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# **BombersHit** Defense Belt **ForInvasion**

#### RAF, U.S. Blast Targets From Paris to Coast in Relentless Hammering

The Allied air forces swept over Belgium and France in almost incessant relays yesterday, from the dark hours of early morning until afternoon, pounding at the airdromes, air-craft repair plants and railway installations on which the Germans depend heavily for defense against invasion.

Following close upon the heels of the great five-pronged assault on Focke-Wulf production by American heavies Sunday, the combined forces of the RAF and USAAF launched these attacks

and USAAF launched these attacks against the enemy:

1—The RAF struck its first major night blow in the Paris area since the Gnome-Rhone raid in May, 1942, pounding the great railway yards at Villeneuve St. Georges, ten miles south of the city's center. Other RAF bombers struck rail targets at Lille, in northern France. Eleven aircraft failed to return.

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2—More than 200 Ninth Air Force
Marauders, sweeping across the Channel
in 11 waves at 20-minute intervals,
attacked military objectives on France's
northern coast, escorted by P47s. All

returned.

3—Flying Fortresses and Liberators of the Eighth Air Force attacked German aircraft repair works and airdromes in Belgium and France yesterday, escorted by P38s, P47s and P51s, while Liberators, with similar escort, struck the Pas de Calais area of France. Three bombers and four fighters failed to return.

4—Mustang fighter-bombers of the Ninth, driving deep into Belgium, swooped low over a rail center to bomb locomotives, freight trains, sheds and tracks. All returned.

The Sunday attacks, extending as far

The Sunday attacks, extending as far as Marienburg and Gdynia in East Prussia and Posen in Poland, cost the American forces 31 bombers and eight fighters. American escort planes claimed 20 enemy fighters shot down, the bombers accounted for 43, and bombs destroyed and demand 20 enemy the ground band. or damaged 29 more on the ground, head-

quarters said.

Between 500 and 750 Forts and Libs were engaged in the thrusts at the targets (Continued on page 4)

## Mahurin Down Raiding France

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Apr. 10 (AP) Mrs. Walker Mahurin, mother of Maj. Walker C. Mahurin, Eighth Air Force fighter ace, was informed today by the War Department that her son had been missing in action since Mar. 27,

Maj. Mahurin, a squadron operations officer in Col. Hubert Zemke's P47 group, was officially credited by Eighth Fighter Command with 21 German aircraft de-stroyed in aerial combat. He was promoted from captain to major a week before the War Department listed him

No details were forthcoming from Eighth Air Force officials last night on the loss of Maj. Mahurin. On Mar. 27 the P47s gave support to heavy bombers in raids on airfields in southwest and central France.

Maj. Mahurin was the ETO's second ranking ace when he went down. A group mate, Capt. Bob Johnson, is credited with 23.

# Mom, Pop, Piqua All Celebrating

PIQUA, Ohio, Apr. 10—Patsy's Cafe is serving free drinks and food these days as the cafe's proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Gentile, join with their customers in celebrating the soaring toll taken of Nazi planes by their son Capt.

When the 23-year-old ETO Mustang pilot boosted his score to 30, most of the town filled the restaurant, recalling laughingly that the USAAF had turned Don down in June, 1941, after his graduation from Central High School, because he didn't have the two years of college tenting then required.

But over their plates of steaming spaghetti they proudly tell how Piqua's most famous san joined the RCAF, then transferred to the USAAF to blast 23 Germans from the sky and destroy seven on the ground.

#### Yap No Important Base, Palau Raiders Discover

ABOARD A U.S. CARRIER, Caroline Islands, Mar. 31 (delayed)— The U.S. naval task force which raided the western Caroline Island of Yap, setting villages on fire and destroying radio installations, found that the Japanese had never used the island as an important base, as had been previously believed.

Airmen who bombed Yap said construction had just begun on the island's only airfield.

### Libs Continue 'Softening Up' Of Truk Isles

#### Multiple Targets Blasted In Group; Hollandia, Wewak, Rabaul Hit

American bombers resumed their two-way assault on Japanese atolls in the Truk group over the weekend in blows offi-cially described in Adm. Chester W. Nimitz's communique as "softening up" operations of the central Caroline Islands. Thirteenth Air Force Liberators, striking Friday night from airfields in the Solomons, dumped high explosives and incendiary bombs on docks, fuel dumps and warehouses at Dublon, starting great fires.

Saturday morning, Liberators of the Seventh Air Force from Marshall Island bases struck at the same targets on Dublon, plus an airfield on Moen. Other

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Seventh Air Force Libs bombed targets
on three atolls directly west of Truk.
Meanwhile, B25 Mitchells, escorted by
Marine fighters, blasted Ponape, Jap
Caroline base 400 miles southwest of
Eniwetok, the newly won American base
in the Marshall Islands and the nearest
U.S. base to the Carolines.
In the Southwest Pacific Fifth Air

In the Southwest Pacific, Fifth Air Force heavy bombers battered Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, with 152 tons of bombs. Numerous buildings were set on fire and two small freighters were week, New Guinea, while mediums carried out low-level strafing missions on Jap airfields at Rabaul, New Britain.

#### Japs Increase Pressure In Burma's Imphal Plain

Japanese forces advancing north to-ward Imphal, capital of the Indian state of Manipur, along the road from Tiddim, have increased their pressure on Allied positions south of the Imphal Plain, Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters announced yesterday.

The communique added that Israel

The communique added that Jap troops to the north which had penetrated Allied defenses around Kohima, village 40 miles from the Burma frontier, had

been eliminated.

Meanwhile, British airborne troops, landed behind the Jap lines in north Burma by Col. Philip Cochran's Air Commando unit, were reported cutting the old Burma Road, blowing up bridges and attacking the Mandalay-Myitkyina

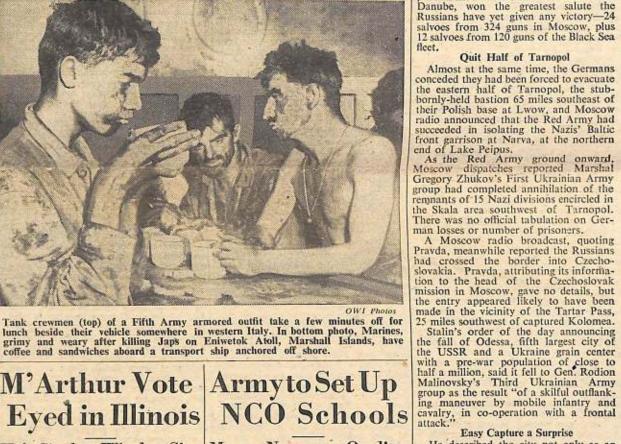
#### USAAF, RAF Dropping **Dutch Papers in Holland**

USAAF and RAF planes have been dropping Dutch-language magazines over Holland for some time, a Netherlands press agency report said yesterday. It said one was a 48-page monthly called Whirlwind, edited by Dutch, U.S. and British newsmen, and the other a fourpage weekly called Flying Dutchman, with a circulation of more than a million.

# Odessa Captured After 2½ Years In Nazi Hands; Berlin Declares Garrison Had Been Evacuated

Chow Scenes-11,000 Miles Apart





Tank crewmen (top) of a Fifth Army armored outfit take a few minutes off for lunch beside their vehicle somewhere in western Italy. In bottom photo, Marines, grimy and weary after killing Japs on Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, have coffee and sandwiches aboard a transport ship anchored off shore.

