

## Nazis Fight Bitterly for Sevastopol

**Germans Wage Stubborn Delaying Action for Last Crimea Port**

Behind extensive minefields, tank traps and road blocks, German rear-guards fought bitter delaying actions yesterday in the outskirts of Sevastopol to permit as many of their troops as possible to escape to the Black Sea, but Axis commentators admitted the battle for the port was already lost and the entire Crimea soon would be "completely in Stalin's hands."

Obviously preparing the Reich for the loss of Sevastopol, Lt. Col. Alfred Olberg, military correspondent of the German Overseas News Agency, wrote that the final battle was now on and "one thing must be borne in mind—Sevastopol has ceased to be a fortress."

"The Russians will make an all-out effort to secure the high ground and port as quickly as they can," he said. "However, the loss of 283 Soviet tanks in six days shows that the German withdrawal is well covered and strongly protected."

**'Now That We Lose It'**

Berlin radio's commentator, Gen. Dietmar, added that it would be ridiculous to deny the Crimea's importance "now that we lose it."

While columns of Gen. Feodor Tolbukhin's armies drove on the city from north and northeast, Gen. Andrei Eremenko's independent maritime army fought its way beyond the captured Baidar gate and through three valleys leading to the dominating heights of Malakhov hill, commanding a view of the whole port from the southeast.

This group, less than 11 miles south-east of the city, saw some of the sharpest fighting of the campaign only a few miles from the historic battlefield of Balaklava, scene of the "Charge of the Light Brigade."

Soviet planes struck almost continuous blows at German and Rumanian formations in the city and roamed the Black Sea in search of shipping leaving Sevastopol. One front-line report said a transport convoy making for the city to take off troops was bombed by the fleet air arm and one 3,000-ton vessel and a landing barge were sunk and other vessels damaged.

An Izvestia correspondent with the Black Sea fleet reported it was sinking large and small transports, landing barges, destroyers and cutters "in ports along the coast and on the way to Rumania." In one group of 15 barges, he said, Stormoviks sank four and badly damaged five others.

On the mainland, the armies of Marshal Ivan Konev and Gen. Rodion Malinovsky, smashing beyond the lower Dniester to open the gateway to the Danube ports and the Ploesti oilfields, were reported engaged in a battle going "full blast."

## German Stabs Repulsed On All Italian Fronts

German patrols stabbed yesterday at Allied lines at Cassino, Anzio and on the Adriatic front, but were repulsed "with loss" everywhere, according to Fifth Army dispatches from Italy.

Canadians in the Anzio beachhead inflicted casualties in a daylight jab directed against the eastern front and prepared by heavy artillery fire. Another thrust was successful against mountain positions two miles east of Cassino.

## The War Today

**Air War**—American heavy bombers strike their sixth blow at Berlin, during a day of operations ranging across enemy territory from the French "invasion coast" to the German capital. Ferocious fighter opposition reported.

**Invasion**—Britain's curb on foreign envoys' diplomatic immunity to censorship prompts predictions in Germany and neutral countries that Allied invasion is imminent.

**Russia**—Germans fight bitterly to hold back Russian advance on Sevastopol but Axis concedes port must fall soon. Two Soviet armies hold ground against strong enemy counter-attacks beyond Dniester in "gateway" to Rumanian oil fields. Axis reports Russians striking hard toward Lwow.

**Pacific**—U.S. aircraft, striking at the Netherlands East Indies, sink three ships at Timor, while other planes destroy two coastal vessels off Dutch New Guinea. Kuriles will be "invaded—but when, no one knows," Knox told the press yesterday.

# Heavies Hit from Calais to Berlin; Nazis Declare Invasion Imminent

## Reich Sees Gag On Envoys As A Sure Sign

The Nazis got a bad case of invasion jitters yesterday from Britain's drastic curb on the movements and communications of foreign diplomats.

In Germany, and in neutral countries as well, the move was interpreted as a sign that an Allied move against the continent was near. The unprecedented measure "either means an invasion bluff or a real sign of rapidly forthcoming invasion," commented a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman.

All comment from Berlin, as reported in neutral capitals last night, seemed to take the line of warning the German people in advance as to what to expect and of reassuring them that the Fuehrer was prepared to meet it.

Typical was this press conference statement of a high German General Staff officer as broadcast by the Paris radio:

"Germany is now completely ready for the Allied landings and the German people may look to the future calmly. Germany does not underestimate the significance of the Allied moves. If the first landings fall, then the Allies will still be in a position to carry out some other moves of very great importance."

**No Protests as Yet**

Britain's restrictions on the activities of foreign diplomats had brought no official protest from neutral capitals last night, but Reuter's diplomatic correspondent foresaw a probability that they would register formal protests in due course as a matter of principle.

The Stockholm newspaper, Aftonbladet said that Sweden fully understood that the step was taken by Britain for military reasons, although it added that "not even Germany in her strongest days had dared to take such action." This and other Stockholm newspapers suggested that Sweden might take similar action against the British minister.

Despatches to Swedish newspapers from Berlin, all quoting the German High Command or military circles, took the line that invasion from the west was imminent. The Berlin military spokesman declared that "many signs indicate that Anglo-American preparations have reached such an advanced stage that invasion cannot be far away," and added that "next week's weather is favorable for gigantic operations."

One German official news agency correspondent commented:

"The measure taken by the British is (Continued on page 4)

## Nazi Armies in West Told: 'Be on Your Toes'

A warning to the German armies in the west to "be on their toes" was broadcast last night by the special radio station of the German anti-invasion forces on the Atlantic coast.

The warning said: "1918 must under no circumstances be repeated. You must be on your toes in the weeks to come. When zero hour strikes, you must fight as you have never fought before."

"Courage and endurance are the slogans which your commanders give you. Every German soldier must fight like a devil in the battles ahead."

## Heavy Snowstorms Hit Midwest, 19 Inches Bury McCook, Neb.

Special Cable to The Stars and Stripes  
\*KANSAS CITY, Apr. 18 (AP)—One of the severest unseasonal snowstorms in years spread out unexpectedly over the high great plains area of western Nebraska and Kansas today, threatening livestock and halting already late farm operations. Several other Midwest States also were hit by lighter flurries.

McCook, Neb., had an unprecedented 19-inch snow and lighter precipitation was general throughout Nebraska and as far east as north central Kansas. Another snowstorm raged from Wyoming to northeastern New Mexico. Here the fall reached 12 inches and caused heavy losses among calves and lambs. Sub-freezing temperatures were general throughout the Nebraska-Kansas area last night, causing livestock men to fear for the safety of cattle and sheep.

In the Oklahoma panhandle, a 55-mile wind stirred up a duststorm which reduced visibility to less than a mile at some points. E. C. Bray, of Syracuse, in northwestern Kansas, where seven to nine inches of snow fell, said livestock had come through the winter in poor condition because of a shortage of protein feeds and he expected losses from the storm would be heavy.

In a similar storm last week, he said, two sheepmen alone lost between 1,000 and 1,400 head. Slightly higher temperatures were forecast by the Weather Bureau.

