

FDR Lauds U.S. Progress In Training

Notes Toughening of Men And Spirit in Tour of Nation's Camps

ABOARD PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S TRAIN, Apr. 20 (AP)—President Roosevelt is making a second major inspection of America's expanding war effort, and has seen tens of thousands of fit, bronzed troops, which he indicated would be used to hammer out or maintain a second front in Europe.

Weaving his way through the southeastern States by special train and automobile, the President visited a Marine Corps base, a WAAC training center and five Army posts, and reviewed division after division of fit-looking fighting men, with months of toughening behind them.

The President left Washington Apr. 13 and toured Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Arkansas. Today he told newspapermen that it was hard to pick out what impressed him most, but he thought that it was the great improvement in troops of all kinds compared with what he saw on his trip last September.

Mr. Roosevelt said that officers and men were eager to get into the show and get it over with.

Watches Training

On his travels the President schooled himself thoroughly on how marines and soldiers were going about the task of learning to kill, both in the air and on land, and on how members of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps were training for more than 100 different jobs to enable more men to be released for active duty.

In fact, at Fort Benning, Ga., President Roosevelt attended several open-air classes for officer candidates. At one class the President sat less than 100 feet from the line of fire of machine-guns and mortars spattering live and tracer ammunition into simulated enemy positions in the wooded hills. The men were learning to solve the battle indoctrination problem under conditions approaching actual combat, closer than anything the President had seen.

Emphasis was entirely on military might, as the President's special train rolled through the southeastern States. President Roosevelt visited no war plants. He passed through or skirted cities and towns, and the only crowds he saw were in khaki.

Sees Stronger Race

He made no speeches. The trip had no obvious political significance, although Mr. Roosevelt met five State Governors in the various places he visited.

The President spoke of the improvement in living conditions, food, sanitation and housing, and how the men would benefit permanently from training, with better health and mental alertness.

A year of military training, he said, does nobody any harm. He remarked that between military training and rationing America would have a stronger race of people.

The President observed that the senior officers were much younger than in the last war.

Reds Attacking At Leningrad

MOSCOW, Apr. 20 (UP)—Laying down a heavy artillery barrage, Russian troops attacked southeast of Leningrad today in several simultaneous thrusts.

Berlin radio claimed that the Red forces had been pushed back after penetrating the German lines at least one point.

Hand to hand fighting lasted four hours, the enemy spokesman said, after which the attacks were repulsed with a loss of 400 to the Russians. There were other small-scale attacks in the Kuban and on the Smolensk front. The Volkhov and Ladoga zones are under spring floodwaters and there was practically no activity there.

Swedes Protest German Attacks on Submarine

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 20 (UP)—The Swedish government has sent a formal protest to Berlin, the Foreign Office announced today, over the shelling of a Swedish submarine by an armed German merchantman last Friday. The incident occurred in Swedish waters.

Another Swedish submarine, missing during maneuvers the night before, has been located in deep water off the coast. Rescue operations are underway and divers report they can hear hammer-signals from at least some of her crew, trapped in the sunken vessel and still alive.

Flying Fortress Lent To Gen. Montgomery

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Apr. 20 (AP)—Gen. Eisenhower has lent Gen. Montgomery a Flying Fortress for his personal use as long as he stays in North Africa.

Gen. Montgomery mentioned to a member of Gen. Eisenhower's staff that he would like to have the use of a Fortress, and Gen. Eisenhower said that he would lend him one.

When Gen. Montgomery wired that he had taken Sousse, the American commander replied that the Fortress was on its way and added, "but it will fly better from Tunis than Sousse."

New Equipment For French In Africa from U.S.

Tanks, Radios, Shoes, Rifles Among Articles Now Being Delivered

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Apr. 20 (UP)—Ships carrying American equipment for the French troops fighting in Tunisia have arrived in North Africa and the equipment is being delivered as fast as it can be unpacked.

French troops are already going into battle wearing American-made uniforms and carrying the latest equipment.

"We are certainly happy—you should see the grins of the boys unpacking the equipment and learning how it works," a French captain said. "At last we are going somewhere."

The French are receiving trucks, uniforms, shoes, radios, tanks, tank destroyers, armored scout cars, artillery and rifles.

Some of the troops fighting in Tunisia have been recalled from the front to be re-equipped, while others are still fighting with what they have. Detachments of drivers and maintenance crews have been brought back from the fighting zones to take the equipment to the forward areas and to learn how to use it.

The uniforms being issued to the French troops are similar to the usual American uniform but have the French insignia.

'ETO' Selected As Monk's Name

The London Red Cross Hans Crescent club's monkey mascot—up to now hailed as "Mr. Jimmy"—has got a new name. It's "ETO."

Four soldiers sent in the singularly appropriate suggestion, chosen from nearly 300 entries in a "name contest" sponsored by the club and The Stars and Stripes.

The winners, in the order in which their entries were received, are Sgt. H. L. Gleason, Cpl. Michael Toleno, Cpl. Walter Ploski and Pfc John W. Kraper. They are asked to get in touch with Miss Eunice Landau, program director (Kensington 8831), so that they may be sent their prizes. But it is hoped that one, at least, can attend at 9:30 PM tomorrow.

"Mr. Jimmy" will be re-christened in the club's ball room at 9:30 PM tomorrow by Miss Mid Eberle, program assistant.

A dramatic last-minute request from men of an Engineers outfit, who promised to confer the rank of T/5 on the monk if it was called Wilson Rizzo, after two of their bright boys, had to be reluctantly rejected.

First Easter Bells Since 1940 To Ring in American Services

American troops at religious services throughout Britain will hear the pealing of Easter bells Sunday morning.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced in the Commons yesterday that the ban on Sunday morning church bells will be lifted in time for the Easter services. Church bells have been banned—except on a few occasions—since the threat of invasion in 1940.

He added that the bells will be rung not only every Sunday but on other special days to summon worshippers to church, which probably means they will toll Good Friday morning.

In addition to the two special Easter Day services planned for American soldiers in the London area—one in Hyde Park at 6:45 AM and the other at St. Paul's Cathedral at 4:45 PM—the following arrangements for Holy Week and

24 More Axis Planes Downed, Raising Two-Day Score to 112; Montgomery Sees Eisenhower

Got One Plane Per 50 Shots



Associated Press Photo

This 90mm. gun—the largest and heaviest anti-aircraft weapon in the U.S. Army—bagged one Jap plane per 50 shots fired by U.S. Marines on Guadalcanal. Now being used in North Africa, the gun fires at the average rate of 18 rounds per minute and can operate with a crew of 15 men.

U.S. 'Fighting 57th' Revealed As Heroes of Big Air Battle

CAIRO, Apr. 20 (AP)—The famous American desert group which blasted 74 enemy aircraft from the air in the smashing victory near Bizerta Sunday afternoon was disclosed today as the "Fighting 57th."

It was the first time the War Department had permitted the identity to be revealed of the fighter group which fought with the RAF in the Eighth Army's desert campaign from El Alamein to Tunisia.

At least three American pilots came out of Sunday's battle as aces, each having shot down five or more enemy planes in that single roaring engagement.

The new aces are Lt. MacArthur Robert Powers, of Inwood, L.I., N.Y., who shot down four Ju52s and one Me109, bringing his total to seven; Lt. Richard E. Duffey, of Walled Lake, Mich., who shot down five Ju52s and damaged a Me109, and Capt. Roy E. Whittaker, of Knoxville, Tenn., credited with three Ju52s destroyed and one damaged and one Me109 shot down, bringing his total to seven.