# M'Arthur Vote Armyto Set Up

### Of Primary Support May Indicate His Strength

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Apr. 10—Gen.
Douglas MacArthur, indorsed by Col.
Robert R. McCormick, publisher of the
Chicago Tribune, will have his strength
with Republican voters tested tomorrow
in Illinois' Presidential primary.
Political leaders conceded in advance
that MacArthur, as the only effective

that MacArthur, as the only effective candidate entered, would win the party's indorsement, but what they watched was the size of his vote, as a measure of his appeal at the national convention in June. Meanwhile in Nebraska supporters of Lt. Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen, former Minnesota governor, look for tomorrow's primary to tell whether Willkie's followers

#### He's Cinch to Win, but Size More Noncom Quality, Prestige Sought; More Privileges Promised

WASHINGTON, Apr. 10-The War Department, in a move to "improve the quality and prestige of non-commissioned officers who exercise command responsibility." has ordered NCO schools established and "additional privileges and liberties" extended to men in those grades, it was disclosed today.

The department released excerpts from War Department Circular 70, 1944, ordering commanders of all echelons to "give their personal attention" to raising the standards for NCOs "to assure that our non-commissioned officers are equal to the tasks that lie ahead of them."
"Success in combat desends upon the

"Success in combat depends upon the character and qualifications of the non-commissioned officers commanding small units," said the circular, signed by Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff. "They must be contrarding leaders with a high must be outstanding leaders with a high sense of duty and a strong will. They must be resourceful and willing to assume responsibility."

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The circular directed:

1—That machinery be established to provide for careful selection of NCO material and "a system of promotions that will be recognized as sound and just by all concerned."

2—That NCO schools be established.

3—That NCOs who fail to attain or maintain acceptable standards be removed.

4—Thap "the prestige of the moncommissioned officer grades be enhanced by the extension of additional privileges and liberties to the holders of those ranks."

#### Four Cars Are Reported Caught by an Avalanche

GEORGETOWN, Colo., Apr. 10 (AP)

Three cars are reported to have been buried in an avalanche of snow on the west side of 11,000-foot Berthoud Pass. A fourth car, said to have been carrying a woman and several children, was swept off the main road and down the mountainside.

### Germans Yield Half Of Tarnopol; Narva Cut Off in North

Odessa, greatest port on the Black Sea, fell to the Red Army yesterday after two and a half years in Nazi

Capture of the city, virtually doomed since the Russians seized Nikolaev two weeks ago, was announced last night by Marshal Stalin a few hours after the Germans, in an obvious effort to pretend they had some choice in the matter, announced that the Nazi garrison had been evacuated Sunday night after destruction of all its military installations.

Odessa's fall, foreshadowing complete German withdrawal from southern Russia, probably to a new defense line in Rumania in the gap between the Carpathian mountains and the mouth of the Danube, won the greatest salute the Russians have yet given any victory—24 salvoes from 324 guns in Moscow, plus 12 salvoes from 120 guns of the Black Sea fleet.

#### Quit Half of Tarnopol

Almost at the same time, the Germans conceded they had been forced to evacuate the eastern half of Tarnopol, the stub-bornly-held bastion 65 miles southeast of their Polish base at Lwow, and Moscow radio announced that the Red Army had succeded in isolating the Nazis' Baltic feast eastern at the northern

succeeded in isolating the Nazis' Baltic front garrison at Narva, at the northern end of Lake Peipus.

As the Red Army ground onward, Moscow dispatches reported Marshal Gregory Zhukov's First Ukrainian Army group had completed annihilation of the remnants of 15 Nazi divisions encircled in the Skala area southwest of Tarnopol.

#### Easy Capture a Surprise

He described the city not only as an "important economic and political center of the country and a first-class port" but also "a powerful German defense base which covered the ways to the central region of Rumania."

Its surrender after only one day's fight-

ing in the city proper surprised military observers, who took it as an unlooked-for sign of weakness that the Nazi commander ordered a hurried withdrawal.

### British Commando Raid on Beach in France Is Revealed

British commando troops landed on a German-guarded beach across the Channel near Honfleur, France, at the mouth of the Seine River, wiped out a gun crew, captured a six-barrel mortar and returned without loss, according to a Carablance periodical called Paris

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Other German forces, not far away behind heavy barricades around the village, never realized what was going on.

Landing on a dark, misty night, the commandos cut their way through barbed wire on the beach, the periodical said, and killed a German sentry before he could give the alarm. Then they over-whelmed the mortar position, wiped out the crew and moved the mortar into a waiting boat.

#### Italian Socialists Asking Lend-Lease for Nation

Because some Italians now have been Because some Italians now have been fighting alongside the United Nations for five months, the Italian Socialist Party boildly proposed yesterday that the Allies cease considering Italy a beaten nation and even go so far as to extend Lend-Lease to her—"as a first step toward an alliance."

# Navigator, Jaw Smashed, Gets Gentile's Record B17 Back With Scribbled Notes

A FORTRESS BASE, Apr. 10-'Mitch, for God's sake find some field and land on it-and shoot all the red flares you've got."

Those were the final written instructions to a B17 pilot by a seriously wounded navigator who, with blood streaming down his face and unable to talk because of a broken jaw, had stuck to his post and charted a crippled bomber home from Germany by means of feebly scribbled notes.

The navigator, whose name has not

been released, was struck full in the face by a fragment when the ship was hit by flak over a Nazi fighter nest Saturday. The crew agreed that the navigator's courage and ability were solely responsible for bringing them back.

"We had to leave formation shortly after we were hit, and the navigator notes were all we had to go by," aid the pilot, 1/Lt. John F. Mitchell, of San Francisco. "He did a wonderful job. Although he was in awful pain he insisted on navigating, writing notes on a pad and giving them to the bombardier, who relayed them to me over the interplace."

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The bombardier was Sgt, Ben H.
Shaffer, of Sacramento, Cal., who gave the wounded officer a shot of morphine

after he was hit.
The feverishly-written notes tell dramatic story, not only of the damaged Fort's progress after two engines were shot out, but of the navigator's ordeal

The first note was written after he was (Continued on page 4)

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#### Elastic Defense

"Successful elastic defense." That phrase has been employed daily in German newspapers and in German broadcasts since the fall of Stalingrad. By now it must have a horrible ring in the ears of those at German military headquarters who prepare the O.K.W. communiques and even to the host of military correspondents who work at Dr. Goebbels' Ministry.

For a time after the German army lost the initiative in the East and was forced to retreat from the Caucasus to the Carpathians, their communiques and reports

pathians, their communiques and reports stressed German defensive successes. Every new defeat was another success when it rolled out of Goebbels' propaganda factory. But no special knowledge of military affairs is necessary to detect the false ring of such announcements. Germans who have been trained on tactics for generations know full well ments. Germans who have been trained on tactics for generations know full well the meaning of Russian victories at Kiev, Leningrad, Vinnitsa and Odessa, and yet in every instance they were told in the German communiques that the fall of each stronghold was "according to plan." One military commentator went so far as to make the claim that the loss of Kiev—a railhead leading to every part of the Eastern front, "was a great victory for the German Army."

It is not surprising in such circumstances that the German people show apathy over the news from the Eastern front. They are tired of hearing the "good news" of another "successful retirement." Censorship of real news from the front has

Censorship of real news from the front has Censorship of real news from the front has kept them from knowing what is really happening; but they do know that the casualties suffered by the German armies in Russia are at least five times those represented by official German statements, and they can guess the rest.

Now as they hear the phrase "successful elastic defense" and "successful retire-

ment" repeated day after day in connec-tion with glowing accounts of new German victories on the Eastern front, the Germans are remembering another famous saying: "Operation successful but the patient died."

