

# Allies Advance in North and Along Coast

## Tokyo Raid Fliers Slain, U.S. Reveals

Executions Enrage Nation; New Attacks Demanded; Airmen Volunteer

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23—Thousands of American airmen, enraged by a White House disclosure that the Japanese had executed some of the American fliers captured after the Tokyo raid, were volunteering today for further raids on Japanese cities, and a wave of angry demands for such raids was sweeping the nation.

President Roosevelt revealed the executions "with a feeling of deepest horror, which I know will be shared by all civilized peoples." The Japanese government, in an official communication to the U.S. government, had admitted executing some of the fliers after trying them on charges of intentionally bombing non-military objectives.

Immediately after the announcement, Gen. Henry H. Arnold, commander of the United States Army Air Forces, in a message to air forces throughout the world, urged them to redouble their efforts until "the inhuman war lords" of Japan have been "utterly destroyed." In Africa, Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle, who led the historic raid, expressed his anger and vowed that "soon our bombers will be there again."

**Berlin Condone Executions**  
Berlin radio condoned the executions in a broadcast which said: "Murder has been committed exclusively by those who with their air terror against women and children, spurn all the laws of humanity. The execution of the American assassins will be considered a just punishment by every right-thinking person."

News of the executions, in violation of the Geneva convention on treatment of prisoners, infuriated the nation as nothing has since Pearl Harbor, and everywhere there were demands that immediate heavy raids be made on Japan in retaliation.

Americans were particularly horrified by the President's statement that only by torture could the Japanese have obtained the confessions they claimed were made by members of the raiding party that non-military objects were picked out.

**No Reprisals on Prisoners**  
The U.S. government quickly announced that there would be no reprisals against Japanese prisoners in U.S. hands—but that reprisals would be made after the war against the officials responsible.

The President called attention to the fact that the press had just published the full details of the Tokyo raid, in which eight of the 80 participants were known to have been captured after crash-landing in Japanese territory and two others were still unaccounted for.

On Oct. 19, he said, the United States learned from Tokyo broadcasts "of the capture, trial and severe punishment of those Americans." Communicating through the Swiss government, the United States finally received an admission from Tokyo on March 12, 1943, that the captured crew men had been tried and sentenced to death.

"It was further stated," the President said, "that the death penalty was commuted for some, but that the sentence of death had been applied to others."

In a formal communication sent to the

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## First American Freed by Italy

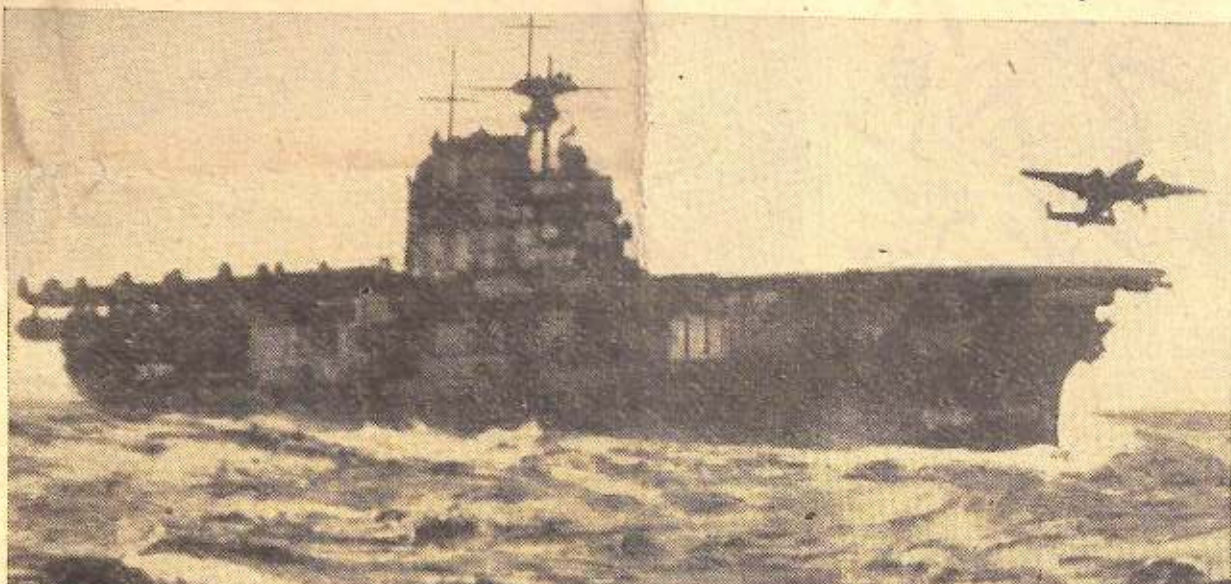
ANKARA, Apr. 23 (AP)—Alan Stuyvesant, of New York, believed to be the first American prisoner of the Axis to be exchanged, arrived here yesterday in a group of British prisoners who are being repatriated in exchange for sick and wounded Italians.

Stuyvesant brought news of a number of other American prisoners captured in Tunisia and now held at a camp near Rome. He said Red Cross packages, important to the men, have begun arriving at the camp.