The Sunday battle started a race between Allied desert aces. An American pilot, Sqdn. Ldr. Lance Wade, of Tucson, Ariz., who has been for a long time the top scorer in the Western Desert, has been overtaken temporarily by F/Lt. N. F. Duke. Shooting down two Savoia

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Nazi Transport Hit by Fighters

Allies Strike at Convoys In France; Get Ju88 At 34,000 Feet

Allied fighter planes attacked railroads, truck convoys and a power station in Northern France yesterday, and then passed the ball to the medium bombers which raided Belgian railway targets during the late afternoon.

No planes were lost in the attacks, the Air Ministry reported.

While his fellow-pilots were over the Continent, a Norwegian RAF pilot spiralled his Spitfire nearly seven miles high to intercept a German Ju88 at 34,000 feet off the East Coast of England.

"After my first burst, the port engine of the Junkers exploded," the pilot reported. "About five miles from the coast the plane blew up. One of the crew waved as he was parachuting down."

Yesterday's raids followed others Monday night, in which Mosquitoes and Beaufighters of Fighter Command ranged over France, Holland and Northwest Germany. One Beaufighter pilot said he attacked three trains in France, set one on fire and halted the other two. Another pilot reported seeing hits all along the side of a train which he attacked with cannon and machine-gun fire. Two planes were lost, a communique said.

Nazi Channel Convoy Hit
A heavily escorted Nazi convoy was attacked off the Hook of Holland yesterday by British Navy coastal forces, which sank one German supply ship and probably destroyed another, the Admiralty announced.

Most Bore Troops, But No Sign of Mass Escape

Allied air forces, waging the most concentrated aerial warfare in history, sent 24 more enemy aircraft spinning to destruction over Tunisia and the Mediterranean, it was reported yesterday, raising the total for two days to 112.

The majority of the planes shot down were Ju52s, each carrying about 20 Axis troops from the Tunisian battle-front towards Sicily and southern Italy. Despite this fact, there was no evidence that the hard-pressed Rommel was beginning any wholesale evacuation by sea or air.

Naval reconnaissance has revealed no concentration of Axis shipping, and in recent days some transport planes have been reported bearing men as well as supplies into the Tunisian triangle, suggesting that Rommel may be shuttling fresh men into action and removing the wounded or partially incapacitated.

'Fighting 57th'

It was revealed yesterday in Cairo that the fighters which scored the sensational victory near Bizerta on Sunday, shooting down 58 Ju52s and 14 Me109s, were mostly from the American "Fighting 57th" Group, which has helped the RAF in the desert campaign all the way from Alamein westward.

It was the first time the War Department had permitted the unit to be named, although its squadrons, the "Fighting Cock," "Exterminator," and "Scorpions" among them, have made their names famous in the campaign.

Revised scores for the two-day aerial offensive showed last night that 112 Axis planes had been shot down altogether. Three more were downed Sunday after the previous score was compiled, bringing the total to 88, while 24 fell yesterday. Among the 24 were 12 Ju52s. It was also announced that two American pilots believed lost had turned up safe, reducing the Allied losses in the great battle to seven.

Meanwhile, Malta-based fighters also slashed at Rommel's aerial transport lines, contributing three more Ju52s to the rising total of slaughtered planes in mid-Mediterranean.

A total of 48 Warhawks and a number of Spitfires were in the fighter sweep which dived on more than 100 Ju52s with their escort of more than 50 Me109s and 110s.

Praise Spitfire Cover

The formation was shattered and it is doubtful if any of the transport planes reached their destination, as many crashed to escape the onslaught of American planes, which were given top cover by Spitfires.

The American pilots paid tribute to the cover given them by the Spitfires flown by Allied pilots, and said that they took care of the enemy's fighter escort so that the Warhawks could concentrate on the transport planes. After the Warhawks had finished their job they also encountered the Messerschmitts.

The Spitfires shot down at least three enemy fighters. One American pilot said: "With Spits up there to protect us from above we knew we wouldn't be bothered

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British Occupy Tunisian Isles

SFAX, Apr. 15 (delayed)—The Kerkennah Islands, 16 miles off the Tunisian coast, have been seized in a commando-like raid by special troops of a famous British regiment.

The operation was carried out without a life being lost or a shot being fired, under a moon obscured by low, scudding clouds the night of Apr. 14.

Cherbi Island, smaller of the two, and Kerkennah, the main island, were found evacuated by the troops, who gained their objectives in assault craft after paddling for more than a mile and a half through shallow, treacherous water and wading the last 200 yards.

The operations were undertaken for security reasons, as the islands have little economic significance. They are sparsely populated and have minor mineral deposits but little vegetation. They were under French control until the Axis forces occupied them at the time of the Anglo-American landings in North Africa.

Easter in other London churches have been announced:

Church of England

Westminster Abbey: Daily, Holy Communion, 8 AM; Mattins, 10 AM; Evensong, 3 PM. Good Friday: Mattins, Ante-Communion and sermon, 10:30 AM; Service, noon until 3 PM; Evensong, 3:30 PM; Evangelistic Service, 6 PM. Easter Day: Holy Communion, 8 AM; Mattins and sermon, 10:30 AM; Holy Communion, 11:30 AM; Evensong, 3 PM; Evening service, 6:30 PM. Easter Monday: Evensong with carols, 3 PM. St. Paul's Cathedral: Holy Week: Daily, Holy Communion, 8 AM; Mattins, 10 AM; Service, 1:15 PM; Evensong, 4 PM. Maundy Thursday: Communion, 10 AM. Good Friday: Broadcast Service and Address, 9:30 AM; Mattins, 10:30; Service, noon to 3 PM; Evensong, 3:15 PM; Evening Service, 6:30 PM. Easter Eve: Evensong, 4 PM. Easter Day: Communion, 7:15 AM; Litany, 7:45 AM; Communion, 8 AM and 8:30 AM; Broadcast Service and Address, 9:45 AM; Procession, Mattins, 10:30 AM; Communion, 11:30 AM; Procession, 3:15 PM; Service and Sermon, 6:30 PM. Easter Monday: Communion, (Continued on page 4)

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Happy Birthday

The German enthusiasm for official birthdays has taken a complete nose-dive in recent months as RAF and AAF planes flock to these celebrations with great loads of "appropriate gifts."

This week, for example, Der Fuehrer chose to spend his 54th birthday safe in his headquarters, listening, it is said, to speeches delivered in his honor by Goering and Goebbels.

They were good speeches, too, for Goebbels broadcast, "It has often been said that the Fuehrer represents the image of all of us" (meaning all Germans, of course). That remark is more insulting than anything we can think up.

And Goering came through with a sweet little gem when he broadcast, "We stand in attention in proud joy, remembering the birthday of our most beloved Fuehrer and Supreme Commander."

Can't you picture the Nazi troops, captured at Stalingrad, standing proudly erect, facing the west in a Nazi salute, using a stunted hand withered beyond recognition from freezing blasts encountered during last winter's campaigns in Russia!

And can't you see millions of Germans in homes and what is left of homes stand to drink a toast to Der Fuehrer as they review in memory the happier days of peace!

Yes, it must have been a great day... Monday... in every ruined German city and in every broken German home.

Make No Little Plans

Recently in the Chicago Sun appeared this thought. We feel it is worth passing along:

"Millions of our young men will come back having learned to live hard and expect much of themselves, to give much to the world and ask much for themselves... world-minded and world-travelled, able to appraise their country and their future... impatient with little vision, cautious conservatism, safe security, the slow and easy... unafraid to die or face anything in life that can confront them."

"And in their expectations and abilities they will give new impetus to our national life, up the scales and raise the sights. For these are the masters of the future and for them 'make no little plans.'"

We like that phrase... make no little plans for us. We're sick of seeing the results of "cheap and petty international politics." We're disgusted with those who would sell their souls and the honor of America for hard cash. The world needs men like Roosevelt, Hull and Wallace, Churchill, Eden and Cripps, General and Madame Chiang Kai-shek, to direct the destiny of democratic peoples.

