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Reds Sweep Foe Aside in The Crimea

Resistance Weak: Soviets Gain in Rumania; Nazis Rescue Trapped Pocket

Two converging Soviet armies, pushing swiftly into the Crimea against unexpectedly weak resistance, were reported last night to have retaken the major part of the northern Crimea and half of the Kerch peninsula in a "blitz" advance so powerful that Russian front-line reporters forecast the entire area's fall within a few

days.

Though the still-growing, five-day-old offensive in the Crimea took top place in the Soviet communiques, other Red forces beyond the Dniester pressed steadily nearer Ploesti and the Danube, moving their lines within 40 miles of Rumania's northernmost oil fields—100 miles north of Ploesti—and within artillery range of the Bessarabian capital of Kishinev.

With the Russian conquerors of Odessa clearing the last Nazis from southern Russia in the suburbs of the Dniester rail junction of Tiraspol, where the line from Odessa crosses the Dniester to Jassy, the only dull spot in the entire Soviet picture was the German rescue of the trapped remnants of their 15 divisions in the Skala pocket southeast of Tarnopol.

Moscow's communique announcing the sether's acid.

Moscow's communique announcing the setback said the enemy succeeded at heavy cost in breaking through to the pocket and recapturing the town of

Stalin Pledges Czechs Restoration of Freedom

Restoration "of the freedom and independence of the Czechoslovak Republic" will be achieved soon by the common struggle of the Russian and Czech peoples, Marshal Stalin promised Tuesday in a telegram to Czechoslovak President Eduard Benes

His message was prompted by Benes' weekend greetings upon the arrival of the Red Army at Czechoslovakia's eastern borders.

Buczacz, 25 miles south of Tarnopol. Large concentrations of German troops were reported massing in this area to keep

Marshal Gregory Zhukov's armies out of the big German base at Lwow, in Poland, 65 miles northwest of Tarnopol.

Moscow dispatches said the Crimean armies under Gens. Feodor Tolbukhin and Andrei Yeremenko were dealing massive blows against the German and Rumanian troops in the German and Rumanian troops in the peninsula and pressing them back from one defense line to another. Front-line positions were not clear, but both armies apparently were pushing south and west along railways toward an eventual joining-up for a

march on Sevastopol.

In Rumania, Marshal Ivan Koniev's armies left Jassy outflanked and difficult to hold by the capture of Pascani, 40 miles to the west, where the lateral rail line from Jassy meets the main north-south line running from Cernauti around the Carpathians to Ploesti and Bucharest.

Kishinev, on the lateral railway mid-

way between Tiraspol on the Dniester and Jassy beyond the Pruth, was caught in a pincers between Red Army troops 12 miles distant on the north and 20 miles away on the west.

TheWarToday

Air War-U.S. heavy bombers from schmitt factories in Wiener-Neustadt are of Austria, south of Vienna; Zagreb, Jugoslavia, also raided; Aachen railway center in Ruhr, hit heavily by RAF; weather halts USAAF day assaults

Russia-Russians, meeting weak re-sistance, retake half of Kerch Peninsula and major portion of the north Crimea; Soviet columns within 40 miles of northernmost Rumanian oil fields Germans break through to rescue trapped in pocket south, southeast of

Pacific-Americans seize five more mated 50,000 Japs on last four main islets; planes hammer widespread targets; Marines gain on Bougainville in Solo-

Burma-Japs capture hill position north of Imphal, capital of State of Manipur in India.

Italy-Nazi infiltrations repulsed in Anzio bridgehead.

Your Gift at Discharge: ORIENTATION Talk

FORT DIX, N.J., Apr. 12-War veterans entering the Army's new separation center will receive an orientation talk, physical examination and civilian classification and within 40 hours of arrival will be discharged and on their way home, perhaps furnished with civilian clothes and a railroad ticket.

Discharge procedure previously required several weeks to a month. Speed-up plans call for establishment of separation centers throughout the

5 More Atolls In Marshalls Fall to Yanks

50,000 Japs Left on Last 4 Islands Facing Doom; Air Fleets Hit Wide Area

American armed forces, supported by warships and aircraft of the Seventh Air Force, have captured five more atolls in the northeastern Marshall Islands, giving the Allies control over 18 of the group's 22 main atolls, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, Pacific Fleet commander, announced yesterday at Pearl Harbor.

Japanese troops on Mille, Jaluit, Wotje and Maleolap—last principal enemy bases in the Marshalls—now are hemmed in on the north, south and west by strong U.S. island positions and on the east by 2,000 miles of open ocean dominated by U.S. patrol fleets guarding the supply route from Pearl Harbor to the Solomons, Australia and other points in the Southwest Pacific

west Pacific.

An estimated nearly 50,000 Japs are garrisoned on the four atolls and face

either starvation, surrender or death. Meanwhile, Marines on Bougainville gained two miles in their thrust along this Solomon Island's southern coast. More than 5,300 Japs have been killed since the American push began Mar. 8. American casualties have totaled 1,514 in the same

In air operations, 200 Solomons-based in air operations, 200 Solomons-based fighters and bombers again bombed Rabaul, New Britain, starting fuel-dump fires visible 40 miles. Heavy bombers hit targets near Madang, New Guinea; medium bombers blasted the naval base at Ambonina, off Dutch New Guinea; and naval patrol bombers damaged two small enemy cargo ships at Wolcai Lived

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in the west-central Carolines.

Light warships of Adm. William F.
Halsey's Southwest Pacific task force
bombarded Hansa Bay, Madang and
Alexishafen, on the north-central New
Guinea coast, destroying many shore installations. Jap land-based guns did not stallations. Jap land-based guns did not

Japs Capture Hill Near Imphal in India

NEW DELHI, Apr. 12 (Reuter)— apanese capture of a small hill north of Imphal, capital of the Indian state of Manipur, was admitted today by Lord

Manipur, was admitted today by Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters.

The Allies did not mention the name of the hill, but the Japanese claimed the seizure of Kangra Tungi, described as the strongest Allied position on the Kohima road. Its position was given as eight miles northwest of Imphal.

In northeast Burma, a unit of Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill's American raiders fought its way through a ring of Japanese columns and contacted other Allied troops after an eight-day siege in a pocket in the mountainous jungles of the northern Mogaung Valley.

Three Aircraft Plants in Austria Battered by Heavies From Italy; RAF Blasts Rail Center in Ruhr

Sergeant Lost in Army Shuffle Found After 13-Mo. 'Furlough'

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Apr. 11 (AP)—S/Sgt. John B. Zealor, 22-year-old tail gunner, of Roxbury, Conn., can qualify as the envy of all servicemen who like the idea of a furlough.

Because somewhere along the line of bookkeeping, Zealor said today, he got lost and had a 13-month furlough. The tail-gunner gave this version

He went into the Air Forces in January, 1942, and was shipped overseas six months later. As a result of 26 combat missions in the African theater, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Silver Star and the Air

Returned to this country Jan. 10, 1943, Zealor reported at Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, Fla., was given a furlough and told to await

Early in February of this year his mother, Mrs. Katherine Zealor, of Bridgewater, Conn., received a communication from the War Department saying it was not known where her son was. She telegraphed that he was at home.

Shortly thereafter, Zealor was notified to report to the Army Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 1 here, where he now is awaiting reassignment.
"I didn't know what to do," said Zealor, "so I sat tight and waited. However, I managed to catch up on my hunting and fishing in the mean-

There was one aspect of his furlough to mar the picture. He said he had not yet received his pay for the 13 months.

MacArthur Scores in Illinois: Dewey Strong in Nebraska

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12—An exceptionally strong write-in vote for Gov. Thomas E. Dewey in Nebraska and a sizable vote for Gen. Douglas MacArthur in Illinois stood out today in early returns from yesterday's

two Republican presidential preference primaries in the Midwest.

Nebraska Republicans found only the names of Lt. Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen, of Minnesota, and Wendell Willkie on their ballots, but Dewey

supporters went out of their way to write in his name and give him, at least in first returns, almost half as many votes as

Stassen,
Willkie partisans, marking ballots
printed before the Hoosier announced his

withdrawal as a presidential candidate last Wednesday, gave their man a large com-

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Of Brig, Given His

A U.S. NAVAL BASE, England, Apr. 12—Arthur Arnold's 30-day stay in the brig was interrupted at the halfway mark by an award ceremony at which he

Medal, Sent Back

Gob Is Taken Out

49 Known Dead In Gales' Wake

Great Lakes, Seaboard Hit; 35 in Arkansas Victims of Tornado

Special to The Stars and Stripes NEW YORK, Apr. 12 (AP)—Storms which battered most of the U.S. for the last two days, leaving 49 persons known dead, subsided today after a final swing at the Eastern Seaboard and the Great

Many remained homeless in Kansas and Oklahoma as rivers continued flooding in the wake of torrential rains. A forecast of clearing and colder weather promised some relief, but several streams had not yet reached predicted crests.

Arkansas, with 35 dead in a series of tornadoes, was the worst sufferer. Six persons were killed in Fort Wayne, Ind., when a wall was blown over by a high wind. North Carolina, Alabama, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, Kentucky, Georgia and Tennessee each reported deaths directly due to lightning or wind.

Points as widely separated as Michigan and South Carolina were lashed by wind-

and South Carolina were lashed by windstorms. A 60-mile gale, described as the heaviest in nearly four years, battered many points along Lake Michigan. A tornado struck near Walhall, S.C., sever-

Attacks From South Maintain Incessant Aerial Pounding

American 'heavy bombers "in great strength" yesterday pounded three of the big Messerschmitt fac-tories in the Wiener-Neustadt area in Austria, 27 miles south of Vienna, carrying the resumed Allied assault on German air strength into its fifth consecutive day.

With its thundering raid on one of the biggest of the German aircraft assembly plants, the Italy-based 15th Air Force took over momentarily the offensive pressed relentlessly from the British Isles for the previous four days and nights by RAF and USAAF task forces bent on softening the German defenses against invasion.

Weather over Europe halted the roundthe-clock offensive against German tar-gets from the British Isles soon after the last RAF bombers returned from a heavy night blow at the railway center of Aachen, in the Ruhr.

Weather Forces Turn-Back

Eighth Air Force heavy bombers roared out from British bases yesterday morning to continue the assault, but weather forced

most of them to return.

Some Forts and Libs, however, penetrated enemy territory, escorted by fighters of both Eighth and Ninth Air Forces and the RAF, and sharp battles ensued. Fifteen enemy fighters were shot down for a loss of five American bombers and five fighters, headquarters announced last night.

ist night. Wiener-Neustadt turns out fighter planes on a mass-production basis and is reputed to have been the source of about one-third of the entire Messerschmitt out-

one-third of the entire Messerschmitt output. It has been raided three times before by American heavy bombers, in August, October and November of last year, when heavy damage was inflicted.

In yesterday's raids many tons of bombs were dropped on the main assembly plant at Wiener-Neustadt and on parts factories at Bad Voslau, north of the town, and Fischamend Market, 25 miles to the northeast of the central plant. The latter is one of the biggest fuselage and components plants for German fighters.

A large force of Liberators also

Mediesday, gave their man a large com-plimentary vote.

Results from 610 of 2,031 precincts gave Stassen 13,767 votes, Dewey 6,024 and Willkie 1,905.

