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Bonus Goes On For Combat GIs Despite Peace

By Robert Donovan

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

PARIS, June 12—The Combat Infantryman's Badge, the silver wings and the insignia of the paratroops and glider troops still will bring their holders extra pay, even though the war in Europe is over. Com Z Headquarters announced yesterday.

Except in certain unusual cases, all men who drew extra combat pay during the war will continue to receive it during the occupation and redeployment, and for an indefinite period after that. The expectation at the Com Z Fiscal Office is that the extra pay will continue at least for "the duration plus six"—a date that will be reached some time after the fall of Japan.

Where Pay Would End

There are cases where combat pay might cease. If, for example, an enlisted man holding a Combat Infantryman's Badge—which pays \$10 a month extra to an enlisted man but nothing extra for an officer—should transfer to a medical detachment, he would lose his combat pay.

If he should transfer to the Army Air Forces and be placed on flight status, he would lose his combat infantry pay, but in such a case he would receive a flier's bonus if he flew the required number of hours. If he were transferred to the Air Forces and were not placed on flight status, he would continue to receive his Combat Infantryman's bonus.

Army fliers will continue to draw their bonus of 50 per cent of base pay if they have the required amount of flying time. This is either four hours of flying a month or ten flights in a month totaling at least three hours.

Need Not Be Combat Missions

At the Fiscal Office it was pointed out that the flights need not be combat missions. Non-combat missions, such as patrol flights, would meet the requirements, and fiscal officers had little doubt but that almost all fliers who drew extra pay during the war would continue to fly enough to draw it during the occupation.

Members of airborne units will continue to draw extra pay so long as they remain in the airborne service. They will draw it even though they make no parachute jumps or glider flights.

But GIs Have to Be Tougher Than the Devil

Abadan, Where Satan Left—'Twas Too Hot

Stars and Stripes Correspondent Andy Rooney, en route to China on a special assignment, herewith submits his first story impressions of an ATC way station in Iran.

By Andy Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

ABADAN, Iran, June 7 (delayed)—On the desert wastes of Iran, near this little town, 300 American soldiers are stationed at an airfield where if it's 100 in the shade it's cold and where ice-cold American beer is served to men working on the line every 30 minutes.

"When people tell you to go to hell," Cpl. John Leonard, of Chicago, says, "this is where they mean."

Abadan is a gas stop for ATC planes flying between Egypt and India or China, and as the geographical back door to Russia it served as the depot where American Lend-Lease planes, trucks and materials were turned over to the Soviet. The Iranian government has asked all three powers—Russia, Britain and the U.S.—to withdraw their military personnel from Iran now that the war is

TO A VICTOR, LONDON'S THANKS: London crowds hailed Gen. Eisenhower as he arrived in a horse-drawn carriage, Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder at his side, to receive the Freedom of the City in a ceremony at Guildhall, at which time he was presented with the curved sword the Duke of Wellington carried into the Battle of Waterloo.

Great Britain paid tribute yesterday to an American who successfully led the Allies to victory over Germany by conferring on Gen. Eisenhower the Freedom of the City of London, the highest honor in the capital city of the British Empire and one which had been previously given to but four other Americans.

London's Thousands Turn Out to Honor Ike

By Charles F. Kiley

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

It was the people of London who honored the Supreme Commander, but it was the voice of the British Empire which hailed the Allied commander as he drove through the City in a horse-drawn carriage to the ancient Guildhall where the "freedom" ceremony took place.

Tens of thousands of persons lined the streets as Eisenhower and his deputy Supreme Commander, Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, were driven in a carriage escorted by mounted police from Temple Bar to the Guildhall. There Eisenhower was welcomed by the Lord Mayor of London and more than 100 distinguished guests, including Prime Minister Churchill, U.S. Ambassador John G. Winant, past and present members of the British Cabinet, members of the House of Lords, foreign diplomats, Field Marshal Sir Alan Brooke, chief of the Imperial General Staff, and many other high-ranking British and American officers.

A "token" sword, used by the Duke of Wellington in battle more than 100 years ago, was presented to the general.

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Suzuki Named Jap 'Dictator'

Premier Adm. Kantaro Suzuki virtually assumed powers to rule by decree yesterday and all Japanese males between 15 and 65 and women from 25 to 45 faced conscription into a people's volunteer corps as both houses of the Diet (Parliament) passed the war-time emergency measures bill, Tokyo Radio reported.

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Aussies Control N. Borneo Bay

No mention of fighting on the mainland of Borneo was made in Gen. MacArthur's communique yesterday, but frontline dispatches said that Australian troops had established firm beachheads and gained control of Brunei Bay, one of the finest anchorages in the Pacific.

"It has been a walkover so far, but stiff fighting is expected later, as the Japanese are known to have strong forces on the island," a Reuter correspondent stated as the Australians drove to within 11 miles of Brunei, the North Borneo capital. Beyond Brunei lie the rich Seria oilfields.

Other Australian forces, which landed on Labuan Island at the mouth of Brunei Bay, had captured the town of Victoria and an airfield, expected to be in operation soon.

The landings on Borneo itself apparently caught the Japs unprepared, and reports said that not an invader was even wounded until the troops had moved 2,000 yards inland.

Correspondents credited the smoothness of the operation to the daring naval forces which penetrated Brunei Bay three days before the landings, removed 70 Jap mines from the channel, set up buoys and charted the waters right up to the shores under sporadic Japanese fire. Bombings by the U.S. and Australian air forces also played a big part by leveling the towns and driving the enemy inland.

Rear Adm. Forrest Royal, commander of the 7th Fleet attack group, described the operation as "one of the smoothest yet," and said that more than 25,000 U.S. naval personnel took part in the invasion.

According to reports, Jap aerial opposition also was negligible. On Sunday, reports said, a single plane flew over but fled after dropping one bomb.

MacArthur, who landed shortly after the assault waves went in, was silent on the island's fighting yesterday and reported only aerial and torpedo-boat sweeps off the north coast. He also announced attacks against Jap air bases on Celebes and Macassar Islands to the east.

Canada Returns King's Regime

OTTAWA, June 12 (ANS)—Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King and his Liberal Party government, which steered Canada through five years of war, were returned to power today after one of the most bitter campaigns in the Dominion's history.