After this struggle we want to re-enter a world of opportunity, and we will want to make plans for our children that will insure for them a better future than we have known. Such a program is worth fighting for, and when we win the victory we will be worthy of "the plan."

So make "no little plan for us."

Even Grandma Helps

America, land of organizations, ritzie, super-doooper and ordinary, has a new one today, the American Grandmas' Association, created to direct the efforts of all Grandmothers toward winning this war.

President of the Association is Mrs. Darralle Shirley, of Mystic, Conn., who wants all and sundry to know that Grandmas are in this war too, and she is out to see that people quit shoving Grandmas into the corner rocking chair when there's a fight on.

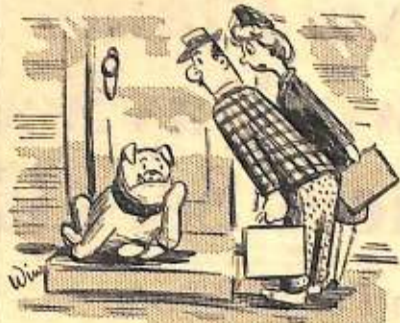
From figures supplied by the new organization we learn that some three thousand grandmas are working in war factories, and that countless others are now cooking and housekeeping for younger women who are taking over the jobs formerly held by men.

So at last we know what total war really means, and should Grandma crawl up alongside you as the barrage opens signalling operations on "The Second Front," think nothing of it, for anything can happen now that Grandmas have an Association.

Hash Marks

Latest flash from the college campus: "If all the co-eds in the world that don't neck were gathered in one room, what would we do with her?"

"A 'vicious' watchdog was left locked inside their home by a Kansas City couple. When they returned the pooch



was locked outside. He had been put out by a thief who stole \$75 worth of clothing.

Captain George E. Cornelius of Mason City, Iowa, observed his birthday in N. Ireland last week. He didn't suspect that anyone knew about the occasion and was seated behind his desk when in walked members of his quartermaster department, en masse. They filed in, crowded the room and suddenly burst into song, "Happy Birthday, dear Captain," etc., then presented him with a cake—with pretty pink (spam?) icing.

GIs with false teeth used to get fed up with standing in long, slow-moving dental inspection lines. Now they have wised-up. They remove their molars, hand them to the next in line and say, "Show these to the officer and bring them back to barracks when you come."

Jean Bradnick, Y2c1, stationed at a navy headquarters over here, used to be editor of an Indiana weekly. All the time he held this job his paper was in red-hot competition with another sheet. Since his arrival in the British Isles three months ago Bradnick has received only two pieces of mail—two copies of the rival weekly!

A pretty girl dashed into a Chicago meat store. "Please, please," she gasped, "lock me in your meat refrigerator—just



for five minutes!" The butcher thought the best approach was the calm and quiet way. "Any special reason?" he asked softly. "Oh, yes," sighed the damsel, "I'm taking tests to become a WAVE—and they told me I have two degrees of temperature. And I know it's just because I am so excited. So, please, lock me up and cool me off!" The butcher gallantly opened his icebox and after five minutes the girl left happily—but the butcher never did learn whether she passed or not. J. C. W.

Men of the United Nations—French



French infantrymen wear British battledress in a slit trench on the English countryside where they held maneuvers. French helmets are still worn by troops in England. At right, marching French soldiers carry the rifle reverse of the way Americans do. They march at a faster pace too—140 steps per minute.



The Fighting French Don't Hear Reveille Until 7AM

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-turn in their own way. Here is the first 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

The Tricolor flies over the parade ground. On the asphalt French soldiers drill. But it is not France; it is England.

Georges C., who comes from Brittany, is taking his basic training—doing saluting drill. Georges is really undergoing a refresher course. He first joined the French Army back in 1938. When France fell in June, 1940, he was demobilized. He went back to his oyster beds; helped to organize an underground movement for the rescue and sending back of Allied airmen who had had to bale out over occupied territory. The game got too hot, so six weeks ago he decided to skip. He did. And now he is doing saluting drill.

The French salute is not like the one we learn. The arm comes up in line with the shoulders, and a flat hand is turned

outwards, fingers touching the forehead, one inch over the eyebrow.

The close order drill that Georges performs is different, too. His right and left turn at the halt are the same as ours, but when it comes to about face the procedure is very different. It is done in three movements. The right foot is brought back behind the left at right angles, heel to the left, toe to the right. On the second count the body is swivelled completely about, leaving the right foot six inches ahead of the left. On the count three the forward (right) foot is brought back, and the soldier resumes the position of attention.

The position, "at ease," is assumed from the attention by bringing the right foot nine inches to the front of the left.

Other commands in close order drill are more or less the same, except that the about-face is a mixture of the British knee-raising turn and the American swivel.

In another squad, Robert B., from Orleans, is taking manual of arms. He is more advanced than Georges; he escaped in January. He was captured by the Germans while fighting in Alsace. He had experience of various prison camps in France and Germany, then when the Germans discovered he was a farmer in civil life they shipped him off to a market garden near Berlin.

Flirted With Fraulein

Unfortunately the Nazis saw him flirting with a German fraulein. They sent him to a stalag near Gdynia, the Polish seaport. This made it easy. Robert escaped the camp, stowed away on a German ship to Stockholm, Sweden, and from there he came to England; and nobody asks how.

Now he does manual of arms in England. It is very different from the American style. There is only right shoulder arms, but the rifle is reversed from the way we carry it, with trigger guard facing outward. When carrying the rifle at attention the forearm is bent at right angles, as with the American method; but at ease the arm is extended down. Present arms is from the at-ease position, with the left arm brought across the body, fingers touching the upper band, palm facing down.

The rifle that he is using, too, is different not only from the American but from the type he was using in France. The old French army used the Lebel, a much longer weapon than our M1, and they fixed a long three-sided bayonet. Now they carry the British Enfield.

Earlier on, however, in his basic training Robert used the American Springfield '03 and the Eddystone. The French over here are having a complex time with their training in the use of arms; they have had to learn the use of French, British and American equipment.

The French light infantry and cavalry regiments march at a higher rate than we do—140 to the minute; their pace is 75cms. (about 30 inches). Regular infantry outfits march the same as American style, but with a little less precision about the six inches to the front, three inches to the rear.

A Thought for Buglers

Camp routine would be nothing new to any other soldier, except that reveille is at 7 AM. Chow is made up from the ordinary British ration, but by the time the sergeant cooks have finished cooking the British rations, this is the kind of menu the French soldiers see in the mess hall:

Matin—Cacao au lait, beurre, confiture. Midi—Saumon vinaigrette. Pomme frit. Beefsteaks. Salad choux froid.

Soir—Jambon froid. Fromage. Café. In English, this means that the French soldier has the typically Continental breakfast—cocoa with milk, rolls, butter and jam. On this particular menu he gets at midday cold salmon with vinegar dressing, followed by beef, potatoes and salad. For the evening meal he gets cold ham, cheese and coffee.

At the midday meal they have a quarter liter of red wine.

Routine in the mess hall is more

orderly than the American chow line. Tables are set for eight or 12 men, and one man from each table takes a turn to go to the kitchen and bring back food to serve to his comrades at table.

All the French soldiers are dressed in British battledress and berets, with the exception of the MPs, who, known as "flics" (the Paris idiom for "cops"), still dress in the old-time French uniforms. Sergeants look like any other sergeant.