#### As the Smoke Clears

As the smoke of battle and propaganda clears away it becomes possible to analyse the importance of the recent British attack on the Tirpitz.

First news of the attack, released from Sweden, was quickly followed by a German broadcast in which Goebbels claimed a new naval victory. The Tirpitz, according to German communiques, was damaged in an attack on a British convoy; but only after sinking several British

Then came the British communique, together with pictures, which tied the lie to German reports, for British-made photographs of the attack plainly show the Tirpitz snug, but not safe, at anchor in Altenfjord, Norway.

And the air attack was a complete success. Damage to the Tirpitz is apparent even to the naked eye, and with this German battleship badly damaged British naval units can be released, at least temporarily, for other tasks, for the coast of Norway at present is unguarded by any of the main units of the German fleet.

Credit for victory over the Tirpitz must o to air reconnaissance units of the British navy as well as to the attacking Barracudas. With efficient air reconto judge the moment when the Tirpitz had recovered from the midget submarine attack of last September. Then, with Barracudas, the surprise blow was struck

at the crucial hour.
It was another case of Germany talking about secret weapons and the Allies using them.

#### A New Viewpoint

Princeton University undergraduates in 1936 organized the "Veterans of Future Wars" in protest against what they called the "bonus raid." They demanded benefits against the time they might have to go to war, and their Vassar counterparts asked for widows' pensions and other dependent allowances. The boys and girls carried their satire pretty far girls carried their satire pretty far and some veterans' leaders became a bit heated in their criticism.

Most of America took the Princeton pronouncements calmly, however, convinced that should war ever come the new generation would give a good account of itself on the field of battle.

We have not heard how many of the

Vassar girls are now nurses, WACs WAVEs or in the Red Cross units serv ing overseas; but we will warrant they are well represented. Of the Princeton undergraduates it is now revealed that with but twe exceptions all are doing well in the Army or Navy. One of the exceptions was crippled in an auto accident, the other is in war work.

A spokesman for the group claims the boys have changed their viewpoint a bit since they have had a taste of war. But their views on one point remain un-changed. Only in a democracy, claim the ex-Princeton cynics, can you express yourself freely, and then, if you see fit, change your mind. That, they add, is a privilege worth fighting to maintain.

# Hash Marks

Quipped one dripping, bedraggled corporal after a prolonged period of im-mersion in the local "California dew," "Amphibious weather we're having, isn't

Fun on the Home Front. You can cry in your beer for a certain male citizen Seeking an extension of



time to fill out his income tax blank, he explained, "I sent my wife with 150 dollars to pay our taxes—but I haven't seen her since."

Famous Last Words in the ETO.
"Let's keep walking around the block until the pubs open."

Neatest remark of the week. A sleepyeyed GI was hastening on his way to his
job in a London office. Noticing his
haggard condition, a soldier observed,
"Yeah, poor lad, he's suffering from noncombat fatigue!"

Department of Utter Confusion. (As reported by the Binghampton, NY press). The war department casualty list said, "wounded in action in Italy," but Pvt. Fred Judge wrote home, "I hurt my ankle going to chow."

Candid comment. The following item was taken from a paper sent by a large firm to its former employees now in the services. "Who would ever have thought that they could make a pants manufacturer into a doctor?" asks Lt. Jack Intrater, in the Medical section of an Army Service Force Depot. "The work is interesting but I must admit that when I first came up here I didn't know the difference between an accircin and are difference between an aspirin and an aneroid sphygmomanometer.-Incidentally, I still don't."

According to the boys at an Eighth AF bomber station the fastest man in the ETO is a certain technical sergeant, bet-



ter known to his Nissen-hut mates as "Twinkle Toes, the Bare-footed Air Raid Warden." The feat with the feet all started one night when a pal coming home from a nearby pub lightheartedly tossed a sizeable boulder onto the roof of the sergeant's hutment. The stone landed with a satisfactory thump directly above the sarge's cott-sarmy foldings. above the sarge's cot—army, folding—but before it could roll off the sarge was, out in a ditch, clad only in long johns and steel helmet—his bare feet turned up in the incomparable spring mud.

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ETO Conversation-piece. "What happened between you and the first sergeant?" a Cpl. asked his Pfc pal. "Oh," replied the Pfc, "I just asked him a civilian question and he gave me a military answer." military answer.

PRIVATE BREGER



"Shhh! I think I can hear enemy tanks approaching!"

# Big Depot Virtual Replica Of a Giant Plant in U.S.



T/5 Morty J. Regensburg, of New York, prepares to remove a newly treaded tire from a tire mold before inserting another for retreading. Together with T/3 Joseph L. Dollar, of La Grange, Georgia, and T/5 James U. Hale, of Little Rock, Ark., working as a team on ten molds, they have retreaded as many as 65 tires in an eight-hour shift.

By Bud Kane Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A GENERAL SUPPLY DEPOT, Apr. 10-Picture Henry Ford's River Rouge assembly plant in Dearborn, Mich., a vast welter of buildings housing conveyor systems and assembly lines, men pouring in and out, activity always at a peak. Then transplant the entire setup to a sleepy English countryside and you have some idea of one of the largest repair and supply depots in the British Isles.

Here trucks, tanks, jeeps, motor-cycles, almost every type of combat vehicle imaginable flow in, some under their own power and others by freight car. But however they arrive, they all have one thing in common, a need of repairs or parts.

Spread over many acres, the warehouses and other buildings that comprise this depot house thousands of different automotive parts. One building alone has a collection of bins and drawers containing more than 300,000 different parts. Bearings, gaskets, pistons, anything that wears or breaks, all have been catalogued and indexed. More, the index cards contain information concerning part "interchangeability," a tremendous aid, since one part alone may be used in several different makes of engines, and proper indexing and storing save valuable space. Spread over many acres, the warehouses

#### A Big Job Well Done

Every effort is made at this depot to condense and make easier the job of repair and supply. Under the command of Col. Clarence W. Richmond, of Silver Springs, Md., whose motto is "Keep'em rolling, keep'em supplied," key men have been selected for all departments. Some had no previous Army training in their particular jobs, just a high aptitude rating, while others had plenty of experience. Experience or not, they all possessed the "know-how" peculiar to the American soldier. As a result, there are more stripes here than you'd find on a zebra farm, but they're well merited. These men have a big job, but they get it done. Some idea of the vastness of the depot can be gained from the knowledge that more than 140,000 pounds of ordnance publications were required for the initial stock of the publications section.

Every unit in the ETO which controls ordnance equipment requires these publications and constant changes and im-Every effort is made at this depot to

ordnance equipment requires these publi-cations, and constant changes and im-provement in material necessitate their being kept up to date. To do this more than 80,000 pounds of publications arrive monthly from America. Work on motors, bodies and fenders,

batteries and chassis and electrical repairs constitute a good part of the work done here, but only a part. One of the most interesting and neces

sary jobs is done by the tire shop. This unit handles all tire repair and tire recapping in the ETO. Rubber has a high shipping priority, but the men here feel that shipping space can be saved if all possible efforts are made to rebuild worm out tires.

#### Checked for Breaks

rebuild worn-out tires.

As tires are unloaded from trucks they are rolled to an inspection bench where they are checked for breaks. Cleaned, they are next given a coating of rubber, varying in thickness according to the tire size, then buffed on machines made for that purpose.

Then they are ready for the molders.

These men, working in teams of three, place the tire in one of the many molds, set the timing devices, regulate the temperature and go to the next mold where another tire is inserted. When the bell of the times rings, another tire is ready to be rolled away.