In Illinois, MacArthur ran better than 14 to 1 ahead of his comparatively un-known opponent, Riley Bender, Chicago real-estate man and former by the com-A large force of Liberators also attacked the airfield and railway yards at Zagreb, Jugoslavia, yesterday.

In all of the attacks good bomb coverage was reported. Losses were not immediately announced. real-estate man and former boxer. The general, who was not required to consent

general, who was not required to consent to the entry of his name under Illinois law, was indorsed by Col. Robert R. McCormick, publisher of the Chicago Tribune, but was not given the backing of the state Republican organization.

Returns from 6,692 of 8,728 districts gave MacArthur 393,000 votes, Bender 27,000. There were scattered write-in votes, chiefly for President Roosevelt.

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7,000 Sorties Since Sunday
When the Allied offensive from Britain
paused after the RAF attack on Aachen, Anglo-American air forces had completed approximately 7,000 bomber and fighter sorties since Sunday, shaking Europe with an estimated 11,000 tons of bombs.

factories at Oschersleben and Bernberg and the industrial cities of Rostock and Arnimswalde and other industrial targets in Germany, 126 enemy aircraft were destroyed in aerial combat—74 by Liberators and Fortresses and 52 by escorting P47s, P51s and P38s of the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces.

Sixty-four U.S. bombers and 16 fighters did not return out of a force of nearly

Photographs taken during the raids (Continued on page 4)

was decorated with the Silver Star for heroism in the landing on Sicily. A seaman, first class, in the Coast Guard, serving time for overstaying a Lt. Colonel Admits leave in London, changed from dungarees to dress blues and was marched under armed escort to a platform where he received the medal. Guilt in Extortion, Bribe Plot in N.Y. Arnold was serving as coxswain on a landing craft on July 10, 1943, when Allied forces carried out an assault on Gela, Sicily. Heavy machine-gun fire swept the troops disembarking from Arnold's boat. Although Arnold's duties did not in-

NEW YORK, Apr. 12—Lt. Col. Edward Gordon Jr., 47, of New Rochelle, N.Y., pleaded guilty in Federal Court to charges of conspiring to accept bribes and extort money from shipbuilders holding government contracts. He was arrested after he allegedly accepted an envelope containing marked currency.

containing marked currency.

According to the Federal charges,
Gordon demanded \$52,000 from Wesley
Wheeler, president of the Wheeler Shipbuilding Corp., of Whitestone, N.Y.
Arthur M. Donnelly, of the Bronx,
former employe of a Japanese firm, was
alleged to have been the intermediary in
the bribe attempt. Donnelly also pleaded
guilty.

Gordon has been active in shipping circles since before the last war, when he served for two years in the Navy. He was a partner in a tugboat and barge company before being commissioned in May, 1942.

Gunner With 75 Missions Asks Transfer to Pacific—and Tokyo

Kurt J. Hermann, of Babylon, N.Y., has completed 75 missions as a gunner on U.S. bombers. He has 12 Oak Leaf Clusters to his Air Medal,

Hermann has been to Berlin four times and to Rome once. He has requested a transfer to the Pacific Theater so that he can complete an even 100 bombing missions—including a few on the only Axis capital he's missed, Tokyo.

In North Africa, Sgt. Hermann finished ten raids as a B17 gunner and then trans-ferred to medium bombers and went on 40 more missions as tail-gunner on a

and the sergeant gunner went home. In three weeks he was ready to go again and asked to be transferred to heavy bombers in England. He flew his first mission in the ETO on Dec. 20, 1943.

Although Hermann destroyed four German fighters in North Africa and got but one over Germany, he claims this is by far the "rougher" theater.

One night Hermann got permission to go out with the RAF, just to round out his experience.

his experience.

When the U.S. entered the war the 24-year-old gunner was a seaman on a merchant ship bound for Russia. His 40 more missions as tail-gunner on a Marauder.

Lt. Gen. James Doolittle signed Hermann's furlough papers when he finished his tour of operations in North Africa,

A FORTRESS BASE, Apr. 12-T/Sgt. | and the sergeant gunner went home. In

beachhead. Following the ceremony, Arnold, a resident of New Alexandria, Va., returned to brig and dungarees for 15 more days.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12 (Reuter)— WPB has raised heavy artillery to the same top priority accorded landing craft in re-sponse to a military demand for more big

Heavy Artillery Raised To Top Priority by WPB

volved actual combat, he tossed two hand

grenades, silencing the machine-guns and permitting the attackers to capture the

guns quickly.

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Small But Mighty

Berlin's first daylight bombing attack was delivered by Mosquito fighter-bombers on January 30, 1943, and their sudden appearance over the capital of the Reich, unheralded by any warning, rather upset the dignified proceedings of the German Air Ministry. Other early daylight attacks by Mosquitoes were launched against the Gestapo Headquarters in Oslo in September, 1942, on the molybdenum mines at Knabel, Norway, in March of last year, and on the Carl Zeiss optical works at Jena in May, 1943.

These early attacks attracted a good deal of attention at the time, for the Mosquito was a new-type plane with outstanding performance; and each mission was made to count. In no case was a "stunt" operation undertaken.

Nowadays communiques report fighterbomber attacks on targets in Germany so often that many people believe these are merely nuisance raids. Such is not the case. Their activities, together with daylight blows struck by American fighterbombers, can be classified as medium weight attacks. If they are not so heavy as those of the four-engined aircraft, they are more frequent, and fighter-bombers often take off in weather that is not spitable for heavy bomber activity.

Fighter-bombers sometimes operate in conjunction with four-engine bombers. They may appear over a target shortly after a large scale raid, and such was recently the case at Frankfurt. Sometimes they operate in numbers up to 20. During the past month, for example, more fighter-bombers were sent out on night attacks against Germany than the total of German aircraft of all types sent over

Britain.

Moreover, these fighter-bombers have hung-up a record of destruction deep in Germany that her doze much to deep in her Army husband overseas, Mrs. Bates Germany that has done much to slow the Nazi war effort. Packing a powerful sting they are feared and respected, Small | but mighty, they are today playing an important role in winning the war.

Crimean Collapse

The whole of the Crimea is expected to be under Russian control within a few days; this, despite the fact that Hitler has ordered that it must be held at all

Reason for the quickening success of the Red Army in that sector can be attributed to the collapse of organized German resistance. Nazi forces, worn out from never-ending battle, are in full flight as troops of Gen. Tolbukhin's 4th Ukrainian Army pour into the Crimean Plain, and as Gen. Yeremenko's soldiers advanced from Kerch towards Feodosia, first big city on the way to Simferopol, Yalta and Sevastopol. Already these two armies have pushed through the Crimea from east and north, capturing villages at lightning speed. Nothing now seems likely to slow their advance.

With German troops driven from this sector, mother Russia will be back in the hands of her own people, and the powerful Red Army will be free to move against Nazi and Nazi-held countries in the final campaigns of World War II.

The Pipers Are Coming

As an example of the versatility of the American fighting man, we offer news from the British press that one of the highlights of the Salute the Soldier campaign in Northern Ireland will be the appearance of the United States Marine Corps Pipe Band.

The band, only musical combination of its kind in the world, was formed about a year ago at the American naval base in Londonderry from volunteers who, on the whole, did not know what a bagpipe looked like. Now, as the result of the tutorship of an Ulster ex-serviceman and their base music sergeant, they can don their kilts and go piping down the street with the best of 'em.

In addition to being a colorful outfit, the band has two ambitions-to take part in the Allied march through Berlin and the Victory march down Fifth Avenue. Right now the band is boosting Anglo-American relations with frequent public appearances.

As one Marine piper put it, "We taught Ulster's girls to jitterhug and Ulster reciprocated by showing us how to play the bagpipe." Here is "lend-lease" and "lease-lend" that is not listed on the books—but who will deny the value of this reciprocal aid.

Hash Marks

GI Philosophy. In the old days when a fellow told a girl a dirty joke she blushed—now she memorizes it.

* This little verse was left on desk un-The moan of some guy who loved and lost.

I always knew that she Wasn't the only fish in the sea And now it occurs too late That neither am I the only bait.

Signs of the Times. The cigarette advertisers will have to change their policies a little. The other day we saw a WAC



walking along with a carton of Camels under her arm-the box being con-spicuously stamped "For Men in the Ser-

Navy Gallantry (or maybe we're allies after all). When a taxi driver misunderstood directions, an Army private's wife, an expectant mother, found herself at the Chelsea Naval Hospital instead of the Army establishment. Learning of her condition, Navy doctors brushed aside regulations and delivered a bouncing

Here's the cleverest name we've seen on an Army vehicle in the ETO. A jeep came bouncing down the street proudly tagged, "No Gum, Chum." *

Famous last words. "You can drink this stuff all night—it'll never bother you."

Chalk one up for Army classification.
When Cpl. Bruce L. Watts of the ETO reported for duty they made him an electricity.



Raney of New York proudly took the print to the post office for mailing. That's when her troubles began. First, the print was oversize; next came censorship, filling out five forms and two invoices; then she forgot hubby's letter requesting the photo. Finally, though, Mrs. Raney beat the red tape and the package was on its way. That night her husband came in on

Results of a strictly private poll. Four out of five woman haters are women, we betcha, we betcha.

J. C. W.

So Says Mr. Spam, at Least

Can Says Spam, It Looks LikeSpam, but It Isn't Spam

By David Golding

AUSTIN, Minn.—It's no secret that Spam has been sold to the Army. Thousands of doughboys will attest to that. To make the record complete, even Jay C. Hormel, president of George A. Hormel and Co., said rather brevels it. bravely it was so.

But the head of the company which makes Spam and assorted food products was quick to call attention to the fact that he used the past tense.

At the same time, in what he said was his "first and positively last interview on the subject," Mr. Hormel made no effort to question the eyesight of overseas mess sergeants who insist they have hundreds of empty Spam cans to prove they have

been sold to the Army.
"It seems," he said, "there was a slight misunderstanding over the entire issue. A lot of people are confusing Spam with the pork luncheon meat that comes in a

Mr. Hormel possibly meant that if you like eating something that looks like Spam, tastes somewhat like Spam—it's

not Spam but pork luncheon meat.

Getting back to the point in question,
Mr. Hormel said yes, he was aware of
the furore raised by the story that his
company had written a soldier in Guadalcompany had written a soldier in Guadat-canal explaining Spam's relationship to the Army. It was obvious that Mr. Hormel was impressed by the howl that went up by Army chefs the world over who read the story. "Up to now," he said, referring to the exchange of correspondence, "we have made one mistake. We proceeded on the theory that a letter deserves a cour-teous reply."

teous reply."

Mr. Hormel and his aides were quite

eager to clear up any "misconceptions service men overseas have concerning Spam." In fact, they trotted out the records and sales books to substantiate



the following facts which Mr. Hormel

presented to me. They show:

1. The government has been buying mountains of Spam from Hormel since

1940 solely for lend-lease purposes.

2. The United States Army purchased in August, 1942, more than a million pounds of Spam from Hormel. That was the only large order ever

sold to the Army. Since then two small consignments were sold to the Army, one of which was turned over to the Navy. Then, could Mr. Hormel furnish the

answer to the irate statements made by mess sergeants in North Africa and Italy who said they had plenty of Spam cans lying around empty?

