

U.S. Army Seen Ready For Invasion

Mock Battle Against Larger British Forces Proves Mettle

By Charles F. Kiley
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A force of hard-hitting and aggressive American soldiers, among those slated to form part of the invasion spearhead when the Allied blow on the Continent is struck, today bears the stamp of ably-trained troops, as fit for battle as any the United States ever sent into action, following recent large-scale maneuvers in which it operated against a larger force of British armor, infantry and provisional units.

Among the enthusiastic comment on the part played by these soldiers in their initial battle practice against Allied forces in Britain was that of Maj. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, one of the high-ranking American observers.

"I believe they are as well prepared for actual combat as any men we've ever sent into action," he said. He praised the spirit they displayed throughout the three-day theoretical battle.

'Foe' Three Times the Size

In the role of an Allied army, charged with destroying a German army in flight, the British armored force was three times as large as the defenders, played by American infantry and artillery supported by a regiment of British Lancers' reconnaissance gun carriers.

Without a tank corps of their own to make a stand and fight, the Americans were forced to use speed and deception, carefully camouflaged anti-tank and artillery positions in a delaying action. They operated so well they delayed the scheduled finish of the "battle" for almost 12 hours.

An example of the Americans' hard-hitting spirit was displayed by a detachment of Rangers, commanded by Maj. Randolph Milholland, of Cumberland, Md. The unit carried out a night raid and was credited with "annihilating" an electrical maintenance unit used as a workshop of the armored force, "destroying" all equipment and causing casualties among its personnel.

The Rangers, with blackened faces and using rubber-soled shoes, struck swiftly across a distance of 40 miles by truck and through cross-country to make the attack.

Air-Ground Cooperation

The American artillery, under Maj. Al Gardner, of Baltimore, used reconnaissance planes for observation and frequently caught the advancing forces off guard.

Col. Philip Wood, of Bar Harbor, Me., commanding all American forces, played a major role in the action by skillfully placing anti-tank guns at cross-roads and junctions and holding up tank columns for hours at a time.

Infantrymen, armed with bazooka guns and hidden in positions off the road, were credited with knocking out a number of Bren carriers and disabling tanks.

Other infantrymen scattered anti-tank and personnel mines, as well as booby traps.

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Japs on Kiska Are Outflanked

WASHINGTON, May 3 (UP)—By completing the occupation of the island of Attu the Americans have outflanked Kiska, the main Japanese base in the Aleutians, and made a great stride towards removing the Japanese threat to the air route between Alaska and Siberia.

All organized Japanese resistance on Attu has now collapsed, a Navy Department spokesman stated yesterday. Tokyo admitted that the fighting there is over, and last night's Washington communique indicated that only a few snipers were left alive.

In the Southwest Pacific explosions went on for ten minutes after a raid by Allied heavy bombers on Wewak, Japanese base on the north coast of New Guinea. Many fires were started during the attack in which 13 tons of fragmentation and incendiary bombs were dumped on dispersal and supply areas.

USAAF Helps Chinese

CHUNGKING, May 31 (AP)—Chinese forces, supported by the 14th U.S. Air Force, have occupied a number of points in the Hupuh-Hunan border region in an "all front" counter-offensive in Central China, a communique from Chinese headquarters reported today. Enemy communications had been cut at many points, east of Lake Tunting, the communique added.

Stilwell Here, Sees Leaders After White House Conferences

Returning to Post, U.S. Chief in Orient Meets Allied Generals

Tough, battle-wise Lt. Gen. Joseph W. (Vinegar Joe) Stilwell—he said the Japs "licked hell out of us and it was damned humiliating"—was in London yesterday, en route from Washington back to his own command in China, India and Burma.

During his few days here, Gen. Stilwell is conferring with American and British officers, comparing notes and discussing the complicated but vital integration of plans for the successful prosecution of world-wide war.

Greeted by Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers soon after he arrived by plane from the United States, Gen. Stilwell hurried to a series of meetings which he described as "just one big military conference, all the way home."

"I'm just calling on commanders and checking their tactics," he explained.

Gen. Stilwell participated in the Washington talks between British and American political and military leaders and it was assumed that his visit here might be to inform commanders in this theater of operations of decisions reached during the Washington conferences.

Asked what he thought about the air assault on Germany and Italy, Gen. Stilwell made the kind of a reply for which he is famous in the Army:

"Heavy bombardment by large numbers of planes over long distances is a very interesting subject."

He added that he was "greatly impressed" by the ability of Liberators to fly long distances, unescorted, and carry out accurate bombing missions.

There was not the slightest official hint that his interest in long-range bombing might have anything to do with future attacks from bases under his command on the Japanese mainland, but there wasn't the slightest official indication that



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo
Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell

that would be a bad guess. Before continuing on to the East, Gen. Stilwell will have talked with Gen. Idwal Edwards, ETO chief of staff; Maj. Gen. S. W. Kirby, representing Gen. Wavell; Maj. Gen. R. M. M. Lockhart, military secretary for India, and Air Vice Marshal C. E. H. Medhurst, assistant chief of staff of the Air Staff.

Accompanying Gen. Stilwell are Brig. Gen. R. D. Old, chief of staff, Tenth U.S. Air Force, and Col. Frank Merrill, Gen. Stilwell's operational assistant.

Eighth Air Force Dropped 70% More Bombs on Nazis in May

American bombers dropped 70 per cent more bombs on objectives in France, Germany, Belgium and Holland during the month of May than they have in any one of the ten months since U.S. planes first flew from bases in Britain, a tabulation revealed yesterday.

Fortresses and Liberators hit 18 individual targets in nine days of operations during the month.

Bomber Command also disclosed yesterday that 351 enemy fighters were destroyed during the first eight raids of the month—an average of almost 34 German planes a raid. This figure does not include enemy aircraft destroyed on the St. Nazaire-La Pallice-Rennes operation last Saturday, totals for which have not yet been compiled.

The number of U.S. bombers lost has increased as the number of raiders increased. Sixty-two heavy bombers were reported missing on the nine May operations. The previous high for losses was 28, in April.

The announcement that 70 per cent more bombs were dropped in nine raids in May than were dropped in March's nine, presumably indicates that 70 per cent more bombers took part in the operations. No announcement has been

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ETO Navy HQ Ends Bond Drive

90% of American Sailors In London Sign up For Allotments

The Navy's War Bond campaign in London closed yesterday—just 48 hours after it was launched by Adm. Harold R. Stark—with at least 90 per cent of the Bluejackets and officers in Comnavue Headquarters allotting more than ten per cent of their legally allotable pay.

Lt. Cmdr. H. C. Gilmore, co-ordinator of War Savings Bonds, announced the successful conclusion of the whirlwind campaign at 4 P.M.

By virtue of its bond-buying record, Comnavue Headquarters becomes the first overseas naval activity eligible for the Secretary of Navy's Bond Flag. In order to win the flag, at least 90 per cent of the activity's personnel must allot ten per cent of its pay for at least two months.

The bonds are being bought by sailors and officers through an allotment plan handled by Lt. Writner Hostetter, Comnavue disbursing officer who acts as issuing agent.

Later, bond-buying campaigns will be conducted in all other activities in Comnavue. Because it has an accredited issuing agent, Naval Operating Base at Londonderry also may become eligible for the Bond Flag if Bluejackets on that base meet the Secretary of Navy's standard of excellence.

Minor naval activities in the European command will be eligible for Minute Men Flags to be presented by Admiral Stark.

Two activities, the naval liaison offices at Cardiff and Belfast, already are enrolled 100 per cent in the Navy payroll allotment plan.

Lt. Cmdr. Gilmore said that the bond campaign also would be carried to U.S. forces afloat in European waters.

