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Atlantic Wall Gets Its Daily Bomb Ration

Waves of Planes Batter Inland Targets; Berlin Hit by Mosquitoes

Wave after wave of Allied aircraft struck at German defenses in France and Belgium in daylight yesterday after a night in which the French coast was given one of its heaviest poundings and Mosquitoes dropped two-ton block-busters on Berlin.

Battered yesterday were railroad yards, airfields, a power plant, an ammunition dump and installations described only as military targets in the offensive to disrupt communications and

paralyze German plans for rushing troops to threatened invasion points.

Early in the morning Ninth Air Force Marauders and A20s roared across the Channel to drop more than 450 tons of bombs on two railroad centers in Bel-gium, one in France and a French airfield.

Bridge Dive-Bombed Almost simultaneously, P47 fighter-bombers of the Ninth Air Force swept over France, dive-bombing a railroad bridge at Mantes-Gassicourt and a rail-road yard and power plant at Valen-ciennes, and aircraft of the Second Tactical Air Force hit other targets in France and Belgium.

France and Belgium.

No sooner had the medium and fighterbombers returned to their British bases
than German radio suddenly went off the
air after announcing violent air battles
raging in the eastern Alps with American
heavies attacking from Italy.

At various times in the morning,
"weak" bomber forces were reported
over western Germany, and single raiders
were said to be over Schleswig-Holstein,
north and central Germany.

At a late four last night there was no
Allied announcement of any attacks on
the Reich.

However, Swiss radio, quoting an Ankara report, said that Bucharest was again raided in daylight yesterday. Berlin, rocked in daylight Sunday and Monday by American heavy bombers, was hit again before 1 AM yesterday morning by RAF Mosquitoes. The Air Ministry announced that "many" 4,000-pound blockbusters were dropped.

Attacks on French Coast

Meanwhile, Bomber Command launched concentrated attacks on the French coast and important industrial plants inland.

The bombing appeared to center on the Calais and Dunkirk areas, and residents of Dover, some 20 miles across the channel, reported the heaviest explosions of the war shook their homes and broke windings.

Flying a round-trip of more than 1,000 miles, a Lancaster force heaped its explosives on a ball-bearing factory at Annecy, near the Franco-Italian border. Another RAF force struck the aircraftengine plant at Gennevilliers, a Paris suburb.

Seven RAF aircraft were lost in the night's operations, which included mine-

Strongest attack yesterday morning was made by a force of about 100 Marauders on the Criel railroad yards, 25 miles northeast of Paris. Other Marauders his an airfield near Amiens, in France, and the Mons railroad center, 30 miles southwest of Brussels. The Tournai rail center, in Belgium, 15 miles south of

Lille, was bombed twice, first by Marauders and then by A20s.

The bombers, two of which failed to return, were escorted by RAF, Dominion and Allied Spitfires.

Waceler at White House
WASHINGTON, May 10 (eRuter)—
Sen. Burton K. Wheeler (D.-Mont.)
visited the White House today for the
first time in six years. He invited Presifirst time in six years. He invited Presi-dent Roosevelt to address Congress on

The War Today

Russia Sebastopol stormed after three days of fierce assault; capture gives Russians control over important Black Sea waters in the west, with mouths of Danube only 200 miles away.

Air War-Allied planes continue battering of German communications targets after RAF heavy night raids on France and Mosquito blockbuster attack on Berlin.

Pacific San Francisco conference between Adms. King, Nimiz and Halsey disclosed; new blows against Japanese may have been mapped; aerial assaults against Pacific islands continue. and Halsey disclosed; new blows against Japanese may have been mapped; aerial assaults against Pacific islands continue.

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German retreat continues; Fifth Army land front quiet.

Infantry Training for an Airman



Stars and Stripes Photo by Koenig. 1/Lt. Joseph Myers, of an airborne infantry outfit, gives F/O Clarence B. Clark, of Charlotte, N.C., a work-out on the tommy-gun as part of a refresher infantry course for glider pilots.

Glider Pilots Getting Training For Ground Jobs After Landing

By Philip H. Bucknell

A NINTH TROOP CARRIER COMMAND BASE, May 10-Glider pilots, who once wondered just what they would do after finishing their primary job-delivering airborne troops behind enemy lines-are getting refresher courses in infantry training.

So the 64-dollar question has been answered. Airborne Command and the Air Forces decided that glider pilots, once their mission was completed, would make good security guards, inter-

rogators and escorts for prisoners. The ETO refresher course is an "addition" to the infantry and weapons training they received back in the days when Troop Carrier Command was activated at Bowman Field, La. Most of that training naturally was lost, with the pilots concentrating on their job of flying. Conducting the refresher courses is a team of airborne infantry which travels from one glider group to another. The Plant Returned To Ward Firm Government Acts After

Union Wins Majority

In NLRB Election

victory, 2,440 to 1,595. The company, in refusing to extend the contract, had

laimed the union no longer represented

Seizure of the plant had widespread repercussions. Many newspapers and some congressmen charged that the Pre-

sident had exceeded his authority in ordering the Army to take over what they termed was a non-war business.

Troops were summoned when company officials refused to give up the premises to Department of Commerce officials. Sewell Avery, 80-year-old head of the firm, resisted stoutly and was carried for-

cibly from his office.

The President told his press confer-

ence yesterday that people had been seeing things under the bed in condemning the

whatever its result, would end the case.

Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones
said today the firm was returned to private

ownership because the purpose for which it was taken over had been accomplished and productive efficiency had been

In Chicago, Avery called the Presi

be better if Jesse (Jones), who is a very strong man, would carry me back from where he took me."

Senate OKs 6.7 Millions

For EMs' Wives, Babies

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from one glider group to another. The instructors are headed by Capt. Robert Dickerson, of Henderson, Ky., and 1/Lt. Joseph Myers, of Dover, Del., airborne veterans of two Mediterranean campaigns. WASHINGTON, May 10—The Chi-cago properties of Montgomery Ward and Co. were returned to the owners by

The pilots are enthusiastic about the training. "Best thing that has happened to us for a long time," said 1/Lt. Bernard T. Wheeler, of Spencer, Iowa, a glider group operations officer.

Capt. Dickerson spoke for the glider

and Co, were returned to the owners by the government yesterday, a fortnight after seizure by troops on President Roosevelt's order for failure of the mail-order firm to obey a WLB directive to extend its contract with striking employe members of a CIO union.

An NLRB election yesterday among 6,000 employes resulted in a union "The training is not comprehensive, out enough to give them an idea of jobs they will be expected to fulfill. We don't expect them to blossom out into full-fledged airborne infantry troops but we do figure on using glider pilots for a number of things. A glider-troop outfit is streamlined and since we don't have the manpower for certain jobs on the ground, the pilots will be able to help out. "Pilots will not operate as part of the glider-rider TO but in separate units of their own. They will not outrank infantrymen in ground combat."

The refresher course is made up mainly of lectures, but includes instruction in

Sebastopol Capture Clears Springboard **ForBalkansAttacks**

WACs Are Going to Get, Of All Things, Dresses!

WASHINGTON, May 10-The WACs are going to gett new off-duty dresses, Col. Oveta Culp Hobby disclosed on the eve of a new recruiting campaign which starts tomorrow.

The dresses are of washable, creaseresistant rayon shantung, tailored with extra broad shoulders and inverted pleats up from the waistline. The colors are military beige for summer and horiz, n tan for winter.

Col. Hobby said the present strength of the WAC was just under 67,000 and that enlistments now number about 4,000 a month.

Halsey - Nimitz U.S. Talks With King Disclosed

May Have Mapped New Blows; Air Assaults in Pacific Continue

New blows against Japan are believed o have been planned at a San Francisco conference last weekend of Adms. Chester

W. Nimitz, William F. Halsey and Ernest J. King, commander in chief of the fleet. Formal purpose of the meeting was award of a new decoration to Adm. Nimitz, but belief that important matters

Nimitz, but belief that important matters were discussed was supported by disclosure that two rear admirals and "members of the several staffs" attended.

Meanwhile, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced that the Wadke area, 120 miles northwest of Hollandia, and other important points on the west end of New Guinea had been pounded again by Allied bombers. Mopping-up operations at Hollandia brought the total of enemy dead to 781 and 183 taken prisoner, the communique said.

In the Central Pacific, Seventh AF Liberators and Mitchells again bombed Ponape, east of Truk, and enemy positions in the Marshalls.

Heavy Fighting in Burma

Heavy fighting continues in Burma and neighbourhood of Mawlu, 25 miles northwest of Katha.

Chinese troops supported by tanks and artillery attacked strong enemy positions in the Mogaung Valley, east of the main road and south of the Kwelon River, with undisclosed results, while in north Burma, Jap attacks in the Fort Herz Valley were repulsed with considerable losses to the enemy.