The other Americans who Stuyvesant saw, all of whom he said were well and fairly happy, were:

Glenn Wilson, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Lt. Conrad Krepis and Capt. Harry Frazee, both of Akron, Ohio; Bob Weisand, Cincinnati; Richard Yeats, Monroe, Mich.; Frank Hawkins, Toledo, Ohio; Henry Wynsen, Youngstown, Ohio; Al Barnes, North Martinsdale, W. Va.; Ray Blake and Ed Mullen, both of Chicago; Flying Officer Dan Newman, San Diego, Cal.; Pilot Officer Claude Weather, Oklahoma City, and J. Williams, Carlsbad, N.M.

## Historic Take-off to Tokyo, 800 Miles Away



With Jimmy Doolittle at the controls, a B25 Mitchell bomber leaves the deck of the aircraft carrier Hornet on the historic bombing mission to Tokyo—800 miles away. Maj. Gen. Doolittle, now leader of the Strategic Air Force in Africa, baled out over China after the daylight raid. (Photo just released by the War Department and radioed to London.)

## AEF Observes Second Easter In British Isles Tomorrow

By Bryce W. Burke  
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Members of the U.S. forces throughout the British Isles will celebrate Easter tomorrow at religious services in city parks, old English cathedrals, neighborhood churches and in their own camps and installations.

Beginning at sunrise, ceremonies will be held throughout the day at which Americans will join with civilians and members of the Allied forces in commemorating the Resurrection of Christ.

In Hyde Park, London, the British public will be guests of the American Army at a sunrise service which will be followed in the afternoon by a Vesper service in St. Paul's Cathedral.

In addition to religious observance of the day members of the U.S. Forces will be hosts to evacuated and orphaned children at camps all over the Isles. During the 15 months of the second AEF these parties have become features of holidays.

At the open-air ceremony in Hyde Park, which will begin at 6:45 AM, more than 4,000 persons are expected to be present when Chaplain Chester R. McClelland, of Dallas, Tex., gives the call to worship and invocation, after which Brig. Gen. Pleas B. Rogers, of Austin, Tex., Commanding General, London Base Command, will read the Scripture lesson.

The Vesper service at St. Paul's will begin at 4:45 with a procession, during which Cpl. Heinz Arnold will be at the organ. Chaplain McClelland again will give the call to worship with the invocation of the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" will be the Benediction and the recessional.

Soldiers who wish to bring friends to this service may obtain reserved seats from their company commanders or at the

### LBC Chorus to Sing

Following the singing of "The Holy City" by the LBC chorus, Chaplain James L. Blakeney, theater chaplain from Little Rock, Ark., will read his Easter message to the troops.

After the hymn "Low in the Grave He Lay," and the Benediction, the service will close with the playing of the Star Spangled Banner by the LBC band under the direction of W/O Frank Rosato, of New Orleans.

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## Bomber Men To Stage An Egg-Rolling Contest

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Apr. 23—Although no eggs will be rolled on the White House lawn this Easter, an egg-rolling contest is going to be put on here.

The contest will take place in front of Chaplain Eugene L. Lamb's office. All the eggs will be powdered and rolled in the can.

## ETOUSA Rules On Commissions

Direct Appointments Only In Special Cases; 1942 Quota Exceeded

Officer candidates in this theater are to be commissioned only on completion of training at the American School Center, and direct appointments for commissions will be given only in special cases and at the discretion of the Theater Commander, according to a bulletin issued by Headquarters, ETOUSA.

The bulletin followed an announcement by the War Department that the training program for officer candidates in 1942 was so successful as to reduce materially the number of candidates needed for 1943.

The next course of OCS in ETO will start on or about May 15 and will last for a period of 12 weeks. New courses will start at intervals of six weeks.

Applicants for these courses, except those in the basic arms, must have sufficient training in their branch or service to insure their ability to become officers in that branch or service.

Men who don't have the military background required for the theater school, but have civilian experience or education which would qualify them for training, will be sent to schools in the United States.

Men whose civilian background has specially qualified them as officer material for either the Signal Corps or the Corps of Engineers will be sent to the United States by the first available transportation.

Also sent to schools in the United States will be men who have qualified for officers' training in the postal, machine records and censorship sections of the Adjutant General's Department, Armored Forces, Cavalry, Coast Artillery, Field Artillery, or as Aviation cadets.

On completion of the courses, each candidate will be commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the U.S.

## 63 Nazi Planes Shot Down by U.S. at Bremen

Final Total on Raids Week Ago Set New Mark For USAAF

Sixty-three German fighter planes were destroyed by American bombers over Bremen last Saturday, it was officially announced by Eighth Air Force Bomber Command yesterday.

This figure tops by 11 the previous record of 52 enemy aircraft destroyed in one raid—on Vegesack Mar. 18, which was carried out by both Fortresses and Liberators.

The official total of 63 destroyed does not include the number of German planes crews claimed as "probably destroyed" or "damaged."

Information gathered by intelligence officers from Fortress crews indicated that there were 150 German fighters sent up to engage the USAAF bombers over the Focke-Wulf plant in Bremen. Ninety-five of the 150 were shot out of action, either destroyed or damaged.

### Most Bombers Lost

Sixteen bombers were lost on the Bremen raid, more than twice the number lost on any previous raid. Seven planes were lost Jan. 3, over St. Nazaire, and seven failed to return from the Wilhelmshaven raid, Feb. 26. Only two bombers were lost in the raid on Vegesack, less than 20 miles from the Focke-Wulf factory target in Bremen.