## German Invasion Precautions in Belgium



Germans, like the Allies, are taking steps to plug holes through which secret information might pass into enemy hands. Here, police in Brussels, Belgium, acting under orders from the Gestapo, frisk civilians for arms or subversive literature in the blacked-out streets of the capital. Photo arrived in London via neutral source.

## This Man's Army Has No Ban On Writing Politics in Letters

Soldiers have the right to voice individual opinions on the forthcoming Presidential campaign and any other controversial issues in America without is involved.

If a soldier is, or is not, in support of a fourth term for President Roosevelt, he can say as much. Furthermore, he can urge his family and friends to back him up. If he favors, or opposes, Gen. MacArthur or Thomas E. Dewey or Wendell Willkie or any other person, there isn't anybody who can prevent him from telling the world about it.

## Ship Spans U.S. In Record Time

**60-Passenger Liner Makes Capital from Burbank In 6 Hrs. 58 Mins.**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18—The Lockheed Constellation, largest land transport plane ever built, has brought the Pacific coast within seven hours of the Atlantic.

The big new ship, designed to carry 60 passengers, landed here at 1:54 PM yesterday, just six hours and 58 minutes after leaving Burbank, Cal.

The time was three hours and 24 minutes faster than the Los Angeles-Washington transport record established in 1935 and 30 minutes better than Howard Hughes's Burbank-to-Newark flight Jan. 19, 1937.

Hughes and Jack Fyre, who supervised the design of the new plane, were among 17 persons on board.

## Army Major, Retired At 51, Re-enlists as 1/Sgt

FORT DIX, N.J., Apr. 18—Maj. William D. Darnell retired from the Army Thursday at the age of 51, then re-enlisted yesterday as a first sergeant.

Darnell has been in the Army continuously with the exception of two months since August, 1914. He saw service in the Philippines, China and Hawaii before coming to Fort Dix in 1936.

Collective opinion, however, falls into a different category than individual opinion. And censorship forbids collective opinion.

A soldier may, for example, say in his letters how HE will vote, that HE doesn't like the way things are being run at home, that HE objects to some Congressional action, that HE thinks strikers should have their heads knocked together.

But he is not permitted to say that men of his company feel the same way or that "some of the boys got together and decided we ought to have a new dog-catcher in our town."

In the eyes of the Army the opinion of one soldier means nothing to the enemy in itself and Berlin isn't interested whether an individual agrees or disagrees with the political situation at home. But the enemy would be interested in knowing the reaction of a part or all of the U.S. Army.

The censors also said that while a soldier may criticize the Administration he cannot attack the form of government or champion the establishment of another form in its place. That comes under the heading of "subversive activity."

The yardstick employed by unit officers and base censors in passing on soldiers' mail is ETOUSA Circular 33, published Mar. 21. It says, in part:

"Statements prohibited in private correspondence are those which, in general, (1) give information useful to the enemy, (2) affect the security of the United States or its armed forces or the security of Great Britain or other allies, and (3) (Continued on page 4)

## Navy's New Wildcat In Action in Pacific

NEW YORK, Apr. 18—The Navy permitted General Motors Corp. to disclose today that a new model of the Grumman Wildcat fighter, described by Rear Adm. D. C. Ramsey, chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics, as "the best light fighter plane we have," has been in production some time and already has seen action with the Pacific fleet.

The new Wildcat will team up with the long-range Hellcats and Corsairs to give the Navy the most versatile fighter fleet in the world.

## Capital Blasted For 6th Time By USAAF

American bombers and fighters—between 1,500 and 2,000 of them—slugged their way across German skies to Berlin in daylight yesterday in a resumption of large-scale aerial assault which saw the Luftwaffe and Nazi targets hammered from the Pas de Calais to the heart of the Reich.

In a day-long assault, the Allied air command in the ETO threw light and medium bombers, heavies, and fleets of fighters into attacks on Nazi objectives in France, Belgium and straight across Germany. Battered but desperate, the Luftwaffe put up screens of fighters along the route, and some air divisions came home to tell of three-hour battles with as many as 200 Nazi fighters.

Among the day's targets, aside from those in Berlin proper, were the Heinkel bomber works at Oranienburg, some 20 miles northeast of the capital, and an aircraft components plant at Rappenhof, 35 miles northwest.

First official announcements did not list American losses or claims, but German radio broadcasts were much more conservative in tone than in recent raids. Unofficial preliminary indications were that bomber losses would be almost fantastically light.

The attack on the Berlin area was the Eighth Air Force's sixth and brought back to the ETO the major share of the three-way air pincer on Germany.

**Bulgar Rail Center Hit**

In the south, Allied bombers based in rail center linked to the Russian front, and the Soviet Air Force in the east resumed the attack with a blow at Galatz, Danube port and railroad for Nazi reinforcements bound for the Red battlefronts.

The heavy bomber attack from British bases, while including small Liberator raids on military objectives in the Pas de Calais, was aimed straight at the industrial and aircraft manufacturing center of Germany as part of the campaign to destroy the Nazi air force north and south, and at the same time to smash the continent-wide network of rail transport vital to German defenses against Allied invasion and the Russian steamroller as well.

Co-ordinated with the main blow were attacks by Marauder medium bombers against targets in northern France and railway yards at Charleroi, Belgium, while RAF and Allied Bostons, Mitchells and Mosquito bombers hit objectives behind the French coast. Ninth Air Force Thunderbolts and Allied Spitfires supported them and swept against German fighters as well.

**Fierce Air Battles**

Wary of the Forts and Libs since their first penetration to the Nazi capital on Mar. 4, the Luftwaffe put up masses of determined fighters, and from 1 PM to 4 PM German radio broadcasts gave almost blow-by-blow descriptions of the air battle in the clouds above the Reich.

Some heavy bomber divisions, however, came back late in the day—it was one of the latest large-scale raids in weeks—and reported virtually negligible fighter opposition.

Liberator formations generally reported few attacks, and meager to moderate flak. Some Fortress units described a fight for their lives with almost endless relays of fighters, while other B17 units, led by Col. Eugene A. Romig, of Byesville, Ohio, took scant punishment.

"Fighters protected our wing perfectly, (Continued on page 4)

## New B25 Has Cannon, Plus 14 Machine Guns

KANSAS CITY, Apr. 18 (Reuter)—A new model of the B25 Mitchell bomber in production in California is the world's most heavily armed plane, North American Aviation, Inc., its producer, claimed today.

The twin-engined plane has 14 .50-calibre machine-guns and one 75mm. cannon. Two machine-guns are mounted in the tail between the twin rudders. Armor has been added to protect the crew at exposed points.

The company said the speed and range were not affected by these additions.

THE STARS AND STRIPES

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Where You Come In

The British government has taken a drastic and dramatic step to prevent the leakage of any military information which might endanger the success of our forthcoming operations on the continent.

This unprecedented measure, following the ban on travel to Eire and Northern Ireland, emphasizes the vital importance of strict secrecy in connection with the moves which we know are under way.