One team operates several such molds. One team operates several such molds. No complete information may be divulged on the production figures, but some idea of the extent of the work may be gained from the fact that one team, composed of T/3 Joseph L. Dollar, of La Grange, Ga., T/5 Morty Regensburg, of Brooklyn, and T/5 James U. Hale, of Little Rock, Ark., turned out 65 tires in an eight-hour shift. The records of other departments are just as noteworthy.

On the less spectacular but equally important side of the depot is the work of the supply branch.

Goods are not sent from the States directly to the battle zones. They arrive first at depots such as this and are uncrated, sorted and checked for faulty parts and then placed in storage bins to await requisition.

Modern methods of storage have been instituted at this depot to facilitate the smooth flow of supplies. Units within a reasonable radius of the depot come direct

for their supplies. All other shipments are made by rail, air and water.

A conveyor system similar to a factory production line has been installed here. At one end boxes are built of salvaged lumber and placed on the line. As the lumber and placed on the line. As the box moves down the conveyor, all material for one unit is placed in the box. At the end it is nailed shut, and men with electrically operated saws cut the edges even. The destination code is then marked on the box and it is taken off the conveyor to the rail shipment platform.

This procedure goes on daily, 24 hours a day, and the men who control this never-ending flow have their satisfaction in the knowledge that their motto, "Keep 'em rolling, keep 'em supplied," lived up to, will hasten the day when all can go home.



Army Clerks

Off we go into the file case yonder, Keep your forms level and true. If you wish to be a bucking wonder, Make thirty copies-twenty won't do. Typing men must stay in proper chan-

We'll be here after the war, We live in huts; We're all half nuts! Don't you envy the Typewriting Corps?

# The Army

PFC Lois McGowan, if you've a heart, get your friends to address your mail correctly: There is a lieutenant in this theater with red ears because of you.

Lt. Louis McGowan, of Providence, R.I., postal officer at an Eighth lighter station, says, plaintively, "I am not a WAC. I am a first lieutenant, but I'm damned if I know what to do about this situation. I keep on getting letters addressed to the WAC. When I forward the letters for the gal, they bounce right back in my lap again.

"I repeat: I am not a WAC and was never a woman, and I'm tired of being called 'Lois' by the officers and the enlisted men behind my back."

Wotsaboutit, Lois?

A Pfc who was a librarian in civilian life, Charles E. Barrett Jr., of Muskegon, Mich., has converted an old stable in a station hospital's grounds into what is claimed as the largest service library in the ETO.

The library is white, clean and com-

in the ETO.

The library is white, clean and comfortably furnished with big chairs and almost 2,000 books. The range of reading material covers mysteries to technical publications, and there are magazines and periodicals supplied by Special Services.

The popularity of the library, according to Barrett, comes from the strictly enforced rule of silence to which attention is drawn by a number of notices. Barrett works seven days a week from 12.30 PM to 10 PM, and hasn't had

12.30 PM to 10 PM, and hasn't had a day off in five months.

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MAIL Mystery corner: S/Sgt. Wayne Lee White, a liaison pilot from Johnson City, Tenn., wants to know how the APO found him with a V-Mail which carried the sender's name (different from his own) in the address box, and no other clue except the inscription, "Dear Wayne Lee." His surname and address were nowhere on the letter.

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AS an improvement to the models-on-a-clothes-line method of teaching air-craft identification, T/Sgt. James E. Beene, of Chattanooga, Tenn., has de-vised a magic-lantern affair, now used in his signal construction battalion.

A lantern, made from scrap metal and lumber, projects a beam on a four-footsquare wooden frame covered with mus-lin, which serves as a screen. A small stand with a thin wire extending up-ward holds small model planes in front of the lantern, the wire fitting into a hole in the bottom of the plane. The models are turned and twisted, raised and low-ered by manipulating the wire a wire the ered by manipulating the wire, giving the impression of a moving plane. Mean-time, Beene lectures about the plane

Notes from the-

### Air Force

HERE'S one for APO sleuths to figure out. 1/Sgt. John F. Pesut, topkick at an Eighth AF Service Command general depot, received at 1730 hours on Apr. 1 a letter and an Easter Card from his wife in Denver, bearing a postmark dated "Apr. 1, 10: 30 AM, 1944"—only seven hours earlier. The time of its arrival was certified on the envelope by a captain. Moreover, the letter was mailed with a three-cent stamp. Pesut is scratching his head.

At least three West Point classmates, now commanding heavy bomb groups in the ETO, can get together and talk about the "good ol' days at the Point." Graduates in the class of '39 they are Col. Elliott Vandevanter, of Washington, and Col. Eugene Romig, of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., B17 group COs, and Col. Robert B. Miller, B24 group leader from Clinton, Ill. from Clinton, Ill.

ADD-good-luck-charms: Lucky pieces carried by pilots at an Eighth AF Fighter training station include his wife's lace wedding handkerchief and a lock of lace wedding handkerchief and a lock of her hair, among other items, by Lt. J. G. Fowle, San Francisco; wisdom tooth attached to his helmet, by Lt. Ralph Donnell, Greensboro, N.C.; a two-dollar bill autographed by Hedy Lamarr, by Lt. Lyle Reitzke, Chicago; a wife's toenail painted red, by a pilot who prefers to remain anonymous. Anybody beat 'em?

Mechanics who repair damaged bombers at an Eighth Strategic Air Depot combined GI ingenuity with the wheels and chassis of a truck to solve an acute problem of transportation during lunch hour. Whereas they once spent time making long treks from the line to the mess hall, the men now have hot lunch served on the job by a mobile "spam wagon." The diner, complete with stainless steel coffee cans, sheet metal steam tables and food kettles, resulted from the workmanship of a crew headed by M/Sgt. Harold C. Hill, of Baltimore, Md.

T/SGT. Leslie Stellmon, of Camas,
Mont., is usually brassed off with
early-morning reviews, but he was right
on time for one recently staged at his
Ninth AF Troop Carrier Command
station. Highlighting the review was the
presentation of the Silver Star to Stellmon
for searching for victims in a burning for searching for victims in a burning for searching for victims in a burning troop-carrier plane which erashed in Sicily last November; DFC to Maj. James R. Farris, Saratoga, Fla., for safely crashlanding his damaged paratrooper-laden plane at a friendly base in the Mediterranean; Air Medal to Capt. Elmer F. Hauser, Philadelphia, for flying unescorted troop carriers in the Sicilian campaign; and Soldier's Medal to Sgt. Charles H. Hayes, Delaware, Okla., for rescuing a pilot from a plane which crashed and caught fire on take-off from a Sicily air base.

WILMINGTON, Del., Apr. 10-The Philadelphia Athletic Yannigans fell before the Phillie Yannigans, 7-5, here yesterday as each team made seven hits and three errors. Lefty Jack McGillem was reached for all the Phillie runs in the second inning.

SAMPSON, N.Y., Apr. 10—Johnny VanderMeer, ex-Cincinnati southpaw of double-no-hit fame, and Hal White, Detroit right-hander, answered the opening call for candidates for the Naval Training Station baseball team here. The club is coached by Lt. Leino Corgnati whose assistants are Specialist 1/c Glenn Spencer, former Pirate and Giant nati whose assistants are Specialist 1/c Glenn Spencer, former Pirate and Giant and Specialist 1/c Tommy Carcy, ex-infielder with the Red Sox and Browns. Don Manno, Indianapolis outfielder, and Packy Rogers, infielder from Portland, also are on the squad.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 10—The Washington Senators shoved across two runs in the seventh inning to defeat the Phillies, 2—1, here yesterday behind the airtight knuckle ball pitching of Mickey Haefner and Dutch Leonard. The Nats clustered hits by George Case and George Myatt, a walk and an outfield fly for

and an outfield fly for their winning runs. The Phils registered in the second on Coaker Tripfett's double, an infield out and a long fly. Al Gerheauser and Barney Mussill Barney

worked for the National Leaguers. After the game Washington Manager Ossie Bluege announced fie had sent four players on option to Chattanooga and one to Minneapolis.

