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Munich Digs Out of Ruins As Nazis Cry

Second RAF Night Raid Brings Howls From German Radio

German radio said yesterday: "The enemy has no pity . . . we hate this kind of warfare."

The statement came while Munich and Nuremberg were still digging their way out of the wreckage left by two consecutive RAF night raids to southern Germany.

The Allied air offensive, which has pounded around the clock for 14 days with only one night's interruption, continued Tuesday night with what the Air Ministry said was a "heavy" attack on Munich, birthplace of Nazism and manufacturing and rail center. The night before, the RAF hit Nuremberg, leaving great fires and causing what the Germans admitted was heavy damage.

The Munich raid, along with smaller bombing missions to western Germany, where the sirens have wailed almost every night for a month, and the laying of mines in German coastal waters, cost a total of 11 aircraft, the Air Ministry said.

St. Nazaire Still Burns

Even as the RAF bombers were soaring over Munich with their incendiaries and high explosives, Vichy radio reported that fires were still burning in St. Nazaire, western France U-boat base, from the bombing attacks on its eight days ago. Vichy also announced that the entire port was to be evacuated as soon as possible, and that plans were being made to evacuate all other towns on the coast.

Munich, the Germans' fourth largest city, had been bombed four times before by the RAF, the last time on Dec. 12, 1942. It has locomotive and car repair works, as well as Diesel engine and airplane engine factories.

Berlin radio declared that three art galleries were destroyed by the night's raids.

From Stockholm, meanwhile, came reports that Nuremberg, plastered the night before by four-engined RAF bombers, had been damaged more extensively than Lubeck and Kostock, which were razed by huge raids last year. According to stories reaching Sweden from Berlin, much of Nuremberg "is in ruins."

'Revenge a Thousand Times'

Berlin radio, commenting on the raids on Berlin, Essen, Nuremberg and Munich, declared that all Germany must be prepared to "withstand blows which are unavoidable at the moment in order later to retaliate on the enemy in the knowledge that revenge is a thousand times justified." (The Krupp munitions plant at Essen was hit squarely by RAF bombs last Friday night, according to word reaching London yesterday.)

German retaliation yesterday and the night before consisted of hit-and-run raids on the coast and attacks at points in the southwest and south.

The Germans claimed to have hit Hull Tuesday night and Worthing in a daylight attack. The British Air Ministry said two raiders were shot down after an attack on a south coast town. One raider was brought down Tuesday night. Damage was caused and there were casualties, it was announced, in the raid Tuesday afternoon and night.

Germans Rushing French Defenses, Madrid Hears

MADRID, Mar. 10 (UP)—German precautions against a Second Front have greatly increased during the past ten days, according to reports from France reaching Madrid.

Special teams of engineers from the Todt organization are hurriedly building defenses along the southern European coasts, chiefly in France, Italy and Greece. The defense works are practically the same as those established on the Channel and Atlantic coasts of France.

41 Years' Canned Goods On Shelf—No Coupons

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (UP)—A family in Pennsylvania is 41 years ahead of its rations.

When they applied for their three new ration books recently, they confessed they had 4,502 excess cans of fruit and vegetables, it was learned here.

So the government ordered all coupons for canned goods be re-removed from future ration books.

At the present rate, it will take the family 41 years to pay back the coupons.

Sabotage, Resistance Spread in France

Guerrilla Outbreaks In Channel Ports; Deat Attacked

French guerrillas carried their attacks on German occupation troops to the frequently bombed Channel ports of Brest and Lorient yesterday. Other outbreaks occurred in Lyons and Marseilles and in the industrial centers of Normandy, Brittany and Alsace Lorraine.

Advices to Fighting French headquarters in London estimated that close to 300 Germans, mostly officers, had been killed in the last three days.

Paris radio said last night an attempt had been made to shoot the French Fascist leader, Marcel Deat. The shots missed, the radio said.

So widespread were the outbreaks that two more regiments of SS troops have been sent to Paris, and several motorized groups and armored units have reinforced the German garrison there, Morocco radio said last night.

Terror Reprisal

From Alsace it was reported the Germans had introduced terror measures, and that many persons were jailed, several deported and two young men executed for refusing to obey German labor orders, the radio said.

In addition to the bombings, shootings and stabbings in Paris and Lille on Monday and elsewhere in France yesterday, there has been a wave of sabotage which left freight trains piles of smoking, twisted steel and crippled vital links in the Nazi-controlled French rail network.

Regarded as sporadic and disconnected when they were first reported early this week, the outbreaks are now taking on the character of a nation-wide revolt.

What touched them off, apparently, was the agreement of Pierre Laval and his Vichy government to Nazi demands for the conscription of French labor.

The call for 400,000 French workers, to which Laval agreed, was described by the Germans as necessary for war production. Underground French leaders, however, have become convinced that the plan is really intended to strip France of every man who might be able to aid the Allies in their expected invasion of France.

Fragmentary reports, sifting out of France through underground channels, made it difficult to estimate accurately the effectiveness of the fighting. Many outbreaks occurred which have not been reported in detail, it was known here.

Theater Attacked

In Brest the fighting started when guerrillas, armed with hand grenades, attacked a theater filled with German troops at the moment that a newsreel shot of Hitler was being shown. Two German soldiers were killed and many others injured.

German patrols appeared in the streets and were fired on. Fighting became general, including a grenade attack on the Hotel de la Poste, where two more Germans were slain. Hand-to-hand fighting in the streets ended when the guerrillas withdrew after suffering only small losses, secretly transmitted dispatches said.

In Lorient, still smoking from American bombs, the fighting followed a similar pattern. Guerrillas bombed a German naval canteen, hang-out for U-boat crews,

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Chennault, Flying Tiger Chief, Heads New Air Force in China

CHUNGKING, Mar. 10—Brig. Gen. Claire Chennault, former Louisiana high school principal, who led the American Volunteer Group ("Flying Tigers") into combat against the Japanese long before the United States and Japan were at war, was given command today of a newly created China Air Command, comprising the 14th Air Force.

His appointment was announced by Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell, commander of U.S. forces in India and China and chief of staff of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. Chinese quarters rejoiced at the appointment. It was considered that in his new post Gen. Chennault would be one of the key men in the air offensive against the Japanese.

Creation of the separate air command was believed to be one of the concrete results of Mme. Chiang Kai-shek's visit to Washington. It was taken for granted in Chungking that Gen. Chennault's air force would be considerably strengthened.

Gen. Stilwell's announcement said: "Upon the decision of the War Department, the 14th Air Force was activated today under the commanding general of the U.S. Army Forces in China, Burma and India. The 14th Air Force, com-

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Scenes like this were being repeated throughout France yesterday as the French resisted Hitler's labor conscription. Here a man, shot by SS troops during a Paris demonstration of resistance, is carried into a Nazi army car.

Patrols Harassing Rommel, Foe Shows No Sign of Fight

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Mar. 10 (AP)—Eighth Army patrols harassed Rommel's crippled Panzers in southern Tunisia today, knocking out more tanks, while the other fronts were relatively quiet and bad weather restricted operations by the Allied air forces.