Strike Shuts 2 Papers

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., May 10—A printers' strike has suspended publication of the two local daily newspapers.

unarmed combat, demonstrations with (Continued on page 4) Gen. Ike Sends to Washington For Brass—Army's No.1 Band

Africa and Sicily for the last ten months, the U.S. Army band from Washington has arrived in the ETO for a series of

ent's assertion that the election would end the case a "misstatement" and in-sisted the "abrupt return" of the plant was due to "public indignation." He hurled this final barb: "I think it would The organization-86 strong and directed by Capt, Thomas F. Darcywill make its debut Saturday with an open-air concert in the Cockpit on Serpentine Road in Hyde Park, London, at PM. The band will parade to the site,

While not officially tabbed as such, the organization considers itself the band of the Allies in the ETO by virtue of its assignment to Gen. Eisenhower's com-

It is here at Gen. Eisenhower's request, thus becoming the first of the official big three among American service bands— the others being the Navy and Marine

Having followed fighting troops in to perform overseas both in war and peace times. The Army musicians played the International Exposition in Spain in

"We tagged after the boss (Gen. Eisenhower) in Africa and Sicily and we hope to do the same in Europe, leading the parades through Paris and Berlin,"

the parades through Paris and Berlin, Capt. Darcy said yesterday.

For Darcy it marks the second war band he has led across the Atlantic. In World War I he directed U.S. instrumentalists who toured with the British massed Guard bands.

Darcy frequently finds himself being

Darcy frequently finds himself being confused with Tommy Dorsey, the danceband leader. Darcy gets Dorsey's mail and vice versa "so that we forever are rying to get our letters straightened out

Following their opening concert, the Army band will tour American and British military installations throughout

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Great Port Stormed After 3 Days of Heavy Assault

After maintaining for hours the fiction that their troops still held Sebastopol, the Germans yesterday admitted the loss of the great Crimean port, but even 12 hours after Marshal Stalin announced that the fortress had been "carried by assault" the enemy still insisted the city had been 'evacuated" in good order.

Last night a Reuter dispatch from Moscow suggested that with the German

Moscow suggested that with the German threat to the Soviet flank removed and the way cleared for the Red Army's Balkan offensive, "the fall of Sebastopol may be the starting signal for the final east-west blows against Hitler's Europe."

Stalin announced the city's fall at midnight Tuesday. He said Gen. Feodor Tolbukhin's Fourth Ukrainian Army group, in a three-day offensive, had broken through three lines of reinforced concrete defense works and "completely freed the Crimea from the German invader."

vader."

Recapture of the city that Stalin called
"the most important military and naval
base on the Black Sea" opened wide possibilities for harassing German communications all along the western Black Sea
coast and even for seaborne operations
against Rumania in direct support of the
Red Army's land drive from Odessa.

200 Miles to the Danube

From Sebastopol it is but 200 miles less
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From Sebastopol it is but 200 miles to the mouths of the Danube, 250 to the Rumanian port of Constanza and 300 to Varna in Bulgaria, where Moscow radio recently reported the Germans had re-located their Black Sea naval head-

Though it took the Germans under Marshal Fritz von Manstein an eight months' siege before they wrested the base from the Red Army on July 3, 1942, Gen. Tolbukhin's armies retook it in 20 days—three weeks that saw one of the war's heaviest artillery barrages in preparation for the final infantry storming in the last three days. Though it took the Germans under

paration for the final infantry storming in the last three days.

Stalin's order announcing the victory—celebrated in Moscow by an artillery salute of 24 salvoes from 324 guns—was addressed not only to Tolbukhin but to Marshal Alexander Vasilevsky, chief of staff of the Soviet Union. Thus the man considered in Moscow to be "the brain behind the entire Soviet offensive" shared the credit with the army commander.

Helped Save Stalinerad

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Vasilevsky, Stalin's "military righthand man," was one of the victors of
Stalingrad and helped to win the battle
of Moscow. In his early forties, Vasilevsky Manipur, according to yesterday's Southeast Asia Command communique, with
positions relatively unchanged in the
Kohima and Imphal areas. Allied troops
inflicted heavy casualties on Japanese
parties south of Mogaung and in the direct line to Stalin's private apartment in the Kremlin.

in the Kremlin.
German Official News Agency, contradicting Stalin's assertion that the
Crimea had been "completely freed," said
the German-Rumanian garrison "in the the German-Rumanian garrison "in the night of May 9-10 evacuated the burning ruins of Sebastopol and detached them-selves to the western tip of the peninsula," No details were given. The same source said Sebastopol was

"turned into a single heap of ruins by artillery fire never experienced before on such a scale and by incessant air bombing."

The Russians began repairs almost immediately. Moscow dispatches yesterday said squads of road-builders, technicians and dock experts entered the city almost at the same time as the troops.

15 More Billions for Army Asked of Congress by FDR

WASHINGTON. May 10—President Roosevelt asked Congress today for a new appropriation for the Army totaling \$15,676,652,700, bringing contemplated expenditures for the armed forces in the next fiscal year to \$49,000,000,000.

Mr. Roosevelt said his request was

based on estimates contemplating "the maintenance and operation of an army of 7,700,000 officers, men and women on the offensive in global war up to and in-cluding June 30, 1945."

The new budget provides for 200,000 members of the WAC, more than three times the number now enrolled.

More Civilian Goods

WASHINGTON, May 10 - WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson announced that production of consumer goods, enough to ease some shortages being felt by civilians, would be permitted shortly.

The Army

THE final story of the prestidigitator's stolen bag of tricks was told by T/4 Milbourne Christopher, after a letter from home had informed him that the tale of his disappearing magical equipment had traveled to Baltimore, Md.

Stolen in a London movie while he

Md.

Stolen in a London movie while he was waiting to perform at a meeting of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, the leather bag was never located. Its equipment, however, was returned to Christopher the day after its loss was reported in The Stars and Stripes.

Asked by her son to replace the bag,

Asked by her son to replace the bag, the magician's mother purchased another in a Baltimore store. As the salesman wrapped it up he said: "This reminds me of the Baltimore magician who had his case stolen in London." The story, picked up from The Stars and Stripes, had appeared in the local papers.

DON'T be surprised if you see a WAC

* * *

It was a surprise package which came to Cpl. Paul Baratz, of Camden, N.J.
The contents were 15 fresh eggs, each dipped in wax to make for a smooth crossing without any cracks.

The eggs were "delicious," according to Baratz, who immediately filed a request for two dozen more.

Ribbon.

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A Letter to Mother

During World War I The Stars and Stripes carned an enviable reputation for varied and successful promotions. Topping the list was a drive to observe Mother's Day by sending home a whole shipload of letters to Mothers at home.

How many went we cannot say, for the censor was busy in that war too; but postal authorities estimated that the total surpassed the two million mark with an average of better than one from each soldier in France

Mother's Day this year falls on May 14, which gives you three days to help us beat the record established by the AEF. We want this effort to overwhelm the censors, swamp Army postal authorities and bring a moment of sheer joy to every Mother in America.

In the last war, those letters home breathed a spirit that makes the American soldier, by and large, the sort of Joe the Prussian iron heel can never erack, much less crush. Typical are extracts picked at random.

Mother, when I stop to think what I am here for, and of the thousands that are here with me fighting for the same cause, it makes me feel big and proud to know that the good Lord has given me health and strength to be one of the number.

The writer of that letter never had a college education; but he sounds like a 100 per cent man.

Here is another, from a youngster who has rambled over the face of the earth and learned a few things in the Big School: "Mother, I am a long way away from you, but my thoughts are always with you. Every day is Mother's Day for me, for I think of you by day and dream of you at night. Don't worry about me, for I am getting along fine."

Pretty good doctrine for all of us, enlisted men or officers though we may be, usually does. And we're not violating any to "try on." Perhaps some of us can confidences when we tell you this little do better when we write, but it will take a real effort to express thoughts truer in their ring or more tender in their senti-

And when you write, speak from the art. Every Mother will understand and so will the censor.

German Losses

The German population is becoming increasingly perturbed over battle casualties. Feeling tension mount on the home front as these losses increase Dr. Goebbels has ordered military correspondents and radio commentators to stress that the German Command in its so-called "disengaging movements" in Russia has been very economical of life and that German losses have been comparatively light.

We doubt if this new Goebbels line will have the desired calming effect on the German people, for practically every family is mourning one or more relations. How untrue it is can be easily ascertained from a review of recent opera-

Ever since Stalingrad German losses have become increasingly heavy. Although Nazi strategy from the time of that disaster has been based on avoiding encirclement movements, they have on many occasions failed to prevent large forces from being trapped and annihilated. Since the beginning of this year battles of encirclement have been fought in the areas of Cherkassy, Korsun, Skala, Razdelnaya and Tarnopol, apart from the battle of the Crimea where Russian troops have killed or captured the entire defending force of some 14 divisions.

In all these battles of encirclement, including the Crimea, the number of Germans killed or taken prisoner in less than three months amounts to over a quarter of a million.

Neutral sources agree that the German army is being bled white and that the situation with regard to reserves is simifar to what it was in 1918 when reinforcements were no longer available for the Western Front. Its shortage of reserves is proved by the fact that von Manstein was recently so short of men in the Battle of Tarnopol that he was forced to send reinforcements from France, the Balkans Denmark and Norway.