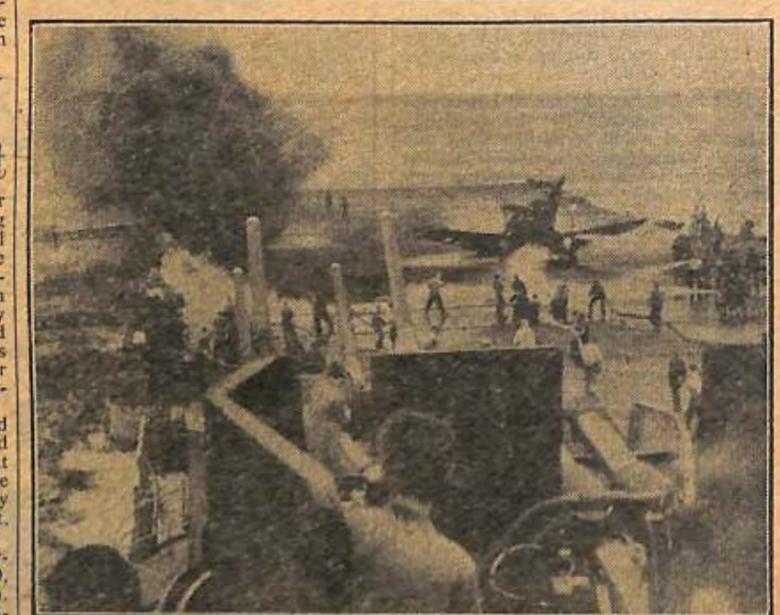
The Liberals won 120 seats in the House of Commons. Independent Liberals and other Independents won 13 seats, assuring King's government a comfortable margin in the House. Opposition parties secured an estimated 65 seats.

King and nearly all his Cabinet ministers were re-elected, but a notable exception was Defense Minister Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, central figure in the conscription policy of the King government which drew widespread censure last year.

Stalin Thanks Truman For Lend-Lease Help

MOSCOW, June 12—Marshal Stalin, in a message to President Truman on the third anniversary of the U.S.-Soviet Lend-Lease agreement, has thanked the President for American help in the war and expressed his conviction that the "bonds of friendship" strengthened during the war would continue to develop, Moscow Radio said today.

Armaments, strategic materials and food sent to the Soviet Union under Lend-Lease "played an important part and helped to a considerable extent in the successful conclusion of the war against Hitlerite Germany," Stalin said.



Keystone Photo.

CARRIER TRAGEDY: Charred remains of a Corsair F40 cover the flight deck of a carrier in the Pacific as crewmen drag hose lines as close to the sizzling gasoline flames as they can. The blaze was started when the plane's belly tank broke loose and exploded as the craft landed. The pilot died despite heroic attempts to save him.

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Thousands Hail Eisenhower in London Fete

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ago and which has been in a museum since 1837, was presented to Gen. Eisenhower and will be replaced by a permanent sword sometime in the future.

Shortly after 1 PM Eisenhower was taken a short distance to the Mansion House, where he addressed a huge crowd from the same balcony on which Gen. John J. Pershing spoke to Londoners after he received the Freedom of the City on July 18, 1919. The other Americans on whom the freedom had been conferred were President Ulysses S. Grant in 1887, President Theodore Roosevelt and George Peabody, philanthropist and banker who died in 1938.

From the Mansion House balcony, with Prime Minister Churchill at his side, Eisenhower told the huge throng in the street that he "always wanted to do one thing—to meet one great group of you where I can say directly what I have often tried to say to you indirectly." "It is a word of thanks for your hospitality to my soldiers, who came into your country in great numbers, often to your great inconvenience, if not irritation. Every Londoner who has taken one of my soldiers into his home will always have my unflinching thanks. To every one of you who has directed a soldier to the Albert Hall or to Marble Arch I give my thanks."

During the freedom ceremony in the Guildhall Acting City Chamberlain A. F. Pickford delivered the principal address for the City and briefly reviewed Gen. Eisenhower's personal history from the time he was graduated from West Point, 30 years ago yesterday, until he led the Western Allies to victory over Germany. Pickford also paid tribute to the memory of President Roosevelt.

Big Ovation for Ike

When he stepped to a microphone to deliver his address Gen. Eisenhower received a thunderous ovation. He was visibly moved and could hardly speak for a few moments.

"Humility must always be the portion of any man who receives acclaim earned in the blood of his followers and the sacrifices of his friends," Eisenhower said. "He may have given everything of his heart and mind to meet the physical and spiritual needs of his comrades. He may have written a chapter that will glow forever in the pages of military history. Still, even such a man, if he existed, would sadly face the facts that his honors cannot hide in his memories the crosses marking the resting places of the dead. They cannot soothe the anguish of the widow or the orphan whose husband or father will not return."

Eisenhower lauded the British people for what they endured in the war and their "vast contribution to victory," and said the success of the campaigns in the Mediterranean and Continental Europe "were not due to one man but to the Allied team which always worked in close harmony, despite the difference in customs, manners and methods."

He also called for unity between Britain and America "in peace as it has been in war," and said that "no petty differences in the world of trade, traditions or national pride should ever blind us . . . and if we keep our eyes on this guide post, no difficulties along our path of mutual co-operation can ever be insurmountable."

Following the Freedom of the City ceremony, the Lord Mayor of London was host at a luncheon in the Mansion House.

Eisenhower later was driven to the Northolt airfield and flew back to his headquarters in Frankfurt.



Keystone Photo

IN 'BLACK JACK'S' TRACKS: On the same balcony where Gen. John J. Pershing addressed London crowds following victory in World War I, Gen. Eisenhower yesterday spoke to Londoners in front of the Mansion House just after he had received Freedom of the City honors. The figure on Eisenhower's left, obscured by the camera angle, is Prime Minister Churchill.

ATC Secret Revealed

How Aerial 'Carpet-Baggers' Brought Succor to Norway

By Jim Russell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

An avaricious leaf out of Civil War history was transformed into a meritorious operation of World War II last summer when the U.S. Air Transport Command conducted what it termed airborne "carpet-bagger" operations into Norway, dropping supplies and arms to underground forces there and parachuting spies and saboteurs behind the backs of Nazi garrisons, ATC revealed yesterday.

But where the light-traveling promoters who swarmed through the South 75 years ago struck gold through greed and political corruption, ATC's modern carpet-baggers brought some 120 tons of critical supplies and weapons to Norwegians fighting against greed and oppression. In one operation two highly-trained Norwegian saboteurs were parachuted close to the anchorage of the Nazi battleship Tirpitz in Altenfjord.