He admitted he couldn't. But one associate hazarded a guess that maybe all that Spam came from the government's supply of lend-lease Spam which had gildd up overseas.

piled up overseas.

"It may be extremely possible," the associate said, "that there may have been a shortage of stores and the quartermaster borrowed Spam from the lend-

lease agency."

As for Mr. Hormel, a serious-minded executive of 52, whose hair is streaked with gray, he is bearing up under all the



the Army. He knows well that he may be as popular with some guys as the official on the local draft board,

Mr. Hormel is philosophical. During the last war he was a second lieutenant and helped develop the packing of bone-less beef which permitted the Army to send vast quantities of fresh meat overseas. He well recalls what members of the AEF in World War I thought of "goldfish" or canned salmon. He seems to have resigned himself to the queer quirk of destiny which has made Spam the "goldfish" of World War II.

Therefore, I asked him whether he had any postwar intention of changing the brand name or composition of Spam in view of the dire threats uttered by service men in case their wives ever served them the product when they returned

Mr. Hormel did not answer the ques-tion directly but remarked with a trace of a smile: "I understand there is one soldier who said he is saving his last three bullets for me."

What did Mr. Hormel think of the scores of GI recipes concocted by enter-prising Army chefs to disguise Spam. "Very ingenious," he remarked em-

Mr. Hormel was somewhat vague regarding the number of times Spam crops up at the Hormel household. He was more certain that Spam was included account to the horse documents served at cock-

among the hors d'oeuvres served at cock-

among the hors d ocurres served at tail parties.

"I also used to send my friends gift packages of Spam before rationing," Mr. Hormel said with a straight face.

Mr. Hormel and the company believe that Spam has been unjustly maligned because it has been confused with pork buncheon meat and similar products of luncheon meat and similar products of other meat packing companies. It seems that in many places—England, for example—all canned meat products are lumped together under the name of "Spam." The management doesn't mind taking the brickbats for its own products but they hate to take the blame for the others.

The company claims that Spam is the only meat product marketed which is made from pork shoulder with ham meat added. It's easy to recognize Spam because it comes in a 12-ounce can with the name printed in blue letters on the

The management says the reason Spam has such a savory flavor is that the meat is cooked to the right proportion and sealed tightly by the 12-inch vacuum-type can. On the other hand, that is why pork luncheon meat in the six-pound can is not as tasty. While the six-pound can is more practical for field ration purposes, the meat must be cooked longer and does not attain the same balance in taste which

Spam does.

Hormel and Co. started testing the possibility of canning meat which could be a standard shelf product without spoiling. The company kept experimenting with the pork and ham combination which made its appearance somewhat self-consciously in 1938.

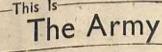
consciously in 1938.

The man who thought up the name Spam was a Broadway actor, Kenneth Daigneau, Mr. Hormel disclosed. Mr. Daigneau, a brother of a Hormel executive, was attending a New Year's Eve party at the Hormel residence. All guests that night received an entry blank for the contest to select a short name which sounded like a food product. After one drink, the actor hit upon the name which

sounded like a food product. After one sounded like a food product. After one drink, the actor hit upon the name which now adorns the package. For that creative effort, Mr. Daigneau received 100 dollars. Mr. Hormel disclosed during lunch that his company prepares a special variation of Spam for the Russians. It's called Tushonka and consists of boiled pork, lard, hay leaf and black pepper. Not bad, either, when boiled and served hot. The Hormel plant is very much at war. The company has three other plants at St. Louis, Chicago and Indianapolis, where a large variety of food products are made for the Army and lend-lease purposes.

purposes.

The making of Spam is an extension of the assembly-line technique as applied to the meat packing industry. Skinners, fatters and boners make short work of the shoulder pork and ham piled in huge, clean barrels. When the meat is cut from the bone, it is ground and carried upin huge cooking retorts which cook 8,000 cans at a time. The meat is carried over to the canning line where 35 cans are turned out a minute, labels and all.



MILTON Graf, of Algoma, Wis., came to Britain in 1941 as a naval construction technician on U.S. naval advance bases and stayed to enlist in the Seabees on Feb. 28, 1943. Merlin Graf, an Army port battalion corporal, arrived in a port town on Christmas Eve, 1943, and surprised his Seabee brother preparing barracks for Merlin's unit's occupancy. Raymond Graf arrived recently and is doing guard duty at Milton's camp, and is doing guard duty at Milton's camp. They held a weekend reunion after a separation of almost three years. Four other brothers are officers in the U.S. Merchant Marine. Merchant Marine.

Merchant Marine.

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A station hospital in the ETO is convinced that 19 is its lucky number. Its APO number at the POE totaled 19; its APO number in Britain totals 19; its shipping orders from training camparrived on the 19th of the month; it arrived in Britain on the 19th; its shipping number for the voyage totaled 19. Gambling men in the outfit are betting the war will end the 19th day of their 19th month oversea. (Date of arrival; Censored.)

Censored.)

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PFC Peter Ruduski, 33, of Alden
Station, Pa., was an electric-engine
operator for a coal company in civilian
life: Pfc Thomas Brocavitch, 27, was a
vermin exterminator in Scranton, Pa.
Now they operate the post tailor shop at
an Army hospital in England. And they now they operate the post tailor shop at an Army hospital in England. And they like the work. "We had a WAC come in for an alteration job," said Brocavitch. "When we finished the cutting and sewing she said she couldn't have done better on Fifth Avenue."

Latest nominee for the title of the ETO's shortest GI is Pvt. Russell W. Brown, of Milroy, Pa. Brown reaches an even four feet ten inches and wears size 4½ shoes. His mates call him "Shorty." The same mail brought an application from Pvt. Tony Scandaliato. of Brooklyn, who towers three-quarters of an inch higher than Brown.

A YANK in the ATS will marry a GI sergeant as soon as the war ends. Dorothy Chipps, of Akron, Ohio, was in London at the outbreak of hostilities. Rejected by the WAC because of a policy at the time of no overseas enlistments, she joined the ATS in August, 1942. She is engaged to Sgt. Mal Spooner, of Cleveland and the Signal Corps, whom she met in England.

Officers and men of the Royal Elec-frical and Mechanical Engineers of the British Army are going to school at a U.S. Army Quartermaster installation in England to qualify as experts in the operation and maintenance of the latest-type American mobile refrigeration equipment. The courses run for 10 days, and classes are held from 8 AM until noon and from 1 PM until 5 PM, with study periods in the evenings.

Notes from the-Air Force

COL. Jack E. Caldwell, 31, of Searcy, Ark., has been awarded the Legion of Merit for developing a new strategy for medium bombers operating from Britain, Ninth Air Force headquarters announced yesterday.

Caldwell, who now commands a Nirah

Air Force Marauder Group, flew obsolete Air Force Marauder Group, flew obsolete planes from Bataan to Mindanao following the Pearl Harbor attack. He was decorated, according to the citation, for changing of tactics for Marauders from low-level bombing to medium-level attacks ranging from 8,000 to 12,000 feet. In their only two low-level attacks, Marauders suffered a 100 per, cent loss on one and heavy damage on the other.

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Caldwell was a member of the "Bam-boo Fleet" in 1941 and 1942, when sup-plies were so low planes were using jeep tires instead of regular airplane tires.

Mission Belle, the first B26 in the theater to complete 50 missions, has gone on to finish 75 and is heading for No. 100. However, Mild and Bitter beat the original record holder to the 75-mission mark and is out in front on the way to 100. T/Sgt. Joe CcCarthy, of Philadelphia, is Mission Belle's crew chief

THE P38s in the theater are outnum-THE P38s in the theater are outnum-bered by other-type fighters, but the twin-tailed, twin-engined fighters are doing a bang-up job. A squadron of Lt, Col. Roy. W. Osborn's group came home the other day and when intelligence added up the destroyed or damaged claims the latter totaled three German fighters, eight trains seven barges, six fighters, eight trains, seven barges, six industrial buildings, five locomotives, two signal towers, two flak towers, a railroad tower, a river boat, an ammunition dump and 14 barracks buildings. Nice day's

The last of the famous old Libs that took part in the Ploesti and Weiner-Neustadt raids are bowing out of the combat picture. The log of the B24 Heaven Can Wait tells a story few bombers in anyone's air force can match, but the old plane is now being used as a training ship. The Lib bombed 55 times in three theaters: Middle East, the African and European.

THE man who kept Lt. Col. Eugene P. Roberts' guns in firing order through 87 combat missions without a single stoppage, Sgt. R. J. Brooks, of Gooding, Idaho, was given the Legion of Merit last week. Roberts was one of the early fighter-pilot aces and led the league for several months. He was taken off combat when he had destroyed nine.



"No! No!! The 'U.S.' is upside down!!"

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Thursday, April 13, 1944

How Good Is the Red Air Force?



Guards Jr. Lt. I. Grundanov of the Red Air Force proved the worth of the American P39 by shooting down five German aircraft with his Airacobra

OW that America's 15th Air Force in Italy has begun operations in direct support of the Russian advance into Rumania and Hungary, an old query again comes up: How great has been the role of the Russian Air Force in the mounting successes of the Red Army? Red Army?

Some light on the question was given recently when Alexander Werth, broadcasting from Russia for BBC, told how a unit of Red Air Force liaison planes largely was responsible for the liquidation of much of the ten German divisions trapped in the Korsun pocket in the Ukraine several weeks ago.

The night before the Germans prepared their last desperate attempt to break through the Russain ring, U2s of the Red Air Force went up in a blizzard when nothing else would fly, located and dropped incendiaries on the German force, setting fires that enabled the proper sighting of Russian artillery batteries, which then pounded the Nazis and shattered the enemy breakthrough plans. Then the Russian ground forces mopped up.

Aerial Motorbikes

These U2s—biplane trainer aircraft be-fore the war—proved, as did American Piper Cubs in Africa and Sicily, a deadly military secret that everyone knew about except the Germans.

except the Germans.

To date in the Russian war, these 75-mph grasshoppers, called aerial motor bikes by the Russians, have done everything. They have bombed, served as ambulances, carried on liaison between Russian commanders and guerrilla fighters behind the German lines, and on several occasions when the chips were down even have taken to the air as fighters against giant German transports. They are, perhaps, one of the principal racy are, perhaps, one of the principal mobility despite mud and muck. When nothing else can get through with supplies, the U2s bring them in.

At Stalingrad, this plane won its first laurels and emerged as one of the Red Army's warrior aircraft. In that great battle, U2s flew up to a dozen combat missions a night, developing bombing factics still used successfully. The pilots climbed as high as possible, sighted their targets, cut the engines, then glided in on the bomb run in complete silence.

An in pitched battles, the Red Air Force's highly flexible tactics are as carefully interlocked with the plan of attack as are those of the artillery, infantry and other units in the fight.

After the battle which resulted in the Russians' regaining Orel, Col. Kotelnikov, a ground commander, reported:

"an air unit insured the break-through of the N tank unit and its subsequent operations deep in the enemy find their targets, cut the engines, then glided in on the bomb run in complete silence."

targets, cut the engines, then glided in on the bomb run in complete silence. These "noiseless bombers" not only proved deadly to German targets, they greatly

deadly to German targets, they greatly unset enemy morale.