But in spite of heavy losses and catastrophic defeats, Dr. Goebbels and his assistants will persist in their attempts assistants will persist in their attempts to describe the situation as one favorable to Germany. Then will come the day when a major break through occurs. On that day Germany and the world will know the truth and the war will soon end

Hash Marks

What will these British kids think up What will these British kids think up next? Pfc Melvin C. Trager and Cpl. Brice (Tiny) Williams were approached by a bunch of youngsters who went through the usual routine. When they got "no" for an answer, one lad held out a cigar box with a slot in the top and quipped, "Well, how about some pennies for the Red Cross Ross?" for the Red Cross, Boss?

The Eighth Air Force Composite Command Bomber Base's nomination for the Meanest Wolf in the World: "The GI



who dates only gals who wear glasses and breathes on their spees so they can't see what he's going to do next."

* * * *
And then there was the little rabbit who came running out of a blazing forest fire shouting, "Hooray, I've just been de-

T/Sgt. Harvey R. Moran passes on a verse he received via the folks back home with the thought that it may well express (to a certain degree) the sentiments of a

lot of guys.

I wish I was a wittle egg Away up in a twee. I wish I was a wittle egg As wotten as can be. So when a mean ole sergeant Would start to shout at me, I'd frow my wotten wittle self And spatter down on he.

And spatter down on he.

* * *

Flashback to civilian days. Pvt.
Beauveau Beals, who used to be connected
with the N. W. Ayer advertising agency in
Philadelphia, was reminiscing about the
good old days. Recalling classic proofreaders' errors, he says he will never
forget the time the proof-readers failed
to catch a vital missing "T" in the last
word of the then-current Steinway piano
slovan. The mis-spelled slogan appeared slogan. The mis-spelled slogan appeared in the big dailies as follows: "The Instrument of the Immorals."

Anything can happen in the ETO and



Pvt. Ray Guzwik of an air base picked up a letter Pvt. Pat Lebewitz had dropped in the chow line. A conversation began and the GIs discovered they both came from Chicago and lived on the same street, within two blocks of each other. Guzwik asked Lebewitz over to his barracks to reminisce about the good old spotted a picture on the shelf and screamed, "Where did you get MY girl's picture?" "YOUR girl?" replied Guzwik in amazement—"I've been going with her for a long time." SO HAS LEBEWITZ—FOR TWO YEARS. days. Lebewitz walked in, looked around, J. C. W.

Giant Trucking System Now Functions in U.K.

By Charles F. Kiley

Great Britain, a nation geared to handle commercial transportation primarily by railway, is getting a taste today of the large-scale motor truck transport prevalent in the U.S.

The example is furnished by one of the largest and busiest motor transport networks in the world, a big business that each week dispatches thousands of white-starred U.S. Army trucks laden to the hilt with invasion men and

material to points all over the 93,963 square miles of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The network belongs to the Road Traffic Control branch of the Army's Transportation Corps which every week steers hundreds of convoys around

the United Kingdom to move and supply the ever-growing AEF in Britain.

That's a lot of trucks and a lot of cargo. A convoy of 24-ton "six-by-sixes" with a normal interval of 60 yards between trucks and stretching from New York to Denver gives you an idea of the American truck traffic alone rolling through and around an area as big as Oregon or one-third the size of Texas.

Furthermore, it is no accident that these convoys, ranging from quarter-ton jeeps to mammoth prime movers, can travel hundreds of miles over Britain's narrow, twisting roads and congested areas with-out a hitch in traffic to reach their desti-nations within minutes of estimated times

For behind each convoy is a productive and punctual system of road traffic control born of necessity since the outbreak of war by the British and since adopted by the Americans.

Torpedo Shipment Started It

Said to be the incident that caused the Transportation Corps to organize its road traffic control was an order from Adm. Harold F. Stark more than a year ago. He wanted a special shipment of tor-pedoes rushed from a depot in England to a port. Railroads were jammed. Not enough trucks available. Somehow, the torpedoes were delivered on time, but the trouble it took was so great that it was

apparent a new system was necessary.

Brig. Gen. Frank S. Ross, transportation chief, made the changes, organized all unassigned truck battalions and convoys under his control. The move marked the first time in any theater that all land and sea transportation was placed under one man,

By Philip H. Bucknell

A REPLACEMENT DEPOT, May 10

In the Special Service office at this depot there is a map with so many varied colored pins stuck over it that it looks like something in the War Room of Bomber Command—but it plots more

peaceful projects.

The pins show where military bands, dance bands, concert parties and soloists from this base have gone out to entertain British service people and factory

And in a file there are hundreds of letters of appreciation that came into the

passing through it. With thousands of British trucks operating at the same time as those of the Americans it was natural for transport offices of both armies to work hand in glove so that both knew where each and every convoy was at any given time.

This is a typical example: A truck bat-This is a typical example: A truck bat-talion commander receives orders to deliver material from Liverpool to Norwich. His first step brings him to his regional transportation officer, sub-mitting (1) authority for action, date and destination of the convoy; (2) number and type of vehicles to be used; (3) strength of personnel in the convoy; (4) present location of truck battalion, start-ing point, time and date of desired depar-

DON'T be surprised if you see a WAC in London wearing the rainbow-colored Victory Ribbon of World War I. She will be Cpl. Edith M. Priddy, of Washington, D.C., who served in the Navy in 1918. A Yeoman Second Class and a telephonist then, redheaded Cpl. Priddy transferred her allegiance to the Army this time, joining the WAC to do the same work. As far as she knows, there are only three WACs with the Victory Ribbon. ing point, time and date of desired departure; (5) petrol requirements en route,

Like the tourist who gets his automobile vacation route mapped by Sunoco, the convoy CO then is able to sit back and wait for the Road Traffic Control office to furnish instructions.

Steps taken by Road Traffic Control:

1—Contacts British Army transport authorities in the same office for the purpose of collaborating on the Liverpool-

pose of collaborating on the Liverpool-

2—Information discussed includes size and weight of vehicles and weight of cargo

ADD Legion of Merit awards: Cpl.
George H. Phillips, of Sealy, Tex.,
and the Engineers, for devising an
attachment for an air compressor used
in cleaning paving equipment; to Maj.
Alexander Standish, of Newton Center,
Mass., for outstanding contribution to pool and Norwich. 4-Instructs convoy CO how far he will travel each day and the point where he will halt if it is an overnight trip, average speed to be maintained throughout and interval (usually 60 yards) between vehicles, where refueling stations are

5-Arranges overnight billeting facili-ties for personnel, usually at a British

The secret behind the convoys is the road traffic control system.

A combination of common sense and strict compliance to orders, the system is the simple explanation of why convoys are able to make swift deliveries without traffic jams. The same system of road traffic control will be carried into continental Europe to expedite movements of all Allied invasion vehicles.

The system divided the U.K. into seven regions, each region controlling traffic

mander, Col. James A. Kilian, of High-

land Parks, Ill., who is no believer in the "you've - got - to - like - the - British-that's-an-order" school, looked around for a scheme whereby British and Ameri-

cans could have the chance of getting to know each other and to give the liking proposition a break.

Bands have been going out from the post for more than a year to play for British festivals and parties, but the plan

of visits to war factories is of later birth,

and is considered by local British officials to be of even more value.

minutes, and, according to the manage-

Typical of these concerts was the mili-

tary and concert band show given last week at an aircraft factory in the Mid-lands by the combination directed by Pfc George W. Fraytok, of Christopher, Ill.

It was not a large factory—a unit under the war-time measure of dispersing in-

stallations-but the canteen, where workers-mostly girls with a sprinkling

of men under or over military age, or those invalided out of the services—eat

their midday meals, was crowded. According to the records, a visit from the

band steps up production by inspiring

"But these concerts really do a grand morale job," assured the Welfare and Personnel Director, Mrs. Gladys Powner, "and the girls make up for the time they

It is a good idea, she feels, to give British workers the opportunity of discovering that some Americans have other interests than those which are widely considered the only hobbies of the average GI, and in this she was supported by two of the girls in the audience.

Clare Pickles and Marie Farmer said

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that it was the only occasion they had to know the Americans. "We are, you see," said Marie, "not in personal contact with

Fraytok, who has gathered together a

band that is plenty smooth, pleased the audience a lot with a mixed program of

semi-classical and popular numbers.

Harry Kibble, one of the workers, voted thanks and told the audience that

he was with the Americans in the last war

ose by working harder afterwards.

the workers.

them otherwise."

How It Works

ing point, time and date of desired depar-

to-Norwich plans.

in order to pick a route over suitable roads and which will not take heavy vehicles over light bridges or cause them to meet short overhead-pass obstructions. 3—Plans the route so that the convoy will avoid other convoys and as much heavy traffic as possible between Liver-

Air Force

-Notes from the-

THE pilot of a P47 taking off to escort bombers to Berlin recently was saved by two anti-aircraft gunners when his plane failed to get off the ground and piled into a fuel dump containing 40,000 Depot's Band, Other Entertainers Make a Hit Visiting the British

Alexander Standish, of Newton Center, Mass., for outstanding contribution to the development of military intelligence reports; to T/Sgt. Elmer N. Owens, of New Milford, Pa., for outstanding service in charge of a vehicle assembly line; to Maj. Harold B. Ingersoll, of Brooklyn, for service in the Army intelligence section of ETOUSA HQ.