Commenting on the German withdrawal after the abortive drive on the Mareth line, a military spokesman said:

"We knew we won the first round and the enemy is showing no willingness to come up for round two. We know he lost more armor than he can afford."

It was announced that the total German tanks knocked out had been raised to 52 by yesterday's losses.

Taking up the burden dropped by their armored forces, German fighter bombers attempted evening attacks on the Eighth Army area. One group of fighters was driven off before they could drop any bombs.

Allied planes flew offensive patrols in the northern and central sectors without encountering Axis air opposition.

There was little activity in northern Tunisia but the Anglo-American First Army patrols were "extremely active."

In the far south the French completed the occupation of Tozeur, south west of Gafsa, and their reconnaissance patrols were active.

With the Eighth Army, Mar. 8 (delayed) (AP)—The battle of Medenine was no thrust to probe British defenses. It was an attack in force to drive the British back. It failed because the Eighth Army was ready with guns which laid down a fire equal in intensity to the bombardment which preceded the British attack at El Alamein.

Today the morale of this army is higher than at any time during the campaign across Africa.

Rommel changed his tank tactics in the battle of Medenine. Instead of sending a full force of tanks against one sector of the front he spread them in groups along

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26 Bombers Hit Allied Air Base

Light Damage, Casualties; Libs Blast Targets in Shortland Islands

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Mar. 10—Twenty-six Japanese twin-engined bombers attacked the Allied airbase at Wau, New Guinea, yesterday, causing little damage and light casualties, according to the official communique issued here today.

Escorted by 21 fighter planes, the enemy bombers came in from the northwest flying at 15,000 feet and dropped their bombs on the base all at once.

No mention was made in the communique of any planes shot down. Wau is about 35 miles southwest of Salamaua and 425 miles south of Rabaul, main operating base of the Japs in New Britain.

A heavy Allied bomber on reconnaissance duty near New Britain ran into nine Jap fighters and shot down four of them, probably a fifth, and returned to its base safely.

Japanese planes dropped bombs on

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Nazis Block Red Drive in Donetz Basin

Outreaching Supply Line, Russians Retreat from Important Towns

MOSCOW, Mar. 10 (UP)—Fierce counter-attacks in the Donetz Basin area forced Russian units to retreat today—the first setback the Soviet fighters have received in more than three months of offensive warfare.

Elsewhere along the far-flung front the Russians hold the advantage, pushing ahead against wavering German defenses or, at least, holding the positions they had already won.

Russian communiques admitted that Krasnograd, Lozovaya, Pavlograd, Krasno-Armeisk, Kramatorskaya, Barvenkovo, Slaviansk and Lisichansk—several of them important points—had been abandoned, and that Russian troops were meeting heavy German attacks on a new line east of those points.

Red Star, Russian Army newspaper, summed up the new situation by assigning a defensive role to Russian units in the southern area. Their duty, said the paper, would be to "wage defensive warfare and stubbornly and firmly hold their positions and repulse all attacks."

Outreached Supply Lines

The Russian setbacks came when spearheads, striking to the southwest, outreached their supply lines. Short of ammunition and food, their situation complicated by a sudden thaw which turned frozen roads into quagmires, the advance Red units found themselves in danger of encirclement. A retreat was ordered.

News from the Vyasma area was especially good from the Russian point of view. There the German retreat is gaining speed and the Russians have scored very important successes in the last 36 hours. From the east, southeast and north, Red Army columns are closing in on the great German "hedgehog" position.

Two Rail Points Fall

They have taken Tumanovo, a railway station on the Vyasma-Moscow railroad, 19 miles east of Vyasma; and they have taken Temkino, on the Kaluga-Vyasma line, 40 miles north of the town.

Further north, Gen. Timoshenko's armies are within 16 miles of Staraya Russa and are closing in for the final assault on that German stronghold.

On the Kursk-Orel front slow but steady progress goes on without any notable successes.

The battle for Smolensk continued yesterday with Russian columns striking to the west and southwest of Sychevka despite deep snow, bitter winds and blinding snow. Red troops occupied a former German concentration camp in the area and liberated many Russian civilians who had been left there by fleeing German guards.

Soviet Mines Take Toll

Russian dispatches from the fighting fronts yesterday used the sharp-focus technique of telling the story of single units in action with the enemy.

"Southwest of Voroshilovgrad," one such dispatch read, "a group of our sappers planted 650 mines at night and under enemy fire. On these mines, eight German tanks and many trucks loaded with infantrymen and supplies were blown up."

The dispatch described how the Russian engineer troops crawled to their positions, planted the deadly little tins of explosive, and withdrew despite the spattering fire of Nazi machine-guns and snipers.

When the German mechanized units attempted a dawn advance, first one, then another vehicle ran over the hidden mines, exploded them and were wrecked.

Swedish Mental Specialist On Rush Trip to Germany

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 10 (AP)—Dr. Oliver Croma, famous Swedish mental specialist, is reported to have left suddenly for Koenigsberg, East Prussia. No explanation was given here as to why he might have been summoned to Germany.

It was regarded as possible, however, that if he was on his way to attend some German leader it might well be Luftwaffe chief Hermann Goering, who often goes to East Prussia on hunting trips. After the last war he was in a Swedish mental hospital for treatment as a drug addict.

J. P. Morgan III

BOCA GRANDE, Fla., Mar. 10 (AP)—J. Pierpont Morgan, 75-year-old international banker, who has been suffering from heart trouble, has shown a slight improvement in the last 24 hours, his physician disclosed today.



Brig. Gen. Claire Chennault

66 Torpedo Survivors Rescued in Icy Seas

Sixty-six survivors from a torpedoed Seaman's Service club in Britain, the War Shipping Administration revealed yesterday. They were rescued by a British corvette.

Nine of the crew are unaccounted for.

'Priest,' With its 105, Again Rips Up Nazis

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Mar. 10 (UP)—Reports of Saturday's battle show that the 105mm. gun mounted on the chassis of a General Grant tank—known as the "Priest"—created havoc among Rommel's panzer formations.

The "Priest" played an important part in the El Alamein battle, where it outshot the German 88mm. gun, as revealed by Mr. Churchill in the House of Commons. Another of its assets is its speed of 30 miles per hour, which enables it to keep up with an advancing army.

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'Tubing'

After months of practice, we have learned the art of "tube" travel in London and will attempt to enlighten you with a bit of accumulated wisdom.

First, take the normal step, buy your ticket. To do this, enter the subway and approach a row of automatic ticket machine sellers. Be sure you have the exact change ready. Of course, you'll never know what that is in advance; but it's clearly stated on the front of each automatic salesman; so read through the list of 50 to 100 names, paying no attention to those pushing rudely behind you. With the station located, insert the proper number of pennies in the slot provided. This should result in a roar of gears that ends with the machine spitting a ticket into your waiting palm. At times the machine doesn't work; so add another penny and kick it twice. If no ticket is forthcoming, leave the machine and queue up at the nearest sales window.

Next, look over the maze of passages and proceed via the escalator to the bowels of the earth where "tube" traffic flows freely. To the uninitiated this sounds easy. In practice you'll do well to call on the nearest Boy Scout. Some ex-New Yorkers find "tubing" comes easy. They possess a natural intuition that quickly adapts itself to the London subatmosphere; but those from the West must depend on Indian blood to keep them on the right "trail."