Note that word "inadvertent." The British politely indicate that they feel the neutral diplomats would not intentionally give away any military secrets.

These measures which the British have taken can help to tighten the lid on information about what we are doing, but they cannot be entirely successful by themselves.

That's where you come in.

Siege of Sevastopol

For the second time during the present war Sevastopol is under siege—for today it is surrounded by a victorious Russian Army that has smashed its way through the Crimea in a whirlwind campaign designed to scoop up all enemy divisions rashly left on the peninsula.

In 1941 it was the Red Army that faced the horrors of siege at Sevastopol. Hitler, expecting an easy victory, had ordered its capture by Christmas, 1941; but the Russians held to each foot of ground with a tenacity that won the respect of the entire world.

But more important still, Sevastopol was a severe thorn in Germany's side through its position some 350 miles behind her fighting front in the Donetz region.

It took eight months, however, for Axis forces to break through the Sevastopol defense system, and then only after costly attacks which time and time again were thrown back by troops that refused to surrender.

Today it is the German Army that is throwing up barricades in the streets of Sevastopol, and it is possible, realizing the impossibility of large-scale evacuation, that they will elect to fight it out.

Red Army troops moving against Sevastopol have sworn an oath to complete the liberation of the Crimea by hurling the Germans into the sea.

Hash Marks

Here, for what it's worth, is the conversation that took place at a Ninth Air Force P47 station last week. The Thunderbolt pilot was coming in for a landing.

Someone's always taking the fun out of life! Houston, Texas, has a city ordinance which prohibits citizens from looking at a girl in a manner described as, "Making Goo-Goo eyes."



Department of utter confusion. A Nebraska resident received a letter from a friend in the service. It read, "We asked the censor and he said it was all right to tell you that we are at (word deleted by the Censor). That's all we can tell you, though."

This is a silly little story, we'll admit, but it just goes to show that you can get ETO-happy. A major who has been over here two years received some snapshots from his wife with a note saying, "I hope these bring back pleasant memories."

T/Sgt. H. A. Towse writes, "We thought those unsung heroes of this war, the Barracks Chiefs, might be heartened by this news. At a bomber station here a formal ceremony was held in which T/Sgt. William H. Willmen was given a sister decoration to go with his Spam ribbon—the DHMM, Distinguished House Mother's Medal—as a token of esteem and gratitude for his unswerving loyalty and devotion to duty as the Barracks Chief of Hut No. 7."

From Sgt. "South Dakota Joe" Bartos comes this appealing thought B/4 a hangar. A little too high Disorderly GI MP Van GI Can.

Sweet revenge for the mess hall crew! An unnamed GI cook connected with a bomber outfit in the South Pacific has a

swell system of making the Japs lose face. He gets one of the pilots to take him on an occasional raid and stands at an open window ladling out swill while the bomber drops its load of eggs.

Oddities in the News. In Syracuse, George Scott received permission to change his name to Wojcieth Kuc.



PRIVATE BREGER

A U.S. INFANTRY DIVISION HQ, Apr. 18—Squatting on the lawn in front of division headquarters is an antique cannon whose origin is vague but whose current history is all too vivid for some of the men in this outfit.

Revealed by shellfire in a recent invasion exercise on the evacuated coast of southern England, the rust-covered piece was described to the commanding general, who ordered that it be dug up, cleaned and placed in front of headquarters.

Then he tried to trace its history. One soldier, who claimed to be an authority on weapons, suggested that it might be one of the guns used to blitz the Spanish Armada.

Finally Graas, who was beginning to give off a haggard look, called in R. Hansford Worth, British expert on antiques. The latter viewed the cannon from various angles, made a scale drawing and sent it to the Royal United Services Institution, whose librarian, Col. E. L. Hughes, turned in a guarded statement that the piece was apparently a 32-pound ship gun of the early 19th century.

Next came an order from the general's aide to fire the gun. Ordnance was consulted and advised that the piece be moved from its location if any shooting were planned. The charge might come out the wrong end, they said, and blow the H out of HQ.

So the cannon was dragged to an open field. A 155mm. howitzer propelling charge was rammed into the bore and the muzzle filled with rocks and wet paper.

Then, after a long fuse had been attached, everybody retired about 50 yards and the charge was set off.

The recoil knocked the gun five feet back from its mounting, and the rocks went whistling up the hillside, knocking down four young maple trees en route.

The piece is back in front of headquarters on a somewhat battered mounting. It is reported that no more attempts will be made to fire it.

"And here's a picture of me staying two full minutes underwater."



Wire Work in Combat Conditions

Signal Men, in Training, Aid U.K. Phone System

By Allan M. Morrison Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

U.S. Signal Corps construction units are stringing hundreds of miles of telephone wire and cable as America's contribution to the extension of Great Britain's communications system to meet war-time needs and at the same time are getting vital training under simulated combat conditions for their all-important assignment in the approaching invasion of Europe.

Working in close liaison with British signal and engineer personnel, these GI bivouac in pup tents, subsist mainly on K and C rations, practice camouflage and protection, break camp and pitch tents again—literally living on the march—as their work of laying light and heavy pole lines and "spiral four" cables progresses through rural and urban areas of England.

Although essentially a training project, the work has become necessary by the heavy demands made on the communication system of the British General Post Office by U.S. military operations.

"In all our training we try as far as possible to simulate combat conditions," explained Capt. Samuel G. Lester, of Los Angeles, plans and training officer of a Negro signal construction battalion which has been working steadily putting down long stretches of telephone cable and overhead lines. During the building of one of the longest lines it was decided to have the men work and live as closely as possible to the pattern to be expected in combat. The bivouac site was moved frequently and quickly to give the men training for what is coming.

Signal construction units will play an important part in the invasion. In forward areas these outfits probably will be entrusted with the task of installing main communication lines. First will come the temporary field telephone lines, established often within sight of the enemy. Considerable sections of cable are buried in case their paths are crossed by friendly or enemy tanks.

As the infantry moves up, rubber-covered cable will be used to run lines back through communication zones. Still further back, open-wire heavy-pole circuits will be built linking up forward and supporting positions with rear bases.

Telephone line construction equipment in use by the Signal Corps is the same as that used by the world's greatest communications concern, American Telegraph and Telephone Co. Most spectacular are the "line truck" and "earth auger," or pole-hole digger, whose counterparts are familiar to the U.S. citizen on highways from Maine to California.

The Army also has borrowed liberally of A.T. and T.'s officials and technicians. The three chief officers of one Signal civilian telephone experience of 63 years. They are Lt.-Col. C. E. Johnson, battalion CO from San Antonio, Texas; Maj. John H. Norberg, executive officer from Providence, R.I.; and Capt. Samuel G. Lester, of Los Angeles, plans and training officer. All worked for subsidiaries of A.T. and T.

Bulk of construction activity by U.S. Signal units has provided circuits solely for use by American forces, many of them on and between airdromes of the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces and many for the ground forces and for SOS installations.

