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Nazi Atlantic Wall Gets Heaviest Blitz

Sumatra Hit By a British Naval Force

Two Jap Airfields Battered By Carrier Planes in 1st Big Sea Foray in West

CEYLON, Apr. 20—A mighty British naval task force, striking at Japan's stolen empire from the west the way the U.S. fleet has been hammering it from the east, blasted Japanese bases, installations and shipping in northern Sumatra yesterday in a surprise raid at dawn.

The bold foray, the first large-scale British naval activity of the Pacific war, was carried out by bombers and fighters from a number of aircraft carriers escorted by a powerful Allied fleet of battleships, cruisers, destroyers and submarines under the command of Adm. Sir James Somerville.

It followed by four days the announcement that the headquarters of Lord Louis Mountbatten's Southeast Asia Command had been moved from remote New Delhi, India, to Kandy, on the island of Ceylon, which is barely 1,000 miles from Sumatra and where Mountbatten can work closely with his naval forces.

At West End of East Indies

The raid on Sumatra, a large island to the west of the Dutch East Indies group, was announced today in a communique from Mountbatten's headquarters which said that the Sabang and Lho Nga airfields were the targets. Sabang is a tiny island off the north tip of Sumatra, 680 miles from Singapore.

Heavy bombs were used and fighter escorts strafed ground targets.

"At Sabang," the communique said, "numerous direct hits were made on the dockyard, power station, wharf, barracks, hangars, workshops and radio station, and in the town area large fires were left burning."

Two merchant ships, each of 4,000 to 5,000 tons, were hit by heavy bombs, and two Japanese destroyer escort vessels were strafed and set afire. Twenty-two planes were destroyed on the ground at Sabang, several more at Lho Nga.

Indicative of the force of the raid was the revelation that 1,000-pound bombs were carried. One of these fell on an oil tank, starting a fire that sent smoke rising to 7,000 feet at Sabang.

Three enemy torpedo-bombers were shot down by fighters. Only loss for the attackers was one plane forced to land in the sea, but the pilot was saved.

Whether the Sumatra attack foreshadowed landings on that island was a question, but the retaking of Sumatra would appear to be essential before Singapore and the Malay Peninsula could be assailed.

Meanwhile, Gen. MacArthur's Southwest Pacific headquarters reported that Allied planes bombed Nomo and Woleai atolls in the Caroline Islands without opposition. Several Japanese bases in northwestern New Guinea also were attacked from the air, but weather hampered other operations.

Aground, Allied troops continued to push back the Japanese northeast of the Imphal plain in Burma, while two enemy attacks southwest of Imphal were repulsed in hand-to-hand fighting. Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's American and Chinese forces extended their string of victories to Warazup, Japanese key point about 25 miles by road north of Kam-ang.

The War Today

Air War—Streams of Allied bombers and fighters seen by coast observers crossing Channel in giant pre-invasion attacks on Germans' Atlantic Wall; heavies seen in unusual trans-Channel numbers.

Pacific—Strong British naval task force attacks two Japanese Sumatra bases in first big British naval activity of Pacific war; heavy damage done by bombers and fighters launched by carriers escorted by battleships, cruisers, destroyers and submarines.

Russia—Germans still clinging to Sevastopol, with heavy losses being inflicted by Russians on the few enemy troops escaping from the besieged Crimean port; battle raging unabated near Stanislov, oil town southwest of Tarnopol in area regarded as last defense before Lwow in Poland; situation unclear in this sector.

Allied Chief Visits British Bases



Gen. Eisenhower inspects a trainload of tanks during an inspection tour of British posts and airfields. At the RAF bases he chatted informally with British and Allied ground crews and emphasized their unity with land and sea forces as one great team.

Hitler Birthday Pennant Says: 'Walls Crumbling, Hearts Firm'

Adolf Hitler's 55th birthday was observed, but not celebrated, yesterday in a Germany seething with troop activity and rumors of imminent Allied invasion.

In sharp contrast to the great display of armed might which marked Hitler's 50th birthday in 1939, less than five months before the war began, the German radio carried a birthday speech by Propaganda Minister Goebbels in which he said that many new trials and burdens will be unavoidable for the Germans. The address was delivered in the Berlin Opera House.

"Owing to the present situation," the radio said, "there were no decorations. Instead, there was a streamer bearing the words, 'The walls are crumbling but our hearts are still firm.'"

Washington 'Waits Word'

From all over the world, meanwhile—from enemy, neutral and Allied capitals—came speculation on the imminence of the Allied assault to liberate Europe from Hitler's rule.

From Washington itself came a Reuter dispatch to the effect that "the American capital is awaiting the invasion of the fortress of Europe with sombre expectancy. The intensification of the air war and the news from London of further travel restrictions and diplomats' restrictions as aliens has added to the general feeling that invasion is imminent.

"Washington would not be surprised to hear that the attack has started. It is also the general opinion that the tense pre-invasion period might be prolonged for weeks."

Likewise, The New York Times saw in the steadily diminishing German air strength the approach of the "hour of decision." "At the moment," the paper said, "vast Allied armies are poised in

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"Will not the American position at the peace table be immeasurably strengthened if, by the adoption now of universal military service, the U.S. is able to show that it will never be caught unprepared again and that at the drop of anybody's hat the U.S. will be ready to jump in with close to full strength to knock out any power or combination of powers threatening our national security."

Stricken Officers Recover From N.Y. Food Poisoning

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Apr. 20—Virtually all of nearly 200 Army Air Forces officers who were stricken with food poisoning were back on their feet today and Col. Norwan White, station surgeon, said not one serious case of illness had developed.

Cause of the food poisoning was undetermined. Most victims were pilots, navigators and bombardiers assigned to the Redistribution Center after serving overseas.

2,000 Allied Planes Pound France from Calais to Cherbourg

Invasion Command Darkens Skies With Forts, Libs, B26s, Fighter-Bombers, In Afternoon Offensive

Adolf Hitler's Atlantic Wall took its heaviest pounding of the war yesterday as the Allied invasion command sent more than 2,000 U.S. and Allied fighters and bombers across the English Channel in an afternoon blitz of unprecedented strength.

Military installations from the Pas de Calais to Cherbourg were hammered by task forces of Liberators and Fortresses and P38 and P51 fighter-bombers which branched off from a main fleet of some 750 aircraft, escorted by between 500 and 750 U.S. fighters. Other fighters went ranging off across France, seeking the Luftwaffe.

Marauder medium bombers, covered by RAF and Allied Spitfires, and other light forces, joined the attack and for hours through the late afternoon and early evening the roar of aircraft was continuous above the water gap separating the invasion forces from Hitler's Atlantic Wall.

Germans Cling To Sevastopol; Losses Heavy

Fierce Fighting Continues In Stanislavov Area, Key to Lwow

German troops held tenaciously to Sevastopol yesterday, but Russian sea and air superiority took a heavy toll of the comparatively few Nazis who managed to leave the port aboard evacuation barges.

Five hundred miles to the north, along the front guarding the approaches to the enemy's main base at Lwow in Poland, heavy fighting was in progress south and east of Stanislavov, 60 miles southwest of Tarnopol.

Moscow dispatches reported that the enemy was throwing tanks and shock troops into the attack here "on a scale reminiscent of the unsuccessful counter-offensive at Kiev." Beyond speaking of heavy fighting and towns changing hands several times a day, neither side gave any detailed accounts of progress.

Martin Hallensleben, German radio military commentator, cautioned the German people last night, however, that these were merely local operations "designed to improve and strengthen the front" and that not much should be expected from them.

Moscow Red Star, organ of the Soviet Army, reported from the Crimean front that numerous ships were being sent to the bottom off Sevastopol. In the harbor alone, one report said, ten ships of considerable size were sunk in 24 hours.

Red planes dominated the whole 210-mile sea route from Sevastopol to Constanza, Rumania. Latest reports indicated troop transports and barges were being destroyed by the score.

Constanza, heavily bombed by the Russians Tuesday night, was visited by Adm. Doenitz, commander of the German Navy, inspecting the Nazis' Black Sea fleet, Moscow radio reported.