Ranks do not show on the sleeves. All non-coms show their rank by diagonal stripes worn between the second and third buttons from the top of their battle dress. Pfc's (privat, premier classe) wear one cloth stripe. Corporals (caporal) two cloth stripes, diagonal; and a superior kind of corporal known as "caporal chef" wears two cloth stripes and one gold or silver stripe. An ordinary sergeant (maréchal des loges) has one diagonal gold or silver stripe on his battle dress; a first sergeant (sergent) two gold or silver stripes; a staff sergeant (sergent chef) three diagonal gold or silver stripes; technical sergeant (adjudant) has one horizontal gold or silver stripe with a red stripe interwoven; and the master sergeant (adjudant chef) has the same thing.

KP Is KP Anywhere

In the commissioned ranks, a second lieutenant wears one gold bar on both shoulder straps; a first lieutenant, two, and a captain, three. A major wears three bars close together and one below; a lieutenant colonel, three and two—either three gold and two silver, or vice-versa; a full colonel has three and two, all in silver; a colonel on the staff wears one star; a major general, two stars; a lieutenant general, three stars; a general, four stars, and a maréchal de France, seven stars.

This list is correct for the major part of the French army, but, as with most armies, some outfits have laws unto themselves.

In French camps they have the same kind of detail as American soldiers have. Old-fashioned KP is eased by having potato-peeling machines, but, opposed to that, every vegetable is diced or cut up small. Policing and all forms of coal-humping are a subject of beefing in any army. The French fatigue dress makes the wearer look like a French dock-worker—blue two-piece boiler suits and close-fitting caps.

In fact, apart from minor details, the only difference between an American and a French soldier is that the American soldier wants to get to France, because the sooner he gets there the sooner he goes home—with the French, as soon as they are there they are home.

Lenten Message

MARK 13:13—"He that shall endure unto the end shall be saved."

Every sportsman knows what is meant by "following through." Man most successfully endures when he is advancing, is on the offensive, is out to meet his difficulties to overcome them. The best kind of endurance is getting on. Endurance is not just sitting down and taking it on the chin; endurance means nothing, unless we endure until the end, because the end is worth attaining.

PRIVATE BREGER



"Platoon D all present or accounted for, Sir, 16 men on KP, 2 latrine orderlies, 8 sentry duty, 13 in hospital, 7 on sick call, 1 charge of quarters, 18 on fatigue detail, and 4 on leave!"

Missela Batters John Smith for Easy Decision

Fight Program Announced for Belfast Show

Russo Takes on Baker At Red Cross Club Thursday Night

By Paul Lange
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BELFAST, Apr. 20—Leather is expected to fly thick and fast when ten boxers, comprising soldiers, sailors, Marines and technicians, square off in the inaugural show of The Stars and Stripes Northern Ireland boxing program at the Red Cross club here Thursday night.

One of the outstanding matches is slated to be the light heavyweight scrap between Clem Russo, S2c, of Philadelphia, leading U.S. Navy fighter at Londonderry, and Cloyd Baker, of Los Angeles, a technician, who has fought nearly a hundred fights, amateur and professional.

Another good slugfest is anticipated when 1/Sgt. Samuel Coggins, of Asheville, N.C., former Army lightweight champion in the Canal Zone in 1938, pairs off against Pvt. Joseph Domier, 147-pound Marine from Bethlehem, Pa., recently crowned welterweight champion of the U.S. Londonderry Naval Base. Coggins weighs 150 now.

Wrestling Matches Added

Pvt. Jimmy Bryan, of San Antonio, Texas, who won the welterweight championship of the Texas Golden Glove tournament in 1939 and the Army welterweight title at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in 1940, will have his hands full when he meets Francis P. Loucka, CM3c, of Cleveland, a member of the Sea Bees of Northern Ireland, who has won 17 of 21 amateur fights. Both are fighting at 160 pounds.

The other two bouts will send Pvt. Walt Wodarski, of Erie, Pa., who was a bantamweight titleholder in one of the Erie City tournaments, against Pvt. John Buhel, of Elmont, N.Y., a Marine scrapper, and Pvt. Cloyd Hamm, of Washington, another Marine slugger, against Pvt. Robert Bracke.

There will be a supporting card of two wrestling matches and a pair of bouts between outstanding junior Irish fighters, proteges of Arthur Anderson, of Belfast, who has been training GIs at the Red Cross club here.

McNutt for Roosevelt At Baseball Opening

WASHINGTON, Apr. 20—President Roosevelt will be unable to attend the opening major league baseball game between the Philadelphia Athletics and the Washington Senators at Griffith Stadium today, but he has delegated War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt as a substitute.

McNutt should do a fine job throwing out the first ball when the umpire yells "Play ball!" since McNutt was a former Indiana University varsity moundsman.

Ball Clubs Can Go On—McNutt

No Preferential Treatment Given or Asked, WMC Head Explains

WASHINGTON, Apr. 20 (UP)—War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt, who controls the destiny of wartime baseball, predicts that baseball will be able to continue for the duration despite the approaching induction of all able-bodied men between 18 and 38.

But McNutt made it plain that the WMC is continuing to consider professional baseball a non-essential activity, thus ruling out any possibility of occupational deferment for players.

He added that he believed the baseball clubs would be able to get along all right using men over 38 and youths up to 18, with the latter, naturally, subject to induction when they reach 18. He recognized that the clubs realize their No Man's Land position in the field of war activity and haven't asked for preferential treatment nor would they receive it if they did.

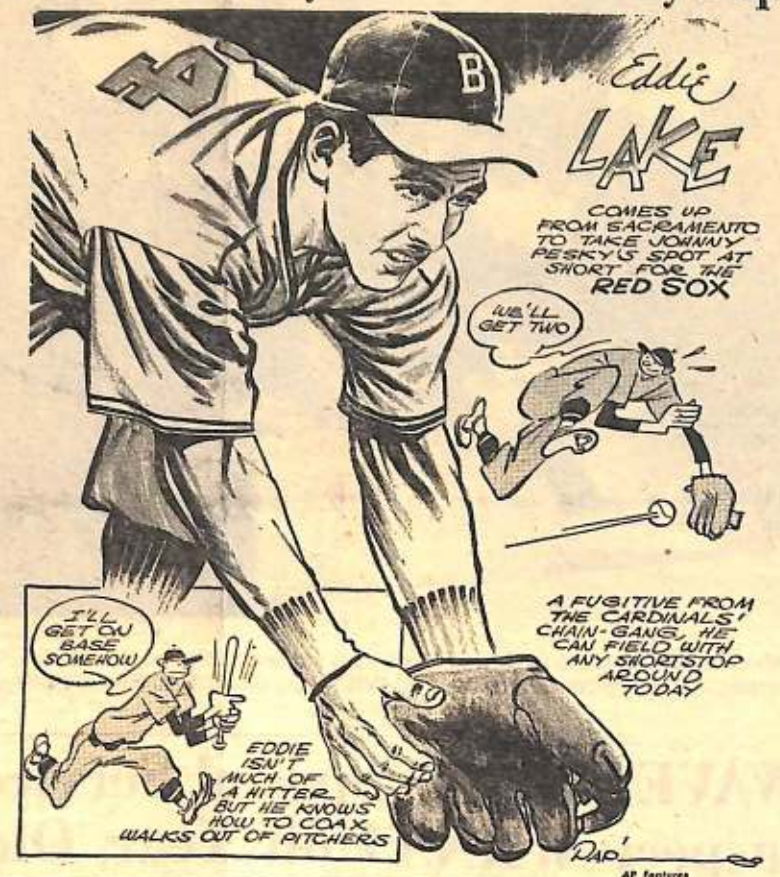
"It is to that extent that the burden of proof as to whether baseball is able to continue will rest with the clubs themselves," McNutt also made it clear that his views concerning professional baseball also apply to other spectator sports.

Fights at Queensberry Club

An All-Star boxing show for the benefit of the Polish Relief Fund will be held at the Queensberry Club tonight, starting at 6.15.