Casualties: 4 Maple Trees

19th Century (?) Cannon Fired By Yanks—They're Satisfied

By Tom Hoge Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

southern England, the rust-covered piece was described to the commanding general, who ordered that it be dug up, cleaned and placed in front of headquarters. He also ordered that a report be turned in on the history of the cannon.

With the aid of a bulldozer and a couple of dozen GIs, Capt. Otto Graas, of Baltimore, managed to hoist the ponderous weapon out of the sand and, after it had been scraped down, placed it in front of headquarters.

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Notes from the Air Force

THE abbreviation "MP" means only one thing to a Joe.

S/Sgt. Sylvester F. Dudek, of Philadelphia, formerly with the RAF and one of the most decorated men in the Eighth Air Force, was sitting in a London restaurant when the waiter came up and said that an "MP" would like to have a word with him.

That wasn't the way Dudek was used to being approached by MPs, but he told the waiter bluntly "If an MP wants to talk to me tell him to come here."

Dudek was pacified when he learned that the MP was a Member of Parliament, the British abbreviation for which is MP, and that he had noticed Dudek's ribbons and wanted the gunman to join him as his guest at the parliamentary table. The British Member of Parliament was Maj. H. A. Procter.

Dudek holds the Polish Virtuti Militari, the Cross of Valor with three bars, the British DFM and the U.S. DFC and Air Medal.

Here is a bit for the collectors of interesting items on Army classification systems:

T/Sgt. Mario V. Pisarra, a crew chief at a Ninth Troop Carrier base, was formerly secretary to New York's Mayor Fiorella LaGuardia.

LT. QUINTIN L. Quinn, who doesn't like rumors, put a stop to one breeding place last week. Quinn, an Eighth P51 pilot, strafed a German airfield, blasting an administration building, a hangar—and a latrine. Quinn used to work for the Indiana National Bank. The name of his plane? The Indiana National Bank, naturally.

A 20th century version of manna from heaven came to Jewish boys of the Ninth Troop Carrier Command over the Passover holidays. Maj. Ralph A. Hill, the command senior chaplain, flew 700 pounds of matzos to all ICC units. Each man received one one-pound box of the unleavened bread.

SGT. Robert C. Match, of Orange, Cal., came back from a Fortress raid on Germany, but only by the seat of his pants. Eight other crewmen flying the B17 Old Gatemouth had bailed out on orders from the pilot, Lt. William A. Young, of Frankfort, Ky., when flak disabled one engine, punctured a gas tank and set the right wing afire. But when Match started to get out through the escape door in the nose Young pulled him back by his pants, and after a hurried discussion decided to stay and fly co-pilot and try to get back to England. The fire eventually went out, but the ship was alone until a radio call to fighters brought an

While conversing, the captains discovered they were cousins. When they met a week later, it was their first meeting in over 25 years.

This Is The Army

CAPT. Ray T. Figley, from Oklahoma, a post utilities officer in the ETO, called up Capt. Robert M. Lingo, a Kansan, on business.

Water tanks erected by plumbers of an engineer battalion have increased protection against fire at an American supply depot here. A shortage of plumbing fixtures made it necessary to build the tanks to equalize the pressure in the principal and auxiliary mains.

The job was supervised by S/Sgt. John J. Mahoney, of Port Washington, N.Y.

ON Mar. 12, 1943, the Gomez brothers, Henry and Manuel, of San Bernardino, Cal., were separated when they were shipped to different induction centers. A year to the day later they were reunited—in England.

Now the boys are trying to track down their stepfather, also in the ETO.

Dental officers are going to school in the ETO learning how to make artificial eyes from dental plastics. Only two weeks' training is necessary providing the student already has average skill in making dental appliances.

The new method greatly cuts down the time required for manufacturing the "eye" and obviates the necessity for highly-skilled artisans with many years' experience.

Design for the plastic eye was suggested by Col. William D. White, of Oakland, Cal., chief of the Dental Division in the ETO. Experimental and technical details were developed by Capt. Stanley Erpf, of San Francisco.

THERE'S one paratrooper in the ETO who has a personal reason for wanting to jump in Germany. He's Pvt. Lother David, who wants to jump into his home town—Berlin.

David was 13 when he came to the U.S. with his mother eight years ago. He was a star swimmer in high school and after graduation worked for a while in a machine shop. He joined the army and received his citizenship papers overseas. He works in the intelligence section of his outfit.

There may be a little jive in it, but the word is going around in a colored engineer aviation regiment that T/5 Buster Keels, of Greeleyville, S.C., one of the radio operators, sent messages over the regimental station to Eastern Base Section one day recently so fast that the EBS receiver had to ask him to slow down. The catch? T/5 Keels had three years of radio at the Gerry-Spray Academy of Radio, back in Washington.



Bobby Permane, the apprentice jockey who shoved riding records into the discard by riding the five daily winners on three consecutive days during the closing Tropical Park meeting, was raised to be a singer. His parents were vaudeville people, and Bobby toured Australia and America in an act only a year before starting to ride.

Tony Amoreno, White Sox rookie and a veteran of Guadalcanal, was the first of the discharged men who failed to make the grade with a major league club. The White Sox gave him an outright release.

Harold Osborn, one of America's best high jumpers 20 years ago, will give a jumping exhibition during the Drake Relays Apr. 28-29. Osborn, now 43 and assistant track coach at Illinois, recently cleared 6 feet 4 inches, which is only 4 1/2 inches under the best that he did during his heyday.

With Chicago U. just about out of all sports pictures, the school announced its baseball call a couple of weeks back, and got only ten candidates—all with practically no experience. Just when it looked as if the sport would have to be dropped, the Navy dropped a gang of proficient personnel on the campus, and the Maroons opened with practically an all-Navy team that looks like the best team in any sport that Chicago has fielded in years.

Lt. Hal Surface and Gib Sandefer, former Hardin-Simmons student, divided honors in a recent India tennis tournament. Sandefer, now with the Red Cross, promoted the successful meet, in which Surface took the singles title by beating Franjo Kukuljevic, former Yugoslav Davis Cupper, 6-1, 6-2.

Marine Pfc Jim Austin, halfback on the 1942 Missouri football team, has set some kind of record in the Marshalls by participating in 33 landings in 23 days. Jimmy kept his fighting record even with his football record. "I felt the same way I did before the 1942 Kansas game," he said. Jimmy scored twice as Missouri beat Kansas—and accounted for at least two Japs in the Marshalls.

Gordon Rowe, manager of the 1941 Oregon State grid team that played in Durham's transplanted Rose Bowl, is in Iran serving on a railroad unit.

Jim Cleverly lived up to his name by winning places on both the Utah all-state football and basketball high school squads.

Massachusetts Tech will have the largest stroke in the country on its rowing crew this year—six-foot seven-inch Chick Street.

Larry Cowell, recently crowned 145-pound AAU wrestling champ, took 15 years to win the crown. Not a particularly outstanding grappler at Penn State, he kept up with the sport after he left school in 1930.

Marine Capt. Tommy Mann was a standout football and basketball player for the Jacksonville Naval Air Station three years ago, when he was a cadet. Now Tommy is back as instructor and coach with ten Jap planes to his credit.