German radio reported heavy fighting in Rumania between the Dniester and Pruth Rivers, where the Russians were said to have brought up considerable reinforcements, at the same time increasing their pressure north of Jassy.

Thunderous Barrage of Bombs Notches Coastal Belt in France

By Andy Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
A FORTRESS BASE, Apr. 20—"The pre-invasion shuttle," the air crews were calling it this evening as they came back from giving the Nazis' West Wall its worst pounding of the war.

Fortresses and Liberators poured back and forth across the English Channel in a steady stream this afternoon, and there wasn't a moment almost up to dark that found the skies above the Channel free from the roar of the shuttling bombers or their escorts.

From the Fortress piloted by 1/Lt. Carl N. Grending, of San Leandro, Cal., I watched the group commanded by Col. George L. Robinson, of Los Angeles, join the mass of heavy bombers, mediums, P38 and P51 fighter-bombers and U.S. escorts.

In a belt 40 miles deep which stretched along the coast westward from the Pas de

Calais and Dunkirk, American bombs formed a precise pattern on the already crater-pocked fields and woods of France. Almost continuously bombs were hurtling down even as the smoke climbed up from earlier hits.

Not all the bombs hit the target; ours fell in a field next to it, but other squadrons were on it.

There was some flak, but it wasn't up to Nazi standard, and their fighters were conspicuously absent, at least in our area.

While the bombers came and went, swarms of P51s, 38s and 47s were searching, mostly without luck, for German fighters. One unit of yellow-nosed Thunderbolts criss-crossed the coastal area as long as their fuel held out, but no one would challenge them, and as the evening drew on they joined the homeward-bound elements of the trans-Channel shuttle.

Most of the assault groups reported negligible opposition, although early reports showed some encounters with enemy fighters. Flak, usually fierce over the Nazis' defense installations, ranged from weak to briefly intense.

Some formations encountered no opposition at all. "I didn't see a burst of flak or an enemy fighter," reported 1/Lt. Thomas D. Wynne, of Fordice, Ark., bombardier in Daly's Male which led a B17 task unit. "Weather was good, with a little ground haze, but I saw our bombs go into the target area."

It was the first time since Jan. 21 that really major forces had gone to the Pas de Calais and adjacent areas, and it seemed likely that the blows were a further build-up of the air prelude to Allied invasion.

The coastal blitz got under way after a quiet morning when the Allied invasion command sent out a force of Ninth Air Force Marauders to targets in northern France, some of them on the coast. The B26s came back without loss as the heavies, the fighter-bombers and the swarms of fighters were setting out. Before darkness, the Marauders were out again, helping to heap high explosives on some of the strong points guarding the West Wall.

In their second foray of the day the B26s hit targets in northern France again, as well as at Poix, near Abbeville, while A20 Havocs also hit coastal-zone objectives. Ninth Air Force Thunderbolt bombers attacked enemy railway yards in northern France with good results, pilots reported.

Some formations met enemy fighters and 1/Lt. Carl J. Luksic, Joliet, Ill., Mustang pilot, ran his score to nine and one-half enemy planes in 11 days by shooting down an Me109.

The fierce attacks, coming on Hitler's 55th birthday, coincided with the 30th birthday of Capt. Stephen W. Andrew, a Mustang pilot from Dallas, Tex., and brought from him a birthday rhyme after his guns had sent an enemy fighter to the ground:

"It's Hitler's birthday, and it's also mine; 'I celebrated with a 109.'"

The attack was another tactical switch of the sort which has stretched German air defenses through the winter.

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Revamped Panthers In Nazi Tank Forces

Hitler's latest weapon is a 45-ton version of the Panther tank, mounting an exceptionally long 7.5-cm. high-velocity gun, whose armor-piercing ability is in the same class as that of the 8.8-cm. gun of the heavy Tiger tank, the British War Office disclosed yesterday.

Manned by a crew of five, the Panther already has been reported in action on the Eastern Front. Its most striking feature was said to be its long sloping front plate, suggesting that the design of the Panther's hull had been copied to a certain extent from the famous Russian cruiser tank. Russian influence also was seen in the Panther's new-style tracks.

Although about the same size as the Tiger, the Panther was designed as a cruiser tank with a fair speed, the announcement said.

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The Divine Gift

Adolf Hitler was a divine gift to the German people. Proof of that fact comes from no less an authority on divinity than Doctor Goebbels himself, and while we cannot be sure of the source of his information, a definition of the word comes easily to hand.

Divine, says Webster, is a word that means "of or pertaining to God. Appropriated to God; religious, holy, supernatural, superhuman, celestial."

With this definition fresh in mind it would be natural to assume that a divine gift would reflect certain high characteristics; but in Hitler's case it may be that his promotion to celestial ranks comes merely as another gift on his 55th birthday.

Hitler it seems is taking the matter seriously, that is if Goebbels can be trusted, for he reports to the German people that "Our trust is in the Fuhrer, who will lead us through all dangers to safety."

Frankly, every man, woman and child living in a democracy reads Goebbels' "malarkey" with supreme contempt, for all of us know that such drooling marks the difference between a representative government and a dictatorship.

True leadership does not need the prop of self-made "divinity" to support its program, nor does it feel the lack. In its place is found mutual respect, admiration, love and comradeship.

In time of war, in every nation, strong leadership comes rapidly to the top; but in a democracy those leaders still remain human. In Allied nations we can point to "Winnie," "FDR," "Ike" and "Monty." Every citizen and every soldier knows those names. Widely used, they constitute the highest tribute the world can pay, for they say in effect "he is a leader but human."

We do not begrudge the Germans their "divine gift"; nor the Japs their "son of heaven," for as we go forward we'll continue to place our trust in the Lord and our faith in the common man.

Co-Prosperity

All countries occupied by Axis powers have suffered; but when a country is occupied by the Japanese... suffering rapidly approaches the maximum.

In China, Japanese rule has been brutal and greedy. Robbery has reached a fine art. In occupied China it often takes the form of fines. These are imposed on the slightest pretext and workers and proprietors are both bled white.

Since the end of last March a new name, "Greater East Asia War Contribution," has been coined to cover the imposition of fines which now have claimed millions in puppet money extorted from rich and poor.

Examples include the case of the Yung Hsing Stationery Company fined two and a half million dollars "for having sold in 1938 several reams of bond paper to people west of Peiping." The Japs said the paper was bought by Chinese guerrillas. The Tung Hsing Lou Restaurant (well known to foreign tourists for its speciality Peking Duck) was fined two million dollars "for having in its possession more than two hundred silver dinner sets, thereby causing financial disturbances."

With fines taking all profits and reducing the standard of living to the point of starvation, many shop owners have tried to go out of business. But this is not allowed by the puppet government for a business that does not operate cannot be milked of its income. Instead, all commercial organizations are required to continue operations and turn in a daily inventory of all business transactions. Then puppet authorities, strict in regulating the opening and closing of every operation, impose sufficient fines to see that only a meager living can be secured for employer and employees.

Needless to say, "Co-prosperity" is no longer a popular propaganda phrase in China.

A New Success

From Selective Service headquarters comes word that more loyal American citizens of Japanese descent are going to be inducted into the Army.

Back in January the War Department announced that loyal American-Japanese who up to then had been accepted for the Army on a voluntary basis would be subject to the draft. Now, according to the Army, that number is going to be stepped up.

In general, the record of Japanese-Americans in the Army has been praised by Secretary Stimson and other officials. The 100th Infantry Battalion is credited with a brilliant combat record in Italy, and the 442nd Combat Team now at Camp Shelby has made an excellent showing in training.

And that report should give keen satisfaction to every American, for it indicates that once again the melting pot called the United States has made good.

Hash Marks

Herewith the semi-annual report on Capt. Burt M. Douglas, an Ordnance supply officer. His first claim to fame was that he had spent 14 months in the ETO without going to a movie. His pals finally talked him into relinquishing this dubious honor and he attended the nearby cinema. His reaction: "I could have stayed away another 14 months and been even happier." (We bet we've seen that picture too!)

