.—Alexander C. Kirk, American minister to Egypt, has been appointed by President Roosevelt the U.S. member of the Advisory Council for Italy, with the rank of ambassador. Presidential Secretary Stephen Early has announced.

### Clyde Pangborn Divorced

RENO, Nev., Apr. 9 (Reuter)—Mrs. Clyde Pangborn, wife of the American test pilot who in 1931 made the first non-stop trans-Pacific flight of 5,300 miles from the State of Washington to Japan, has obtained a divorce.

### Bus Overturns; Woman Killed

ATLANTIC, Iowa, Apr. 9.—A woman was killed and eight others, including the driver, were injured when a Burlington Trailways bus overturned ten miles south of here. A tire blowout caused the accident.

### Job Interviews for 4Fs

PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 9.—Daniel Littley, a War Manpower Commission official, announced that letters had been mailed to 4Fs in this area summoning them for interviews for war jobs.

### Carlyle Thorpes Divorced

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 9.—Carlyle Thorpe, millionaire sportsman, has been granted a divorce from Paula Stanway Thorpe, racehorse owner and former dancer.

## Quits Hubby



Associated Press Photo  
Lana Turner, shown here with her daughter, has separated from husband Stephen Crane. Their 1942 marriage was annulled a year ago because Crane's divorce from his first wife was not final. They remarried shortly before the baby was born last July 25.

## Twin Beds? Throw One of 'Em Away, A Judge Advises

CHICAGO, Apr. 9.—Twin beds are "an unholy system" and should be thrown out of American homes, in the opinion of Judge Frank Donohue, urging government subsidies for "the good old-fashioned marital bed."

"The invention, innovation or introduction of twin beds into the marital boudoir has caused more dissension, distrust and disunity, resulting in divorce, than any other single factor," he said. "This unholy system has resulted in millions of childless homes and multiplying divorce actions."

## U.S. to Train Engineers For Reconstruction Era

NEW YORK, Apr. 9 (Reuter)—The Foreign Economic Administration plans to train from 5,000 to 10,000 American engineers to aid European and Asiatic technicians in rebuilding industrial systems in foreign nations, the New York Times said.

The Times reported also that the Administration was planning to train between 3,000 and 4,000 graduates of technical schools in Europe and Asia for post-war reconstruction tasks in their own countries.

## Studying Plans for Relief In Balkans, Lehman Says

CAIRO, Apr. 9 (UP)—Herbert H. Lehman, head of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, said his Middle-East trip had a two-fold purpose: absorption of Middle East relief and rehabilitation, and discussion of plans for civilian relief in the Balkans.

## Credit Morphews an Assist

BROOKLINE, Mass., Apr. 9.—Charles Hovey Pepper, 79-year-old internationally-known portrait painter, helped police capture an intruder in his home. Awakened by his wife, who heard a noise downstairs, Pepper tiptoed into the living room, where he found the intruder dozing on a divan.

## A Yen to Pay His Debts

CHICAGO, Apr. 9.—A Japanese 50-yen note arrived in the mail for Cook County Assessor John S. Clark. It came from Marine Sgt. Gerald A. Waindel, who said it was a down payment on his 1942 personal tax, adding that if the payment were insufficient "there's more where that came from."

## Army Honors Heroine

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Apr. 9.—Mrs. Annie Marie Young, a munitions worker at an arsenal here, has received the civilian distinguished service emblem. The first woman to receive the Army's highest award to a war worker, she twice rescued workers whose clothing had been ignited in powder explosions.

## Increasing Sub Campaign By Japs Foreseen by U.S.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 9 (Reuter)—Some naval observers here feel that the Japanese will use submarines to an increasing degree in the future in the face of growing U.S. naval power and the growing number of British units being freed for operations in Far Eastern waters. It was said that valuable technical information gathered by the Germans from their U-boat campaigns had been passed on to the Japanese.

## Job Surveys for Veterans

WASHINGTON, Apr. 9.—Manpower Czar Paul V. McNutt announced that discharged servicemen would get a survey of job opportunities in all industrial centers with a population over 100,000. The report will indicate the expected labor demand for six months in advance.

## Army Conquering Disease

CHICAGO, Apr. 9.—Brig. Gen. Hugh J. Morgan, of the office of the Army Surgeon General, reported a big reduction in the annual death rate from all diseases among soldiers. The current rate is six-tenths of one per cent per thousand soldiers, while in World War I the death rate was 15.6 per thousand.

## \$23,000 Gem Robbery

MIAMI, Apr. 9.—A man identified by police as Howard Sober, owner of a Lansing (Mich.) trucking company, was held up and robbed of \$23,000 in cash and jewelry while returning in his automobile from the Tropical Park racetrack.