Once in the train, follow Billy Brown of London town's advice to the letter, and be sure you never pull off the junk on the windows, for as one of Billy's little messages so happily puts it, "Pardon my correction, that's there for your protection." It does tend to blind the beginner, however, and many a Yank has traveled for miles rather than get off at "Bovril."

In the tube, never hesitate to ask your way from a fellow-passenger. He may not be sure; but he'll always do his best to assist you, and if you get off at the wrong station, another train will soon be along. The return journey may also prove difficult. One soldier used the "chalk on the wall" method which works well in the passages; but is hard to adapt to the speed of the train. The shiny pebble method has other disadvantages.

Above all, watch the two circles. The Inner Circle and the Outer Circle can easily be confused, and if you get them going in opposite directions you may never get home.

Science Goes To War

American victories against the Axis in 1942 were greatly aided by men in laboratories, fighting on the war fronts of science. Much scientific progress is shrouded in military secrecy; but a great part of the year's advance has been publicly announced.

In its annual survey, Science Service presents many of the highlights in the year's progress, and we in turn pass on a few which should prove interesting to every GI Joe.

Topping the list is the newly improved airplane engine, now reduced in weight to less than one pound per horsepower, and able with its new propeller to cruise American built planes at a speed faster than 400 miles an hour.

A de-icer for airplane propellers that provides for the forcing of anti-freeze chemical through a series of holes when the propeller is rotated has also been patented.

Two more plane inventions include a caterpillar type tread for airplane landing gear and a portable catapult for land launching of military and civilian planes.

"Unjammable" secret radio communication, together with an automatic radio repeating station that receives, amplifies and re-transmits messages without human attention, are new features in the radio field, and for the army photographer, science has provided "repeating" flashlight bulbs, good for several photoflashes; which, together with non-shatterable flashlight bulbs made of plastics, make picture snapping less of a headache and more of a pleasure.

Hundreds of other military inventions have been tested and adopted for military use. Many of these, in time of peace, will go far toward making the world a better place in which to live.

And the world of science still carries on.

Hash Marks

In Maryland an air-raid warden spotted three flashlights slowly moving down main street in violation of dimout rules. 'Twas three women who explained they were "window-shopping."

Here's one ruse that backfired. When his wife refused to let him go out, a Kankakee man telephoned the police and



told them, "There's a woman here whose husband is drunk and she wants him arrested." The guy got out of the house all right, but he didn't get to that poker game after all. He was taken to the police station, held for several hours and fined \$10 for "drunkenness."

A supply sergeant got quite a jolt the other day when he spotted a bunch of diapers arriving in his company's laundry. A check-up showed that one soldier in the outfit used the triangular pants to clean his rifle, polish his mess kit, dust his shoes and pad his helmet.

In Washington, the landlord's paradise, where you can't get accommodations for love nor money, some light-hearted soul inserted this ad in a daily paper:

It's somewhere in heaven; and that's no laugh.
 A two-room apartment with kitchen and bath.
 Furnished or not, a close-in spot would mean a lot.
 'Twould make us so happy—Me and my mate.
 If you've got that set-up, Heaven can wait.

From reports we've gotten from the States we thought bosses were begging for help—not trying to scare it away. But a publisher of a weekly newspaper in Wisconsin inserted this ad in a trade journal. "WANTED: A girl journalist with at least a year's experience to assist publisher of a good weekly. Prefer girl who is beautiful, smart and willing to work for \$15 a week. Office is cold in winter and hot as hell in the summer. You'll suffer here, but you'll learn to be a good newspaperman or you'll be fired."

A New York writer took a correspondence course in hypnotism and decided to test his ability on a charming young lady



who walked into the restaurant one afternoon. When the babe seated herself at his table, the waiter looked at her firmly and mumbled to himself repeatedly, "You must call the head waiter to your table and tell him you insist on being served by no one but me." In a little while the girl began to stir uneasily and the amateur hypnotist beamed with satisfaction as she at last beckoned the head waiter. His joy was short-lived. The head waiter stepped up and barked, "The lady over there wants you to stop staring at her. You make her nervous."

J. C. W.

Front Line Hospital on Wheels

Mobile Surgery Unit Saves Lives in Battle

By Charles W. White
 Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A U.S. HOSPITAL, England, Mar. 10—Every American soldier knows in a vague sort of way that, if he gets wounded, somebody will come along with a stretcher and pick him up. He knows about first aid, evacuation of casualties and so on. What he frequently doesn't realize is that, in this war, U.S. Army medics are equipped to give him complete, definitive surgical attention, at the front, within a few minutes after he is hurt. Formerly, wounded men were given first aid, carried by stretcher to an ambulance, then driven, perhaps for miles, to the nearest surgery base.

Today mobile hospital units, each carrying full surgical equipment and manned by thoroughly trained enlisted men as well as army surgeons, can go right in where the trouble is.

These little "hurry up hospital" trucks, some day to visit battlefields wherever American forces fight, have been demonstrated at a base in England. Perfectly white and clean inside, cabinets and drawers full of shining surgical instruments, bandages and medical paraphernalia, the mobile units may furnish more modern conditions than exist today in many smaller local hospitals back in the States. The soldier will get the best and—more important—he'll get it quick.

No Time Lapse

As one of the doctors in charge of the demonstration pointed out: "Last war we had many casualties due entirely to the time lapse between finding the man and treating him. Men had to be taken into tents, often laid on blankets or even on wet or muddy ground. There were many casualties from shock that could have been prevented by quick blood transfusions; there were even gangrene cases. These new units, for one thing, are well up above the ground, preventing damp.

"And, more important than anything else, they are clean."
 The trucks themselves were built by American soldiers of ordnance outfits in the field in England from material that came partly from the U.S., partly from wherever they could get it. Four to each medical battalion, each truck fits exactly prescribed standards.

In them a surgeon, with anaesthetist and perhaps one or more assistants, can perform any kind of surgical operation, from removal of shell fragments to the ever possible appendectomy. Attendants



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

A "bullet" is removed from the abdomen of T/4 Thomas Bianco, Bordentown, N.J., driver and electrician. Capt. M. F. Lieber, Washington, D.C., (left) uses the instruments while T/4 V. Bothell, Iowa City, gives an anaesthetic. Ordinarily, Bothell would hold the mask in his left hand, nor would his hand touch the towel. Both surgeon and anaesthetist would wear mask and gown.

will slip instruments into the surgeon's hand; sutures will be made; ether given as respiration and heart action are checked; all under brilliant lights that give the masked, white-gowned surgeon full opportunity to see what he is doing. As he sews with needle and catgut, trained assistants will stand by to help where needed. As far as the patient is concerned, he'll be "out" most of this time; he won't know about sponges, towels, hot and cold water. It happens quickly; in a few moments the patient is taken from the table by litter bearers and the next man is passed up for his chance at rescue and life.

Doesn't Leave Litter

At no time is the wounded man moved from one bed to another. He stays on the litter from the time he is first picked up until he is placed in hospital. The litter is put up into the truck and on the operation table with the patient on it. After the operation the man is moved, still on the litter, by men who know how to do this careful job.