Overheard in a pub: "It's those little things that break up a happy home—



those little blondes, those little brunettes, those little redheads."

At last we have a parody on that song "Maisy Doats!"—thanks to Lt. Howard Fibel. Here goes:
 Spar swear blue and tar swear blue.
 And all gee eye swear kaki.
 Awakil wear kaki too—wouldn't you?
 Gobz lyks kerts, marinez'll fiert
 And iddle 'do-boiz wistle—
 A fouref'll wistle too—wouldn't you?

Our spy in the States reports that a GI in an Army chapel was seen to nod slightly whenever the name of Satan was mentioned. One day the chaplain met him and asked him to explain the situation. "Well," he replied, "politeness costs nothing—and you never know."

It would probably happen only one time in a million—but it happened, and there's a GI in the ETO who has some explaining to do! This GI started doing some heavy courting with a newly arrived WAC and was doing nicely, giving her the old line, "I'm faithful to you, etc., etc." Well, the WAC is assigned to duty with the Post Exchange and starts assisting in processing orders by soldiers for flowers to be sent home to mothers and sweethearts. One of the first orders to pass through her hands is from her "one and only"—sending a big bunch of orchids to a "sweetheart" back in Oklahoma!

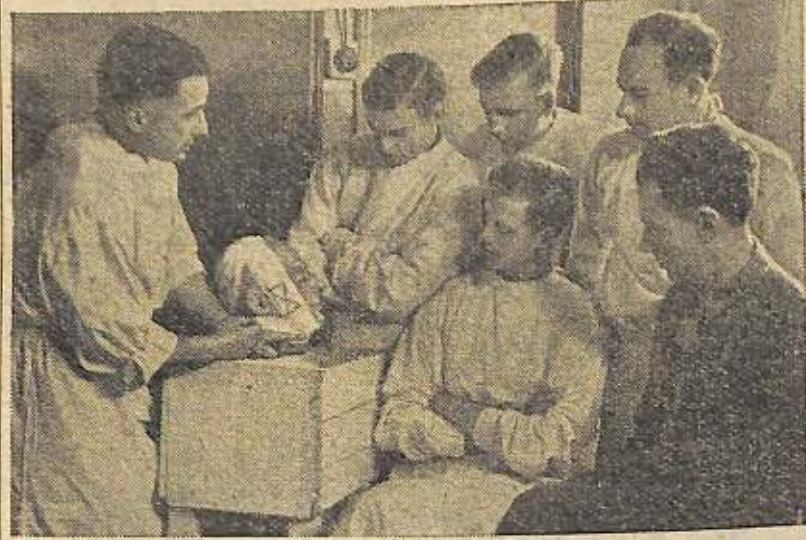
A Pfc once commented about a very conceited corporal in his outfit: "Yeah, he's been in love twice—once with somebody else."

Some GIs stationed on a lone Pacific Isle got all excited when they read recent reports that some soldiers in another Pacific location had unearthed a big wad



of Japanese money. They got busy digging up the place and worked at it so hard their buddies laughingly dubbed the spot "Treasure Island." But the dog-faces kept at it and thought they had the last laugh when they found a big pile of papers and coins. Their hopes fell a little bit though when the intelligence officer said, as far as he could figure out, their "find" consisted of Jap "ration coupons" and street car tokens.
 J. C. W.

Hospital Works Miracles Restoring Maimed Faces



Jaw injuries suffered in war-time require special treatment and bandaging technique. Lt. Col. M. S. Strock, of Boston, demonstrates how to make a first aid bandage for a fractured jaw to enlisted men at a general hospital. Standing, left to right, are Pvt. Alec Garon, Sacom, Maine; Pfc Clarence Nelson, Akron, Ohio, and Cpl. Sidney M. Alderman, Syracuse, N.Y. Sitting are Cpl. Robert Coates, Butler, Pa., and Sgt. Harold Daley, Union City, N.J.

By Richard Wilbur

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A BRITISH HOSPITAL, Apr. 20—A guy from Ohio, flying a Hurricane over Scotland as he trained for a transfer to the USAAF, had to make a crashed landing. His flying harness slipped. His face hit the instrument panel with a force that gouged a deep hole in his forehead, shoved back the middle part of his face and smashed his nose.

He wasn't a pretty sight when he was brought to this Hospital Plastic and Jaw Injury Center.

But today that guy from Ohio—an RCAF flight sergeant named Ray Leupp, of Columbus—has his face back in shape. He claims that his new nose, made partly from his hip-bone, is better than the one he used to have. And the chances are pretty good that he'll get back to flying, the main thing he's looking forward to these days.

Ray is one of many Allied fliers, brought here after their faces and hands have been badly maimed or burned, who can't find enough praise for this hospital. It has returned 82 per cent of its air-force patients to flying—and that's what about 99 per cent of them, like Ray, look forward to.

Dozens of U.S. Army surgeons have taken courses at this plastic and jaw injury hospital, considered to be the outstanding one in Great Britain. They've studied methods developed by civilian, RAF and RCAF doctors out of five years' experience in treating the uniquely severe burns and jaw injuries of airmen in this war.



F/Sgt. Ray Leupp

They've watched operations—101 of these delicate operations were performed in nine days here recently—that included taking skin from the stomach to replace scurred tissue on a burned face, supplying an eyelid from skin of the soft underpart of the arm, making an eyebrow out of hair from the back of the head, and shaping ears from scalp tissue and rib cartilage.

Their leading instructor has been A. H. McIndoe, chief surgeon, also chief consultant for the RAF, whom some people

call the best plastic surgeon in the world. He explains how burns suffered by fliers—when an airplane catches fire at terrific speed or bursts into flames on a crash landing—can be as deep as if they had been "made by a blowtorch."

His schedule frequently calls for eight operations a day, the kind of operation identified as "Trimming of Face."

Dental surgeons of the U.S. Army come here as students and learn war-time technique for restoring injured jaws and teeth. Pointers that they pick up here are often helpful to enlisted-men assistants at general hospitals throughout the ETO.

Injured USAAF men are usually taken directly to Army hospitals, but several have crashed near this town and have been treated in the plastic surgery center, which is mainly for RAF and RCAF personnel. 2/Lt. Herschel Peel, of Panama City, Fla.; S/Sgt. John Harrington, of Oswego, N.Y., and 2/Lt. Basil Jones were treated here for a week last fall after their Fortress made an emergency landing nearby. Two other American patients were T/Sgt. Edward McGovern, of Brooklyn, and S/Sgt. Edward Bronski, of Amesbury, Mass.

Americans here now are RCAF Flt/Lt. Paul Warren, of Mt. Clemens, Mich., and RAF Sgt. Ward Bowyer, of Savanna, Ga.

A remodeled face may require five or six separate operations. Between operations, the patient sometimes works in the industrial therapy shop, which has nothing to do with basket-weaving, but is a concrete contribution to war production. Air-force patients, waiting for their chance to fly again, can put in a share on the ground toward ending the war. Parts for gyroscopes that they work on in the shop go direct to a British war plant and into bombers and fighters.

When the patient's face has been fully remodeled, there is a British nurse who will paint his portrait in her spare time. Then there is a convalescent home on the southern coast that is generally regarded, by patients who go there between operations, as a war-time version of heaven.

Morale is surprisingly good at the hospital, considering the abnormal nature and the extent of the patients' injuries. One reason would be the technical skill of the RAF enlisted men, specially trained—for a full year—to give severely-burned patients their main relief, saline baths. Another reason would be the unending good spirits of the welfare NCO, a RAF flight sergeant named "Blackie" Blacksell, who has turned down more than one commission offered him, who makes his job last approximately 23 hours a day, and who can talk considerable turkey, on behalf of the patients, with anybody below, including, and above an air marshal.

A third reason would be the complete confidence all patients have in McIndoe, who encourages them to watch him operating on another patient before their turns come up. "It shows them that there's nothing to be afraid of," McIndoe says.

And a fourth reason would be the way all personnel at the hospital accept the abnormally injured patients, without sentimentality, as worthy, normal men.