BALTIMORE, Md., Apr. 10—The Philadelphia Athletics dropped their third straight spring tilt, bowing 4—3 to the Baltimore Orioles, of the International League, here yesterday before 4,000 customers. Sam Lowry, pitcher who didn't have what it takes to stick with the A's last year, had more than enough yesterday, holding his former mates hitless the last five innings. Luman Harris started for the Quaker club and Luke Hamlin arrived in the sixth—just

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OVERCOAT at YWCA dance, Norwich, Mar. 25.
Taken by mistake by person who left his,
marked R-3527. T/4 stripes. Mine has my name
and ASN marked on it.—Sgt. V. F. Kehoe,
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Will pay difference in cash.—Chaplin Marusa.

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your reservations to T/Sgt, R. C. Randall, 20452079,
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after Apr. 17.

in time to let in the winning run and be charged with the defeat.



Phil Weintraub

victory over their Yankees here yesterday before 2,502 fans. The Giant first sacker rapped out a single, double and triple, driving in one run and scoring three times. Bill Voiselle and Lefty Ewald Pyle shackled the champs with three hits. The

Phil Weintrash Giants, meanwhile, slapped Rookies Frank Hiller and Karl Drews for 15. It was the Ottmen's fourth exhibition victory in five starts and the Yank's third setback in seven games.

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EVANSVILLE, Ind., Apr. 10—The
Detroit Tigers and Pittsburgh Pirates
huffed and puffed to a 4—4 tie here yesterday in a game called at the end of
the eighth inning to permit the Pirates to
catch a train. Dizzy Trout and Ruffus
Gentry allowed the Bucs eight hits, while
the Tigers got 11, including Outfielder. the Tigers got 11, including Outfielder Don Ross' homer off Preacher Roe in the sixth. Rip Sewell and his "eephus" delivery blanked the Tigers during the first four frames.

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BROOKLYN, Apr. 10—Luis Olmo's 12th inning single scoring Clancy Smyers, California rookie, from second base handed the Dodgers a 3—2 win over the Boston Red Sox here yesterday. The question whether Leo "The Lip" Durocher will play

Durocher will play this summer was answered definitely in the negative when the Flatbush pilot fractured his right thumb attempting a barehand catch of a



# Sfrisi, Kozak Feature Card

# 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 addirect all correspondence c/o Help. Wanted. ETO Champ Pitted Against Maione: Airborne Titlist Tackles Morelli APOS Wanted FDWIN ATKINSON, Newcastle, Ind.; Sgt. Curlee BAILEY, Clarksville, Tex.; Cpl. Frank, BENDEL, Broax, N.Y.C.; Cpl. John BLOEMER, Omaha; 1/Sgt. George BRITTINGHAM, Ballimore; Joseph Callen, Astoria, L.I.; T/5 Harry CAMPON, Broax, N.Y.; Pv., Reinado, CANTISANI; Capt. Jean DARCHE; Sam FALEETTA, Brooklyn; Cpl. John J. H. FISHER, Belleville, Ill.; Jackson A. JENKIN; 1/Sgt. William M. JONES and Pvt. Stanley JONES, Battle Creck, Mich.; Pvt. James E. KENNA, Spokane, Wash.; John KINDLEY, Johnstown, Pa.; T/5 Ken LARSEN, Chicago; WAC Mrs., James R. McKINNEY, Perry, Fla.; Pvt. Hubert MOUGHLER, Auburn, Ind.; Joseph ORNER, Seranton, Pa.; Pvt. James PROCTOR, Tarboro, NC: S/Sgt.; Joseph RABER; Floyd READNOUR, Alva, Okla.; Lt. Dale REITZ, Watertown, Mass.; John KENN: WAC Cpl. Mary Katherine RHINE, Tulsa, Okla.; Sgt. A. W. RICHARDSON, Mich. Sgt. Edward. J. ROBERTS, Moravia, N.Y.; Pvt. William SAVARIN, Newark, N.J.; Chaplain Richard G. SECHRIST, Nichoison, Pa.; T/Sgt. Victor SHAFER, Elsie, Neb.; Sgt. Arington SHULIZ, Harrisburg, Pa.; Lt. James SMITH, Newark, N.J.; Pvt. Robert SMITH, Greenbrice, Tenn.; Pvt. Robert SMITH,

A SOUTHWEST TOWN, Apr. 10-Local GI fight fans are set for plenty of fireworks at the Corn Exchange here tomorrow night when Pfc Pete Morelli, twin-titlist from Stockton, Cal., meets
Pvt. Andrew Sfrisi, Airborne light heavy
king from Philadelphia, in the semifinals of a ring tourney here.

Two weeks ago the 175-pound Californian astounded ETO ringsiders by grabbing his unit's heavyweight and light heavyweight crowns on the same evening. Last week Sfrisi, who weighs 174, breezed through his outfit's tourney with ease, winning three bouts.

In another potential thriller, Pvt. Vince Kozak, ETO heavyweight champ from Hazleton, Pa., will match blows with Sgt. Angelo Maione, 190-pound slugger from Akron, Ohio. Kozak dropped an extraround verdict to Sfrisi in Bristol last month.

The 14-bout card will pit newly crowned champions of an Airborne unit against a mixed collection of Field Force

## Minor League Results

Pacific Coast League

Pacific Coast League
Hollywood 7, Scattle 5 (first game),
Hollywood 4, Scattle 2 (second game),
Los Angeles 15, Sacramento 4 (first game),
Los Angeles 7, Sacramento 3 (second game),
Portland 17, San Francisco 7 (first game),
Portland 5, San Francisco 3 (second game),
Oakland 6, San Diego 4 (first game),
San Diego 7, Oakland 2 (second game),
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# C'DAISY MAE IS ON TH' OTHER SIDE!-SOOW AS AH GITS T'HER AH'LL AX HER T'MARRY ME. SHE DOWT KNOW THET AH IS NOW INSIDE MAN AT TH' SKONK WORKS [7-] SAVIFFY AH RECKANIZES THET AROMAT- IT HAIN'T NO BURNIN' GLUE FACT'RY! — IT COULD COME ONLY FUM TH' INSIDE O' TH' SKONK WORKS — AN'THET KIN MEAN ONLY ONE THING — BIG BARNSMELL IS AFTER ME AGIN! LADLE. Tip. Sep. U. S. Fall Of -- All rights of

# Canadiens Edge Hawks, 3-2

**SPORTS** 

#### Maxie's Bedside Manner



# Joe Louis and Co. Come Out Of Wraps in London Today

By Gene Graff

The veil of secrecy will be lifted today when S/Sgt. Joseph Louis Barrow according to Uncle Sam's records, but just plain Joe Louis to Cauliflower Row) and his assorted stable of veteran boxers invade London to prepare for their sweep through ETO.

Joe & Co. are slated to meet the press this morning, then see the sights and study their ambitious itinerary before hitting the road. Their travels are

fore they head to other overseas bases.

The Brown Bomber definitely will not fight British challengers or GIs who would like to mix with the rugged world's heavyweight king. In fact, when the troupe starts its tour there'll be little time for training or anything but enter-taining the servicemen, it was pointed

out here yesterday.