The number of Fortresses taking part in the raid was not announced. On a previous occasion Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker stated that the combined Fortress and Liberator strength on March raids had ranged from 85 to 120.

Light U.S. and British bombers were reported by Vichy radio to have dropped "about 20 bombs" on the suburbs of Boulogne-Sur-Mer yesterday. There was no confirmation from the Eighth Air Force.

Yesterday the Air Ministry reported that RAF bombers mined enemy waters the night before at a loss of two planes.

## Germany Warned of Gas Raids If Axis Uses It Against Reds

A stern warning by Prime Minister Winston Churchill that the Allies will use gas against Germany should the Nazi forces use gas against the Russians was being broadcast to Germany yesterday by BBC.

"Reports have been issued from several sources that Hitler is making preparations for using poison gas against the Russian front," Mr. Churchill said. He warned that any use of poison gas against the Russians "will immediately be followed by the fullest possible use of this process of war upon the German munitions centers, sea ports, and other military objectives throughout the whole extent of Germany."

He added that "British resources and scale of delivery have greatly increased

since last year. The necessary precautions against German reprisals have already been enjoined by the competent authorities throughout the United Kingdom."

Following the Prime Minister's first warning to Germany June 10, 1942, Home Secretary Herbert Morrison told the British that "for all we know gas attack may never come." On Tuesday, however, he warned the public not to assume that the possibility of enemy gas attack had ended.

The strongest deterrent against a German chemical warfare offensive is the fact the Allied aircraft now rule the European air, and should the RAF decide to carry gas into Germany the results would be considerably more effective than anything the enemy could offer, London observers declared.

## Every Yard Is Contested By Rommel

First Army Gains 3 Miles, Eighth Goes 6; Another Big Air Victory

ALLIED HQ, Apr. 23 (AP)—Gen. Alexander hurled the Anglo-American First Army into the attack against Rommel's mountain positions today, driving three miles forward on a nine-mile front near Bou Arada, while the Eighth Army smashed six miles north of Enfidaville.

In the air Allied fighters wiped out an air fleet of 20 giant German six-engined transport planes—six-engined Messerschmitt 323s, each capable of carrying 140 men—over the Sicilian Straits. In the day's activity they accounted for 38 Axis planes. An official spokesman estimated that the 20 enemy transports were equal to the carrying capacity of 100 Ju25s.

Joining the Eighth Army in the assault on Rommel in the Bou Arada area, the First Army "achieved all initial objectives," headquarters said. Its advance between Goubellat and Bou Arada was made against "stubborn resistance."

Advanced elements of the Eighth Army, moving north along the coast towards Bou Fichta, reached a point six miles north of Enfidaville.

**Pincer Movement**  
The First and Eighth Armies are now executing a pincer movement on Rommel's second mountain position.

The First Army's advance has taken it about 24 miles from Tunis on the western slope of the steep and difficult hills.

Bloody fighting was in progress on the Medjez El Bab sector, and it appeared that Alexander's tactics were becoming increasingly effective against Rommel's defenses along the whole line of the western front.

The Eighth Army advance along the coastal strip pushed forward through marshy ground against "extremely difficult and most stubborn resistance," a spokesman said. "Each inch of the ground is being vigorously contested."

### Strike Long Stop Hill

In the First Army offensive in north-eastern Tunisia, Thunderbolt-like attacks swept the enemy perimeter defenses on half a dozen or more points before the dawn of Good Friday.

During a night in which rain, hail and stars alternated in the sky, heavy concentrations of British guns opened fire on a mile-wide objective and poured their deadly fury on Long Stop Hill, the strongest known enemy fortified point between Medjez El Bab and Tunis, 30 miles away.

Hard-fighting British infantry followed the creeping barrage to the face of Long Stop Hill, six miles northeast of Medjez El Bab, and since midnight their signal flares indicated that they were winning back this concrete ridge, where the Coldstream guards fought and died during Christmas week.

### Hill Well Fortified

Long Stop Hill, between Djebel Ang and Djebel Ahmour, stands directly beside the road from Medjez el Bab to Terbourba and Tunis and its slopes are clustered with trenches, weapon pits, concrete gun emplacements and mines.

At midnight, as we watched, Long Stop Hill seemed to twinkle with the winking lights of British shell bursts. Near our vantage points a long convoy of ambulance drove forward, for victory has its price.

The biggest hole on the western front was punched by the British yesterday afternoon in the Sidi Ahmour area, 12 miles southeast of Medjez el Bab and five miles southeast of Goubellat.

## German's Flying Tank In Action in Tunisia

ALLIED FORCE HQ, North Africa, Apr. 23 (AP)—The Luftwaffe's flying tank, which first appeared in Russia, has been used in the Western Desert fighting and has also been seen duty in Tunisia.

The aircraft—Nenschel 129—was designed as an anti-tank plane. It is equipped with 30mm. cannon, the largest caliber gun yet found on German aircraft, and has a cockpit so heavily armored that it resembles part of a tank.



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Diabolical Crime

When Christ was nailed to the Cross, the world's most diabolical crime was committed. The story of that crime is still told by one generation of Christians to the next, as the Church strives to win all men to a better way of life and prove the "saving" power of love, the destructive power of hate.