The kind of morale that patients at this hospital have is evident, for instance, when Ray Leupp—a guy who has been very lucky, as luck goes here—mentions that he doesn't want to go back home now to Columbus, Ohio. The hospital originally planned to send him home. Ray says he wants to go back, first, to flying for the RCAF or the USAAF.

"I wouldn't want to go home without trying to do everything I could," he says.

This Is The Army

ENLISTED men entering the mess-hall of a hospital have their attention arrested by a huge sign extending the entire width of the building. It reads: "Miles from this spot, fifty million Frenchmen are starving. Don't waste food."

An arrow points towards Occupied France. The sign has a noticeable effect on food conservation, according to Mess Sgt. Oliver Fanning, 27, of Tulsa, Okla.

The Boose family of Twinsburg, Ohio, has moved to the ETO almost en masse. Members of the family now serving here in the Army and Navy are two brothers, Cpl. Russell W. Boose and SC2/c George W. Boose; an uncle, Pvt. George C. Boose; a cousin, Sgt. Theodore A. Boose and a brother-in-law, MM2/c John R. Verey.

FOUR WAC engineers now are serving in the ETO. Wearing the insignia of the Corps of Engineers instead of the Pallas Athene, the girls are handling technical assignments under Maj. Gen. C. R. Moore, ETO chief engineer.

The WACs, assigned to the engineers because of special qualifications, are Sgt. Linda Smith, of Olive Branch, Miss.; Pfc Severine Britt, of Portsmouth, Va.; Pvt. Rose Austein, of New York, and Pvt. Adelaide LeClercq, of New York.

His four feet 11 inches a shade too much to earn the title of the shortest soldier in the Theater, Pvt. Michael R. Bigelow, of a fighter-wing headquarters squadron, claims that his 3D shoes are the smallest in the ETO and the second smallest in the Army.

THE shortest-man-in-the-ETO contest has prompted Sgt. Frank R. Schutzman to volunteer the information that his two teletype operators are the same height—if one of them stands on a chair.

Cpl. Thomas E. Barry, "a corn-fed GI from Iowa," is said to be six feet four and three-quarter inches, while the other operator, Cpl. Michael Vassil, "from Sunny California," is described as four feet 11 without the chair.

Schutzman gratuitously noted his own height of five feet eight.

WAC Cpl. Elizabeth Carlton, of Memphis, Tenn., met her future husband, Larry Zeelner, of Milwaukee, in an ETO kitchen in which Larry was on KP.

Elizabeth dropped in at the kitchen at a replacement depot one day and Larry offered her a sandwich. When he found out that she worked in the post office, he pulled the old gag about never getting any mail. He got a letter the next day from Elizabeth and the romance began.

Their wedding reception, appropriately enough, was held in a WAC mess-hall. Larry is now attached to the USSTAF and Elizabeth works at an Air Service Command Depot.

Notes from the Air Force

COL. James H. Howard, former Flying Tiger who led many of the early long-range Mustang missions into Germany, has given up command of his Ninth Air Force P51 group, it has been announced, to take a new assignment with Ninth Fighter Command, the nature of which was not disclosed. He is succeeded by Lt. Col. George R. Bickell, Col. Howard's former deputy commander and veteran of 16 missions.

Howard, an ace in both the Pacific and European theaters, is credited with 12½ planes destroyed. He won the acclaim of an entire Flying Fortress wing last January by protecting them with his lone Mustang. Slashing into 30 to 40 Nazi fighters over Oschersleben, he destroyed three.

Berlin one day, London the next and New York the third—that's the objective of Maj. Robert Waltz, Akron (Ohio) Fortress pilot who completed his first combat tour by raiding the German capital Tuesday.

He passed through the London area Wednesday before taking off for the U.S., which he expected to reach yesterday. Some air force officers said it would be the first time such a fast trip had been made between the three cities. After 30 days rest at home Waltz will return to England to begin another tour of duty. He earned the DFC and cluster and has been recommended for the DSC.

BRIG. Gen. Myron R. Wood, a command pilot and combat observer, has been appointed director of administrative services (chief of staff) in the USSTAF's Air Service Command.

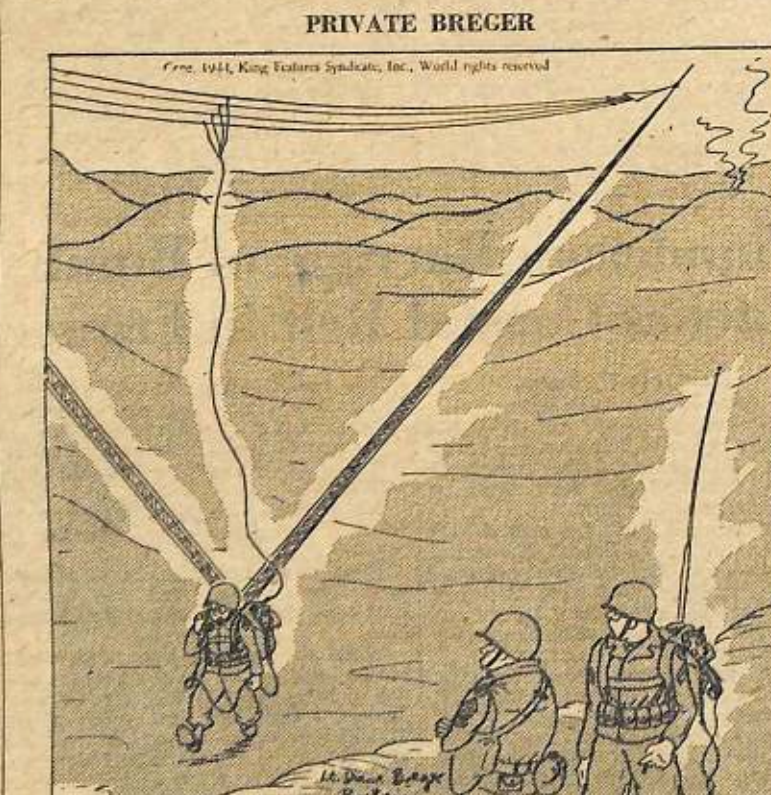
The 52-year-old Colorado-born general, who has been in the Air Corps for 26 years, is said to be equally at home in the cockpit of a fighter or the chairman's seat of a logistics conference.

Paul F. Wessling, of Beloit Kan., flight chief at a Ninth Air Force Troop Carrier base, rose from corporal to master sergeant in six months.

While Wessling makes no claims, officers of his unit figure it is a record.

THE Fortress ground crew headed by M/Sgt. Joseph Woodward, of Livingston, Cal., has been awarded the Legion of Merit for setting a new ETO record by maintaining bombers through 64 consecutive operations without any of them returning prematurely because of mechanical failure.

Currently crewing the Fortress Rosie's Riveters, Woodward's ground assistants include Sgts. James A. Mulvenon, of Phoenix, Ariz.; Robert F. Cheney, of Lee, Mass.; Paul H. Findeisen, of Methuen, Mass.; John A. Buchler, of New Orleans, and Buell M. Estes, of Huntsville, Ala.



"He says everybody knows that the better the aerial the better the reception!"

Bosox Jolt Yanks Twice; Ott Gets 464th Homer



Don Lambeau, son of the owner of the Green Bay Packers, wrote his father from New Guinea and told of a new bunch of prospects for the Packers that he had unearthed. While making a trip out in the jungle Don found a tribe of swift-moving men seven-feet, six inches tall and weighing about three hundred pounds. Don wrote home that he thought they might do all right against the Bears.

Artie Dorrel, the ex-boxer, reports a case of second being first. Artie is still in basic flying school at Majors Field, Tex., while his former second, Red Crosson, has already received his wings and commission.

As part of the program of sending physical program men to combat areas, Al Nettlow and Steve Beloise, two of Great Lakes' boxing instructors, have been sent out.

Bob Shawkey, the old Yankee pitcher of red-under-shirt fame, is now a radar expert for General Electric.