Eddie Is Ready

By Pap



Count Fleet Off for Derby; Hoof Injury Almost Healed

NEW YORK, Apr. 20—Count Fleet, favored Kentucky Derby entrant, has trained for Churchill Downs, apparently satisfactorily recovered from the injured left hind hoof which was cut when he was leaving the gate at the start of the Wood Memorial on Saturday at Jamaica.

Veterinarians removed the bandage yesterday with the verdict that "the danger of infection is past and all that must be done is wait for the cut to heal." Whereupon the thousands who have made the Count the shortest-priced favorite in Derby history heaved a sigh of relief.

The Count's ungainly running form has been likened to a giraffe hurrying home for its Sunday dinner. Trainer Don Cameron said, "Maybe it's not pretty, but the Count gets around the track before anything else—and that's good enough for me."

English-born Jockey Johnny Longden, who rode the Count in all his races as a juvenile and a three-year-old, was as non-committal as several hundred words would permit.

Still Nervous and Highstrung

He said, "The Count runs with his head in my lap," implying it was somewhat akin to flying blind. He continued, "But he's easy to keep straight, and if I didn't hold him he'd run from here to Kansas City." The Count, as a skittish two-year-old, nearly did run to Kansas City on several occasions when frightened by shadows, but Cameron and Longden both agreed that the Count is nearly over that distressing habit, although he is still a nervous, highstrung thoroughbred.

Cameron and Longden did not confine their fears to any particular opponent in the Derby. Cameron says he knows only what he reads in the papers about other eligibles. Longden thought Blue Swords "strictly the horse to beat." Blue Swords, driving all he was worth, still finished four lengths behind Count Fleet in the Wood Memorial.

Cameron said the Count, when a two-year-old, ran the mile and the mile and a sixteenth faster than Man O'War. That's what a lot of bookies are trying to forget.

Southern Loop Will Play A Split-Season Schedule

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Apr. 20—The Directors of the Southern Association have made a drastic revision in the '43 schedule which opens on the 23rd. They voted to eliminate the Shaughnessy playoffs and substitute a split season.

Under the new season schedule, the first half of the season will end July 4 with the second half opening the next day. The winners of each half will be given bonuses of \$1,000 and will meet at the end of the season in a seven-game playoff. The playoff winner will receive an additional \$1,000. Should one team win both halves, it will receive \$3,000 and the playoff will not be held.

Coast League Opens Season

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 20—Despite the pressure of war the Pacific Coast League drew 40,000 customers to four games in the nation's '43 debut of the professional baseball season. It was a rousing start for the 40-year-old circuit since the opening day games last year attracted only 25,000. However, last year the contest was played on a weekday instead of Sunday.

Except for the 1942 champion Sacramento club, which has only one holdover from last year's lineup, the clubs fielded a fair assortment of experienced and competent players.

Nearly 16,000 fans watched the San Francisco Seals beat the Hollywood Stars, 7-5, on the opening day. The Portland Beavers dropped Sacramento, 5-2, and the Los Angeles Angels, general favorites to win the '43 championship, barely downed Oakland, 9-8. The San Diego Padres licked Seattle, 2-1, in 11 innings.

SOS Softball Leagues Start 4-Month Schedule

SOS HEADQUARTERS, Apr. 20—The familiar and nostalgic cry of "Play Ball!" was heard here as three SOS Headquarters softball leagues swung into action to open the season on four separate diamonds. The three leagues are named the Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin. Each has eight teams in its roster. The games will be played from Monday through Friday nights on the four diamonds.

At the completion of the schedule in late August, playoffs will be held between the league winners to decide the champion nine. At that time, awards will be given by Capt. George W. Smoot, post Special Services officer and CO of the —st Special Service Unit which is sponsoring the activities, to the most valuable player and to the leading hitter.

Pocket Billiard Title to Ponzi

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Apr. 20—"Handy Andy" Ponzi, of Philadelphia, won the world pocket billiard championship crown by dethroning defending champion Willie Mosconi, 1,250 to 1,050 over a ten-block route. Ponzi held the crown in 1934 and '40.

Zirkle, Hussey TKO Winners In First Round

Payne Outpoints Sabo In Minor Upset On Ring Show

They saved the excitement for the last three fights at The Stars and Stripes weekly bouts at the Rainbow Corner last night with two of the last three tilts ending in the first round.

Pvt. Frank Missela, of Cleveland, flashing a trip-hammer left that packed power every time it landed, won his fifth fight in seven appearances with a decision over Pvt. John Smith, of New York.

Missela was out for the kill throughout the fight, and only Smith's good condition saved him from being kayoed. Missela opened up slowly in the first, but near the end of the round smashed through with a wicked right to the side of the head. He opened up in the second frame with a left, feinting with a right, and then pounded away. Midway through the round, he banged away with two hard lefts and then a hard right to the face.

He sent his left to work in the third, and midway through the round he floored Smith with a vicious hook. Although there was no count, Smith was groggy, and Missela was on his way to a knockout when the final bell rang. Both boys weighed 135.

In the only heavyweight tilt on the card, Sgt. Heaston Zirkle, of Hinston, Va., took a TKO over Cpl. Cal Dingess, of Detroit. The referee stopped the contest after a wild first stanza during which Dingess suffered a cut over his left eye.

Toe-to-Toe Sluggers

Cpl. William Hussey, of Brooklyn, weighing 167, beat Pvt. James Duffy, of York, Pa., 170, in one minute and 22 seconds of the first round by a TKO. Hussey and Duffy stood toe to toe slugging it out on even terms for the first 40 seconds of the bout, then Hussey caught his opponent with a series of hard rights that had Duffy groggy when the fight ended.

In a fast opener, between two 112-pounders, Pfc Edward LeBorde, of Greta, La., chalked up his fourth straight victory at the Corner with a clean-cut decision over Cpl. Frank Barbieri, of Philadelphia.

LeBorde battered Barbieri with a whirlwind attack during the first round, twice sending the Philadelphia boy to the ropes. Barbieri rallied in the second, but just as the bell finished that stanza he was clipped with a solid left and right to the head. LeBorde came back in the third with a repetition of his first round attack and floored his opponent with a left to the head midway through the round. It was LeBorde's third win over Barbieri.

In the first of two special exhibition bouts, LAC Nat Yes, of the RAF, went three rounds with Cpl. Billy Hummerston, also of the RAF. The second exhibition affair brought together two brothers, AC John Russell, RAF, and Al Russell, former London schoolboy champ.

Deri Gets Draw

Pvt. Toni Deri, 121 pounder from West New York, N.J., stayed inside the looping rights of Pfc Herbert Cobb, 126-pound Negro from Greta, La., and hammered his opponent with close infighting to earn a draw in the second regular bout.

Cobb battered Deri in the first round with several long-range rights that had the New York boy a little puzzled.

A minor upset came in the fourth scrap when Pvt. Alvah Payne, of Eldorado, Ark., 139, outpointed unbeaten Pvt. William Sabo, of Cleveland, also 139.

Tall, lanky Payne, who had lost twice before at the Corner, used his reach and height to advantage, tagging Sabo with long rights and lefts after Sabo had rapped him during a slow first round. Both boys were on the ropes in the second, Sabo taking his turn first, then Payne.

Payne forced the issue in the third to take the deciding round.

The right hand of Pvt. Gene Windsor, of Houston, Tex., gave Pvt. Al Jensen, of Jersey City, N.J., a "pass-out check" early in the first round of their bout. Three jolters sent Jensen reeling after the opening gong and a right cross a few seconds later put him out on the canvas after one minute, 25 seconds had elapsed.

