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Meen-YA za-VOOT  
My name is . . .

## ETO Units Face Sharp Changeover

By Ernest Leiser  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

PARIS, May 13—The most sweeping and the swiftest re-organization in the history of the U.S. Army began yesterday as redeployment and discharge plans went into effect in all theaters of operations.

Within 90 days most units in the ETO will have been reorganized so drastically that they will resemble newly-activated organizations, Com Z officials predicted.

At the same time, Gen. Eisenhower, in a theater-wide letter to all generals down to division level, called for "human understanding" in the application of the point system and the discharge of combat troops from the ETO.

Particularly was he anxious, the Supreme Commander declared, that no combat soldier be sent "to the Pacific who has fought in both North Africa and Europe."

Gen. Eisenhower said that "when the bell rings . . . we must be prepared to release the high-point men in each combat division who are eligible for discharge, even though it results in an immediate reduction of divisional strength below the authorized figures."

"We must prepare now, so that we can release these men promptly. . . . It is not a subject to gossip or talk about. It does require thinking ahead, determining of how the approved factors can be applied so that the release of those found eligible under the system can be effected with minimum loss of efficiency to the command, but with maximum dispatch."

He asked for the personal attention of all commanders in supervising the "pattern of redeployment," and said that he had received a personal letter from Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, pointing out a concern, which Eisenhower said he shared, in the human problems involved in redeployment.

He said he was forming a small control group to co-ordinate efforts of all commands and that redeployment policies and procedures would be announced by this group from time to time.

Three questions raised by the joint system when it was disclosed were curbed yesterday by Com Z officials:

1—Every effort will be made to give discharges to men with the most points above the 85-point interim score and the final critical score to be established in 45 days. However, they said, in cases of military necessity, men with higher scores may be discharged later than those with lower scores.

2—When length of service and time overseas is computed, 15 days or more will be counted as a full month.

3—Men whose point scores are just below the critical score are as much out (Continued on back page)

## Release 2,000 GIs in States

NEW YORK, May 13 (ANS)—More than 2,000 veterans of World War II, most of them with considerable combat experience, raced out of Army camps and into civilian life yesterday—the first of more than 1,300,000 the Army expects to release under its point-discharge system during the next year.

To half of those who were discharged, "being sent home" came with stunning surprise. They had just returned from 45-day furloughs and fully expected to return to combat immediately.

It probably will never be known, however, who was the first high-point man—each had the gifted 85 or more—to get his discharge. But T/Sgt. Benjamin H. Mellinger, of Fort Wayne, Ind., who hit the pay window at Camp Atterbury, Ind., at 9 AM, had a valid claim.

All the usual Army red tape had been completed at Atterbury the day before and Mellinger wasted no time as he rushed from the pay window to a bus. He didn't even give a single quote for history. A veteran of the Asia-Pacific theater, Mellinger had 94 points.

Other "firsts" were Pfc Gerald Wren, ex-St. Louis policeman discharged from Jefferson Barracks; Pfc John Culhane, New York, father of three, from Fort Dix; Sgt. Robert M. Jewel, of Minneapolis, from Ft. Snelling, Minn.; T/5 Peter Flowers, Cambridge, Mass., bartender, from Fort Devens, and T/5 John M. Grant, Omrow, Wis., from Fort Sheridan, Ill.



**THEIR HONOR WAS UNIMPAIRED:** Among the eminent anti-Nazis who spent most of the war years in concentration camps were former French Premier Leon Blum, shown above with his wife in the Alpine camp from which he was freed by Allied armies, and Lutheran Pastor Martin Niemoller, below, whose defiance of Hitler sent him to a long solitary confinement under Gestapo guard. Niemoller is shown telling correspondents of his experiences.

## Education Plan in ETO Suits Needs of All GIs

GI schools are being set up for every 1,000-men unit in the ETO, theater HQ revealed yesterday, disclosing at the same time that a mass scale education program for occupation troops and soldiers awaiting shipment home is now ready.

Supplementing the GI schools will be such world-famous universities as Oxford and Cambridge in England, the Sorbonne in Paris and the University of Rome, which will give special courses to American soldiers.

The double-barreled program, designed to give soldiers practical training for civilian jobs as well as academic education, was devised by the ETO's Information and Education Division.

All training is on a strictly voluntary basis, and ETO chiefs promised that no soldier will have his return to the States delayed by being in a GI school. When a soldier receives shipping orders, they said, he will leave immediately, regardless of the stage of any course he might be taking.

Sole exception to this rule, it was pointed out, will be GIs enrolled in civilian schools or universities in Europe. They will be required to complete the training for which they enrolled.

Three types of school are planned. They are:

1—Unit schools for each command of approximately 1,000 men. This would mean a battalion school in the ground forces. Com Z troops will have a unit school for each post or station, as will every station or squadron in the Air Forces.

2—Technical schools for GIs who want vocational and technical training set up in military technical installations.

3—Theater level schools, including Army university study centers and centralized technical schools set up to give pre-professional and professional training at college and university levels. Specialized vocational and technical training is scheduled for qualified GIs.

There will be completely free choice as to the kind of training desired, but GIs will be encouraged to take up studies that have some bearing on their individual post-war plans. The academic levels will range from the sixth grade through second year college.

In addition to the GI schools, which (Continued on back page)

## Kyushu Rocked By U.S. Planes

Kyushu, southern island of the Japanese homeland, was blasted yesterday by 900 carrier-based Allied planes and a minor formation of Superforts. Tokyo Radio said in an unconfirmed report, as the Chinese High Command announced that their troops had launched an attack along the east coast of China and were fighting in the seaport of Foochow.

Foochow, located 125 miles from Formosa and just over 500 from Okinawa and the northern tip of the Philippines, is one of several possible landing points in the event of an invasion of the Chinese mainland from the Pacific.

The High Command announced that the airfield south of Foochow had been captured, reported Chinese attacks farther north in the province of Chekiang and claimed successes in Hunan province, where their troops, supported by fighter planes of the U.S. 14th Air Force, recently broke the Jap thrust on the Chih-kiang air base.

Coincident with these new developments in China it was reported that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek had conferred with Lt. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, deputy supreme commander in the southeast Asia-China theaters, and with Maj. Gen. Albert Wedemeyer, U.S. commander in China. It was presumed that these talks dealt with coordination of offensives against the Japs in central China and southeast Asia.

**Pour Down Tons of Explosives**  
The attacks on Kyushu, described by the Japanese News Agency as a "bold and foolhardy thrust aimed at destroying our air bases in order to wrest supremacy of the air from us," followed an attack earlier in the week by a large force of Superforts which poured tons of high explosives and incendiaries on storage depots and defensive positions.

According to Tokyo reports, an Allied task force appeared off Kyushu before dawn and planes raided the island until noon. Attacks against the task force were claimed by the Japs.

The Japs also were getting a heavy air-sea pounding on the north coast of New Guinea, where Allied warships were giving support to a new Australian offensive against the Japanese pocket at Wewak. Australian Overseas Service reported that the peninsula had been captured.

On Okinawa, troops of the U.S. 6th Marine Division, on the second day of their full-strength assault, drove into the suburbs of Naha, about 500 yards from Naha itself.

As the 6th battled forward through piles of rubble—all that remained of the city of 66,000—the Japs made strong and persistent air attacks in an effort to halt the advance. These attacks were made in strength and damaged one major fleet unit and several smaller ships, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, Pacific Naval Commander, said in a communique.

**Shoot Down 165 Japs**  
The Jap bid to hold back the drive was costly, however, as carrier planes and fleet guns shot down 165 of the attackers in the two-day battle. One destroyer alone shot down 19 Jap aircraft—probably a record for a ship of that size.

Meanwhile, in operations presumably designed to neutralize any flank attacks against Okinawa, U.S. warships bombarded the island of Minami and landed 10th Army troops without opposition on Tori Island, 55 miles west of Okinawa.

On Tarakan, in Borneo, Australian troops beat off a Jap counter-attack and overran the Djoeata oil field.

American troops, after making their third landing on Mindanao, pushed 14 miles inland from their beachhead on Macajalar Bay and brought the big Jap Del Monte airfield under fire. These 40th Division troops were only 60 miles from 31st Division troops driving north from the vicinity of Maramag. A junction of these two forces would cut the island in two.



**CAUGHT?**—Unofficial reports yesterday said that Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler had been turned over to the Allies after being placed under house arrest by Adm. Doenitz.