The P47, piloted by Capt. Thurman F.
Morrison, of Memphis, Tenn., burst into
flames when it hit the dump. From a
near-by gun post, Cpl. Dominick J.
Camonarano, of the Bronx, N.Y., and

Camonarano, of the Bronx, N.Y., and Pvt. Harold D. Smith, of Framingham, Mass., ran to the rescue.

"I grabbed a shovel and Smith took an axe," Camonarano said. "We jumped up on the wings and began tearing the canopy off the ship to get at the pilot. When we had broken a hole we pulled him out."

Flames licked at their ankles while the

Programs'are cut to fill an hour or 45

Flames licked at their ankles while the two Ninth Air Force gunners hacked open the jammed cockpit cover over Morrison.

"My plane burst into flames as soon as it hit the dump," Morrison explained.

"There was fire all around the ammunition and the fuel tank. I'll never know why the ship didn't explode." ment's request or circumstances, may conof either variety, military or dance music. The post runs two teams in each category, and all are kept busy, six days why the ship didn't explode.

> The man who got the bomb-damage picture of the first U.S. raid on Berlin has been awarded the Silver Star. He was Maj. Walter L. Weitner, of Yonkers, N.Y. Before he reached the German capital in his photo reconnected by the was interested by naissance ship he was intercepted by three German fighters but eluded them, made two runs over the target, got the pictures and made his getaway.
>
> Col. Elliott Roosevelt, command-

ing the wing, made the award. ON a recent mission the super-keen

eyesight of a fellow pilot probably saved I/Lt. Michael F. Ognisty's life. The New York City Thunderbolt pilot was heading out on a dive-bombing assignment when the second flier noticed that a bomb on Ognisty's ship was armed —and ready to explode at the slightest impact. He flashed a signal, Ognisty immediately jettisoned his load—and returned safely to base.

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Let to slightest impact.

Just to give his men "an idea of how easy it is," Maj. Milton D. Willis, 28, of Spartanburg, S.C., a B24 squadron CO, has been parachuting from his ship more or less regularly.

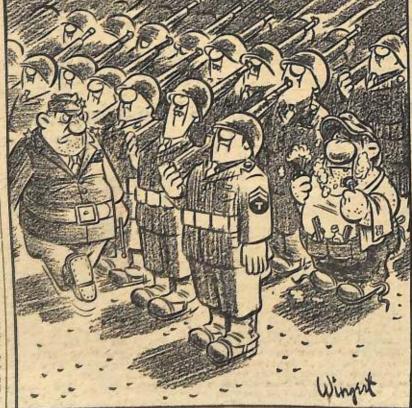
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MEMO to 2/Lt. L. Houston, of Helena,
Mont, pilot of the B17 The Stars
and Stripes: There have been two other
Forts, both piloted by Capt. Clarence S.
Mcllveen, of Portland, Ore., which bore
the same name as your ship. The first
crashed in England with a substitute crew
aboard. The second, christened The
Stars and Stripes—Second Edition, went
down with the regular crew over enemy down with the regular crew over enemy territory in February on Capt. McIlveen's and always liked them-"even if they do talk, they're better than those who are morbid," he declared, 25th mission and 26th birthday.

The scheme started when the pos by SGT. DICK WINGERT HUBERT

office last year.



Warweek

Jerries no supermen, combat veterans claim (page I) Jitters will disappear after baptism of fire (page I) Maps and Taps for Herman the German (inside pages) Tips on how to improve your can-key technique (page IV)

Thursday, May 11, 1944

Back From Battle: The Veterans Speak Up





Associated Press Photos



The German Masters-Mastered

"HOPPED UP" is how Gls who fought 'em describe Nazi enlisted men they bagged. Look at these two (above) and decide for yourself what they had been taking.

"TOUGH OFFICERS" also were rounded up and three shown (left) are typical of Hitler's company commanders. They frequently pulled out when the going got tough, leaving their non-coms holding the bag, Africa vets say.

GI Bull Session Shows Enemy Dangerous But Hardly 'Superman'; U.S., German Equipment Compared

By Arthur Goodwin

Warweek Staff Writer

ORTH AFRICA-From 100 battle-tested Yanks-veterans of Tunisia and Sicily, many of them wearing Purple Hearts and Silver Stars, who have seen Jerry at his best, taking the offensive, and at his worst, demoralized and retreating, and talked to scores of German prisonerscomes this estimate of the foe:

- 1-Germans are tricky, tough and dangerous-but they are not supermen. They are just well trained, disciplined soldiers.
- 2-Germans can be killed like anybody else-and they would rather surrender than die.
- 3-German weapons are good, but their vehicles fall far below our standards.
- 4-Watch out for German mines and booby traps. If you don't understand them, leave them alone.

"Sure Jerry is a good soldier," said an infantry private. "He ought to be. He's been training and fighting long enough to know the answers—and his father and grandfather were all guys who were out to get what they wanted at the point of a pistol."

"But when it comes right down to it," an infantry sergeant said, "Jerry doesn't want to die any more than you do. Even the toughest ones give up when they're out of stuff and the going gets too rough."

A sergeant in the MPs elaborated on.

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the toughest ones give up when they're out of stuff and the going gets too rough."

A sergeant in the MPs elaborated on this statement:

"The younger Jerries are fanatics—I'd say those up to 22 or 23 years old. But the older soldiers have their doubts about Hitler and that superman business. One of them said to me, 'I have to how! with the velocity of the property of the soldiers. I am here because they made the wolves. I am here because they made me. But the younger men must be beaten in combat before they realize they aren't

better than we are. A corporal at a battalion headquarters

"We captured a 17-year-old Jerry in-fantryman near Villa Rosa, in Sicily. I asked him what a kid like him was doing in the army. He said, 'I want to help fight you Americans and English. You are an inferior race.' He couldn't under-stand how the Germans could be shelled and bombed with stuff that Goebbels said was at the bottom of the ocean."

Germans Are Disciplined

Combatant or captive, the German soldier is superbly disciplined. His actions are strictly military, as evidenced by these statements from Yanks who handled German prisoners:

Sgt. (Headquarters Company): "There is no denying that Jerry is a good soldier. I'd say his outstanding quality is discipline. He does exactly what he's told.

'I told a Jerry prisoner to stand at

The Italians were hard to deal with-

"The Italians were hard to deal with—always pushing and crowding around and yelling. But the Jerry never forgot his discipline. It's ingrained in him, and makes him a damned good fighting man."

Sgt. (Infantry): "The German soldier is just about tops. For example, near the end of the fight at Troina in Sicily, some of them were told to hold a line with only NCOs to run the show. They were practically suicide squads—but they held that line until they were out of supplies.

"They have initiative, too; it's a lot of hooey to say they haven't. They shift their positions well and handle defense situations skilfully."

Sgt. (Divisional Headquarters Com-pany): "What the German soldier has mostly is a lot of training. I questioned dozens of them in Tunisia, and found plenty who had been training as soldiers since they were four or five years old."

"All these guys know is war, war and

All these guys know is war, war and more war. I was born in Germany and know how it is. It's a bad habit they have to be broken of."

Pyt. (Infantry): "I had to guard some of the Jerry prisoners we captured near Gafsa. I got to admit he's a neat clean soldier. They used the latrine right and kept the pen policed up all the time we were there.

(Continued on page iv)

These Men Licked Their Battle Fears

MERICAN HQ, Italy—If the word
"combat" gives you cold shivers,
at least you're in good company.

Practically every man in Africa or
Sicily or Italy felt the same way when
the went under enemy fire for the first

The point is, those fellows who've been through the mill all found out the They were plenty scared at first.

They got over most of their fear as soon as they really got going.

Here are some thumbnall interviews

with Americans who fought through the North African campaign, who landed in Sicily early in the battle and who are now in the ETO. These are their answers to the question:

"How did you feel when you actually

"How did you feel when you actuary went into combat?"

Pyt. (Heavy Weapons Company):

"At first you're scared when you go into combat. Fact is, you're scared all the time. But after your first dose of fire you're okay. You razz each other, you keep telling stories, and the first thing you know, you realize you're under fire—and not nervous at all."

Two Infantry privates had a slightly different slant. Both admitted they were scared, both agreed it wasn't as bad as they thought it would be. Their words add to the picture of what a man really feels, actually thinks, when the chips are

1st Pfc: "In your first battle you can almost feel the heat of the tracers as they go by and you can hear and feel the grenades and H.E. all over the place. the grenades and H.E. all over the place.
All of a sudden you realize how much
you can go through—and still be alive."
2nd Pfc: "It isn't any use saying combat isn't tough and that you aren't
scared. But it wasn't like I pictured it.
At first I thought it was like maneuvers
—only not so hard. Then stuff started
to fly around me and I got scared as hell.
Once you get mad you lose all fear. Once you get mad you lose all fear.... I didn't get nervous again ontil the battle was over."