Pvt. Ben Hogan Annexes Texas Victory Open Title

DALLAS, Tex., Apr. 20—Pvt. Ben Hogan, who is stationed at Tarrant Field, Texas, top money winner among the U.S. professionals last year, won the 36-hole two-day Texas Victory Open golf tournament with a six below par 138. First prize was 500-dollar war bond.

Jimmy Gaunt, Fort Worth professional, and Harry Todd, Dallas amateur, tied for second place with a 141 total. PGA President Ed Dudley and Sgt. Rod Monday and Dick Martin tied for third with 142.

Hogan complained because his game was rusty after a seven-month layoff, but fired an even par in the first nine holes of the opening day's play and followed with five birdies in the second nine holes for 67 which was five under par. He holed 18 holes yesterday, one under par.

NEWS FROM HOME

New York 72-Acre Apartment Will House Ex-Service Men

NEW YORK, Apr. 20—Broadcasting from City Hall, Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia today described a huge low-rental apartment project for after the war which will provide new, cheap living quarters for many returning service men and their families.

Planned by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., the project will occupy a tract of 72 acres bounded by First Ave., Ave. C, E, 14th St. and E. 20th St. The buildings will cover approximately 30 per cent of the 18-block area.

The rest will be devoted to roadways, landscaped open courts and park. Rents will run from \$12 to \$14 per month per room. Approximately 30,000 tenants will be accommodated.

Quartermasters Adopt Shorts

BOSTON, Mass., Apr. 20—Officers at the Quartermaster Corps Depot here announced today that khaki shorts with five pockets will soon be GI issue in certain undisclosed theaters of operations. They'll be worn with knee-length OD socks. Adoption of the shorts followed experiments on a guinea pig detail of officers and enlisted men to find a better garment than slacks or breeches for desert warfare.

FDR Rejects Fourth Term

WASHINGTON, Apr. 20 (AP)—Frank Comfort, Democratic National Committeeman from Iowa, said today that President Roosevelt has advised friends privately that he will not consider a fourth term under any circumstances. Comfort added that he had heard a lot of talk from both Republicans and Democrats on the matter, and that members of both parties seemed to agree that there should

be no change if the war continues next year.

Senators' Views 'Disquieting'

NEW YORK, Apr. 20 (AP)—Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, today termed "most disquieting" the results of an Associated Press poll of Senators on participation after the war in an international agreement to police the world. The AP survey showed that the Senate was almost evenly split into three parts, one in favour, one against and one undecided on the matter.

Australian Name For U.S. Ship

QUINCY, Mass., Apr. 20—The first U.S. naval vessel ever to be named for a foreign city—the heavy cruiser Canberra—was launched yesterday at the Fore River yards of the Bethlehem Steel Co. here. She will replace the Australian cruiser of the same name which was sunk by the Japs off Guadalcanal last Aug. 8.

Urges Complete Disarmament

VALPARAISO, Ind., Apr. 20—Former Senator George Norris, of Nebraska, said in a speech here that complete disarmament of enemy peoples is the only way to avoid future wars. People in enemy lands, Norris declared, want peace and will help such a program.

Probation for Extortioner

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 20 (AP)—Russell Alexanderson (cq), 18-year-old farm boy, who was convicted of demanding \$25,000 in a threatening letter to film star Betty Grable, was placed on probation for five years in the Federal Court here. He signed his letters "The Leopard."



P38s and P40s Dump 17 Tons On Kiska Japs

Fires in Submarine Docks, Hits Scored on Enemy Camp Areas

WASHINGTON, Apr. 20—Formations of bomb-carrying P38 Lightnings and P40 Warhawks hammered Jap installations on Kiska with 17 tons of bombs, the Navy Department announced today.

In nine different sweeps, direct hits were scored in the main camp areas and fires started in the submarine base, the report added.

Elsewhere in the Pacific, Allied medium bombers attacked Jap bases at Wald Bay, in New Guinea, the Tanimbar Islands, Timor Island and New Britain. Fires were started in villages and on installations at three airdromes.

Liberators attacked the Jap airdrome at Munda, in the central Solomons, scoring hits on the runway and large explosions resulted.

Heavy Blow in Burma

NEW DELHI, Apr. 20 (UP)—At least six more heavy attacks on vital points of the Japanese supply lines in Burma have been made by British and American bombers, according to official announcements.

Three of these were launched at the important railway bridges near Myitkyina, Pazundaung and Nanti. Each attack is believed to have stopped traffic on these lines for some time.

On land there has been no further news of the fighting since announcements earlier today that 200 Japanese on the Mayu Ridge were ambushed by our patrols yesterday, with 25 of them killed and many more wounded.

Easter - - - -

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10 AM; Evensong, 4 PM. Easter Tuesday: Communion, 10 AM; Evensong, 4 PM.

King's Chapel of the Savoy, W.C.2: Good Friday: Meditation on the Cross, noon to 1 PM; Easter Day: Mattins, 11.15 AM; Communion, 12.15 PM.

Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace, S.W.1: Good Friday: Service, noon. Easter Day: Service, 11.15 AM; St. Mark's, North Audley St., W.1: Maundy Thursday: Communion, noon. Good Friday: Service, noon to 3 PM. Easter Day: Communion, 7.30 AM and 8.30 AM; Prayer and Sermon, 10.45 AM; Communion, 11.45 AM; Evensong and Sermon, 6 PM.

St. George's, Hanover Sq., W.1: Maundy Thursday: Service, 8 PM. Good Friday: Mattins, 11 AM. Easter Day: Communion, 7.15 and 8.15 AM; Service, 11 AM; Communion, 12.05 PM; Evensong, 6 PM.

Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley St., W.1: Good Friday: Prayer and Ante-Communion, 8.15 AM; Service, noon to 3 PM; Prayer, 6 PM. Saturday: Prayer and Ante-Communion, 8.15 AM; Prayer, 6 PM. Easter Day: Communion, 7 AM, 8.15 AM and 9.15 AM.

St. Margaret's, Westminster, S.W.1: Good Friday: Service, 11 AM. Easter Day: Communion, 7.15 AM, 8.15 AM; Mattins and Sermon, 11 AM; Communion, noon.

St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Sq., W.C.2: Maundy Thursday: The Passion in Music and Poetry, 7 PM. Good Friday: Ante-Communion, 8.15 AM; Mattins, 10.30 AM; Service, noon to 3 PM. Easter Day: Communion, 6.30 AM, 7 AM, 8.30 AM and 10.15 AM; Service and Sermon, 11.30 AM; Communion, 12.30 PM; Evensong and Sermon, 3.30 PM; "Question Time", 6.15 PM.

Roman Catholic

Westminster Cathedral: Wednesday, High Mass, Passion of St. Luke, 10.30 AM; Tenebrae, 5.30 PM. Good Friday, Mass of the Presanctified, 10.30 AM; Stations of the Cross and Sermon, 3 PM; Tenebrae, 5.30 PM; Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross, 8 PM. Easter Eve, Blessing of the New Fire, Paschal Candle and Font, 9 AM; Pontifical High Mass followed by Vespers, 11 AM; Solemn Mattins and Lauds of Easter, Easter Day, Pontifical High Mass, 10.30 AM; Low Mass and Sermon, 12 noon; Solemn Vespers and Benediction, 3.15 PM; Compline Sermon and Benediction, 7 PM. Easter Monday, Solemn High Mass, 10.30 AM; Solemn Vespers and Benediction, 3.15 PM. Easter Tuesday, Solemn High Mass, 10.30; Solemn Vespers, 3.15 PM.