A new racing bill to be introduced in the New York legislature will give the State seven per cent instead of six of track takes and all the breakage where they now get only 60 per cent. That should increase the State's take to nearly 23,000,000. Breakage, the odd pennies not paid on bets, amounted to nearly two and a quarter million last year.

One of the latest pet screwball ideas on night baseball is to put out the arc lights and paint the ball, bases, sidelines, equipment and such with phosphorescent paint. That's another of Ray Dumont's brain-children.

Hugh Casey and Peeewe Reese, former Brooklyn pitcher and shortstop, have left Norfolk naval for combat assignments. Jack Worley, a member of the 1938 Vanderbilt backfield, is Gen. Mark Clark's driver in Italy.

The story behind Pepper Martin returning to the Cards as a player finds Dizzy Dean as the responsible party, according to the word going around. Pep quit as Rochester manager to accept a job broadcasting St. Louis ball games in opposition to Dizzy, but when Diz's brewery sponsors heard of it, they stepped in and bought the time on the other station. That left Pep high and dry without a job as Rochester had changed front office heads; so he had to sign with the Cards. They say that he'll appear only about twice a week as an outfielder so long as the bandages hold out.

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Brownies Clip Tigers, 3-1; White Sox Set Down Tribe; Bums Win

NEW YORK, Apr. 20—The Red Sox celebrated Patriots' Day in Boston by taking both ends of a twin-feature from the once-proud Yankees and Mel Ott swatted his 464th homer to highlight the second day of the 1944 major league baseball season yesterday.

The Red Sox clubbed Johnny Johnson, Jim Turner and Joe Page to win the opener, 6-1, and Emmett O'Neill checked the Bombers with seven hits in the nightcap while his mates reached Walter Dubiel for 11 to win, 5-2. George Woods kept nine Yankee hits scattered in the first game to get credit for the triumph. Johnson was the losing pitcher.

Ed Levy put the Yanks ahead in the second inning of the windup when he cracked a home run with the bases empty. But Jim Tabor, who made three errors in the opener, came back in the home half of the second to smash a round-tripper with one on.

York's Four-Bagger Futility
The Browns made it two straight over Detroit, downing the Tigers, 3-1, at Detroit behind the three-hit mound work of Steve Sundra. Rudy York's fourth inning homer accounted for the lone Tiger marker. The Browns got eight hits and eight walks off loser Ruffus Gentry and one off Johnny Gorsica.

The White Sox made a belated but auspicious debut, whacking Southpaw Al Smith and Paul Calvert for ten hits to trounce the Indians, 3-1, as Orval Grove set down the Clevelanders with seven well-spaced blows.

Outfielder G u y Curtwright and y Leroy Schalk, rookie second baseman, each rapped out two hits to lead the Sox. Cold weather gave the Senators and Athletics a vacation in Washington.

Ott's homer and four-hit pitching by Lefty Ewald Pyle, making his National League debut, sparked the Giants to a 2-1 triumph over the Braves in New York. The Giants were handcuffed with only three hits by veteran "flutier-baller" Jim Tobin, but one of them was Ott's long drive into the right field stands in the first inning with George Hausmann aboard.

Brooks Go Ten Innings

It took the Dodgers ten innings to overcome the Phillies, 5-4, the winning run being scored on Paul Waner's pinch-single after Gil English had walked and raced to third on a single by Howie Schultz. The Dodgers blew a 4-2 edge in the ninth when Buster Adams singled home two runs and chased Curt Davis to the showers. Bob Chipman finished for the Dodgers and received credit for the game, while Al Gerheuser, Bill Lee and Jack Donahue twirled for the Phils, Donahue being the loser.

Elmer Riddle turned back the Cubs with three hits as the Reds won, 2-1, to even their series. Eddie Hanyzewski limited the Reds to five, but three came together for both runs in the fourth inning. Ray Mueller's double driving in Eric Tipton and Eddie Miller, who had singled. The Cubs scored in the sixth. The Pirates and Cards did not play.



American League

Boston 6, New York 1 (first game)	
Boston 2, New York 2 (second game)	
St. Louis 3, Detroit 1	
Chicago 3, Cleveland 1	
Philadelphia at Washington, postponed, cold	
W L Pct.	W L Pct.
St. Louis 2 0 1.000	New York 1 2 .333
Philadelphia 1 0 1.000	Washington 0 1 .000
Chicago 1 0 1.000	Cleveland 0 1 .000
Boston 2 1 .667	Detroit 0 2 .000
Philadelphia at Washington	
St. Louis at Detroit	
Only games scheduled	

National League

New York 2, Boston 1	
Brooklyn 5, Philadelphia 4 (10 innings)	
Cincinnati 2, Chicago 1	
St. Louis-Pittsburgh, not scheduled.	
W L Pct.	W L Pct.
New York 2 0 1.000	Brooklyn 1 1 .500
St. Louis 1 0 1.000	Cincinnati 1 1 .500
Chicago 1 1 .500	Pittsburgh 0 1 .000
Philadelphia 1 1 .500	Boston 0 2 .000
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Boston at Philadelphia	
Brooklyn at Cincinnati	
Chicago at Cincinnati	
Pittsburgh at St. Louis	

Chutemen Hold 14-Event Field Meet

ATS Also Compete In Novelty Events

By Charles F. Kiley
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A PARACHUTE INFANTRY BASE, Apr. 20—The Paratroopers unstrapped their chutes and donned track suits long enough to settle track and field supremacy within this outfit yesterday when they staged a 14-event Field Day that included everything from a 100-yard dash to a three-legged race with ATS girls.

In the end, the efforts of Company 1 outdistanced the field and won for it the title with 36 points plus an armful of trophies. Headquarters was runner-up with 26 points.

The champions, commanded by Capt. Harold Swinger, of St. Louis, Mo., piled up most of their margin in the mile, quarter mile relay and 220-yard dash. Pvt. Art Candelaria, of Albuquerque, N.M., annexed the mile in 5:19.2, not very swift time as records go, but then nobody was running for records on a wintry day that might have cancelled even the Ivy League Polar Bear meet. The closest competition occurred in the century, with Pvt. Ray Hunting, of Newtonville, Mass., surviving heats, semi-finals and final to win over a field of 28.

Beside the customary track and field events there were three-legged and wheelbarrow races with ATS girls and other novelty events. By doing 69 push-ups, Cpl. Donald F. Ritter, of Reading, Pa., won honors in that department.

The day's activities ended with an eight-hour fight card last night.

TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS

100-YARD DASH—Won by Pvt. Raymond Hunting, Newtonville, Mass.; second, Pvt. William George, Birmingham, Ala.; third, Pvt. Raymond Wormsley, New York. Time—11.5 seconds.
220-YARD DASH—(Two semi-final heats, best time) Won by Pvt. A. C. Williams, Tioga, La.; second, Pvt. Paul Trotman, Norfolk, Va.; third, Pfc Russell Brown, Pine Grove, Pa. Time—30.2 seconds.
440-YARD DASH—(Three heats, best time) Won by Cpl. Johnnie Jolola, Lawrence, Kas.; second, Pvt. Raymond Vienneau, Waltham, Mass.



Pfc Harry Garlich, of Van Nuys, Cal., clears the bar at five feet, seven inches, to capture the high jump event at the Paratroop track and field meet.

third, Cpl. Ben Topolsky, El Monte, Cal. Time—1:02.4.
880-YARD RUN—(Two heats, best time) Won by Pfc Wilson Bernazzini, Fredericktown, Pa.; second, Pvt. Jack Leonard, Spokane, Wash.; third, Pvt. Robert Hughart, Palestine, Tex. Time—2:26.5
MILE—(Two heats, best time) Won by Pvt. Arthur Candelaria, Albuquerque, N.M.; second, Pvt. Cecil Goff, Charleston, W. Va.; third, Pvt. Donald Lassen, Harvey, Ill. Time—5:19.2.
440-YARD RELAY—(Four heats, best time) Won by 1 co. (Pvt. Everett Gilliland, Hutchinson, Kan.; Pvt. Albert Gash, Canargo, Okla.; Pfc Karl Schmidt, Philadelphia; Pvt. Jack Hartranft, Drexel Hill, Pa.; second, HQ; third, G Co. Time—53.1 seconds.
HIGH JUMP—Won by Pfc Harry Garlich, Van Nuys, Cal.; second, Pfc Rolo Morris, Burley, Idaho; third, Pfc Harry Pickles, Greensburg, Pa., and 2 Lt. William Oakley, Avalon, Pa. Height—5 feet 7 inches.
BROAD JUMP—Won by Cpl. Leonard Beard, Decatur, Neb.; second, Pvt. Raymond Wormsley,

New York City; third, Pfc Quinton Echols, Brags, Okla. Distance—18 feet 5 inches.
SHOT PUT—Won by Pvt. Jack Blankenship, Tracy, Cal.; second, S/Sgt. Joseph O'Jibway, Lincoln Park, Mich.; third, Sgt. Rudolph Tepsick, Youngstown, Ohio. Distance—36 feet 4 1/2 inches.