In signing his allotment form launching the campaign, Adm. Stark said: "Because we wear uniforms, it does not mean that we are not a part of the civilian population of the United States. As patriotic American citizens, we must contribute our share of cash to the war effort."

In addition to the allotment program, facilities now are available which permit all naval personnel in Comnavue to purchase War Savings Bonds for cash.

100 Forts Hit Naples In Port's 70th Raid; Islands Are Pounded

Axis Has June Jitters, Names 22nd as Der Tag

The Axis has got the June jitters. The overseas service of Goebbels' propaganda organization actually came out yesterday with June 22 as the invasion day, which it credited to neutral correspondents in London.

"Today," said Berlin, "everybody talks about this day, which is the anniversary of the Franco-German armistice. The press is openly mentioning the day, after even a hint to such an effect had been prohibited in the past."

"The majority of people compare the present air raids on Italy, Germany and France with the artillery barrage immediately preceding an infantry attack."

Army Opening 'Pro' Stations In ARC Clubs

Six London Clubs Aiding Anti-VD Campaign; Others to Follow

Prophylactic stations have been opened in six American Red Cross clubs in the London area in an attempt to increase their use by U.S. soldiers.

"Prophylactic stations have been a failure because the boys don't use them," according to Lt. Col. Paul Padgett, chief of the section for venereal disease control of the division of preventive medicine, Office of the Chief Surgeon, ETO.

The Red Cross clubs in which the stations have been opened are: Rainbow Corner, Shaftesbury Ave., W1; Milestone Club, High St., Kensington, W8; Hans Crescent Club, Hans Crescent, SW1; Duchess Club, for Negro soldiers, 1 Duchess St., W1; Liberty Club, Upper Woburn Place, and the Victory Club, Portman St.

Other stations in London are located at the Military Police Headquarters and at the General Dispensary.

Stations also have been set up in 12 Red Cross clubs in provincial towns in the British Isles, and more will be established in the near future.

Nazi Sabotage School

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP)—J. Edgar Hoover, FBI chief, giving a warning that more Nazi spies might attempt to invade the United States, said that over a score of saboteurs were being trained by the German High Command at a Berlin sabotage school and would be sent to all parts of the world to obstruct the war effort.

Seven Fortress Gunners Share Record Bag of 11 Enemy Planes

Gunners of a Flying Fortress piloted by 1/Lt. Robert H. Smith, of Lamesa, Tex., set a new ETO record for enemy planes shot down on a single operation when they destroyed 11 German fighters in the raid on Wilhelmshaven, Eighth Air Force Headquarters announced yesterday.

After the 11th victory, the Fort was forced down in the North Sea. The crew took to rubber dinghies and was rescued 30 hours later by a British ship.

Lt. Smith's crew surpassed the previous high of ten enemy fighters chalked up by the crew of Capt. Allen V. Martin, of San Francisco, during the Renault raid, Apr. 4. The third highest mark is held by the crew of 1/Lt. William J. Casey, of San Francisco, who shot down seven planes in 12 minutes over St. Nazaire, Nov. 23, 1942.

The box score of Lt. Smith's crew on their record-breaking flight reads:

S/Sgt. Arthur R. Adrian, Milwaukee, ball turret gunner, three Nazi planes destroyed; S/Sgt. Billy J. Lamb, Belton, Tex., tail gunner, two destroyed; S/Sgt. Wayne J. Gray, Coraopolis, Pa., bombardier, two; T/Sgt. Kendrick Kate, Manchester, N.H., radio gunner, one; S/Sgt. Clarence W. Durham, Chattanooga, Tenn., right waist gunner, one; 2/Lt. Robert McCallum, co-pilot, Omaha, Neb., one, and T/Sgt. Bennett F.

Buchanan, Fort Worth, Tex., top turret gunner, one.

The first plane was shot down by Sgt. Adrian before the Fortress reached Wilhelmshaven. After "Bombs away," Sgt. Gray destroyed the second Nazi fighter.

Crossing the coast line, heading home, the ship was hit and left its formation. Oil pressure on No. 4 engine dropped and the No. 2 prop began to "run away."

Then, with the oxygen system "out," the cowling shot off No. 2 engine and oil pouring from No. 4, 15 Nazi fighters attacked. The gunners got two more.

Sgt. Gray shot down his second plane and the crew's fifth. Fires started in the Fort's tail section and the ball turret. Five more enemy planes were shot out of the sky.

Only one Nazi remained, but the bomber's only ammunition was in the top turret. Co-pilot McCallum went up into the turret and the record-breaking eleventh plane went to the ground.

Two other crew members who helped keep German planes away, but were not credited with "destroyed," were: 2/Lt. Dan J. Barberis, of North Bergen, N.J., the navigator, and S/Sgt. Aygnund C. Warminski, of Hamtrck, Mich., left waist gunner.

Vesuvius of Bombs Covers Plane Plant And Airdrome

By the United Press

Naples, the biggest city in Southern Italy and the chief Axis base in the Mediterranean, was attacked from the air for the seventieth time yesterday.

More than 100 Flying Fortresses struck at the port of Naples and the neighboring plane factory at Pomigliano and the airdrome at Capodichono.

"We took a little more shine off the Italian boot," was how one member of a bomber crew summed up the attacks. "Both the factory and the airdrome were covered better than Vesuvius covered Pompeii."

Besides the raids on Naples, Allied aircraft carried out attacks on Foggia, the important Italian air base in southeastern Italy, on Pantellaria, the island which covers the Sicilian Straits, and on ports and railway communications in Sardinia.

The Allied air offensive on the Italian mainland has now been in progress for nearly three weeks, during which such major objectives as Naples, Reggio di Calabria, Messina, San Giovanni, Foggia, Civita Vecchia, Grosseto Lido di Roma, Pantellaria, the Tirso Dam, Cagliari, as well as scores of other objectives in Sardinia and Sicily, have been pounded almost daily in the most continuous concentrated air attack that any part of the world has ever known.

(An Ankara report, quoted by the Associated Press, said that the whole civilian population of Cagliari had been mobilized following recent heavy Allied air raids. All meetings have been forbidden and any breach of discipline will be punished by a court martial, the report said.)

Tough Fight at Naples

More than 100 Fortresses took part in the raid on Naples, Capodichono, which lies eight miles northeast of the city, and Pomigliano. They encountered heavy enemy opposition in the air over their objective when from 30 to 50 fighters soared up to attack them.

Some of them climbed above the Fortresses and tried the discredited method of bombing them from the air. This is done with bombs timed to explode at any set point below the point at which they are released, but once again this proved a complete failure, and ten of the attacking planes were shot down, while the Allied squadrons suffered no losses.

The raid in the Naples area was on three objectives, the chief being the aircraft factory and airdrome at Pomigliano.

"That factory is going to be out of business for a long time," said one pilot on his return. "We started fires in the engine assembly plant, the engine machine shop, the general machine shop, the hangars and the plane assembly shop. We attacked in two waves and, besides hitting the factory, also knocked out about 20 planes on the airdrome."

The second attack was on the enemy airfield at Capodichono. Here again fighters tried to bomb our planes but without success, but were a little wary about attacking with their guns at close range.

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Help!

The Stars and Stripes Help Wanted Department, which has helped thousands of American soldiers in the British Isles to obtain advice and articles they want, today is extended to become a daily column not unlike the personal and classified columns in the papers back home. It appears on Page 3—not long in length, but long in help, and growing as the needs of the men grow.

So far, The Stars and Stripes Help Wanted Department, conducted by T/5 Louis Rakin, of Linden, N.J., has gotten just about everything you can imagine for guys who have written in—over-sized shoes (the department's first claim to fame), friends' APO numbers, lost relatives, transfers, hats, glasses, mascots, rubber stamps—oh, hell, just about everything.