The entire project, which lasted for two months beginning July 17, 1944, was under the supervision of Col. Bernt Balchen, famed Arctic flier and aviation pioneer now on the staff of Brig. Gen. Earl S. Hoag, commander of ATC's European Division. It developed out of the virtual cessation of aerial aid to Norse patriots last summer, when USAAF and RAF units which formerly supplied the underground had to concentrate on the support of underground movements on the Continent in conjunction with the newly-launched invasion.

The Norwegian section of the Office of Strategic Services sent a hurry call to Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, USSTAF commander, who called in ATC and Balchen. Balchen, who piloted Adm. Richard E. Byrd over the South Pole and had at one time been operations manager of a commercial airline in Norway, knew virtually every inch of Norwegian terrain.

Operating with six modified Liberators, ATC fliers had to pin-point their targets to avoid having supplies or saboteurs dropped into the arms of the Nazis. Underground groups had to be informed in advance of the missions and assembled at a designated rendezvous, where they notified the Lib crews of their presence by prearranged signals. Then the Libs came in for the run at 1,000 feet and parachuted



Col. Bernt Balchen

supplies or men squarely into the chosen area.

Each Lib was stripped of its ball turret, leaving an opening known to the crews as the "Joe Hole," through which the crewmen dropped the supplies and through which Norwegian agents made their exit into enemy-occupied territory. Along with weapons and tools dropped to the Norwegians, crew members managed to pack in additional items, such as candy and cigarettes and copies of American and British newspapers and magazines. Underground members later reported they took special delight in leaving well-thumbed copies of these "verboten" publications around the lobbies of hotels in Bergen, Oslo and Trondheim for the benefit of the ever-probing Gestapo.

Life Begins Again

Hamm Typical Of Reich Cities; Near Normalcy

HAMM, Germany, June 12 (UP)—Conditions in bomb-shattered Hamm, typical of small German industrial towns today, have returned to near normalcy, with the black market virtually nonexistent, civilian health on the upgrade and the Germans expressing confidence in the Allied administration.

When the Allies took over, 20,000 of Hamm's 50,000 people were out of work. Since, the total has fallen considerably, with two steel works in full operation producing material needed in the railway yards. Although wages are not high, 25 per cent is paid for time spent over 48 hours on a specific job and 50 per cent extra for Sunday work.

The food shortage is the main problem, and the average daily ration is under 1,000 calories, compared with the 2,600 calories below which the British ration never fell. Displaced persons in the town, however, get the equivalent of 2,200 calories.

Allies in Bremen Doubt An Underground Exists

BREMEN, June 12 (UP)—Allied officials in Bremen have become convinced there is not the slightest semblance of any organized underground movement, explaining that the Bremerhaven and Wesermunde areas through which supplies for the Allied occupation forces pass would be a natural target for any existing dangerous underground action.

Thus far, the most serious incident has been a bomb explosion in the Bremen police station in which four U.S. soldiers were killed and 31 German policemen injured. After intensive investigation, it has been tentatively decided that the explosion was due to a time bomb planted in the building before U.S. troops entered the city. A final report has not yet been made however.

Vineyards Undamaged, But Wine Prospect Is Poor

BONN, Germany, June 12 (UP)—The most famous vineyards in the world, located here in the Rhine-Moselle valleys, escaped serious war damage, but experts say wine prospects are poor. Large stocks of wine, hidden away by the Nazi leaders for their own personal use, have been uncovered and most of the Moselle production in the last two or three years seems to have been seized either by the Wehrmacht or the Nazi Party.

Many of the vineyards are overgrown with weeds, owing to the shortage of labor, and there is to be no release of sugar. Large quantities of wine were held back by growers when they noticed that German currency was failing. They decided to keep their produce as a form of investment. What little did escape turned up in the black market and could be bought only for cigarettes, butter, ham or cheese.

Virtually no wine is available for export from the war-time vintages and experts estimate that it will be at least two years before this season's wine is sufficiently mature for sale.

Czechs Close German Schools

MOSCOW, June 12 (AP)—A Soviet dispatch from Prague reported today that the Czechoslovak Government had closed German schools throughout the country.

Home, and Then Pacific

Grace Drysdale Quitting ETO After a Big Job Well Done

By Earl Mazo

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

PARIS, June 12—Blue-eyed, brown-haired "trouper" Grace Drysdale had a lot of hamming, hard work and tough acting to look back on this week when she packed the field gear which represented her show, "Swing Time," and began to sweat out a trip home for three or four weeks of rest—then more front-line entertaining, this time in the Pacific.

And she had the satisfaction of knowing that thousands of men who had seen her "master-mind" her puppets and play the banjo and banter lines about with her MC, Freddie Morgan, appreciated and enjoyed the way she did things.

It wasn't exactly sentiment that caused Grace Drysdale to say "No" to a trip back home after she recovered from the broken leg and internal injuries received in the February, 1943, Lisbon Clipper

crash. She said she came over to do a job and she intended to begin right away. Almost the day she got out of the hospital Grace began the grind that ended deep in Germany.

At air stations in England, on Omaha Beach, in makeshift bars in Luxemburg, on the Saar and Rhine fronts, Grace's "Swing Time" played to audiences ranging from five to 15,000. "When the audience was smaller than the act on the stage we asked the audience to join in, and we always had fun," Grace said.

In July Grace's was among the five shows on Omaha Beach. All the actors wanted to be the first to perform on the Continent so officials made them all "firsts" by having the five shows put on a joint mass performance on the bluff overlooking Omaha Beach. "The next day," Grace said, "we heard that 1st Army Headquarters wanted a show, so we wangled our way in and when we performed that night the other four shows were in the audience. . . . Maybe that means that ours was the first full show to perform on the Continent."

"Swing Time" then went to 2nd Armored Division, 19th Division and eventually to practically every American fighting unit on the Western Front.

Several weeks ago a weekly magazine in America, tracing the Lisbon Clipper crash survivors, noted that Grace Drysdale, who has done more front-line entertaining than any of the others, had been the least publicized since the crash. The question of why came up while she was packing away a heavy pair of combat shoes. Grace shook her head and shrugged her shoulders and a GI jeep driver standing around during the interview said, "I guess we ex-doughfeet can understand why better than anybody else."