This business of being scared spitless goes for the Germans as much as for us



GERMAN TOP-KICK, shown in captured photo, is Rudolf Jaenicke, from Suhl. Tough guy?

mongrel" nations they are fighting. This is what an infantry private said:

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"One of the Jerries we captured was crying like a baby. He thought we were going to shoot him. 'You shoot all us prisoners,' he said. 'We were told that by our officers. But before I die I'd like to see your automatic artillery. I was in Russia and all through the French

campaign, but I have never seen artillery like you Americans have.'

Many men had stories to tell of the screwy ideas the Germans had about what Americans are like. Here's the way one Infantry private described the reac-tions of some enemy troops. What they said, of course, reflects the propaganda needling they have been getting.

"They thought we were gangsters from New York and Chicago, like they'd seen in American movies. They shot at us all the time and still we kept right on coming. They were the scaredest guys I ever saw. When they saw we weren't going to kill them, boy, were they happy."

An attempt was made to analyze the answers the men gave in order to find out why they were afraid when they first went into battle and what it was that made them realize that it wasn't as tough

made them realize that it wasn't as tough as they thought it was going to be. One infantry private summed it up this way:

"The guys who get hurt are the guys who forget the rules. They expose themselves, flash their messkits and attract attention—or maybe they're too damn lazy to dig in. More doggies are hurt by their own carelessness than by Jerry."

Another reason why battle

Another reason why battle veterans learned to take it easy was that they discovered, during their first engagement, that only in rare cases did individual German soldiers actually score hits on a selected target. It was "Maggie's Drawers" for Herman the German most of the time.

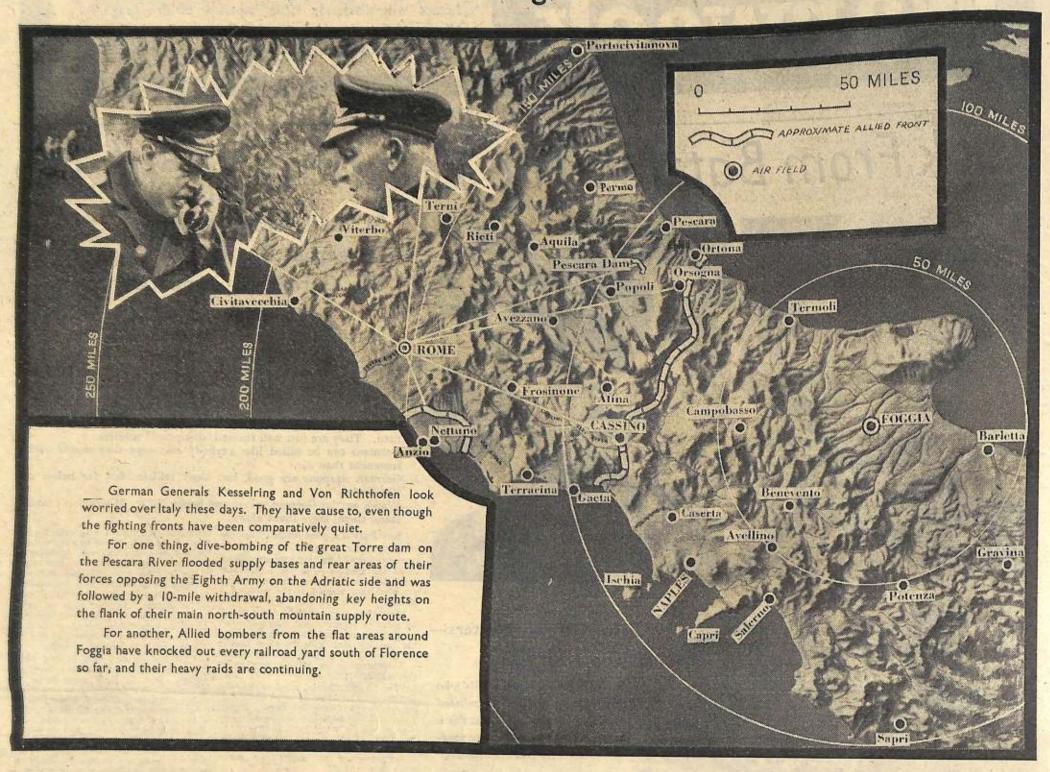
Cpl. (Infantry): "I think one of the Cpl. (Infantry): "I think one of the big differences between the Jerry and us is marksmanship. He sprays his target — sometimes he gets hits and sometimes he doesn't. We are taught to aim and shoot to kill. I think that's the better way. If we aim at the portholes and openings in tanks and pillboxes, we can shoot Jerry in the eyes and kill, him.

. We shoot better—and that's one reason why we win."

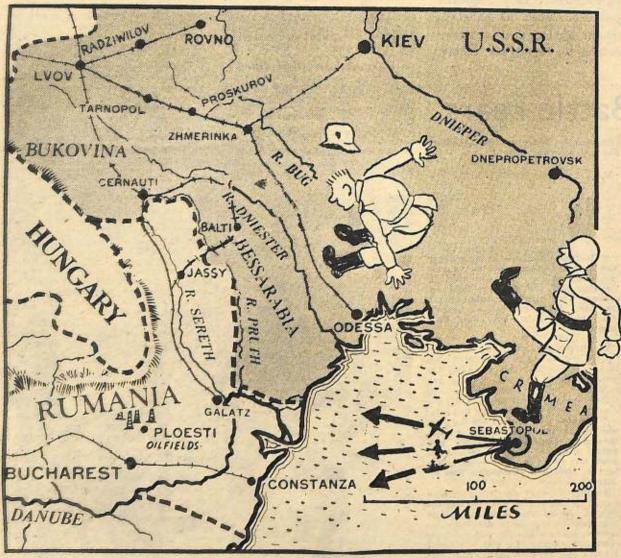


FOE "DIDN'T LIKE the way we pushed and pushed all the time," one man said. Here, patrol moves into shattered town.

What'sa Mat', Herr Kesselring, Iss der Feet Vet und Coldt?



Russian Soldier Proves German Defenses Can Be Cracked Wide Open



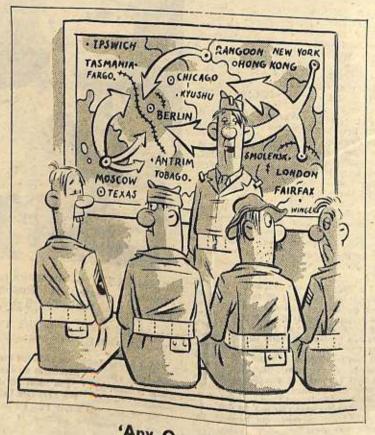
In one of the most terrific assaults the war has witnessed, Russian troops Tuesday stormed through three concrete and steel defense lines to overwhelm the Germans at Sebastopol and boot the invader into the Black Sea. The final attack, mounted after careful preparation, took just three days. The German defenses were probably like those American and British soldiers will come up against on the Western Front,

It was sweet revenge for the Red Army. Almost two years ago the great Russian naval base at the tip of the Crimea fell to the Germans after an eight-months siege. It has taken the Russians only 30 days to retake the whole of the Crimea, including Sebastopol.

The south-east flank of Hitler's Fortress Europe is badly exposed by this triumph of the Russian soldier. Rumanian oil fields are but a short bomber flight away, and the Crimea has excellent airfields. The Soviet fleet now commands the Black Sea and the mouth of the Danube.

The crack Fourth Ukrainian Army, as well as other elements of the Red Army, are now free to turn their attention northward—westward. Perhaps the day is not far off when American and British troops will be fighting shoulder-to-shoulder with Russian soldiers toward the last defenses of the Reich.

Nazis Cremated During 72-Hour Hell at Sebastopol; Attackers Crash Through Three Defense Lines to Recapture Black Sea Port; Red Army Free to Strike Westward to Reich



'Any Questions?'



Chicago at long last seems to be on the Way out of all athletics. The coaches don't have enough track men to field a team; the baseball call found only enough candidates to make one team, and even the tennis squad, where the Maroons usually are strongest, seems to be destined for the scrap heap due to lack of players.

In the 70-day meeting at Washington Park there will be five races with prizes of 50 grand each.—The Stars and Stripes Handicap, Arlington Classic, Arlington Handicap, American Derby and Washing Park Handicap.

Sports-minded Western Michigan College, which already owns a nice concrete and steel baseball stadium, an equally impressive football field and other athletic grounds, has just spent another \$125,000 for ground to build more athletic buildings.

In 1935 Clint True scored the first Army touchdown as West Point beat Navy in their traditional football game. In the Los Negros Island landings, Col. Clint True piloted the first Army bomber to land there. . Andy Chisick, the former Chicago Cardinal pro football center, who was commissioned in the field and under fire, recently led his Marine gang ashore in another New Britain landing.