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### Little Flower Advises Fans to Be Tolerant

NEW YORK, Apr. 18—Mayor Fiorella H. LaGuardia urged New Yorkers not to be too harsh on ball players this year in his weekly broadcast, saying "Don't go to the ball games in a critical frame of mind, and don't go to find fault."

New York's mayor admitted the caliber of play may not be as good as usual. "But," he said, "I have a feeling it will be better than expected. Whatever it is, it's still baseball. Go out to the parks and give the players a boost."

### 4 Kayoes Open Fight Tourney

Bannick, Barnes Score In First; Schnappauf, Webber Triumph

By Ray Lee

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer BRISTOL, Apr. 18—Four kayoes featured the first round of the Army Ground Forces boxing tourney held here this afternoon, two of them occurring in the first round. In all, 14 bouts studded the preliminary glove show.

The shortest tiff on the card was furnished by Pvt. Bill Bannick, 134-pound Pittsfield, Mass., AAU finalist, who put away Cpl. Art Hurst, 135-pound Texan from Orange, in 45 seconds of the opening stanza. After a brief session of feinting and jabbing, Bannick caught Hurst with a right to the face that had him taking the count hanging through the ropes.

Pfc Elmo Barnes, 165-pound Detroit Negro and two-time Golden Glove winner, cut loose with his powerful right to kayo S/Sgt. George DeSmet, 163-pound Chicagoan, at 1:50 of the first.

Adding another short-time win to his string of victories, Pfc Don Webber, unbeaten ETO featherweight champion from Roanoke, Va., advanced into the next flight of the bantamweight bracket when he drew a TKO over Pvt. Felix Frausto, 119-pounder from Santa Barbara, Cal., in 50 seconds of the third.

After having his hands full in the first round, Pvt. Charley Schnappauf, 139-pound welterweight from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., scored a TKO over Pfc Henry Zilazny, 143-pound Chicagoan, in 45 seconds of the third.

In other bouts: Pvt. Jimmy Dunn, Chihuahua, Mexico, 119, outpointed Pvt. Woodrow Womack, Dalton, Ga., 119.

Pfc Mickey Finnerty, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 126, outpointed Sgt. Jack Miller, Newport, Ky., 126. Cpl. Moon Mullins, Decatur, Ala., 126, outpointed Pvt. Sammy Slutsky, Philadelphia, 127. Cpl. Sal DeFini, Bronx, N.Y., 142, outpointed Pfc Harry Schneider, Pittsburgh, 140.

Pvt. Caesar Romero, Los Angeles, 154, outpointed T/4 Eddie Valles, El Paso, Tex., 154. T/5 Chet Aleksi, Brooklyn, 154, outpointed Pfc Chester Marcinkiewicz, Kalamazoo, Pa., 154.

Pfc Ed Ferris, Benton Harbor, Mich., 165, outpointed S/Sgt. Barney Villa, Greenwich, N.Y., 163.

Cpl. Art Tatta, New Haven, Conn., 168, outpointed S/Sgt. Gus Kolowicz, Elizabeth, N.J., 174.

Pfc Charles Endlich, New York, 172, outpointed Sgt. John Jones, Muskogee, Okla., 171. Pfc Erwin Moridel, Pittsburgh, 185, outpointed Pfc Anthony Rubino, Lisbon, Ohio, 192.

### The Bomber Scribbles, 'Makes a Muscle' for GI Patients



Cpl. Roland S. Benton, of Richmond, Va., sizes up S/Sgt. Joe Louis' powerful right arm while the Brown Bomber autographs Pfc Paul B. Brugger's arm-cast. Brugger is from Jackson, Mo. He and Benton are patients at an Army hospital visited by the heavyweight champion.

### Bluege's Latins Safe From Draft

Selective Service Officials Rule Aliens With Visas Cannot Be Called

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18—Joe Cambria, the Washington Senator scout who discovered the Latin-American talent on Ossie Bluege's squad, said his imported baseball ivory is immune from American draft laws, and he was backed up by Selective Service officials.

Last week the Selective Service Commission ordered the foreigners to register for service by June 12 or go home. However, Cambria pointed out that the men are here on six-month visas, after which draft authorities decided they may remain in the States, go home and return next year without draft worries.

The ruling saved the day for Clark Griffith, club president, who will rely on 12 south-of-the-border players to lead the Nats to the American League championship. Two of his players are from Cuba, the other ten coming from Mexico, Central and South America.

### Yanks Subdue Bums, 8-5, In Pre-Season Windup

BROOKLYN, Apr. 18—Johnny Lindell's homer in the ninth with two mates aboard gave the Yankees an 8-5 victory over the Dodgers here yesterday as both teams completed their training season.

### Louis Troupe Visits Hospital; 'Just What Doctor Ordered'

By Tony Cordaro

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer A WESTERN TOWN, Apr. 18—A square-shouldered, 215-pound soldier was "just what the doctor ordered" as he made the rounds of EM wards in a military hospital near here today.

"I didn't think you'd make it," said Pvt. Charles Graves, bed-stricken Philadelphia Negro, as his guest extended his huge right paw to shake hands. "Glad I could," replied S/Sgt. Joe Louis Barrow, heavyweight champion of the world.

### Paratroopers In Field Meet

A PARATROOP STATION, Apr. 18—The biggest track and field event ever staged by one unit in the ETO will hit the sports spotlight tomorrow when this outfit unveils a field day with all the trimmings. Spectators will include GIs, Allied servicemen and nearby villagers.

In addition to the standard track and field events, novelty races will be run and a baseball game will be played, the unit's "brass hats" battling the enlisted men.

### Cubs Claw White Sox, 7-6, But Drop Windy City Series

CHICAGO, Apr. 18—The Chicago Cubs defeated the White Sox, 7-6, yesterday in the finale of their cross-town exhibition series but the Sox won the series, 3-2.

The Cubs blasted Johnny Humphries and Buck Ross for ten hits, including four runs off Humphries in the second.

### Dodgers Have Redskin With Color

By Frank Eck

Associated Press Sports Writer NEW YORK, Apr. 18—He talks with the rapid-fired assuredness of a Dizzy Dean, acts just like Kirby Higbe and what's more, even wears Higbe's old No. 13 uniform. That's Thomas Warren, 190-pound Brooklyn Dodger rookie pitcher.

He's the most colorful hopeful in the Dodger fold. A lot of people, including Manager Leo Durocher, are going to be mighty disappointed if he doesn't make good.

Warren is 23 years, six feet, one inch and hails from Tulsa, Okla. His maternal grandmother was a full-blooded Creek Indian.

He enlisted in the Navy the day after Pearl Harbor, sustained a concussion Nov. 8, 1942, at Casablanca and spent ten months in the St. Albans (N.Y.) Naval Hospital. His brother Larry, 21, is aboard a warship in the Pacific.

Tommy, the first wounded veteran of World War II signed by a major league club, has been out of baseball two years, but his workouts in spring training left little to be desired.