See the column—and, if you want anything, ANYTHING, write to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, Printing House Sq., London, EC4.

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Hash Marks

Recently aptitude tests were distributed to 240 prospective jurors in a St. Louis court to "cull out the dullards" before the trial began. Some of the panel members handed in blank forms, others returned them with a statement that they didn't understand the questions. One said his understanding of "plaintiff" was "thief." Several answered the question, "What is meant by 'defendant'?" with the answer, "the judge."

One of the Navy's newer recruits suddenly found himself pulling out to sea with a convoy. Some hours later he saw



something go over the side and had presence of mind to shout, "Man overboard!" Just as the ship's engines were reversed, the young fellow reported, "Sir, I made a mistake when I said 'man overboard.'" The captain quickly called for full steam ahead and started muttering maledictions against new recruits in general. But the new Joe continued breathlessly, "You see, sir, it wasn't a man at all—it was one of them nurses!"

The most surprised man in the world last week was a mess officer at Fort Niagara, N.Y. Ten dollars was received at that post from an anonymous soldier who wrote: "Please give to mess hall T-137 (D Company) to pay for a crate of eggs I dropped and damaged last June while on KP." Unbelievable, simply unbelievable, say we—but if a guy dropped a crate of eggs over here, we'd recommend court martial. . . . If a guy had a crate of eggs over here.

Our NOB agent in Londonderry is on the job again. He relays the story about the Navy gunner's wife who went out



for the evening, giving hubby a parting reminder to be sure and keep the fire going. When she returned the fire was out and hubby was sleeping in his chair. Just to get even, she yelled, "FIRE!" as loud as she could. Hubby leaped to attention, tore open the door of the oven, rammied in the cat, slammed the door and cried, "Number One gun ready!"

We see by the papers that rationing will not affect the last meals of prisoners condemned to death at Sing Sing. For their last two meals they can have anything they like, including meat, butter, sugar or anything else that is scarce. Three more rounds of brussels sprouts and we may be tempted to take them up on that offer—yes, even that.

J. C. W.

Men of the United Nations—Dutch



Royal Netherlands Army Here Is Not Large, But Highly Mechanized

The men who make up the fighting strength of the United Nations have a common aim—the defeat of the Axis—but they go about it differently. The French march in their own fashion; the Poles salute in theirs; the Czechs drill in theirs, and the British about face in their own way. Here is the third of a series of stories, which will appear from time to time on this page, portraying the daily life and work of our Allies—what they are like, how to tell their rank, what they fight with—in short, a word picture of the opposite number of Pvt. Joe Blow, from Kokomo.

By Philip Bucknell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

According to Dutch Army Regulations, corporals must be treated the way corporals always have felt they should be treated—privates have to salute them. That regulation, however, is not being observed in England, but even so non-coms have an enviable status. A private still has to stand to attention when he addresses or is addressed by one.

The Royal Netherlands Army over here is not large, but it is highly mechanized. Its members come from all over the world. When the Lowlands were overrun and the flag of Orange was raised in England, men from Dutch possessions not then in the hands of the Japs (and from foreign lands) came here to fight.

Dutch are travelling people. They have come from 23 countries to get here. The adjutant's chauffeur spent four years at Baton Rouge, and travelled up from South Africa when his call came. One mess sergeant was a soda jerker in Jersey City.

A Favorite Meal

The mess sergeant, incidentally, is doing a good job with British rations, giving the Dutch soldiers at least an approximation of home cooking. As with most northern European countries, potatoes and green vegetables are staple

foods, so cabbage and brussels sprouts do not receive the same reaction as in American chow halls.

Possibly the way the vegetables are cooked has something to do with that. A favorite meal is "hodge-podge," a vegetable stew made with mashed potatoes, carrots and onions, flavored and spiced. Boiled meat is added, and the dish is served with a fatty gravy.

Three meals a day are served in the camp; breakfast is at eight, there is a light lunch, usually of single-deck sandwiches and cheese, and the big meal of the day is at five.

The Dutch soldier is making himself at home in England. Tulips grow outside the Nissen huts. But not only in that way does the Dutchman make himself at home. More than 200 sleeping-out passes are issued from the camp, and sleeping-out passes are issued only to men with wives within five miles of the camp. These soldiers get on well with English girls, call them "fish and chips" from their apparently staple diet in this part of England.

Anglo-Dutch clubs have been started and cooking lessons in the Dutch style are being given to English girls.

Drill Methods

Drill for the Dutch is based on the British methods, but in close order drill the high-stepping trimmings have been cut out. A few of the Dutch forms have been retained such as the about face, an involved operation that looks good on the parade ground. The heel of the left foot is brought up to the right toe, both feet being in line. On the second movement the body is pivoted on the heels, and on the command three the left foot is brought up to the right at the normal position of attention.

"To the rear march" is done in the same way. The Dutch soldier thinks it is easy that way, but it needs balance to do it.

When a company is given the command "dismiss," everyone salutes and does an about face before breaking off.

The Dutch salute in a manner peculiar to themselves. The arm only moves from the elbow down. The hand is swung up, bringing the flat palm facing out. The thumb touches the side of the face, and the fingers point straight upwards.

The army, as in the case of most of the allies in exile, has been equipped by the British with British material. All ranks up to second loopy carry the familiar Enfield rifle. They like it, but sometimes they wish they had their Steyr rifle.

The Steyr rifle was Austrian made and was several inches longer than the British. The bayonet, too, was longer, with a wedge-shaped blade. In Holland officers



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos

School's in session at a Dutch Army camp in England (top). Sox are mended by a British woman at an Anglo-American club near a Dutch unit's base.

carried the klewang—a long curved cutlass. Now, for the time being, they carry a swagger stick.

The majority of the troops over here are being trained as tankmen, artillery men and mechanized infantry, but there are groups of commandoes and paratroopers. Other detachments are out in the SW Pacific, with a considerable naval and merchant marine force.

The merchant navy earns enough money to make the Dutch Army one of the few self-supporting Allied governments in exile. Everything the soldier eats and uses is paid for, in cash. The camp they have was designed by Dutch engineers and paid for with Dutch money.

Generous Scale of Pay

The money which the merchant marine earns, and, of course, the investments the Dutch have abroad, enable the Dutch Army to be paid on a more generous scale than most of the Allies.

A private draws 28s. a week, or 35s. if married, and up to 7s. 6d. a day extra. For children there is an extra allowance of 1s. a day. A corporal gets 42s. a week with the same married allowances, and a sergeant collects £16 a month, with allowances.

Pay roll in the Dutch Army does not attract the brass. Sergeants and corporals do the paying, and in the process receive some of their old-time glory—privates salute them before and after receiving the cash.

Insignia of rank up to officers is the same as used in the British Army—upside-down hooks. Officers are denoted by stars and bars on their lapels.

One star denotes a second lieutenant; two, a first lieutenant; three, a captain. One star under a gold bar is the major's mark; two under the bar, a lieutenant-colonel's; three, a full colonel's, and four a major-general's.

The stars and bars are mounted on colored cloth. Blue background shows the officer is in the infantry; green, motor transport; black, artillery; purple, medics; yellow, special service; dark purple, paymaster, and red denotes a staff officer.

Officers in the Dutch army have more disciplinary powers than in most outfits. A company commander can give up to 14 days in the brig—but the culprit only goes to the guardhouse after duty hours, unless the offense has been serious.

Battalion commanders can hand out from three months to a year in a disciplinary school. Only the commanding officer can demote a man.

The Dutch have their scale of punishments, but they do not have to use it often, and then merely for minor crimes. These Dutchmen are too anxious to get back to their own country and they are ready to fight.