## No Official Word Himmler Under Arrest

Unofficial and unconfirmed reports received yesterday at SHAEF said that Heinrich Himmler, arch war criminal, had been taken into custody by the 21st Army Group after having been placed under house arrest by Grand Adm. Karl Doenitz, Hitler's successor as Fuehrer, before the negotiations for Germany's unconditional surrender.

The Associated Press said the reports came from an officer back from the front. An earlier story by this agency, carried without qualification under a SHAEF dateline, resulted in Supreme HQ calling an urgent press conference at which correspondents were told that SHAEF had issued no statement "regarding the whereabouts of Himmler," and that it had "no confirmation of the rumor reporting his capture."

The 21st Army Group is Field Marshal Montgomery's command.

Meanwhile, the broadcasting station at Flensburg, in Germany near the Danish border, said yesterday that a number of decrees had been issued by the Allied Military Government, including the dissolution of the Nazi party and the establishment of English as the official language. Other laws set aside by AMG, the broadcast said, were those barring the organization in Germany of political parties and those providing for recruitment into the Hitler Youth. The Propaganda Ministry also was dissolved by AMG, which at the same time barred the publishing of periodicals in Germany, Flensburg Radio said.

Reuter noted Saturday that the continued operation of Flensburg Radio as a German government controlled station was curious, since it broadcasts daily. The impression conveyed, Reuter said, was that for the time being the de facto continuation of the Doenitz government has been accepted by Allied military authority, although that would definitely (Continued on back page)

## 36th Captures Sepp Dietrich

7TH ARMY HQ, May 13—Col. Gen. Sepp Dietrich, commander of the 6th SS Panzer Army and one-time chief of Hitler's personal bodyguard, who was reported by Moscow Radio on Apr. 9 to have been killed by Austrian partisans during the siege of Vienna, has been captured by troops of the U.S. 36th Division.

Known to the Soviets as the "Butcher of Kharkov," Dietrich was recognized and tossed into a prisoner of war cage by M/Sgt. Herbert Kraus, of Cleveland, O.

"Dietrich is not anything like an army commander—he is more like a village grocer," Kraus said about the man whom the Russians claim was responsible for the German atrocities in Kharkov.

Dietrich, whose wife was captured along with him, claimed he quit the Nazi party seven years ago "for a military career."

## A House Divided

### Ex-PW Wants Wife Back

CALCUTTA, May 13 (ANS)—Lt. Harold W. Goad, learning for the first time that his wife Helen had married an ensign after he (Goad) was reported killed in action, declared here today he planned legal action to end her second marriage. Helen announced in the U.S. last week she would seek to annul her present marriage to Ensign Robert A. MacDowell because of her greater love for Goad. "I'm still pretty confused about it all,

but there's one thing for sure," Goad said, "nobody is to blame."

Goad said that the thing that kept him living all the time he was imprisoned in a Rangoon jail by the Japs "was getting back to my wife."

Before he left the States, Goad said, he gave his wife a letter to be opened in the event of his death. In it he urged her to remarry and forget him and live a happy normal life.



**BELGIAN ROYALTY REDEEMED:** King Leopold III of Belgium, his wife, Princess of Rethy, and their four children were freed by U.S. 7th Army doughs at Strobl, east of Salzburg. The king was removed from Belgium by the Nazis on Jan. 7, 1944. Shown above, left to right: Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch Jr., 7th Army commander, the Princess, King Leopold, and Lt. Gen. Wade H. Haislip, 15th Corps commander.

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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.

Orientation Lecture May 10, 1945

To the B-Bag: At an orientation lecture the other day, an officer addressed us on the subject: "Compulsory Military Training." He was unreservedly in favor of it.

AN Ex-PW Speaks May 9, 1945

To the B-Bag: As an ex-PW, I'd like to take a crack at guarding Nazi prisoners. They'll never forget the day my buddies and I took over.

'Don't Fence Me In' May 10, 1945

To the B-Bag: Since hearing The Hit Parade's new star Lawrence Tibbett sing "Don't Fence Me In," we've come to the conclusion that the public at home doesn't give a damn to what it is listening.

It Really Happened May 8, 1945

To the B-Bag: Recently, when we left the chow hall we stopped to watch some nurses playing ball. Then the Call to the Colors began to be played.

Voice Recordings May 10, 1945

To the B-Bag: Is there any reason why the ban on sending home voice recordings could not be rescinded?

The Ladies Doth Protest May 8, 1945

To the B-Bag: At a recent meeting with the chief nurse, we were informed of some new rules on uniforms. We are no longer permitted to wear slacks for bicycling because some nurse made the fatal error of stopping at a tea room in the scandalous outfit.

Promotions and Recruiting May 10, 1945

To the B-Bag: A 1st Lt. in my group who has never worked on an N.P. ward in a neuropsychiatric General Hospital in 16 months overseas has successively been night supervisor on her night duty turn. How come? Now of all things she has a captaincy pending.

Preserve Concentration Camps May 11, 1945

To the B-Bag: As some of this war's shrines, perhaps it would be worthwhile for the Frisco conferees to consider a proposal whereby certain German concentration camps be preserved in order for the "good Germans" to have something to look at when starting their re-education.

Hash Marks

Revised Quotations. (GI Style.) "Blessed are the little children—they mean extra points."

Silly Conversation: Joe: "I like jokes that are not over my head." His Pal: "That's the way I feel about pigeons."

Our spy in the Pacific reports that Tokyo barbers have upped the price of a



shave—because the Japs' faces are so much longer now.

It was one of those quickie Westerns—finished in a week, with no retakes. In a scene that was supposed to be climactic and dramatic, the heroine said drably to the hero: "Oh, Tim. How can you ever forgive me for the way I've acted."

Because of his sharp wit and his adept verbal fencing, Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov has become the favorite character of reporters covering the United Nations Conference.

During a press conference this week, while his interpreter was translating a long statement from the Commissar, a reporter broke in with a challenging question:

"A local columnist has written that Mr. Molotov both speaks and understands English fluently. Will he confirm or deny this?"

The interpreter leaned over to translate this to Molotov, who grinned broadly and swiftly returned, in Russian: "When I am able to confirm it I shall do so."

A mail clerk who ought to know says the mail situation in the ETO isn't so bad. "Little bit late, though," he admitted. "Just the other day a letter came in for Sgt. Alvin C. York."

New Approach Department. An ensign had been giving a certain blonde the once over—about a dozen times at a party—



finally he moved over to her. "Pardon me," he said, "I'm with the United States Navy—whom are you with?"

Today's Daffynition. Wine: High octane grape juice. J. C. W.

War Bond Contest Tips

In order to answer the questions most frequently asked in connection with the War Bond Letter-Writing Contest, The Stars and Stripes will print a question-and-answer box in its columns several times during the next seven days.

Q—Suppose I get discharged from the Army or am re-assigned to the United States or Pacific, is my contest letter still eligible for a prize?

A—Yes, so long as you were stationed in the ETO when you submitted your entry, and provided, of course, that you complied with the other contest rules.

Q—If I'm in the Pacific when the war ends and I win one of the prizes am I sure of getting it?

A—Yes. Those who win the ten Chevrolet will have them delivered to their door and similar arrangements can be made for accepting the ten Frigidaires also being offered as prizes.

Q—I never went to high school or college. Do I have a chance to win?

A—Definitely. It's the idea that counts. Spelling, literary style and punctuation will have nothing at all to do with determining the winners.

Q—Who are going to judge the contest letters?

A—The full panel of judges hasn't been selected yet, but it will include officers, enlisted men, a WAC and an Army nurse, representing a cross-section of the Army.

AFN Radio Program

- 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc. 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m. Monday, May 14... Tuesday, May 15...

HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"What's botherin' me is—do we still get flight pay?"

Wingert



PREFACE... The first issue of textbooks to be used by German children... Nazism: The first issue of textbooks to be used by German children...

I. Wacht auf!... Die Wacht auf!... So wacht die Wacht auf! Wacht auf, wacht auf!

FROM THESE PRIMERS THEY'LL UNLEARN NAZISM: The first issue of textbooks to be used by German children...

Trooper White's Swan Song

Point Discharge Tangles Emotions Of Veteran Stars & Stripes Writer

(How does it feel to get a discharge on points? Trooper Charles White, gray-haired veteran of The Stars and Stripes staff, happened to be in the States on rotation when the scheme was announced and he happened to have more than 85 points. So they twisted his arm and he consented to take the discharge... By Charles W. White...