He has maximum confidence in his



Tom Warren

abilities. Some might call it overconfidence, but along the banks of Brooklyn's Gowanus Canal they call it guts. Durocher doesn't say so but you can sense it that Warren is the kind of a ballplayer Lippy wants in his club.

Tom is a right-hander, throws overhand and underhand and has a knuckler, but he's apt to get into many games as a hitter. He bats from either side of the plate and when Tom Greenwade, Dodger scout, saw him before war broke out, he was an outfielder.

"I never saw him pitch, but he can hit and run and that's enough for me," says Greenwade. "He's the fastest man on the club."

Warren may not resemble any of these stars at the plate, but he's certainly got a head start on them when it comes to color.

When Elmer Durrett, young outfielder who spent 21 months on Guadalcanal, interrupted Warren during a trip from Bear Mountain to West Point with the remark: "You act just like Higbe," Warren's reply was:

"Yea. But Higbe couldn't hit left-handed."

This was but one of nearly 50 similar scenes which took place today when the Bomber met and joked with patients in several military hospitals. They all wanted a look at the champ, and Joe had a few cheerful words for everybody on his rounds.

The ailing servicemen who could stand at the foot of their cots. Those who couldn't remained propped up in their beds as the Brown Bomber walked down the aisles to shake hands with his hosts. The hand-clasping routine met frequent interruptions for autograph requests on bandages, casts, medicine bottles, books and money.

"I would rather fight Max Baer, Tony Galento and Billy Conn the same night than disappoint those guys," Joe remarked as he exited from one ward.

There were no curtain calls for Louis' role as doctor today. Nevertheless, it served its purpose. As one patient put it, "Joe is a prescription of cheerfulness wrapped up in 215 pounds of real people."

Pvt. Francis Schooling, of N. Hollywood, Cal., was asked, "Were you surprised to meet Joe in person?"

"I was speechless," he retorted. "But not for long. His simplicity puts you at ease at once."

Louis, who is on a worldwide exhibition boxing tour of Allied posts, will lace on the padded mitts for his first official ring appearance in the ETO here tomorrow night.

Capt. Fred Maly, Special Service officer of the War Department who is in charge of the tour, announced late this afternoon that the heavyweight champion would box both of his sparring partners tomorrow night, 1/Sgt. George Nicholson, of New York, and Sgt. Bob Smith, of Detroit, going two rounds with each.

A third two-round exhibition bout will be between S/Sgt. James Edgar, of Detroit, and Sgt. Jackie Wilson, of Los Angeles. They are ranking welterweights.

### Minor League Results

| Pacific Coast League |   |             |                 |
|----------------------|---|-------------|-----------------|
| San Francisco        | 4 | Portland    | 2 (first game)  |
| San Francisco        | 5 | Portland    | 1 (second game) |
| San Diego            | 5 | Oakland     | 0 (first game)  |
| Oakland              | 6 | San Diego   | 3 (second game) |
| Hollywood            | 3 | Seattle     | 1 (first game)  |
| Seattle              | 6 | Hollywood   | 5 (second game) |
| Sacramento           | 2 | Los Angeles | 1 (first game)  |
| Sacramento           | 2 | Los Angeles | 1 (second game) |
| W L Per.             |   | W L Per.    |                 |
| Los Angeles          | 6 | 2           | .750            |
| Portland             | 4 | 6           | .400            |
| San Diego            | 7 | 3           | .700            |
| Seattle              | 4 | 6           | .400            |
| San Francisco        | 6 | 4           | .600            |
| Oakland              | 2 | 7           | .286            |
| Hollywood            | 6 | 4           | .600            |
| Sacramento           | 2 | 6           | .250            |

### Li'l Abner



By Al Capp

# Allied Planes Pound Timor, Sink 3 Ships

## 3 Other Vessels Damaged By Raiders; 2 Guinea Bases Are Blasted

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Apr. 18—Striking at Japan's supply line from Java to outlying eastern outposts in the Netherland East Indies, U.S. medium bombers and long-range fighters hit Timor yesterday, sinking three cargo vessels and damaging two others, while Fifth Air Force aircraft blasted two bases in Dutch New Guinea, destroying two other small ships.

Operating from bases in north-central Australia, the U.S. planes flew over the Timor Sea at night to score many hits on buildings, causing big explosions. Fighters blasted five enemy ships off Roti Island, on the southwest coast of Timor.

In the New Guinea assaults, heavy and medium bombers, escorted by fighters, hit Hollandia at midday, leaving jetties and one vessel in flames. Burning fuel dumps blanketed all targets with smoke rising to 5,000 feet.

Other bombers and fighters of the Fifth Air Force and 13th Air Force hit Rabaul, New Britain, Namatanai, New Ireland; Madang, New Guinea, and Aitape, Dutch New Guinea, where one other ship was sunk.

# U.S. Warships, Planes 'Running Out of Targets'

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18—American warships and aircraft are "running out of targets" in the Pacific, Rear Adm. George F. Hussey, chief of the Navy's Ordnance Bureau, asserted today at Navy Secretary Knox's press conference.

Adm. Hussey spoke of constant improvements in armament on U.S. ships, and said that it took only one-third as many rounds of ammunition per Jap plane shot down as it did at Pearl Harbor.

He also revealed that some naval landing craft were equipped with rocket guns to blast at isolated enemy shore positions as the craft hit the beach.

Knox, at the same time, said that Japanese outposts in the North Pacific—the Kurile Islands—would be "invaded sometime, but nobody knows when."

The discussion was prompted by relentless bombings on the island chain in the last five days. The Kuriles are a series of mountainous volcanic islands stretching north 500 miles from the Jap mainland island of Hokkaido to within a few miles of Russian territory in Siberia.

# Big Battle Going On South of Imphal

NEW DELHI, India, Apr. 18 (UP)—A battle which may decide the campaign for Imphal now is being fought at Bishenpur, south of Imphal, where the Japs today were trying to encircle a British garrison defending the city. British troops drove the enemy from hill positions near the city, one dispatch said.

Southeast of this point, the Japs also were making strong attacks.

On the Kohima-Dimapur road, some 50 miles north of Imphal, British troops were beating off Japanese attacks from positions they wrested from the enemy. Enemy pressure on Kohima itself, which was never yielded despite desperate Japanese attacks, was increasing slightly.