At this season of the year when we commemorate Christ's resurrection from the tomb, we learn the Japanese have put to death some of the eight American fliers captured after Doolittle's raid of a year ago on Tokyo. With what he called a "feeling of deepest horror" President Roosevelt announced this act of barbarism.

The United States Government brands as false the charges that our aviators intentionally attacked non-combatants, and with regard to admitted confessions points out that there are numerous official agencies employed by the Japanese Government that use brutal and bestial methods of extorting "confessions" from persons in their power.

Several months ago Hitler gave the order that men who were captured during the Dieppe raid were to be shackled, claiming justification for the act by stating that British Commandos had tied the hands of German prisoners captured during a Channel Island raid.

It is against this type of world leadership that we now fight, after receiving a stab in the back at Pearl Harbor. It is this spirit of brutality which we as Christians must continue to oppose when peace is won.

Faith Will Triumph

Americans have always had faith in the future and in the ideals for which they have fought. The Pilgrims possessed this faith; so did the Pioneers who packed their belongings into covered wagons and set out for the "Promised Land of California and Oregon."

This Easter, in services conducted throughout the British Isles we in the United States armed forces will pause to renew our faith in Christian ideals.

On that day, the people of Great Britain will join with us, firm in their faith that sacrifices made were not made in vain. Surely their Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, has faith in the right as he sees the right, for recently he said: "I sometimes have a feeling . . . in fact I have it very strongly . . . a feeling of interference. I have a feeling sometimes that some 'guiding hand' is interfering. I have a feeling that we have a Guardian because we serve a great cause, and that we shall have that Guardian so long as we serve that cause faithfully."

We all need this same faith for with it we need not be fearful of the future. We will remember that "if He be for us, who can be against us?"

Today we live in a hostile world, which, like the "Risen Lord," bears the scars won in conflict with evil. We can see those scars everywhere about us, and we can be proud for we have "risen" above them. A Christian faith in our future has given us the strength.

Ricksha Service Free

The Japanese in occupied China have a ruling that forces British, American and Dutch people as "enemy aliens" to wear red arm bands for easy identification. French and Turkish nationals wear white and green arm bands respectively as neutrals.

The mark of identification has become public knowledge, and those who wear the red arm band have found it many times to their advantage. Chinese devotion to the cause of the United Nations is often demonstrated to those wearing the red band. For example ricksha pullers, many of them desperately poor, often refuse to accept fares from their foreign customers who wear the red arm bands.

"You are our allies," say the ricksha pullers, and their service is accepted as a treasured gift.

Hash Marks

It happened in Norfolk, Va. A man stole four tires from a car, but left a purse and diamond ring undisturbed on the front seat. He also left a note, reading, "Roses are red. Violets are blue. We like your jewels—but your tires are new."

You can have your swagger sticks, monacles, and other fancy didoes—we have just met the swankiest Pfc in this



man's army. HE has a set of silver-plated DOG TAGS. A jewelry shop fixed them up for him for two and six.

From C. V. R. Thompson comes the report that an American operator with a knowledge of Japanese broke into the Tokyo news summary sent daily to Kiska in the Aleutians. He inserted the following news: "Domei News deeply regrets Admiral Yamamoto is discredited in Imperial circles because he lost too many valuable ships. . . . Due to lack of critical materials baseballs in Japan have been reduced to the size of golf balls, golf balls to the size of peas, and there are no more peas. Thank you Kiska, that is all."

Many residents of Cleveland, Ohio, found themselves completely baffled by the new points rationing system. Now they are getting all the answers from a young mathematical genius who understands the plan perfectly—11-year-old Milly Hafner. And a little child shall lead them.

They're telling us these days that two ensigns, being stationed in a rather large British city, were forced to seek refuge in



a flat. They signed up to live in one place; then found out that they didn't like it—at least as well as a place they spotted later. Being as diplomatic as possible about the whole matter they told their landlord that they were being ordered to another station. Then they skipped merrily around to sign-up for the new place, walked into an office and found themselves face to face with their old landlord—who owned both flats.