French Unity

The French National Committee reports "nothing now appears to oppose speedy formation of a central authority in Algiers."

This report, following closely on the heels of the Russian dissolution of the Third International promises to complete the unification of the United Nations' war effort.

As General Giraud points out, "time presses and the rapid fusion of all French forces in a single army of victory is urgent." This union, which places national patriotism above ideology, insures a democratic future for France, for it will enable her to resume her old national integrity and to create a government founded on popular sovereignty.

Such unity comes at the ideal moment, preceding as it does the impending invasion of the continent, for in this invasion France and all Frenchmen must play a role in keeping with French history.

Arrogance Bombed Out

Arrogance, which was never lost by the German nation even in its defeat after the last war, will more than likely be a thing of the past when this conflict is ended.

Few of the battles of the first World War were fought on German soil and when the Allies pushed the German forces back to their own border they threw up their hands and called it "quits."

Villages and cities in Belgium, France, Russia and in the Balkans during the years 1914 to 1918 were utterly destroyed by German artillery and plundered by German troops. The German people, however, never suffered these losses or experienced indignities from the hands of arrogant conquerors. As a result the inherited arrogance of the German race persisted through the years of rebuilding an army and even during the present conflict until we gained air superiority.

Since Allied air fleets have struck at the heart of Germany, the Nazis are beginning to realize theirs is not such an infallible race after all. Today it is German cities and civilians who are suffering the fate which in the past German armies have dealt other nations.

Now the German people listen to the ravings of Goebbels and Hitler with doubt. With each pep talk on new Nazi victories comes the haunting whistle of falling bombs, the shattering effect of block busters, the rush of water from bursting dams.

It is now reasonable to believe that when this war is over it will be possible to teach Germans to think in terms of peace instead of war, for arrogance is being bombed out of them.

Meat Bootlegging

Meat bootlegging is a serious threat to American efforts on the war and home fronts, reports the Office of War Information, for in addition to the loss of the meat involved there is the additional loss of important byproducts. Potential surgical sutures, adrenalin, insulin, gelatin for military films and bone meal for feeds are disregarded by men who slaughter livestock illegally, it is claimed.

To combat this growing evil, 783 court actions were brought against 1,025 individuals during the first two months of 1943, and the record shows not one defendant was acquitted.

A check on the number of animals slaughtered under federal inspection indicates the extent to which meat is being diverted into the black market. Slaughtering of inspected cattle was nine per cent lower for the first two months of 1943 than for the same period a year ago. Slaughter of calves in inspected packing houses was off 32 per cent, while hog slaughter was off 29 per cent.

At the same time, the number of hides being sent to tanners from uninspected warehouses was evidence that this drop in legal slaughtering could not be entirely due to any shortage in the number of animals offered for slaughter.

As a result of this investigation, legal action was instituted against the offending dealers in meat. Convictions came easy, as public wrath mounted, for meat bootleggers are faced by hostile Americans who freely give evidence against black marketeers.

PRIVATE BREGER



"Sure, it's swell for sniping! But just wait till the mother eagle gets back!"

Fighters Down Bomb Wing, 8-5, Before 6,000

Score Tied Twice Before Winners Take Lead In Sixth

By Dick Pine

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

FIGHTER STATION, May 31—Before an overflow crowd of 6,000 the — Fighter Group vanquished the — Bomb Wing, 8-5, in the second of a series of exhibition softball games played in conjunction with a Wings for Victory celebration in an East Anglia city. The teams were hand-picked and included both officers and enlisted men.

Unlike other recent shows, the spectators stuck it out to the very last pitch despite a 15 minute "seventh inning stretch" during which an Army Band played.

The Bombers got off to a one-run lead in the first, but the Fighters came back in their half of the inning to tie it up. The Bombers scored again in the second and third to go ahead by two runs.

Two Homers in Eighth

In the fifth, Fighter Lt. Tom Bowie, of Omaha, Neb., came to the plate with second and third bases occupied and promptly fired a long sacrifice fly to deep right, scoring both runners to knot the count once more. The Fighters went into the lead in the sixth when Lt. John Eaves, of Edmund, Okl., scored from third in a close play at the plate.

Lt. Tex Texdahl, of San Jose, Cal., and Pfc Felix Flanagan, of Wilmington, Del., hit home runs in the eighth inning making victory for the Fighters complete. Sgt. Kenny Hall, of South Bend, Ind., pitched good ball after relieving Cpl. Cal Dingess, of Detroit, in the fourth, holding the Bombers to five hits in the last five frames.

Dry Runs Lose In First Start

FIGHTER STATION, May 31—A new entry in this station baseball league was given a rough initiation yesterday when the — Fighter North Irelanders routed the Dry Runs, of the — Service Squadron, 15-3.

Batteries were: Sgt. Tom Owlsey, of Hagerman, Idaho, pitching with Sgt. Rossie Russell, of Hallam, Neb., and Sgt. George DeSotell, of Birmingham, Ala., doing the catching for the North Irelanders. For the Dry Runs, the pitching was handled by Pfc Fran Johnson, of Dorchester, Mass., with the catching shared by S/Sgt. Rube Faust, of Madison, Wis., Cpl. Bill Logan, of Houston, Texas, and S/Sgt. Karl Karsh, of Charleston, S.C.

Owlsey also collected three for three at the plate. Pfc Blackwelder, of Taylorsville, N.C., and Capt. Al Beuerle, of Hudson Bay, Mich., also contributed to the North Irelanders' victory with heavy stick work. The victors gathered 14 hits in all while Owlsey held the losers to six.

MPs, Ramblers Playing For Benefit of Charities

PORT OF EMBARKATION, May 31—In four exhibition softball games played for the benefit of British charities and "Wings for Victory" celebrations in surrounding communities, the — Port Ramblers and the — MPs have donated more than £375 in proceeds to the causes.

The exhibition idea started as an "experiment" by Sgt. Monroe Rovins, of Plattsburg, N.Y., and Sgt. Joseph Nairn, of Minneapolis, Minn. The first game was such a success that a demand was created for the two teams, and future engagements includes an August booking.

Help Wanted AND GIVEN

The Stars and Stripes Help Wanted Department, which already has assisted thousands of soldiers in the British Isles, will try to help you solve any problem—locating friends, finding lost articles, furnishing guidance on army jobs, even advising on the possibility of transfers. Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, Printing House Sq., London, E.C.4.

APOs Wanted

FRIENDS are seeking the APO numbers of: Lt. Artie Hedges, North Dakota; T/Sgt. Marion E. Brown, Hurston, Colo.; Capt. Ellis M. Anderson, Tex.; Sgt. Frank W. Verne Rogers, Clinton, Okla.; Harold Sema; La Verne Rogers, Clinton, Okla.; Alvin Klingler, Custer, Okla.; T/5 J. A. Taylor, West Warwick, R.I.; Cpl. Leslie Harness, Steubenville, Ohio; Louis Hartsell; James Waupum, Wis.; L. Bristow, Washington; Lt. Sparks and James E. Fort Worth, Tex.; Joe Jeanette, Arthur Lippa, Minn.

Lost and Found

MUSETTE BAG belonging to a Col. Schneider, found by Lt. Cagle of SOS, communicating with this department or with Lt. Cagle.

Personal

FLYING FORT CREW wants to obtain an English bulldog as a mascot. Prefer it "for free," but will pay up to £3 or £4 if pup is suitable. Contact this department. LT. JOEL COHEN, there's a photo on our desk of your niece Diana and Annette, sent by them through us. Write, phone or step in and it's yours. HEY, SANFORD ROSENBERG, if you're coming to town on that furlough, M/Sgt. J. H. Blackler would like you to communicate with him at the Manchester Red Cross, where a message awaits you.