BOXING RESULTS

Pvt. Johnny Marquez, Los Angeles, 130, outpointed Pvt. Johnny Heins, Detroit, 130.
Pvt. Richard Vargas, Chicago, 135, outpointed Pvt. Frank DeMarco, Jersey City, N.J., 135.
Pvt. Raymond Gonzales, Detroit, 143, outpointed Pvt. Marty Scherzer, Saginaw, Mich., 146.
Pvt. William Gray, Philadelphia, 149, outpointed Pvt. Eddie Lares, Los Angeles, 155.
Pvt. Ed Easton, Abilene, Tex., 160, outpointed Pvt. Alphonso Lara, New York, 158.
Pvt. Floyd Mewbore, Atlanta, Ga., 165, outpointed Lt. James Habel, Lancaster, Pa., 160.
S/Sgt. George Daminov, Philadelphia, 160, outpointed Pvt. Carl Beck, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., 175.
Pvt. Roland Adams, Long View, Tex., 159, outpointed Pvt. Tommy Short, Pittsburgh, 158.

Bomber Goes 3 Fast Rounds In First ETO Punch Session

By Tony Cordaro
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A WEST ENGLAND TOWN, Apr. 20—S/Sgt. Joe Louis Barrow played his best-suited role here last night, that of heavyweight boxing champion of the world.

Lacing on the 16-ounce pillows for the initial ETO ring performance of his global exhibition tour, the Brown Bomber went three fast rounds against Sgt. Bob Smith, of Detroit, in an outdoor arena situated on the outskirts of this town.

After adjusting his punching sights, Joe feinted with his shoulder and then caught Smith with a crackling left hook. Smith shook his head to make sure he was still on his shoulders and not rolling down the cricket field several blocks away.

Contented that his left had lost none of its explosiveness, the champion thought it then appropriate to test his right, driving one across in the neighborhood of his sparring partner's heart. The blow drove the burly Detroit Negro to the ropes, but Joe at this point slowed up the tempo.

Another lively three-round exhibition bout materialized when S/Sgt. James Edgar, of Detroit, and Sgt. Jackie Wilson, of Los Angeles, whirled away at each other, the noise of their blows sounding like the roll of beating drums.

Edgar's left hook carries respect and he saw that Wilson did just that while lashing out with a number of destructive hooks in the first round.

The Louis entourage left here this afternoon. En route to their destination the party stopped at several hospitals and Joe visited patients. Capt. Fred Maly, Special Service officer from the War Department, said Joe would put on the gloves for the second time of the week Saturday night.

Cote Annexes Boston Run For Second Straight Year

BOSTON, Apr. 20—Gerard Cote, Canadian Army sergeant, outfooted Johnny Kelley, former winner from West Acton, Mass., in the final mile to capture the 48th annual 26-mile Boston Marathon here yesterday, becoming the first Canuck to score successive triumphs since Clarence Demar performed the feat almost 20 years ago. It was Cote's third victory. He covered the route in two hours, 31:50.4.

Sfrisi Beaten By Art Tatta

Schnappauf Tops Stockins In Ground Force Tourney

By Ray Lee
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BRISTOL, Apr. 20—Sixteen scrappers entered the finals of the Ground Force ring tourney to be held here tonight, but co-champions probably will be named in the feather, welter and middleweight brackets as contestants for these titles are all from the squad piloted by Pat Gallagher.

In the featherweight bracket, Pfc Mickey Finnerty, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and the Infantry Division Blues, and Cpl. Moon Mullins, HQ glover from Decatur, Ala., share honors after two tourney decisions each. Cpl. Sal DeFini, two-time tourney winner from the Bronx, N.Y., who gained the Florida state title while in Camp Blanding, and Pfc Charley Schnappauf, the Blues' south-paw ring veteran from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., are jamming the welterweight slot.

Pfc Ed Ferris, Benton Harbor, Mich., 165-pounder who last night kayoed Pvt. Joseph Iannaccone, of New York, in 1:45 of the third, and Pfc Elmo Barnes, Detroit Negro, two-time Golden Glove winner, who had his hands full outpointing Philadelphia Pfc James Scott last night, control the middleweight class.

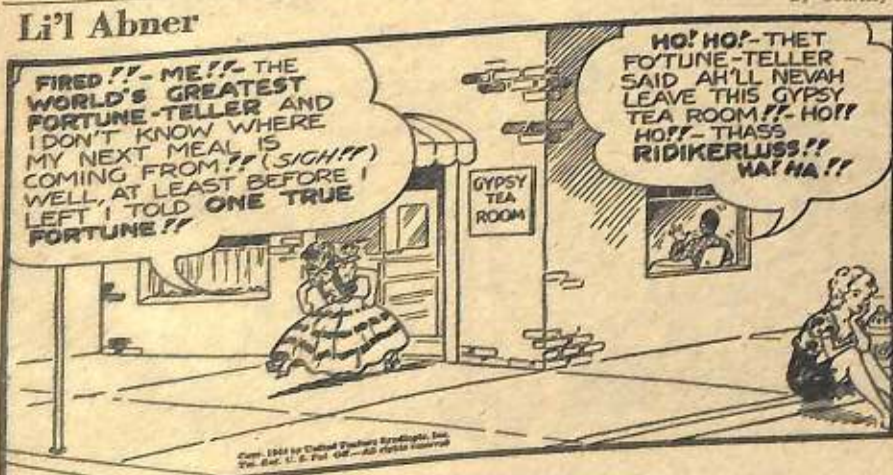
Decision Is Close

Strangely enough, the feature bout in last night's semi-finals went the limit, although three TKOs studded the card. The scrap that drew the crowd to its feet and proved to be one of the best bouts even seen at Colston Hall was the Tatta-Sfrisi affair, in which Cpl. Art Tatta, New Haven, Conn., puncher, decided Pfc Andy Sfrisi, of Philadelphia.

After a mediocre opening round in which Tatta had a slight edge in the in-fighting and Andy kept shooting a sharp left, the second stanza picked up with three flurries of furious toe-to-toe slugging, in which Andy came out the better. The third was as fast, but Tatta piled up a few more points to give him the win.

The other fast contest saw Schnappauf edge Sgt. Stanley Stockins, Chicago veteran of 203 tilts, in a decision the crowd didn't like. In the Barnes-Scott scrap, the Detroitier had to use all of his ring experience and ability to triumph.

In other bouts:
Pfc Don Webber, Roanoke, Va., 119, TKOed Pvt. Ernest Navarro, Devine, Tex., 120, 1:03 of the second.
Pvt. Jimmy Dunn, Chihuahua, Mexico, 119, outpointed Pvt. Jimmy Plomons, Birmingham, Ala., 120.
Finnerty outpointed Pfc Melvin Permann, Walters, Okla., 126.
Mullins outpointed Pvt. Paul Pinkston, Portland, Ore., 124.
Pfc Henry Huerta, Peoria, Ill., 136, outpointed Pvt. Bill Bannick, Pittsfield, Mass., 134.
Pfc Lynwood Craighead, Roanoke, Va., 134, outpointed Pfc Dominic Caprigione, Newark, N.J., 133.
DeFini outpointed Pvt. Marvin Van Buskirk, Seattle, 143.
Pvt. Caesar Romero, Los Angeles, 153, outpointed Pvt. Jesus Flores, Los Angeles, 155.
T/Sgt. Chef Aleski, Brooklyn, 157, TKOed Pfc Don Mulhern, Philadelphia, 155, 1:42 of the third.
Pfc Charles Endlich, New York, 173, outpointed Cpl. Joseph Topietro, Brooklyn, 175.
Pfc Pete Morrell, Stockton, Cal., 186, outpointed Sgt. Bill Dirks, Cumberland, Md., 185.