(Gen. George S. Patton Jr., U.S. 3rd Army commander, wrote the following poem as his tanks sped across Germany. It appeared in the May issue of Cosmopolitan Magazine.) Fear I am that dreadful, blighting thing, Like ratholes to the flood, Like rust that gnaws the faultless blade, Like microbes to the blood...

Around the 48 Yesterday

Truman a Friend of Big Business, Poll Discloses

WASHINGTON (ANS)—President Truman, who this weekend completed his first month in the White House, is expected to be more favorably inclined toward business and less toward labor than the late President Roosevelt, the latest Gallup Poll showed.



TRUMAN

On the question of business, 40 per cent of the answers to the questionnaire predicted the President would respond more favorably than FDR, while 25 per cent said he would be about the same. Seven per cent declared he would be less favorable and 28 per cent had no opinion.

On Mr. Truman's attitude toward labor, six per cent said they thought he would be more favorable, 25 per cent said he would be about the same, 38 per cent less favorable and 31 per cent had no opinion.

Meanwhile, the President over the weekend cancelled all official appointments in order to devote all his time to his 92-year-old mother, Mrs. Martha Truman, who flew from Grandview, Mo., to spend Mother's Day at the White House.

PWs to See Atrocity Films

WASHINGTON (ANS)—German PWs now in the U.S. will find no more cigarettes, candy and other similar items in prison canteens after existing stocks are exhausted, the War Department announced.

At the same time the Army ordered all German prisoners to see various movies produced by the Army and commercial companies which depict the horrors of murder camps operated by their former Nazi masters.

RCAF Vet Put in I-A

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. (ANS)—Herbert F. Milligan Jr., who served 18 months overseas with the RCAF and in 1942 was shot down over Malta, has been classified I-A by his local draft board and ordered to report for an induction physical next Friday.

Heat Relieves Snowed-in N.E.

BOSTON (ANS)—Slowly rising temperatures brought some relief to hard-hit agricultural communities as northern New England began repairing communications shattered during the area's worst May snowstorm in 50 years.

Damage was estimated at around \$1,000,000, and agricultural officials said that the severity of the crop damage was alleviated when a predicted overnight frost failed to materialize. Meanwhile, northern Maine was without phone and telegraph facilities most of the weekend.

The unusual May snow petered out Saturday after sweeping across western Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. High winds swept northern sections during the storm and the snow depth in spots ranged as high as 30 inches.

Much of the damage came when the heavy, wet snow broke branches of apple trees, and growers feared that 90 per cent of the crop might be lost. Spring plantings also were damaged by snow and cold.

Vet Wins in Post-War Job Fuss

UTICA, N.Y. (ANS)—A case of interest to veterans arose here when Morris Denith, recently discharged by the Army, returned to his job as manager of the Ithaca branch of the Dean Phipps stores, an auto supply firm.

The company had hired another man as manager and wasn't eager to fire him. So they offered Denith a better job as a district supervisor at higher pay. However, Denith declined, explaining the job would require travel and he preferred to remain at home.

A settlement finally was reached under the supervision of Selective Service officials. The firm paid Denith one year's salary of \$4,355.96 less \$624.76

for withholding and security taxes. He will take another job now.

Seamen Protest Bonus Cuts

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Spokesmen for the National Maritime Union protested a potential cut in Atlantic war risks bonuses and said the maritime service would suffer from any such reduction.

Union representatives appeared before the Maritime War Emergency Board, which was considering downward adjustments for service in the Atlantic and adjacent waters. The bonus has been 66 2/3 per cent of wages for a transatlantic trip and 100 per cent, plus \$5 a day, in European waters designated dangerous.

Boys Town Lad Jailed for Life

BOYS TOWN, Neb. (ANS)—Dorn Machovec, one of Father Edward J. Flanagan's best citizens at Boys Town, started a life term at the Iowa penitentiary for slaying his stepfather.

Machovec was ordered to leave Boys Town after staying there just over a year when the Iowa Supreme Court denied a rehearing of his case. Fr. Flanagan immediately announced he would "leave no stones unturned" to have the 17-year-old youth returned.

"The boy has made a wonderful readjustment here," Fr. Flanagan said.

LOS ANGELES—A five-year-old Doberman pinscher was put to death in a gas chamber after being unable to make an adjustment from military to "civilian life." He was discharged from the Army last October after suffering several shrapnel wounds while serving as a guard dog overseas. Returning from the wars, the dog refused to eat.

FORT BENNING, Ga.—T/Sgt. Charles E. (Commando) Kelly announced he would take advantage of the Army's policy of granting discharges to winners of the Congressional Medal of Honor. He said he would wait, however, until he completed a nation-wide tour with the Army show, "Here's Your Infantry," which will plug the Seventh War Loan Drive.

Gets a Good Look

Bogart, Bacall Ready to Wed

HOLLYWOOD, May 13 (ANS)—Actor Humphrey Bogart, who last week was divorced by Mayo Methot, announced through studio officials he and Actress Lauren Bacall would be married May 21. The wedding will take place on a farm near Mansfield, Ohio, Bogart said.

Peter Lorre, veteran character actor, also announced wedding plans, disclosing he and Actress Kaaren Verne would be paired at Las Vegas, Nev., either May 24 or 25.

The marriage of Actress Ida Lupino and Louis Hayward, now in the Army, ended in a divorce after she testified that Hayward told her that he didn't want to be tied to one woman.

Name Ship for Pyle

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 13 (ANS)—A troop transport named for the late Ernie Pyle will be launched at Henry J. Kaiser's yard here next month, it was announced today.



UNFAIR: Mrs. Mabelle Gridland, Philadelphia zoo employe, holds her nose and at the same time two infant skunks named Hitler and Mussolini. Some Philadelphians have complained over the names given to the "babies."



CLICKS: Unsuccessful in her first bid to land in the movies two years ago, Julie London took a job and toured with the USO for two years to gain experience. She recently signed to make her screen debut in "Night in Paradise."

Mourning for Roosevelt In U.S. Ends Today

WASHINGTON, May 13 (ANS)—The one month of nation-wide mourning for the late President Roosevelt will end at sundown tomorrow, the White House announced today.

At the same time the War Department ordered that flags at all installations remain at half-mast all-day tomorrow. An original Army order had fixed sundown yesterday as the end of the Army's mourning period.

House Refuses Furlough Bill

WASHINGTON, May 13 (ANS)—The House Military Affairs Committee yesterday turned thumbs down on a proposal by Rep. Lawrence H. Smith (R-Wis.) that Congress should pass legislation which would give all military personnel who have served a year in the ETO 30- to 45-day home furloughs before sending them to the Pacific.

Chairman Andrew J. May (D-Ky.) of the Committee declared that the group would not interfere with Army operations. "Who shall be furloughed and how they shall be furloughed is a matter for Army leaders to decide," May said.

Senators Plan Europe Trip to Study Switch

WASHINGTON, May 13 (ANS)—A five-man senatorial group mapped plans today to fly to Europe to make an on-the-spot study of redeployment problems. The group will be composed of four members of the Military Affairs Committee and Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.) of the Finance Committee.

Sens. Tom Stewart (Tenn.) and Burnet R. Maybank (S.C.) will represent the Democratic side of the Military Committee, while the Republican members have not been agreed upon as yet.

The Lid's Off WPB Lifts Ban On New Cars

DETROIT, May 13 (ANS)—Automobiles which will barely recognize the 1942 models as their predecessors received a boost today with the lifting of the War Production Board restriction on experimental models.

Manufacturers said they expected to build new models on a mass-production scale as soon as sufficient materials, tools and fixtures were made available, probably shortly after the modified 1942 models return to market.

The WPB limits on experimental models held most manufacturers to an expenditure of only \$5,000 a month on post-war cars. Modified 1942 models would be produced first to meet acute need for passenger cars, manufacturers explained.

Locke Succeeds Nelson As Truman's Foreign Aide

WASHINGTON, May 13 (ANS)—Donald M. Nelson, former War Production Board chief, has resigned as the President's personal representative to foreign governments and will be succeeded by his long-time assistant, Edwin A. Locke Jr., the White House announced today.

President Truman disclosed that Nelson had submitted his resignation Apr. 16, four days after the death of the late President Roosevelt. Nelson said that he had several long talks with Mr. Roosevelt after returning from Russia and China and he would be glad to tell Mr. Truman about them.

OPA Wants New Items At '42 Levels

WASHINGTON (ANS)—The government will do everything possible to keep retail prices of newly authorized consumer goods at their 1942 levels, Chester Bowles, chief of the Office of Price Administration, promised today.