Shutout Expert

By Jack Sords



MORT COOPER
ACE RIGHT-HANDER OF THE ST. LOUIS CARDINALS CONTINUING HIS EXCELLENT MOUND WORK OF LAST SEASON



MORT'S SPECIALTY IS SHUTOUTS. HE TREW TEN GOOSE EGG VICTORIES LAST YEAR AND CAN POSSIBLY TIE THAT NUMBER THIS SEASON

Central Press

Minor League Results

International League							
Sunday's Games							
Newark 7	Jersey City 6	(first game)					
Newark 3	Jersey City 2	(second game)					
Montreal 8	Rochester 7	(first game)					
Montreal 5	Rochester 4	(second game)					
Buffalo 14	Toronto 6	(first game)					
Toronto 9	Buffalo 0	(second game)					
Baltimore 9	Syracuse 8	(first game)					
Syracuse 4	Baltimore 0	(second game)					
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Toronto	24	13	.649	Baltimore	16	16	.500
Montreal	18	15	.545	Buffalo	12	14	.462
Syracuse	14	12	.538	Jersey City	14	21	.400
Newark	16	15	.516	Rochester	10	18	.357

Eastern League							
Sunday's Games							
Utica 4	Albany 2	(first game)					
Albany 7	Utica 2	(second game)					
Binghamton 4	Elmira 1	(first game)					
Binghamton 8	Elmira 0	(second game)					
Springfield 5	Hartford 3	(first game)					
Hartford 13	Springfield 0	(second game)					
Seranton 1	Wilkesbarre 0						
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Seranton	17	3	.850	Albany	11	14	.438
Wilkesbarre	14	9	.609	Elmira	9	11	.450
Binghamton	14	9	.609	Springfield	6	18	.250
Hartford	13	12	.520	Utica	5	16	.238

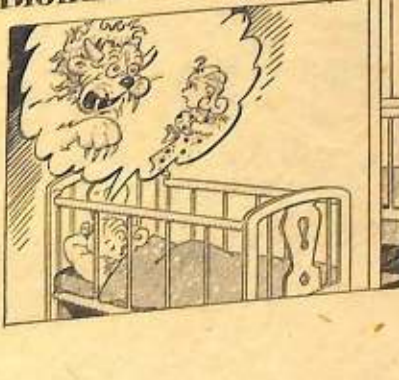
American Association							
Sunday's Games							
Minneapolis 3	St. Paul 2						
Indianapolis 4	Louisville 3						
Milwaukee 6	Kansas City 3	(first game)					
Milwaukee 4	Milwaukee 3	(second game)					
Columbus 9	Toledo 4	(first game)					
Toledo 4	Columbus 3	(second game)					
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Indianapolis	15	5	.750	Milwaukee	11	14	.440
Toledo	14	9	.609	Kansas City	10	13	.435
Columbus	14	10	.583	St. Paul	11	17	.393
Minneapolis	12	13	.480	Louisville	10	16	.385

Southern Association							
Sunday's Games							
Atlanta 1	Memphis 0	(first game)					
Atlanta 6	Memphis 4	(second game)					
Birmingham 11	Knoxville 4	(first game)					
Birmingham 4	Knoxville 3	(second game)					
Birmingham 4	New Orleans 2	(first game)					
Nashville 5	New Orleans 2	(second game)					
Nashville 10	New Orleans 7	(second game)					
Other teams did not play.							
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Birmingham	25	13	.658	Atlanta	17	18	.486
Chattanooga	19	11	.633	N. Orleans	17	21	.447
Nashville	22	15	.595	Knoxville	11	22	.333
Little Rock	18	14	.563	Memphis	9	24	.273

Pacific Coast League							
Sunday's Games							
Seattle 3	San Francisco 0	(first game)					
San Francisco 4	Seattle 1	(second game)					
San Diego 4	Hollywood 2	(first game)					
San Diego 4	Hollywood 3	(second game)					
Hollywood 5	Los Angeles 2	(first game)					
Portland 5	Portland 1	(second game)					
Los Angeles 4	Portland 1	(second game)					
Other teams did not play.							
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Los Angeles	32	9	.780	Hollywood	19	23	.452
San Francisco	25	16	.610	Portland	16	25	.390
San Francisco	21	19	.525	Sacramento	15	25	.375
Oakland	21	19	.525	Sacramento	15	25	.375
San Diego	23	21	.523	Seattle	14	27	.341

Dahlgren Passes Draft Exam
PHILADELPHIA, May 31—Babe Dahlgren, shortstop of the Phillies, has passed his first Army physical exam.

(By courtesy of King Features Syndicate and the London Daily Sketch)



Fighter Squad Trips Hq., 3-2

FIGHTER COMMAND HQ, May 31—Fighter Command nosed out Eighth Air Force Hq. here in a hard-fought ball game, 3-2.

Winning pitcher, Frank "Lefty" Tefatore, of Oenota, N.Y., struck out ten while allowing nine well scattered hits. Herbert Jenkins, of Charlotte, N.C., losing hurler, held the fighters to five hits, but they were bunched in the fourth inning, tallying two runs to take the lead. Jenkins fanned six.

The winning run was pushed across the plate in the sixth inning when Allison walked and was advanced by a sacrifice bunt by Phil McAndrews, of New York. Allison scored later on a wild pitch by Jenkins.

Going into the ninth inning, Fighter Command held a two-run advantage. The losers scored a run in the ninth and had the tying run on third when Johnson grounded out.

Air Force MPs Whitewash Engineer Squad, 15-0

EIGHTH AIR FORCE HQ, May 31—T/4 Joe Brech, of Secaucus, N.J., ran his three-game strikeout string up to 44 as he led the Eighth Air Force Headquarters MP outfit to a 15-0 victory over the — Engineers in a Wings for Victory game.

Highlight of the game was the slugging of MPs T/4 Art Lamb, Harrison, N.Y.; T/5 Norbert Kuklinski, Chicago, Ill.; Pfc Ed Gatlin, Hammond, La.; and Pvt. John Conter, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Allowing only three hits, Cpl. Elwood Hoffman, of Dunmore, Pa., pitched the MP softball team to a 4-2 victory over the — Ordnance outfit in an Air Force softball league contest.

In a rifle match the MPs lost to a British Home Guard team, 276-188, despite the expert marksmanship of Sgt. James L. McKittrick, of Chicago.

ASC Nine Trounces Ordnance
AMERICAN SCHOOL CENTER, England, May 31—The American School Center baseball league opened its season here yesterday with the ASC nine defeating the Center's Ordnance entry, 13-1, behind Pvt. Francis Hecker's five-hit pitching. The ASC hurler also struck out 11. A home run by S/Sgt. Joe O'Donnell and Pvt. Steve Mahalko's four safeties led the winning attack.

Chisox Drop Nats From Lead With Double Victory, 5-2, 5-1; Yankees First With A's Third

All-Star Diamond Tilt To be Played at Night

PHILADELPHIA, May 31—Diamond news this year is different, but yes. Latest wrinkle in the topsyturvy baseball picture is the announcement by Commissioner Kene-saw Landis that this year's All-Star game, scheduled for July 13 at Shibe Park here, will be played after dark, the first time the "Dream Game" has been played at night.

Joe McCarthy, of the New York Yankees, and Billy Southworth, who runs the Cardinals, will pilot the teams. The eight managers in each league will select 24 players for each squad, taking at least one man from every club. Proceeds will go to the major league's Ball and Bat Fund which provides baseball equipment for the armed forces.

