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Nazi Might Hurlled Into Sevastopol Siege

Heavies Hit Balkan Capitals to Aid Reds

U.S. Planes Hit 4th City In 48 Hours

Sofia, Belgrade Pounded; Reich Damage Shown; Libs Span Channel

Mediterranean air forces yesterday took up the major burden of the north-south aerial squeeze on Germany, attacking their third and fourth Balkan capitals in 48 hours, while Britain-based Liberators were making small-scale trans-Channel attacks.

Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, was bombed by Liberators from Italian bases, and Belgrade, capital of Yugoslavia, was hit by Fortresses as the Mediterranean forces kept up their direct-support blows aimed at hamstringing German transport to and from the Russian battlefronts. Budapest, capital of Hungary, was hit the day before, and Bucharest, Rumanian seat of government, on Saturday.

While the Liberators of the Eighth Air Force, escorted by P47 Thunderbolts, were hitting military targets in the Pas de Calais area without loss, the U.S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe headquarters here issued a summary of last week's intensive air drive against German strength in the air and communications on the ground which opened the two-way blitz on the Reich and its satellites.

Photos Show Week's Damage

Photo reconnaissance since the six attacks of the week ending last Saturday showed major damage to prime targets—the factories turning out German fighter planes and the transport system necessary to shift forces against the coming invasion.

Immune since it was battered last Oct. 9, the big Focke-Wulf assembly plant at Marienberg, in northeastern Germany, was hit on Apr. 9 by bombers which damaged or destroyed five of the eight major installations repaired since the previous blow. FW plants at Posen, Warnemunde, Tutow and Rahmel, all in the far eastern reaches of the Reich or in Poland, also received new damage or had repaired facilities blasted again in the day's attacks, and railway centers throughout the Posen area, in Poland, also were damaged, the photos showed.

The following day, Apr. 10, the bombers switched their attack to the western approaches of the Reich, damaging the Messerschmitt and Heinkel works and depots near Brussels-Evere, the Junkers engine repair works at Brussels-Vilvorde, the air bases at Brussels-Melsbroek, Eocloo and Florennes, and the fighter components factory at Diest, all in Belgium. A plane assembly plant at Bouges, and a bomber base near Orleans, both in France, also were hit.

Apr. 11 saw the weight of attack switched again, this time to the southwest and central areas of Germany, where "considerable" damage was done to the FW plant at Oschersleben, the Junkers engine plant at Arnimswalde, the Bernberg Junkers aircraft factories, Stettin

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The War Today

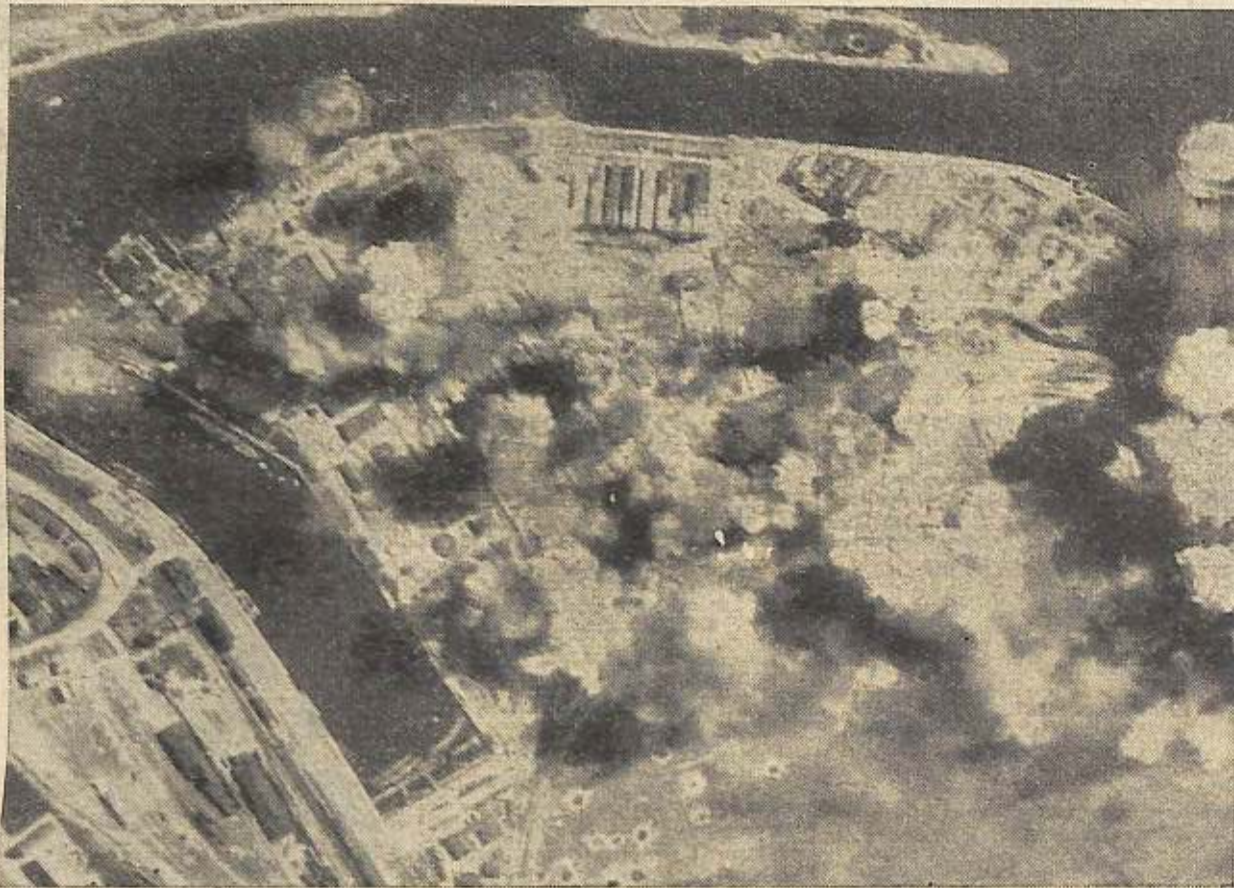
Russia—Germans strike back fiercely to halt thrust of two Soviet armies toward Danube and Ploesti. Sevastopol garrison making last stand. Moscow announces Nazis lost 145,793 in dead and captured in Koniev's offensive into Rumania.

Air War—Mediterranean-based U.S. bombers, in direct support of the Russian offensive, pound Sofia and Belgrade, third and fourth Balkan capitals to be hit in 48 hours and gateways to the southeast. Libs hit Pas de Calais without loss. Headquarters reports week's damage to plane plants and rail centers in Germany.

Pacific—U.S. aircraft strike over vast area to hit Jap island bases. Heaviest blow at Aitape, Dutch New Guinea, Truk, Ponape and other pinpoints of land in Central Pacific raided.