The Oratory Church, Brompton Road: Wednesday, Tenebrae, 5 PM. Thursday, Holy Communion every half-hour, 6.30-10.30 AM; High Mass and Procession to the Sepulchre, 11 AM; Tenebrae, 5 PM. Good Friday, Singing of the Passion (St. John), Adoration of the Cross and Mass of the Presanctified, 11 AM; Stations of the Cross, 3 PM; Sermon on the Death of Our Lord, 4 PM; Tenebrae, 4.30 PM; Maria Desolata, 7 PM. Saturday, Blessing of the New Fire, Paschal Candle and Font, 9.30 AM; High Mass and Vespers, 11.15 AM. Easter Day, Holy Communion every half-hour, 6.30-10.30 AM; High Mass, 10.45 AM; Low Mass and Sermon, 12 noon; Vespers and Benediction, 3.30 PM; Service and Benediction, 7 PM.

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street: Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion, 7 and 7.30 AM; Low Mass and Procession to Altar of Repose, 8 AM; Passion Sermon, 6 PM. Good Friday: Mass of the Presanctified, 9 AM; 12.3 PM. The Three Hours: The Desolation of Our Lady, 6 PM. Saturday, Blessing of the Fire and Paschal Candle, 8 AM; Low Mass, 9 AM. Easter Day, Masses at 6.55, 7.30, 8, 8.30, 9.30 AM; Low Mass, 11 and 12; Devotions, Sermon and Solemn Benediction, 3.30 PM.

Methodist

Central Hall, Westminster: Easter Day, Morning Service, 11 AM; Services, 3.30 and 7 PM. Kingsway Hall: Easter Day, Morning Prayer, 11 AM; Evening Prayer, 7 PM.

Christian Science

Curzon Street Church: Wednesdays, 12.15 and 7 PM; Sundays, 11.30 AM and 6 PM. Sloane Terrace, Marham Street, and Nuford Place: Wednesdays, 6.30 PM; Sundays, 11.30 AM and 6 PM.

Greek Orthodox

St. Sophia, Moscow Road: Wednesday, Service of the Holy Union, 5.30 PM; Thursday, The D. Liturgy of St. Basil, 9 AM; Service of the D. Passion and 12 Gospels, 5.30 PM. Good Friday, Great Hours, 9 AM; Great Vespers, 10.15 AM; Service of Lamentation at the Sepulchre, 6 PM. Easter Eve, The D. Liturgy of St. Basil (Choral), 9 AM. Easter Day, The Office of the Resurrection (Mattins), 10.30 AM; The D. Liturgy of the Resurrection (Pontific), 11 AM; The 12 Vespers, 5.30 PM.

Russian Orthodox

St. Philip's, Buckingham Palace Road: Holy Week, daily, Divine Liturgy, 11 AM; Good Friday, Special Service, bringing out of the Windfall Sheet, 2 PM; Easter Day, Mattins, followed by Divine Liturgy, 10 AM.

WAVES' Representative Sees Training



Mrs. James Forrestal (right), U.S. civilian representative of the WAVES, inspects training course for British WRNS at the Royal Naval College at Greenwich.

WAVE Delegate Inspects WRNS

Checks British Cadet Unit For Aids in Training U.S. Auxiliaries

By Tom Bernard
Stars and Stripes Navy Editor

Mrs. James V. Forrestal, wife of the Undersecretary of the Navy and civilian representative of the WAVES, visited the Royal Naval College at Greenwich yesterday in a tour of inspection of the WRNS training center here.

In company with Supt. E. M. French, in charge of officers' training course cadets, Mrs. Forrestal learned the methods used to qualify members of the British Women's Royal Naval Service for appointment as officers.

"I was most impressed with the wide range of subjects these girls study during their five weeks' training," Mrs. Forrestal declared. "Although the methods of training vary somewhat from those used by our WAVES, they seem most efficient and certainly should produce excellent officers."

Mrs. Forrestal said she hoped to be able to take back to the United States a complete picture of the WRNS activities so that the WAVES may be able to profit by the more than three years' experience they have had.

"So far all our WAVE officers have been selected from civilian life for their jobs. As the women's branch of the U.S. Navy grows, we undoubtedly will institute a course of officer training similar to that employed by the WRNS," Mrs. Forrestal said.

In addition to watching drills and attending classes, Mrs. Forrestal inspected living and recreation quarters and lunched with Wren officers.

Plans are now being made for Mrs. Forrestal to visit a naval base where Wrens have taken over jobs formerly performed by Naval officers and men.

'Breakfast' at 8.30 PM Ends Catholic Mission

—ND EVACUATION HOSPITAL, Apr. 20—Reversing civilian custom, nearly a hundred officers, nurses, enlisted men and patients closed a five-day Catholic mission at a communion "breakfast" served at 8.30 PM.

The services, held in a mess hall temporarily converted into a chapel, marked the ninth mission in ten weeks conducted for American troops by Chaplain Matthew Meighan, CSSR, of New York, and Chaplain Adrian Poletti, CP, of Union City, N.J. They were assisted by Chaplain Edmund J. Skoner, of Chicago.

At the closing service, at which most of the men received communion, Chaplain Meighan conferred the papal blessing and Pvt. Lawrence Larkin, of Jersey City, N.J., sang Schubert's "Ave Maria" and Franck's "Panis Angelicus."

GI Guest Soloist

BELFAST, Apr. 20—Cpl. Robert Hawkins, of Detroit, was a guest soloist at the Christian Science church here.

Special Service Unit Year Old

Cheltenham Red Cross Club Holds Birthday Party for Men

By Pfc M. M. Robins
Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

CHELtenham, Apr. 20—The Special Service Unit celebrated its first anniversary with a cabaret dance at the American Red Cross club here. The unit was activated in April, 1942, and has been on the job in the ETO since September of last year. Both British and American forces, including officers and enlisted men, have seen movies, read books, partaken in shows and athletic contests, all sponsored by the company; in addition, the men have been clothed and fed by the unit's mobile and stationary canteen sections.

The anniversary celebration got under way with the presentation of the company flag by Pfc Augustine J. Balsler, of Brooklyn, to the Commanding Officer, Capt. George W. Smoot, of Bluefield, W. Va. The flag, designed by Pfc Kurt P. Schaffenberg, of West Hartford, Conn., was a gift of the Queen's Club to the company officers; Capt. George W. Smoot; 1/Lt. Jack B. Boyer, Newkirk, Okla.; 1/Lt. Alvin D. Schwartz, Bronx, N.Y.; and 2/Lt. James S. Stokes, St. Louis, Mo. The Red Cross Club presented a large birthday cake decorated with the U.S. and company flags.

Impromptu speeches were delivered by Maj. Francis E. Conder, Special Services; 1/Sgt. Paul L. Thomas, Stockton, Pa.; Sgt. Edwin B. Kersten, Saginaw, Mich.; and Pfc James L. Morello, Barrington, N.J.

Entertainment which then followed included songs sung by WAAFS, skits by British children, and a piano recital by Pfc B. Girard, of Detroit, Mich.

Guests of the unit were Maj. Francis E. Conder, E. G. Huey, Fred A. Hanna and W. H. Williams, Capt. E. C. Leisure, 1/Lt. Sveto Krcmar and 2/Lt. L. A. Kanenson.

Dance music was furnished by an orchestra under W/O C. H. Rech, of Newark, N.J. The committee which arranged the affair included 1/Sgt. Paul L. Thomas, Stockton, Pa.; S/Sgt. Howard K. Fuller, Buffalo, N.Y.; T/4 Clyde H. Brooks, Lockport, N.Y.; T/4 Arvis J. Mason, Princeton, Ind.; T/4 Leon Rozene, Bridgeport, Conn.; and Pfc James L. Morello, Barrington, N.J.

Bristol Red Cross Club Holding Dance Tonight

BRISTOL, Apr. 20—Those who want to know how to dance sweet and slow can find out at the Red Cross club Wednesdays at 8 PM. Those who like it sweet and hot can show up at 9 PM and learn the latest jitterbug steps.