The truck itself is made from an ordinary two and a half ton, six by six chassis; the top is raised to 82 inches over the floor, so that doctors and assistants can stand without stooping or discomfort. There is a 120-gallon tank of cold water, and, in service, 24 gallons of hot water. Heat for boiling water comes from a field range.

Power to furnish heat and light comes from a five kw. generator on a trailer attached to the truck. This generator will pull enough load not only to light and heat the surgical truck itself but to light up adjacent tents or buildings being used for additional work in case of necessity.

A surgery station, with one or more of the new type trucks as the center, can be set up anywhere in the field in ten to 15 minutes. Each truck carries two medical officers and about ten enlisted men. They stay until the job is over; if action advances or falls back, they go with it. If forced to stay in the field for days or weeks, they are supplied with rations, field ranges, and cooking implements.

The temporary demonstration unit was in charge of Capt. M. F. Lieber, of Washington, and Capt. L. Crisman, of Salt Lake City, Utah, both of the Army Medical Corps.

T/4 Sgt. C. Krochmal, Dunkirk, N.Y., surgical technician; T/4 Thomas Bianco, Bordentown, N.J., mechanical technician, driver, electrician; T/4 R. Morrell, Elmira, N.Y., surgical technician; T/4 V. Bothell, Iowa City, Iowa, pharmacist and anaesthetist; Pfc P. Jauron, Sioux City, Iowa, litter bearer and (as he calls it) "KP, guard detail, etcetera, but we'll be there. . . ." Pfc H. R. Krienzie, New York, litter bearer and sanitary technician, and Pfc Angelo Yampaglia, Newark, N.J., litter bearer and first aid.

Supplying Eighth Army a Huge Problem
 2,400 Tons Needed Daily; Water Stock Biggest Headache

CAIRO, Mar. 10 (AP)—It took 2,400 tons of supplies daily, delivered under the most difficult conditions, to keep the Eighth Army going on its 1,500-mile drive from Alamein to Tripoli.

The staggering problems which its quartermaster branch met and solved during the campaign were described by Lt. Gen. Sir Wilfred Gordon Lindell, who was in charge of the administration. The delivery of water daily to the fight-

ing men was his branch's greatest nightmare, he said.

In places where water was available 400 tons of supplies daily kept a single division going, but where there was no water the figure would be 520.

More Than Last War

In the world war in France, Sir Wilfred said, 300 tons daily was enough for a division, the increase in this war being due to greater mechanization.

The RAF and the Navy, he said, gave great help to the quartermaster's department, the former by keeping enemy planes off supply columns, the Navy by moving supply ships into Mersa Matruh, Bardia,

Tobruk, Benghazi and other points shortly after they were occupied. Aircraft also transported some vital supplies, he said.

The desert railway was repaired and pressed into service swiftly after the occupation of territory. Between Daba and Matruh there were 67 demolitions in the line to be rebuilt and many mines and booby traps to cope with.

The quartermaster's work consisted of moving everything from a tank to a bar of soap up to the fighting men, he said.

For the army on wheels, 2,000 new tires must be issued daily. Its vehicles had a total of 720,000 wheels and the desert was hard on tires.



"I told you I wouldn't be able to wait long!"

ARMY POETS

Ingratitude
 He's up at 3 AM, my boy,
 At 10 that night he's through;
 For him life holds no fun, no joy;
 He envies me and you.
 Now, if the men said: "Boy, that's good,
 It's fine, I think it's great."
 Perhaps he would be understood . . .
 He'd then reciprocate.
 But all the boys say: "Gee it stinks,
 It's worse and worse each day."
 He bites his lip; a tear he blinks
 And turns and goes his way.
 Now what he puts in front of us
 Is better or as good
 As anything we had at home,
 I want it understood.
 That's why the Mess Sergeant is sad,
 He works and works like Hell,
 And then the troops file in and say:
 "What is that awful smell?"
 Cpl. John Readey.

In Camp
 The hardest part of every day
 Is when I start to rise
 These cold and foggy mornings
 At "Roll out now youse guys,"
 Then I move weary bones about
 Feet on the cold, cold floor
 And pray for another hour in bed
 To sleep and sleep and snore.
 But I put on cold, damp breeches
 And pull on my puteses,
 It's cold enough these mornings
 To shake my purple knees.
 Still I guess I shouldn't holler,
 I'm not the only one,
 And whether or not I like it
 It simply must be done.
 But I don't think I'm so diff'rent
 From tougher, bigger guys,
 When I say my hardest job is
 An early morning rise.
 Captain John B. Burt.

ETO Cage Tourney to Be Held at Albert Hall

Dahlgren Goes To Phils For Waner, Glossop

Veteran First Baseman Traded by Dodgers In Player Deal

NEW YORK, Mar. 10—The Brooklyn Dodgers finally unloaded Babe Dahlgren, perambulating first baseman, on the Philadelphia Phils who gave up Outfielder Lloyd Waner and Shortstop Alban Glossop in return.

Dodger Prexy Branch Rickey has wanted to dispose of Dahlgren for a long time. He thought he'd done it a couple of months ago when he sold him to Indianapolis for \$5,000, but Dahlgren protested to Commissioner Landis that he was still major league material, and Landis made the Dodgers take him back, saying they had no right to dispose of him for less than the waiver price.

A little later Rickey was mighty glad Landis intervened, because the chances of getting Dolph Camilli to return to baseball appeared none too good. But as soon as Camilli changed his mind, Rickey put Dahlgren on the block again. The Giants also were interested, but the Phils' new President Bill Cox beat them to the draw.

Best Years Behind

Cox offered 37-year-old Outfielder Lloyd, of the Poisonous Waners, and Alban Glossop, utility infielder, Rickey bit. There's a saying that nobody ever gets the better of "The Brain" in a baseball deal—Rickey is reputedly the David Harum of the major leagues—but he is going to have a hard time convincing anybody that he got the better of this one.

Waner has a 16-year major league batting average of .317, but his best years appear to be far behind. He hit only .261 for the Phils last year.

Glossop promises to be more useful. An erratic hitter, batting .225 for the Phils last year, he nevertheless knocked in 40 runs. He can cover any infield spot except first and should be valuable insurance for Manager Durocher who plans to start at shortstop and for third baseman Arkie Vaughn, who is still undecided about playing at all.

