

Air Offensive Threatens Axis Evacuation

The Yanks Have Learned to Hate

By Philip Ault

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ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Apr. 13—Five months on the African front have transformed the American Army from a group of maneuvering soldiers into a gang of killers who hate the Germans' guts.

They have seen men of the Afrika Korps bayonet American troops who, when trapped, tried to surrender; they have seen the Huns using American doughboys as a screen when they advanced; they have seen German soldiers advance, hands in the air, only to hurl grenades at close range; and they have seen their own comrades blown to bits by the booby-traps which Rommel's men left behind. That's how they learned to hate.

I have just returned from two months on the southern Tunisia front where American doughboys who caught the Germans at Kasserine, Gafsa, Sened and Maknassy are fighting. For weeks I bounced around in jeeps, armored trucks and tanks. I have watched the men going to battle, have seen them trading blows of steel with the Germans, and have talked with them while they sat around after the fight, taking count of their dead.

Right now the Americans are a thoroughly seasoned bunch of fighting men. I have been in the field with

them since the first enemy fire outside of Oran on Nov. 8. They have grown gradually tougher, healthier and angrier. They have outgrown the old attitude that Americans automatically can cut down German soldiers just because they are Americans and have splendid equipment.

At first they thought the war was a nuisance to be finished as quickly as possible, and they visualized the enemy as an impersonal vague lot of men who happened to be in the way.

Today those same men have generated a real hatred for the Germans. They want to kill "those Jerry bastards"—and they are killing them with deep vengeance in their hearts.

War has become a bitterly personal thing to them during those five months. Every man knows that he must choose to kill or be killed. They have seen comrades blown to bits at their side, and have watched men killed by bomb concussion that did not leave a mark on their bodies.

Some have seen German soldiers bayonet Americans who tried to surrender. Others tell stories of watching German infantry advance toward American divisions leading captured Americans as a screen.

Men have died because they thought enemy soldiers

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Allied Planes Batter Ports and Air Bases In 4-Pronged Attack

Some Troops Already Reported Evacuated As Allied Armies Move Into Positions To Strike Final Blow at Rommel

Practically every Axis air base from which air support could be given to Rommel in any attempt to evacuate his forces from Tunisia has been battered by RAF and American planes in a huge concerted attack in the last two days. Seventy-three Axis planes were destroyed on two of these bases alone, and more than 100 transport planes bringing him supplies have been shot down.

On the ground the enemy has now finished his retreat and is waiting for the next sledge-hammer blow—this time from the combined force of the Eighth Army and French and American forces.

Jap Ships Rule Western Pacific, MacArthur Says

Chief Warns Powerful Enemy Naval Force in 'Striking Distance'

Gen. Douglas MacArthur warned yesterday in Australia that "powerful Japanese forces are within striking distance of Australia and that Western Pacific sea-lanes are still under Japanese control."

Two days ago, in Australia, Maj. Gen. Thomas Blamey, Allied commander of Ground forces in Australia, revealed that 200,000 Jap troops and a very strong force of planes had been concentrated around Australia by the enemy.

In Washington, Navy Secretary Frank Knox expressed doubt that this forecast any new attack by the Japanese, pointing out that "an attack on Australia must be accompanied by a tremendous sea force and there is no indication of any such force." Gen. MacArthur's later warning, however, indicated the Allies suspected an assault was coming, possibly at New Guinea or the Solomons.

3 Air Fleets Smashed

The statements came after the Allied air forces had smashed three Jap air armadas in the southwest Pacific. Thirty-seven planes were shot down Monday during a Jap attempt to bomb Port Moresby, 23 more the day before were shot down near Oro Bay, New Guinea, and 39 were destroyed by U.S. fighters off Guadalcanal last week.

Yesterday the Allied Air Force wrested the aerial initiative from the Japs, with heavy bombers hitting two large ships in the north New Guinea harbor of Hansa Bay. One vessel, about 10,000 tons, was probably sunk, the other was directly hit twice, today's official communique said.

Milne Bay, important Allied base at the southeastern tip of New Guinea, was the target for the latest attack by a strong force of Japanese planes.

An Allied heavy unit bombed an enemy coastal vessel near Wide Bay, New Britain. Attack planes bombed and strafed the Bistoi River and Guigap Creek area in New Guinea, executing 11 low-level runs over enemy positions. At Lae, heavy units bombed the airdrome and dispersal areas at dusk.

Four Try in Vain to Flee 'Escape-Proof' Alcatraz

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 14—Floyd Hamilton, Texas gunman, and three other long-term prisoners at Alcatraz Prison in San Francisco Bay made a desperate break for freedom yesterday from the escape-proof "rock." Two were recaptured and the others are believed dead. Besides Hamilton they were Harold Brest, kidnaper and bank robber; Alfred Hunter and James Boardman.

Dressed in stolen Army uniforms, the four overpowered guards and plunged into the bay to swim to shore. Other guards opened fire with rifles and machine-guns. Hamilton is believed drowned, Boardman was shot in the water, his body sinking immediately. Brest was recaptured by guards in a prison launch and Hunter was found hiding in a cave on Alcatraz Island.

Conscientious Objectors Sent to China by U.S.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 14 (AP)—Seventy conscientious objectors will soon be sent to Chungking, China, to work in non-combatant medical and health projects there, Selective Service Headquarters announced today.

It is the first time that men with religious scruples against war have been sent outside the United States to work.

About 500 other objectors will be assigned to dairy farming in the United States and another group will collect data for charts and maps of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, officials announced.

Trap Wave-Top Raiders With 6-Second AA Fire

New anti-aircraft defenses, designed to trap the wave-top raiders which in the past have been able to whip in on coastal towns with little warning, are being installed along the southeast coast of England, it was revealed yesterday.

Under the new methods the elapsed time between recognition of an enemy plane and the first shell bursts has been trimmed to six seconds. In some cases even that time has been slashed. In one recent raid on a south coast town the crew of a Bofors gun saw the enemy for only three and a half seconds. They were actually firing during the whole of that period.

Plan Women's Land Army

WASHINGTON, Apr. 14—The War Food Administration of the Department of Agriculture has announced that it plans to recruit a Women's Land Army of about 60,000 women as part of a United States Crop Corps.

Large Contingent of WAACs Coming Here, First Officers Say

By Andrew A. Rooney

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Two officers of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps have arrived in London to make arrangements for a large contingent of WAACs which will be sent to this theater.

1/Officer Anna W. Wilson, Hollywood, Cal., and 3/Officer Selma L. Herbert, New York, arrived in the British Isles by plane recently, and have started work on plans for the billeting and distribution of WAACs.

"Our job is to free soldiers to fight," 1/Officer Wilson stated yesterday. "WAACs will do chaffering, clerical and communications work. A T/O already has been set up for the Air Corps, Headquarters and SOS."

At present there are 55,000 WAACs in America, and officials plan to be to a strength of 150,000 by June, it was pointed out. Of the total WAAC personnel, 5,000 have been allotted for overseas duty. 1/Officer Wilson estimates that from 40 per cent to 60 per cent of the 5,000 will be sent to this theater.

3/Officer Herbert, who is to assist 1/Officer Wilson, says that WAACs will

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3rd OCS Class Graduates 71 of 74 Candidates

Largest Group Yet Gets Bars At American School Center

By Charles F. Kiley

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

AMERICAN SCHOOL CENTER, England, Apr. 14—Seventy-one soldiers, up from the ranks of enlisted men, were commissioned second lieutenants in the U.S. Army here today during graduation exercises of the third and largest class of officers' candidates trained in the ETO.