There will be a movie Thursday at 8 PM and dances will be held Saturday and Sunday night at 8 PM. A tennis party will start at 3 PM Sunday and continue through the afternoon.

U.S. Bomber Completes Ocean Crossing on Raft

A BRITISH PORT, Apr. 20—An American-built bomber was towed into port here on a raft.

Sub-Lieutenant A. H. Stimson, of the tug Samsonia, told the story.

"We got a wireless message saying 'pick up bomber adrift on raft,' but thought it was a joke. Then the lookout sighted the plane, lashed to a raft, which had floated free when the ship on which it had been deck cargo was sunk."

The Samsonia towed the raft in. The plane's only damage was a nose dent.

Shakespeare Festival Listed

Dates Published for Nine Weeks of Annual Drama Fete

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, Apr. 20—The annual Shakespeare Festival has just opened here.

Special Service Division, SOS, has reservations available for men who, while on leave, may wish to attend.

The schedule for the first nine weeks, which includes Shakespeare's most famous works and "The Critic," a Sheridan comedy, follows:

First Week, Apr. 20-24

Tuesday: Othello, Wednesday: Twelfth Night, Midsummer Night's Dream, Thursday: Othello, Twelfth Night, Saturday: Midsummer Night's Dream, King Henry V.

Second Week, Apr. 26-May 1

Monday: Merry Wives of Windsor, Tuesday: Midsummer Night's Dream, Wednesday: King Henry V, Othello, Thursday: Twelfth Night, King Henry V, Friday: King Lear, Saturday: King Lear, Merry Wives of Windsor.

Third Week, May 4-8

Tuesday: The Winter's Tale, Wednesday: Midsummer Night's Dream, King Henry V, Thursday: Merry Wives of Windsor, King Lear, Friday: "The Critic," by Sheridan, Saturday: The Winter's Tale, Othello.

Fourth Week, May 11-15

Tuesday: Twelfth Night, Wednesday: Othello, Merry Wives of Windsor, Thursday: King Henry V, Midsummer Night's Dream, Friday: The Winter's Tale, Saturday: "The Critic," by Sheridan, and King Lear.

Fifth Week, May 18-22

Tuesday: King Henry V, Wednesday: Merry Wives of Windsor, King Lear, Thursday: The Winter's Tale, "The Critic," by Sheridan, Friday: Othello, Saturday: Twelfth Night, Midsummer Night's Dream.

Sixth Week, May 25-29

Tuesday: Merry Wives of Windsor, Wednesday: King Lear, Twelfth Night, Thursday: Midsummer Night's Dream, The Winter's Tale, Friday: King Henry V, Saturday: Othello, "The Critic."

Seventh Week, June 1-5

Tuesday: Midsummer Night's Dream, Wednesday: Twelfth Night, Merry Wives of Windsor, Thursday: "The Critic," Othello, Friday: King Lear, Saturday: King Henry V, The Winter's Tale.

Eighth Week, June 8-12

Tuesday: "The Critic," Wednesday: The Winter's Tale and Othello, Thursday: King Lear and Midsummer Night's Dream, Friday: Twelfth Night, Saturday: Merry Wives of Windsor and King Henry V.

Ninth Week, June 14-19

Monday: Midsummer Night's Dream, Tuesday: The Winter's Tale, Wednesday: King Henry V, "The Critic," Thursday: Othello, King Lear, Friday: Merry Wives of Windsor, Saturday: Twelfth Night and Othello.

Lehman In Conferences With Exile Governments

Herbert H. Lehman, director of the Office of Relief and Rehabilitation Operations, who is in London to study the problem of giving aid to Axis-occupied countries after they have been freed, dined last night with Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, U.S. Ambassador Near the Governments in Exile, after a day of conferences.

Yesterday noon Lehman lunched with the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Samuel Joseph. He conferred during the morning with American officials at the Embassy and representatives of exiled governments.

Navy Officer At Meeting

BELFAST, Apr. 20—Cmdr. Thomas Keene, USN, addressed a meeting of the Britain-America Circle at the Grand Central Hotel here.

57th - - - -

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82s on Apr. 16, Duke equalled Wade's 20 confirmed victories, then shot down another on Sunday to go ahead of him.

These fighters from the "Fighting 57th" belong to squadrons whose names already have been made famous by their desert exploits—the 64th Squadron, better known as the "Black Scorpions"; the 65th, or "Fighting Cocks"; the 66th, known as the "Exterminators"; and the 314th Squadron, which hasn't given itself a fighting nickname yet.

The Scorpions, Cocks and Exterminators formed the original 57th Group which left the United States last July. Pilots flew across Africa to a desert landing ground near the front. After a few weeks of training, they went into battle with the RAF.

The 314th joined the group when the campaign reached Tripolitania, and it didn't take them long to get the hang of desert warfare working alongside the three veteran squadrons.

24 More Axis Planes Downed In Africa War

Raises Two-Day Score To 112, Many of Them Transports

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much by the Messerschmitts, so we waded right into the massacre."

"Some Me's did get through all right, but they were so disorganized by the Spits they were easy meat for us," said one American pilot.

Bad weather yesterday restricted the air warfare, but Flying Fortresses found holes in the clouds to pound Tunis docks and railway yards, while American Mitchells and Havocs, escorted by Spitfires, continued night and day onslaughts at Luftwaffe nests.

The lull in ground fighting continued yesterday, but intense speculation as to the possibility of an immediate final blow at the Axis forces was prompted by a visit by Gen. Montgomery, Eighth Army commander, to Allied Force Headquarters.

The general's trip, made in a Flying Fortress from his battle headquarters, was brief, but during his stay he conferred with Gen. Eisenhower and other Allied leaders.

On the battlefronts there was only one action of any size—a counter-attack launched by the Germans in the Oued Kebir area of the hilly territory which the French recently occupied. It was not a particularly determined attack and the French were able to repulse it without much trouble.

RAF, South Africans Helped

Although U.S. pilots played the most dramatic role in Sunday's air "slaughter," British and South African pilots also had their share. As the night closed Allied night fighters went out and took up the work of setting fire to some of the enemy transports which had crash-landed on beaches near Cap Bon to evade deadly attack.

The pilots who took part in the battle described how they sighted their quarry, a tight formation of Junkers escorted by fighters. The Americans dove to attack the Junkers, while the British and South Africans, who were flying higher as a cover for the U.S. pilots, dealt with the enemy umbrella.

The Junkers, flying northeast from Cap Bon, were just winging out to sea when they were intercepted. From their midship guns they threw up a furious fire, but very soon they began falling away in all directions. Many decided that discretion was the better part of valour and turned back towards the coast and crash-landed on beaches. All the Allied pilots saw scores of anti-lice figures pile out on to the sand and scuttle away to shelter. It was now evident that the enemy planes were carrying troops.

War Orphan Sees 'Uncles' After Missing First Visit

A USAAF DEPOT, Apr. 20—Joyce L., one of 16 orphans being supported by Lockheed Overseas Corporation, was given special escort by Elmer Quist, Red Cross director, to this station to visit her "foster uncles."

Joyce missed a trip two weeks ago when the Lockheed men entertained the other war-orphaned children.

The technicians have contributed £1,632 to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund. Donations are still being made and almost enough has been raised to adopt a 17th orphan.

Washington Club Plans Musical Show Tomorrow

A musical show by the NFS is scheduled tomorrow at 10.45 PM at the Red Cross Washington club, Curzon St., W.1.

Mrs. Durlacher will give lessons in Spanish at 7 PM Friday, to be followed by movies at 8.30 PM. The RAF "Grosvenor House" band will play for a dance at 7.30 PM Saturday.

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