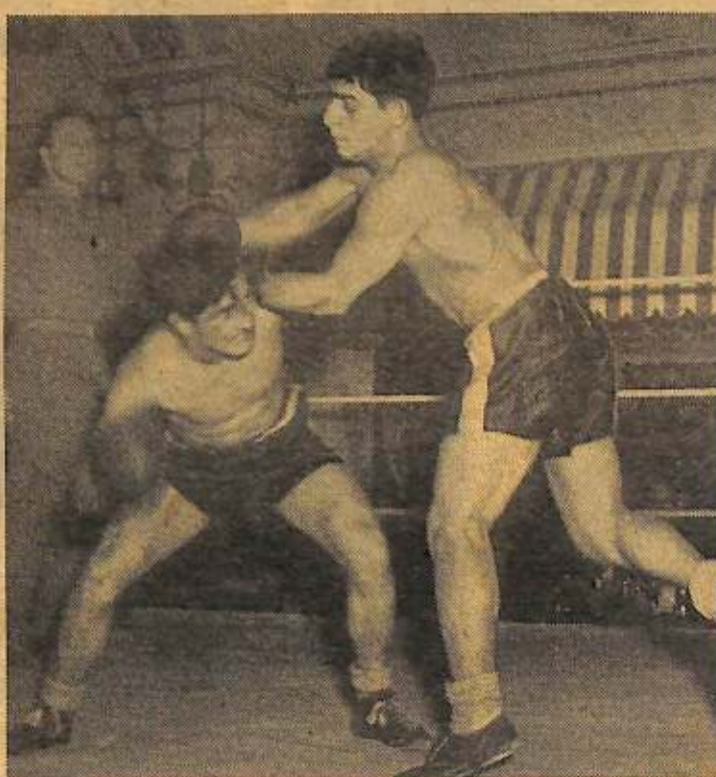
Babe May Play Third

As for Dahlgren, Rickey gave up a player that few clubs seem to want, but who is recognized as one of the best fielding first sackers in the business, even though he can't hit major league pitching. The Babe, now 31, broke in with the Red Sox eight or nine seasons back and performed commendably enough to interest the Yankees, who bought him to fill Lou Gehrig's shoes.

But the champions traded him, and he passed through Wrigley Field and Flatbush on his way to Shibe Park.

The Babe has always hit well there. The Phils' new manager, Bucky Harris, says he may use him on third base. In this case, the Phils might open the season with Levy on first, Murtaugh on second and Bragan at short.

Rainbow Corner Winners on Their Toes



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos

In a non-tournament scrap at Tuesday night's Stars and Stripes fights, Sgt. Tony Carmarillo, of Los Angeles, found the reach of Cpl. Pat Sullivan, of Staten Island, N.Y., no disadvantage, taking a three-round decision. Here (left) Tony lands a hard left to Sullivan's mouth. In an Air Force title bout, Pfc Gene Donato, of Steelton, Pa., ducks under Pfc Peter Lombardi, of New York. Donato won the contest and the Air Force lightweight crown.

Cowley Nears Scoring Record

BOSTON, Mar. 10—Bill Cowley, veteran Boston Bruin center, has three games left in which to tie or break two National League hockey scoring records.

Cowley regained the National League scoring lead last week from Doug Bentley, of the Chicago Black Hawks, chiefly through getting three goals in one game against Detroit. The Bentley brothers, Doug and Max, with 65 points each, are runner-ups to Bill's 67 points.

Bill needs only seven points in three remaining games to beat Cooney Weiland's season's record of 73 established with the Bruins in '29-'30. He needs to assist in only four more plays to better his own season's mark of 45 assists.

The leaders are:

	G	A	Pts.
Cowley, Boston	25	42	67
Doug Bentley, Chicago	30	35	65
Max Bentley, Chicago	25	40	65
Lorne Carr, Toronto	26	30	56
Lynn Patrick, New York	20	36	56
Bill Taylor, Toronto	17	38	55
Bryan Hextall, New York	24	29	53
Buzz Boll, Boston	25	27	52
Toe Blake, Montreal	21	31	52
Sid Howe, Detroit	19	32	51

Armstrong Regains His Stride As He Kayoes Tippy Larkin

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 10—Henry Armstrong is heading East for his April 2 bout with Beau Jack with the scalp of Tippy Larkin in his vest pocket. Hammering Henry, who last week suffered a severe jolt in his comeback campaign when Willie Joyce, Indiana Negro, decisively outpointed him, more than redeemed himself by his second-round knockout of the Garfield, N.J., lad Monday night. It took lightweight champion Beau Jack three rounds to get the same result.

Machock Leads Depot Scorers

By Wade Barton

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

AN AIR DEPOT STATION, Mar. 10—Team B, Repair, came back in the last half to overcome a three point deficit to win over Team F, Repair, 37-34, in a make-up game in the — Air Depot Group basketball league.

Pfc Clifford Hull, of Anderson, Ind., for the losers, poured 19 points through the hoop to take top scoring honors for the evening, but the string of baskets by Sgt. Howard Ellerbee, of Crest, Ga., and T/Sgt. Richard Boerrigter, of Tulsa, Okla., in the last half proved to be the deciding factor.

	G	F	P		G	F	P
Ellerbee, I.	6	1	13	Stroh, I.	4	0	8
Edwards, I.	0	0	0	Denton, I.	0	1	1
Boerrigter, C.	5	0	10	Campbell, C.	2	0	4
Chapman, E.	0	1	1	Hull, E.	9	1	19
Ellerbee, S.	6	1	13	Brill, S.	1	0	2
				Bakies, I.	0	0	0
Totals	17	3	37	Totals	16	2	34

Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
A Hdqts.	5	0	1.000	G Repair	2	2	.500
E Repair	4	0	1.000	I Repair	2	2	.500
H Repair	3	1	.750	J Repair	2	2	.500
A Repair	3	2	.600	D Hdqts.	1	3	.250
D Repair	3	2	.600	B Supply	1	3	.250
F Repair	3	2	.600	C Hdqts.	1	3	.250
A Supply	3	2	.600	B Hdqts.	0	3	.000
D Supply	3	2	.600	E Hdqts.	0	3	.000
B Repair	3	3	.500	C Supply	0	3	.000

Player	Team	Games	Points
Machock	D Repair	5	53
Rozenman	A Supply	5	49
Zimmerman	A Hdqts.	4	48
Christian	E Repair	3	47
Samsal	A Hdqts.	5	46
Parker	C Repair	4	44
Flagella	C Hdqts.	4	44
Floyd	D Repair	4	42
English	A Repair	5	41
Ellerbee	B Repair	5	41

Handball Tourney Starts

BELFAST, Mar. 10—The first handball tournament to be held in North Ireland is scheduled to be staged at the Red Cross club here the latter part of the month. Frank Kammerlohr, of Great Falls, Mon., athletic director of the club, has announced that the tournament will be open to officers, enlisted men and technicians.

Bombers Stage Bike Race As Relaxation After Raids

A BOMBER STATION, England, Mar. 10—Men who fly to Germany as their regular day's work took the day off yesterday for a 7-mile bike race in which the heats were named after fixtures of American horse racing.

Top performer was S/Sgt. Paul Newhouse, of Herminie, Pa., who won three events.

Toughest contest of the day was a full field equipment pedal session in which riders wore helmet, gas-mask and pack. Cpl. Paul Wolfe, a Pennsylvania product, put on a home-stretch spurt to win.

Basketball Results

National Collegiate Eliminations
 North Texas State 60, Stout Institute 37.
 Luther 31, Southeastern State 29.
 Kansas Wesleyan 43, Lawrence Tech. 42.
 Eastern Oregon 45, Illinois Wesleyan 40.
 Akron 52, York 49.
 Appalachian 48, Simpson 31.
 Pepperdine 50, Kearney 45.

London Court Playoffs Start On March 30

16 Teams to Be Entered In Contests Which Last 3 Days

The basketball champions of the U.S. Army in the ETO will be chosen from 16 teams who will compete in a three-day tournament at the Royal Albert Hall, London, starting Mar. 30.