Among the new officers were American-born men who enlisted in the British and Canadian armies before their country was at war and who later transferred to the American forces.

Col. Walter G. Layman, of Washington, post commandant, made the presentation of diplomas and delivered the principal address. He congratulated the class for graduating 71 of an original class of 74, best record of the three groups graduated from this OCS. Two of the three men who did not graduate are hospitalized with injuries received during the rigid three months' training.

Outstanding man of the class was 2/Lt. Hubert J. John, of Upper Darby, Pa., according to Col. Layman, who consulted with OCS section officers before making his decision. John is a graduate of Upper Darby High School and was drafted into the Infantry 17 months ago.

Three of the graduates, who were former EM instructors in weapons and chemical warfare before being recommended for OCS, were commissioned before an audience that included enlisted

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Harbours, Airfields Smashed in Italy

British and American planes from England, North Africa, the Middle East and Malta slashed at Italian harbors in the last 48 hours, smashing docks and installations where troops already are reported to be disembarking from Africa.

A dispatch from Zurich, Switzerland, quoted a Rome report that Axis troops already had been evacuated from Tunis during the last few nights.

Airfields in Sicily, Sardinia and southern Italy, where air protection could be provided for any large-scale evacuation of Axis troops from Tunisia, also felt the Allied attack.

Fields in Sicily were blasted and 73 Axis planes, including eight of the big six-engined German transport planes, were wrecked on the ground. In the last four days 100 Axis transports have been destroyed.

73 Planes Destroyed

The main attacks were directed against the Milo and Castel Vetrano bases. Of 106 planes based at the former field, 22 were destroyed by Flying Fortresses from Tunisia. There were 112 machines at Castel Vetrano when the Fortresses sighted the field. When they finished their bombing runs and departed at least 51 had been smashed. Other planes attacked Trepani.

Porto Empedocle, seaplane base on the south coast of Sicily, was another target.

Meanwhile, Malta-based RAF fighter-bombers hit Pantelleria, Mussolini's island base between Sicily and North Africa. Bombs burst at the entrance to an underground hangar and others among aircraft dispersed on the ground. A Macchi 202, which tried to take off, was damaged before it could get away.

Other planes from Malta, Mosquito bombers, attacked three naval vessels off Levanzo Island. The largest was struck and blew up. Another Mosquito attacked a medium-sized supply ship, while others attacked a road convoy on the Italian mainland.

Attack from England

Spezia, naval base in northern Italy, was attacked by aircraft of the RAF bomber command, based in England, Tuesday night.

Transports anchored in the harbors of Cagliari and Marsala were attacked Monday night. In addition, Algiers radio said one tanker and five other vessels had been sunk in the Mediterranean, probably on Tuesday.

Predict '43 Farm Output In U.S. to Exceed Last Year

WASHINGTON, Apr. 13 (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard told the Senate Agricultural Committee today that, with favorable weather, the 1943 U.S. farm production, including livestock, would exceed last year's record output. "The labor situation is steadily improving and I am very hopeful that we will approximate the produce goals for this year if we have favorable weather," he said.

GOP Gained in Chicago

CHICAGO, Apr. 14—The defeat of Kelly-Nash candidates in the recent municipal elections here has resulted in a new City Council setup in which nine Republicans and two Independents won seats. The old body consisted of 48 Democrats and two Republicans.

Allied Patrols Probe Mountain Defenses

Allied patrols probed Rommel's mountain defense line yesterday as American, British and French troops moved into their final positions on the front facing the last Axis battlefield in Africa—the extreme northern tip of Tunisia.

Troops of the Eighth Army, on the coast, and the First Army, in the north, strengthened their positions to some extent, but fighting was comparatively light. There was still no word that the British had captured Enfidaville, the next important town north of Sousse.

As the terrific aerial assault on Axis troop concentrations and supply lines continued, American and British fighters and bombers, particularly Flying Fortresses, blasted 84 enemy planes out of the skies.

Algiers radio said last night that the Germans had evacuated Djebel Mansour, about 14 miles southwest of Pont Du Fahs. "Since the capture of Gabs Rommel has lost over 25,000 prisoners and several thousand dead and wounded," the radio said. "It is estimated that his army has been reduced by more than one-third in men and materials."

The Eighth Army has pushed on beyond the large lake northwest of Sousse, Winston Burdett, American broadcaster, said on Algiers radio.

Hit Mountain Defenses

"Montgomery's force yesterday bumped into German prepared positions west of Enfidaville and right against the mountain range that guards the southern approaches to the Tunis and Bizerta bridgehead," he said.

"Montgomery's men are now 50 miles from Tunis as the Warhawk flies, but a great deal more by the winding roads they have to take. Just where the front is today we are not sure. There's no official confirmation of reports that Enfidaville has fallen.

"But the front appears to run from a point near that town and to southwest across the plain to the mountain range where the French have made such rapid progress in the past three days.

"Latest reports say that the French troops are going right ahead northwards after throwing the Germans out of that ragged mountain range."

A warning that casualties might be

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Rommel Smart, No Superman

ALLIED FORCE HQ, North Africa, Apr. 14 (AP)—Gen. Dwight Eisenhower called his opponent Field Marshal Erwin Rommel "a great general but not a superman," in an interview yesterday, and added that he was confident that Rommel, despite his good points as a military man, would find himself and his army eradicated from Africa.

Asked if he thought that the Afrika Korps and von Arnim's army were crack troops or could be classed as representative of the German army of 1943, Gen. Eisenhower replied, "During the last three months the German Tunisian troops, composed of first class units, have undergone intense training and have been carefully organized. They are well commanded, well trained, have a very high morale and fight with skill and courage."

Gen. Eisenhower said that despite Rommel's delaying action the Allied armies were advancing according to plan.

American equipment, he added, was living up to all expectations. He concluded by saying that the Allies would win the war, but refused to predict how long the conflict would last.



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First Officer Anna W. Wilson

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Roosevelt on Jefferson

On Apr. 13 President Roosevelt spoke at the Jefferson Memorial in Washington at a service commemorating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson, third President of the United States and framer of the Constitution.

Said the President: "Today, in the midst of a great war for freedom, we dedicate a shrine to freedom. To Thomas Jefferson, apostle of freedom, we are paying a debt long overdue.

"Yet there are reasons for gratitude that this occasion falls within our time; for our generation of Americans can understand much in Jefferson's life which intervening generations could not see as well as we. He faced the fact that men who will not fight for liberty can lose it. We, too, have faced that fact. He lived in a world in which freedom of conscience and freedom of mind were battles still to be fought through... not principles already accepted of all men. We, too, have lived in such a world. He loved peace and loved liberty; yet on more than one occasion he was forced to choose between them. We, too, have been compelled to make that choice."

In closing his Jefferson Memorial address, President Roosevelt used a line first spoken by Thomas Jefferson, when he said: "I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man."

Every GI can support that line, and in his heart he can also promise to strive for that worthy goal.

Hospital Blue

Many Americans, particularly new arrivals in this Theater, have expressed curiosity over service men seen wearing light-blue uniforms and red neckties.