# Col. Price Is Decorated For Leaflet Force Work

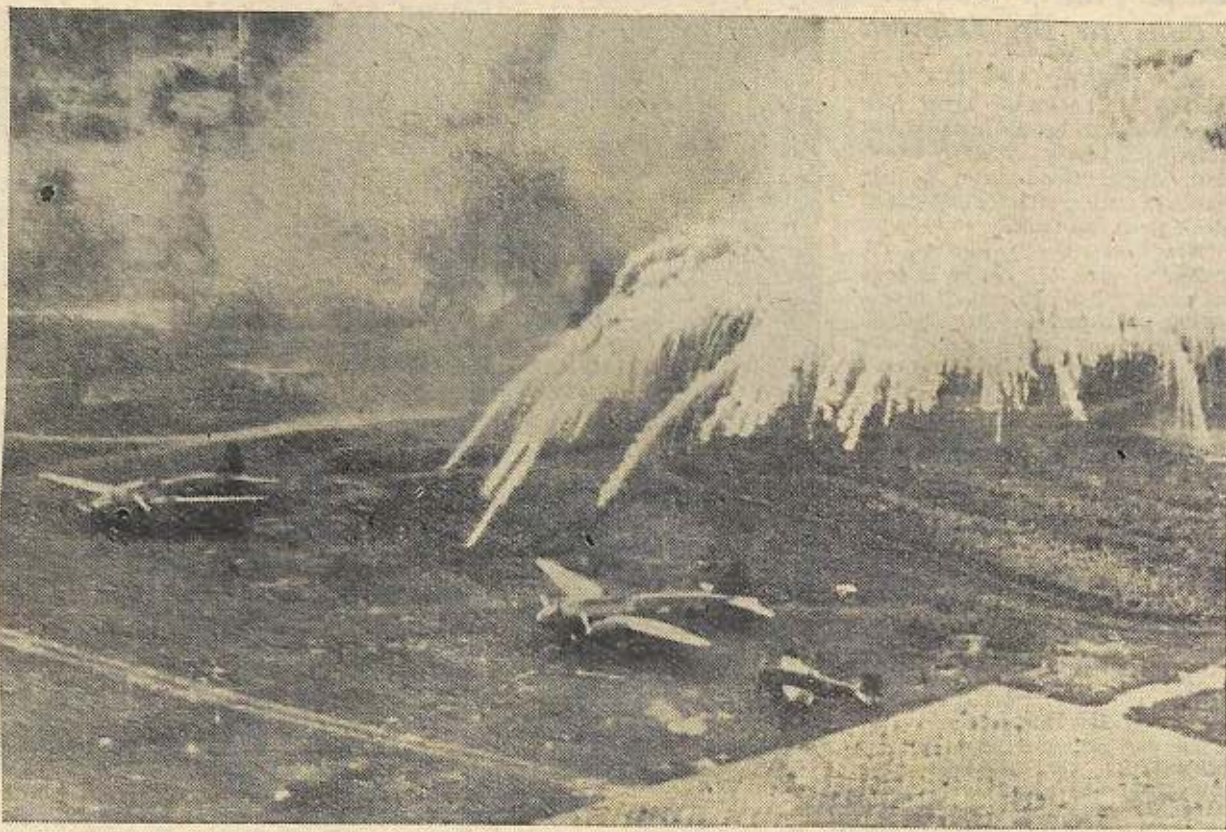
A FORTRESS DIVISION HQ, Apr. 18—Lt. Col. Jerald C. Price, of Estes Park, Col., has been awarded the Legion of Merit for his work in modifying equipment and training men for special missions on which Eighth Air Force planes have been dropping leaflets over Nazi Europe, it was announced.

The award was presented by Brig. Gen. Robert B. Williams, division commander. Col. Price, now an assistant operational officer, originally was a Fortress squadron commander, and has been on more than 30 missions over Europe. He also holds the DFC with one cluster and the Air Medal with three clusters.

# AFN Radio Program

- On Your Dial**  
 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.  
 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.
- Wednesday, Apr. 19**
- 1100—Spotlight on Tony Pastor.
  - 1115—Personal Album—Martha Stewart.
  - 1130—Music in Three-Quarter Time.
  - 1150—French Lesson.
  - 1200—Noon Edition.
  - 1205—Barracks Buz.
  - 1300—World News (BBC).
  - 1310—Melody Roundup.
  - 1330—Andre Kostelanetz.
  - 1400—Headlines—Jack Payne's Orchestra.
  - 1430—Visiting Hour.
  - 1500—Music While You Work.
  - 1530—Off the Record.
  - 1630—Love Ranger.
  - 1700—Tommy Dorsey Program and Program Resume.
  - 1730—The Little Orchestra—directed by Jack Hardy.
  - 1755—Quiet Moment.
  - 1800—World News (BBC).
  - 1810—GI Supper Club.
  - 1850—Army Talks.
  - 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
  - 1905—Rhapsody in Khaki.
  - 1935—McGee and Molly.
  - 2000—Baseball, Opening ceremonies of 1944 to Major League, Ebbets Field, Brooklyn.
  - 2100—World News (BBC).
  - 2115—Bob Hope Show—with Frances Langford, Vera Vague and Jerry Colonna.
  - 2145—Show Time—Dinah Shore.
  - 2200—RAF Symphony.
  - 2255—Final Edition.
  - 2300—Sign off until 1109 hours Thursday, Apr. 20.

# Incendiaries Rain Fire on Rabaul Airfield



Burning fragments of a phosphorus bomb scatter with deadly effect on Lakunai airfield, Rabaul, New Britain, during a raid on the Jap stronghold by 13th Air Force medium bombers from bases in the Solomon Islands.

# U.S. Opens Trial Of 30 Fascists

## Pelley, Viereck, Kunze Accused of Inciting Disloyalty in Forces

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18—In a tense, packed court room, 30 of the nation's most prominent pro-Fascists, including Silver Shirt leader William Dudley Pelley, George Sylvester Viereck and Bund leader Gerhard Kunze, went on trial today on charges of conspiring to incite disloyalty in the armed forces.

From its first moment, the trial promised to be a prolonged, bitterly contested, melodramatic affair. The defendants, indicted Jan. 3 after investigations which Attorney General Francis Biddle said were begun as long ago as June, 1940, included not only Pelley, Viereck, a writer, and Kunze, but also Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, author of "The Red Network," Lawrence Dennis, known as "the brains of American Fascism," and Joseph McWilliams, alleged Bronx (N.Y.) Jew-baiter.

# Raids - - - -

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and not a single Jerry bothered us," said Col. Romig. "We ran into moderate flak, but it did not interfere with our bombing run."

Surprising to all the formations heading into Germany's heaviest flak belt was the relatively light anti-aircraft defense. A few groups met intense fire, but only for a short time, while most other reports described it as only moderate.

Weather varied, and while the Nazis complained over the radio that heavy clouds interfered with their interceptors, 1/Lt. Warren S. Emerson, Neligy, Ind., fighter pilot, came home to report: "Clouds of black smoke covered the city, punctuated by a big red ball of fire."

P38 Lightnings, P47 Thunderbolts and P51 Mustangs, drawn from both the Eighth and Ninth Fighter Commands, flew in relays with the bombers, carrying on their campaign to exterminate the Luftwaffe before invasion, which up to yesterday morning had accounted for 268 enemy aircraft in air combat during April for the loss of 115 U.S. fighters. In addition, scores of enemy planes have been destroyed on the ground, and 220 others shot down by bomber gunners for the loss of 185 four-engine craft.

The last time Allied bombs fell on Berlin was the night of Mar. 24, when the RAF heaped some 2,750 tons on it. Since the real Battle of Berlin began, the RAF and USSTAF probably have dropped almost 35,000 tons on the Nazi capital and its immediate industrial suburbs.