Italy—No major engagement on any sector of front. Allied beach-head patrols dent enemy lines near Cisterna. Two hundred German tanks destroyed in 12 weeks.

One of Many Blows in Record Week of Bombing



U.S. Army Air Force Photo

Germany's battered aircraft industry got another hammer blow on Apr. 9 when bombs from B17s wrecked the assembly buildings, three workshops and other components of the Focke Wulf fighter factory at Warnemunde, on the Baltic, which Goering once thought safe from bombing attack.

Silk Stockings Fetch \$40

Bomber Division Raises \$22,000 For Prisoners of War in Reich

EIGHTH BOMBER DIVISION HQ, England, Apr. 17—Silk stockings were knocked down for \$40 a pair. . . . Fifteen-cent lipsticks went for \$10. . . . A pinch bottle of Scotch was sold and resold until it brought in \$326.

By such fund-raising methods, plus the more ordinary method of direct contribution, this bombardment division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Le May, was able to announce today it had raised more than \$22,000 for cigarettes, food, athletic equipment and other items for American fliers now prisoners of war in Germany.

It's 'Play Ball' Today in U.S.

Vets, 4Fs Share Spotlight In Start of Major League Season

NEW YORK, Apr. 17—What seemed highly improbable as recently as this past winter will become a reality tomorrow when umpires in eight major league ball parks shout the familiar "Play ball" and baseball enters its third war-time season.

Veterans flitting with the life-begins-at-40 axiom, 4-Fs and many kids who never have shaved will be out there in the places of those players found sound of wind, limb and ear drum by their Uncle Sammy. The Dodgers had a rookie at Bear Mountain, N.Y., who earned himself the nickname "Barbasol" by admitting to the other players he never had shaved.

This definitely is the year when "you can't tell the players without a scorecard." But still operating under President Roosevelt's "green light" edict of 1942, big league moguls intend to field teams so long as nine men are in each dugout.

The Yankees and Cardinals are expected to repeat in their respective leagues. However, the tables are turned this year and a red-hot race looms in the American League, which has been so thoroughly dominated in recent years by the Yanks, while the Cards figure to walk away with the National League flag.

The recent order postponing the induction of men 26 and over has given baseball a shot in the arm. It is probably the merest coincidence that several perennials who previously had declared their determination to stay down on the farm suddenly decided to return to the game.

About 200,000 customers are expected to usher in the new season. They have the dough and they want to spend it.

For the first time in several years the Senators will not break open the season

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MacArthur Not Seeking Election

250-Word Reply to Sponsor (Miller-R., Neb.) Doesn't Say He Won't Accept

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Apr. 17—Gen. Douglas MacArthur, in a 250-word statement handed to correspondents summoned to his headquarters before breakfast, announced today that "I have not sought office nor do I seek it."

His statement was prompted by the publication last week of letters he had written to Rep. A. L. Miller (R.-Neb.), who had urged MacArthur to hold himself available for the Republican Presidential nomination.

Miller had written that "if this system of New-Dealism is continued for another four years I am certain that this monarchy being established in America will destroy the rights of the common people." MacArthur replied that Miller's "description of conditions in the U.S. . . . is sobering, indeed, and calculated to arouse the thoughtful consideration of every true patriot."

Today the general asserted the letters were "never intended for publication," were "neither politically inspired nor intended to convey a blanket approval of the Congressman's view" nor were they intended "as criticism of any political

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The Scotch Is 'Scotched'

'Rick's' Toast to His Successor Burned by Anti-Saloon League

NEW YORK, Apr. 17—If Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker could have foreseen what happened this week, he might have thought twice about offering a case of Scotch whisky to the first fighter pilot in this war to beat his record of 26 enemy planes shot down.

Richard (Bing) Bong, of Poplar, Wis., destroyed his 27th Japanese in the Pacific last week, won a majority and became eligible for Rickenbacker's Scotch. Then the trouble began.

Rickenbacker looked around the liquor-tight market, wondered out loud where he could get a case. Next day expressmen began leaving cases of Scotch at his home. Before Rickenbacker realized what he'd started, he had 100 cases.

In the Pacific, Gen. Douglas MacArthur loaded Bong's chest with all the medals he could find, then tramped heavily on ole demon liquor. He had the highest admiration for Bong's skill and gallantry, he said, but he did not "regard liquor or spirituous wines as appropriate recognition of Bong's deeds."

At home the Anti-Saloon League brought up its guns, fired a broadside at Rickenbacker. In a telegram it asked him to consider "the far-reaching implications of his endorsement of whisky for fliers."

Bong, as befits a hero, said nothing. But at home, amid all the furore over the Scotch, somebody came up with the worst news of all. He said Bong was a teetotaler.

Reds Meet 'Strongest' Resistance

'Bitter' Counter Blows Bar Soviet Drive to Danube And Ploesti Oil Fields

With the Crimea lost and Sevastopol's beleaguered defenders making their last stand, the Germans yesterday launched one of their most intensive efforts to date to check the Red Army's advance toward the Danube and the oilfields of Ploesti.

Unit after unit of fresh German troops were hurled into a series of strong counter-attacks in the approaches to Kishinev, capital of Moldavia, 45 miles west of Tiraspol, between the Dniester and Pruth rivers.

The Russians reported their troops were fighting bloody battles and meeting extremely fierce resistance, growing stronger with every yard gained by the Red Army.

One Moscow dispatch said the Soviet's two army groups under Marshal Ivan Koniev and Gen. Rodion Malinovsky were meeting "possibly the most stubborn and bitter resistance in the entire ten months of the Red Army offensive."

118,400 Germans Killed

News of the new Koniev-Malinovsky drive to clear lower Bessarabia and outflank the entire German front in north-eastern Rumania came simultaneously with Moscow's disclosure that the enemy lost 118,400 dead and 27,000 prisoners between Mar. 6, when Koniev went over to the offensive and smashed beyond the Dniester and the Pruth, to Apr. 15.

The Soviet Information Bureau said in this period the Russians destroyed or captured 40,207 trucks, 169 aircraft, 1,419 tanks or self-propelled guns, 2,830 guns of various caliber, 2,994 mortars, 5,750 machine-guns and 560 armored cars. Booty captured included 27,093 rifles, 79 locomotives, 4,009 railway coaches, 76 dumps, and 6,340,000 rounds of ammunition.

At Sevastopol—battered and burned in Red Air Force mass raids Friday and Saturday nights—the advancing Russians met intensified enemy resistance from the German-Rumanian garrison fighting what some correspondents described as a delaying action for the defense of Rumania.