His cohorts are obscured, of course, by the presence of Joe. But the others have no reason to worry about their own popularity, having chalked up enviable records in the big-time in the States, with at least one other member of the party

known for his talented ring work on the "Mike Jacobs circuit."

Sgt. Jackie Wilson, a whirlwind puncher and fancy stepping boxer, was NBA featherweight champion. Unfortunately, Sgt. Ray "Sugar" Robinson, a leading lightweight contender for several years did not make the trin. Sugar is years, did not make the trip. Sugar is still in New York, a patient in the Halloran Hospital. The nature of his ill-ness has not been disclosed.

Headed by Lt. Fred Maly, supervising officer, others in the group include: Sgts. James Edgar, Bob Smith and Bob Payne, the trainer, and 1/Sgt. George Nicholson, Joe's sparring mate.

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

expected to embrace most units here be-

### Rainbow Corner Ends Second Fight Season

In keeping with its policy not to lure GIs indoors during Spamland's 'gorgeous" spring and summer, Rainbow Corner officials have discontinued the weekly Tuesday night fight shows "until next year," last week's card having been the finale.

This marks the end of the second season of presenting the best ring talent in ETO to men on pass and GI residents in London.

#### **Bob Montgomery Faces** Army Exam Tomorrow

PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 10 - Bob Montgomery, recognized New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania lightweight ruler, will take his pre-induction exam Wednesday, he told friends here today.

## Canucks Need Single Victory To Clinch Cup

#### Two-Goal Splurge in Final Stanza Provides Winning Tally

CHICAGO, Apr. 10—The Montreal Canadiens rammed home two quick goals within one minute during the third period to shade the Chicago Black Hawks, 3-2, for their third straight success in the bestof-seven Stanley Cup playoff finals before 17,694 fans at Chicago. Stadium last

night. The Canucks can clinch the title tomorrow night when the series is resumed in Montreal, and observers give the Hawks

#### Stanley Cup Playoffs

First Bracket (Best four out of seven)
Toronto 3, Montreal 1
Montreal 5, Toronto 1
Montreal 2, Toronto 1
Montreal 4, Toronto 1
Montreal 4, Toronto 1
Montreal 711, Toronto 0
(Montreal won, four games to one)

Second Bracket

Chicago 2, Detroit 1
Detroit 4, Chicago 1
Chicago 2, Detroit 0
Chicago 7, Detroit 0
Chicago 7, Detroit 1
Chicago 5, Detroit 2
(Chicago won, four games to

Finals (Best four out of seven) 5. Chicago 1 Montreal 5, Chicago 1 Montreal 3, Chicago 1 Montreal 3, Chicago 2

little chance of detouring the high-geared Canadien machine.

Mike McMahon and Phil Watson were the villains who spoiled Chicago's bid for victory last night. McMahon dented the net unassisted at 5:47 of the third frame and Watson followed at 6:42 on a pass from Page College.

and Watson followed at 6:42 on a pass from Ray Getliffe.

The Hawks enjoyed their first lead of the series when Defenseman George Allen slipped a 35-footer past Goalie Bill Durnan at 5:14 of the opening stanza.

The Canadiens knotted the count 2:02 after the second period opened when Toe Blake snared a pass from Maurice Richard at center ice and sticked the shot past Goalie Mike Karakas. Johnny Harms regained the lead for the Hawks at 4:16 of the final session, but then McMahon and Watson took charge of operations to clinch the verdict for the Canucks.

#### **Buffalo Captures** American Loop Series

BUFFALO, N.Y., Apr. 10-The Buffalo Bisons spurted to score five goals Bultalo Bisons spurted to score live goals in the third period, beating the Cleveland Barons, 6—4, and capturing their second consecutive American Hockey League championship in four straight games.

Morey Rimstead opened scoring for Bulfalo in the first period, but League-leading scorer Tom Burlington snagged these scients for the Barons three is the second.

three straight for the Barons, two in the opening frame and one in the second.

Bartholome added Cleveland's final score in the third period. However, Rimstead, Fred Thurier and Roger Leger went on a scoring spree to overcome the

# Latin Americans Bolster Nat Hopes

WASHINGTON, Apr. 10—Wily Clark Griffith, 74-year-old president of the Washington Senators, is an avid practitioner of the "good neighbor policy," and he thinks he'll reap the harvest by grabbing the American League pennant this supposer.

Where than they have in Cuba and South America Is we can show them a few pointers about hitting, they will be tough to beat."

Carrasquel weighs 200 pounds, as does Bobby Ortiz, the Cuban outfielder who hit .304 with Montreal last year. Bobby's brother, Olivrio, a pitcher, weighs 195, and there are several in the 170s. In addition to pitching, Carrasquel, who

The Old Fox, who started hunting baseball talent south of the border years before the manpower emergency, covered today that his optimistic championship hopes are shared by most observers. The Yankees, they point out, are just a shell of their once-proud team and that promises to turn the race into a wide-open scramble.

On this club, which Griff hopes will

win the flag, there are Cubans, Mexicans and two from as far south as Caracase, Venezuela. Alejandro Carrasquel, veteran Nat right-hander, brought along a young man named Juan Hernandez from his Cuban hometown, and the rookie looms as a prize catch.

"Some of our best ball players today are coming up from Cuba," Griff said.
"And you don't find better fielders anythey're growing 'em bigger."

the Latin country all year round on the prowl for baseball ivory. The gent is Joe Cambria and he has been with Griffith a long time.

There have been innumerable jokes about Cambria and his Cubans, but Joe kept going back for more. It looks like Joe will have his laugh this season when the American League World Series lineup will look more like a bull fight program than a baseball scorecard—unless, of course, some other club slips through to

beat the Nats.

"Someday," said Griff, who has been in baseball as a pitcher, manager and owner since 1890, "I hope to open a couple of baseball schools down that way to train youngsters. You hear a lot about Cubans being small. The first ones I had back in 1910 were pretty small, but now

and there are several in the 170s. In addition to pitching, Carrasquel, who has been with the Senators for several years, acts as interpreter for Manager Ossie Bluege, who "no habla espanol." Pitchers Olivrio Ortiz, Gilberto Torres

and Santiago Ullrich depend on Carras-quel to convey the manager's whims and fancies, as do Infielders Luis Suarez and Bill Embranyi. Bobby Ortiz takes care of the outfielders—Francisco Quentis, Epitacio Torres, Armand Valdez, Jose Sanches and Rojas Regolio. Catcher Fremin Guerra has been around long enough to learn English.

Regardless of whether he understands their lingo, Bluege knows he has a lot of valuable talent and he's ready to "good neighbor" his way to the pennant. If the Nats do, chili con carne may even-tually replace Wheaties on the you-know-

By Al Capp

Li'l Abner



#### News From Home

### Australia to Cut Army 90,000; U.S. Senators Are 'Shocked'

#### Decision to Ease Critical Name Movie Stars Manpower Shortage on Farms Is Assailed

WASHINGTON, Apr. 10-Australia's decision to cut her army by 90,000 men in the next year in an effort to remedy an "alarming" manpower shortage on the Commonwealth's farms was variously de-

scribed by members of the Senate Military Affairs Committee today as "startling," "shocking" and "almost unbelievable."

Army Minister Francis M. Forde announced the reduction plan in Canberra Sunday. Australian dispatches said it was inevitable in view of the commonwealth's commitments under Lend Lend. wealth's commitments under Lend-Lease to supply a large part of the food require-ments for U.S., Dutch and Australian forces in the Pacific. Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D.-Colo.) was

quick to describe Forde's announcement as "a startling statement in view of the all-out effort we are making to send our Army all over the world to save Australia and other countries from the common

Sen. H. Styles Bridges (R.-N.H.) de-scribed it as "pretty surprising and shock-

scribed it as "pretty surprising and snocking."