Armstrong Signs To Fight Angott

Winner to Fight Survivor Of Montgomery, Jack, Greco Bouts

NEW YORK, May 31—Hammering Henry Armstrong, former holder of three world fistic crowns, has signed to meet Sammy Angott, ex-world lightweight titlist, in a ten-rounder at Madison Square Garden on June 11.

Armstrong halted Maxie Shapiro, New York lightweight, in the seventh round of their scheduled ten-rounder at Philadelphia Monday. It was Henry's 14th knockout and his 19th victory in his amazing string of 22 comeback bouts.

Angott, who announced he was giving up the lightweight title and withdrawing from the ring because of injured hands last November, suddenly decided in March that he was ready to defend his title. Despite this disconcerting announcement, all boxing bodies still regard Angott as ex-champ. However, Slamming Sammy demonstrated that he still retains his prowess by winning an upset decision over featherweight king Willie Pep in an over-the-weight match in March.

Clarifying the lightweight title middle, the Armstrong-Angott winner will meet the ultimate survivor of the bouts among newly-crowned New York version champion Bob Montgomery, Canadian Army Pvt. Johnny Greco and ex-champ Beau Jack. The Montgomery-Greco brawl will be an over-the-weight affair since Jack has contractual first call upon Montgomery's defense of his title.



American League

Sunday's Games							
Chicago 5	Washington 2	(first game)					
Chicago 5	Washington 1	(second game)					
Philadelphia 3	St. Louis 0	(first game)					
Philadelphia 4	St. Louis 1	(second game)					
New York 4	Cleveland 1	(first game)					
New York 3	Cleveland 2	(second game)					
Boston 3	Detroit 0	(first game)					
Boston 5	Detroit 1	(second game)					
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
New York	18	12	.600	Detroit	15	15	.500
Washington	18	15	.545	Chicago	12	15	.444
Philadelphia	18	16	.529	Boston	15	19	.441
Cleveland	17	16	.515	St. Louis	11	16	.407

Yesterday's Schedule
Chicago at New York (two games)
St. Louis at Boston (two games)
Detroit at Philadelphia (two games)
Cleveland at Washington (two games)

National League

Sunday's Games							
Brooklyn 6	Cincinnati 0	(first game)					
Brooklyn 10	Cincinnati 6	(second game)					
New York 7	St. Louis 6	(first game)					
St. Louis 3	New York 2	(second game)					
Chicago 5	Boston 3	(first game)					
Pittsburgh 4	Philadelphia 3	(first game)					
Pittsburgh 2	Philadelphia 1	(second game)					
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Brooklyn	24	12	.667	Cincinnati	16	18	.471
St. Louis	21	12	.636	Philadelphia	15	18	.455
Boston	15	14	.517	New York	15	20	.429
Pittsburgh	15	16	.484	Chicago	11	22	.333

Yesterday's Schedule
Boston at Pittsburgh (two games)
Brooklyn at St. Louis (two games)
New York at Cincinnati (two games)
Philadelphia at Chicago (two games)

GIANTS Donate Blood
NEW YORK, May 31—All of the New York Giants, including the batboy, have donated a pint of blood to the Red Cross.

by Chic Young



Dodgers Rout Reds; Cards Split With Giants; Phillies Lose

By Collie Small

United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, May 31—The Chicago White Sox, winnerless wonders of the American League, changed character yesterday at Washington by dealing the pennant-hungry Senators a double jolt, 5-2 and 5-1.

The Sox collected only eight hits in each contest, but received twin six-hit pitching efforts. Bill Dietrich and Gordon Maltzberger combined to hold the Senators in the opener as the Sox sent Ewald Pyle to the showers with three runs in the second.

In the nightcap, Lefty Gomez, trying for a comeback with the Senators, saw his first effort end in failure. Lefty walked five and allowed four hits in four and two-thirds innings, whereupon Ray Scarborough and Dewey Adkins finished up when Lefty complained of shoulder pains. Stan Spence doubled and scored Jimmy Vernon on a single for the only run off Thornton Lee.

Gordon, Weatherly Homer

Playing at home, the Philadelphia Athletics took the biggest jump of the day in the circuit standings with a double victory over the St. Louis Browns, 3-0 and 4-1. Philadelphia rookie, Don Black, pitched a one-hitter in the opener, while Jesse Flores raised his League-leading victory total to seven with a seven-hitter in the second contest. In the opener Vern Stephens singled in the fourth for the only hit off Black. The A's slugged Bob Muncie for five hits and all their runs in the first inning.

In the nightcap, Stephens made three hits off Flores, but fanned with the bases loaded in his last time at bat for the third out. The Mackmen beat out two runs in the first and Catcher Hal Wagner singled home the third tally in the sixth while First Baseman Dick Siebert drove in the other in the seventh.

The in again, out again New York Yankees went into the lead in the American League, a game and a half over the Nats, by kayoing the Cleveland Indians, 4-3 and 3-2. Spud Chandler, with Fireman Johnny Murphy's help in the ninth, won the opener, and Rookie Charlie Wensloff took the second. The Yanks blasted Starter Al Smith with two runs in the eighth of the opener when Chandler doubled and Center Fielder Tuck Stainback and Shortstop George Stainback both singled and Lou Boudreau erred on Joe Gordon's grounder. Gordon homered in the second inning.

The score was tied twice in the second game before Yank Outfielder Roy Weatherly hit his second homer of the year in the ninth, providing the winning margin.

Bums Slam Reds Twice

At Boston, the Red Sox dropped the Detroit Tigers to fifth place, cooling off the Bengals, 3-0 and 5-1. Dick Newsome won his first game of the year in the opener with a six-hitter as Third Baseman Jim Tabor featured the ten-hit attack with his first homer. In the nightcap, the Tigers reached Lou Lucier for a run in the first, but were unable to get a man past second thereafter. The Sox clubbed Stubby Overmire for three hits with two away for two runs in the sixth, then collected three more runs in the seventh.

In the National League, at Cincinnati, Brooklyn slammed the Reds, 6-0 and 10-6. Whit Wyatt pitched his best game of the year in the opener, holding the Reds to three hits. The Bums sewed up the game with three runs in the first off Bucky Walters, who allowed all the Dodger hits in the six and two-thirds innings he pitched. In the nightcap, Johnny VanderMeer, and three of the four pitchers following him, hurt the cause by issuing 11 walks, of which four resulted in runs. The Reds kayoed Kirby Higbe and Les Webber, but Curt Davis, pitching his first time since Apr. 25, halted the Reds cold with two hits in three and two-thirds innings.

Nicholson Gets Two Four-Baggers

The Cardinals split a double bill with the New York Giants at St. Louis, thus dropping one and a half games behind the leading Dodgers. Ace Adams, Giant reliever making his 18th appearance of the year, cut off a Card rally one short of a time in the ninth of the opener to bring the Giants a 7-6 victory. Joe Oringo, Giant first sacker, hit a two-run homer in the fifth. Cliff Melton received credit for the victory. In the nightcap, the Cards won, 3-2, on First Baseman Ray Sanders' double with the bases loaded in the eighth. Sanders also homered in the ninth of the opener.

First Baseman Bill Nicholson homered twice at Chicago, each time with a man aboard, to boost the Cubs to a 5-1 victory over the Boston Braves. Lou Novikoff and Hank Lowrey's triples scored the other Chicago run off Al Javery, who allowed eight hits. Paul Derringer scattered ten Brave hits.

The Pittsburgh Pirates ran the Phillies' losing streak to six games, winning 4-3 and 2-1 at Pittsburgh. The Bucs walloped Schoolboy Rowe for four hits and three runs in the eighth of the opener, with Rip Sewell garnering his fifth victory. Vince DiMaggio singled across the winning run in the tenth inning of the nightcap.