Sixteen teams will be entered in the first eliminations, which will be played Tuesday afternoon, Mar. 30. The eight winners will advance to the quarter-finals which will be run off the next afternoon, with the semi-finals held the third afternoon, April 1, and the finals coming up the night of April 1. The semi-final losers will play the preliminary game of a double header on the final program.

Entry Qualifications Being Set

Albert Hall, situated in the central part of London, is one of the largest halls in the city with a seating capacity of 6,000. Although it is now the home of the London Symphony Orchestra, it has its Madison Square Garden aspects, with many boxing shows held there before the start of the war.

The tournament is another step in the expansion of the work of The Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee which represents a joint, coordinated effort of the American Red Cross, the Special Service section of the Army and The Stars and Stripes to promote a complete athletic program for the American forces in the British Isles.

Special Service officers already are working on the qualifications of teams who will be represented in the championship competition. Details for team entry are being worked out now and will be revealed in future editions of The Stars and Stripes.

All-Stars Drop British Booters

—TH DIVISION BASE, England, Mar. 10—The All-Star soccer team chosen from this base to represent the U.S. Army in the Inter-Allied Cup finals came through with a decisive 7-1 victory over a British Army eleven in the first test of the team as a unit. This is the same squad which will engage the strong London Metropolitan police team at Imber Court, Thames Ditton, on Saturday.

Star of this initial contest was Pfc Benjamin Sentute, of Washington, a forward. Sentute, nimble and clever, booted in two goals. Before being inducted into the Army, Sentute played with such clubs as the Ruffies of Fall River, Mass.; Ludlows of Springfield, Mass.; Lucitanias of Boston, and St. Anthony's of Lowell, Mass.

Most of the other squad members are former players of the Greater Baltimore League. Pvt. Joseph Brady, of Baltimore played four years in the loop.

Another boy who may shine on Saturday is a new recruit to the team, with five years' experience in professional soccer. He is Pfc Anthony Guerri, of Springfield, Mass., who was a member of the New England All-Stars which met the U.S. All-Stars in 1934.

Pvt. Donald Mazzola, of Port Chester, N.Y., a forward, played for the Stamford (Conn.) eleven for three years and with the Port Chester team of the Westchester Soccer League.

Observation Squadron Quintets Win 2 Games

AN OBSERVATION SQUADRON STATION, Mar. 10—Both enlisted men and officers of this station won in two basketball play-offs here.

In the double elimination, the officers, paced by Lt. Stanley Marsh, of Laramie, Wyo., with 18 points, eased ahead of a Service Group five, 41-30.

The enlisted quintet won, 31-30, over another observation outfit after a last-minute push by Cpl. Harry, who tossed in two winning baskets.

NEWS FROM HOME

House Committee Approves 20 Per Cent Holdback Tax

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (AP)—The Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives today approved a compromise income tax collection plan imposing a 20 per cent withholding levy on the taxable portions of all wages and salaries. The plan left to each individual the option of remaining a year behind in tax payments or "doubling up" taxes in one year and going on a pay as you go basis.

No tax abatement was provided. The withholding levy against pay envelopes and salary checks would be effective as from July 1.

The committee thus abandoned all the long-debated tax collection proposals and transferred to the House of Representatives the issue as to whether one tax year should be cancelled to put all tax-payers on the pay-as-you-go basis.

Mourn Jewish Dead

NEW YORK, Mar. 10—Madison Square Garden, transformed into a huge temple of mourning, was filled, emptied and refilled with 34,000 people who attended a memorial meeting tonight for the 2,000,000 Jews killed by the Nazis in Europe.

A cast of more than 1,000 included Sylvia Sidney, Luther Adler, Paul Muni and Edward G. Robinson in a commemorative pageant which presented the Jewish contributions to civilization from the days of Moses to the present Jewish participation in the armed forces of the United Nations.

Flophouse To Army

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 10—Henry Arrup is flying a 24-star service flag from his two-bit flophouse for former residents now in the service.

New York Boy Makes Good

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10—William McChesney Martin Jr., who left his job as president of the New York Stock

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COME IN, MY BOY— COME RIGHT IN!!

German Airmen Now Show Fight In Tunisia Skies

Desperate, Nazis Give Up Policy of Avoiding Air Combat

A U.S. FIGHTER BASE, Southern Tunisia, Mar. 10 (AP)—Apparently in desperation, German pursuit pilots have changed their combat tactics since the battle of El Alamein and are engaging more frequently in dogfights with Allied fighters sweeping over the Mareth Line on strafing and bombing missions.

That is the report from U.S. fighter pilots who have battled the Luftwaffe from El Alamein into Tunisia.

In addition to more dogged enemy resistance, pilots return from missions with reports that the German anti-aircraft fire from Gabes south is the heaviest they have ever encountered.

Lt. Col. Arthur Salisbury, of Sedalia, Mo., returned from one strafing mission with six planes in his flight punctured by bullets and shrapnel.

Cornered, Must Fight

Driven into the Tunisian corner, American fliers believe that the German airmen have orders from their high command to fight back instead of using hit-run tactics.

I/Lt. Gil Wymond, of Louisville, Ky., a member of the Fighting Cock squadron, discussing German tactics after returning from a mission over the Mareth line, said:

"Jerry's tactics are entirely different now. At El Alamein they came at us out of the sun, diving in a column, and usually made one pass. If they did not hit us in the first burst, the chances were they'd hightail away. Sometimes they'd climb and dive a second time but not often."

"Now they come at us from all sides and beneath. And they mix in with us. They're more progressive. I'm inclined to think we got 'em cornered and they know it—so there's nothing left for them to do but stand up and fight."

Chennault New China Air Chief

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manded by Brig. Gen. Claire Chennault, replaces the China Air Task Force."

Gen. Chennault, who had become an authority on air warfare since he left teaching in 1918 to join the Army Air Corps in the World War, went to China in 1937 after the Army had retired him with the rank of captain because of impaired hearing.

He taught combat flying to Chinese pilots, then returned to the United States and convinced President Roosevelt that permission should be granted U.S. Army and Navy pilots to resign and join him in fighting the Japs. Previously Americans could not serve in foreign armies without losing their citizenship.

P40's Make History

In six months his American Volunteer Group was in action, playing havoc with Japanese transportation and communications with a handful of P40's and building up a fabulous score of enemy planes downed in combat.

In their first two months of action over Burma and south China, the "Flying Tigers" sent more than 300 Jap airmen to their deaths. They shot down 136 planes, 43 of them bombers carrying three or more men, and themselves lost only four men. In one engagement over Rangoon they knocked down 47 Jap planes in two days.

Operating in small units, they attacked in perplexing weaves. Their unorthodox approaches made the unimaginative Japanese flee in bewilderment after their first devastating losses, and since then the shark-nosed planes of the "Flying Tigers" have written one of the most colorful chapters in the air history of this war.

Sergeant Cribbage Winner

CHEL TENHAM, Mar. 10—Sgt. John Petit, of an engineer outfit stationed in this area, scored 719 out of a possible 720 points Monday to win a cribbage tournament at the American Red Cross Service Club. Oscar Denault, attached to SOS Headquarters, was runner-up in the tourney.