AFN Radio Program

Wednesday, June 13

- 1200—Duffie Bag
- 1300—World News
- 1315—Band Wagon
- 1330—J. C. Thomas
- 1400—Radio Theater
- 1500—Beau de Musique
- 1600—Kay Kyser
- 1630—Strike up the Band
- 1700—Raymond Scott
- 1715—Canada Guest Sh.
- 1755—Sports Roundup
- 1800—World News
- 1808—On the Record
- 1900—U.S. Home News
- 1905—Soldier and a Song
- 1915—Comedy Caravan
- 1945—Strings with Wings
- 2000—Bob Hope
- 2030—British Band
- 2100—World News
- 2115—Frank Morgan
- 2145—Music Shop
- 2200—Pacific News
- 2206—Merely Music
- 2300—News of the Hour
- 2301—One Night Stand
- 2330—Melody Hour
- 2400—World News

Thursday, June 14

- 0555—Sign On
- 0600—Yawn Patrol
- 0700—World News
- 0705—Yawn Patrol
- 0800—Spotlight Bands
- 0815—Personal Album
- 0830—Modern Music
- 0900—World News
- 0915—Remember
- 0930—Waltz Time
- 1000—British Band
- 1030—Strike up the Band
- 1100—U.S. Home News
- 1106—Duffie Bag

HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"Vorwärts, Marsch—You-All!"

THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

NOTE: Lack of space forces us to limit all letters published to not more than 200 words.—Ed.

Legalized Infidelity?

To the B-Bag:

Now I've read everything! I refer to the bill passed by the California Assembly which smiles benevolently upon wives who have illegitimate children. That makes me wonder what's going on back in the States. Indiscreet wives can now hide behind the skirts—or should I say the panty-waists—of the California lawmakers when, unbeknown to her husband, she can have a child. Should the husband find out, the wife can now run to the State House and cry "Sanctuary!" The husband is collared, made to read the law, says he's sorry he's protested his wife's indiscretion and go back home with his wife, his heroine!

It seems clear that this law is intended for husbands overseas. Who else could it mean? In the name of marital honesty and decency, what do they think husbands overseas are? A bunch of morons who can be hoodwinked? Assemblyman Gardiner Jackson, sponsor of the bill, poses as the protector of such illegitimate children. But I wonder how he would like it if his wife, if he's married, followed his lead? It seems to me that this bill is another bit of evidence that state assemblies need some realistic, straight-thinking, decent GIs there to replace men who don't know how to play the game straight. GIs are fighting that kind of ideology in the Nazis and the Japs where women are encouraged to be "indiscreet." It looks like we'll have another fight on our hands when we get home.—Capt. C. H. Eller, Protestant Chaplain, 54th B.G.

To the B-Bag:

Just a note of sincere thanks for your hard-hitting editorial on "Legalized Infidelity." It's about time the politics and moralists at home were told that overseas soldiers are still capable citizens. The California State Assembly has shamed the entire nation, as well as its own constituents. A public apology, by wiping the bill from the books, must be made.—Sgt. I. B., 1465 Ord. Dep. Co.

To the B-Bag:

What sort of men and women comprise the legislature of the State of California that they can pass a law which in effect sanctions adultery and its attendant evils? What will be the reaction of servicemen when they return to discover their wives have had children, not theirs, while they were gone? Is California prepared for the series of murders, scandals, broken homes and shattered minds that are bound to arise?—A Wounded Infantryman, 131 Gen. Hosp.

To the B-Bag:

Your editorial, "Legalized Infidelity?" is the best you have ever written; only why didn't you make it stronger? Noting the fact the bill originated in California (and no slur on the state is intended) it would seem evident that not all comedians are in the movies.—S/Sgt., 61st FS.

To the B-Bag:

I'm ashamed to admit I'm a native of California, which passed what in my opinion was a bill that hurt the morale of every GI overseas. Worse yet, according to your story the Army and Navy officials were reported as approving of the stunt. What's this world coming to anyhow?—Soon to be ZI'd.

[The B-Bag has received 52 letters protesting the passage by the California Assembly of a bill permitting wives who commit indiscretions to have their children adopted by others without notifying their husbands.—Ed.]

A Plea For Action

To the B-Bag:

This is a plea for action. On the same page in The Stars and Stripes which contained details of the terrific costs we are paying for Okinawa I also noticed an item stating that our Ambassador to Spain, Norman Armour, and his wife, dined with Franco and Jose Luis Arrese, secretary general of the Falange (Fascist) Party.

How can we continue to appease a man who has a record as bloody as Hitler's? He still keeps 2,000 political opponents in prison, 200,000 in labor camps. And there are those who have died and those who live under strict supervision. Our Ambassador's actions aren't entirely justified, either. Granted that diplomatic courtesy requires a certain amount of social intercourse, but that certainly doesn't call for luncheons with men like Arrese, a real Fascist.

Why don't we end this fiasco? Why don't we sever relations with Spain and help restore the legally elected Republican government?—Sgt. M. Chavez, BAD 1.

Off the Global Wire

Mitscher Tells How Jap Pilots Hit Flagship

CORONADO, Cal., June 12 (ANS)—Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher, home on 30-day leave from a strenuous Pacific campaign as commander of Task Force 58, revealed today that both his flagship and the vessel to which he later moved were hit in suicide-bombing attacks, costing the lives of three officers and 18 men of his staff, as well as casualties among his ships' personnel.

Mitscher himself narrowly escaped death or injury.

At the same time, he declared, "We'll still need infantry to defeat the Japs." Concurring with Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, Army Ground Forces commander, who had said that more bloody land fighting in the Pacific was in prospect, Mitscher said, "Bombing alone won't win the Pacific war. The closer we go to the Japanese mainland the more stubborn the opposition becomes."

Warns of Revolt in India

NEW DELHI, June 12 (Reuter)—The Hindustan Times, organ of the Congress (Nationalist) Party industrialists which is edited by Devadas Gandhi, son of Mohandas K. Gandhi, declared today that if Prime Minister Churchill were returned to power in the British general election the consequences might include widespread revolt in India.

Commenting on Churchill's recent declaration of policy on the British Empire and India, the paper said: "So far as this country is concerned, Mr. Churchill continues to be an unrepentant opponent of our national aspirations."

Reich Industry 'Finished'

WASHINGTON, June 12 (ANS)—Some of Germany's great industrial cities never will be rebuilt, Sen. Homer Ferguson (R-Mich.) prophesied today upon his return from a European inspection trip.

Many of the Reich's manufacturing centers are so shattered that it would be easier to lay out new cities than to clean up the debris, he told a news conference. "They were built to produce armament," he said, "I assume we will not let them produce any armament in the future, so their economic base is gone."