Men wearing these uniforms are convalescing United Nations service men, the majority of them recovering from battle-front injuries. They are the men who drove Rommel out of Libya, men who survived Dunkirk, Norway, Crete, Greece and Tobruk. They are men who have returned from Dieppe and other raids.

You will note that English civilians, men and women, offer seats in trams and buses to men in hospital blue. This is a good example to follow.

Men wearing the convalescent uniform do not want sympathy or pity. They have proved themselves too big for that. An American cigarette, however, or any other spontaneous act of courtesy will be appreciated, and such thoughtfulness on our part is the least we can do to show our appreciation of their contribution to the common victory.

Look Ahead, Soldier

Our main purpose in this war is to provide peace and security for those we love. Peace and security will come only when the Axis tyrants are defeated.

Everyone, both at home and overseas, is going "all-out" to accomplish this Axis defeat... either through production of war materials or by participation in actual combat with the enemy. And everyone is anxious to do as much as possible to insure a world of peace and security; but many of you men are forgetting one of the most important and yet one of the easiest methods of providing peace and security for your loved ones.

That method is through the purchase of a National Service Life Insurance Policy which will guarantee them a steady income in the event of your death.

Premium rates are low... lower than for any other type of insurance available, and if you are totally disabled for six months or more the U.S. government will pay the premiums as long as you are so disabled.

But this is only part of the story. See your unit insurance officer today for further information. Don't wait until it is too late. Your family needs protection.

Hash Marks

Two sweet young things back home were discussing their boy friends in the various services. Said one, "I'm so glad I put off my engagement to George. He's just been made a sergeant—that shows what a nasty disposition he has."

Flash from the home front. An excited housewife telephoned police headquarters that "a strange man is walking back



and forth in front of my house carrying a gun!" The chief of police assured her that the man was up to no mischief—he merely was doing sentry duty during an exercise of the local Home Guard company.

Pfc James Glasgow, of the —th General hospital, sends in this story. A truck loaded with ammunition turned over, and a Negro GI found himself buried beneath a pile of live shells, each with that "ready-on-the-firing-line" look. He warily made his way out without the expected explosion, and was admitted to the hospital for "shock" treatment. "What kind of ammunition was it?" asked the admitting officer sympathetically. Rolling his eyes wildly in retrospect, the GI moaned, "I don't rightly know, suh... but it was some kind of millimeters."

Latest claimant for honors where mail is concerned is Pfc Joseph F. Kuzynski. Kuzynski doesn't say how many letters he has received; he claims he's the champ letter writer. Writing at least two letters a day for the past seven months, he has sent more than 500 letters to his sweetheart in addition to keeping up a steady correspondence with his mother, three sisters and two brothers-in-law.

Is it true that a certain Pfc wrote home, "Dear Mom, I have given up eggs for Lent"?

If Axis troops manage to tap the U.S. Army's new field cable, they'll be as baffled as the Germans on the French



front in 1917 who were outwitted by American Indians who transmitted signal corps messages in tribal dialects. The new cable transmits seven telephone and telegraph messages simultaneously. If the enemy taps it, he will hear only unintelligible squeaks and squeals. Just off-hand, we think a cockney accent would be equally effective.

Request for divorce, No. 54,327—"Even in her sleep my wife grumbles at me," complained a witness in a London court.

PRIVATE BREGER



"He says you can deduct these five minutes from the next ten-minute rest!"

A Yank Goes to Buckingham Palace

What Happens When Heroes Get Awards From the King

By Philip Bucknell

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In the Grand Hall, Buckingham Palace, 2/Lt. Delbert "Dale" Soderquist, of the USAAF, received the DFM from King George of England. With him at the investiture were airmen, soldiers, sailors and civilians from the far corners of the British Empire. Soderquist comes from Underwood, N.D.

The story of how this Yank happened to be at the court of King George goes back to October, 1940, when Soderquist felt that the Royal Canadian Air Force offered more adventure than a teaching career.

He was right. An RCAF citation, published last month, proves he was. "During a recent sortie," it reads, "the aircraft in which this airman was flying as mid-upper gunner was attacked by two Ju 88s. F/Sgt. Soderquist was wounded in the arm and his turret was damaged. In spite of this he maintained accurate fire, finally destroying one of the attacking aircraft and causing the other to discontinue the engagement. This airman has completed many sorties and has always displayed similar fighting qualities and courage."

Three weeks ago Soderquist was transferred from the RCAF to the USAAF, and is now learning American air gunnery. This week he was called to Buckingham Palace to receive the medal he had earned in the RCAF as an air-gunner with "fighting qualities and courage."

His first stop was the British Air Ministry at 9 AM to receive his "briefing." At 9:45 AM he presented himself to an official, resplendent in cutaway coat, striped pants and grey cravat, in the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood at the Palace of St. James—a white paneled office in the corner of a cobbled courtyard.

At this point Soderquist removed the gum he had been chewing nervously.

With his girl friend, Pvt. May Mitchell of the CWACS, the lieutenant hurried along the Mall, a leafy avenue leading to Buckingham Palace. Outside the official residence of the King they joined a line, already 150 yards long.

A Large Gathering

The line, moving slowly into the outer courtyard of the palace, was formed of officers and men of the services, looking more nervous than when they earned the right to appear at the investiture; their wives and sweethearts; a gathering of people from every part of the empire; and from Underwood, N.D.

As they approached a wide sweep of stairs in the inner courtyard those who were to get awards were separated from the onlookers. Soderquist joined up with a bunch of RAF men and made his way up the red-carpeted steps, was ushered in by a tall official in scarlet.

Yeomen of the Guard ("Beefeaters" to the British) in the uniform of 500 years ago—red and gold tunics, red breeches



2/Lt. Dale Soderquist, of Underwood, N.D., and 1/Lt. William MacMonagle, of Akron, Ohio, after receiving Distinguished Flying Medals from the King at Buckingham Palace.

and stockings, carrying halberds and wearing gold-handled swords—lined the steps inside the palace. In a corner a military band played light music—Gilbert and Sullivan, Kern and Schubert.

Ushers who escorted the lieutenant gave a more modern touch. They were in Home Guard uniform.

Briefed by an Official

The friends were shown to their seats in the long, low Grand Hall by high army and navy officers. On the walls were paintings of kings and queens of England.

In the meantime an official of the Lord Chamberlain's office was briefing the lieutenant and the others. "When the King comes in," he was saying, "he will stand on the dais. You will be lined up in order and file past his Majesty when your names are called. As you come up to him you will halt, turn left, bow, then advance two paces. His Majesty will pin on your medal, speak to you and shake hands. You will then take two paces back, bow again, turn right and march off at the other end of the dais."

In the Grand Hall men and women were talking to each other in low tones. Eleven o'clock struck. Double doors opened. Escorted by high naval, army and marine officers, the King entered. The assembly stood and the band played the national anthem.

The King said, "Please be seated," and the ceremony commenced.

George Herbert Hyde Villiers, KG, PC, GCMG, GCVO, etc., Sixth Earl of Clarendon, the Lord Chamberlain, called the first name. A sailor came up the carpeted ramp to the dais, received his medal and a royal handshake, bowed, and the procession began to move.

Soderquist was well down the line, feeling a little better, as he had found

another American, 1/Lt. William MacMonagle, of Akron, Ohio, who also was to receive the DFM. MacMonagle was feeling especially pleased. His old crew from the RCAF days had turned up in force to see the ceremony.