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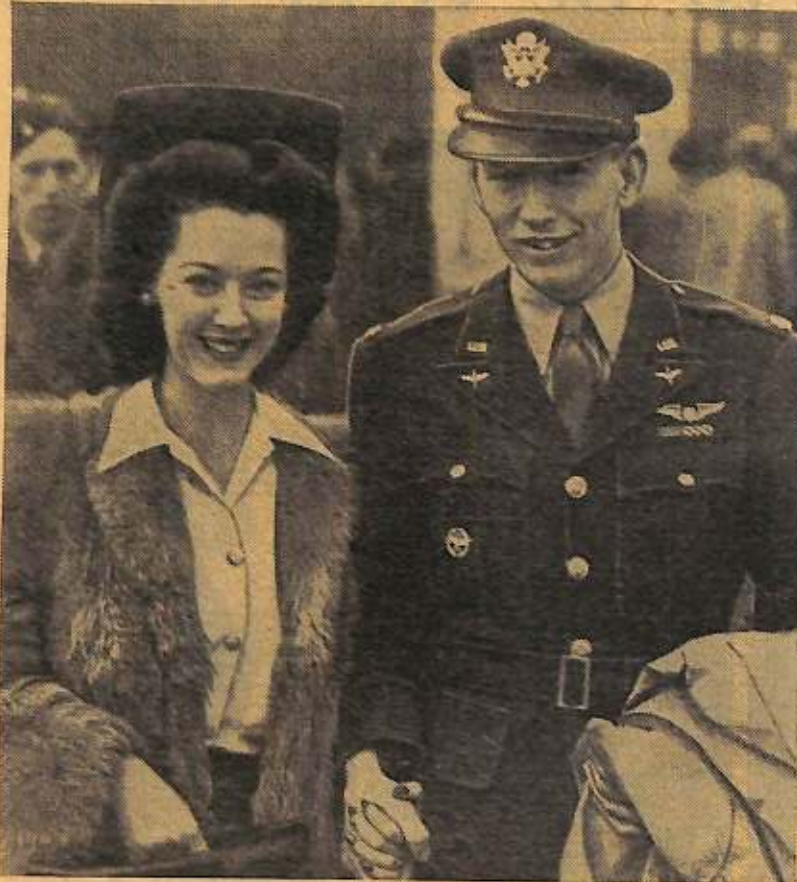
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after stabbing a sentry to death and killing several officers.

Fighting French demolition squads, in civilian clothes, dynamited a 13-car train of military supplies at Rochefort and wrecked locomotives at La Rochelle.

Another large-scale outbreak, far to the east, hinted at a nation-wide underground movement. It was described at Eton College by B. S. Townroe, of the United Associations of Great Britain and France, who said he had been informed that Alsatian youths, ordered to report for service with the German army, had attacked frontier guards with revolvers and bombs before escaping into Switzerland. Three of the youths were killed and 12 captured and executed, Townroe said.

Receives DSO at Buckingham Palace



Topical Press Photo
Lt. Col. C. G. Peterson and his South African actress-wife leave Buckingham Palace after Col. Peterson was awarded the British DSO for gallant work during the Dieppe action. The former Eagle Squadron fighter pilot already holds the DSC and DFC.

'Butch' Got Home on 2 Engines But Won't Bomb France Again

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Mar. 10—The Flying Fortress "Butch" will never fly again, but there are witnesses to testify she was a pretty tough customer in her day.

"Butch" came back from Monday's raid on Rennes looking as if she'd taken on the whole Luftwaffe. Two motors dead on the left, one on the right sputtering; able to make turns to the right only and her body shredded by cannon and machine-gun fire during a 45-minute battle with a pack of enemy fighters, "Butch" came through it all to bring her crew back safely to a field 40 miles from home base.

The Fort, piloted by I/Lt. Robert A. Saunders, of Youngstown, Ohio, was so badly damaged it will be junked, but before she went out of circulation "Butch" had the satisfaction of knowing her gunners shot down three planes and possibly a fourth.

How the ship survived the battle and returned, although the crew prepared to bale out over France during one stage of the hostilities, was told here today.

"It was our fifteenth trip to enemy territory and by far our worst," said Lt. Saunders, who named the bomber after his wife. "We were attacked by the largest group of enemy fighters I've seen before we reached the target."

S/Sgt. Harry E. Ginns, of Evenston, Wyo., said one of the first blasts from the fighters hit the No. 4 engine, but since it didn't seem to be badly damaged at the time he withheld the news from Lt. Saunders.

Hit by Cannon Fire

"Just before we got over the target a cannon burst tore into the left wing, knocking out one motor and badly damaging the other on that side," related 2/Lt. Pelham R. Burnett, co-pilot from Baltimore.

Machine-gun bullets and cannon fire tore holes in the side of the radio operator's cabin, exploding an oxygen unit and causing fire which soon was extinguished.

The FWs came head on into the Fortress.

"Sometimes it looked as if we'd crash into them," said 2/Lt. Warren W. Anderson, bombardier from Lawrence, Kan., who shot down one of the three Nazi planes.

The plane was so badly crippled at this point that Lt. Saunders ordered his crew to prepare to abandon the ship over northern France. Although they dropped steadily from 19,000 to 2,000 feet the pilot decided to make a try for Britain.

S/Sgt. Rush J. London, of Sand Springs, Okla., and Richard G. Koretke, of Naperville, Ill., got the other two FWs while S/Sgt. William T. Nolan, New York City, claimed a probable.

When Lt. Saunders finally got back to Britain and found a spot to land the plane had an altitude of only 200 feet.

Other members of the crew are S/Sgt. Paul L. Claffelter, of Los Angeles, Cal., and Clyde E. Willey, of Portland, Ore.

Blondie

(By courtesy of King Features Syndicate and the London Daily Sketch)



Lone GI Afloat on Raft Coolest Man in Icy Sea

When the British corvette Mignonette reached the scene of a torpedoed early last month, the sea was covered with wreckage, German submarines were lurking about and Pvt. Horace H. Pelly, of the American Army, was calmly riding a "doughnut" life raft up and down steep waves.

Dressed in his GI overcoat, winter hat and gloves, OD, wool, Pvt. Pelly waved gaily at the Mignonette as she fought off submarines until it was his turn to be picked up. Pelly's calmness so impressed the corvette's commander that he made a special report to the British Admiralty, it was revealed yesterday.

Pacific Victory 'Not Decisive'

By No Means Ends Threat Of Australian Invasion, Curtin Warns

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Mar. 10 (UP)—In spite of the Allied victory in the Bismarck Sea, suggestions that the Japanese threat to the Australian mainland has been removed were bluntly rejected today in authoritative circles in Australia.

Only 136 aircraft carrying a total bomb load of only 226 tons sank the Japanese convoys of ten warships and 12 transports off New Guinea, John Curtin, Australian Premier, pointed out.

This small force put the Bismarck battle in its proper perspective, he said, since cables from Britain and the United States had indicated a tendency on the part of the Press to assume that the destruction of the Japanese convoy meant that an overwhelming air superiority had been established north of Australia. That was not the case.