"It seems almost unbelievable," said Sen. George A. Wilson (R.-la.), "that something like this can happen. I am sufficiently interested that I am going to make inquiries."

Melbourne dispatches said lack of labor had produced an "alarming" situation on thousands of Australian farms and that the position of primary industries in the last two years had been "far from satisfactory." In the last year, these dispatches said, it became apparent that Australia overmobilized in early 1942, when the Commonwealth faced invasion.

#### Unsung Hero

LEWISTON, Me., Apr. 10-Sen. Ralph Brewster said he had received a letter from a taxpayer here which declared that the nation's merchant fleet bore the names of every type of hero and prominent citizen imaginable, except the "little guy who pays the bills."

#### A Plot to Rope Him In

TRENTON, N.J., Apr. 9-A local woman's will included a \$2 bequest to her husband, whose whereabouts are un-known. The will stipulated that "he use known. The will stipulated that "he use one dollar to purchase a rope and hang himself." No provision was made as to the other buck.

#### Engineer Dies in Train Wreck

LONDON, Ohio, Apr. 10 (AP)—The New York Central's New York Special bound for New York from Cincinnati was derailed here Friday, killing the train's engineer and seriously injuring a fireman and a passenger.

#### Farm-Market Road Bill

WASHINGTON, Apr. 10-Sen. Tom Stewart (D., Tenn.) announced he would ask Congress to pass his bill to construct a vast farm-to-market highway system costing \$1,000,250,000.

#### Girl Slugged, Robbed

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Apr. 10-Betty Westover, an 18-year-old gas-station attendant, was robbed of 1,500 gasoline

#### Babe in Arms May Bar Mamas From a Drink

BOSTON, Apr. 10—Proprietors of bars have been asked by the city's licen-sing board to cease serving liquor to women with babies in their arms and to discourage the practice of parking

carriages outside saloons.
"Some of the Boston drinking places look like baby clinics in the afternoon," commented Mary E. Driscoll, chairman

#### AFN Radio Program

On Your Dial 1402 ke, 1411 ke, 1420 ke, 1447 ke 213.9m, 212.6m, 211.3m, 207.3m Tuesday, Apr. 11

100—Spotlight on Les Brown.
1115—Personal Album with Nora Martin.
1130—Great Music.
1130—Fronch Lesson.
1200—Noon Edition.
1205—Barracks Bag.
1300—World News (BBC).
1310—Melody Roundup.
1330—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street.
1400—News Headlines—Leslie Bridgewater Quintet.

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1400—News Headlines—Lesslie Bridgewater Opinstet.

1430—Visiting Hour—Aldrich Family.

1500—Music While You Work.

1530—Off the Record.

1630—London Column.

1645—Miss Parade.

1700—Gay Nineties Revue and Program Resume.

1730—Southern Serenade.

1755—Quiet Moment.

1800—World News (BBC).

1810—Gf Supper Club.

1810—Gr Supper Club.

1800—Seven O'Clock Sports.

1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.

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1900—Great Gilderdeeve.

2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.

2010—Fred Waring Program.

2015—Calling APOs.

2010—World News (BBC).

2115—Hit Parade.

2145—USO in the ETO—"Flying High," with Al Bernie, Rusself Sisters, Brown and Lavell.

2200—Duffy's Tavern.

2225—Gne Night Stand with Paul Martin.

2225—Final Edition.

2300—Sign off until 1100 hours Wednesday, Apr.

122.

# In Butane Gas Plot To Beat Rationing

HOLLYWOOD, Apr. 10-The Justice Department has named a dozen top-flight movie stars as purchasers of butane gas equipment at \$1,000 each in order to sidestep gasoline rationing.

A bench warrant has been issued for the arrest of Lawrence W. Zonker, who allegedly sold the equipment—consisting of carburetors and high-pressure tanks to hold the butane gas, used by the Army and Navy—without WPB priorities.

Butane gas is sold at ten cents a gallon and requires no ration coupons. Some of the alleged purchasers denied they ever installed the equipment in their cars, while others said they had never heard of

coupons. An unidentified motorist slugged her on the head with a wrench, she told police.

#### Freeze the Ice Man Out

LEXINGTON, Ky., Apr. 10-An irate husband who accused his wife of spend-ing too much time with the ice man was told by Judge Chester D. Adams to forget about a divorce and buy an electric refrigerator.

#### \$200,000 Co-Op Fire

COBLESKILL, N.Y., Apr. 10—Fire destroyed the Orange League Federation Co-Operative Mill and Feed Store which serviced 1,200 farmers. Manager Ferris Middlemast said that the loss was about

#### Copper Draft

NEW YORK, Apr. 10—Police Commissioner Lewis H. Valentine has sworn in 125 "temporary" patrolmen, all over 38, to serve for the duration plus six months. The new policemen will not have civil-service status.

#### To the Victim, No Difference

WASHINGTON, Apr. 10-WPB has amended a conservation order and specifies that ropes made of agave fiber rather than the conventional manila hemp will be "used to carry out the death sentence of a court."

#### A 'Veteran' at 13

CAMP GRANT, Ill., Apr. 10-Pvt. William H. Green has been discharged from the Army at the age of 13. He was inducted Mar. 14 by claiming he was 18, but his true age was disclosed by his

Family Trait

HOLLYWOOD, Apr. 10—Actress
Veronica Lake was tagged for driving 53
mph in a 25-mile zone. A few minutes
later Miss Lake's new husband director
John W. Farrow also was ticketed for

#### Bruin Player Rejected

BOSTON, Apr. 10-Jack Crawford, 27-year-old Boston Bruin hockey player, has been rejected for military service here, probably because of a head injury suffered in a recent hockey game, although no reason was given.

#### Disputed Window Design At Base Will Be Altered

WAKEFIELD, Mass., Apr. 10—A stained-glass window to be installed at the Norfolk (Va.) Naval Operations Base which portrays the Virgin Mary with a destroyer escort in her arms will be altered at the request of the base's chap-lain, the designer of the window, Wilbur H. Burnham, said here.

Burnham said that the figure of the Christ Child would replace the destroyer escort. He declared that the window had caused considerable controversy.

#### Stettinius and Churchill Confer: Winant Is Present

Undersecretary of State Edward R Stettinius Jr conferred with Prime Minister Churchill and U.S. Ambassador John G. Winant in London yesterday. He was expected to see Foreign Minister Anthony Eden shortly.

### Smoke Screen for Invasion Spearheads



Smoke pots placed in the water by the cuemical warfare service throw up a projecting screen for amphibious trucks transporting war supplies from coasters to the beachhead during invasion exercises in England.

#### 4 More EM Pilots Are Found, Nazis Dam Up ButRankHasGroundedThem The Garigliano

By James Chaney

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent NINTH TROOP CARRIER COM-MAND HQ, Apr. 10-Revelation of the MAND HQ, Apr. 10—Revelation of the existence of four veteran sergeant pilots with aggregate flying time of more than 8,200 hours in this command came in the wake of the disclosure in Saturday's edition of The Stars and Stripes that five enlisted men were flying Mustangs in the ETO.

On flight-control work now, the Troop Carrier Command men have been grounded because they can't be listed on TOs as pilots. In the past, units to which they had been assigned sent them back to headquarters because of the con-

back to headquarters because of the confusion their rank caused.