Belfast Service Club One Year Old on Sunday

Servicemen, Technicians Plan All-Day Program On Anniversary

BELFAST, May 31—The American Red Cross Service club here—the first club in the British Isles to be especially designed as a recreation center for servicemen and one of the first Red Cross clubs to open—will celebrate its first anniversary with an all-day program June 6, Frank Kammerlohr, program director, announced.

Guests of honor at the celebration will be Mrs. Marcia Maekie, Mrs. Isabel McLean, Mrs. Alice Cook and Mrs. Mildred Hughes, American-born residents of Belfast who have been largely responsible for the success of the club.

Mrs. Mackie, as assistant to Tom Irving, club director, and "Lefty" Martin, program director, helped in the planning and organization of the club, and since the men went to Africa to start clubs there she has been club director.

GIs Manage Program

Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Hughes, and Mrs. Cook are volunteers in charge of the various departments of the club.

The program for the celebration was planned and will be handled entirely by a committee of servicemen and technicians who have been overseas a year or longer.

The schedule: 11.30 AM to 12 noon—Religious program in the library.

2 PM—Open house to servicemen, technicians and guests. Special passes will be issued to girls who don't have permanent passes.

2.30 PM—Program in auditorium with local civic leaders, celebrities and ranking military personnel and a tabloid depicting growth of club.

4.30—Reception and tea in lounge. Birthday cake will be cut by soldier.

5.30—Free supper to anyone in service.

7.30—Birthday ball.

The committee: general chairman, M/Sgt. Logan Harrison, Cincinnati, Ohio; entertainment, T/Sgt. James Schwab, Buffalo, N.Y.; religious service, Cpl. David Bird, Northfield, Minn.; reception, Sgt. Jacob Miller, Minneapolis, Minn.; dance, T/Sgt. Joseph Durkin, South Bend, Ind.; host, M/Sgt. Ralph B. Portnow, Indianapolis, Ind. The committees will be assisted by members of the staff, who include, besides those named, Miss Irene Boyce, assistant program director, Ann Arbor, Mich., and Herbert Kunde, field director, Boston, Mass. Other committees include Pfc Wilbur Straus, Fort Dodge, Iowa; Pfc Carl Embry, Heaver Dam, Ky.; Pfc Robert Bull, Cleveland Heights, O., and Cpl. Glenn Fisher, Halden, Mo.

U.S. Completes 100,000th Plane

SPARTANBURG, S.C., May 31 (AP)—Declaring that America and her Allies were preparing to make many attacks on many fronts, James Byrnes, the new director of war mobilization in the United States, said that the 100,000th plane to come off the production lines since the United States began war production, was completed today.

Byrnes said that merchant ships were being built four times as fast as they were being sunk. The United States was doubling the size of its Navy this year. In the first five months of 1943 100 fighting ships were finished—one every 36 hours.

He said the United States had made enough bombs to load American planes for 542 raids on the scale of the one on Dortmund last week. While he was giving out this bad news for the enemy he added the warning that this was not time for over-confidence and that "a long hard road" and the hardest fighting lay ahead. "We are just entering the critical period of the war," Byrnes said.

456 Nazi Planes Destroyed In One Week by Russians

Fierce air skirmishes continued to play predominating role in the Kuban theater of fighting at the end of a week in which the Russians announced the destruction of 456 German planes for only 118 of their own.

Stalin is sending some of the most famous heroes of the Soviet Union to do aerial battle with the Luftwaffe in the sapphire skies in the district northeast of Novorossiisk.

Berlin claimed yesterday that the recent three-day battle in the Kuban had been one of the hardest fought anywhere on the eastern front.

The fighting, according to the German communiques, had died down yesterday, and the Moscow reports did not make any mention of activity in this area.

It Took Plenty of British Brass to 'Capture' This Yank



A British Army lieutenant general, a major general, and Naval captain inspect the "Bazooka" anti-tank gun that Pvt. Emmett Russell, of Baltimore (second from left), used to "halt" an "enemy" tank advance during maneuvers between U.S. and British forces held recently in England. Trying to get back to his troops unnoticed, Russell was "captured" by Maj. Gen. Willoughby Norrie (center), Lt. Gen. H. Lloyd, GOC Southern Command, and Capt. O. H. Petrie, RN. Maj. Gen. H. O. Curtis, chief umpire (left) made the ruling.

Soldiers to Star In New Air Show

'Jive Bombers' Feature Second Broadcast at Peterborough

The second broadcast of a series featuring American soldier-entertainers in the ETO, entitled "Uncle Sam's Boys Entertain," goes on the air in the British Forces program tomorrow night. It will be made from the Peterborough (Northants) American Red Cross club from 6.30 PM to 7 PM.

Tomorrow night's show features the "Jive Bombers," a nine-piece orchestra. Members are Cpl. William Sinkewich, Butler, Pa. (piano); M/Sgt. Thomas Snee, Roxborough, Pa. (trumpet); S/Sgt. John A. Edwards, Plattsville, Wis. (trombone); S/Sgt. Robert Elker, Kankakee, Ill.; S/Sgt. Chester V. Mortenson, Virden, N.M., and Cpl. Michael Pituch, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. (saxes); Cpl. William Strick, Erie, Pa. (drums); Cpl. Frank Hartway, Windfield, Ill. (guitar), and Pvt. Tex Cleary, Scranton, Pa. (bass).

Their theme song, "Incendiary Blues," was composed and arranged by M/Sgt. Snee. Another of his compositions will be played during the program.

Pvt. Noah Natanblut, Brooklyn, N.Y., will sing an original composition by Pvt. Henry Eason, also of Brooklyn, who will play a piano medley.

Members of a quintette scheduled to perform are Pvt. Edgar Kyle, El Paso, Tex.; Sgt. William Frio, Philadelphia; Pvt. Norman Pyett, Chester, Pa., and S/Sgt. Frank Fanchalsky, Greensburg, Pa.

Also on the program will be Cpl. Orville Duff, Dallas, Tex., accordionist, who will be accompanied by Cpl. Albert Egoft, Narbeth, Pa., pianist, and Pvt. Jesse Hammen, Baltimore, drummer.

U.S. Combined Operations Officers Honor Gen. Cota

A party in honor of Brig. Gen. Norman D. Cota, of Boston, Mass., head of the American section of officers connected with Lord Louis Mountbatten's combined operations, was given at the Park Lane officers' club, on the general's 50th birthday. Gen. Cota was chief of staff of the First Infantry Division in Africa.

Attending were: Col. H. W. Grant, Chicago; Col. L. D. Hillsinger, Syracuse, N.Y.; Lt. Col. L. W. Merriam, Columbus, Ga.; Lt. Col. J. B. L. Lawrence, Beverly Hills, Cal.; Maj. G. W. Embury, Minneapolis, Minn.; Maj. C. A. Jones, La Canada, Cal., and Capt. C. P. Miller, Honolulu.

French Pay for Lend-Lease

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, ay 31 (AP)—The French civil and military commander-in-chief in North Africa has made an initial payment of \$15,000,000 to the lend-lease administration in Washington as part payment for the \$26,000,000 worth of civilian supplies delivered to Algiers and Morocco from the United States between Nov. 8 and Apr. 30.

U.S. Army Seems Ready For Invasion After Maneuvers

(Continued from page 1) traps wherever the British forces were expected. Smoke bombs were used as Molotov cocktails and grenades in crippling tanks.

Small blocks of TNT "destroyed" bridges at several main crossings, forcing British engineers to bridge the streams with pontoons and newly-devised equipment.

In the air RAF and USAAF fighters and fighter-bombers were used by both sides for ground-strafting troops and tanks, as well as blowing up bridges. Lt. Col. Charles Schott, of Providence, R.I., commanded air support for the American side.