Although he warned that no exact estimate of retail prices can be made until more complete information is received from industry, Bowles said his agency would be an untiring watchdog against inflation which would "repeal the GI Bill of Rights."

At the same time the Price Administrator promised to remove price controls as soon as possible. "As far as the OPA is concerned, I can assure you there will be no control for control's sake. Price ceilings are stop-gap stabilizing war-time controls," he said.

Bowles emphasized that the OPA's problem is to set prices high enough to stimulate high production and employment, low enough to prevent inflation and flexible enough to permit adjustments as the nation moves closer to a peace economy. The answer to inflation, he said, is booming production.

CAPITAL RAMBLINGS: The House voted each Congressional member a \$2,500 annual tax-free expense allowance after unfavorable reaction toward boosting their regular pay from \$2,500 to \$5,000. The measure must be approved by the Senate to become effective.

The Office of Defense Transportation asked the public to stay home and avoid any unnecessary travel, if necessary, until next winter. Director J. Monroe Johnson of the ODT said the shift of the war from Europe to the Pacific would be the most critical in transportation history.

Charles Gage, chief of the War Food Administration's Tobacco Branch, predicted the current cigarette shortage would continue for some time. . . . For War Department records historians probably will fix one minute after midnight, western front time, May 9, 1945, as the official hour the ETO war ended. Marshal Stalin had announced it was midnight.

The War Production has authorized the aviation industry to resume the manufacture of transport planes for commercial airlines whenever a factory is able to do so and still fulfill military commitments. Airlines thus probably would get their first new planes since the war started late this year or early in 1946.

The Senate Commerce Committee has turned down legislation for a Missouri Valley Authority—endorsed both by late President Roosevelt and President Truman—which would be similar to the Tennessee Valley Authority. The matter now is expected to be referred to the Senate Agriculture Committee, which is expected to be more favorably disposed.

A Senate argument has developed on whether to divorce the Rural Electrification Administration from the Agriculture Department. . . . The House Food Investigating Committee learned that the U.S. consumed around 750,000 tons more sugar last year than provided in allotments and also the first quarter allowance for 1945 by 140,000 tons.



NELSON

Locke accompanied Nelson on missions to China and Russia and his main job, as Nelson's successor, will be to assist China in completing its war economic program.

The President said that Nelson asked for Locke, a native of Boston, because "he wanted to make certain that the Chinese program would be completed."

Friends of Nelson said that he had no immediate plans for the future.

Army Outlines Peace Needs

WASHINGTON, May 13 (ANS)—Although the War Department has plans for a post-war available military force of 4,500,000, it last night issued an official denial of reports that the program called for a peace-time regular army of 500,000.

The Army's plan, as submitted to the House Military Affairs Committee, said that "the active reserve will be composed of those individuals and units sufficient in types and numbers which will, together with other components, constitute an overall balanced force in the Army of the U.S. of 4,500,000."

Committee members said 4,000,000 of this total presumably would consist of reservists and national guardsmen and the rest Regular Army personnel. However, an Army statement denied this and insisted that the size of the Regular Army which the War Department would recommend after the war "will depend upon the condition of world commitments of the U.S. at that time and the military policy adopted by Congress."

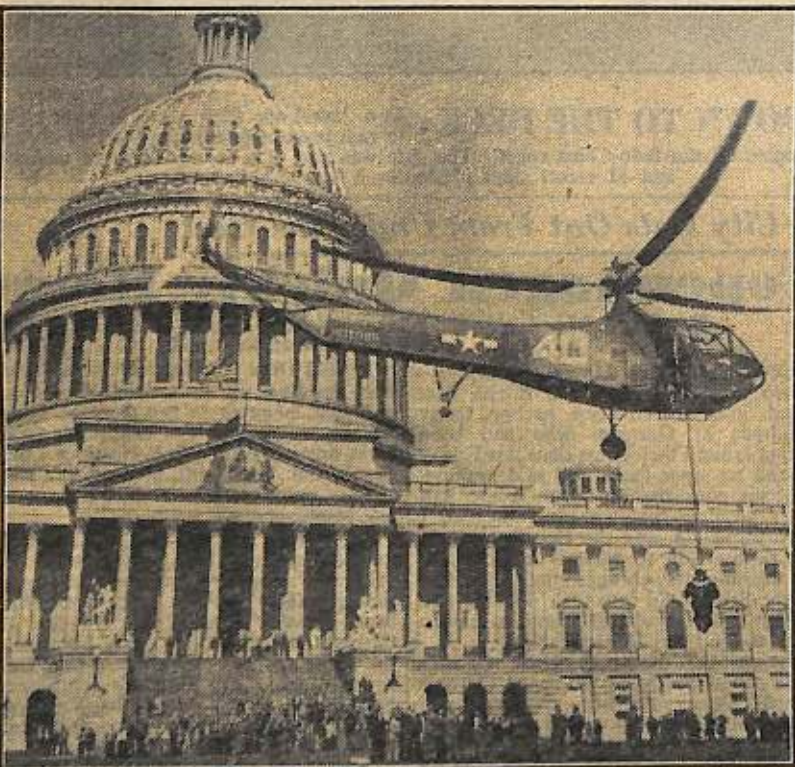
Congressional advocates of a peacetime draft represented Army spokesmen as declaring that there were only two alternatives to building up a huge post-war military reserve through national conscription: First, "inadequate" defense and, second, the establishment of a huge standing army which would cost billions of dollars annually.

OPA Sees Sugar Cut To Industrial Users

WASHINGTON, May 13 (ANS)—Sugar allotments to most industrial users probably will be cut an additional 20 to 25 per cent for the last half of the year, an Office of Price Administration official told the House Food Committee yesterday.

Testimony by Richard H. Field, OPA general counsel, came in the wake of statements by representatives of baking, soft drink and ice cream organizations that further reductions would force many out of business.

Industrial sugar users are now allowed 70 per cent of their 1941 consumption. Meanwhile, OPA Chief Chester A. Bowles announced that the ration value of fats and oils had been raised from six to 10 points.



ANYTHING FOR A BOOST: A Coast Guard helicopter piloted by Lt. Stewart R. Graham picks up Aviation Machinist's Mate 1/c Oswald Bachmann for elevation into the cockpit at a demonstration on the Capitol's plaza in Washington. The ship flew from Brooklyn to help advertise the Seventh War Loan drive which begins tomorrow.

# Vets of 5 Divisions May Be Exempt From Pacific

WASHINGTON, May 13 (ANS)—Veteran personnel of five U.S. divisions—1st, 3rd, 9th, 34th Infantry and 1st Armored, identified as having fought in North Africa and Europe, are eligible for exemption from service in the Pacific theater in accordance with a directive issued by Gen. Eisenhower, it was disclosed yesterday.

A War Department spokesman in identifying these five, however, pointed out that entire divisions could not be considered eligible for exemption because of widespread personnel changes. He said most of the troops in the ETO with North African and European combat records would have 85 points, which are tantamount to discharge.

"Those men with less than 85 points and African-European service records," the spokesman said, "might either return home or remain in the army of occupation in Germany."

A general screening process to determine eligibility for discharge is applied on an individual basis and will uncover those with North African and European combat records, he said.

The spokesman said Gen. Eisenhower's statement to senior commanders that "we must be sure no combat soldier is sent to the Pacific who has fought in both North Africa and Europe" was in full agreement with the Army's point system of demobilization.

of points required for discharge will comprise one division and those who will continue in the Army will make up the other three divisions.

Consequently, a GI with 85 or more points and not classified as essential, who is in a division that is going to remain with the army of occupation or go to the Pacific, will be transferred to a division being reconstituted for return to the States.

## Hold Mother's Day Services

More than 1,000 U.S. service men and women attended Mother's Day services in London's Hyde Park yesterday. A message from Brig. Gen. E. F. Koenig, CG of U.K. Base, was read by Chaplain John Weaver, of Dayton, Ohio.

Koenig declared that it was fitting, "particularly in time of war, to show forth our reverence, our respect and our thankfulness to God for the best friend God ever gave us—our mother."

Prayers later were offered by Navy Chaplain Frank H. Lash, of Washington, D.C. A responsive reading was conducted by Chaplain John I. Rhea, of Bristol, Tenn.

A Catholic military field mass preceded the Protestant services. It was conducted by Chaplain Richard J. Egan, of Dubuque, Ia.

## Army Outlines Credits For Special GI Cases

WASHINGTON, May 13 (ANS)—Soldiers who are residents of U.S. possessions will not receive overseas credit for service in their homeland, but will be rated on duty outside their territory, including service in the U.S., the War Department announced yesterday.

Credit will be computed for overseas service on and after Sept. 16, 1940, and a fraction of 15 days or more foreign duty will count as a full month.

The War Department also emphasized that Medical Corps and ambulance personnel were on the same footing as all other enlisted men in figuring point credits for combat zone service and battle participation stars.

## Divisions Shift Strength To Allow Discharges

WASHINGTON, May 13 (ANS)—Army officials emphasized that its demobilization program is operated on the basis of individuals rather than units, but men slated for discharge will return to the U.S. in units rather than as individual soldiers who merely climb onto the first available boat.

In a hypothetical case involving four divisions the system is explained as follows:

Military plans call for the retention of a force equal to three divisions in a certain area of Europe or their immediate transfer to the Pacific theater. But scattered throughout the four divisions are 15,000 men—equalling, perhaps, the strength of a full division—who have the required 85 points for discharge.

Upon shuffling the personnel of the four units all men with the required number

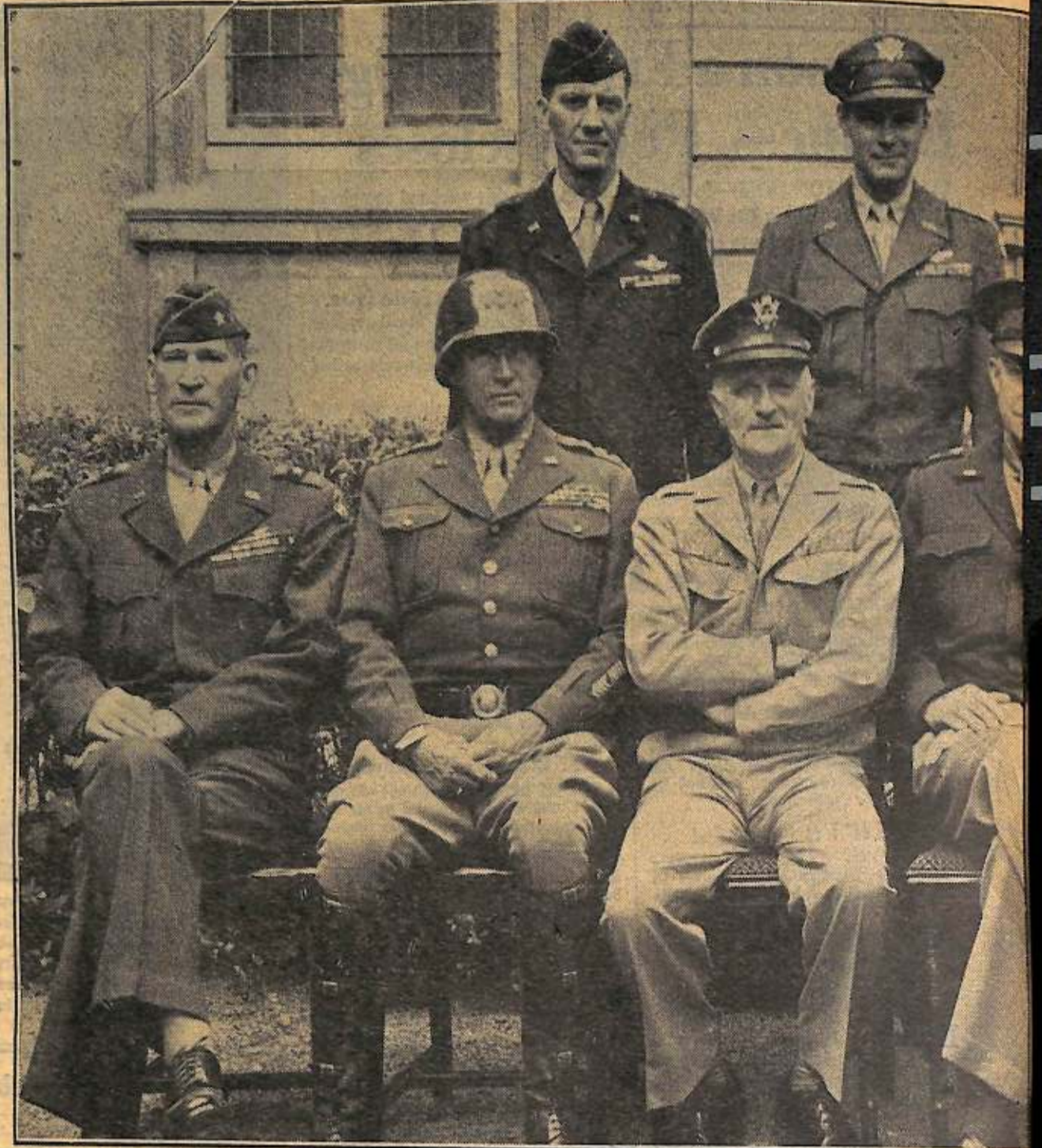
## Royal Family Tours London

Thousands of GIs got their first glimpse of Britain's royal family yesterday as they stood for hours in sunny streets lined with cheering Londoners to watch a simple procession head for St. Paul's Cathedral where victory thanksgiving services were held.

Prime Minister Churchill, Mrs. Churchill, making her first appearance since returning from Moscow, and their ATX children, accompanied by 1,000, attended the St. Paul's ceremony presided over by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

In his sermon the Archbishop warned that "post-war rocks and boulders, great crevices and deep fires of erupting volcanoes" would call for "united discipline and hard endeavor" on the part of all Britons.

The Royal family, consisting of King George VI, wearing a naval uniform, Queen Elizabeth in a light blue costume, and the Princesses, Elizabeth and Margaret, rode in an open horse-drawn state coach. They were preceded by several red-coated members of the household cavalry. Queen Mother Mary followed in a closed automobile.



## First Dough in Reich Capital

# GI Jeep Driver Gets to Berlin Same Day as Soviet Link-Up

By Pat Mitchell

STATS AND STRIPS STAFF WRITER WITH 3RD ARMY TROOPS IN GERMANY, May 11 (delayed)—Johnny Wilson, an innocent bystander sorta guy, was the first GI to enter Berlin.

A 26th Div. driver with the pleasant habit of agreeing with folks, T/4 Wilson failed to object strenuously when War Correspondent Andrew Tully suggested he drive him to Berlin the same afternoon that the first junction was made between the 69th Divisioners and Russian troops in the vicinity of Torgau.

"We went up there, with me driving Andy and another war correspondent—Virginia Irwin—to meet the Russians. But Andy thought it would make a good story to keep on going right through to Berlin."

"It was probably breaking a few Yalta Conference rules, but Andy talked fast and the Russian general said it was okay," said Wilson.

[Ed. note: Both Tully and Miss Irwin were discredited by SHAEF for this unauthorized trip to Berlin and have returned to the U.S.]

Neither Tully nor Wilson spoke Russian, but between them and some influencing vodka they convinced the link-up Russians it was better to drive to Berlin than walk, and so the Reds knocked together a raft and ferried Wilson's history-making jeep across the Elbe River. Johnny, whose affable Boston background made getting on talking terms with Russian Joes a simple matter, then obtained a home-made American flag for jeep identification. From there on they were on their own—Berlin was 80 miles away.

That flag saved our lives a couple times. Those Rusks loved a road block, checked points, and if you don't speak Russian fast they get nervous—which is extremely unhealthy for guys who don't speak Russian. But they knew that flag and when we yelled in 'American' they just halted us, and after some French double talk we got going again.

"When we entered Berlin at 8 PM, Apr. 25, we were halted at the city line and brought to a Russian regimental CP, where we spent the night," Wilson said.

Wilson admitted that the press sortie more or less had to spend the night there because "there was a party for us. And when you drink vodka toasts its null and void unless you turn the glass bottoms up."

He described Berlin. "On the outskirts the first thing you notice is that every building is either well damaged or completely destroyed. The Reds at the CP explained that this damage was mostly due to the Russian artillery. But when you get into the city itself you really see the total destruction. The heart of Berlin just ain't there—there are blocks upon blocks of flattened rubble. In many places you can't even tell where the streets once ran."

On the morning of Apr. 26, Wilson, Tully and Miss Irwin were permitted to make a tour of the Russian fighting sectors inside Berlin. The Red regimental colonel "wouldn't let us get too far up—and I'm glad he didn't, because there was one hell of a terrific fight going on," said Wilson.