The men are M/Sgt. Arthur M. Gray, of Reading, Mass.; T/Sgt. Bob Lay, of Oklahoma City; S/Sgt. Frank Rodriquez, of Los Angeles, and S/Sgt. Harold E. Radley, of Cape Vincent, N.Y.

Scuttled in Raid

Lay, who holds clusters to both the DFC and Air Medal, flew an Air Transport Command route in Egypt, India and China. On his India run alone he chalked up 1,000 hours in C46s and 47s.

up 1,000 hours in C46s and 47s.
Gray's Army classification of 770—an EM pilot—is almost archaic. It entitles him to fly almost any type of plane. In pursuit ships alone he has flown at least 1,000 hours for Air Transport Command in America and Africa. Both he and Lay wear combat pilot's wings and would like to fly pursuit ships in combat.
Rodriquez's classification is 773—a shade lower than Gray's. He, too, ferried ships for ATC in America. As a civilian he owned a flying school with 11 planes. He has a total of 3,200 hours' flying time as a civilian and in the Army.
Radley has ferried aircraft in the South

Radley has ferried aircraft in the South Pacific and in the U.S. He has been a pilot since 1929. As a commercial pilot he flew his own passenger plane from Cape Vincent to New York.

# 2 Enemy Ships President Off

COLOMBO, Ceylon, Apr. 10—Two large enemy blockade runners, presumably carrying "very valuable cargoes consisting of oil or raw materials," were scuttled recently when attacked in the Indian Ocean by British warships and naval planes and RAF shore-based aircraft, an Eastern Fleet communique revealed today.

Survivors were rescued from one ship, but "the suspected presence of U-boats

Navigator, Jaw Smashed, Gets

B17 Back With Scribbled Notes

(Continued from page 1)

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but "the suspected presence of U-boats in the area" prevented rescues from the other. The British attacking force suffered no damage or casualties, the report

#### Disastrous Nashville Fire

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Apr. 10-Only wo buildings in the downtown business area bounded by Broadway, Third Ave., Second Ave., and Demobreun St., escaped damage in a fire which started in the Beesley Furniture Co. store.

injured and merely said: "Turn left ten

"Turn left and follow planes . . . Stay

away from towns (to avoid two heavy

flak belts) . . . Watch for airfields and towns. Don't go over any . . Better turn six degrees right . . Throw every—everything overboard. Guns, ammunition, flak suits, everything . . . Must conserve gasoline."

The next two notes were scrawled in

The next two notes were scrawled in large, loose letters as if the navigator were on the verge of losing consciousness.

"See that other crippled Fortress? Go

ahead and follow him . . . See if he gets

His next note was to Sgt? Shaffer.

"Does Mitch think we'll make it?"
Then to Mitchell he wrote: "Follow radio compass. Now over coast."

degrees." Others followed.

# On a Vacation

WASHINGTON, Apr., 10—President Roosevelt has left Washington for a vaca-tion at an unannounced destination in tion at an unannounced destination in the South, the White House announced today. It said he would be away two weeks unless an unexpected emergency arose. He planned to spend most of the holiday relaxing outdoors in the sun.

Mr. Roosevelt was accompanied by Adm. William D. Leahy, his personal chief of staff; Vice Adm. Ross T. McIntire, his personal physician, and Maj. Gen. Edwin M. Watson, his military aide.

#### 2 Sentenced to Die for Rape

BESSEMER, Ala., Apr. 10—A circuit court jury condemned two Washington (D.C.) youths to the electric chair for raping a Birmingham woman. Daniel Reedy, 19, and Joe Hockenberry, 21, admitted committing a series of crimes after escaping from a mental hospital.

The navigator was asked if the ball turret should be dropped, but he answered that it wasn't necessary because it didn't

weigh enough to worry about.

To the pilot again he scribbled, "How about gasoline?" and before he received an answer he looked down and wrote,

It was then that the navigator hurriedly wrote, "Mitch, for God's sake find some field and land on it now." The last word

### Shut Flood Gates on Liri In Mystery Move; Enemy Massing in the Area

Considerable German movement yesterday of infantry, tanks and artillery had roads teeming with motor convoys in the long-quiet Garigliano Valley area and surounding mountains above Minturno in Italy, while the Garigliano River level suddenly dropped five feet as the enemy shut flood gates on its Liri tributary farther inland—whether to dry up the valley in preparation for an attack or to store water in readiness to flood a possible Allied drive was uncertain.

Five tanks in the concentration were believed knocked out by Allied guns before the remainder escaped behind a

smoke screen.

Meanwhile, it was disclosed officially that American troops were in the Gari-gliano line, earlier held by British units of the Fifth Army.

Cassino was pounded heavily by German artillery and mortars Easter Eve, and mortar and shell fire increased sharply in the last 24 hours all along the Upper Rapido valley.

Five enemy thrusts at the Anzio beach-

head flanks were repulsed yesterday.

The MAAF had one of its quietest days in weeks yesterday, flying 400 sorties without loss against battle-front installa-tions and communications north of Rome.

# Raids

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in Belgium and France yesterday. Few enemy fighters came up to give battle, but those which did, attacking a few formations, were described as aggressive. The escorts destroyed seven fighters in the air and others on the ground; the bombers' toll was not tabulated late last

Among the heavies' targets were the repair works at Evere and Vilvorde and the airfield at Melsbroek, near Brussels; the aircraft factory at Bourges, in France, and the airfield at Orleans, France.

The destruction of seven enemy fighters by the U.S. escort, plus the fighter oppo-sition which the RAF night bombers encountered, indicated that the Luftwaffe had sent defensive forces back to France, where Allied bombers have the little opposition for weeks.

Col. Donald J. Blakeslee's Mustang group became the high-scoring fighter outfit in the ETO yesterday when its pilots destroyed 28 aircraft on a French air-drome, bringing its total to 4051, comby Col. Hubert Zemke's group. The group's score was run up largely since Jan. 22, when it stood at less than 100.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Strategic Air

Forces announced yesterday that recon-naissance photos taken in Sunday's heavy raids on Focke-Wulf plants showed great destruction.

At Marienburg, in East Prussia, all principal buildings of the assembly plant were heavily hit and set ablaze. The plant was virtually devastated by U.S.

an answer he looked down and wrote, "Never mind. England."
"Jaw must be pretty well smashed," was his next note. And a few minutes later he scratched out, "Please tell doctor to give me hypo immediately. Pain terrible. Blood running down throat."

By that time the plane was over its home base, but other planes were landing and Mitchell had to circle the field three times. bombers six months ago yesterday to the day, but had been reconstructed and was resuming production. By Milton Caniff

#### Terry and the Pirates

WE'LL BASE HERE,

WILL BE FROM THE

IT'LL BE RUGGED!

ADVANCED FIELD.

BUT ACTUAL OPERATIONS

CAN WE KEEP OUR

MOVING,

HEAVY STUFF

COL. CORKIN?

HOW ABOUT AFTER FLYING THE HUMP, YOU JOKERS SHOULD FIND THIS A THE PAPER PUSH! YOU'LL ONLY HAVE TO DODGE JAP FLAK AND FIGHTERS! NO ROCKS IN THE CLOUDS.

THOSE AMAZING GENTS IN ADMINISTRATION HAVE DONE A JOB FOR US HERE! IF THERE'S ANY RAH-RAH FOR US ON THIS PROJECT, I HOPE THE TAX-PAYERS REMEMBER THE GUYS WHO MAKE TWENTY-FIVE COPIES OF EVERYTHING WERE IN THERE SLUGGING

TOO!



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