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NEWS FROM HOME Ask Permanent U.S. Title to 8 Leased Bases

Committeemen in House Want Sites Taken Over In Destroyer Deal

WASHINGTON, Apr. 20 (AP)—Immediate steps to make permanent American possession of Western Hemisphere bases leased from Britain in 1940 in exchange for 50 overage destroyers were recommended today by a House Naval subcommittee.

The subcommittee, which made the recommendation in a formal report of an inspection of hemisphere defense installations, was headed by Rep. F. Edward Herbert (D-La.) and included Rep. William C. Cole (R-Mo.) and William E. Hess (R-Ohio).

Herbert reported that the Navy had spent \$130,000,000 on the eight bases now held on a 99-year lease. The eight include sites in Newfoundland, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Trinidad and other British possessions off the southeast coast of the U.S.

The subcommittee said that "having acquired the right to invest still further, we feel it would be a mistake for the U.S. ever to abandon the bases even at the end of 99 years."

"Steps should be taken immediately by our government to have the basis changed to perpetuity."

Billion Investment in Britain

WASHINGTON, Apr. 20—U.S. investments in Britain now total \$1,030,000,000, the Treasury disclosed today in its first report of a nationwide census covering every type of holding from household goods to bonds and factories. Total U.S. foreign investments, it said, amount to \$13,300,000,000, nearly two-thirds of which is invested in Allied or friendly nations.

Invasion Toll

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y., Apr. 20—When news of the European invasion is received, Trinity Episcopal Church here will toll its bells summoning residents to prayer, the Rev. V. P. William Styles announced today, urging that similar prayer meetings be held throughout the country at this "turning point in world history."

New Zealand OKs Bases

WASHINGTON, Apr. 20—Prime Minister Peter Fraser of New Zealand, appearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday, declared that if the U.S. wanted Pacific bases after the war his country would have no objection, Chairman Tom Connally (D-Tex.) disclosed today.

Wallace May See Stalin

NEW YORK, Apr. 20—Vice President Henry A. Wallace may see Marshal Stalin to discuss post-war problems on his coming trip to China, the New York Herald-Tribune said today, quoting authoritative Washington reports that Wallace would go to Siberia as well as China.

They Know How It Is

PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 20—Joe Husberger, a taxi driver, reported that two men held him up and took his two dollars. "Is that all you've got?" one asked. "That's all," Joe replied. "You see, I'm married." The men gave him back his two dollars plus a 75-cent tip.

Cardinal O'Connell Ill

BOSTON, Apr. 20—William Cardinal O'Connell, 84, dean of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the U.S., is seriously ill with bronchial pneumonia, Msgr. Richard Haberlin, vicar general of the Boston arch-diocese, announced today.

Heather Angel Weds

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Apr. 20—Actress Heather Angel and Capt. Robert Sinclair, former stage and screen director, have been married.

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Friday, Apr. 21

- 1100—Spotlight on Bob Sherwood.
- 1115—Personal Album—Nora Martin.
- 1130—Curtain Call.
- 1150—French Lesson.
- 1200—Noon Edition.
- 1205—Barracks Bay.
- 1300—World News (BBC).
- 1310—Melody Roundup.
- 1330—Rhapsody in Khaki.
- 1400—News Headlines—Leslie Bridgewater Quintet.
- 1430—Visiting Hour.
- 1500—Music While You Work.
- 1530—Off the Record.
- 1630—Your Air Umbrella.
- 1645—Band Wagon.
- 1700—South American Way and Program Resume.
- 1730—Mona Lister Orchestra.
- 1755—Quiet Moment.
- 1800—World News (BBC).
- 1830—GT Supper Club.
- 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
- 1905—Combined Operation.
- 1930—Burns and Allen.
- 2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.
- 2010—Fred Waring Program.
- 2025—This Is The Army.
- 2030—Kate Smith.
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2115—Serenade.
- 2130—American Commentary by Alistair Cooke.
- 2135—Charlie McCarthy Show—with Edgar Bergen, Dale Evans and Ray Noble's Orchestra.
- 2200—One Night Stand with Paul Martin.
- 2225—Suspense.
- 2255—Final Edition.
- 2300—Sign off until 1100 hours Saturday, Apr. 22.

Come 1948, You Can Go Weekend Globe Trotting

WASHINGTON, Apr. 20 (UP)—Plans for Transatlantic weekend air trips in 1948 are outlined by Pan-American Airways in "Our Timetable of the Future," published today. The booklet lists a New York-Paris round trip, with two days in Paris, for about \$200. A New York-to-Berlin flight, estimated at 16 hours, would cost \$120. New York-Tokyo would be \$208, round trip \$376. The airline estimates New York-Tokyo flying time in 1948 at 27 hours 36 minutes.

Sweden Rejects Allied Request

Balks at Refusing Reich Bearings; Turks Agree To Cut Off Chrome

Sweden was reported yesterday to have rejected an Allied request to halt its ball-bearing trade with Germany, while Turkey acceded to a request to stop chrome shipments. A Turkish foreign office announcement quoted by Ankara radio said that chrome exports to the Axis would cease from tomorrow.

A Reuter dispatch from Istanbul reported that the Turkish reply, delivered Monday, "was couched in very general but accommodating terms" and expressed "a point of view very favorable to the British and American request." Turkish newspapers said that the delivery of chrome to Germany had been reduced considerably in the last few days because of transportation difficulties.

Stockholm's Dagens Nyheter, as quoted by the Associated Press, said that the Swedish Parliament had supported the government in its decision to reject the Anglo-American request to halt ball-bearing shipments to Germany.

The newspaper reported that Sweden intended to protest the recent British action stopping the safe conduct of air travel and restricting the movements and communications of foreign diplomats.

U.S. Won't Act On Lewis' Plea

WASHINGTON, Apr. 20—Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes refused last night to order coal companies to pay their workers \$18,000,000 in retroactive portal-to-portal pay demanded by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers.

Lewis said a conspiracy existed to defraud the miners of the money he claimed was due under strike-settlement terms. He added that "the miners are becoming increasingly angry at the failure of the government to redeem its promise."

Ickes said he had no legal authority to enforce the demand.

McNutt Cites Coal Shortage

WASHINGTON, Apr. 20 (Reuter)—Paul V. McNutt, War Manpower Commission chairman, said last night that coal miners must remain on the job and that others must be recruited in order to build up supplies for next winter.

McNutt said bituminous coal stocks on Mar. 1 stood at 52,700,000 tons, or 29 days' supply, a new low.

Press-Arrangements Job For Invasion Given Davis

Gen. Eisenhower has appointed Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Davis to direct press arrangements of future Allied Expeditionary Force operations and has separated the job from psychological warfare in a move to assure complete news coverage of the Western Front.

The psychological branch of Supreme Headquarters' G-6 division, hitherto combined in a single staff unit under Publicity and Psychological Warfare, will be headed by Brig. Gen. Robert A. McClure, who formerly had charge of both.

The reorganization was ordered by Eisenhower in order to "increase both the administrative efficiency of the two organizations and to improve services which the public-relations division will provide to the press and public."

80 Killed in Tirpitz Raid

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 20 (UP)—Eighty Germans were killed and about 900 wounded in the Apr. 3 raid on the Tirpitz, according to Norwegian reports.

Terry and The Pirates



'Human Torpedo' First Used in 1776

British Now Use Scheme Sprung Against Them In the Revolution

Revelation of the successful use by the British of a new kind of torpedo on which two broncho-busting sailors in divers' suits ride smack up to the target has recalled to the minds of American historians what is believed to be the first submarine used in warfare, designed on the same principle and, ironically, used against the British in the Revolutionary War.

The new British "secret weapon" was disclosed in an announcement of decorations awarded to four men who rode two of the torpedoes to sink the Italian cruiser Ulpio Traiano and damage the 8,500-ton transport Viminale at Palermo, Sicily, in a daring night attack. The four later reached shore safely, but were captured along with the two-man crew of another torpedo which took part in the operation. Two men in divers' suits sitting astride the torpedoes, which run on electric batteries, maneuver slowly to the target ship.



This is the two-man torpedo now in use by the British Navy. Its crew, garbed in diving suits, penetrates an enemy harbor, attaches explosives to the hull of a ship, then escapes on the torpedo which brought them.

dive under it and affix to the vessel's bottom a charge from the torpedo nose, which has a time fuse. Then, on the torpedo which took them there, they ride away before the explosion.

up the HMS Eagle in New York harbor. Operated by one man and propelled by hand power, the Turtle was to attach a time-fuse bomb to the keel of the Eagle by screws. However, the screws would not penetrate the British vessel's copper sheathing and the mission failed.

Five GIs Capture 2 Germans Shot Down Raiding England

A U.S. HAVOC LIGHT BOMBER BASE, Apr. 20 (AP)—Five air-force GIs on ground duty here experienced last night their biggest thrills of the war thus far when they captured two German fliers shot down raiding England.

Cpl. Robert Messick, of Adena, Ohio, and T/5 James E. Mulcahy, of Frederick, Md., were walking their MP beats when a Ju188 crashed in flames in the area and its pilot parachuted into a wood only a few hundred yards away. He surrendered to the MPs quietly.

Meanwhile two intelligence clerks carrying documents, with an MP guard, arrived on the scene in a jeep. "Sure as hell we'll go down the road and see

Germans, too," said Pvt. Ralph Zimmerman, of Plainville, Conn., to Sgt. Herbert Eckstein, of Crestline, Ohio. "Could be," said their MP escort, Pfc John W. Nabors, of Morgantown, W. Va.

"We hadn't gone four miles," Zimmerman related today, "when we saw a guy standing in the road waving. Sure enough, he was wearing the swastika, and yelling 'Kamerad!'" He was very agreeable—hopped right into the jeep. He heaved a sigh of relief when we told him we were Americans.

"Then we drove by an airfield and you shoulda seen him point to an American plane. 'Your folks are gonna see plenty of those,' I told him."

Tommy Hitchcock, Polo Star, is Killed in Crash

The death of Lt. Col. Thomas (Tommy) Hitchcock, 44, one of the world's greatest polo players, was disclosed yesterday by Ninth Air Force headquarters. He was killed Tuesday when his P51 Mustang crashed near Salisbury, Wiltshire, on a duty flight from a fighter station.

Hitchcock, who flew with the Lafayette Escadrille in the last war, arrived in Britain early in 1942 to serve as assistant military attaché for air at the U.S. embassy, and for the last month had been chief of a tactical-research section in Ninth Air Force Fighter Command.

Hitchcock, who began his tournament polo career at 14, entered international competition in 1921 as a member of America's famous "Big Four" which defeated the British team for the world championship. From then until 1939, when international matches were suspended because of the war, he played on every American international team and was rated a ten-goal player throughout that period.

In 1928 he married Mrs. Margaret Mellon Laughlin, niece of Andrew Mellon. He was a partner in the New York banking firm of Lehman Bros.

Denies Drunken Sprees Caused Pearl Harbor Toll

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 20 (Reuter) Adm. Thomas C. Hart, former Allied commander in the Southwest Pacific, told a press conference here he could "absolutely deny" that intoxication among servicemen had anything whatever to do with the huge loss in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

He said the conduct of servicemen on the evening of Dec. 6, 1941, had been shown to be "exemplary" in comparison with weekend activities elsewhere.

American War Casualties Now 189,309, Stimson Says

WASHINGTON, Apr. 20—American war casualties up to Apr. 7 totaled 189,309, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson disclosed today. He listed Army figures as 25,013 killed, 59,222 wounded, 32,048 missing and 28,799 prisoners, a total of 145,082.

Navy, Marine and Coast Guard figures were given as 18,795 killed, 21,726 wounded, and 3,706 prisoners, a total of 44,227.

Nazis' Atlantic Wall Is Given Heaviest Pre-Invasion Blitz

(Continued from page 1)
It followed two days in a row of solid heavy-bomber blows at targets within the Reich itself, which presumably would have drawn Luftwaffe defenses closer to Germany.

There was no announcement last evening of specific targets in the day's attacks, but it was obvious that the planned, relentless breaching by air bombardment of the enemy's Atlantic Wall defenses was being stepped up to pre-invasion intensity.

The assault kept up the northern end of the north-south air squeeze against the Reich and its satellites which yesterday seemed to have struck a jull following Wednesday night raids by RAF Halifaxes on Plovdiv, Bulgarian rail junction 80 miles east of Sofia, which is in tactical transport support to the Nazi armies in the eastern fronts.

The Italy-based bombers' offensive has

been going on since the first of the month, when an apparently co-ordinated plan to beat down the Luftwaffe and smash up intra-continental ground transport was put into effect from Britain and the Mediterranean. A Swiss report in Zurich yesterday said that one of the earliest of such raids, the Apr. 4 U.S. blow on Bucharest, capital of Rumania, destroyed 900 buildings and left 2,900 dead and 2,100 wounded.

In Washington, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson added yet another estimate of damage done to the German aircraft industry by the Eighth and 15th Air Force attacks. After announcing that "our aerial invasion of Europe is continuing and is increasing in pressure and enemy resistance on the whole is decreasing," Stimson declared that the Nazis' fighter plane production had been cut 20 per cent since January.

2nd Allied Loss To Own Shells

WASHINGTON, Apr. 20—Ten U.S. transport planes and 44 officers and men were lost in a paratroop operation over Catania, Sicily, the night of last July 13-14, with half the losses believed due to Allied anti-aircraft fire, the War Department said.

The incident occurred in a battle in which Eighth Army paratroopers seized a bridge against stiff German opposition. British losses were understood to have been smaller than American.

The War Department statement was made in reply to a published report that the Army had lost 21 planes and nearly 400 men that night.

A joint Army-Navy statement previously announced the loss of 23 planes and 410 men to "friendly" anti-aircraft fire the night of July 10-11.

Cassino Guns Resume Duels

The battle in Cassino's rubble flared up yesterday as machine-gunsners of the Fifth Army raked German strongpoints in the battered Hotels Continental and Des Roses and the Nazis responded with heavy mortar fire on the Allied-held railway station. Once more the Germans fired leaflets into the Cassino area and into Allied lines in the Adriatic sector as well.

A strong Allied patrol thrust in the vicinity of the Adriatic coast Tuesday night and another from the Anzio beachhead were highlights of a series of brushes.

For the second time in two weeks it was announced officially that U.S. troops had replaced British in Fifth Army lines along the Garigliano River, this time specifying the lower coastal section.

WAC as a Military Attache

Maj. Florence C. Jepson, of Atlanta, Ga., has arrived in London for duty as Assistant Military Attache. She is the first WAC to hold such an assignment. Widow of an American flier who was killed serving with the RAF, Maj. Jepson rose to her present rank within a year of her commission.

Soviet General Dies

MOSCOW, Apr. 20—Lt. Gen. P. M. Kozolov, 51, who held the award of Hero of the Soviet Union and who took part in the crossing of the Dnieper, has died after a serious illness.

Invasion - - -

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the west for the greatest surprise attack of all—the mass assault on Hitler's fortress by means of the most daring amphibious invasion ever attempted.

Invasion anxiety reached a new pitch in Berlin, pushing into second place the tense situation on the Russian front, according to reports reaching neutral countries. German newspapers discussed the invasion possibilities at length.

A report from Turkey said the Germans were preparing to evacuate southern Greece and beginning to destroy supplies and airdromes in fear of an Allied landing there.