One Nazi general is said to have reported that the Russians had a bomber which could fly up to a window and look over the sill to see whether there were any Germans inside. any Germans inside.

Connected with Ground Operations

Since the Russo-German fighting has since the Russ-Octahan lighting has been over such vast land areas and involved such huge ground armies, most of the Red Air Force's activity has been directly connected with ground operations.

Thus the Russians have concentrated on fighters and bombers used mostly in assault, and although several thousand first-line ships have been furnished them by the U.S. and Britain, Soviet producby the U.S. and Britain, Soviet produc-tion has been tremendous—this despite Hitler's "final" pronouncement in Novem-ber, 1941, that the Russian Air Force was destroyed and would never rise again. While the designation of Russian air-craft—like America's P for fighters and

with the terrica's P for lighters and B for bombers—is not necessarily uniform, the nearest approach to standardization is I for lighters, SB medium bombers, TB heavy bombers, DB longrange bombers, PS transports, U trainers, KOR ship-borne, and ARK Arctic airplane. And some of the leading Soviet aircraft designers have been honored in designations. Those designed by Yakovely are YAKs; ANT means aircraft designed by A. N. Tupoley; LA, Lavochkin; H., Iliuchin; PE, Petlyakov, and SU, Sukhon.

Besides the great array of YAKs and Stormoviks and other Russian aircraft, foreign types in common use by the Soviets are British Hurricanes and Spit-

bardment, the biggest part of their aerial operations has been against mobile and foot troops, both in the early German advances and the Nazis' current retreats. Typical Log Book Entries

One of the favorite Soviet tricks has involved low-flying groups of Soviet aire involved low-flying groups of Soviet aircraft which constantly attack forward
delements of retreating German columns,
often retarding entire movements and
sometimes forcing the enemy to abandon
vehicles and everything mobile in order of
escape. Many times in the last few
months such tactics have slowed German
retreats long enough for Russian ground
units to catch up with and dispose of the
Germans, and to capture untold quantities of usable booty.

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In this connection, these are typical entries in the log book of a Red Air Force

Jan. 4-Seven enemy fuel tanks destroyed, six lorries set on fire, two HQs and 100 Germans annihilated.

Jan. 8—He126 brought down. Jan. 17—A column of 100 Germans and 40 vehicles dispersed, 40 German

"Long before the operations began, the tanks and Stormoviks carried out combined exercises . . . tank crews were taught to signal the planes by means of radio, rocket and tracer, the objects hindering the advance. The Stormoviks, The answer-PLENTY. Itsjob, different from other Allied Air Forces, is making Air history

By Earl Mazo Stars and Stripes Staff Writer



Sr. Lt. Dina Nikulina, one of many Soviet women flying combat with the Red Air Force.

and 100 Germans annihilated.

Jan. 5—Thirty-two lorries and 100
carts destroyed, 120 Nazis annihilated,
one Hell3 brought down.

Jan. 6—About 80 Nazis killed, 11
lorries, one motor car and several carts
destroyed.

on their part, undertook to lead the tanks
to their targets.

"... the contact between land and
air proved successful, Recognition used
to depend on the inscriptions and other
markings on the body of the tank. In
hattle, however, the markings became battle, however, the markings became soiled, and the explosion of shells and dust often made it impossible for pilots to see them at all from a height. For this reason, reliance was placed mainly on radio and light signals.

"The Stormoviks and tanks found a common language . . . and the result was disaster for the enemy."

Fantastic Stories Proven

This success story has been repeated in practically every recent engagement.

While so much of the Red Air Force's fighting has to do with the everyday job of wiping out German ground forces, Russian fliers have reported some fantastic exploits, such as the ramming of enemy aircraft and chewing off tails of German airplanes.

Although Americans at first accepted these stories with tongue in cheek, they have been proven true, as have so many other Russian feats.

One of the first successful "rammers" was Victor Talalikhin who, while chasing



Junior Lt. I. Bagatsky is another Airacobra booster. Soviet fliers remain on combat duty as long as they are physically fit.

He is reported to have said the Russian equivalent of "I'll get that Nazi skunk or else," rammed it—and awakened in a Russian peasant's hut. In the collision he had been thrown clear and had parachuted to safety in a swamp. For his ramming he was acclaimed a Hero of the Soviet Union, an award which corres-ponds with the American Congressional Medal of Honor and the British Victoria

Talalikhin's story spread, and rammings as a last resort were officially encouraged.
Often, like Talalikhin, the ramming
Russians lived to win a decoration;
frequently they died.

By June, 1942, the official Soviet War News Bulletin said, "Rammings are becoming a daily routine." Even some Russian women pilots have

been acclaimed for destroying enemy air-craft by ramming.

Despite fantastic stories of heroism, and

the fact that women have a big part in Red Air Force activities, those who know the Russians have said that their average fliers are plain Joes and Janes from every section of the Soviet Union who like to fly, hate the Germans, and like a good time as much as young fliers of any other nation.

Col. Hubert Zemke, the American fighter ace who spent four months in Russia in the summer and fall of 1941 training Red airmen to fly Lend-Lease American aircraft, returned enthusiastic about Russian ailors. about Russian pilots.

Col. Zemke Impressed

He said they conscientiously absorbed everything he could tell them, and some even began to study English so they might read more technical books about air-

Col. Zemke was so impressed, in fact, that he named his first P47 Tovarich, the Russian word for friend.

Fred Graham, New York Times aviation writer, met Russian airmen sent to

America to study. He soon shared Zemke's enthusiasm.

He said one Russian, Maj. Oshinekoff, chubby pilot who was always laughing and who could down double bourbons with the best in America, startled test pilots in the States by skilfully flying everything they showed him.

He was especially fond of the P39, and

on one occasion gave a Bell plant such a thorough buzzing that the manager said, "If we ever get that fellow on the ground

off German bombers headed for Moscow, he'll never fly one of our planes around expended all his ammunition unsuccessfully on an He111. Oshinekoff slow-rolled the Airacobra close enough to the ground for the wing

close enough to the ground for the wing tips to barely clear the runway.

This pilot, Graham said, believed that "an airplane is an airplane... if it can fly it has a certain amount of fight. It is up to the pilot to find out how much."

Oshinekoff, who, like all other Russians, evaded direct question about the Red-Air Force, was an ace. When Graham asked how many Germans he was credited with he modestly eaid he was credited with the modestly eaid he was credited with, he modestly said he didn't know, that "the ground people thought I was keeping records, and I thought they were keeping the records. So there are no records."

That is true of most accounts the world has of Russian aces. Stories of individual exploits are told, but the over-all picture has seldom been given.

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Soviet women pilots, incidentally, started the war in aerial-ambulance and ferry-pilot jobs, but soon won for themselves the opportunity to prove they could fly combat successfully against the best in the Luftweffe. in the Luftwaffe.

Women Pilots

A Hero of the Soviet Union, Shestakov, who commands a fighter unit, said one of his hottest (in combat) pilots was a girl, Lilia Litviak, who shot down three German aircraft the first week she joined his outfit. One of the leading Russian bomber navigators is a mother of two children. children.

Dinah Nikulina, a girl who learned to Dinah Nikulina, a girl who learned to fly in the Russian civil-training schools before the war, was seriously wounded on her 342nd bomber operation. In the hospital she told friends, "I must get well ... they say a pilot's best mission is her 343rd."

Apparently Soviet fliers have no definite tours of operation. They continue combat as long as they are physically able.

While the precise organization of the Red Air Force today has never been announced, simply because that organization is so flexible, it is known that the Soviet air units are set up like ground outlits. Air regiments are like American groups, for instance. While the Russians have something that corresponds with American Bomber commands—these visited Berlin as early as Aug. 26, 1942—the nature of the war has put the big percentage of Red aerial fighting at medium altitudes and on the deck.

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Like the Americans, the Russians have two separate air organizations, one the Red Army Air Force, and the other the Air Arm of the Soviet Navy.

Setup Is Flexible

All individual ground forces like those fighting on the southern fronts have attached air support, and the over-all setup is sto flexible that if aircraft in the Leningrad sector are needed more urgently at a place such as Odessa, for instance, they are transferred quickly.

The Russian aerial successes may be more easily understood when the background of that country's flying history is recalled.

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Russia had four-engined bombers in World War I. And about 20 million Russians, old and young, actively participated before the present war in the Ossoaviakhim organization, which on a much larger scale was to Russia what the Civilian Pilot Training program was to the U.S.

Igor Sikorsky, who now builds Vougit-Igor Sikorsky, who now builds Vougat-Sikorsky airplanes in America, designed Russia's first four-engined aircraft in 1913. It had a wing area of 1,700 square feet and was powered by 100-hp Argus engines. Improved designs of this air-craft, called the IM, were produced for World War I.

Within ten years the Russians were perhaps the most air-minded people in the world, supporting everything from mass parachute jumps to great glider de-

monstrations to drum up interest in flying.

When the full story of the Red
Air Force is finally told it will probably
be one of the most fascinating of the war.



A Soviet pilot gets last minute instructions before taking off for combat in his American Boston bomber. The Russian navy flag indicates that this is one of the numerous land based air units operating with the Soviet navy.



"Down the Line the Signal Ran . . . "



"Bow Lookouts"

The Story

conference about one o'clock, "We get under way at 1400 hours," he told the chief mate as he climbed over the bulwarks. at 1350 the rattling of the anchor chain could be heard forward, and at 1400 the sleek Liberty ship glided out of the harbor. Her signal flags flapped gently in he breeze as the convoy headed for the

Aboard her were 70 warriors, warriors fighting the first round battle-the battle of supply. Forty-two of them are merchant seamen. Twenty-eight are Navy armed guard sailors. They were fighting this war long before the Allies' power to strike back approached anything like it is today. They rode out the enemy's punches long before the rest of our forces were called into full scale operations.

They are a cosmopolitan crowd, this crew. They hail from spots on the globe as far apart as Portugal and Maine, Kentucky and Russia. Their ages range from 16 to 55, but they are all essential cogs in the machinery of keeping the supply

The Skipper Is Boss

The bulk of the responsibility rests on the skipper, tall, lean, Lincolnesque Captain J. C. Giriat. The "Old Man," as all skippers are called (he's no more than 35), graduated from New Rochelle, N.Y., High School back in the 20's. After graduation he went away to prep school. The sea to him was still only something out of a Conrad novel, but during the depression he was induced to ship out on a tanker. A month or two on a tanker, he thought, and he'd be ready to come ashore

HE skipper returned from the convoy and stay ashore. Instead he worked his conference about one o'clock the way up to third mate and remained at sea until some years later when he left the sea and organized the marine division of Sears Roebuck and Co.

When the war broke out he answered the War Shipping Administration's appeal for ex-seamen to return to sea, and two trips ago he took command of his own ship. Ordinary seaman Giriat, off a rusty tanker, was now Captain Giriat, the master of a new 7,000-ton Liberty ship.

In the crew messroom a bull session was in progress, The conversation ran pretty true to form. They discussed the same things that all fighting men talk about. It might have been around a stove in a Nissen hut instead of around a table in a rolling ship. They discussed the officers. Some were "snafu." Others were "neat eggs." They bitched about how the war was being run and they argued good naturedly with the Navy boys about the merits of their respective services, just the same as artillery men argue with infantry men. They talked about the soldier vote being extended to include seamen and they shot the bull about their exploits. They referred to one of the crew as a GFU, "That's army talk," one of the guys said. "A GFU is a GFU whether he's in the Army, Navy or just a civilian," griped one of the old timers. They were a typical bunch of Americans-GI Joes in dungarees

Joe Berthelot, of Wayne, Michigan, the messboy, is a veteran. At 16 he had already made five trips into war zones. He took a friendly ribbing from the crew. "Hey, junior, when are you going to start to shave?" a fireman said to him.

"When you start to bathe, you lousy



"The Old Man"

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grease monkey," he retorted. Aboard shi the black gang are "grease monkeys" an the deck gang are "seagoing bellhops."

The watch had just changed and up int the messroom streamed the 8 to 12 water for a cup of Java before turning into the sacks. One of the men sparred joking with Cicero Ray, a colored Texan who ha shipped this trip as a fireman-watertende "Jimmy" Ray, as he was known in the ring, was on his way to becoming a top notch welterweight when Uncle Sa changed his plans. He had been in the ring with Milo Bettina and Seferino Garci to name two, but after his training at th Sheepshead Bay Maritime School he d cided to give up the ring for good and continue going to sea after the war.

An older, rather quiet man sat in or corner. He was Roy Tewksbury, of Port mouth, New Hampshire, a 49-year-o wiper who gave up a good job ashore ship out. "Got any family, Roy?" we aske

Guadalcanal Gus on Deck

"Yes, I have," he said with his Ne England drawl; "I've got a son who just about ready for his wings as a nav

Just about that time in burst able seams Gus Portrait. To the boys this Bostonia was known as "Guadalcanal Gus." G had been with a tank-destroyer outfit of Guadalcanal and has six Japs to 1 credit, but had come down with malar and was shipped home, where he got medical discharge. After his recovery went to work on an assembly line in defense plant, but before the war he ha sailed on yachts, and he figured his sea e sailed on yachts, and he figured his sea e perience was going to waste in a shore jo Gus, who has a wife and four kids, sai "You can talk about seamen making lot of moola, but I made more as a P with an allotment than I do now. I cou be making three times what I'm makin now if I stayed ashore, but hell, I'm wormore as an experienced seaman than as green welder." green welder.

Danny Dobbins, one of the ABs, joine the ship in St. John's, Newfoundland. I had sailed with the British, Norwegian Danish, Swedish and Finnish merchant se vices and was shipping out for the fir time aboard a "Yankee." "How does the ship stack up with the rest of them?" vasked him.

His answer was simple and frank. It was a typical seaman's answer. "They were a

Rangers Died Fighting At Dawn

Note second week of the beachhead south of Rome, two battalions of Rangers made a night march on Rangers made a night march on Cisterna. Their mission was to infiltrate Stretched British salient along the Albano-Anzio highway was ready to push on. At the same time the American 3rd Division had planned to capture Cisterna, 12 miles stretched British salient along the Albano-Anzio highway was ready to push on. At the same time the American 3rd Division had planned to capture Cisterna, 12 miles stretched British salient along the Albano-Anzio highway was ready to push on. At the same time the American 3rd Division had planned to capture Cisterna, 12 miles stretched British salient along the Albano-Anzio highway was ready to push on. At the same time the American 3rd Division had planned to capture Cisterna, 12 miles stretched British salient along the Albano-Anzio highway was ready to push on. At the same time the American 3rd Division had planned to capture Cisterna, 12 miles stretched British salient along the Albano-Anzio highway was ready to push on. At the same time the American 3rd Division had planned to capture Cisterna, 12 miles stretched British salient along the Albano-Anzio highway was ready to push on. At the same time the American 3rd Division had planned to capture Cisterna, 12 miles stretched British salient along the Albano-Anzio highway was ready to push on. At the same time, was the first sign that all was not well. The town was supposedly undefended. But the 4th battalion met enough resistance there to delay its advance. the German lines, take the town and hold it until the main body could meet them. When they reached Cisterna they were surrounded and cut off. The story of the Rangers at Cisterna makes grim but proud reading.

The day before the attack the Rangers waited for the jumpoff in their assembly area. Bedrolls had been piled high on a tent canvas, left in charge of the cooks and truck drivers, who were ordered to stay behind. In the weapons carrier, parked under a scrubby pine tree, the battalion commanders and their staffs studied the field orders, reconnaissance reports and maps. Officers and noncoms the company command posts were studying the same maps.

Already the names on the map were becoming familiar. Cisterna di Littoria, its stone and cement houses spread out along the Appian Way, could be seen across the flat table top as soon as you left Anzio. Behind Cisterna was the hill mass called Colli Laziali, between the Appian Way and Highway 6.

Looking Down Our Throats

Colli Laziali is the dominating terrain feature facing the beachhead—the only high hill between the Allies and Rome. The rugged Apennine range, with its memories of bloody hill battles from Naples to Cassino, ends just short of the beachhead and could be bypassed. But Colli Laziali, 2,800 feet high, had become a beachhead objective. In German hands, the Colli menaced the Allies with observation that looked down their throats. It was the same old hill story all over again.

The Allied attack was designed to cut

southeast of Albano. When the Appian Way, supplying German forces south to the Garigliano and north to Rome, was cut, the beachhead force would then push on to Colli Laziali.

The Enemy Lies Low

In the first week after the landing, Allied troops had pushed ahead cautiously, feeling their way and expecting a German counter-attack. Up to Jan. 29 the Germans had shown no wish to counterattack and patrols working their way north had discovered few signs of enemy concentrations. The front was still fluid, or appeared so, on the day the Rangers prepared to drive into Cisterna.

This, then, was the setting as the Ranger commanders studied their plans. In the pine woods bivouac that afternoon the men got as much rest as they could. The night before they had marched five miles back from their positions near Carroceto and were dead tired. 'None of them had had much chance to wash, shave or get his hair cut since the landing at Anzio on Jan. 22. The company barbers had plenty of business that afternoon.

At nightfall the Rangers got ready to move out. Riflemen carried two bando-liers of ammunition strung over their shoulders and stuffed their pockets with grenades. The machine-guns were left behind, but the mortar crews carried three 2,800 feet high, had become a beachhead objective. In German hands, the Collimenaced the Allies with observation that looked down their throats. It was the same old hill story all over again.

The Allied attack was designed to cut the Appian Way in two places. The out-

concealed by the moonless sky, moved into the deep irrigation ditches leading north to Cisterna.

From the line of departure to Cisterna was four miles through enemy territory, a short distance for an outfit trained on night marches. In the battalion columns were veterans of three campaigns, for whom night attacks were practically standard operating procedure. The Rangers often referred to themselves as a "point" outfit: They were accustomed to leading larger units into battle.

Marching Through the Night

All night the Rangers marched, silently, under dark, cloud-choked skies, as moonless as the skies over Anzio on the night they landed. There was no hint of disaster as they plodded ahead. Several of the Rangers who later escaped told of passing German machine-gun and mortar nests, which fired occasionally to their flanks. But the enemy showed no disposition to attack them, gave no signs, moreover, that he knew they were coming.

"We passed two batteries of screaming meemies," said Cpl. Ben W. Mosier, Ashtabula, Ohio. "We heard them giving orders in German and could have wiped them out. But we weren't showing our hand,"

"We could see their sentries," added Sgt.
Thomas B. Gergen, Parkston, S.D. "But
they didn't see us. We had to keep quiet."
While the 1st and 3rd battalions of
Rangers moved up through the irrigation
ditches, the 4th battalion to the left flank
was fighting in the town of Isola Bella,
astride a northbound road to Citiere. astride a northbound road to Cisterna. Here, if anyone could have known at the

Following the battalion and company commanders as they moved ahead weretheir radio operators, carrying walkietalkies on their backs. The antennae rocked back and forth over their heads, but no sound came from the radios and no message was received. By plan, radios were kept silent.

The last minutes before dawn brought the Rangers to the edge of Cisterna. In the stone farmhouses they had already begun to fight the enemy, who replied with self-propelled artillery and mortars, and snipers in every house. This was not according to plan. The German defenses were stronger than the attackers had

when the sun came up the Rangers were surrounded. Between sunrise and 0700 hours, when radio silence was broken, the Rangers knew that the battle was lost.

ng ahead with trees all around it," sais Cpl. Mosier. "Behind us there was on tank, and when we saw it we cheered. We thought it was ours. We couldn't see very well and then it opened up on us."

Tanks, Tanks, Tanks

What happened next happened fast. The Rangers attacked the tank, set it affame with a sticky grenade and a bazooka gun, sho and killed the crew when the Germans trice to climb out of the turret. At the same time other Rangers were blowing up a German ammunition dump by shooting and grenading it. With one tank gone, tel appeared to take its place, followed by German infantry armed with automatic weapons.

"One tank came out of a driveway, behind a house ahead of us," said SEI Fergen. "One of my squad climbed aboard it while it may be a squad climbed aboard an init while it was moving and dropped an in-cendiary grenade into the open turret.



Reds Drive Invaders From Russian Soil

Campaign Highlights

HREE great Russian offensives, launched simultaneously from the north, northeast and east, have smashed the German defenses of the

With the capture of Kerch, easternmost town of the Crimea, the Soviet forces climaxed a victorious campaign which started a little more than a month ago. It has been a month of dramatic, almost unbelievable successes against German forces which have had two years to thoroughly entrench themselves.

The brilliant campaign was highlighted by Red successes which forced German occupation of Hungary and Rumania, the forcing of the issue in the entire Balkans, spot where the German collapse began in the last war, and gave new hope for the freeing of Czecho-

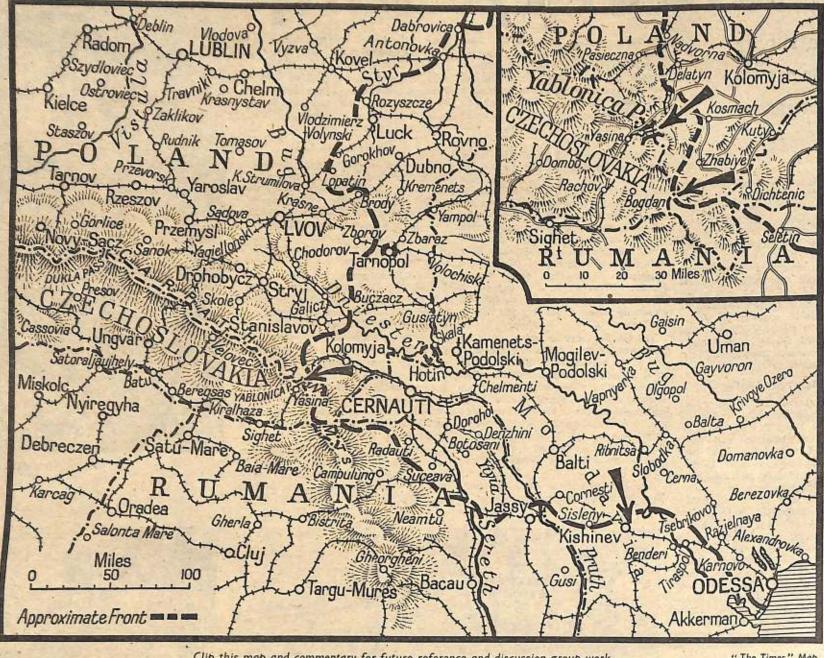
With the Russian forces pushing on through Yablonika Pass Czechoslovakia's government in exile hailed the campaign as the beginning of Czech liberation after five years of Nazi enslavement. Czechoslovaks were urged "to use all means against the enemy, including not only passive resistance and intensified sabotage but also direct action."

As the Russian advance got under way the plight of Hitler's satellite nations was quickly brought to light. Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria, who had learned that it was easy to enter the war on Hitler's side, discovered that it was most difficult, if not impossible, to get out.

Rumania and Hungary are now paying the price of Nazi occupation, with Bulgaria in a precarious position. Regarding the satellite nations, Russia further strengthened her position by making a firm declaration concerning boundaries and territorial demands.

The plight of the satellites was made worse by the increased activity of the U.S. 15th Air Force based in Italy. The Red advance has now brought key German supply lines within range of Allied March 7-Reds capture Volochisk, cutbombers and for the first time there is a direct link-up between Russian land advances and our air war.

Forces dominating the three-pronged drive were Marshal Zhukov's First Second Ukrainian Army; General Malinovsky's Third Ukrainian Army



Clip this map and commentary for future reference and discussion group work.

"The Times" Map

and General Tolbukhin's Fourth March 14-Kherson, key German strong-Ukrainian Army.

March 6-New Russian offensive aimed at Tarnopol and Lwow breaks through German defenses on 112-mile front near Shepetkov.

ting the Lwow-Odessa railway, last escape line for Germans in the Ukraine. March 11-Koniev's Army captures Uman, key to Nazi defenses on the

Ukrainian Army; Marshal Koniev's March 13-Tolbukhin's army swings across the lower Dnieper, destroying 500 German tanks and armored cars.

hold at mouth of Dnieper falls to Malinovsky's Army. Opens gateway to Nikolaev and Odessa.

March 20-Soviet soldiers cross the Dniester onto Rumanian soil. Begin thrust at Lwow and Nikolaev.

March 21-Vinnitsa, Nazi Bug river base, and Mogilev Podolsk, Dniester rail junction, fall to Reds.

Mar. 22-Hitler begins occupation of Balkans. One hundred thousand Nazi troops occupy Hungary.

Mar. 25-Adolf Hitler's army marches into Rumania to take up battle stations against Russian troops, now ten miles March 31-Red Army captures Carpafrom border.

Mar. 27-Reds drive German invaders beyond the 1940 border for the first time. Second Ukrainian Army rolls back Nazis to the Pruth along 50-mile front. Proskurov, main Nazi supply base in south, falls. Nazis lose Balti, key Bessarabian rail junction. German troops in Ukraine pocketed as Kamenets Podolsk, last rail escape to north, falls.

March 29-Nikolaev, last big Nazi bastion standing in the way of Odessa, falls to Russians. Koniev's army crosses Pruth into Rumania.

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April 5-Zhukov's army threatens whole main German defense in Poland; advance toward Jassy, Nazi HQ. Soviet spearheads within 50 miles of Rumanian oilfields.

town taken beyond the Pruth.

April 10-Red Army soldiers stand on border of pre-war Czechoslovakia as Zhukov's Army break through Ruthenia frontier on 60-mile front.

April 11-Odessa, greatest port on Black Sea, falls to Red Army after 21 years in Nazi hands. Russians threaten Tarnopol and Lwow.

ITH inspections and bed checks constantly in GI's minds as the Army pushes its current campaign to tighten regulations, this week's issue of Army Talks discusses the timely subject of military discipline.

Entitled "Teamwork," the Cpecial Service Division's discussion guide explains to soldiers the importance of rules which, to many of them, seem based on the personal fancies and malicious whims of commanding officers. Army Talks points out the reasons for military discipline and the necessity of making it more rigid as a part of pre-invasion training.

"Every soldier has enough intelligence to understand why discipline is essential in a football team. . . . And every soldier understands why teamwork is even more vitally essential in an army.

Carrying this idea of teamwork a step further, Army Talks says:

"The disciplined soldier will not go out for a joyride in a jeep or make a spectacle of himself in a pub; the undisciplined soldier may. The real crime in such conduct is not that the soldier guilty of it has a good time (if he does)—there's nothing wrong with having a good time. The real crime is not that he breaks a regulation-regulations are not an end in

'The real crime from the army's standpoint is that he lets the team down, which may lead to his doing so in action. He an unfair burden on his teammates; and he may cause misunderstanding between the two peoples, British and American, who must fight as a team."

The discussion closes with this

"Baron Von Steuben, the German military genius who drilled the Conti-nental Army and made a winning team out of a mob of individualistic citizens. commented of Americans:

"The genius of this people is that one must first explain—and then give the





ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Apr. 12 The New York Yankees, playing their last game here before breaking camp, spotted the Boston Braves four runs, then came through with a five-run rally off Nate Andrews in the eighth to trip the National Leaguers, 5—4, yesterday. Arley Donald, who relieved Emerson Roser in the sixth drove in the sixth a single drove in the winning run with a single. Jim Tobin, ex-Yank, blanked the champs with four hits during the first six innings.

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Apr. 12—The
Pittsburgh Pirates registered their second
straight victory over the Cleveland
Indians, winning, 3—1, here yesterday.
The Tribe collected seven hits off Nick
Strincevich during the first six frames and
one more off Zavier Rescigno, while
Allie Reynolds and Paul Calvert gave up
only five to the Pirates. Two fielding
miscues hampered the Indians.

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WILMINGTON, Del., Apr. 12-Rain washed out yesterday's scheduled tilt here between the Phillies



International League, giving Philadelphia Man-ager Freddie Fitzsimmons time to ponder over his selection pitching for next Tuesday's National League opener against the Brooklyn Dodgers. Fat Freddie decided will give the assignment to either veteran Dick Barrett

and Baltimore of the

or Lefty Al Gerheauser. If the weather-man relents, the Phils will play their third and rubber game with the Washington Senators at Fort Meade, Md., today.

St. LOUIS, Apr. 12—Third Baseman Mark Christman rapped out a double with the bases loaded to lead the St. Louis Browns to a 5—2 triumph over the Cardinals yesterday. With one out in the fourth, Mort Cooper walked three straight Brownies, after which Christman cracked his base-cleaning wallop and Catcher Frank Mancuso followed with a triple. Gene Moore's homer in the eighth gave the Browns their other run, while Johnny Hopp homered for the while Johnny Hopp homered for the Cards in the third. Max Lanier and Harry Brecheen also twirled for the Cards, Steve Sundra and Jack Kramer sharing the pitching chores for the Browns.

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FREDERICK, Md., Apr. 12—The Philadelphia A's were ahead. 3—1, when rain washed out their exhibition game with Toronto, of the International League, here yesterday at the end of the fourth inning. Joe Berry, making his debut for the A's, held the Maple Leafs to one hit and one unearned run, while the major leaguers notched their markers in the fourth on a double by Woody Wheaton and singles by Dick Seibert, George Kell and Ed Busch.

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COLLEGE PARK, Md., Apr. 12—
First Baseman Joe Kuhel slapped three singles as the Washington Senators defeated Curtis Bay Coast Guard, 6—2. here yesterday. Johnny Niggeling and Milo Candini hurled for the Nats.

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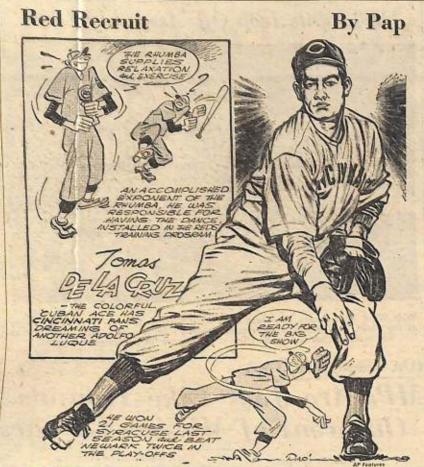
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Waner Predicts a Big Year For Hitters in Major Loops

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N.Y., Apr. 12—With most of baseball's super-stars in the services, this will be a big year for good hitters, according to Paul Waner, veteran Dodger outfielder and "Big Poison" of the Paul and Lloyd

And Paul should know, as he, himself, is one of the best stickers in the game's history. During his long career in the majors, Waner has hit safely

PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 12—Runners who say a four-minute mile would astound the world are "all wet," according to Dr. George Orton, former Penn track coach, who claimed today that the feat was accomplished 81 years ago by W. G.

Lang.
Orton, quoted in a column written by Ed Pollock, Philadelphia Bulletin sports editor, said Lang propelled the distance a fraction under four minutes on a straightaway course in 1863.
"He didn't receive credit for the record, however," Orton related, "because he was aided by a strong wind. But he ran the two-mile event in 9:11.5 the same season and that mark was in the books for 41 years."

New York Flyweight Cops

National Amateur Crown

cold after the referee had completed the

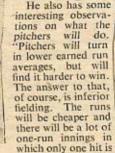
Other new champions are Nick unders, St. Louis, bantamweight;

CHICAGO, Apr. 12—Paul Thompson, whose Chicago Black Hawks stand three down to Montreal in the Stanley Cup playoffs, said he would return as manager next season—if there is hockey.

3,112 times, a mark surpassed only by Ty
Cobb, Tris Speaker, Hans Wagner, Eddie
Collins and Napoleon LaJoie.

"Play in general won't be up to prewar par this summer," Waner explained.
"Hitting, fielding and pitching all figure to
fall off, but the good hitter will get the
principal break. He won't face so many
good pitchers and he won't be robbed of
hits by sensa-Four-Minute Mark Lowered in 1863, Former Coach Says

hits by sensa-tional fielding." He also has some interesting observa-tions on what the pitchers will do. "Pitchers will turn



Paul Waner

which only one hit is made. Waner, whose eyes have troubled him the past few years, wears glasses all the time now, although until last year he shied from wearing them on the field. Last year he batted .311 in 82 games.

Galetta Paces Amateurs In North-South Golf Play

BOSTON, Apr. 12—Cecil Schoon-maker, New York flyweight and Golden Glove champ, was the first titlist crowned in the 56th annual National Amateur boxing championships here last night and also had the distinction of scoring the first clean kayo of the meet.

The little Negro dropped Jack Darthar, of Kansas City, Mo., with a sharp right to the midsection and Darthar was out cold after the referee had completed the PINEHURST, N.C., Apr. 12—Mal Galetta, Long Island, N.Y., war worker who took medalist honors Monday, led the field into the second round of match play in the North-South amateur golf tournament, defeating Long Island neighbor Dr. R. M. Bowles, seven and six, here yesterday.

wo Pittsburgh Pfcs, Alex Thomas and Jim Fownes, finished all-even after 18 holes and were still deadlocked after five additional holes when rain and darkness forced postponement of their tussle.

Other new champions are Nick Saunders, St. Louis, bantamweight; Frank Tunstill, Columbus, Ohio, featherweight; Joey Damato, Warren, Ohio, lightweight; Joe Gannon, Washington, welterweight; Frank Sweeney, Washington; middleweight; Ray Standifer, Cleveland, light-heavyweight, and Sgt. Eddie Sims, Cleveland, heavyweight. Barney Ross Receives **Discharge From Marines**

Pimlico Expects 15,000 Crowd NEW YORK, Apr. 12 — Sgt. Barney Ross, former lightweight and welterweight champion and hero of Marine action at Guadalcanal, will find BALTIMORE, Apr. 12—Racing returns to Maryland today and the Maryland Jockey Club, starting its 201st year, expects 15,000 patrons to help inaugurate Pimlico's 28-day meeting. his discharge papers waiting for him to-morrow when he returns from leave to Thompson to Stay With Hawks

Ross, who killed seven Jap snipers while guarding three wounded comrades on Guadalcanal Nov. 19, 1947, suffered malaria during the campaign and was invalided home early last year. He received the Silver Star.

Derby Preview

Veteran Ben Jones Backing Calumet's Pensive in Classic

One of Quartet of Warren Wright Entries Has Shown Stamina in Florida Appearances Against Older Horses After Fast Start in '43

> By Frank Eck Associated Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Apr. 12—When Ben Jones makes up his mind that he has a good horse he makes no bones about it. He tells all and sundry, and most of the time the horses he trains for Warren Wright's Calumet

Farm win or at least put up a creditable performance.

Just before Pensive, one of the four Calumet eligibles for the Kentucky Derby on May 6, turned two years old, Jones was impressed with the son of Hyperion-Penicuik II.

"Here's a yearling that should amount to something," said Jones. He proceeded to bring the chestnut along slowly and did not send him to the races until last September 20 in a maiden sprint at

Belmont Park. Just on the strength of Ben's say-so, the public made the first time starter a 6—5 favorite despite a fair field of 12 other two-year-olds. Pensive romped home by four lengths and in his next start the colt scored by five lengths. Because his first two triumphs were within the space of six days was all the more reason for veteran horsemen to sit up and take notice.
"Jones has another Whirlaway," many

observers said. They remembered how Whirly won the 1941 Derby by eight

Here was the good thing for the 1943
Futurity. Pensive was made 6—5, but
the track turned sloppy and Pensive
broke last in the field of 11, And though he finished out of the money, it was the game rush he displayed in the last fur-long of the six and a half furlongs that proved to Jones he was right from the In his next two stakes he was third, a

bit of a disappointment for his followers. But somewhere along the line he spread of hoof and again Jones had to resort to

careful handling.

His two starts on Florida tracks showed that he is ready for the distance events this season. He was third, beaten less than a length, in his initial effort and then placed to African Sun. They even made him favorite in this test against older

Pensive, never better than 2—1 in any of his first seven races, probably will be the favorite on Derby Day especially since he may have two solid Calumet fillies escorting him in the leap year run for the roses. Jones' two female aces are Twilight Tear and Miss Keeneland.

BoutsCancelled Post at UCLA

A SOUTHWEST TOWN, Apr. 12—Pvt. Vince Kozak, ETO heavyweight champ from Hazleton, Pa., was unable to fight and Pvt. Andrew Sfrisi's scheduled foe failed to make the lightheavy weight, so the headliners were idle here last night as ten bouts concluded semi-final ring warfare in a mixed units tourney.

Sfrisi, Airborne light-heavy titlist from Philadelphia, missed his shot at Pfc Pete Morelli, twin-victor recently, when the Stockton, Cal., puncher tipped the scales at 182 pounds, seven over the limit. Morelli moved into the heavy division, however, and decisioned Sgt. Angelo Maione, Akron, Ohio, 190, dumping him to the canvas three times.

In other bouts:

All Other DOURS:

Pvt. James Plemons, Birmingham, Ala., 119, outpointed Pfc Carmelo Rizzo, E. Boston, 122.

Pvt. Glen Kemble, St. Paul., 127, outpointed Pvt. Frank Carturo, W. New York, N.J., 126.

Pfc Paul Pinkston, Portland, Ore, 126, outpointed Pvt. Ernest LaPore, Altuna, Pa., 130.

Pvt. Hewett Tippins, Brunswick, Ga., 134, outpointed Pvt. Joseph Valine, Sacramento, Cal., 145.

Pvt. Freddie Hermann, Elizabeth, N.J., 130, autopinted Pvt. Ingraham Johnson, Philadelphia,

Pvt. Marvin Van Bushkirk, Scattle, 140, out-pointed Pvt. Russ Williams, Bloomington, Ill., 147.

Cpl. Eddie Brickner, Philadelphia, 150, out-pointed Pvt. Ernie Derho, South Bend, Ind., 155, Pvt. John Marsh, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 160, TKOed Pfc Albert Maser, Everett, Mass., 165, in 1:19 of the third.

Sgt. Johnny Flores, Houston, Tex., 164, out-pointed Pfc Walter Franklin, New York, 164.



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Sfrisi, Kozak Bronk Accepts

Ben Jones with Pensive when the Derby eligible was just a Calumet Farm yearling.

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 12-Bronko Nagurski, ex-Minnesota All-American lineman and back and more recently a pro grappler and Chicago Bear gridder, today accepted appointment as backfield coach at UCLA for next season.

Bronko, one of the all-time greats of college and play-for-pay football, telephoned to tell Coach Edwin "Babe" Horrell, fiead mentor, that he is definitely 4-F with his Minnesota draft board because of knee and back injuries suffered desire his athletic areas. during his athletic career.

Horrell said the Bronk will arrive in June to assist with preliminary training drills.

HonoluluMayField Eleven In New Pro Grid Circuit

PITT'SBURGH, Apr. 12—Hawaii may join the newly organized Airborne (professional) Football League when it opens its doors in 1945, Roland Payne, loop chairman, has disclosed. Payne said he received a telegram from F. J. Brickner, of Honolulu, asking that his city be included in the new league.

Star of Padula Repeats Against Original Field

NEW YORK, Apr. 12-Star of NEW YORK, Apr. 12—Star of Padula, the eight-year-old owned by C. F. Kohler which romped six furlongs Monday without opposition because of a strike of grooms at Jamaica, competed against the same scheduled field yesterday and won, paying \$79.70 for each two-spot wagered.

Meanwhile. Bobby Permane, sensa-

Meanwhile, Bobby Permane, sensational apprentice jockey, received an offer from Mexican horseman Bruno Paglai to ride Don Jose H in the Kentucky Derby May 6 at Churchill

By Al Capp

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Horne Believes 1944 Won't See **Defeat of Nazis**

King Predicts 'High Rate' Of Casualties in the Next 6 Months'

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12 (Reuter)-Vice Adm, F. J. Horne, second in command to Adm. Ernest J. King, Navy commander-in-chief, does not believe the

European war will end this year.

Adm. King says the Navy will reach its peak this year and that "our casualties will increase very markedly in the next six months and they will stay at a high

James Forrestal, Navy undersecretary, urges no cut in naval funds "until we see what the next 90 days bring forth. The major event we have in mind will, I think, have occurred by then."

These statements were made recently in

testimony before a subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, it was

House Appropriations Committee, it was disclosed today.

Meanwhile, WPB Chief Donald Nelson, speaking in Atlanta, Ga., indicated that Germany and Japan would not be beaten before 1946 and called the demand of the armed forces for a sustained increase of \$4,000,000,000 in the rate of munitions production and construction for the next 20 months the "best indication of the broad strategy of the U.S."

Horne, speaking on the record naval budget for the coming fiscal year, said the Navy had taken into account the possibility of a successful conclusion to the war in Europe this year but inter-polated that he did not believe it.

King disclosed that the joint chiefs of

staff had under consideration a proposal to set up a single National Defense Department to replace the Army and Navy Departments, but added that this could not be done before the end of the

Forecasting the peak of Navy strength in 1944, King explained that Japanese strategy was to make advances on the outer ring of Pacific islands so costly the Allies would give up the attempt. Nothing short of destruction of the Japanese Empire would suffice, he said.

Mexican President Seizes Assassin as Latter's Shot Fails

MEXICO CITY, Apr. 12—An unsuccessful attempt on the life of President Manuel Avila Camacho of Mexico was made Monday in a corridor of the pre-

made Monday in a corridor of the pre-sidential palace by an army officer, who was quickly seized and disarmed by Camacho himself.

The assailant, Lt. Antonio Lama Rojas, was only three paces way from the Pre-sident when he fired his revolver, but he missed and the shot passed through Camacho's clothing. Rojas faces a charge of high treason. of high treason.

Rojas, who was reported to have been in possession of documents linking him with Nazi sources, was shot in the stomach later in the evening when he attempted to escape from his guards.

Gerald Johnson, P47 Ace With 18 Kills, Lost Mar. 27

AN EIGHTH P47 BASE, Apr. 12-Maj. Gerald W. Johnson, of Owenton Maj. Gerald W. Johnson, of Owenton, Ky., fighter ace and squadron commander in the Col. Hubert Zemke's group, has been missing in action since a mission over France Mar. 27, is has been revealed. Johnson, who went down in the operation on which Maj. Walker C. Mahurin was lost from the same fighter group, was credited officially with 18 enemy planes.

credited officially with 18 enemy planes and on Mar. 27 ranked third among ETO aces behind Mahurin and Capt. Bob Johnson.

Three top-scoring ETO aces now have been lost. Maj. Walter C. Beckham was the first to go down last February. Mahurin, Beckham and Gerry Johnson destroyed a total of 57 German planes in the air before they were lost. the air before they were lost

AFN Radio Program

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1310—Melody Roundup,
1330—Jubilee.
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1430—Visiting Hour—Hospital Theater.
1500—Music While You Work.
1510—Off the Record,
1630—Music We Love,
1730—Albert Sandler and The Palm Court
070—National Barn Dance and Program Resume,
1730—Albert Sandler and The Palm Court
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1755—Oniet Moment,
1800—World News (BBC),
1810—GI Supper Club.
1900—Seven O'Clock Sports—Latest Sports News
1905—Symphony Hall.
1900—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news
1700—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news
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1750—Bing Crosby Music Hall.
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1750—Min Leves (BBC).

00 World Policy 15 Mail Call, 16 Mail Call,

2255-Final Edition. 2300-Sign off until 1100 hours Friday, Apr. 14.

'Gentleman Jim' Forgets To Duck Topping Swing

HOLLYWOOD, Apr. 12-Errol Flynn and Capt. Dan Topping staged a brief one-punch fight Saturday night, the filmland's "Gentleman Jim" hitting the carpet with a lacerated cheek.

The abbreviated battle climaxed an argument at a birthday party in the Topping home for Mrs. Topping-Sonja Henie.

Flynn's report of the bout was, "I guess he hit me and I went down. He'd have to a lot more before I would hit him back.

One of Flynn's starring roles was as "Gentleman Jim" in a movie depicting the life of James J. Corbett.

GIs Send a Buck For Les Miserables Stranded in Florida

The plight of automobile tourists stranded in Florida when that state's ration boards refused them gasoline for the return trip North evoked an expression of "sympathy" and a donation of \$1 for their "maintenance" from GIs of an ETO ordnance outfit who yearned to do something "to alleviate the "torture' these people are going through."

these people are going through."

Capt. (then Lt.) Joe Dumic, company commander, wrote to the Jacksonville (Fla.) Chamber of Commerce after a story in The Stars and Stripes ("our contact with the outside world") describing the Florida tourist situation inspired his men to chip in for the "poor unfortunate

to chip in for the poor universe people."

"We, too, know how it feels to be many miles from home and unable to get back," Dumic wrote. "We are enclosing a \$1 money order to help defray the costs of caring for these stranded individuals. Would it be possible for you to send for us and hold us as 'hostages' and send these poor people home? In the event the money cannot be used for the purpose intended, please turn it over to the intended, please turn it over to the intended, please turn it over to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to

The Jacksonville Journal published the letter under a three-column headline and Capt. Dumic recently received a reply from the Chamber of Commerce. "Your \$1 is being turned over to the SPCA," the C. of C. assured him. "Best of luck."

Guns Continue **Duel at Cassino**

Intensified German artillery bombard-Intensified German artillery bombard-ment yesterday of the Cassino area, particularly the Allied strongpoint on Castle Hill, was reported from the Fifth Army front in Italy. Allied guns replied strongly. Greater vehicular movement and widespread deployment of infantry were taken as indication of German apprehension over Allied intentions in this sector.

Three Nazi infiltration attempts on the Anzio beachhead were repulsed and a sneak raid on the Anzio port by a dozen enemy planes was nipped by ack-ack fire, which shot down one raider and probably

The MAAF flew 1,100 sorties against scattered rail and shipping centers for the loss of one aircraft.

Quentin Roosevelt Weds Frances Webb, ARC Girl

BLANDFORD, England, Apr. 12 (AP)
—Capt. Quentin Roosevelt, son of Brig.
Gen. Theodore Roosevelt Jr., and Frances

(Continued from Webb, Kansas City, Mo., an American Red Cross worker, were married here today at St. Peter's and St. Paul's Church

Hundreds of Capt. Roosevelt's fellow officers and many townspeople attended the ceremony.

The pretty brunette Red Cross worker

and Capt. Roosevelt met at a party last New Year's Eve.

Swimming Instructors Continue

Water safety and combat swimming instructors appointed by the American Red Cross for 1943 may continue their duties this year by filing application with the ARC Athletic Dept., Rainbow Corner, London, W.I, it was announced

200,000th Jeep Off Assembly Line



With Ward M. Canaday, president of Willys-Overland Motors in Toledo, Ohio, at the wheel, the 200,000th jeep manufactured by his firm since June, 1941, leaves the assembly line on the first leg of its Journey to a foreign battlefield.

(On Missing GIs, Too)

MPs Are Just Like Hounds On Scent of Missing GI Cars

By Tom Hoge

AN INFANTRY DIVISION, England, Apr. 12—An average of two vehicles a week are lost or stolen from this division, and it takes only an average of 48 hours to get them safely back into the motor

That, asserts Capt. Verne Johnson, of Grand Fords, N.D., is due to the effective coordination between MP units through-

"We put a report over the teletype," said the youthful division provost marshal, "and we usually get the car back in a couple of days."

There have been exceptions, however, including a couple of headaches that the MPs would just as soon forget about.

One jeep was missing seven months, despite a country-wide search. Finally the provost marshal's office gave it up as a bad job.

"Then one day the British police got in touch with us," said Johnson. "It seems a farmer saw the jeep parked in front of his house for several days. When nobody called for it, he put it in his barn. Said he figured he'd use it to run around

in after the war."

Diplomatic relations with the Navy became strained a couple of weeks ago when Chaplain Harry A. Skydell, of New York City, found his jeep had disappeared. It turned up a couple of days later in a nearby town with a sleek coat of navy paint and a gob behind the wheel. The misunderstanding was ironed out to the satisfaction of all concerned, however. Petty larceny is another source of gray hairs to the army automotive authorities.

hairs to the army automotive authorities. Recently a Red Cross field director visited this outfit with love in his heart and a brand new trailer on his jeep. He parked the vehicle in town and the next morning found that the cover on the trailer was missing.

Driving up to headquarters to report the loss, he found that his horn wasn't working and that the car stalled easily, even when he choked it. Stopping in at an army garage he asked them to check the difficulty.

'Quite simple," said the mechanic after our horn and apparently taken the choke apparatus as well." The garage crew unearthed a new cover, horn and choke.

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revealed heavy damage to Focke Wulf

production at Oschersleben, to fighter

engine manufacture at Arnimswalde, to

Junkers fighter and bomber output at

Bernberg, to aircraft component factories

and railway lines at Sorau, 80 miles south-

east of Berlin, as well as to the Rostock

Enemy fighter opposition was determined and many aerial battles were fought from the enemy coast to the targets. Crewmen reported that the Ger-

mans used all types of single and twin-

Following attacks on enemy targets in

and Stettin targets.

engine fighters.

The classic mix-up occurred when the division first arrived in this theater. The Americans were short-handed on staff cars and borrowed several from the British. During one of their routine checks, the latter asked for a list of the cars loaned out. A check up showed the division to be short one Ford sedan. The motor pool had no record of having received it, but headquarters had signed for it.

The customary alarm was sent out and a few days later London headquarters wired that they had such a sedan parked in their pool.

The automotive officer sent a driver to pick up the car and everyone breathed a sign of relief.

The next day the British transport officer called.

"I say, that was a handsome car you sent us," he said, "but it's not ours."
"Here we go again," sighed the auto-

motive officer.

A couple of months later, a sergeant rom the motor section was wandering pensively along Hyde Park during a furlough when he saw a Ford sedan pull up to the curb. The markings identified it as the missing staff car. Through some mix up it had wound up in the motor pool of another outfit.

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"The most exciting time we had was "The most exciting time we had was when somebody tried to steal the General's limousine," said Capt. Johnson. "That happened one night last year. The car pulled rapidly out of the garage with all lights out. The motorcycle guard at the gate became suspicious and followed it. He chased it for 20 miles at breakneck speed over winding English roads.

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firing his revolver at the tires.
"When they hit a straight way the car
started to pull away from him, then suddenly it hit a shoulder beside the road,
crashed through a fence and bounced into
a culvert. The driver jumped out and,
before our man caught up to him, he had
disappeared into the woods. We tried
for months to find that guy, but we
never did."

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Those are exceptional cases, however. Most of the time the loss is routine and the car is back in 48 hours.

"It's not quite so routine for the guy who steals the car, however," said Johnson. "When we catch him we throw the book at him. If more men realized that they wouldn't be so quick to go joy riding."

fighter-bombers, a strong force of Lan-casters made a heavy attack on the German railroad town of Aachen, 40 miles southwest of the Ruhr. Aachen lies on the most direct route from Germany to France and Belgium.

Hanover and objectives in western Ger-many also were bombed by the RAF. The number of planes down in Sweden during Tuesday's operations was increased

to nine as two more forced landings were reported in Stockholm dispatches. There were air battles over Sweden as

There were air battles over Sweden as German fighters pursued crippled American bombers over the neutral country. Reports from Malmoe said a Fortress shot down a German fighter into a bay nearby, while another battle between a crippled Fort and a German fighter ended when Swedish ack-ack shot down the German. Throughout the day, Stockholm dispatches said, Swedish aircraft patrolled the skies to escort damaged American hambers to leading fields. France and Belgium Tuesday by the skies to escort dama Marauders and Thunderbolt and Spitfire bombers to landing fields.

NEWS FROM HOME 32.6-Billion Bill For Navy Up on Floor of House

Record Appropriation Is Asked; Would Hike War Cost to 350 Billions

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12 (AP)—The largest naval appropriation Bill in history went to the floor of the House today. It carried \$32,647,000,000 for naval

activities in the 12 months starting July 1, a figure which, if approved by Congress, will boost to approximately \$350,000,000,000 the obligations voted for the total war effort since July 1, 1940.

The new program contemplates the use of 6,623 self-propelled vessels, 74,925 non-self-propelled, 19,035 planes, exclusive of training planes, and 2,657,000 sailors, marines and coast guards men.

\$1 Copy-or \$75,000 Original?

DUBUQUE, Iowa, Apr. 12—An etching found in the second-hand store of E. W. Chrisatis, one of a lot of ten pictures he bought for \$10, may be worth \$75,000. Grayce Wallace, an art instructor, claims the etching, called "Study of Wild Animals," is an original by Rosa Bonheur which disappeared from the artist's Bordeaux (France) studio 63 years ago and later was traced to the U.S. ago and later was traced to the U.S.

'Murder Car' Innocent

CHICAGO, Apr. 12—Two girls told police they saw a hand and foot protruding from the trunk of a passing car, saw the driver stop, get out and shove the hand and foot inside, lock the trunk and drive on. The car was traced to a cigar salesman, who explained that the mys-terious hand and foot belonged to a mechanic trying to locate a rattle. He had asked the driver to lock him in so he could listen better.

Ford Opens Camp to Veterans

DEARBORN, Mich., Apr. 12—Henry Ford has offered a 300-acre camp for use as a rehabilitation center for discharged war veterans. The site, named Camp Legion, has been a trade school and farm project for high-school boys. It will be open to veterans with medical discharges who wish to return to industry or farming.

Ouad Cackle on Easter

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 12 — Tom Jenkins, an aircraft worker, reported his Rhode Island Red hen laid an egg with four yolks on Easter.

Elections-

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Results of the preference voting were not binding on the national convention delegates chosen in either state but were

delegates chosen in either state but were purely advisory.

Meanwhile Senate Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley (D.-Ky.) delivered a New York speech which some political observers interpreted as an invitation to the American people to re-elect President Roosevelt for a fourth term.

Barkley made no direct mention of a fourth term but described the Administration's record as the greatest in the nation's history. He challenged Republicans to say what part of the New Deal program they would repeal or nullify.

Dewey's write-in vote in Nebraska was described as "remarkable" in Omaha, where political leaders pointed out that no formal write-in campaign had been conducted for him. The state's fiational committeeman, Ira Beynon, said it showed conducted for him. The state's flational committeeman, Ira Beynon, said it showed Dewey was "the inevitable choice of Republicans all over the country."

Nebraska's Democratic primary was uneventful, with President Roosevelt's the only name submitted for preference. He polled 7,300 votes in 435 districts. Illinois elected 50 delegates to the Republican National Convention, at least 35 of them undecided or undeclared on the choice of a presidential nomines.

on the choice of a presidential nominee. Regular Republican candidates, led by Gov. Dwight Green, won comparatively easy victories. Nine other states will complete Con-

vention delegations before the week

New York Republicans named eight delegates-at-large yesterday to complete their slate of 93. New York Democrats met today to choose their 96, as did Missouri Republicans com-

pleting a list of 30.
Connecticut, Maine, Arizona, Idaho, Michigan and Iowa will choose their delegates before Saturday.

By Milton Caniff

Terry and the Pirates

LOOK WHO'S

POST-GRADUATE

IDENTIFICATION!

TAKIN' A

COURSE IN

AIRCRAFT

OUR CO-PILOT CLAIMS

A FOUR ENGINE , TWIN

AIRPLANE FLYING AT

A 90 DEGREE ANGLE TO OUR COURSE OVER THE HUMP!

RUDDER, LOW-WING

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