The destruction of the convoy by the aircraft illustrated the concentrated organization and effective performance of the personnel engaged in the operation.

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U.S. positions on Guadalcanal Island Monday night. No casualties resulted.

Yesterday, Liberators dropped bombs in enemy areas near Kahili and Ballale in the Shortland Island area, and at Munda village in the central Solomons. All planes returned.

Later the same day a large force of Dauntless dive-bombers and Avenger torpedo-bombers with Wildcat escort attacked the airfield at Munda, New Georgia Island.

Hits on supply dumps and ack-ack positions started large fires. All U.S. planes returned.

Activity in other sectors was limited to reconnaissance duty only.

Action Off Dutch Coast

Two light naval actions off the Dutch coast Tuesday night ended with a German tanker torpedoed, escort vessels damaged and one Nazi patrol craft left burning, the Admiralty announced yesterday. One British patrol vessel failed to return to its base.

RAF-USAAF Drill Match

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Mar. 10—Rifle and drill teams of the RAF and USAAF compete here tomorrow at 2 P.M. The 10-man teams, each using its own style of drill, will be judged by a Czech captain.

Virginians Meet At Mostyn Club

Soldiers from Virginia will meet at 7.15 o'clock tonight at the American Red Cross Mostyn Club, London, carrying on a series of "home state nights."

Tuesday men from Massachusetts met at the club, with men from Alabama providing songs and answers.

Among the Alabamians were T/5 George Sindik and T/5 Phillip Sowards, both of Mobile, Ala.; Cpl. John Pettus, Birmingham, Ala., and Pfc Lamar Haskev, Thomasville, Ala.

Representing Massachusetts: Cpl. George Murphy, Cpl. Joseph Skinner and Pfc John Davis, of Boston; Cpl. John A. Howe, Brockton; Pfc Frank Perkins, Roxbury; Sgt. Henry Kellogg, Northampton; Sgt. James Scott, Fairmont, and Pfc Clifford Lowell, Newton.

Mrs. Harriett Hughes, of Boston, staff assistant at the club, also attended.

Milestone Varieties Saturday

"Milestone Varieties," is the entertainment feature Saturday night for servicemen at the American Red Cross Milestone Club. Starting at 11.30 P.M., the show features the American comedy trio, Forsythe, Seaman and Farrell and as well Marlo, the "mystic-eyed" fortune-teller.

Veteran Soldier Saddle Maker Can Retire Oct. 7, But Won't

By Paul Lange

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A SALVAGE DEPOT, N. Ireland, Mar. 10—Mechanization of the cavalry is a sore point to Lt. Joseph Rath, of Junction City, Kan., who assists Lt. Col. H. K. Holden, Des Moines, Iowa, in operating this salvage depot.

A veteran of the horse cavalry, Lt. Rath is an accomplished saddle-maker and saddle-designer who has made more than 300 of them by hand.

He is co-designer of the well-known Tuttle saddle, named after Col. Hiram E.

Tuttle, and produced a "Gentleman's Jumping Saddle" which is a combination of the French Heimes and English Martin saddles. Used for jumping and cross-country riding, it is especially useful for steeple-chasing and is very popular in Ireland.

The Kansas officer has been in service since Sept. 20, 1911, and would be eligible for retirement on Oct. 7, 1943. He doesn't plan to leave the Army, though, because "I wouldn't feel right if I went back before this war is over."

Lt. Rath served with the Sixth Field Artillery, at Fort Riley, Kan., the 430th Pursuit Squadron and the 2nd Cavalry.

by Chic Young

Navy Strength Breaking Axis, Admiral Says

Rommel Will Try Escape In Seized Ships, Attempt Doomed

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Mar. 10 (UP)—Sea power has broken the back of the Axis and will win the war in the end, Adm. Sir Andrew Cunningham, commander of Allied naval operations in the Mediterranean and North African Theater, declared here today.

"There is no doubt," the Admiral added, "that Rommel will eventually try to evacuate his forces—and I should not like to think of the consequences for the enemy. It is at least 90 miles from Tunis or Bizerta to Sicily and 120 miles to Sardinia," he said, "implying that every mile of the way would be under Allied guns or Allied bombs."

Axis Gains Ships

"The enemy has a number of ships. His gains in new ships taken in southern French ports exceed the tonnage we secured in North African ports. Nevertheless, I should not think that he is blessed with any substantial margin of ships necessary to withdraw forces and equipment from Tunisia."

Sir Andrew, who has made four trips to North America in the last 11 months, had this to say on the situation in the Pacific:

"Tremendous and telling blows are being delivered against Japanese shipping, chiefly by American submarines and aircraft. In the end that loss of shipping, coupled with Japan's inability to replace it at sufficient speed, is bound to beat Japan."

"In addition, when massive air attacks are carried out against Japan proper, the end should come more quickly than many anticipate. Going direct for the heart of the octopus should take care of the extended arms."

Golf Fooled Japs

Sir Andrew told this story of how Allied intentions immediately before the battle of Matapan were masked:

"As a screen I played golf on the afternoon before the Fleet put to sea with the blunt end of the Axis—the Japanese consul in Alexandria."

Asked if he thought the submarine menace was growing, Sir Andrew replied:

"Yes. Germany is undoubtedly building more submarines, but our methods of detecting and destroying them have improved, too. A large part of the answer to submarines is to be found in the little ships."

Bill Four Vaudeville Acts For Hans Crescent Show

Four star acts from the London stage have been booked for Saturday night's "Nightowl Cabaret" at the Hans Crescent Club, it was announced yesterday.

Starting at 10.45 PM the program will run to 1 AM with the following performers doing their acts: singer Margaret Russell, The Four Star Girls, dancing team; Chester Gale, singer; the Jitterbug Boys orchestra and a dancing chorus. Tom Joha will act as Master of Ceremonies.

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an eight-mile front. The British guns gave them terrific punishment, and by noon, when 26 tanks were knocked out without the British tanks even getting into the scrap, the panzers withdrew to regroup for a second attempt.

Late in the afternoon as the artillery thundered, 40 tanks, backed by 1,000 German infantry, struck again just east of Medenine. Field guns and anti-tank guns opened up, laying a terrific barrage in a small area. Few of the German infantry got out of that hell alive and six more tanks were added to the toll, bringing the day's bag to 32.

Then the panzers decided they had had enough and began pulling back towards the Mareth Line.

Out in the front line, two anti-tank guns which fired the first shots knocked out in ten minutes five Mark Three specials—75 tons of enemy armor reduced to blackened steel.

They Bit

It was then the first German attack went in—40 tanks moving down the wadi column. Anticipating an attack in this sector troops laid a dummy minefield in the wadi, hoping to turn the tanks up the slope broadside on to the guns.

The German tanks fell for the trap. "The tanks turned up our wadi," a sergeant said. "The first one poked its nose round the embankment, stopped to look around, but did not see us."

"Then it came on with the others close behind. We let them get to the top of the hill opposite us and then both guns fired at the same time."

"We knocked them off like pigeons sitting on a fence. One tank fired six rounds at us. One shell knocked our gun out of its pit and us with it, but we hauled it back and knocked out the tank that shot at us."