Capt. Homer Faucett, former AAU middleweight wrestling champ at Indiana, is home from the South Pacific after 500 combat hours. He holds three DFCs, six Air Medals and the Silver Star.

Air Medals and the Silver Star.

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Lt. Cmdr. Carl Stockholm, former six-day bike racer, says that cycling in America will hit an all-time high after the war, due to the numbers of boys who are stationed in sections where the bicycle is the standard mode of transportation. . . Persistence department:

Bob Tribble, Northwestern sophomore star swimmer, has competed 23 times against Adolph Kiefer and has yet to beat him.

Joe O'Neill, newly elected president of the now home-owned Sacramento Pacific

Young Joe Wood, up with the Red Sox, is reversing the procedure of his famous father, Smoky Joe Wood. Young Joe was a Yale outfielder until his senior year, then turned to pitching. Smoky Joe started as a hurler and retreated to the outergarden only when his arm started to lose its notency. lose its potency.

Cap Anson instituted the spring training idea for ball teams when he took his Chicago White Stockings to Hot Springs, Arkansas, to get into condition

Steve Belloise recently won the Southwest Pacific middleweight title and has run up 30 consecutive knockouts.

Johnny Murphy, who told the Yankees he was remaining out of baseball to stay in war work, has recently taken a Navy physical exam and passed 100 per cent.

International League

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Williamsport 16. Scranton 15 (night)

Utica 5. Albany 3 (night)

Hartford 6. Binghamton 1 (night)

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

League

W L Pct.

Beau Okayed for Army Service



Beau Jack, former lightweight boxing champion, after passing his pre-induction physical at Fort Benning, Ga., gets the once over from Sgt. Leslie Sanford.

Novikoff Is Through Earning His Salary on Bench-Grimm

CHICAGO, May 10-"Lou (Novikoff) is through earning his salary for watching games from the dugout," Charlie Grimm, new manager of the Chicago Cubs, declared today as he studied ways and means of snapping the club's 12-game losing streak.

Novikoff, eccentric screwball and highly touted minor leaguer before joining the Cubs, dented the Wrigley bankroll for \$60,000. He has occupied a nice, shady seat in the dugout this season except for a pinch-hitting assignment against the Pirates Sunday when he cracked a single.

Grimm has faith in the "Mad Russian," however, and said he will make Novikoff get into shape to play every day. Lou, who never swatted below .366 in three minor leagues, was rumored to be on the trading block last week but Grimm informed him he will remain with the Bruins.

"Lou did plenty of slugging for me at Milwaukee," Grimm said, "and there's no reason why he can't do the same for the Cubs. I think he'll produce for uswhen you've got a 12-game losing streak, you've got to think of something."

Bramham Bars Schaeffer From Pro Baseball for Life

DURHAM, N.C., May 10-William G. Bramham, czar of minor league baseball, announced that William Schaeffer, of Overland, Mo., had been declared in-eligible to participate in any capacity in professional baseball.

Late in 1943, Schaeffer signed a con-

tract with the Jamestown (N.Y.) club and also with Buffalo of the International League. The player and his parents claimed he was only 19 and elected to rescind the Jamestown contract, but investigations showed Schaeffer was born in St. Louis, Nov. 10, 1916. Schaeffer then made a written statement saying his previous claims were incorrect.

American Association

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American Association

Haegg, Andersson Receive Another Bid To Make U.S. Jaunt

STOCKHOLM, May 10—Gunder Haegg and Arne Andersson, the flying Swedish milers who turned down invita-Swedish milets who turned down invita-tions to race in the United States this summer, today were asked to come to New York and attempt to crack the four-minute

mile.

The bid was extended by Stanton Griffis, chairman Griffis, Madison Garden the Square Corporation now in Stockholm on U.S. Government business. Griffis said he hoped to get Bill Hulse and Gil Dodds to com-

pete against the Gunder Haegg Swedes, if Haegg and Andersson decide to make the trip. He added that he would arrange air transportation if the He added that be

But Griffis may run into a snag, how ever, because Dodds, a divinity student, last night declared in Boston he intends to go on a nationwide preaching tour and will not participate in the summer outdoor track season until his jaunt is

"The Lord's work comes first," Dodds said, adding that he would be unable to compete against the Swedes even if they agree to visit the States.

Camp Grant to Resume Full Sports Program

CAMP GRANT, Ill., May 10-Camp Grant, which abandoned its sports program last March, announced the resump-

tion of a full sports program.

Baseball plans will start immediately and the post will sponsor football and basketball next fall. Until last March. Camp Grant engaged college, civilian and service teams, establishing impressive records.

Argentina Mallet Swingers Win MEXICO CITY, May 10-Argentine came from behind with four goals in the

final chukker to defeat the American polo team, 7-6. Cecil Smith led the Ameri-cans and Juan Rodriguez starred for Argentina.

Kramer's Mound Work **Bulwarks Browns' Drive**

Bullfighter Sid Franklin Gets Tossed-by a Rope

MADRID, May 10-Sidney Franklin, veteran bullfighter from Brooklyn, proved that a matador's woes aren't limited to the 'arena when he broke two bones in his left foot and dislocated another-while skipping rope!

Franklin suffered his injuries while training for an appearance in the bull ring, but said he hopes to be back in shape in time to fight at the Madrid Plaza late this month.

Pensive Is 8-5 For Preakness

Stir Up, Third in Derby, Is Quoted at 2-1; Sky Tracer Doubtful

BALTIMORE, May 10 — Warren Wright's Kentucky Derby winner, Pensive, has been established as 8-5 favorite to annex the \$50,000 Preakness at Pimlico, Saturday, while Mrs. Payne Whitney's Derby disappointment, Stir Up, is considered no worse than a 2-1 risk to atone for last week's poor effort when he finished a badly beaten third behind Broadcloth.

Stir Up and Alorter, who prefers an off-track, were already at Pimlico when Pensive and Gay Bit and Gramps Image, also-rans in Matt Winn's battle for the roses, arrived at the stables. Trainer Ben Jones said Pensive was "feeling fine" after his testic ride from Louisville. his train ride from Louisville.

Sky Tracer, the only other Derby runner eligible for the Preakness, is still at Churchill Downs and probably will be missing from Saturday's field.

George Widener's non-Derby partici-pant, Platter, lingered in New York for a workout at Belmont today and his status for the Preakness is still a mystery. If he does run, however, he and Pensive are expected to be equal choices in the betting

Bel Reigh, Bull Dandy and Stymie also will head postward in the richest of Mary-

Kelly New Boss At Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS, May 10—Donie Bush, the president, fired Donie Bush, the manager, today and named Bernard "Mike" Kelly to manage the Indianapolis Indians of the American Association. Bush didn't oust himself as president however. dent, however.

Kelly was active in baseball as player manager, business manager and coach from 1916 until the close of the 1942 season when he left the Pittsburgh Pirates after coaching there for three years. He worked for Bush as a coach of the White Sox in 1930 and '31 when Donie was managing the Chicago club. Kelly managed Spartanburg (S.C.) in the Sally League from 1921-29.

Nats and Yanks Expected To Show Increased Strength

NEW YORK, May 10-It's strange, but American League teams have been playing for a fortnight and Connie Mack, the grand old man of baseball, still hasn't launched his annual campaign to break up the Yankees.

The venerable oldster may begin at

any time, however, because the Yanks have started to climb toward the top again after an inauspicious start and are currently nestled in second place. The Brownies are setting the early pace largely as the result of their strong getaway when they won nine straight.

they won nine straight.

Since their spurt, the Browns have slowed down to a walk, winning four and losing five, while the Bombers took seven of their last nine games. Vern Stephens and Mike Kreevich are furnishing the St. Louis power, but the real joy in Manager Luke Sewell's heart is caused Pitcher Jack Kramer, the only pitcher in both leagues to win five straight thus far. Nelson Potter, with three decisions, also is helping the Sewellmen.

First Eastern Road Trip

The Browns are confronted with their first eastern road trip this week and the Yanks and Senators have sharpened their claws for the western invader. Manager Joe McCarthy returned to the helm yes-Joe McCarthy returned to the neim yes-terday to find that Hank Borowy, winner of three tests, and Johnny Lindell and Nick Etten, the club's leading hitters, kept Art Fletcher from losing any sleep during his absense, and once again the race promises to be a Yanks-against-the-field scramble for the rennant field scramble for the pennant.

The Nats untracked themselves recently

and showed the stuff expected of them.
They'll be tougher from here on in, too, because they start entertaining visitors under the mazdas tonight. Outfielder Stan Spence leads the majors in home runs with five and the team's third base problem has been solved by the conversion of Pitcher Gilberto Torres, who is batting .333,

Trosky's Hitting Timely

Trosky's Hitting Timely
The White Sox, balancing Thornton
Lee's inability to get started with Orval
Grove's pitching and timely hitting by
Hal Trosky, have risen from the cellar to
fourth place. The Indians also have
settled down, but they are having serious
pitching troubles, Allie Reynolds and
Veteran Mel Harder being the only hurlers
with two conquests. Ten moundsmen
have been involved in the 17 Tribe decisions.