GI 'Gangster' Hanged

ROME, June 12 (AP)—Werner E. Schmiedel, a U.S. Army deserter who, under the alias of "Robert Lane," led a band of American and Canadian deserters in a wave of holdups here and in Naples, was hanged yesterday in the prison yard at Aversa.

He was convicted by a court-martial on Mar. 27 of murdering an Italian civilian during a restaurant holdup here. His home was listed as Briarville, Pa.

France Eases Censorship

PARIS, June 12 (Reuter)—The Cabinet announced today that French papers no longer need submit all matter to censorship before publication.

It is understood, however, that the rule will be replaced by an obligation on editors and publishers to observe certain instructions and guidance to be issued from time to time by the French censor.

Pauley, Lubin Reach Moscow

MOSCOW, June 12 (Reuter)—Edwin Pauley and Dr. Isadore Lubin, U.S. representatives on the Allied Reparations Commission in Moscow, have arrived here from Paris.

Help Wanted - AND GIVEN

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Reunions

FOLLOWING towns and districts will hold reunions at the ARC Mostyn Club at 7.15 PM each night next week. EMs, WACs, officers and nurses welcome.

June 18—Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia, Yakima—Wash.; Tues., June 19—Northampton, Holyoke, Chicopee, Springfield—Mass.; Wed., June 20—Alexandria, Newark, Columbus—Ohio; Thurs., June 21—Passaic County, N.J.; Fri., June 22—Reading, Allentown, Bethlehem—Pa.

Lost Identification Broclet inscribed "R. G. Mulligan, 12165920." Reward.—Contact T/Sgt. Richard Mulligan, 36th Bomb Grp. (H), APO 557.

Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune

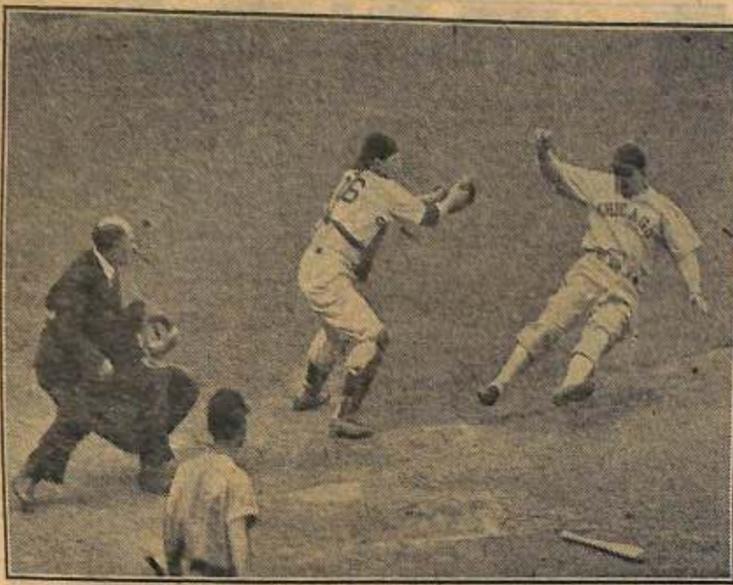
By Chester Gould



L'il Abner

By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp



MIKE MAKES IT: Mike Tresh, Chicago White Sox catcher, just gets in safely in this play at the Yankee Stadium. Above, Mike launches his slide as Yank Catcher Herb Crompton takes the peg from Outfielder Johnny Lindell. But Crompton's whirl (right) to put the ball on Mike fails as the Sox player hits the dirt at the plate with Umpire Bill McGowan calling him safe.



Pavot-Hoop Junior Duel Expected in Preakness

BALTIMORE, June 11—Hoop Junior headed toward Pimlico last night after his impressive victory in the Kentucky Derby last Saturday with his backers boosting him as a sure thing to become the seventh thoroughbred to triumph in both the Derby and the Preakness. And if things go right he may be headed for the Belmont Stakes and the mythical "Triple Crown."

Strongest opposition in Saturday's Preakness will come from Pavot, two-year-old champion last year who was beaten in his first appearance as a three-year-old.

Accompanying Hoop Junior from Kentucky were five other horses expected to face the barrier in the Preakness, which is expected to be worth close to \$90,000. They are Mrs. W. G. Lewis' Darby, Dieppe, third runner in the Derby, C. V. Whitney's Jeep, Christiana Stables' Alexis, Col. E. R. Bradley's Burning Dream and Charles S. Howard's Sea Swallow.

Polynesian, who scored over Pavot in the Withers Mile at Belmont a week ago, will arrive tomorrow and is expected to start in the Preakness. Other possibilities include Bobanet Stables' Bobanet, Brookfield Farms' Brookfield, Pentagon Stables' The Doge, Greentree Stables' Coincidence, and H. C. Hatch's Fair Jester, which was scratched from the Derby because of the heavy track.

Two other Preakness eligibles, Pot o' Luck, which finished second in the Derby, and Bymeabond, have been declared out of the Maryland event. Pot o' Luck will be shipped to Chicago, but may enter the Belmont Stakes June 21 while Bymeabond will be shipped to California for the Santa Anita Derby on the same date.

Behind The Sports Headlines

OSLO, Norway—Charles Hoff, former world pole vault titlist, and one of Norway's leading sportsmen, pleaded guilty yesterday to collaborating with the Nazis. He was chief quising sports trainer and directed the quising sports competitions. . . . BOSTON—George "Pinky" Woods, Red Sox right-hander, has left for St. Louis where he will have his sore arm examined by Dr. Robert Hyland.

CINCINNATI—The Reds' pitching staff, already filled with overage hurlers, received a 35-year-old addition yesterday when Vern Kennedy reported.

Kennedy was obtained from the Phils for infielder Walter Flager. . . . CLEVELAND—Lou Boudreau, manager of the Indians who was re-classified 1-A last spring, will take another pre-induction physical at Cleveland. He was rejected more than a year ago and classified 4-F because of weak ankles, but was put back in 1-A when Selective Service culled the ranks of athletes deferred for physical reasons.

SPOKANE, Wash.—Footbal appears to be definitely on its way back to top spot in the Pacific Coast Conference. The game was dropped by most schools in the circuit because of the war, but eight of the ten schools in the loop have indicated they will field teams this fall. . . . BERKELEY, Cal.—Marjorie Osborne regained her California women's tennis championship defeating Louise Brough, 6-4, 6-3. Miss Brough defeated Miss Osborne in the finals last year.