Praise From British British officers, present as observers, warmly praised the Americans' part in the maneuvers, crediting them with "showing great skill for men who have never been under fire," and with being "fighting fit."

A familiar sight during the maneuvers was high-ranking British and American officers discussing weapons and operational methods with soldiers in the field.

Pvt. Emmett Russell, of Baltimore, had as an audience a lieutenant general and two major generals in the British Army and a captain in the Royal Navy to whom he was telling what makes a bazooka gun bazooka.

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made that planes in the ETO are carrying more bombs.

Another factor contributing to the increase in losses was the nature of the targets hit. Seven of the objectives were in Germany, and the raids on Kiel May 14 and May 19, and the Bordeaux trip, May 17, each involved approximately 1,000 miles of round-trip flight, new distance records for the USAAF bombers.

On three consecutive days in May—USAAF raids was greater than on any previous mission.

The May figure for enemy planes destroyed by bomber-gunners was 351—199 more than the total of 152 in March.

May also saw the first sweeps in force by the new U.S. high altitude fighter, the P47. U.S. medium bombers, the identity of which the Eighth Air Force headquarters has not revealed, took part in two operations.

On May 14, the mediums bombed industrial targets at Velsen, Holland, with no losses. Three days later the mediums took off again for western France. Ten mediums failed to return.

The number of German planes destroyed by P47 groups was not revealed. Nine fighters were lost.

Rhode Islanders Will Meet

Residents of Fox Point, a section of Providence, R.I., now serving in the ETO will hold a meeting Thursday evening at the American Red Cross Washington Club, 6-7, Curzon St., London, W1.

Allies Get More French Vessels

Eight Ships and a Sub At Alexandria Join War on Axis

The French Eastern Mediterranean squadron of eight surface vessels and a submarine, immobilized in Alexandria harbor since the collapse of French resistance in 1940, has joined the Allies, Vichy and German radio admitted yesterday.

The fleet consists of the 1913 battleship Lorraine, three 10,000-ton cruisers, a 7,000-ton cruiser, three destroyers and a submarine.

First news that the ships, under command of Adm. Rene Godefroy, had decided to join the Allied cause came from Vichy radio, which said that the French naval officer had "given in to Anglo-American pressure." A similar announcement followed from the German radio but there has been no official confirmation either from Washington or London.

Authoritative quarters in London, however, declared the squadron joined the Allies voluntarily following negotiations with Gen. Henri Giraud, high commissioner of French North Africa.

The announcement came shortly before Giraud began talks with Gen. Charles de Gaulle, Free French leader, on the establishment of an executive council to govern all liberated Frenchmen and the unoccupied French territories.

The ships were demilitarized and partially dismantled in July, 1940, under an agreement between Adm. Godefroy and Sir Andrew Cunningham of the British Navy. Since that time the fleet has been on a maintenance basis with its fighting complement of 6,000 reduced to 1,500 officers and men.

It is expected to be several months before the ships can be prepared for active duty.

The squadron is made up of the 22,000-ton battleship Lorraine, built in 1913, carrying eight 13.4-inch guns and fourteen 5.5-inch guns; three 10,000-ton eight-inch gun cruisers, Suffren, Duquesne and Tourville, all built since 1925; the Duquay-Trouin, a 7,800-ton cruiser with a 33-knot speed carrying 6.1-inch guns, which was completed in 1926; three destroyers displacing 1,378 tons, armed with five-inch guns and built since 1926, the Fortune, Forbin and Basque, and the submarine Proteus of 1,384 tons carrying 11 torpedo tubes.

Spain Says Churchill 'Somewhere in Africa'

LA LINEA, Spain, May 31 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill, it was reported today, was "somewhere in Africa," following a secret visit to Gibraltar.

The Premier, according to reports here, arrived in Gibraltar at sundown Thursday in a bomber, escorted by fighters, and left 24 hours later for an unannounced destination.

Reports reaching La Linea, however, were that he had inspected Tunisia's battlefield Saturday and today was still somewhere in Africa.

NEWS FROM HOME

Attack Against Japs Is Forecast By Sen. Tydings

Maryland Congressman Says Wider Activity Due in Pacific

BALTIMORE, May 31 (UP)—More Allied action against Japan as a result of the Washington conferences between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill was forecast here yesterday by Sen. Millard Tydings (Dem., Md.), a member of the Naval Affairs Committee.

Referring to the "Japan First, Then Germany" campaign of Sen. Albert B. (Happy) Chandler (Dem., Ky.), Sen. Tydings said:

"Chandler's views are shared by some of the very highest ranking military and naval officers in this country. There is every reason to believe that Sen. Chandler's efforts will bear fruit. Already there is a feeling in Washington that the high political leaders and their chiefs, in conference there, planned for a wider measure of activity against Japan."

Sen. Chandler, said Tydings, did not want American troops withdrawn from the European Theater of Operations, but did contend that Japan is "our first, greatest and most dangerous enemy."

'Firsters' Picket Wilkie

DETROIT, May 31 (UP)—Wendell Wilkie was picketed by members of the old America First Committee when he arrived here yesterday to make a speech. They carried placards calling him a "New Deal Stooge," a "Communist Bootlicker" and a "Spokesman For Hollywood, Wall Street and The Whisky Trust." Wilkie's comment: "I doubt if anyone was ever so fortunate in the nature of his opposition."

World Food Shortage Feared

HOT SPRINGS, Va., May 31 (AP)—The United Nations Food Conference here was informed yesterday that a great world shortage of food lay ahead. Special adjustments will have to be made, immediately after the end of the war, to ship food to the liberated peoples. Experts estimated 8,000 cargo ship voyages would be the absolute minimum by which widespread starvation could be warded off.

Services Honor U.S. Dead Here

A memorial service for American officers and men buried in the British Isles was held at St. Margaret's Church, London, yesterday.

A small congregation of high ranking officers and civilians heard the Rev. Canon A. C. Don, rector of the church, preach the memorial service based on Herbert Agar's phrase, "This is a time for greatness."

Before the service, wreaths were laid on the Abraham Lincoln memorial in Parliament Square by Brig. Gen. Paul Peabody and Capt. Paul Bastedo, USN.

After the service, Ambassador John G. Winant laid a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Westminster Abbey. With him were Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, Adm. Harold R. Stark, Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee, Brig. Gen. Pleas B. Rogers, Brig. Gen. Peabody, and Capt. Bastedo.

Church Window is Symbol Of Anglo-U.S. Friendship

CRANSLEY, Northamptonshire, May 31—A permanent memorial to American soldiers serving in the ETO is to be erected in the parish church here, in the form of a stained-glass window, paid for by troops who attended services in the church the Sunday after Thanksgiving, 1942.

Symbolizing the friendship of American and British fighting men, the window is now being constructed and will be dedicated at special services some time next Fall.

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Members of the air crews reported seeing large fires start in oil storage dumps. At Capodocino a large number of aircraft was destroyed and at least eight fires started.

In the raid on Naples harbor a large cargo boat was sunk and a direct hit was scored on a tanker. Bombs also hit a railway yard, a locomotive repair shop and a warehouse.

The weight of the attack can be judged by a Rome admission which says that considerable damage was done to private and public buildings in Naples. Fifty-eight people were killed and 351 injured. More than 50 Liberators of the Ninth U.S. Air Force (Middle East) attacked the important airdrome at Foggia for the second time in three days and scored direct hits on hangars, barracks and the airdrome surface itself. Many aircraft on the runways were destroyed, including some six-engine planes, presumably Messerschmitt 323s, the "pantechonics of the air." Oil dumps were also hit with good effect.