Britain Curbs Envoys' Action

Diplomats' Mail, Cables No Longer Immune To Censorship

The British government yesterday informed diplomatic representatives of foreign governments in London that starting today they may not transmit telegrams in code, send diplomatic bags unless the contents were submitted to censors, or permit the departure from Britain of official couriers, diplomatic and consular representatives, or staff members.

Previously diplomatic pouches and cabled messages were immune to censorship.

The official announcement last night said: "In the unprecedented circumstances created by the military operations impending in the present year, any inadvertent disclosure of information which resulted in helping the enemy or in the unnecessary loss of British or Allied lives, might have such serious effects, not only upon the course of these operations but also on the relations between this country and any foreign country whose nationals were concerned, that the Government has reluctantly felt bound to adopt this unusual security measure."

Lonergan Is Sentenced To '35 Years to Life'

NEW YORK, Apr. 17 (AP)—Wayne Lonergan, former RCAF airman, was sentenced to 35 years to life today following a trial in which he was found guilty of second-degree murder of his heiress wife.

Lonergan stood impassively as Judge James G. Wallace read the sentence. The entire proceedings took less than one minute.

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Hash Marks

Fun on Kwajalein Atoll. While mopping up on this former Nipponese stronghold, two GIs uncovered a pile of Jap coins and folding money. "Fill up your pockets," one of them said, "we'll spend this dough in Tokyo."

It happened in a pub in a town in the northwest. Three American officers were standing at the end of the bar



nearest the door. A woman stepped in, looked around, then turned to her escort and remarked, "Let's go on. This place is out of Scotch, too—there are three Yank officers drinking lager."

S/Sgt. Robert Cramsie contributes Thoughts While Strolling, or Spring Comes to the NCO:
 Twinkle, twinkle, little chevies,
 How I wish I was in civvies!

Rank had no privilege when Colonel Gerry L. Mason, a Lib group commander, made an unannounced inspection of the station's aero club. He walked into the kitchen, puffing heartily on his cigarette, and was greeted with this announcement by one of the cooks, an Englishwoman: "There'll be no smoking in this kitchen by anyone!" Col. Mason walked outside, ducked his fag, knocked on the door and asked if he could enter. He later made a highly complimentary report of the club—especially the kitchen.

Sgt. Richard Engnath rises to the defense of his native heath with this little verse that should draw cheers from the Flatbush Faithful:
 Maligners of Brooklyn
 Your malisms I protest.
 Unite, all sons of Utopia;
 Our slogan, "Brooklyn Is Best."

An English housewife living in a country area where troops are on maneuvers heard a knock at the door.



She opened it and there stood a rugged soldier with a chicken in his hand. "Ma'am," he asked, "will you cook this chicken for us?" The kind lady agreed and told the soldier that he and his buddy could come back later in the afternoon and their meal would be ready. So the lady cooked the fowl and made a nice meal by adding vegetables from her own garden. The soldiers enjoyed the repast immensely, thanked her kindly and left. Oddly enough, when the kind old lady visited her hen house the next morning there was one chicken missing.

Today's Daffynition: Shoulder strap: A piece of ribbon that keeps an attraction from becoming a sensation. J. C. W.

30-Mile Trek All in Day's Work



And 25 Pushups Are a Must in Infantry Toughening-Up

By Tom Hoge
 Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A U.S. INFANTRY DIVISION, Britain—To make sure that this outfit is in top shape to meet the rigors of an invasion, G-3 has directed that every one undergo a physical fitness test.

The test, being given for the second time in six months, sounds like a qualification for the Rangers.

Every man must be able to do 25 pushups. Then he is put through a quaint exercise known as "burpee." To perform burpee, one must squat down, place one's hands on the floor and kick both legs out behind. Required: 11 burpees in 20 seconds.

To top it off, he must crawl through a barbed-wire runway, carry a man 35 yards and do a gruelling up-hill speed march.

Results of tests thus far show the high scorers are not only the infantry foot sloggers, but include a number of clerks as well.

In the first test, the headquarters detachment, consisting entirely of administrative workers, scored more than 90 per cent.

"It beats the hell out of me," said one of the officers who grades the exams. "Perhaps those guys were out to show they could take it just as well as the field outfits. That's the only way I can figure it out."

During its service in the ETO, this outfit has constantly stressed the importance of physical fitness. Sports have been heavily emphasized by the commanding general and his subordinates. A result of this has been the outfit's outstanding record of championships. During its stay it has taken first place in boxing, football, baseball, basketball and soccer.

Adopting the slogan "Athletics for every man and every man an athlete," the sports program was broken down to a platoon set-up and, until the recent increase in training tempo sidetracked all



Infantry outfits throughout the United Kingdom are going through rigorous toughening-up courses to give a final polish to their physical fitness. Jumping at the "enemy's" chest (top) is only one item in a program to "make every man a Ranger." Disarming enemy soldiers is practised (bottom) with bayonets fixed.

other activity, each man was getting in at least one game a week in some branch of sport.

Keen interest was stimulated in intramural contests as well. The packed stands and cheering section that accompanied every major match was reminiscent of big college games.

Another gauge of muscular coordination and endurance that has kept the men on their toes is the intricate series of obstacle courses they have periodically run through at the Assault Training Center and other "proving grounds."

Ascending 40-foot ropes hand over hand, scaling 12-foot walls and leaping across six-foot ditches filled with barbed wire are a few of the conditioners they have been put through.

Assault beach landings carried on in all types of weather have helped to make the boys whalebone tough. In the face of "enemy" machine-gun fire and strafed with smoke bombs, squads of men come close to shore in fast little assault craft.

Jumping off into several feet of water, they wade double-time towards the beach, storm the landing strip and scale a sheer embankment with rifles and packs.

Recently one of the infantry teams went through a timed landing run in competition with an outfit of Polish commandos who have seen combat on more than one coastal raid. The Yanks won hands down.

In addition to all this training, the men have, in true infantry tradition, been hiking through mile after mile of swamp-infested moors.

A 30-mile trek over such terrain is considered a normal day's workout. And just to make the trip more interesting, 10-minute periods of double time are sprinkled throughout the march.

When D Day arrives the Infantry will have its work cut out—to take ground and hold it is a tough job requiring the limit in stamina and endurance. Physical fitness will be the least of this outfit's worries when it hits the beach.

Luftwaffe Fighters

In the first quarter of 1942 the Royal Air Force made four major raids of 200 bombers and over, dropping 1,100 tons on Germany. To protect the Reich against these raids the Luftwaffe doubled its fighter strength.

In the first quarter of 1943 the RAF made 34 raids of the same size and dropped 20,000 tons of bombs. Luftwaffe fighters were again doubled and a further increase planned. In the one month of March, 1944, however, over 60,000 tons of bombs were dropped in major raids on enemy territory; but the Luftwaffe has no longer the same, even if inadequate, ability to strike back with increased-fighter strength.