"Their artillery was so heavy it sounded like machine-gun fire. The Jerries were fighting back with mortars, machine-gun and sniper fire, but their defense was bitter. The Russian dead were immediately removed, but the German dead were left lying on the streets as an object-lesson for German civilians. The Red Army is terrific—they even use women soldiers as MPs, and they're damn good MPs, even if I do say so," complimented the first Joe to enter Hitler's capital.

Around noon Wilson headed his jeep and passengers toward the American lines "with the hottest dateline in the ETO. Once again that flag came in handy," Wilson said. "We caught up with a group of 15,000 American PWs released by the Reds."

"When they saw our proud little flag they road-blocked our jeep, jumped all over us, kissing and hugging. I admit they paid more attention to Miss Irwin than to Andy Tully or myself. But we got soaked with tears of joy. Unfortunately, that dateline was so good we had to keep going," explained Wilson.

Once back with the 26th Div., which was far from the scene of his Berlin triumph, Wilson said, "We all got scared plenty of times. Those Russians are rugged characters until you identify yourself. Miss Irwin had plenty of courage. It was Andy's idea, but I got as great a thrill as any of them when we drove down Kaiser Wilhelmstrasse or when I managed to awake the morning after and realize I had spent the night in Berlin—the first GI in."

## THE BIG BOYS CELEBRATE

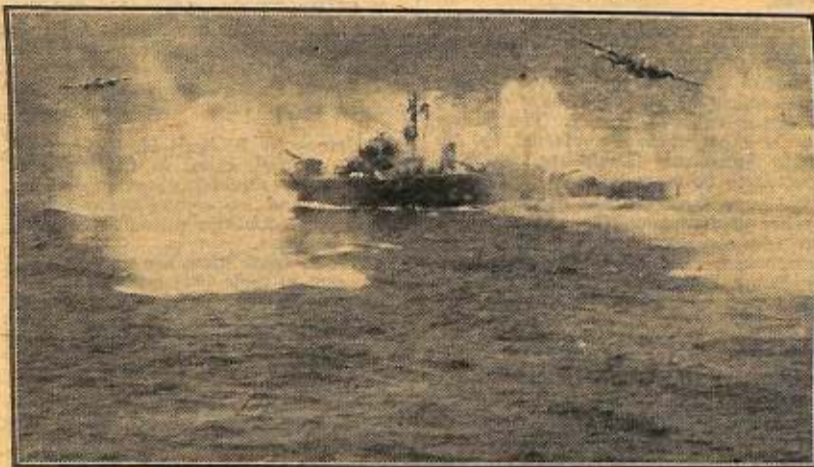
first of its kind. The celebration was held at (to right) Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson, CG, USSTAF; Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, CG, 15th Army. Standing—(left to right)—Brig. Gen. AF; Lt. Gen. Walter B. Smith, Chief of Staff



## FOR THE JUNKMAN: Book and Mein Kampf and We Fly for Deutschland, was of a school in Aachen.



ANOTHER EAGER SIGNER  
Necmah, Wis., chief of staff of 66th Div.



Associated Press Photo

**DOWN TO THE DECK:** Two Americans B25s zoom in mast high to ram home a devastating load on a Jap frigate off the Indo-China coast. The ship was part of a convoy of seven tankers and 11 escort ships blasted by a fleet of U.S. bombers.

## A City Gets Out From Under the Heel

# Copenhagen Quickly Returns to Normal

By Earl Mazo

Stats and Strips Staff Writer

COPENHAGEN, May 10 (Delayed)—When several units of the British fleet eased into Copenhagen harbor today hundreds of Germans who had been lolling around their ships since last Friday looked on stone-faced and said nothing. German guns that an hour before had been pointed harborwards immediately were turned in, and the Germans awaiting deportation to what is left of their homeland merely shrugged their shoulders as the British slid into their docking and British sailors swarmed ashore to have a look at the freed Danish capital.

Except for the spots where German ships stood protected by armed German guards, Danes have been swarming over their waterfront boulevards and lanes since the German capitulation. It was the first time Danes had been allowed on their own waterfront since the German occupation.

This morning there had been shooting around the German dock area. One report was that a German armed trawler had opened fire, but the Germans denied

that quickly. Danish civilians had fired at them first, they said.

An old Dane who looked like a fisherman hobbled up to several Americans and said, pointing to the German ships, "When will you British chase this trash from our harbor?" Bob Neely, a Long Beach, Cal., lieutenant, answered calmly, "We're not British. . . . You'll have to ask Montgomery."

Meanwhile, the city is coming back to normal quickly. This morning's "Blondie" cartoon in one of the papers looked mighty familiar. The paper had been getting "Blondie" via Sweden all through the occupation, but frequently the strips are several years late so a staff artist touched up Blondie's clothes to bring them up to date. Nothing any artist ever concocted can match Dagwood sputtering in Danish.

The result of one of the war's best pin-point bombings stands out for all to see right in the center of Copenhagen. It is the shell of a building which had been Gestapo headquarters before a swarm of RAF Mosquitos demolished the whole structure.

The Danes themselves sabotaged a lot of German property. Partisans working in one arms plant brought TNT into the building in cigarette packages for three months. When enough TNT had been collected inside they blew up the plant.

Copenhagen food is something folks dream about when they head for Danish restaurants in New York. Probably no city in America serves such rich, creamy ice cream and milk as is served with almost every hotel meal in Copenhagen. Bread is plentiful, and when Danes invite friends in for a "bread and butter snack" it means a meal that will put any American smorgasbord to shame. Among Danish delicacies is smoked eel. T/Sgt. Fay N. Steele, who figured eels were eels whether they were from Denmark or from his home at Tiptonville, Tenn., like other Americans, passed up the delicacy.

Among the songs Danes are singing are some of the latest from America, "Montgomery's Ten Thousand Men," and a filthy song about Buchenwald concentration camp, where several hundred Copenhagen policemen were sent last fall for aiding partisans.



U.S. Army Generals held their own victory meeting a few days after VE-Day. The Signal Corps cameramen persuaded them to pose for a group picture, said to be the Gen. Omar Bradley's 12th Army Group headquarters in Bad Wildunger, Germany. Seated (left to right) Gen. George S. Patton Jr., CG, U.S. 3rd Army; Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, CG, U.S. 8th Army; Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, CG, U.S. 1st Army; Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, CG, U.S. 9th Army; Gen. Ralph F. Stearley, CG, 9th Tactical Air Command; Lt. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, CG, 9th Air Force; Maj. Gen. Otto P. Weyland, CG, 19th TAC, and Brig. Gen. E. Nugent, CG, 29th TAC.

Around the 48 Last Week

Reduced War Production Creates Labor Problem

By William R. Spear

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, May 13—VE-Day brought America some headaches and they were not all caused by lifting of the midnight curfew for the nightspots and by figuring out sons' and husbands' discharge points. Some were caused by tapering down of war production to reduced requirements for a one-front war.

One of these was the labor situation. The Administration estimated 1,500,000 workers would lose their present jobs within the next six months and another 3,000,000 would be laid off in the following six months. Furthermore, the Army will release 2,000,000 men during the year. This does not mean that all these 6,500,000 will be unemployed, but the shift of these men and women to different jobs will bring complications in housing, transportation, wages and other fields.

Women are included. The magazine Business Week finds that a large majority of women are holding non-agricultural jobs, maybe as many as 70 per cent, and they intend to keep on working.

Some campaigns are under way to make their job tenure more secure. The Women's Bureau of the Labor Department is endorsing a proposal to give working women maternity leaves in which their seniority would accumulate; after baby is born they would be guaranteed their old job back.

As war plants in some cases reduced the working hours, cutting into overtime for which workers got extra pay, the United Auto Workers' Union started a drive to break the Little Steel formula which curbs wage increases.

(The Department of Commerce reported that cash dividends for the first quarter of 1945 rose 3.1 per cent over 1944.)

The War Manpower Commission is lifting controls July 1 in areas where there is adequate manpower—places like New York, Memphis, Scranton, Cincinnati and many others. This means that a 48-hour week is no longer mandatory and workers can change jobs freely and employers can hire as many as they wish.

In the little town of El Paso, Ill., the American Legion post plans to form a corporation called Veterans' Industries to give jobs in the town to 364 servicemen and women. The firm will manufacture building materials and may also undertake community services such as farm surveying and crop harvesting.

Congress and Treasury tax experts recommended sweeping revisions of business taxes to aid in reconversion from war to peace production and Congress is expected to act soon. But there were no

recommendations for any changes in individual or corporation income-taxes until Japan is defeated.

The cigarette shortage has brought out a flock of new brands and most of them are selling for the same price as well known popular makes. The situation has brought complaints from smokers and OPA announced it would investigate to see if they are worth the price. Under OPA rules manufacturers of new cigarettes may use ceiling prices of most similar cigarettes sold by their nearest competitor.

The FBI arrested a woman ticket agent at Pennsylvania Station in New York, Mrs. Helen Valeria Martin, on charges of black marketeering in railroad reservations for Florida. She's accused of giving names of persons who made reservations, but did not call for their tickets, to her "customers" for fees ranging upward from \$25 each. Then the "customers" would call for the tickets, using the names of persons who reserved them. When the rightful owner called he found that his tickets had already been picked up.

Comedian Phil Silvers says he and Frankie Sinatra are flying to the ETO later this month to entertain GIs and apparently he's not kidding. Silvers says Frank is a "regular guy" and predicts there will be no doubt of Sinatra's reception in the ETO "once the boys get to know him." With Sinatra and Silvers will go singer Faye MacKenzie.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is urging that winners of the Medal of Honor be given honors corresponding to British wearers of the Victoria Cross. VC winners get pensions, free rides on all government-controlled transport, immunity from common street arrest and other privileges.

Boston reported a murder on an escalator last week. It was in a downtown subway station. Witnesses said that John J. Sousa, 45, fired two shots into the back of Miss Helen Lukas, 35, who was on the escalator ahead of him and then shot himself in the head. Both were dead when the escalator reached the top.

Ike Meets PWs Who Never Heard of Him

By Charles F. Kiley

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

RHEIMS, France, May 13—Gen. Eisenhower had the strange experience yesterday of meeting Allied soldiers who didn't know him from Haile Selassie's chief cook. They knew more about Hitler, Goering, Rommel and other German personalities than they knew about their Supreme Allied Commander.

The soldiers were Britons who had been prisoners of war for five years and who were on their way home by plane after being liberated by troops of the U.S. 3rd Army recently in Bavaria.

Eisenhower was a lieutenant colonel in 1940 when some of these men were imprisoned by the Germans in Norway, France and Tobruk. When the Supreme Commander, accompanied by his deputy, Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, made an unheralded visit to thousands of repatriated American and British doughboys and airmen at two airfields near here, more than a few of the Britons asked who he was.

Eisenhower first visited an American air evacuation area on the outskirts of this city, which houses his forward headquarters and where the unconditional surrender of Germany was signed May 7, and there spoke with scores of doughs and air gunners who had been PWs for from four months to two-and-a-half years.

The Supreme Commander, who will head the American representatives on the Allied Control Council for Germany, asked the repatriates of their treatment in the PW camps, if they had been physically beaten, how long they were imprisoned, if they had lost weight.

The answers varied. Some had been shoved around, others witnessed physical beating of fellow prisoners by SS guards, most reported insufficient food. There were some who said they had been treated well. All, however, were overjoyed to be on the first lap of the trip back to America, and wondered if their families were notified of their liberations.

Eisenhower asked T/Sgt. John D. Jones, of Malad, Idaho, a B17 radio operator who was shot down near La Pallice, France, Nov. 18, 1942, what he was going to do when he got home.

"Most of all, sir," Jones replied, "I'm looking forward to next Christmas at home. The worst days I spent as a prisoner were the last three Christmas days."

Others with whom the Supreme Commander spoke were S/Sgt. Richard K. Rasdal, Kansas City, Mo., B17 turret gunner who had been a PW for 22 months; T/4 Raymond Roedev, of New York, captured during the German Ardennes breakthrough Dec. 19, 1944; T/Sgt. Ernest Kelly, of Durham, N.C.; Pvt. Jerome Olszewski, Wyandotte, Mich., taken seven and a half months ago in Bologna, Italy; S/Sgt. Lawrence O'Connell, St. Louis, Mo., A26 gunner who was shot down last New Year's Day on a mission to aid surrounded Yank doughs in Bastogne.



Among the 54 servicemen attending a recent session of the United Nations conference were three wounded Marines, who served as reminders of the ravages of war for those fabricating a peace structure.



From the Brittany port of St. Nazaire, long held by the Nazis, came German officials to surrender to the Allies. Col. John W. Keating (seated at far end of table), of U.S. Army, presided over the meeting. Capt. F. Mulle, of the Nazi staff, signs the papers.

What Made the Sammies Run

Puritanical Miss Baker Eliminates Anatomical

By A. Victor Lasky

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Josephine Baker, the Negro girl who ran away from her squalid St. Louis home to achieve fame and fortune as the "darling" of pre-war Paris, declined the cigarette.

"I don't smoke," puritanically murmured the actress whose singing and dancing at the Montmartre niterie she owned used to shock the puritanical.

Parisians — and for that matter, the world — never did forget her during the oblivion of the war years. It was rather difficult to forget the bizarre show girl whose electrifying torso-twisting so well symbolized the devil-may-care abandon of the '20s.

It was also hard not to remember her tempestuous love life about which she refused to talk yesterday. Or how in the fabulous Paris of yesteryear she set the fashions with exotic styles that would put Carmen Miranda to shame.

Often rumored dead, Miss Baker actually had fled France when the Nazis goosestepped down her beloved Champs Elysees. She would have remained, only her color made her a marked woman, she explained. She had been seriously ill for a year, but the bracing air of her Morocco retreat soon brought back her bounce.

Miss Baker was taking a break from a rather hectic rehearsal in a drafty catacomb of the ancient Drury Lane Theater to explain why, as a "sous-lieutenant" in the French Air WAC, she was in London.

She said she had been detailed to appear at a benefit performance tonight at the Cambridge Theater in behalf of a French welfare organization.

"But, please don't get the impression that entertaining is my sole Army occupation," she emphasized in a soft, throaty voice, pointing to the wings on her crisp blue uniform.

"You don't get these for singing. When I joined up you had to have at least 50 hours' flying time. My main job has been ambulance driving and aiding the wounded."

But she readily admitted to having done a lot of entertaining in between driving ambulances. In North Africa she toured desert installations of all Allied forces.

She said she particularly loved to play before GI audiences. Only she didn't say "GI," the expression not being familiar to her. The term explained, she responded, "Oh, you mean the Sammies."

And she's met plenty of "Sammies" in Paris, she said with enthusiasm. "They're great boys. They've done a great job. They deserve a good time. They're getting it," she smiled.

Like a lot of "Sammies," Miss Baker is preparing to go to the Pacific. She recently was "alerted," she disclosed. And she's trying to swing a deal to permit her several weeks in the U.S., which she hasn't seen in ten years, she added.

Dressed in a military uniform which modestly hides her Dietrich-rivalling stems, she explained she has of necessity had to alter drastically her routine built around alternate French and American songs.

Gone, for example, are those impudent wiggles of the derriere which used to cause beads of sweat to form on front-row baldheads.

"Not dignified," the actress who used to shock the puritanical murmured puritanically.

U.S. Returns U.K. Training Areas

The last of the training areas in England, Wales and Northern Ireland—one-thirteenth of the total area—where U.S. troops staged dress rehearsals for the invasion of Europe, are being returned to the control of the British War Office.

The return of these 3,036,332 acres has been proceeding since D-Day. Less than 50,000 acres now remaining under American control are used for the training of infantry replacements. Cost of the property damage caused by "live" ammunition

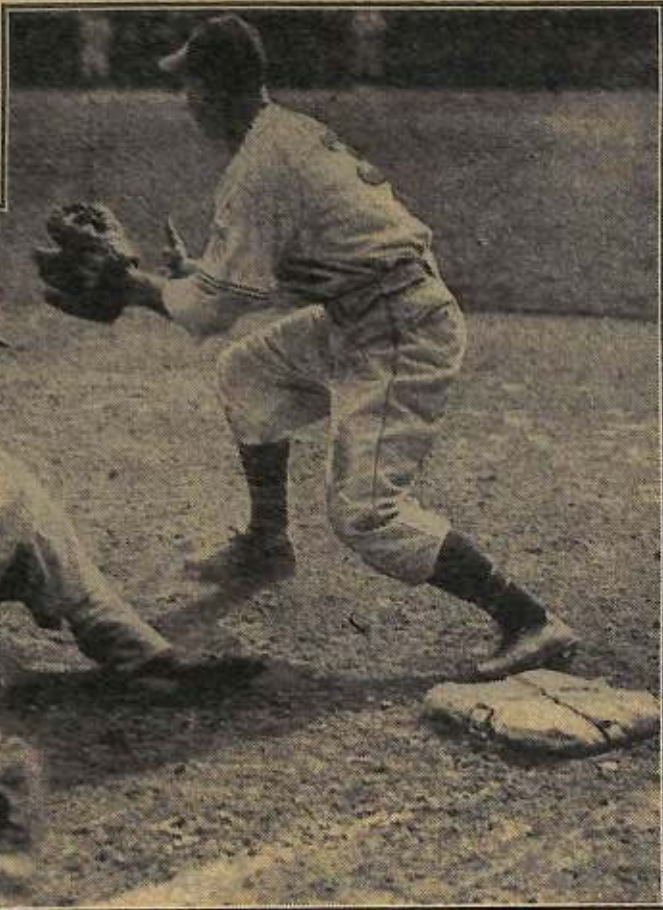
exercises was handled by the British Government.