NEW YORK—Vince Boryla, highest scoring cageman in Notre Dame history and now a seaman in the Navy, has received an appointment to Annapolis and will report with the new class tomorrow. Boryla scored 31 points against Detroit, a one-game Irish record, and hooped 322 points for a new season mark.

International League: Jersey City 7, Rochester 2; Newark 5, Montreal 2; Baltimore 14, Buffalo 7; Toronto, Syracuse not scheduled.

Eastern League: Utica 5, Wilkes-Barre 4; Scranton 4, Binghamton 3; Other games postponed, rain.

American Association: Kansas City 5-7, Louisville 1-8; Milwaukee 3-1, Indianapolis 0-7; Other games postponed, rain.

Southern Association: Atlanta 7, Mobile 5; Chattanooga 14, New Orleans 2; Memphis 8, Nashville 3; Little Rock-Birmingham postponed, rain.

Pacific Coast League: No games scheduled.

Openings on ARC Golf Squad: Several places on the ARC Hans Crescent golf team are open for linksmen wishing to play in regular Sunday competition. Players who can shoot 85 or better should write to Fred Parry, Athletic Director, Hans Crescent Club, Knightsbridge, London, S.W.1, or phone Kensington 8831.

KID FIND: New Orleans ring fans are boosting 17-year-old Bernard Docusen as the newest national boxing discovery. A featherweight, he recently racked up his 23rd straight victory with a clear-cut eight-round decision over Lulu Costantino, veteran New Yorker.

Lott, Hare Top U.S. Net Team

By Tony Cordaro, Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Charles Hare and George Lott, co-captains of the U.S. Army tennis team which plays a star-studded British Empire squad in an international match at Wimbledon Saturday, June 30, selected from a list of 200 applicants 11 men to report to London a week in advance for try outs. The schedule calls for three doubles matches and two singles for an eight-man team.

Lott and Hare top the list and they may team up to form one doubles team. Lott has won six Wimbledon and U.S. doubles titles. Hare captained the British Davis Cup team twice and was a doubles finalist two years in succession.

Another prominent veteran selected is Lt. John Doeg, U.S. singles champ in '31 and Wimbledon finalist in '32.

Also available for the doubles will be Maj. Frank Guernsey and Lt. Russell Bobbit. Paired together as civilians, they ranked third in the nation in 1938 and '39.

Sgt. Budge Patty, junior champion in 1938, '39 and '40, will bid, for a singles berth. Others chosen were:

Sgt. Richard McKee, former Miami U. star; Lt. William Weissbuch, 1940 Eastern States champion; Lt. Col. Robert Marston, listed seventh in the nation in 1941; Lt. Col. Edward Monahan, former Middle States titleholder; Lt. Archie Henderson, nationally ranked in 1937; Pvt. Tom Valkenburg, national junior doubles kingpin in 1939-40; and Pfc. William Vogt, nationally ranked Philadelphia in 1939.

Carnera to Fight 91st Division GI

GORIZIA, Italy, June 12—War-time ring conditions being what they are, Primo Carnera has decided to add his name to the growing list of has-beens and never-weres attempting a ring comeback. Da Preeme, now 39, is scheduled to meet Sgt. Homer Blevens, a 91st Division GI, here tonight.

The former heavyweight titlist—he won the crown in 1933 from Jack Sharkey and dropped it when he ran into Max Baer a year later—has managed to persuade the local drum-beaters that Blevens is one of the ten ranking heavyweights in America. Nat Fleischer, however, fails ever to have heard of the gent, nor of Tony Jack Rocco, Mr. Blevens' ring name. Or, if he has heard of him, there is no record of Mr. Blevens in Fleischer's All-Time Ring Book.

Red Hopes to Join Yanks - If They'll Have Him

NEW YORK, June 12—Charley Ruffing, recently discharged from the Army AF, may rejoin the Yankees next month—that is, if the club wants him. He's ready to join them right now, but will need a few weeks to get in shape.

"I may work out with the Giants at the Polo Grounds while the Yanks are on their Eastern trip," the big redhead said after attending Sunday's Yankee-Red Sox game. "I'm not as fat as I look. I weigh 235, only ten pounds more than when I left for the Army. I think I can get into the swing of things even though I am 40. Look how that 40-year-old Jim Turner is helping them."

Cards Subdue Cincinnati, 5-0

ST. LOUIS, June 12—The St. Louis Cardinals climbed back into the first division last night with a 5-0 triumph over the Cincinnati Reds in the only scheduled major league game.

Five runs on the same number of hits in the first two innings were all the Red-birds needed to send Bucky Walters down to his sixth defeat. Howie Fox replaced Bucky in the second and except for Emil Verban's single in the fourth and a double in the sixth, not a Card reached base until Al Libke, third Red hillman, walked Ken O'Dea and Marty Marion in the eighth.

Charlie Barrett was the mound victor, holding the Reds to seven well-spaced hits.

Dutch Meyer Announces Ten-Game Slate for TCU

FT. WORTH, Texas, June 12—Coach Dutch Meyer, who recently signed a new five-year contract with Texas Christian, has announced a ten-game schedule for next fall.

The schedule: Sept. 22—Kansas; Sept. 29—Baylor; Oct. 6—Arkansas; Oct. 20—Texas Aggies; Oct. 27—Oklahoma Aggies; Nov. 3—Oklahoma; Nov. 10—Texas Tech; Nov. 17—Texas; Nov. 24—Rice; Dec. 1—Southern Methodist.

MAJOR LEAGUE RESULTS

Table with columns for American League, National League, Eastern League, and Southern Association, listing teams, wins, losses, and percentages.

Minor League Results

Table with columns for International League, Eastern League, American Association, Southern Association, and Pacific Coast League, listing teams, wins, losses, and percentages.

Around the 48 Yesterday

39 Billions Requested For Army in Pacific

WASHINGTON (ANS)—The Army proposes to spend \$39,019,790,474 fighting Japan in the year beginning July 1, one-fourth less than it required in the fiscal year 1945 fighting the war both in Europe and the Pacific.

That's the figure in the War Department budget President Truman submitted to Congress. It has been cut from the preliminary estimate of \$45,500,000,000 made last January by the late President Roosevelt on the assumption that the war in Europe would continue.

In a statement accompanying the budget, the President estimated the Army's strength would be 8,320,000 on June 30 and would be cut to a maximum of 6,968,000 during the succeeding 12 months.

The President said the budget not only contemplated financing the war against Japan through the fiscal year but also munitions and equipment to be delivered through Dec. 31, 1946, and heavier aircraft through June, 1947. It also includes \$1,000,000,000 for military Lend-Lease and for civilian relief in U.S.-occupied areas.