The Red Sox and Athletics are dead-locked in sixth place and there isn't much hope for improvement. Bosox pitching is woeful with Mike Ryba the only tosser able to win twice—both in relief roles while Luman Harris and Joe Berry have kept the A's from sliding farther with good pitching.

The cellar-dwelling Tigers may eventually get started. But right now they need better pitching, hitting and fielding to climb.

Johnny Longden Rides 3 Winners at Belmont

NEW YORK, May 10—Johnny Long-den, veteran 34-year-old jockey, rode three winners at Belmont Park yesterday. including both halves of the \$384 daily

Longden won with Soulful, paying \$58.60, in the first; completed the double aboard Romanock, which paid \$11.90, then brought Freezout home first in the sixth at \$13.

Major League Results

American League

No games scheduled Tuesday.

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Leading Hitters

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Spence, Washington, 5: Hayes, Philadelphia, Trosky, Chicago, Stephens, St. Louis, Etten and Lindell, New York, 2.

Runs Batted In
Stephens, St. Louis, 16; Myatt, Washington, 13;
Trosky, Chicago, and Johnson, Boston, 11.

Runs Batted In
Schultz, Brooklyn, 20; Lomb
16; Weintraub, New York, 15.

National League

No games scheduled Tuesday.

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By Al Capp

Li'l Abner





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small keys.

"132," Union "4," and the remained small keys. Camera Exchange

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NEWS FROM HOME

CIO Pledges FDR Support For 4th Term

Murray Demands He Run; President Gets Ohio's 52 Convention Votes

WASHINGTON, May 10-President Roosevelt had the powerful backing of the CIO for a fourth term today, while Ohio Democrats gave him 52 more national convention delegates, bringing his total to just 64 short of the number

Philip Murray, president, pledged the CIO's support to Mr. Roosevelt in an address at Cleveland last night to the convention of the United Steel Workers, of which he also is president and which has a \$200,000 political budget for this

year.
"It is my earnest belief and firm conviction," Murray said, "that in the interests of national unity, to bring speedy victory to our cause and assure the realization for our people of the four freedoms of mankind, Mr. Roosevelt must be the candidate for re-election to the Presidency, and that the overwhelming majority of the people of this nation, regardless of their political affiliation, demand his re-election."

Roosevelt Noncommittal

At his regular Tuesday press conference, Mr. Roosevelt again declined to commit himself on the question of a fourth term. But Harrison Spangler, Republican national chairman, scoffed at Robert Hannegan's statement that the President had not been consulted before Hannegan, the Democratic chairman, predicted Mon-day his re-election. Spangler called Hannegan's remark an effort "to keep up the fiction that Mr. Roosevelt is not again a candidate."

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In yesterday's primaries, Ohio's 52
Democratic convention delegates were
pledged to Mr. Roosevelt and 50 Republican delegates to Gov. John W. Bricker,
a favorite son. Sen. Robert A. Taft,
Republican, was renominated without
opposition, with William G. Pickrel leading a three-way race for the Democratic
analogial pagination. In the gubering a three-way race for the Democratic senatorial nomination. In the guber-natorial voting, the leaders where Mayor James Sewart of Cincinnati on the GOP ticket and Mayor Frank J. Lausche of Cleveland, Democrat. In West Virginia, which also held primaries yesterday, the 18 Democratic and 19 Republican convention delegates were unpledged but favored Mr. Roose-

were unpicaged but favored Mr. Roose-velt and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York Former Sen. Rush D. Holt, seeking the Democratic gubernatorial
nomination, trailed Judge Clarence
Meadows, of Beckley, in early returns.
A Republican state convention in
Washington adopted a resolution indorsing Dewey for the Presidency, but its

16 delegates were technically uninstructed

Dewey's chances of gaining a convention commitment from the big Pennsylvania delegation of 70 at its caucus next weekend dimmed with an announcement by Gov. Edward Martin, chairman, that he wanted the state uninstructed.

Doris Duke's Reno Decree Is Set Aside by Court

ELIZABETH, N.J., May 10-Mrs. Doris Duke Cromwell's Reno divorce from James H. R. Cromwell was found null and void in chancery court today and ordered set aside. Cromwell, former U.S. minister to Canada, brought the suit to nullify the Nevada decree and is seeking to obtain a divorce of his own.

'Our Town' Opens Tonight

The Anglo-American forces' London production of Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize play, "Our Town," opens a two-week run at the Playhouse Theater, week run at the Playhouse Theater, Northumberland Ave., Charing Cross, tonight at 7.15. Attendance is restricted to U.S. military personnel and their Allied guests in uniform. Tickets may be obtained from CBS Special Service, at Rainbow Corner and at the Allied Forces ticket bureau in Trafalgar Sq.

AFN Radio Program

On Your Dial 1375 kg. 1402 kg. 1411 kg. 1420 kg. 1447 kg. 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.

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1100—Spodlight on Teddy Powell.

1115—Personal Album with Helen Ward.

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1110—Midhand Light Orchestra (BBC).

1200—Noon Edition.

1205—Barracks Bag.

1200—World News (BBC).

1310—Melody Roundup.

1330—Jubilee—(Return Engagement).

1400—News Headdines—Melody Mixture (BBC).

1410—Off the Record.

1700—Loudon Column,

1713—Miss Parade.

1725—Franch Lesson.

1730—Albert Sandler and the Palm Court Orchestra and Program Resume.

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1800—World News (BBC).

1810—Gr Supper Club.

1900—Seven O'Chock Sports—Latest sports news by Corporal Johnny Vrotses.

1905—Symbiony Hall—Boston Symphony Orchestra.

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

2010—Fred Waring Program.

205—Calling APOs.

2010—Bing Crosby Music Hall.

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206—Camedy Caravan—with Jimmy "Schnozzle"

207—Camedy Caravan—with Jimmy "Schnozzle"

208—Camedy Caravan—with Jimmy "Schnozzle"

209—Camedy Caravan—with Jimmy "Schnozzle"

200—Camedy Caravan—with Jimmy "Schnozzle"

2011—Bing Edition.

2100—Sign off until 1100 hours Felday, May 12

This Queer Bird Lives In a New Jersey Tree

MONTCLAIR, NJ., May 10-A modern St. Simeon Stylites lives in a "luxuriously-furnished," electricallylighted bungalow he built 60 feet up in a tree on a mountain. The discovery was made when Coffing Melkin Arslanian, oriental-rug dealer, asked for an election ballot and gave the tree as his residence. An investigator returned minus the seat of his trousers-he found two dogs guarding

(St. Simeon Stylites, born in Syria in the fourth century, lived on a 60foot pillar for 30 years.)

OCS Program To Be Slashed

All but 11 of Original 26 Schools Probably Will Be Closed by Fall

WASHINGTON, May 10-Of the original 26 officer-candidate schools in the U.S., all but 11 will probably be closed by fall, the War Department has revealed. The latest schools to close include Fort Riley, Kan. (Cavalry); Fort Monroe, Va. (Coast Artillery); and Camp Hood, Tex. (Tank Destroyer), which were suspended

Others to be closed soon include Camp Davis, N.C. (anti-aircraft artillery); Fort Custer, Mich. (Military Police); Edge-wood Arsenal, Md. (Chemical Warfare), and Fort Knox, Ky. (Armored Com-

The only schools which still accept can-didates are Fort Belvoir, Va. (Engineers); Fort Sill, Okla. (Field Artillery); Durham, Fort Sill, Okla. (Field Artillery); Durham, N.C. (Finance); Fort Benning, Ga. (Infantry); Ann Arbor, Mich. (Judge Advocate General); Camp Barkley, Tex. (Medical Administration); Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md. (Ordnanca); Camp Lee, Va. (Quartermaster); Fort Monmouth, N.J. (Signal Corps); New Orleans, La. (Transportation); and San Antonio, Tex. (Army Air Forces).

Of the four officer-candidate schools which were operated overseas, only the one in Australia remains open.

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Since the Army reached its full strength of 7,700,000 men, the demand for junior officers has rapidly decreased until now no more than 2,500 new officers are commissioned. missioned a month. At their peak in December, 1942, 23,000 were graduated.

In addition to these radical cuts in the OCS program, the War Department ecently announced that all officers would be given a thorough checkup to see whether they are really worthy of leader-Misfits will be demoted or elimin-

Spouse Admits Trunk Murder

CRYSTAL CITY, Tex., May 10 (AP)

—A "trunk murder" mystery which
baffled Chicago and Los Angeles police
for a week appeared solved today with the announcement by Deputy Sheriff Carrett Barnes that Soyla Villegos, 26year-old Mexican aircraft-factory worker, had confested that he killed his wife and sent her body in a trunk packed with salt from Chicago to Los Angeles.