A monument will be dedicated next month at Slapton Sands, Devonshire—the site where amphibious landings were practised—as a tribute to the hardships accepted by Britons who were obliged to evacuate their homes in the Assault Training Area.

The village church and churchyard, several hundred years old, where the vicar posted an appeal to U.S. troops, stands undamaged.



MARGIN TO SPARE: Detroit Tigers' Rudy York slides safely into third base just ahead of the ball (arrow) after successive singles by York and Outfielder Don Ross in a game at Cleveland.



Behind The Sports Headlines

CLEVELAND—Lt. Fred "Dippy" Evans, who shared honors with Angelo Bertelli at Notre Dame in '42 and is now stationed at Randolph Field, has signed a contract to play post-war football for the Cleveland club of the All-America Conference.

ANNAPOLIS—George P. Mahoney was appointed chairman of the Maryland Racing Commission, succeeding Frank Small... SAN ANTONIO—Lt. Bob Pastor, who put up two great fights against Joe Louis, has been released from active duty because of a back injury.

PHILADELPHIA—The Phillies cancelled their deal with Oakland, of the Pacific Coast League, for Shortstop Jack Caulfield after Caulfield balked at the trip East because of his mother's illness.

NEW YORK—Heavyweight Lou Nova won a unanimous ten-round decision over Gunner Barlund for his 19th victory in 21 bouts in his latest comeback campaign, but in winning he collected cuts over both eyes.

Track Meet at White City June 3 Opens Expanded U.K. Program

By John Wentworth Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Since the general consensus from the highest brass to the lowest buck seems to be that a vast sports program is the best way to keep men occupied who are sweating out the Statue of Liberty, U.K. athletics officials have started grinding out plans for everything from golf tournaments to track meets to table tennis championships.

Capt. Ralph Ifft, Base Athletics Officer, yesterday announced that among the first of the coming "big events" will be a track meet for Com Z units to be held at London's White City Stadium June 3.

Ifft also announced that on June 10 there will be a baseball game at the Chelsea Football Grounds, Stamford Bridge, with a Com Z team made up of former professional diamond stars competing against a leading Air Corps nine.

GI golfers from all over the U.K. will get a chance to battle for honors at Bournemouth in a tourney which will get started on June 25, and there will be a tennis tourney at the same spot starting July 10.

Regarding softball and baseball championship tourneys, Capt. Ifft said that these probably will be held the last of August, with the winners crossing the channel to play a series with champs crowned there.

Cochrane to Succeed Mooney at Iowa Pre-Flight

IOWA CITY, May 13—Lt. Cmdr. Paul Mooney of Iowa Pre-Flight's physical education program has been placed on the inactive list and plans to return to Columbia University, where he was basketball coach for 20 years.

Mooney's post at Iowa will be filled by Lt. Cmdr. Gordon "Mickey" Cochrane, former Tiger and Athletics catching star. Mickey, however, won't coach or play with the Seahawk baseball team.

Minor League Results

Table with columns for League Name, Team, W, L, Pct. Includes sections for International League, Eastern League, American Association, Southern Association, and Pacific Coast League.

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct. Lists results for various minor league teams across different leagues.

Strict Ban on Travel Threatens World Series

WASHINGTON, May 13—The World Series cannot be played in October unless teams from the same city happen to win out in the American and National leagues.

That was just part of the sad news handed out to sports followers yesterday by J. Monroe Johnson, director of the Office of Defense Transportation, who said that only a quick defeat of Japan will prevent the Government's ban on sports travel.

Johnson said that the annual All-Star game, which was dropped voluntarily by baseball executives last February, cannot be restored, and added that the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and other racing features will be conducted on a trolley-

car basis and that football bowl classics are "simply out of the question" along with college All-Star games against professional teams.

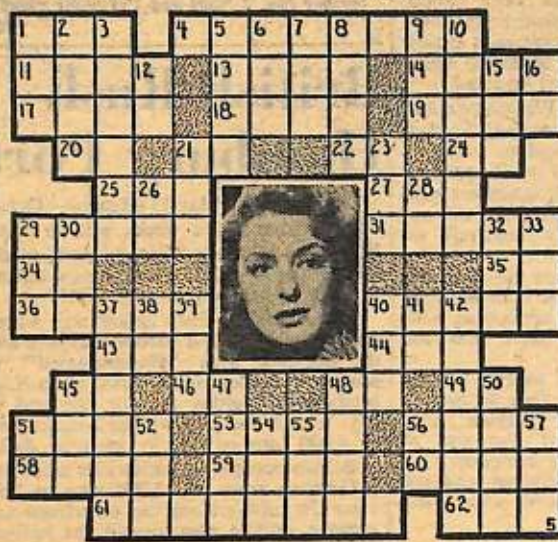
All college football games must be played on the home field of one of the competing teams. And that goes for the Army-Navy battle which was played in Baltimore last fall.

Later, another ODT official told a reporter, "It's a question of getting hundreds of thousands of boys home and other hundreds of thousands to the Pacific to knock out Japan as soon as possible. If sports get a priority over troop movements we just won't have enough transportation to go around."

Crossword Puzzle

- Across 1. 4—Pictured screen actress. 11—Bard. 13—Piece of track. 14—So be it! 17—Kind of cheese. 18—Aeolian island. 19—Measure of distance. 20—And (Latin). 21—Any. 22—Mine.

- 24—Light face (ab.). 25—Abstract being. 27—Dutch city. 29—Musical instruments. 31—Duties. 34—Editor (ab.). 35—Electrical engineer (ab.). 36—She has played many leading... 40—Lifting device. 43—High mountain. 44—Chum. 45—Postscript (ab.).



- Down 1—Mimic. 2—Joint of stem. 3—Tidler. 4—Persia. 5—Feline. 6—Strike. 7—Strike. 8—Mineral salt. 9—Barricade. 10—Grins. 12—Thulium (symbol). 15—Spruce. 16—Northeast (ab.). 21—Donkey. 23—Still. 26—Notary public (ab.). 28—Ambar. 29—She. 30—Excitement. 32—Kenneth (ab.). 33—Observe. 37—Endured. 38—Measure of cloth. 39—Health resort. 40—Certified public accountant (ab.). 41—Sun god. 42—Permits. 45—Compensate. 47—Prophet. 48—Request. 50—Three sinners. 51—War Department (ab.). 52—Three (prefix). 54—Constellation. 55—Edge. 56—Nova Scotia (ab.). 57—Ampere (ab.).

Terry and the Pirates

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Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune



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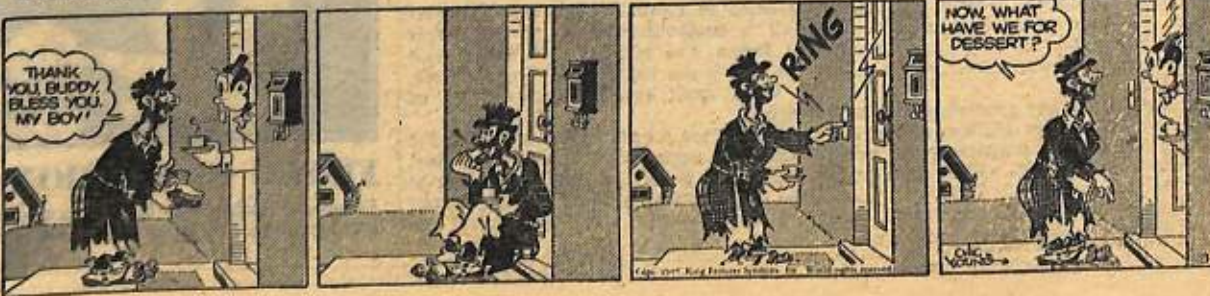
Male Call

By Milton Caniff



Blondie

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By Chic Young