The line moved slowly. Many of the men were too flustered to carry out the set routine. They forgot to bow, or bowed too soon or too late. But it did move.

After about an hour and 15 minutes Soderquist mounted the dais. Nervously he pulled at his blouse, straightened his tie. The man in front moved on. The Lord Chamberlain peered at a list. He called "Elbert Soderquist." The lieutenant said it made him think of Underwood High School, back in North Dakota. But this was Buckingham Palace, and it wasn't graduation.

Perfect Routine

Soderquist went through the routine perfectly. His bow was as good as any seen at the ceremony.

The King spoke to him longer than with any of the others. He asked him how long he had been over in England; how many operational flights he had made, and congratulated him on his award.

Soderquist moved on. MacMonagle followed him with equal aplomb.

The ceremony lasted another half an hour while civilian men and women, train-drivers who had stuck to it through blitz conditions, civil defense workers, ordnance factory girls, merchant seamen received awards. The last man received his medal. The band played the national anthem once again. The King looked for a moment on the assembly, turned and left.

The men who had won medals went back to their jobs.

Yank Flier on Leave Joins Infantry Battle

Hitches to Front, Borrows Rifle, Gets Into Thickest Fighting

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WITH THE EIGHTH ARMY, Tunisia, Apr. 14—An American flight-sergeant, who had been flying on night bomber missions against Axis territory for eight

months, got leave and went into battle with British infantry "to see what a battle was like."

The airman, F/Sgt. John L. Swift, of Missoula, Mont., found just what he was looking for when a battalion of the Black Watch attacked and gained Italian strongholds in the Wadi Akarit on a line north of Gabes, and then staved off a sharp German counter-attack.

Swift went with the Black Watch, and with rifle and bayonet took part in the successful attack, lay for seven hours in a slit trench swept by artillery, machine-gun and rifle fire, and finally seized an Italian tommy-gun and shot up an Italian patrol with it on his way back at dusk.

"I never saw a cooler man in battle," was the tribute paid to Swift by brawny Sergeant-Major John Moyes, of Edinburgh, with whom the American went through the battle. "He never ducked, and we could not possibly have been in a hotter corner of the battlefield."

Hitch-Hikes to Front

Swift, however, was not yet, apparently, fully satisfied. He bade his battle-companions farewell today and hitch-hiked northwards hoping to go through a fight with a tank unit before his leave expired and he returned to his bomber.

Swift joined the Royal Canadian Air Force before the United States entered the war, and had flown in a Wellington bomber of the Middle East Command for eight months without seeing a land-battle, so he obtained leave, and permission to spend it with the Eighth Army. He hitch-hiked to the front and laid his request for land Division, who authorized him to join the Black Watch temporarily.

The CO said he explained to Swift that what they were going into would probably be a sticky battle. "That failed to what he wanted. In fact it was just the attack with the leading platoon, but we kept him out of that. As it happened, however, he got right into the thick of it."

"We gave him a rifle and a bayonet, and he spent the day practising hard with

them, as well as with a Bren gun and other arms."

The battle, which cost the unit more than a quarter of its full strength in casualties, was furious. The infantry charged, routed the Italians and captured 700 prisoners and about 70 guns of various kinds.

Beat Off Attack

Almost immediately the Germans began shelling the positions. Swift and the sergeant-major jumped into an Italian trench and blazed away with rifles, helping to beat off a German reconnaissance force accompanied by two tanks.

"The Germans later attacked again, supported by three tanks," Sergeant-major Moyes said. "Their fire pinned us to the ground, and we were unable to move out of the slit trench. At twilight they made a heavier attack and recaptured one position. The Jerry infantry came as close as 15 yards. Swift was cool throughout, even though it was his first battle experience."

Swift had another new experience. Messerschmitts attacked his position and he admitted it was the first time he had ever seen one in the air.

Lenten Message

PSALM 102: 1-15—"Be not far from me, for trouble is near."

Though in awful bondage, people in occupied countries know that freedom still exists in many parts of the world and the thought cheers and comforts them. In their own hearts hope still flames, the hope that the best is yet to be. But that is not sufficient. What help is there now they keep asking and why does it not come now to our assistance? It is up to us to see that this help for which they cry is not long delayed. Each of us by our individual effort can speed the day by eliminating waste effort.

AAU Boxing Honors Won By Cleveland

Two Army Fighters Among Titlists Crowned At Boston

BOSTON, Apr. 14—Cleveland took team honors in the 55th National AAU boxing championships held here before 7,000 fans at the Boston Garden. Cleveland won three of the eight amateur titles. Eighty-three bouts were fought during the two-day tournament.

Tony Peppi, of Boston, slugged out a close win over Herky Kamensky, of Pittsburgh, to take the 122-pound crown. Peppi nearly went out in the first round under a two-fisted Kamensky barrage, but finished strong in the last two rounds despite a cut under the right eye.

Pvt. Earl O'Neal, of Fort Sill, Okl., scored a split decision upset victory to win the 118-pound title over Leroy Jackson, Cleveland Negro. Jackson, who was last year's flyweight champion, was favored, but he fell before O'Neal's cleaner punching and sharp left jabs.

Dream Walker

Jackie Floyd, of Philadelphia, took the 126-pound crown over Thomas Stenhouse, of Buffalo, N.Y. The two Negro boys battled through a see-saw affair in the first two rounds, but Floyd decisively settled the bout in the third round, flooring his rival twice for the nine-count.

Another Cleveland, Negro Charlie Hunter, Golden Glove winner, left-jabbed his way to a three-round TKO over Aubrey Holderfield, of Little Rock, Ark., to win the lightweight crown. Holderfield's eyes were badly cut when he entered the ring and Hunter kept jabbing them until the loser's seconds stopped the fight.

Pvt. Charlie Cooper, U.S. Army, of Washington, D.C., knocked out Eddie Gettys, of New Orleans, in the first round with a terrific left hook to win the 147-pound title. It was such a heavy blow that Gettys returned to his feet and started aimlessly walking around the ring until the referee stopped the bout.

Retains Title

Samson Powell, also of Cleveland, successfully defender his 160-pound title with a split decision over Cpl. Gerald Miller, Army Air Force, Smyrna, Tenn.

Robert Foxworth, Cleveland Negro, retained his 175-pound title by slugging his way to a decision over Pvt. Alfred Labrecque, U.S. Army, Indiantown Gap, Pa. After a slow start, both men punched hard at long range in the final two rounds.

Chicago Golden Glove champion Walter Moore won the heavyweight honors over Fred Schott, 18-year-old Cleveland high school boy.

Embarkation Team Wins

—PORT OF EMBARKATION, Apr. 14—A good pitching staff and a strong lineup has given the — Port Yanks two victories in as many games as they downed the — Hospital in their second contest, 11-8. Hurler Tolhurst struck out ten for the winners and got two doubles and two singles in five trips to the plate.

NEWS FROM HOME

Italians Paying For Empire, Congressman Capozzoli Says

WASHINGTON, Apr. 14—Two years ago tomorrow, on Apr. 15, 1941, British troops threw the Italians out of Addis Ababa—giving the first push to Mussolini's African Empire. Today, in recognition of that event, Rep. Louis J. Capozzoli, New York Democrat, who is of Italian descent, issued a statement which forecast "the end of Mussolini's dream of Empire."

"The war-weary and German-hating people of Italy know only too well," he said, "that they have Mussolini to thank for having led them down the wrong road to defeat with their former enemies, the Germans, against their old allies, the Americans and the British."

In the two years between the battle of Addis Ababa and the present fighting now nearing its end in Tunisia, "the Italian people have lost about everything they had. Their men are abandoned and betrayed by the Germans, and their country now stands in imminent danger of invasion," the Congressman declared.

Says U.S. Planes Best

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 14—Glenn L. Martin, chairman of the East Coast Aircraft Production Council, and five other leading eastern plane manufacturers here just ended a series of conferences with Pacific Coast builders. Summing up their discussions, Martin told reporters that Axis planes "had failed to keep up with ours. We have out-invented them and are drawing further ahead," he declared. "The Axis," Martin said, "doesn't have a single plane that doesn't have its master on the Allied side."

Draft Fathers Next?

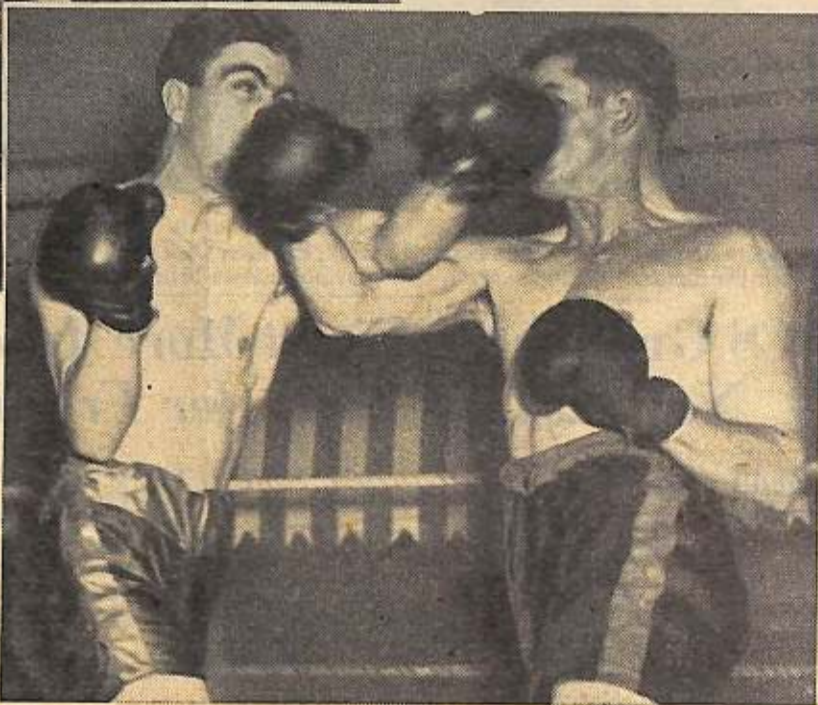
WASHINGTON, Apr. 14—War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt is seeking "to put off as long as possible the drafting of men with children," he told reporters here today, but the projected armed force of over ten million men could only be met by "deep inroads into the childless husband class." By the



Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, commanding general, ETO, presents a Stars and Stripes trophy belt to Pvt. Chester Marcinkiewicz, of Kulpmont, Pa., at the conclusion of The Stars and Stripes Rainbow Corner fights Tuesday. Pvt. Vincent Kozak, of Hazelton, Pa., awaits his award.

Although Pvt. Benny Droll, of Peoria, Ill., left, below, mixed it up plenty, he was unable to take Cpl. William Eck, of Allentown, Pa. It was Eck's second win over Droll.

U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos



Cards Picked For Pennant

Poll of Scribes Shows World Champions Way Ahead

NEW YORK, Apr. 14—Seventy-two baseball scribes, participating in the annual Associated Press poll, overwhelmingly selected the St. Louis Cardinals to win the National League pennant. Fifty-four picked the world champions to take first place, while no ballot placed the Cards lower than third. The Dodgers ranked second in the drawing with 11 first-place votes and with no vote lower than fourth.

The only other teams the scribes considered for first place were the Cincinnati Reds with four backers and the Chicago Cubs with three. One scribe thinks the Phillies will place fifth, while another optimist also has the Braves tabbed for that slot.

The figuring was done on a point basis with eight points given for first place, seven for second, and so on. Here is the way the writers placed the teams, giving the total points for each:

St. Louis—554	New York—303
Brooklyn—480	Pittsburgh—268
Cincinnati—400	Boston—136
Chicago—364	Philadelphia—87

The voters were acutely aware that predicting baseball standings is more of a guessing contest than ever this year with war factors making even a day-by-day strength of the clubs problematical.

Yankees Hit Braves Freely, But Lose Fourth Straight, 7-5

NEW YORK, Apr. 14—Staggering after their three-game thumping by the Dodgers, the New York Yankees were scalped, 7-5, by ex-Dodger pilot Casey Stengel's Boston Braves. The Yanks collected 15 hits off Pitchers Al Javery and George Jeffcoat, including a homer by Nick Etten, first baseman, but they couldn't connect in the clutches. The Braves collected 12 hits off Rookie Charley Wensloff and Veteran Jim Turner.

Here's One Umpire Who Has No Arguments

AN AIR FORCE STATION, Apr. 14—There were no arguments in the softball game in which the — Ordnance Company defeated the — Chemical Company by a 7-3 score. The umpire, Lt. Wallace Turley, called the decisions with a .45 pistol strapped around his waist.

The Ordnance team, which has been playing together since their recruit days at Will Rogers Field, Okla., in 1941, slammed out 11 hits, including one homer, one three-bagger and two doubles, for seven runs, while Richards kept nine hits scattered to limit the Chemical team to three runs. In the fourth inning he struck out two men with the bases loaded to retire the side.

Sczudlo Advances in Handball

BELFAST, Apr. 14—Cpl. Tony Sczudlo, of Chicago, has joined Ray Pauley, technician, of Madison, Wis., in the semi-finals of the handball tournament at the Red Cross club here. Sczudlo advanced by beating Sgt. Charles Sullivan, of Brooklyn, N.Y., in a quarterfinal match. Pauley is a heavy favorite to win the championship. Finals are scheduled for Apr. 21.

Snooker Title to Sullivan

BELFAST, Apr. 14—Sgt. Charles Sullivan, of Brooklyn, N.Y., won the snooker tournament at the Red Cross club here by beating Pvt. Harry Cohen, of Bronx, N.Y., in the finals. Sullivan reached the finals by eliminating S/Sgt. Douglas Gray, of Washington, and Cohen advanced by tripping Pvt. Michael Zafarina, of Detroit.

Count Fleet Easy Winner In St. James at Jamaica

JAMAICA, N.Y., Apr. 14—Making his initial start of the season, odds-on favorite for the Kentucky Derby, Count Fleet galloped to a four-length victory in the \$3,000 St. James purse at Jamaica race track in the remarkably fast time of one minute 42 and four-fifths seconds over a mile and 70-yard distance.

William Woodward's Bossuet, which did very well in the Experimental Handicap on the opening day, placed second.

Count Fleet is slated to run in the \$25,000 Wood Memorial at Jamaica on Saturday before going to Churchill Downs to prepare for the Derby.

Golf Tryouts Advanced

Tryouts for the Hans Crescent golf team have been advanced to Saturday. Candidates will report at the club at 12.30.

Dodgers Trip Giants, 3-1, on Six-Hit Attack

Medwick Homer Features Contest; Flock Hurlers Allow 5 Safeties

CAMP UPTON, N.Y., Apr. 14—The Brooklyn Dodgers trounced their arch enemies, the New York Giants, 3-1, before a crowd of 15,000 here composed entirely of enlisted men, officers, nurses and WAACs. Preceding the game there was a colorful parade of troops under the command of Maj. Frank Quigley. Camp commander Col. John Downer reviewed the troops.

Outfielder Joe Medwick's towering 400-foot homer to deep center field featured the Dodgers' six-hit attack against Giant Hurlers Harry Feldman and Ace Adams. Pitchers Bob Chipman and Newt Kimball held the Giants to five singles.

Score Tied in Third

Brooklyn took a one-run lead in the second inning. Billy Herman walked, went to second on a wild pitch and moved to third on Al Glossop's infield out, then scored as Catcher Dee Moore singled between short and third.

The Giants evened the score in the third inning when Feldman beat out a bouncer to deep short and Johnny Rucker, center fielder, was safe on a bunt. Micket Witek, second baseman, forced Rucker at second, but when Dodger Shortstop Arkie Vaughan threw wildly to first, trying for a double play, Feldman scooted home.

The tie survived until the fourth inning, when Dolph Camilli, Dodger first sacker, opened with a single to right center field and moved to third on infield outs by Herman and Glossop. Moore's safety down the third base line brought him in. Medwick's homer in the eighth completed the scoring.

Softball Game Will Aid RAF

—GENERAL HOSPITAL, Apr. 14—Climaxing a "Wings for Victory" week, two American teams will show English sports fans softball as played back home on Saturday afternoon at the Rutland Road cricket field, Ikeston.

The two teams are former champions of Camp Livingston, La., and Fort Bragg, N.C. Both teams are from Medic outfits.

The game has attracted much attention in the nearby towns and should prove quite a novelty. A running commentary has been arranged to aid understanding of the plays.

The game will be played on a field that has been the scene of Derbyshire-Nottinghamshire championship cricket matches for years.

Exhibition Baseball

WILMINGTON, Del.—The Toronto Internationals blanked the Philadelphia Athletics here yesterday, 7-0. The A's temporarily lost the services of Eddie Mayo, third baseman, who was hit over the left eye by a ball Catcher Bill Swift threw during Toronto's four-run spurge in the fifth-inning. The Athletics got four hits off Southpaw Joe Sullivan in the first five innings, and Toronto's Nick Strincevich pitched hitless ball thereafter. . . . BOSTON—The Boston Red Sox loaned their Boston College pitchers, Yank Terry and Norman Brown, to the Eagles and then walloped the collegians, 17-2. Bobby Doerr, Sox infielder, got two triples and a double while Outfielder Al Simmons and Infielder Freddie Lake smashed homers. . . . VINCENNES, Ind.—The Detroit Tigers trounced the Chicago Cubs, 6-4, in a four-and-a-half innings exhibition game that netted \$5,000 for the George Field Army Air Base athletic fund. Tiger Outfielder Roger Cramer and Cub Outfielder Dom Dallesandro hit for the circuit.

Ang Callura Outpoints Belloise

NEW YORK, Apr. 14—Angelo Callura, of Hamilton, Ontario, brother of NBA featherweight champion Jackie, decided Mike Belloise, ex-featherweight champ, in an eight-rounder at the Broadway Arena. Mike devoted much of his time to protecting a cut over his right eye.

Athletics Sign Cy Blanton

WILMINGTON, Del., Apr. 14—The Philadelphia Athletics have signed Cy Blanton, veteran right-hander. Blanton, who is 34, had been a free agent since his release from the Phillies last year.



Leningrad Guns Smash New Nazi Blockade Push

Heavy Toll of German Forces Already Taken In New Battle

By the United Press
Russian guns on the Leningrad front are smashing back fresh Nazi tanks and infantry attempting to reimpose the blockade on the second city of Russia, which was lifted by the Red Army nearly two months ago.

A heavy toll of the enemy forces has already been taken, and latest reports indicate that the Russian guns may have already done their work by scattering enemy forces and paving a way for Russian infantry counter-attacks.

Latest radio reports from Berlin speak only of Russian attacks southeast of Leningrad. One report claimed that attacks by two Russian regiments and several smaller thrusts by single companies had been repulsed by the Germans. Military commentators in Moscow believed that another German assault on the city was imminent.

Nazi Artillery Hammering

German artillery is continuing its hammering of Leningrad itself, which has now been subjected to enemy shelling for some weeks, possibly a prelude to an all-out offensive.

On the Balakleya front, on the Upper Donetz, fierce fighting is continuing, according to the latest reports.

Moscow radio announced last night that Soviet planes raided Koenigsberg again. The raid lasted for two hours and military and industrial objectives were effectively bombed. Many fires accompanied by heavy explosions were observed.

Large Fires Observed

Particularly large fires were observed in the area of a machine-building factory, the electric power station, the artillery factory, the airfield, a railway junction and war depots, the radio said.

The fires could be seen at a distance of more than 60 miles.

Moscow citizens viewed the film "Desert Victory," the first full-length Allied documentary film to be shown in the Russian capital since the war began, last night. The audience was impressed by the completeness of the scenario and the shots of the Eighth Army's tank, air force and artillery war.

Air Depot Soldiers Stage Original Musical Revue

A USAAF AIR DEPOT, Apr. 14—"Flying Fun," a musical revue produced and acted by soldiers, was staged over the weekend before a large audience of officers and enlisted men.

The cast included Pfc Thomas J. Viola, master of ceremonies; Sgt. Myer Baker, chief comedian; Pfc Sam Marchica and Pvt. Larry Collins, singers; Cpl. Quentin Ehret, RAF Cpl. William Boswell, Pvt. George Fahey and M/Sgt. Arthur G. Lynn, comedians. Music was furnished by Pfc Stan Fenimore and James Haley, of the RAF.

In addition to the soldier cast, several girls from a nearby town assisted in putting on the show.

Air Commerce Supremacy Scramble Seen After War

CHICAGO, Apr. 14 (AP)—A post-war scramble for commercial air supremacy, with eight or ten companies fighting for the business of carrying freight and passengers between America and Europe and Africa, was forecast here today by W. A. Patterson, president of United Air Lines.

Addressing a stockholders' meeting, Patterson said that "some people have allowed their enthusiasm to overcome their better judgment in predicting the end of railway and steamship operations." He said trains of cargo-carrying gliders were still too remote a possibility to be considered yet on a commercial basis.

House Passes Draft Measure

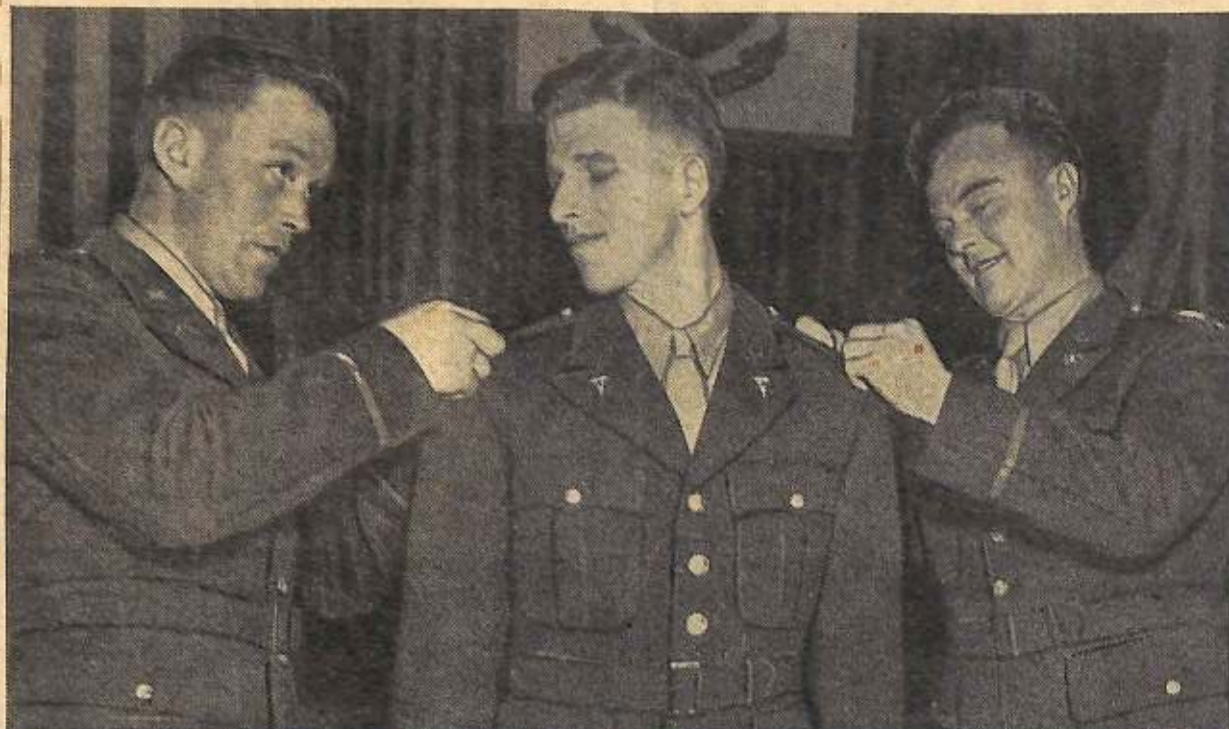
WASHINGTON, Apr. 14 (AP)—The Kilday Bill to give draft deferment priorities to men with dependents and put Selective Service quotas on a State-wide instead of a local board basis has been passed by the House of Representatives. The bill was passed on a standing vote, 143 to seven.

Help Wanted Dept.

This department has requests for the APOs of the following men:

- T/Sgt. Glenn W. Boreen, Willock, Wash.; John Carter, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; Sgt. Frank Abranovich, McKeesport, Pa.; Lt. Kenneth C. Moore, Coalinga, Cal.; P/Lt. Howard G. Carpenter, Okla. City, Okla.; Lt. Robert Brubaker, T/Sgt. Jos. L. Craighead, Bedford, Va.; Lt. C. G. Duncan-Clarke, Petty Officer Wm. J. Zimmerman, Rockford, Ill.; Sgt. Edw. Prothro, New York; Capt. Wm. R. Hyde, Long Island; Pvt. Bernard Reichdorf, Arcade, N.Y.; Francis Schwab, Java, N.Y.; Lt. Theo A. Jankowski, South River, N.J.; "Chuck" Bachrach, Kansas City; Lt. Lou Barrand, Pittsburgh; Pfc Raymond D. Mayer, Statesville, N.C.; Douglas Parkhurst and Henry Tansend, of New York; Raymond Brame, Greensboro, N.C.; T/S Paul Luther Salasmanca, N.Y.; Dr. Bliss K. Weerna, Waynesboro, Va.; Ben "Skuto" Heaven, Cpl. Paul Wolfe, Carl Marlock, McKeesport, Pa.; Cpl. Kenneth Poff, Louis Guedesewer, Lt. Luther W. Bowman, Sgt. Karl J. Gilbert, York, Pa.; Pvt. Geo. Potts, Chicago; Pvt. John J. Harzaves, Boston; S/Sgt. Lawrence Green, Baltimore; Col. Brenton G. Wallace, Pfc Michael C. Mondelli, Berkeley, N.J.; Rudy Kolson, Mukwonago, Mich.; Jim Montone, Bernard Hartam, Pfc Tatou Auda, Sgt. Harry Cornell, Cpl. Vincent Iantonna, Pvt. Fred Di Lallo, Pvt. Bruno Terzano and Pvt. Howard Dishaw.

Former Officer Candidate Instructors Get Bars



2/Lts. Floyd A. Nelson, of Litchfield, Minn., left, and Norris M. Nevils, of Charleston, S.C., pin gold bars on shoulders of 2/Lt. Michael Kolesar, of Farrell, Pa., after OCS graduating exercises yesterday. They were enlisted men instructors for candidates in two previous classes before being recommended for OCS themselves.

OCS Graduates 71 New 2/Lts.

Third Largest Candidates' Class Gets Bars At Ceremony

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men with whom they lived before entering OCS.

They were 2/Lts. Floyd A. Nelson, Litchfield, Minn.; Michael Kolesar, Farrell, Pa., and Norris M. Nevils, Charleston, S.C.

2/Lt. William E. Coss, whose home is in Petersfield, Hants, served in the U.S. Army, moved to England in 1939 from Ashland, Ohio, and joined the British Army. He was with the BEF in France.

Two new officers who served with the Canadian Army are 2/Lts. Earl W. Crawford, of Buffalo, N.Y., and William T. Carey, of Homer, Neb. Crawford was a staff sergeant in the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps when he transferred to the U.S. Army in September, 1942, as a private in the QM. Carey transferred from the Essex Scottish Regiment in May, 1940, as a private. He rose to the rank of master sergeant in Special Service before entering OCS.

The graduates were given the oath of office by Brig. Gen. L. H. Hedrick, assistant Judge Advocate General. Chaplain Edward J. Fleisher gave the invocation and Chaplain L. C. Tiernan, chief of chaplains in SOS, gave benediction.

Manchester Club Plans 'A Night in Paris' Dance

MANCHESTER, Apr. 14—The Lever St. Red Cross club here has scheduled a dinner dance for Friday under the title "A Night in Paris." A French menu, continental decorations, dancing and a floor show are on the program.

Bristol Red Cross Dances

BRISTOL, Apr. 14—A movie program at the club is scheduled for Thursday at 8 P.M., with dances Saturday and Sunday at the same time.

Negro QM Outfit Donates £101 To Aid Orphan of Own Race

The 11th Quartermaster Railroad Co. wanted to be the first Negro Organization to sponsor a child of their own race under The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund program.

So yesterday they sent in £101 2s 7d. to the fund and requested that a boy of their own race between five and ten years of age be selected to receive the benefits of their contribution during the next five years.

1/Sgt. Arthur B. Fletcher, of Harrisburg, Pa.; Pvt. Lloyd Ernest, of Baltimore, and Pvt. Moses Walker, of Atlanta, Ga., who were the largest individual contributors, made the choice.

"I understand that there are a number of Negro orphans available. . . ." 1/Lt.

Eight More American Airmen Transfer From Polish Forces

Eight Americans yesterday transferred to the USAAF from the Polish Air Force, among them two who have earned Polish awards for valor.

Sgt. Edward B. Bryl, an air gunner from Milwaukee, one of the transferees, is one of the three Americans to have received the Virtuti Militaire, Polish equivalent of the Congressional Medal of Honor. (The others are Sgt. Bronislaw Godlewski, of Chicago, who is now in hospital with wounds which involved amputation of both hands, and Sgt. Biakow-Stawasz, also of Chicago, who transfers next Wednesday.)

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be stationed wherever they can free a man for other duties, at remote camps and airfields, as well as in London at ETO Headquarters.

"Several billets are being considered in London," 1/Officer Wilson said, "all of them near the headquarters buildings."

Although there is a bill before Congress that would make the WAACS a part of the Army, they are still a separate organization functioning in cooperation with the Army. Overseas WAACS will not draw the additional 20 per cent that soldiers serving abroad get, although corresponding ranks in the WAACS are paid the same as soldiers.

1/Officer Wilson graduated with the first class of WAAC officers from Fort Des Moines. Before she joined the WAACS she taught the social sciences at Pomona College in California.

3/Officer Herbert, enrolled (you don't enlist in the WAACS, you enroll) as an auxiliary, served as a clerk to a line outfit, and received her commission Christmas Eve after attending the WAAC OCS. She was a secretary in New York.

Reds Told of Allied Successes

MOSCOW, Apr. 14 (AP)—The Russian people, who have been constantly learning more of the British and United States war effort, are daily getting a better picture of their Allies' achievements. The press carries full-scale reports of the battle in Tunisia, the air war over Germany and the fighting in the Pacific.

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Bryl's citation from the Polish Government reads: "The above named sergeant while serving with the Polish Air Force as air gunner carried out 26 sorties, 14 of which were mine-laying operations and the remaining bombardment of enemy objects. He took part in operational flights over the following targets: Bremen, Osnabruck, Kassel, Saarbrucken, Frankfurt A/M, Dusseldorf, Wilhelms-haven, Cologne and Mannheim.

"By his skill and devotion to duty he was an inspiration to other members of the crew and an example of courage and comradeship.

Poland's Highest Award

"He was awarded the Virtuti Militaire Silver Cross, Fifth Class and the Krzyz Walecznych—the Cross of Valor—with two bars."

Bryl, who refuses to say much about his awards, remarks, "I like mine-laying—and I like bombing, too."

The other transferred American wearing Polish ribbons is Sgt. Francis A. Sowinski, of Washington, who has the Cross of Valor. He was bomb aimer on the airplane which carried Godlewski over Essen the night he received his wounds and medal.

Sowinski's citation reads: "The above named sergeant while serving with the Polish Air Force as bomb aimer carried out five operational flights, two mine-laying operations, two on U-boat bases at Lorient and one over Hamburg. Whilst over Lorient his plane met with very heavy artillery fire, but, in spite of this, Sgt. Sowinski brought his plane over the target and bombed it successfully.

"For this he was awarded the Krzyz Walecznych—Cross of Valor."

The other men who transferred are: Sgts. Stanley Duzynski, Sharpsburg, Pa.; Tadeusz Lipinski, Cleveland, Ohio; Virgil V. Summers Jr., Youngstown, Ohio; John J. Helstowski, Long Island, N.Y., and Boleslaw B. Ceglarek, Chicago, and Pvt. Benjamin J. Kukis, Newark, N.J.

Replacement Unit Plans Party for Two Orphans

—TH REPLACEMENT DEPOT, England, Apr. 14—A party for two war orphans, sponsored by this unit, will be given Sunday by officers, nurses and enlisted men.

The party will be preceded by a parade of the depot drum and bugle corps in honor of the children. Movies, candy and gifts are part of the program planned for the five-year-old girl and seven-year-old boy.

1/Lt. Bernard Fisher, Special Service officer from Philadelphia, Pa., is in charge of arrangements, in cooperation with Col. James A. Kilian, post commander.

Two Year Study Needed to Solve U.S. Bombsight

Perfectly Safe to Examine Or Aim Secret Device, Air Chief Says

FORT WORTH, Tex., Apr. 14 (UP)—If the Germans capture one of the prized Norden bombsights of the U.S. Army Air Force, it will take them at least two years to find out how it works, the commanding officer of the USAAF Flying Training Command declared today.

A United Press reporter was allowed to examine the super-secret device, try it, aim it and listen to a detailed explanation of how it works. It was perfectly safe for him to do so and to write about it because even with long training he wouldn't learn enough to be valuable if the information got into the wrong hands.

The Norden sight has several thousand parts and is mounted behind a piece of thick glass in the bombardier's compartment in the nose of the plane. Once the sight is trained on the target, it takes a good bombardier only 25 seconds of level flying to adjust it for a hit.

The sight's accuracy was proved in four tries, two at 6,000 feet and two at 500.

How it Works

The bombardier's objective is to line up two cross-hairs inside the telescopic sight so that they intersect on the target. He then adjusts the sight so that as the plane moves forward the cross-hairs automatically stay on the target.

The sight is synchronized to the chosen altitude and speed in such a manner that if the plane is put on the proper course the cross-hairs follow the target.

The direction of the plane is controlled either by a device linking the sight to an automatic pilot which guides the ship mechanically as the bombardier twists the knobs, or by a pilot direction-indicator in the cockpit which shows the pilot what corrections must be made in the ship's course.

Once the cross-hairs appear to remain stationary on the target, most of the bombardier's work is done. After releasing his bombs, he shouts "bombs away" over the intercom system, and the pilot takes over and heads for home.

Yanks Learning To Hate Boche

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walking with their hands in the air were trying to surrender, and actually those false prisoners hurled grenades from their uplifted hands at close range.

After such sights, the Americans fighting the Germans in Tunisia are convinced that their enemies are ruthless fighters whose business and desire is killing—and these Americans who only a year ago were leading peaceful and uneventful lives in offices and schoolrooms know that their profession must be killing for the duration of the war.

Gone is their egotism about their fighting ability. They know that they are facing an enemy who knows more about fighting than they do—and they realize that they must learn to fight as well, and kill as well, before they can win.

The doughboys here have learned to talk about their casualties as familiarly as their fathers did in 1917 and '18—just as if they had gone around the corner for a couple of hours.

Death in the mass seems to make less impression on them than death in peacetime. As one private told me: "I may not live through this war—but before I get mine, I'm going to kill a lot of those dirty Jerries. Someone's got to do it."

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heavy on both sides before the fighting is over was given by John McVane, another American broadcaster. "We may find a lull in the fighting until supplies and troops have been brought up and put into position," he said. "On the other hand, every day's delay gives Rommel more time."

The western desert air forces kept up steady pressure on enemy landing grounds. A strong force of Allied bombers pounded St. Marie du Zit air base, causing a number of explosions and fires in aircraft dispersal area and on buildings and tents. Other bombers concentrated on Korba landing ground, while a strong force of medium bombers attacked the Menzel Timine airfield. The enemy tried in vain to raid Tripoli Tuesday night, losing one Ju88 in the process.

On the northern front, the German line, which in the last two weeks has fallen back all along its zig-zag course from Cap Serrat to Enfidaville, has begun to thicken into aggressive defense, giving promise of a fierce battle to clear the enemy from North Africa.

A British infantry unit which was advancing slowly up the Beja-Mateur road on Tuesday was attacked by a heavy assault just south of Sidi Nsir. Heavy casualties were inflicted but the pressure was maintained to establish advanced positions in this area.

Blondie

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by Chic Young