Barnes said that Villegos had signed a confession that in Chicago he struck his wife Louise on the back of the head with his first in an argument after drinking in a

his fist in an argument after drinking in a tavern and that he didn't know she was dead until he tried to revive her.

confession, he packed the body in salt in a trunk and got a friend, unaware of the trunk's contents, to take it to the railroad station and send it to Los Angeles.

Melting salt trickling from the trunk led to discovery of the corpse May 5. Villegos was alleged to have said that after the slaying he returned to his former home here. Chicago police asked that he be held on a murder charge.

Hopkins Leaves Hospital

ROCHESTER, Minn., May 10— Harry Hopkins, special assistant to the President, was discharged today from Mayo Clinic where he had been under treatment for a "nutritional disturb-ance" since Mar. 10. Physicians said he would be able to return to Washington after a short rest.

Here at Gen. Ike's Invitation



Capt. Thomas F. Darcy, conductor of the U.S. Army's official band, which will open its European concert tour in Hyde Park, London, at 3 PM Saturday.

(Continued from page 1) the U.K. Appearances are scheduled daily, chiefly out-of-doors.

Generally, the band has found that the men go for popular music, although the

response to classical tunes has been enthusiastic. Programs include music of the Allied nations, Darcy said.

The band offers a collegiate touch on parades. It is led by Drum Major Elmer Keppler, a staff sergeant from Plattesville.

Wis., who struts out wearing a typica high bearskin headpiece. A 19-piece dance orchestra branches off the main band, which also has a crew of eight which specializes in boogie

Oxford, Cambridge Open New Series of Courses

A new series of six-day courses at Oxford and Cambridge Universities are available for USAAF combat crewmen on leave, hospital convalescents and a limited number of other American personnel in-cluding nurses and WACs, Special Ser-vice Division ETOUSA announced

yesterday
The courses at Oxford, which begin next week, will open each Monday until further notice. Those at Cambridge will start May 22, June 5, July 10 and 24 and Aug. 7. Programs at both schools include lectures on the classics, economics,

law, politics, religion and science.

Billet and mess fees are £3 12s. for officers and £1 12s, for EMs and applications must be directed to Chief of Special Service, HQ ETOUSA, APO 887. Except for combat crews, convalescents, nurses and WACs, applications must be

approved by a major general or lieuten-ant general, it was announced.

More than 2,000 U.S. personnel have taken similar courses in the last 17 months.

FDR Back in Routine, But Not at a 'Killing Pace'

WASHINGTON, May 10 (Reuter)— President Roosevelt is slowly getting back into routine but will not resume his pre-vious "killing pace" for a while, Stephen Early, White House secretary, said today.

Chief Navy Chaplains Here

Capt. Robert D. Workman, chief of U.S. Navy chaplains, and his two aides, Cmdr. John R. Boslet, Roman Catholic, and Lt. Cmdr. Joshua L. Goldberg, member of the Jewish faith, have arrived in Britain for a brief tour of American naval bases here and for informal dis-cussions with high-ranking British religious leaders.

Canteen Work Stops at 6

Officials supervising repairs at London's Stage Door Canteen, 201 Piccadilly, yesterday advised prospective GI volunteers that because of technical difficulties work must cease at 6 PM. Men with building experience, especially electricians, and other volunteers will be welcomed from 9 AM to 6 PM.

THE BRITISH COPS WANT ME

Army's No. 1 Heights Taken Band Arrives By Eighth Army

Three villages and a number of important heights fell into the hands of the British Eighth Army yesterday as it pushed forward across the Appennine slopes on the Adriatic front behind the still-retreating German Tenth Army.

The advance took Palena, 30 miles inland from the Adriatic coast; the mountain village of Gamberale, across the upper reaches of the Sangro, and Fallascosa, three miles beyond Toricella—all in the vicinity of 9,000-foot-high Monte Maiella.

Since starting after the Germans

Since starting after the Germans Saturday night, the Eighth has occupied 50 square miles of mountain country, and with the Nazi withdrawal continuing, the chief question was where the German commander would make his next stand.

No activity was reported on the Fifth Army front, but in the air RAF night bombers were over Leghorn and Genoa seven hours, attacking harbor installa-tions. Bad weather grounded heavy day

Foe Lost 1,317 Planes in April

NEW YORK, May 10—RAF and U.S. planes destroyed 1,317 German planes in April, Gen. Henry Arnold, USAAF chief, said in a speech here last night. Of these, 1,140 were shot down and 177 were de-

1,140 were shot down and 177 were destroyed on the ground,

This year alone, Gen. Arnold said,
Allied planes had bombed more than 100 German cities and plastered 48 aircraft factories, many of them repeatedly.

The USAAF in one month this year flew 66,000 sorties over Nazi Europe, dropping 57,000 tons of bombs, or more than for the whole year in 1943, Gen. Arnold said.

Ailing Aimee's Followers Pray in Shifts at Temple

LOS ANGELES, May 10—Followers of Evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson are praying in shifts at Angelus Temple for her recovery from an infection which developed as an aftermath of tropical fever contracted on a trip to Mexico. Her son Ralph said day-long prayers would she recovered, adding

"Medically there is no hope for her im-mediate recovery, but all things are possible through prayer. We have seen it happen again and again."

Suspect Made Threats Against FDR, G-Men Say

PHILADELPHIA, May 10 (Reuter)— Arrest of a man charged with making threats in Washington against President Roosevelt was announced today by the FBI. Registered in a Philadelphia hotel as Harold R. Mason, the suspect was said to have admitted he had worked as a railwayman on several Presidential trains, including the one that took Mr. Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill

U.S.War Effort 'Brilliant,' Says **OPA** Chieftain

Bowles Cites Expansion Of Services, Huge Navy, 'Shipping Miracle'

NEW YORK, May 10 (Reuter)-Praising the government for a "brilliant" war effort "in spite of many false starts and mistakes, waste and inefficiency," Chester Bowles, OPA chief, said in an address at Yale University that "never before in our history has the democratic process worked with greater vigor and vitality."

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Bowles cited the expansion of the armed forces in four years to a strength of 11,000,000 "equipped as no army or navy has been equipped before"; growth of the Navy to a power greater than all other navies of the world combined; the Maritime Commission's "miracle of production" from 1,000,000 tons of shipping a year in 1941 to the present rate of almost 20,000,000 tons a year.

"It is Congress which has laid down the policies, provided the powers, voted the funds," he said. "I cannot recall any period in our history when Congress has been more active in inquiring into the operations of executive agencies, review-

operations of executive agencies, review-ing their procedures and performance. "I am sure our enemies must regard the ungloved criticism in Congress as a sign of national weakness. Even our Allies raise their eyebrows at the independence of the branches of govern-ment. But they do not raise their eyebrows at the results-and they are what

Author, Publishers Sued

NEW YORK, May 10—Etta Shriber, author of the best-selling "Paris Underground," and her publishers, Charles Scribner and Sons, were sued for \$30,000 today by Aladar A. Farkas, a Hungarian emigree, who alleged that Miss Shriber's book was a translation of a manuscript he had written around Miss Shriber's experiences in occupied France. He asked periences in occupied France. He asked credit as co-author,

The Physical's Too Tough

MEDFORD, Mass., May 10-Francis MEDFORD, Mass., May 10—Francis C. McGerity, 28, who holds a medical discharge from the Coast Guard, has been invited to join the WAC. The notification came from a WAC recruiting officer in a letter which misspelled his first name as Frances. McGerity wrote back politely declining but thanked the officer for her broadmindedness.

Noblesse Oblige

LOS ANGELES, May 10—Harold Miller, 27, and William Harshberger, 28, were riding in a stolen cab. As police closed in, Miller and Harshberger jumped out of the cab, ran across an empty lot and dashed through the first open door they saw. It was the University Police Station. They're still there.

Gutenberg Bible for Harvard

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 10-Har-Bible, one of the ten complete copies known to be in the U.S. and worth more than \$100,000. The Bible was presented by George E. Widener, of Philadelphia. It is dated 1455 and was printed at Mainz, Germany

Powder Plants Resume

NEW YORK, May 10 (UP)-Smoke-NEW YORK, May 10 (OP)—Smoke-less-powder factories, after a long curtailment, have been ordered back to full production, the New York Journal of Commerce said today, adding that the increase was designed mainly to supply

Glider Pilots -(Continued from page 1)

mines and booby traps and employment of high explosives.

of high explosives.

The refresher course, however, is not the end of ground training for glider pilots. A continuous program of training and field problems is under way. In the words of one pilot—I/Lt. Bartley D. Reinhardt, of Magdalena, N.M.—the training is changing the invasion picture for glider pilots. "We used to think we had as much of a chance as a one-legged man in a tail-kicking cona one-legged man in a tail-kicking con-test," he said, "Now we've got a wooden leg."

By Milton Caniff

Terry and the Pirates



ON AN OLD PIRACY CHARGE YOU'RE NO MORE A HERE, I'M AT LEAST OUT OF PIRATE THAN THEIR WAY... THOSE BOYS HAVE LONG MEMORIES .. I AM ... MRS SINGH MIGHT KILL YOU IF YOU STAY!

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SO HAVE I!





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