## Hubby's All Washed Up By Charge He Didn't

CHICAGO, Apr. 9.—Mrs. Vema Sobolewski, 40, filed suit for divorce, claiming her husband Lucien, 52, hadn't taken a bath since Oct. 15, 1940. She added that Sobolewski was a Harvard graduate.

## Meat on the Hoof Goes on Sale at Macy's in N.Y.

NEW YORK, Apr. 9.—Pigs, cows, goats, sheep and horses have been added to the wares at the R. H. Macy department store, which long has boasted that it met every household need.

Last year, Macy's tried poultry and the experiment proved successful. The rest of the barnyard followed this year.

A store spokesman said that most of the animal merchandise will be listed, but not displayed. However, a sow and her squealing litter, a couple of cows, some goats and sheep have been put on display as "samples."

## 5-Year Manhunt Ends

CLEVELAND, Apr. 9.—Ending a search which started in 1939, FBI agents arrested Robert Joseph Sheridan, 43, charged with impersonating a federal agent.

## Injunction Severs Philadelphia Air Link With World

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Apr. 9.—Frank and Mary Dlukos, owners of a 27-acre farm, have obtained an injunction against low-flying planes of the United Airlines and in effect have closed the Allentown-Bethlehem Air port, depriving Philadelphia of transcontinental air service. An appeal is being taken to the State Supreme Court to void the injunction.

Service was suspended because it was too hazardous to land at the airport under the injunction, which forces planes to remain above 100 feet in passing over the Dlukos property. Counsel for the airport said planes would be forced to use another runway and run the risk of cross take-offs and landings.

## 2 War-Worker Inventors Are Honored by the Army

LUBBOCK, Tex., Apr. 9.—William C. Edwards Jr., 23, former pressman on the *Avalanche Journal* here, and Robert P. Elam, 36, of Knox City, received the Victory Suggestion Award, highest honor given civilian employes of the War Department.

The award carries a cash prize of \$1,000 to each man. Both are employed by the Air Service Command at Patterson Field, Ohio, and invented a propeller-straightener device which saved the War Department \$1,314,620 in one year.



"Oh stop bucking!"

By Jean Baird

## Diane



## Male Call



By Milton Caniff

## Blondie



By Chic Young

By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate Inc.



### N.Y.'s 'Servicegirl'

### Tank, Auto Collide in Los Angeles



Tank destroyer Priests roll from their bivouac on English countryside and down a narrow road on their way to maneuver areas where for months they have been sharpening their tactics and firing eyes in invasion tests.



WAC Cpl. Lisa Rutherford poses for cameras after being chosen New York's "Servicegirl of 1944" in a contest in which SPARs, WAVES and other WACs took part. Lisa will compete in the national finals next month.



This scene isn't a post-mortem on a battle somewhere on one of the world battlefronts, it's just result of car-meet-tank somewhere in Los Angeles. The freak accident occurred when a privately owned automobile crossed the intersection without sending up a friendly flare.

### 'Shaking It' to Aid War Bond Drive



Even in the face of 13-above zero weather, Jean Graham patriotically went through the convolutions of a Hawaiian love dance before appreciative Hoboken, N.J., shipyard workers, to spur along the Fourth War Loan Drive.

#### Send Us Your Pictures

We introduce this week a new occasional photo-feature—"ETO Newsreel." Send newsworthy shots to the Photo Editor, The Stars and Stripes, London, or APO 887.

### Backstage Breather

A conscientious candid cameraman, who makes a living snooping around backstage at the cozier corners of Hollywood film sets taking pictures like this, claims that someone, someday, will write a 2,000-word essay about Rhona Fleming's shapely legs, shown below.



Powdered eggs—"from the old man's factory"—are claimed as the favorite breakfast dish for Pvt. Sidney H. Becker, shown above on an early morning sortie with Mess/Sgt. Ambrose Bogaczyk, of Covington, Pa. Becker's father is co-owner of Becker Bros., a proud manufacturer of powdered eggs for the Army.



Phyllis Dixey, England's Gypsy Rose Lee, has been chosen "Girl We'd Most Like to Share Our C-Rations With" by G Company of an Infantry outfit. Men of G Company, commanded by Capt. Eccles H. Scott, have autographed pictures of Miss Dixey, divulging her shapely charms.



Lt. Olga Masi-lotti, Seattle, Wash., briefs a pair of young fathers—1/Lt. G. E. Hoffman, Los Gatos, Cal. (left), and F/O Thaddeus Colley, Ardmore, Okla.—on the art of diaper changing in preparation for the situation when they return home. Both have become dads since arrival in the ETO.



This is revenge. Last May, ten unescorted Marauders attacked Ijmuiden, Holland, at low level, and none came back. A few days ago 350 Marauders settled the old score. They went back and did this to the important coastal target. Photo by S/Sgt. Edward Rowe, Jacksonville, Fla.