Court Frees Bundists in Draft Plot

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Twenty-four leaders of the German-American Bund, convicted of conspiring to advise their members to evade the draft, were freed today by the Supreme Court.

The Bundists had been convicted on charges of conspiracy to distribute among their members Bund Command No. 37, which declared that the Selective Service Law infringed their rights and urged them to refuse military duty. The command also protested Congress' statement of policy in the law that jobs of inductees would not be filled by Communists or Bundists.

The majority opinion, by Associate Justice Owen Roberts, held that there was "little evidence" of a nationwide conspiracy. Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone, in a dissenting opinion joined by three others of the court, said the conclusion was "inescapable" that the Bundists had counseled evasion of military service.

In another ruling, the Supreme Court invalidated a Florida law requiring the licensing of paid business agents of labor unions and the registration of labor organizations and their officials.

And in still another ruling the court upheld the Illinois Supreme Court in refusing admission to the bar of a conscientious objector.

ARC Workers to Stay in ETO

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Most American Red Cross workers in the ETO will remain there to staff expanding activities and will not be transferred to the Pacific, Chairman Basil O'Connor announced. Instead, a drive to recruit 3,000 new workers for the Pacific is under way, plans calling for the Red Cross to increase its personnel in that Theater from the present 2,400 to about 6,000.

O'Connor, back from an 18,000-mile inspection of ARC installations in the Pacific, said the Pacific staff now included 1,675 women workers and 725 men. All but 800 of these workers, he said, are in forward areas.

NEW YORK (S and S)—Walter Winchell, the columnist, pointed out that "Red Cross workers, men and women, are not permitted to wear their service ribbons when they come home. . . . The Red Cross doesn't give them a letter, ribbon, button or card to show they served overseas. But Red Cross workers in the U.S. get badges and blood donors get buttons, as do those who take first-aid courses. . . . And for as little as two bucks (during the War Fund drive) anyone can get a contributor's badge, sticker, and card. But for overseas—nuttin'."

Gabreski Finally a Bridegroom

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, Wis. (ANS)—Lt. Col. Francis Gabreski, one of the ETO's fighter-plane aces, finally married lovely, dark-eyed Kay Cochran—after their wedding plans twice had been snafued by the war.

Said Gabreski: "Getting married is more nerve-racking than fighting the enemy in the air."

Said his bride: "I'm the luckiest girl in the world."

The couple first had planned to be married in Hawaii in 1942, but the Army sent Gabreski away suddenly. They planned it again in 1944, when Gabreski was due for a leave in the States. But he crashed on his last flight before leaving and was taken prisoner.

Change of Heart

FT. DEVENS, Mass. (ANS)—Pvt. Joe McGee, of Worcester, Mass., is NOT going to make the Army a career.

'People's PAC' to Fight CIO

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Formation of the People's Political Action Committee to fight the CIO's Political Action Committee was announced by Chairman James Zuecher, former CIO official in New Jersey who worked in the Dewey presidential campaign organization.

DENVER (ANS)—Henry J. Kaiser proposed building a permanent arsenal for national security in the Rocky Mountains area. "The war in the Pacific," he said, "is being supplied over congested railroads from ordnance plants located in the East. This should not happen again."

PHILADELPHIA (ANS)—More than 500 German PWs were put to work on salvage to relieve an acute labor shortage at the Navy Yard here.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (ANS)—Alienation of affections, breach of promise to

marry and seduction suits are officially out in Florida. The law, aimed at "scheming women out to get old men," became effective without the Governor's signature.

WASHINGTON (ANS)—The Senate voted a year's extension of the price control program, adding to it a far-reaching proviso guaranteeing profits to farmers above all production costs. Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley (D-Ky.) opposed the profit amendment as inflationary. The measure now goes to the House.

CHICAGO (ANS)—Rationing of new cars probably can be lifted "some time next year," Henry P. Nelson, War Production Board automotive reconversion co-ordinator, said. Production for 1945 should be 215,000, he said, and should hit 100,000 a month beginning next January.

Hear 'Dead' Son Mourn WACs In a Broadcast

NEW YORK, June 12—British Broadcasting Corp. officials here explained today how a BBC broadcast from the 91st General Hospital in England, in which actress Bebe Daniels interviewed an American gunner who had been a German PW for 15 months, was the means by which Mr. and Mrs. William Wells, of Baltimore, Ind., first learned that their son, Sgt. William Wells Jr., was alive.

Wells had been officially reported by the War Department as missing in action. A parcel containing his effects had been sent to his parents.

Last week a friend told the elder Wells he thought he had heard his son in a broadcast from a hospital in Britain. Hoping against hope, the parents went to the BBC studios, where they listened to a playback of the Bebe Daniels broadcast.

When they heard their son speak the parents collapsed. In the broadcast, Sgt. Wells described how he was picked up by the Jerries and forced—with other Americans—to undergo a hunger march of 400 miles that took 52 days.

Memorial services for 18 WACs of Air Transport Command reported lost last week on an Army transport plane on a flight from ATC's base in Accra, British West Africa, to Roberts Field, Liberia, were held today in London.

More than 60 WACs of Headquarters, European Division ATC, who formerly were stationed with the lost WACs at U.S. and African bases, attended the service at 39 Portman Square. The 18 were en route to a new assignment with the ATC's European Division in London.

The 18 reported lost are: Sgt. Doris F. Cooper, Champaign, Ill.; Cpl. Yelma H. Holden, Asheville, N.C.; Pfc Evelyn L. McBride, Inglewood, Cal.; Pfc Mildred E. Rice, Kansas City, Kan.; Pfc Helen E. Rozelle, Washington, D.C.; Pfc Florrie D. Flannery, Springfield, Ind.; Pfc Rose F. Puchalla, Minneapolis, Minn.; Pfc Ruth E. Warlick, Goldthwaite, Texas; Pfc Alice P. McKinney, Bar Bay, Mich.; Pfc Rose Robinson, San Francisco, Cal.; Pfc Frieda C. Friend, New York, N.Y.; Pfc Mary M. Gollinger, Tacoma, Wash.; Pfc Odessa L. Hollingsworth, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Pfc Wilma E. Liles, Dallas, Texas; Pfc Leona M. Seyfert, Chicago, Ill.; Pfc Bonnie L. Williams, Glenda Springs, Kan.; Pfc Alice Kina, Oswego, Ore.; Pvt. Pearl Roomsburg, Lomita, Cal.