# 100,000 Veterans of This War Receiving Benefits, Says Hines

READING, Pa., Apr. 18—Twenty-eight months after America's entry into the war, more than 100,000 veterans of the present conflict or their relatives are receiving monthly benefit payments from the Veterans' Administration, Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines revealed.

In a speech here yesterday, he disclosed that the administration already had hospitalized 52,000 veterans of the present war, of whom all but 11,000 had been discharged by Feb. 29 as no longer requiring hospital treatment.

Asserting that his agency possessed "the largest group of modern, fire-proof hospitals to be found anywhere in the world"—51 for the care of general medical and surgical cases, 29 for neuropsychiatric patients and 13 for tubercular cases—Hines declared:

"When the war is over the Veterans' Administration will embark upon the greatest peacetime hospitalization program in the history of the world."

"More than 15,000,000 veterans will be eligible for hospitalization if needed, regardless of service-connection, including several hundred thousand young women."

"By the time the veterans of the present war reach the present age of the First World War, I anticipate that the Veterans' Administration will need 300,000 beds of all types."

At present, he said, the administration had 87,000 beds of all types "and in a little more than two years we will have 104,000."

Hines said more than \$109,000,000 of insurance had been written for the armed forces—"the equivalent of three-fourths of all the private insurance outstanding in the U.S. prior to the war."

# Censorship - -

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are likely to embarrass the United States in its relations with Great Britain or other allies."

That, incidentally, is the regulation that prohibits soldiers from writing anything which may be considered unduly derogatory to any of the Allied nations or their people.

A soldier may disagree with the political methods, platform and activities of the President, Vice-President, Congress and its members, the Secretary of War, other government officials and state legislators. But, under Article of War No. 62, the soldier is forbidden under threat of court martial from using "contemptuous or disrespectful language" in connection with the aforementioned.

It is also pointed out that soldiers cannot write to senators or representatives direct on political matters affecting the Army as long as they are in uniform, according to Army Regulation 600-10, which says: "Except as authorized by the War Department, efforts by any person in the active military services of the United States to procure, or oppose, or in any manner influence, legislation affecting the Army . . . are forbidden. No arm, service or bureau chief . . . and no person in the active military service of the United States will apply to Congress, committees of Congress or to any member of Congress for the enactment or in opposition to or for the purpose of influencing legislation of any kind without the prior approval of the Secretary of War."

A soldier who wants to have his personal opinion on legislation or any other subject published in a newspaper or periodical may do so, but must enclose the letter in another envelope addressed to the Chief Press Censor, ETOUSA, APO 887, U.S. Army, for press censorship.

# Nazi Jitters - -

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a hysterical one, even if we live on the eve of an invasion. From a military point of view the measure is justified only if invasion follows the diplomatic ban within 24 hours. If invasion is to follow in several days' time, or even only after several weeks, the British government would be the subject of ridicule."

In this connection, the BBC broadcast instructions to Frenchmen yesterday to store up food because "even after the liberation it must be understood that all the Allied fleets will be engaged in military operations, and that the food supplies they will be able to ship to liberated countries will not be very abundant."

"Time is getting short," the French were told. "This must be done now."

The London diplomatic restrictions announced late Monday night apply to all diplomats, Allied as well as neutral, except those of the United States, Russia and the British Dominions. It does apply, however, to neutral Eire. It forbids the envoys, their representatives or couriers to leave the British Isles, prohibits them from sending coded messages, and subjects all their dispatches to censorship.

# Elliott Roosevelt's Wife, In Texas, Granted Divorce

FORT WORTH, Tex., Apr. 18—Ruth Googins Roosevelt was granted today a divorce from Lt. Col. Elliott Roosevelt, one of the President's sons.

She testified that her husband had asked her to institute the proceedings and that he admitted he did not love her. Roosevelt is at present with the U.S. Army Air Force in Britain.

# NEWS FROM HOME

## McNutt: U.S. Needs 900,000 Workers Soon

### Next 6 Months Will Pose Greatest Manpower Test Yet, He Says

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18—The U.S. in the next six months will face its greatest manpower task yet, finding 900,000 additional workers to replace men and women entering the armed forces and to increase the personnel of some vital industries, War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt said today.

"We have long since reached the bottom of the manpower barrel," he said in a report issued on the second anniversary of the WMC's establishment, "but this cannot prevent us from facing our obligation to get these workers somehow."

He revealed that 11,000,000 persons were in the armed forces and 51,500,000 in the civilian labor force.

# Crowds Annoy K.C. Bus Driver

KANSAS CITY, Kan., Apr. 18—After pleading in vain with struggling passengers not to crowd his packed bus the driver climbed from his seat, fought his way through the door and told them: "OK, now try and get home," and headed for home. The company had to send along another bus and driver to pick them up.

# Strikers Would Lose 'E' Flag

AKRON, Ohio, Apr. 18—K. P. Seiberling, president of the Seiberling Rubber Co., told workers that if another strike occurs at the plant during the war he is going to take down the Army-Navy "E" flag and return it to the Under-Secretary of War. Productions on army truck tires recently was halted for two days because of a work stoppage.

# Planes Buzz Coyotes

WOODWARD, Okla., Apr. 18—A thousand hunters, aided by planes, Sunday were waging a four-day war on coyotes, annual menace to western Oklahoma ranches, along the Texas border to Frederick. Civil air patrol planes dive to scare the coyotes from their lairs, and farmers shoot them down.

# Dodged the Golden Gates

DULUTH, Ga., Apr. 18—Navy Warrant Officer Amos Drexel Bagley attended the Baptist church Sunday where a memorial funeral service for him was conducted in 1941. His family and friends attended the service after being wrongly notified of his death when his ship was bombed at Pearl Harbor.

# SOS Chief's Daughter Enlists

SWEETBRIAR, Va., Apr. 18—Susan Somervell, 21-year-old daughter of Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, Service Forces chief, Sunday was inducted into the WAC. She is a student at Sweetbriar College, and will be allowed to complete her senior year.

# Posse Rides Again

BRINGHAM, Utah, Apr. 18—Because many cowboys have gone off to war cattleman John Adams has hired the Weber county horse posse to help him with the spring roundup on his 20,000 acre ranch.

# Medal Sought for GI, Rescuer of 2 Children

The Soldier's Medal has been recommended for T/5 Otis B. Carrick, of San Francisco, identified Monday as the American soldier who last week rescued two of four children trapped by fire in a house in Kingston.

Carrick, a clerk attached to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters, entered the burning building before fire-fighting apparatus arrived. One of the children he could not reach was burned to death. Carrick left the scene before he could be identified by onlookers, who claimed he made "several trips into the building."

# Badoglio Cabinet Quits, He'll Form a New One

Marshal Badoglio's cabinet has resigned, and King Victor Emmanuel has asked him to form a new government, Algeris radio has reported.

Badoglio was asked to form his new cabinet "on a broader base" in accordance with the desires of the various political parties, the announcement said.

# Terry and The Pirates



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