It is true that a greater effort had been made by the German High Command to switch from bomber production to increased fighter production in a last desperate effort to stem the rising tide of the Allied aerial offensive. But a German fighter force inadequate to stop bombing of the Reich in 1943 is still less potent against the greatly increased Allied scale of air attack.

And the main attack on specific German aircraft factories by USAAF and RAF bombers only began this year and a greater percentage of German fighter production capacity has been destroyed. The full effect of this destruction will not be felt in the Luftwaffe front line squadrons for some time because in between factories and front line fields are storage depots and parks, repair depots and first reserves on airdromes. Any shortage which may exist will show itself only at the last moment in the first line strength, and to reduce that in order to build up reserves would be to defeat its object as the factories would have to submit to greater and greater damage.

So the basic fact remains that, in spite of every effort, the Luftwaffe is inadequate to compete with the tasks facing it. It has to husband its resources and as great new Allied military operations develop the real position of the Luftwaffe will soon become painfully apparent.

Rumanian Oil

The oilfields of Kolomea and Stanislau are lost to the Germans and the Russians are only 100 kilometers from the other Galician oil wells.

On the Rumanian front the Russians at Jassy are only 300 kilometers from the great and much more important oilfields of Ploesti.

As early as last August Ploesti was heavily bombed by American Liberators from the Near East and last week it was heavily attacked by American bombers from Italian fields.

These losses combine to seriously threaten Germany's fuel position. How gravely is to be seen from a German order issued December 13, 1943, that is to say, when the O.K.W. still believed it could hold the Dnieper line and indeed hardly feared a direct threat to the Galician and Rumanian oilfields. The order read: "The fuel position is serious. It may become more serious in 1944. Cuts must be made as from January. Where fuel is concerned, crises such as those which we have experienced in the case of I.F.H. ammunition must be prevented in good time. The demand of the hour regarding fuel is therefore: 'Start saving now wherever possible.'" The order ends with the words: "Every soldier should know that the carrying out of these economy measures is of considerable importance and that non-adherence to them is sabotage of victory."

In December, 1943, therefore, the fuel position was serious and the German Army would have been amply provided for only if it had secured oil from the Caucasus. Other European sources of oil and the production of synthetic fuel, however greatly increased, could not meet demands. That was why the attempt was made to win the Baku oilfields in the first place and when, after the catastrophe of Stalingrad, the attempt was given up a shortage of fuel and lubricating oil was inevitable.

Today the Rumanian oilfields and refineries are open to Allied air attacks and the capture of Ploesti is threatened by the Russians. Loss of Rumanian oil in World War I forced the German High Command to seek an end to hostilities. Its loss in World War II may prove equally serious, for while the production of synthetic fuel can theoretically be increased, practically this is hardly possible, for it requires new plants, labor and material, none of which is available in sufficient quantity.



"We'll have to be blind to get lost this time!"

This Is The Army

Lt. Col. Waldo H. Heinrichs, of a Fighter Wing Headquarters, smiles at the various "long time" records for mail deliveries. A postcard which he sent to his mother while a prisoner-of-war in Metz in October, 1917, finally reached her in 1936.

"I have it in my World War I scrapbook," the colonel writes. "At the rate of present deliveries of home mail to the ETO, I am hoping to have some further material for my present war scrap book when World War III comes along."

Proving that even the Army has a sentimental side, Pfc John H. Rayburn, 22, of a Quartermaster outfit was transferred to the Ninth Air Force to be with his twin Sgt. Jack H. Rayburn attached to a headquarters squadron. The Memphis, Tenn., brothers in the Army 17 months met as soldiers for the first time three months ago in London.

Notes from the Air Force

RETURNING from Oldenberg, Germany, last week, 2/Lt. Leslie A. Bond, of Chickasha, Okla., couldn't lower the landing gear of his B17, Carolina Queen. Standing orders are to jettison the ball turret with a few simple tools to make a crash landing safer for the crew and less damaging to the B17.

Bond's ship didn't have the proper tools, so the station air executive, Lt. Col. Conway Hall, took off in a light plane with tools in a bag loaded with 30 pounds of dirt attached to 100 feet of rope. For 15 minutes he tried to drop the bag into the radio room of the B17, but slip stream pushed the bag away. Hall went down and came up a few minutes later in a B17 with a heavier bag and 300 feet of rope. After 30 minutes his crew hit the radio room and Sgt. W. R. Jones, radio operator, cut the rope and secured the tools.

Bond flew the Carolina Queen out over the coast, jettisoned the lower appendage and landed the plane so gently that no one was scratched. The Fort will be back at work within a week.

The Eighth Air Force Service Command sub-depot commanded by Maj. Raymond Jolicoeur, of Hibbing, Minn., won the air division competition for efficiency and has been awarded a silver cup by Col. D. G. Stitt, Strategic Air Depot commander.

200,000 Fans Expected at Major League Openers



Ben Schadler is succeeding Otto Graham as the big three-sports man at Northwestern. The Benton Harbor boy, who was quarterback on the football team and leading scorer in basketball, is now first baseman on the Wildcat baseball team.

Babe Hollingberry has been given a year's leave of absence from Washington State to consider several coaching and commercial offers. Babe has coached the Cougars for 17 years. State again will have no football team this year.

Sgt. Pete Kane, former world fly-weight champion now in the RAF, has been forbidden to fight anymore while in the Services because of an eye condition. Ensign Dick Humbert, the former Philadelphia Eagle pro footballer, recently wrote Coach Greasy Neal that he is now on a sub-chaser, a vessel that is "something like a ping-pong ball bouncing down a rough street."

Pvt. Dale "Tiny" Fawns, 20-year-old Kentuckian, has his Marine buddies in the Solomons writing delirious letters home about his boxing ability. Tiny is 6 feet, 5 inches, weighs 245, and can "move with unbelievable speed and hit like a triphammer," according to his mates.

Sgt. Al La Combe of the Persian Gulf Command has 40 boxers training daily, besides a gang of Persian kids who hang around picking up pointers. La Combe has what he calls a very fine heavyweight prospect in Harold Agusta, of St. Louis.

Luke "Hot Potato" Hamlin, the old Dodger hurler brought back to the big leagues by the Athletics, has a new pitch he has patterned after Rip Sewell's "cephus" or "baloon" ball. Naturally, Luke calls his new delivery his "soft potato" pitch.

Dud DeGroot, the former Rochester coach, just signed to a five-year contract by the Washington Redskins, needed his new boss, George Marshall, at the dinner where Dud was introduced to the press. DeGroot described Marshall as a "notorious coach" and went on to say that Marshall had assured him that whenever he (Marshall) came to the bench he would have a sure-fire scoring play. DeGroot went on to say, "I want to go on record that whenever we fail to score when Marshall is on the bench, the responsibility is not mine." Seems that Dud took an opportunity to serve notice on the owner that the DeGroot system didn't call for owner-coaching strategy.

Louis "Deno" Nichols, Southwest Conference all-star basketball player on the Arkansas quintet, had part of his left leg amputated as result of auto accident that forced Arkansas to withdraw from the NCAA tournament. Ben Jones, another Razorback all-star who had both legs broken, is recovering.

If the draft gets Mel Ott, Bruce "Fatso" Sloan is going to set a record of some sort for a fast climb to the majors. Sloan played eight years of sandlot ball before Little Rock picked him up last year and he'll probably wind up in the Polo Grounds right field if Ott goes to the service.

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Lost

OVERCOAT marked "Olson, R.D., 2401," at Stratford-on-Avon Red Cross, Mar. 31. Reward. -Set Raymond D. Olson.

Found

RED Cross bag, containing toilet articles and pair wooden candlesticks, in Division's Restroom (near St. Paul's), London, beginning of January. -T/S Clare Watts.

A NEW JERSEY ETO Club has been formed and meets regularly at the Queen's Hotel, Cheltenham, on the first and third Tuesday of each month. All New Jersey residents are invited. -Lt. R. P. North, Secretary.

Godoy and Lovell In No Decision Tilt

LIMA, Peru, Apr. 17 (Reuter) — An uproar greeted the "no contest" decision at the end of a fight here between Arturo Godoy, Chilean heavy-weight who twice lost to Joe Louis, and Alberto Lovell, of Argentina, for the heavy crown of South America.

The judges ruled Godoy and Lovell were not trying, and both purses were distributed among charities. The roly-poly Chilean took the South American title from Lovell on points a year ago.

Corkeys Annex CBS Cage Title

Sobotta and Heath Tally Winning Markers in 21-18 Triumph

The Corkeys rushed to a one-point lead at the half and protected their slim margin during the last two periods to photo finish the Screwballs, 21-18, in the CBS championship basketball game Sunday evening. The finale culminated season-long warfare among more than 30 quintets.

The underdog Screwballs battled virtually on even terms with the Corkeys most of the way, but didn't have enough weapons to outlast their favored foes. Field goals by Sgt. Cornelius Sobotta, of Arcadia, Wis., and S/Sgt. Harold Heath, of Whitehall, Wis., in closing minutes clinched the verdict for the Corkeys.

Pvt. Al Pajonas, of Plattsburg, N.Y., netted a pair of two-pointers and Sgt. Noel Downing, of Lions, Ohio, and Sgt. James Warwick, of Knoxville, Tenn., each added another to provide the Screwballs with an early advantage. But the Corkeys opened the throttle wide shortly before the intermission, grabbing a one-point edge on swishers by Sobotta and Heath just before the horn sounded.

The Corkeys maintained their lead through most of the second half, although the Screwballs spurted momentarily three times to jump ahead. However, Heath, who netted nine points during the contest, flipped in a one-hander from the corner with only seconds remaining to put the game on ice.

AP Poll of Scribes Shows Cards Are Favored to Repeat

NEW YORK, Apr. 17—Only ten writers among 67 polled by the Associated Press failed to pick the Cardinals to repeat in the National League race which opens tomorrow. The American League will be wide open, according to 64 baseball scribes, 30 choosing the Yanks, 17 siding with the White Sox and 14 naming the Senators.

Here is how the National League teams will finish, says AP:

St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Brooklyn, New York, Philadelphia and Boston.

And the American League will be as follows:

New York, Washington, Chicago, Cleveland, St. Louis, Boston, Detroit, and Philadelphia.

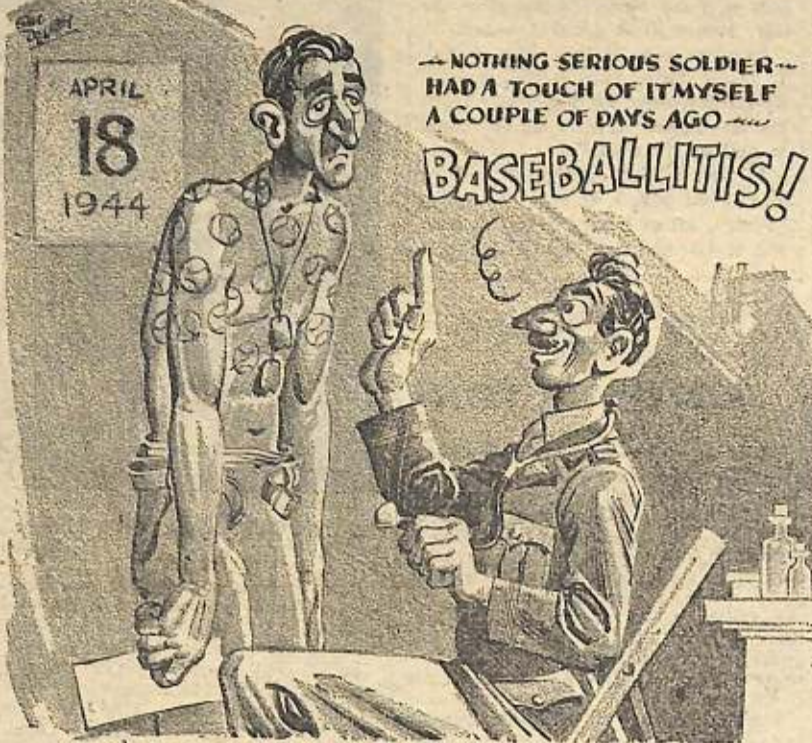
Bucs Blast Tigers, 9-5, To Clinch Spring Series

DETROIT, Apr. 17—The Pittsburgh Pirates clinched their spring series with the Detroit Tigers, 9-5, by battering the Tigers, 9-5, before 2,275 fans who braved 40-degree temperature in Briggs Stadium here yesterday. One game in the series ended in a 4-4 tie.

Paul "Dizzy" Trout, who will pitch tomorrow's opener for the Tigers, held the Pirates to one hit during the first three innings, but the Bucs combed Rookie Rufus Gentry for seven runs during the next three frames, and added another pair against Hal Newhouse, who finished.

Rip Sewell gave the Tigers three runs in five innings and Long Johnny Gee allowed the final two, including Rudy York's sixth inning homer, his third round tripper in two days.

Spring Fever



NOTHING SERIOUS SOLDIER—HAD A TOUCH OF IT MYSELF A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO—

BASEBALLITIS!

Louis Is 'Guy Who Beat Farr' To Ring-Wise Young Britons

By Tony Cordaro
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

CHELTENHAM, Apr. 17—Adults and children of this typical English town lined the streets most of the day in the downtown business section a glimpse of S/Sgt. Joe Louis Barrow, head man of a party of globe-trotters who are entertaining members of the armed forces with their fists and wits.

Only those who wisely stationed themselves in front of an American Red Cross club were rewarded for their long neck-stretching exercise. They saw Joe hustle in and out of the club twice. The Bomber and his party spent the larger part of the day and evening meeting GIs and officers.

English youngsters took a surprising and deep interest in the Brown Bomber, discarding the general belief that all their sports knowledge was wrapped up in rugby and hockey.

"Who are you waiting for?" we asked one wild-eyed child.

"Aw, you know, GI Joe, the boxing champion," he replied.

"What do you know about him?" we retaliated.

'He's Got to Be Good'

"Aw, he's the guy who beat Tommy Farr, and he's got to be good to do that," he snapped back.

"That's him," yelled another boy, correctly pointing out the sergeant as he rushed into a waiting vehicle.

"How do you know?" we asked.

"Shucks, I saw him in the Army moving picture," he replied. "Sure got a big neck, ain't he?"

Another Louis indorsement was volunteered by a GI driver who has taken a number of celebrities around ETO camps. "He's a regular, all right," he said. "Don't act like a champ or anybody important at all. Just a GI (meaning Good Joe). None of those movie or stage big shots, including Jimmy Cagney, has caused the fuss Joe has with Mr. John Public and members of the armed forces."

As the ETO exhibition tour progresses it is evident that Louis, the son of an Alabama cotton picker, will replace Jack Dempsey as boxing's most popular figure.



The Champ on his way to a workout.

The same interest which prevailed in London exists here.

Joe's schedule gains momentum today. He will visit patients at military hospitals during the day and referee a boxing show tomorrow night.

Derby Entry List Whittled As Four Are Withdrawn

LOUISVILLE, Apr. 17—Four horses have been withdrawn from the Kentucky Derby, two because of slowness in rounding into condition and two because of transportation difficulties, Col. Matt Winn has announced.

Owner Bruno Paglai, of Mexico City, notified Winn that his Don Jose H and Seeing Eye would not run in the May 6 classic because transportation from Mexico to Louisville is unavailable. And Trainer Burley Parker has withdrawn Jezrahah and Occupy, owned by John Marsch, as they have failed to show the speed they had as juveniles.

Six-Game Grid Schedule Planned by Middle Three

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Apr. 17—Lehigh, Rutgers and Lafayette, members of the Middle Three League, have released a tentative six-game schedule for 1944 which will be played among themselves.

Minor League Results

Pacific Coast League			
No games played.			
	W	L	Pct.
Los Angeles	6	0	1.000
San Diego	6	2	.750
Hollywood	5	3	.625
S. Francisco	4	4	.500
	W	L	Pct.
Portland	4	4	.500
Seattle	3	5	.375
Oakland	2	6	.250
Sacramento	0	6	.000

Eight Games Feature Start Of 1944 Race

Circuit Owners Foresee Banner Year at Turnstiles

(Continued from page 1) prematurely. Capital City fans ordinarily enjoy their inaugural day before the other clubs start, but this time the 16 teams break from the barrier on the same day.

National Leaguers will knock the lid off their season tomorrow with Boston at New York, Brooklyn at Philadelphia, Chicago at Cincinnati and Pittsburgh at St. Louis. In the junior circuit, Joe McCarthy's Bronx Bombers open at Boston, Philadelphia visits Washington where Vice-president Henry A. Wallace will throw out the first ball, Cleveland ventures to Chicago and Detroit entertains St. Louis.

Billy Southworth's Cards, having emerged from the "draft purge" with

Opening Day Lineup

NEW YORK, Apr. 17—Here are the probable pitchers for tomorrow's opening day games with last year's major league won and lost records in parentheses:

- National League
 - Boston at New York—Al Javery (17-16) vs. Bill Voiselle (1-2).
 - Brooklyn at Philadelphia—Whit Wyatt (14-5) vs. Dick Barrett (10-13).
 - Chicago at Cincinnati—Hank Wyse (9-7) vs. Elmer Riddle (21-11).
 - Pittsburgh at St. Louis—Elwin "Preacher" Roe (0-0) vs. Max Lanier (15-7).
- American League
 - Philadelphia at Washington—Luman Harris (7-21) vs. Dutch Leonard (11-13).
 - New York at Boston—Spud Chandler (20-4) vs. Emmett O'Neill (1-4).
 - Cleveland at Chicago—Al Smith (17-7) vs. Orval Grove (15-9).
 - St. Louis at Detroit—Jack Kramer (0-0) vs. Paul "Dizzy" Trout (20-12).

several veterans still on hand, rule as prohibitive betting favorite in the National League. Their opposition—more correctly termed the teams expected to battle for second place—no doubt will come from among Cincinnati, Chicago, Brooklyn and Pittsburgh, with New York a "dark horse" and Boston and Philadelphia also rans.

Southworth was forced to change his opening day pitcher when Mort Cooper, who won 20 last year, was struck on the ankle by a line drive Friday. Max Lanier, the club's leading southpaw, will draw the pitching assignment, with Cooper probably making his first start at Pittsburgh Friday. Lanier will be opposed by Rip Sewell and his tricky "cephus" dippy doodle ball.

The Yanks have lost so many players to the Services there's hardly a ripple now when another star performer is drafted.

What will happen before the 154-game grind runs its course is problematical. Observers predict Washington, studded with south-of-the-border talent, and Jimmy Dykes' Chisox will detour the Yanks, but Detroit, St. Louis and Cleveland can't be counted out.

Many former stars are hitting the comeback trail this year, two of the more popular being Chuck Klein, ex-National League homerun king with the Phils and Cubs returning to the Phils, and Al Simmons, whose slugging during the spring campaign has added ten years to the life of Connie Mack.

The only certainty about major league baseball in '44, however, is that the season opens tomorrow. Barring drastic manpower demands and other unknown factors, the teams will operate as usual over the 154-game route, plus the customary World Series.

Experts believe the Yanks and Cards will win. But this is one year when your guess is just as good as that of the Joe reading over your shoulder.

By Al Capp

L'il Abner



Fifth AFDumps Record Load on Japs in Guinea

U.S. Fliers in Widespread Raids from Kuriles To SW Pacific

American aircraft, striking over a vast arc in the Pacific Sunday, dropped nearly 300 tons of bombs on Aitape, Dutch New Guinea, besides blasting Truk atoll and Ponape Island and other pinpoints of land in the Central Pacific.

In the Aitape raid, escorted heavy and medium bombers of the Fifth Air Force struck at midday on the tiny Southwest Pacific port to destroy a small village with fire bombs and inflict heavy damage on bivouac areas and adjacent islands. Two hundred and eighty-seven tons of bombs were dropped on the base—a record for the Fifth Air Force raiders.

Bombers of the 13th Air Force again hit Truk, the once formidable base in the Caroline Islands, and bombed effectively although intercepted by Jap night fighters.

Air blows on other Jap positions in the Pacific from Nauru on the Equator to Matsura in the Kurile Islands and Dutch New Guinea also were reported.

Seventh Air Force B25s pressed home the attack on Ponape airfields, despite heavy anti-aircraft fire in the Central Pacific. A small tanker was sunk and two escort vessels were forced into the beach on the island. Navy search planes bombed Pakin Island, Oroluk and Tulul, in the Carolines.

Heavies Blast Balkan Capitals

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submarine yards, the Heinkel works at Rostock and plane components plants at Sorau, in the north, also were damaged that day.

Bad weather forced the bombers to turn back from Germany on Apr. 12, but the next day they took up their old assault on the ball-bearing works at Schweinfurt, ripping open the old wounds there, and hitting Nazi air power on the assembly lines of the Dornier bomber works at Oberpfaffenhofen and the Messerschmitt plant at Augsburg. In addition to new damage to the great Kufelfischer ball-bearing plant, much of the plant which had been repaired was blasted anew, and further attacks were made on the VKF works there.

Apr. 15 saw the attack carried out by fighters only, but on a size and over an area considered fantastically impossible as little as a year ago. P38s, 47s and 51s ranged wide over central and north-western Germany, attacking ten airfields, barge traffic, locomotives and targets of opportunity.

The week's box score listed 144 enemy aircraft destroyed by bomber gunners, 118 destroyed in combat with the U.S. fighters, and uncounted scores smashed on the ground by strafing fighters and bombs. U.S. losses were 143 heavy bombers and 64 fighters.

The whole pattern of the week summarized by air headquarters here was in obvious coordination with the attack from Mediterranean bases, where day after day Fortresses and Liberators have been smashing first at the aircraft plants of the Messerschmitt complex which sprawls across southern Germany, Austria, Hungary and the Balkans, and then at the railway facilities feeding the Russian battlefield.

RAF Wellingtons have carried the attack to those southern European targets by night, and since last Saturday the bombing of rail centers directly linked with lines to the eastern fronts has been so consistent as to bring forth unofficial declarations that the attacks were in direct support of the advancing Soviet forces.

Yesterday's Fortress attack on Belgrade was the first on the Yugoslavian capital itself, and railway yards and two units of the Messerschmitt combine were hit there.

AFN Radio Program

On Your Dial
1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.
218.1ms. 213.9ms. 212.6ms. 211.3ms. 207.3ms.

Tuesday, Apr. 18

- 1100—Spotlight on Duke Ellington.
- 1115—Personal Album—Bob Crosby.
- 1130—Great Music.
- 1150—French Lesson.
- 1200—Noon Edition.
- 1205—Barriquets Bar.
- 1300—World News (BBC).
- 1310—Melody Roundup.
- 1330—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street.
- 1400—News Headlines—Melody Mixture.
- 1430—Visiting Hour—Aldrich Family.
- 1500—Music While You Work.
- 1530—Off the Record.
- 1630—London Column.
- 1645—Miss Parade.
- 1700—Gay Nineties Revue and Program Resume.
- 1730—Joe Reichman.
- 1755—Quiet Moment.
- 1800—World News (BBC).
- 1810—GI Supper Club.
- 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
- 1905—Carnival of Music.
- 1930—Great Gildersleeve.
- 2000—News From Home—Nightly Roundup of News from the U.S.A.
- 2010—Fred Waring Program.
- 2025—Calling APOs.
- 2030—Comedy Caravan.
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2115—Hit Parade.
- 2145—USO in the ETO.
- 2200—Duffy's Tavern.
- 2225—One Night Stand with Bob Chester.
- 2255—Final Edition.
- 2300—Sign off until 1100hours Wednesday, Apr. 19.

Vets First on Ford's Peacetime Job List

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (AP)—War veterans will get first choice of jobs in Ford Motor plants after the war, Henry Ford declared today.

In a message to Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, Director of Retraining and Re-Employment, Ford said all returning servicemen have to do is "come in and go to work."

Former soldiers deserve first call for jobs, Ford added, because the others "made a lot of money from this war, and servicemen have made nothing."

Allies Pierce Anzio Front

While no new major developments were reported yesterday anywhere on the Italian fronts, Fifth Army patrols from the Anzio beachhead wrested the initiative from Von Mackensen's troops and bit deeply into German defenses around the bridgehead perimeter. One raiding party fired an ammunition dump and demolished two enemy observation posts, while another fought with rifles and grenades two miles into the Nazi lines southwest of Cisterna, on the east flank of the beachhead.

Simultaneously, other Allied patrols, following up Saturday's successful dawn raid, when 61 Germans were captured, slashed through the right flank of the perimeter at Cerrito Alto, two miles inland at the northern end of the Pontine marshes, where German activity, including tank movement, had been observed. A German self-propelled gun two miles south of Carroceto was hit by Allied mortar fire.

American and British forces have destroyed 200 German tanks or self-propelled guns and taken nearly 4,000 prisoners since the Anzio landings 12 weeks ago, Allied headquarters announced. In the same period, the Luftwaffe raided the beachhead 277 times with 2,472 aircraft, of which 176 were destroyed, and 117 more probably destroyed, by Allied AA gunners.

Nazis to 'Disappear' Into Huge Caves' Come the Invasion

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 17—The Germans, fearing heavy artillery bombardment and mass bombing on invasion day, "have blasted huge caves in the cliffs of the channel coast, where the troops can be absolutely safe," a Swedish correspondent in Berlin said today, quoting the German High Command.

"Even the operational reserves will disappear into the earth until they are needed," he added.

"It is fully realized that the Allies have prepared overwhelming material superiority which is intended to pulverize the defenses."

The dispatch revealed that Adolf Hitler, Field Marshal Karl Gerd von Rundstedt, the Nazi anti-invasion chief, and Field Marshal Wilhelm von Keitel, Hitler's chief of staff, recently conferred to discuss plans to meet the invasion.

Yanks Tell How They Fled Denmark

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 17 (AP)—The first full American Fortress crew to escape to Sweden from occupied Denmark after a forced landing there, told today how they had crawled on hands and knees through ditches, and hid in woods with a wounded comrade in order to have a chance to get back into the fight against the Nazis.

On the crew's third mission, German machine-gun fire wounded the co-pilot and damaged several of the parachutes. The ten decided to stick it out, the crew said on their arrival here from Malmoe, Sweden.

The pilot, a second lieutenant from Abilene, Kan., "pulled a miracle" by bringing what the men called their "flying patch" to rest in a Danish alfalfa field at noon last Tuesday.

Within four days the men managed to slip through German-infested Denmark to Sweden. Still wearing forest green battledress, nine of them told as much of their story as possible without disclosing the means used in escaping.

The tenth, the co-pilot, a second

Four Generals at Sergeant's Wedding



Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz with M/Sgt. Thomas Isabel and bride. Sgt. Isabel is Gen. Spaatz's chauffeur.

Four generals attended the marriage of M/Sgt. Thomas Isabel, of Earle, Ark., to WAAF Sgt. Joyce Millicent Kelley at Holy Trinity Church in London yesterday. Isabel has been Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz's chauffeur for two years. At the wedding, besides the USSTAF commander, were Maj. Gen. Fred L. Anderson, Eighth Bomber Command chief; Brig. Gen. Theodore Curtis, chief of staff; Brig. Gen. George C. McDonald, also of the Eighth; Col. W. H. Stovall,

deputy chief of staff, and several other USSTAF officers. Best man was S/Sgt. Thomas N. Gresham, of Sacul, Tex., a good friend of Isabel's and Gen. Spaatz's personal cook.

Isabel began to drive for Spaatz back in the States. He first came to the British Isles with the USSTAF commander and went with him to North Africa and finally to Italy before Spaatz returned to his original command in the British Isles.

MacArthur Not Seeking Election Mogaung Valley Cleared of Japs

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philosophy or of any personages in high office."

His assertion that he was not seeking office left open the question whether he would accept nomination if it were offered, in the opinion of correspondents at his headquarters with a knowledge of American politics.

In Washington, The Associated Press said, most Republican leaders thought MacArthur still could be regarded as a potential candidate in spite of his statement. They quoted his statement, "I have not sought office nor do I seek it now" as a plain indication that he may not be averse to letting the office seek him.

(Miller, agreeing with this interpretation, said, "I still think the general is available and can be drafted." He said he had received several hundred letters since disclosing his correspondence with MacArthur, and 70 to 80 per cent favored MacArthur's nomination.)

MacArthur said his letters to Miller "were written merely as amiable acknowledgments to a member of our highest law-making body of letters containing flattering and friendly remarks to me personally."

He said he had not received Miller's third letter, "in which he is reported to advise me to announce my candidacy for the office of President of the U.S."

UPPER MOGAUNG VALLEY, North Burma, Apr. 17 (AP)—Continued minor advances by Gen. Stilwell's Chinese troops have moved the center of the Mogaung valley line to a point barely a mile north of Warazup, 25 miles above Kamaing.

This gain has cleaned out the last Jap pocket of resistance in the area, while approximately two and a half miles to the east Chinese elements have taken the village of Tingring, where the Japanese staged a counter-attack two days ago.

It is thought that the enemy may make a major stand along a line eastward from the track junction of Pakhren Sakan, about 15 miles from Kamaing. At this point the spur of the hills juts out into the valley with two peaks more than a thousand feet high.

Near Imphal Allied positions in the hills northeast of the Imphal plain have been improved, according to Adm. Mountbatten's communiqué.

Japanese remnants are being mopped up near the hill feature captured yesterday by Allied troops.

Hitler Is 55 Today; Fallen Soldiers' Families Invited

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 17 (AP)—Adolf Hitler's 55th birthday tomorrow will be observed throughout Germany by simple ceremonies to which families of fallen soldiers will be invited, Berlin dispatches reported. There was no indication whether Hitler would speak.

NEWS FROM HOME Japs' Hatching Of War Plot in 1929 Disclosed

Documents Reveal Double-Cross Intent in Signing Of Kellogg Pact

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (AP)—Japanese double-crossing as long ago as 1929 was revealed in two volumes of diplomatic documents of that year, published today in the U.S.

The documents make it clear that even in the act of signing the Kellogg Pact, renouncing war in 1929, the Japs already were hatching war plans, which culminated in the attack on Pearl Harbor.

While professing devotion to the principles of the treaty against war, the Japanese claimed that the clause committing the signatory nations "in the names of their respective peoples," was against the constitution of Japan. Japan, they declared, could only sign in the name of their Emperor, and when they finally ratified the treaty, they included the provisional declaration that it was "understood to be inapplicable as far as Japan is concerned."

The documents revealed that later when American warships wished to visit ports in the Marshall Islands, the Japs refused to allow it, on the grounds that the sight of naval vessels would "frighten the natives."

New Airline Proposed

DENVER, Colo., Apr. 17—Establishment of a new airline system to serve 35 towns and cities in Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, Arkansas and Nebraska is proposed by Thomas E. Braniff, president of the Braniff Airways. Braniff is seeking the permission of the Civil Aeronautics board.

Cellar Disappears

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Apr. 17—Mrs. Martin Kearney went into the cellar of her home to fix the furnace. When she reached the last step most of the cellar disappeared and part of the chimney followed. The Kearney home is built over an abandoned mine.

Author's Estate \$200,000

BARNSTAPLE, Mass., Apr. 17—The late Joseph C. Lincoln, famous author of Cape Cod stories, left an estate of \$200,000. His widow, Mrs. Florence Sergeant Lincoln and his son, Joseph Freeman Lincoln, were his principal beneficiaries.

Ration Tokens as Bus Fares

CHICAGO, Apr. 17—The American Transit Assoc. has complained to the OPA that ration tokens instead of dimes are being slipped into bus registers. Complaints also have been received that the tokens are fooling bus drivers in other cities.

Big Peach, Little Pit

NAMPA, Idaho, Apr. 17—R. E. Blodgett, a nurseryman, claims he has succeeded in growing a peach which is larger than any grown heretofore, and which has a pit no bigger than that of a cherry.

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luxury items were auctioned over and over again.

Maj. Albert Elton, of Newport, Ark., sold two pairs of silk stockings for \$19. Lt. Col. Ollen Tucker, of Dallas, Tex., peddled six lipsticks for \$50.

The station induced enlisted men to contribute by promising old-fashioned fried eggs and real ice cream to the Nissen hut crew turning in the largest amount. When the campaign was over, the station needed four barracks bags to carry off notes and coins to division headquarters.

One airfield kept the campaign in mind by following up loud-speaker announcements with the injunction, "And now is the time to contribute to the Prisoner of War Fund." Another posted all bulletin boards with reminders reading, "Your goal—£500," with the result that £673 (about \$2,700) was collected. At another, close to \$5,000 was gathered by voluntary contributions alone.

Mystery Radio Call

The Slovak radio last night broadcast the following strange summons: "We ask the gentleman whom we were to call last night at 7 o'clock to report immediately to his place of assignment."

Terry and The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff