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

OCCUPIED OCCUPIERS: Capt. Arthur N. Whitley, of Springfield, Pa., and his bride, the former Rosalie Sellman, of Scarsdale, N.Y., walk under the 5th's crossed 90mm. guns after the first American wedding in Germany since the war ended. Mrs. Whitley is a Red Cross worker.

Austrian Denies He's Red Puppet

Dr. Karl Renner, chancellor of the Austrian provisional government, in a broadcast yesterday on the Vienna Radio, claimed that the Soviet High Command had exercised no undue influence over his administration, the United Press reported.

Declaring that his government had been formed freely, he said it represented all parties "with the one and only exception of the Fascists, who fled."

"Even each individual ministry is under the joint administration of all three parties," said Renner. "It must be said, though, that we could never have achieved so much had it not been for the generous support given to us by the Red Army and the material help afforded by the Red Army, which our people will always remember in gratitude."

"The law of war is a hard law, but the military power (Russia) that first occupied Vienna and the most important part of our state has never confined its support to any terms or conditions, nor ever at any time attempted firmly to appoint authorities. It has unreservedly acknowledged the government and the authorities, provided that they have been suggested by the united parties."

Billion Rounds Fired by Yanks

SHAEF, June 12 (AP)—American troops fired more than 1,000,000,000 rounds of small-arms ammunition and 48,322,539 rounds of artillery ammunition and used 4,853,888 hand-grenades in 11 months on the Western Front, Maj. Gen. Henry B. Saylor, ETO Ordnance chief, disclosed yesterday.

A total of 865,056 weapons and 81,379 vehicles, including tanks, became casualties in the 11 months of fighting.

The casualty list included: Small arms, 861,326; artillery pieces, 2,263; tank destroyers, 958; anti-aircraft weapons, 509; tanks and armored vehicles, 13,056; motor vehicles, 66,698; amphibious vehicles, 1,625.

What percentage of the equipment losses was due to enemy action as compared with other causes was not specified.

Missourians Fleeing As Flood Waters Rise

ST. LOUIS, June 12 (ANS)—More than 800 Missouri families were homeless today as rapidly rising flood waters of the Meramec and Black Rivers swept over Valley Park, Poplar Bluff and areas of Butler County. No lives were reported lost. The Weather Bureau predicted a break in the continuous rainfall of the last week.

METTER, Ga., June 12 (ANS)—All stores and offices closed here today between 11:30 AM and 1 PM so residents could pray for rain to break a drought which has severely damaged tobacco and corn crops.

Ribbentrop's Son Found

WIESBADEN, June 12 (AP)—Rudolf von Ribbentrop, son of Joachim von Ribbentrop, former Reich foreign minister, has been discovered hiding in a division prisoner-of-war camp in the 3rd Army sector, the 12th Army Group announced today.

The capture in Austria of Baldur von Schirach, Hitler Youth chief, also was announced.

National Guard, Truman Differed on Colors

WASHINGTON, June 12 (The Stars and Stripes)—President Truman, who served in France as a captain in the field artillery in World War I and holds a colonel's commission in the reserves, explained today why he never joined the National Guard.

His father, it seems, wore the gray in the War Between the States. Afterward he would never allow son Harry to join the Guard. The Guard wore blue.

Say Sick Vets Were Beaten

WASHINGTON, June 12 (ANS)—The House Veterans' Committee decided today to investigate charges of "sickening . . . physical violence" inflicted on patients at a Veterans' Administration hospital at Northport, N.Y.

The charges of beatings by attendants were made by the Veterans of Foreign Wars in a report filed with the committee after a hospital-by-hospital investigation. The report claimed that 47 per cent of all veterans' hospitals provided inadequate care.

The American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans also filed reports with the committee. The Legion said that, on the average, conditions in veterans' hospitals compared favorably with civilian institutions. It expressed dissatisfaction with the Veterans' Administration medical set-up, however, and urged a reorganization.

The Disabled American Veterans, saying that "in general, conditions in veterans' hospitals are good," recommended more hospital construction.

McKim Gets Loan Post

WASHINGTON, June 12 (AP)—The White House disclosed today the resignation of Edward D. McKim, President Truman's chief administrative assistant, to become Deputy Federal Loan Administrator.

'Willie's' Father Comes Home

Doughfoot Has the Answers, Says Mauldin, Queried on War

NEW YORK, June 12 (ANS)—"If you really want to find out about the war, talk to a real infantryman, not to characters like me," T/3 Bill Mauldin, The Stars and Stripes cartoonist whose work delineating the doughfoot's outlook on the war won him a Pulitzer Prize this year, told reporters yesterday.

Mauldin is awaiting discharge from the Army on points. At the moment, he said, he was awaiting the arrival from Los Angeles of his wife and the 22-month-old son he has never seen.

Asked about his interview with Gen. George S. Patton Jr., Mauldin said the 3rd Army commander had informed him that his characters, Joe and Willie, were too "sloppy."

"My feeling about it," Mauldin said

United Nations States Can Quit

SAN FRANCISCO, June 12 (UP)—There will be a loophole in the world charter being drafted here for the United Nations, it became known today, through which any nation that wants to quit can get out. But the charter itself will say nothing about it.

Reports from last night's meeting of the Big Five were that they opposed specific mention of how a nation might withdraw from the world organization, feeling that the right to withdraw—and the means—were implied.

Also implied, the Big Five were reported to insist, was that nations remaining in the world organization would be bound by its decisions.

The first public session of the conference today approved tentatively the creation of an economic and social council which would work to eliminate the basic economic causes of war.

Tell of Pope's Acts To Keep Italy Out

ROME, June 12 (AP)—In an 18-page pamphlet outlining the Holy See's efforts to keep Italy out of the war, the Vatican disclosed today that Pope Pius XII personally appealed to Benito Mussolini in a letter on Apr. 24, 1940—less than two months before Italy entered the conflict—"to spare our and your beloved country such great calamity."

Mussolini replied on Apr. 30, declaring that "if Italy should take up arms tomorrow, it will be as clear as the sun to every one that the honor, interests and future of Italy will absolutely demand her to do it," the pamphlet said.

Mine Maps Turned Over

SHAEF, Paris, June 12 (AP)—German maps pinpointing every Nazi minefield in Belgium, Norway and Finland were presented to representatives of those three countries at their respective embassies in Paris today by American Army engineers. The maps were captured by the American 7th Army.

Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff