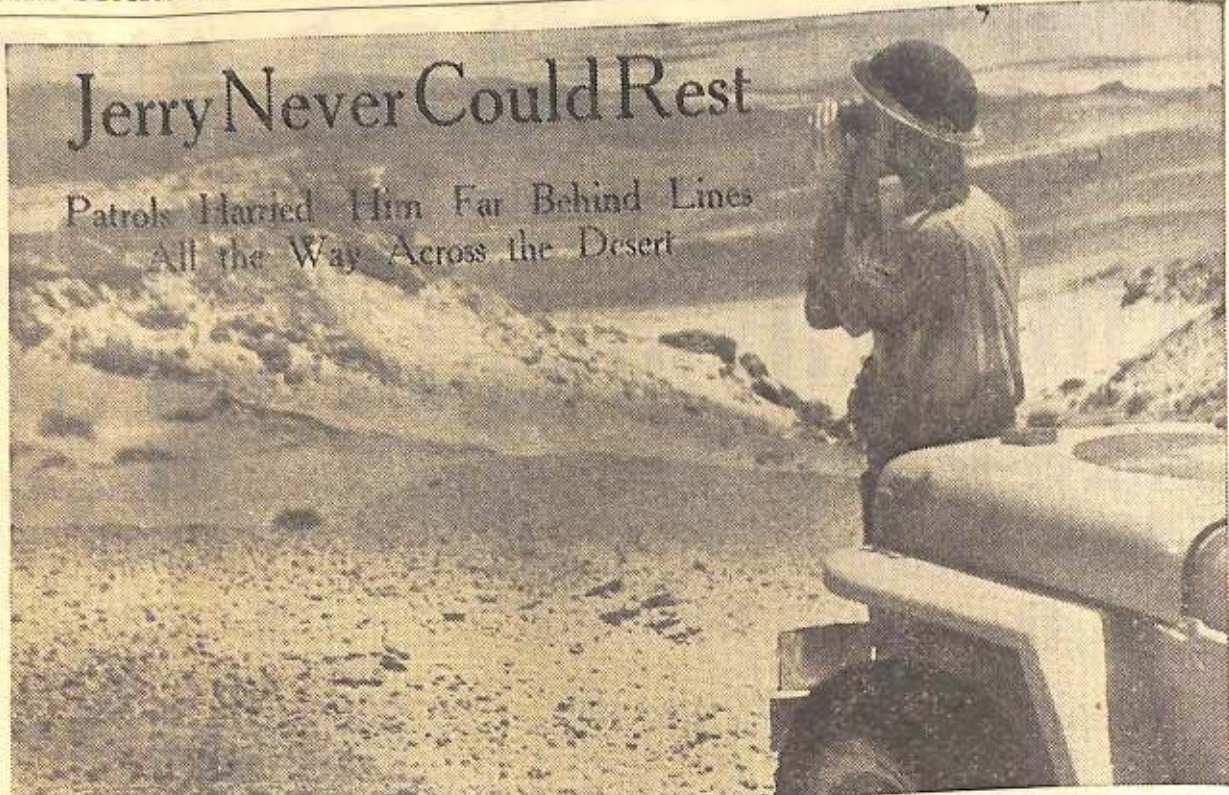
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"His personal morale chart, Sir!"

Jerry Never Could Rest

Patrols Harried Him Far Behind Lines All the Way Across the Desert



"Five of the ten days were spent in crossing the great sand sea to the destination—500 miles inside enemy-held territory."

By Eric Grey

Daily Express War Correspondent

CAIRO, Apr. 23—Now that the whole of Libya and most of Tunisia are ours, I can reveal something of the tremendous British organization which for the past three years has existed behind the enemy lines in North Africa.

Ever since Italy came into the war parties of daring British and Empire soldiers have been operating deep inside enemy territory.

Banded together in small, compact, highly mobile groups of officers and men, they have penetrated hundreds of miles behind their front. They were in Benghazi and Tripoli long before Montgomery's main forces captured those cities.

They lived in the enemy's midst for weeks at a time, gathering valuable information for the Eighth Army. And they made a series of raids on his airfields, camps, barracks and store dumps, which, though carried out by a mere handful of men at a time, caused widespread damage and disorganization.

No Rest for Jerry

In addition they compelled the enemy to remain on the alert in what for him should have been "safe" areas.

These men are all volunteers. They belong to the famous Long Range Desert Group, better known in the Middle East as the LRDG.

Until today Middle East Headquarters had maintained a strict silence about them. Even now I cannot tell the full story of their exploits. But here is a report on one of their most successful raids, which is typical of many.

The raid was on Barce, in the heart of the Cyrenaican mountains.

Rommel was at El Alamein at the time, so that to attack Barce the LRDG patrols had to penetrate 500 miles inside enemy-held territory. They succeeded in doing so undetected.

It took the patrols ten days to reach their objectives. They travelled in a small convoy of armed jeeps and 30cwt. trucks.

There were two patrols—40 men all told—one made up of British Guardsmen, the other of New Zealanders. They wore the Arab headdress known as the kuffa and Arab sandals. Many had grown beards, for there is little water to spare for washing and shaving.

Five of the ten days were spent in crossing a great sand sea. There were no tracks

across this waste of long, rolling, dazzling white sand dunes, which in places reach a height of 80ft., and the patrols had to wind their own way through. The sand here is so fine that even desert balloon tires sink in, so the trucks frequently get stuck.

Some days they covered a bare 30 miles. One jeep racing up the side of a razor-backed dune turned a somersault at the top, and the driver's back was broken. He was evacuated by air, while the patrols pushed on.

They came out of the desert into populated country. Arab camps were all around, and there were a few scattered Italian farmsteads. Enemy troops would not be far off.

Spotted by Plane

The patrols spent a day hiding under clumps of trees, making final plans for the attack. They were not observed until shortly before dusk, when a low-flying airplane came straight overhead. The pilot must have spotted them, for he circled the camp twice, then raced off.

The patrol commander decided not to change his plans, but to attack without delay, and as night fell the jeeps and trucks moved off in single file. They went through a deep, winding wadi leading on to the main Barce-Tobruk road, and were halfway through when they came on an Italian police post.

Realizing that the occupants had probably been warned by the plane, the leading British truck opened fire. Fire was returned for a few seconds, then ceased. Inside the blockhouse the patrols found an Italian captain, shot dead, and a frightened private, who surrendered.

He confirmed the patrols' suspicions that the enemy was now expecting something, for the police post had a normal garrison of 160 men, who had all fled into the hills bordering the wadi.

The patrols had to run the gauntlet of these men firing on them from vantage points all the way up the wadi.

The British made easy targets, for their headlights were full on, but they raced through, firing back as they went, and reached the Barce-Tobruk road unscathed.

They were now so far behind the front line that, in the dark, they would be taken for an Axis convoy unless closely investigated.

Through Tank Fire

The road was deserted until, about 200 yards before entering the town, the headlights picked out two small Italian tanks stationed on either side of the road.

It was clear now that the enemy had made full-scale preparations to resist the attack. But there was no going back. The patrols raced straight on, firing on the tanks with their machine-guns as they went past.

The tanks returned the fire, but missed, and the British party arrived intact inside Barce.

Here it split up according to plan. The patrol commander took two men and went off round the town in one of the jeeps to shoot up anything he could find, thereby causing a diversion.

The Guards patrol took the road to the main army barracks and workshops.

The New Zealanders, with the biggest task in front of them, headed for the airfield. They were to destroy any aircraft parked on the landing ground.

In four trucks and one jeep they dashed for it. Outside the airfield they were halted by a dozen Italians barring the road with rifles.

"We wiped them out without leaving our seats," the young New Zealander captain who commanded the patrol said, "but it was only the beginning of the battle. We had to shoot our way on to the airfield."

"Once inside, we found the main track to the landing-ground blocked by a huge petrol tanker trailer. We set that alight with our machine-guns."

"We went first to the barracks, where the pilots and air crews lived. It was a large white ferro-concrete building."

"We got close up, then drove round and round it, firing all our machine-guns, and lobbing hand grenades through the windows."

"By the time we had gone round the building it was ablaze inside. Other trucks had been firing petrol dumps, but we all got together again and drove through the hedge on to the landing ground."

"There were 30-odd German and

Italian fighters and bombers, and we set to work to destroy them methodically.

"We went round the airfield in our vehicles single file, each one of us pouring a hail of machine-gun bullets into each plane. We used tracer incendiary bullets.

"If any of those planes had been guarded, the enemy must have withdrawn quickly in the face of our fire, for we opened up on them from a fair distance, and kept on firing into them all the time until we were alongside."

"Any plane not set on fire by our machine-guns was dealt with by the use of home-made bombs. This was the job of the truck bringing up the rear. Its occupants had to place a bomb in the fuselage, pull the pin, then fling themselves on the ground and await the explosion ten seconds later. Fourteen planes were destroyed in this way."

"Six others blazed beautifully, and a dozen more were well alight by the time we had gone right round the field."

"I wish you could have seen them. The whole airfield was lit up by blazing German and Italian planes."

Supplies Ablaze

"Don't think the enemy remained idle. He had withdrawn his men from the airfield proper, but was still shooting at us with machine-guns. Most of his stuff went wide or over our heads."

"We had been on the job about an hour when the last aircraft was set alight and the enemy's fire was beginning to be a little more accurate. The only way out was the way we had come, and we made a dash for it."

"The supply dumps near the barracks were still blazing, but the Italians now had machine-guns posted."

"For the first time since we had started some of the trucks were hit, but not fatally and somehow we had had no casualties. But heavier opposition awaited us."

"Coming out of the airfield on to the main road we found three light tanks across the road. There was nothing to do but rush them, so we charged straight into them with our trucks and jeep, all guns, blazing."

"I was driving the leading truck, and ran down one of the tanks. The truck was smashed to pieces, wheels flung off, engine knocked back—but the tank was twisted on its tracks."

"I was a bit hurt, but not seriously; none of the others in my truck was hurt. We all jumped out and threw hand grenades. We actually put those three tanks out of action long enough for the rest of the boys to come through."

"My crew and I, who had lost our truck, jumped on the jeep, and we went careering down the main street of Barce like that, shooting with everything we had got."

"Then the jeep hit a curve and overturned. Two were wounded. We got them on to the next truck, and somehow we left the town and reached the rendezvous with the Guards."

Barracks Shot Up

"The Guards had had a gloriously time shooting up the main army barracks and throwing hand grenades into the windows."

"The commander of the patrol had been round the town destroying any transport he could find. Among others he had set on fire 15 trucks parked near the center of the town."

"I don't know why, but the Italians did not give chase at once, and we drove straight down the main road the way we had come, while the doctor tended the wounded on board. But there was still that big wadi and the police post to come."

"We found the Italians lining both sides of the wadi, and as we drove through they fired on us almost the whole way with rifles and machine-guns. Some of our men were wounded. But all got through, even the truck which burst a tyre half-way through the wadi."

"It took about ten minutes to get the new wheel on, and bullets were ping-pong against the truck all the time, but none of us was hit."

"It was almost daylight when the patrols reached their starting point in the hills south of Barce."

"The Italians afterwards admitted heavy damage and casualties inflicted at Barce by the surprise British raid. It kept them on the alert in that part of Cyrenaica for months."

"The total cost of the raid to us was a few men captured and a few trucks and jeeps lost."



# Division Teams Sweep All Events in Sports Field Day

## Close Soccer, Softball Games With Canadians

### Boxing, Basketball Squads Score Easy Victories

DIVISION BASE, Apr. 23—The Division All-Star athletic teams registered a clean sweep in all of their contests with the Canadian Army in the sports carnival held at spacious Tattoo Field and in the two large gymnasiums here.

The biggest upset of the affair was the 3-1 victory scored by the soccer team. Both elevens had participated in the inter-Allied Cup tournament, with the Canadians falling before the Norwegians, 10-2, and the All-Stars dropping their contest with the British Army, 11-0.

The softball team opened the string of victories with an 8-4 triumph, while the boxing team registered an 8-2 count. In the cage contests the division Blues went ahead, 57-21, and the Greys took the Canadians into camp, 46-26.

### Buckless Homers

The program opened with the softball contest with the Canadians taking an early lead with one run in the third and two in the fourth. But the All-Stars tied the count in their half of the fourth when two walks, a fielder's choice, one hit and a long outfield fly produced three runs.

In the sixth, the All-Stars went into the lead as Sgt. George Buckless, of Baltimore, lined out a homer to left center with the bases empty. Both teams went scoreless through the next frame, but the All-Stars put the game on ice in the eighth with a four-run rally.

Pvt. Tony Durovecz, of Calgary, started a short-lived rally in the ninth for the Canadians with a home run to center field.

In the soccer contest, the Canadians started the scoring in the first period after 20 minutes of play. Pfc Wallace Fleming, of Kenneth Square, Pa., evened the score ten seconds before the half.

### One Knockout

The second half showed the American eleven to be better conditioned as they continually broke up the passing of the Canadians and were able to stop the visitors' scoring attempts in front of the goal. Fleming again came through with a goal on a well-placed kick through the center and ten minutes later Cpl. John Koubeck, of Baltimore, booted a goal from 30 yards out.

Only one knockout was registered in the boxing event as Sgt. William Dircks, of Cumberland, Md., dropped Pvt. G. W. Kellintino, of New London, Ont., in one minute 20 seconds of the second round. Cpl. Chester Marcinkiewicz, of Culpmont, Pa., easily won his bout over Pvt. Earl Kellintino as he floored him for the count of nine thrice in the opening round and once in the second.

Sgt. Chester Ruby, of Baltimore, started the fighters on their winning way as he scored a decisive victory over L/Cpl. Roland Lacoste, of Montreal. Ruby dropped his opponent for a nine-count late in the second round and had Lacoste hanging on in the final stanza.

### Easy Time For Quintets

Pfc Don Webber, of Roanoke, Va., easily won a decision over Pvt. Art Butler, of Kingsville, Ont., as he was able to outshift the Canadian and caught his opponent with hard lefts and rights to the face, staggering him at times.

While the boxing events were taking place, the division Blues were winning their cage game at another gym. Pvt. David Hood, of Westminster, Tex., lanky center for the Blues team, led his mates to victory as he dropped in six field goals for 12 points.

The division Greys also had an easy time in their contest as Cpl. Paul Kasinak, of Bridgeport, Conn., led the winners with six field goals for 12 points. Pfc Edward Robinson, of Elmira, N.Y., took second place in the scoring honors with eight points.

### Boxing summaries:

Pfc John Shkoluk, White House Station, N.J., 132, outpointed Gunner John Saucly, Montreal, 127.

L/Cpl. Bill Brass, of Saskatchewan, 137, outpointed Pfc Lynnwood Craighead, Roanoke, Va., 137.

Cpl. George Spontak, Pittsburgh, 146, outpointed Cpl. James Chion, Ontario, 153.

Pvt. Benny Droll, Peoria, Ill., 160, outpointed Cpl. Bud Taylor, Ontario, 160.

L/Bdr. Bill Landry, Montreal, 168, outpointed Pfc James Grantham, Pulaski, Va., 167.

Pvt. Charles Schnappauf, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 134, outpointed Pvt. Bill Ewaschuk, Montreal, 143.

### Soccer lineups:

Division—3		Canadians—1	
Biancone	OR	McNeil	
Gayo	OR	Worsnup	
Cuomo	IR	Rudland	
Fleming	CF	Cameran	
Kosbeck	IL	Irwin	
Slovak	OL	Lawley	
Warga	RH	Achwell	
Beacham	CH	McNaull	
Denski	LH	White	
Garnes	RF	Tedens	
Dimick	LF	Lockwood	

### Softball box score:

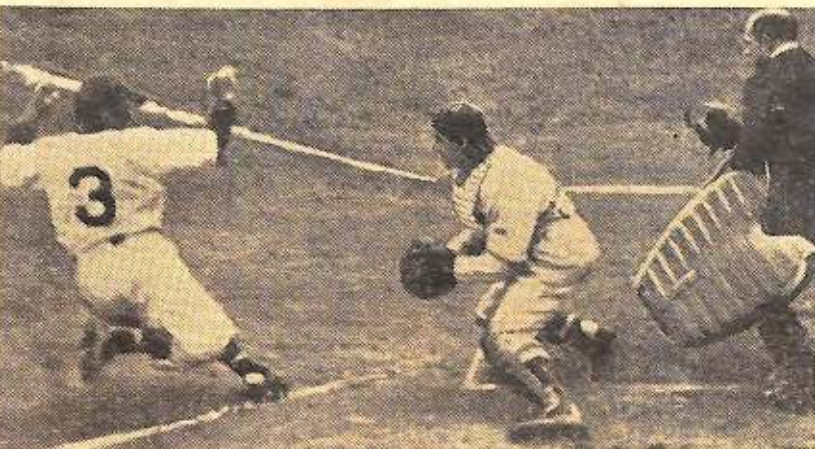
Canadians—4				Division—8			
AB	R	H	E	AB	R	H	E
Mercer, If	4	0	0	Behnke, If	3	1	0
Kinnear, sf	4	0	0	Hirth, rf	2	3	1
Durovecz, 2b	4	1	3	Bicklis, cf	3	1	0
Boneham, ss	3	0	0	Novick, cf	3	1	0
Forrest, cf	2	1	1	McMahon, lb	4	1	0
Nentzel, rf	4	0	0	Limilio, 2b	3	0	1
Putnam, p	3	0	0	Oden, 3b	2	0	0
Smith, 3b	3	0	0	Darabos, sf	4	0	1
Slawich, lb	3	1	1	Kropt, c	2	1	0
Boon, c	2	0	0	Gross, p	2	1	0

Totals .. 32 4 9 3 Totals .. 31 8 6 4  
Score by innings: Canadians .. 0 0 1 2 0 0 0 0 1-4  
Division .. 0 0 0 3 0 1 0 4 x-8

## McNutt Tosses First Ball of Season



"Relief hurler" for The President, War Manpower Commissioner Paul McNutt throws out the traditional first ball as Senators and Athletics opened the 1943 baseball season in Washington Tuesday. Other "pitcher" is Clark Griffith, Washington club head, (between them) Connie Mack, A's Manager; Sen. Alben Barkley, majority leader (extreme right).



Ellis Clary, Nat's third sacker, is out at home in an attempted double steal in the first inning. Bob Swift is the Mack's catcher with Bill McGowan ruling the play. Senators won, 7-5. (OWI radio photos exclusive to The Stars and Stripes).

## All-Star Soccer Eleven Downs Scotland Yard, for Six Straight

The — Division All-Star soccer team added another victim to its string of successful victories as the eleven tripped the Scotland Yard Athletic Club, 1-0, at Imber Court yesterday afternoon.

Cpl. William Gayo, of Baltimore, gave the All-Stars their sixth straight win as he booted home the winning tally from 15 yards shortly after the second half began.

The All-Stars were on the offensive both of the games and would have scored many more goals only for the excellent saves of Goalie Albert Carter of the police team. Carter stopped the ball from going into the net over 15 times.

The pass work and play of the All-Stars has greatly improved since their last visit to the local field.

The All-Stars will meet the Metropolitan District Number Three eleven at Thidwell Hall on Monday afternoon.

## Yankees Edge Senators, 5-4

NEW YORK, Apr. 23—With only 7,057 fans present, the smallest opening day crowd in the 21-year history of the Yankee Stadium, the Yankees came from behind in the last half of the ninth inning to defeat the Washington Senators, 5-4.

Roy Weatherly, who is filling Joe DiMaggio's shoes in center field, provided the winning punch with a double scoring Tuck Stainback and Johnny Lindell. Yankee Second Baseman Joe Gordon hit the major leagues' first homer of the season in the eighth inning. Ernie Bonham gave the Senators eight hits during the eight and two-thirds innings he worked while Reliever Johnny Murphy received credit for the win. The Yanks got six hits off Wynn, Heafner and Sheetz.

Basketball box scores:

Division Blues—57				Canadians—21			
G	F	P	P	G	F	P	P
Dunfee, f	3	0	6	Hooper, f	1	0	2
Barle, f	3	0	6	Gray, f	1	0	2
Ringel, f	3	0	4	Burnett, f	0	0	0
Brown, f	2	0	4	Corcoran, c	1	0	2
Hood, c	6	0	12	Miller, c	2	1	5
Severos, c	3	0	6	Rush, g	1	1	3
Adams, g	2	1	5	Ridley, g	0	0	0
Kalmeyer, g	2	0	4	Adams, g	0	0	0
Neiman, g	2	0	4	Silverthorne, g	0	0	0

Totals .. 28 1 57 Totals .. 9 3 21

Division Greys—46

G	F	P	P	G	F	P	P
Holenda, f	3	1	7	Young, f	1	1	3
Sharpe, f	3	1	7	McClure, f	3	0	6
Fox, f	0	0	0	Cohen, f	0	0	0
Kasinak, c	6	0	12	Coleman, c	4	1	9
Severos, c	2	1	1	Nesbitt, c	1	0	2
Cogar, g	2	4	4	Reid, g	0	0	0
Hauser, g	2	4	8	Severson, g	2	0	4
Robinson, g	3	1	7	Morrison, g	0	0	0
DeLarmi, g	3	1	7	Hughson, g	1	0	2

Totals .. 19 8 46 Totals .. 12 2 26

## London Baseball Loop Opening Tomorrow

The London International Baseball League opens its season tomorrow afternoon with two games at Harringay Stadium and two at Richmond Park. The League is composed of four American, three Canadian and one English team.

Sunday's tilts at Harringay will pit the — Engineers against the DeHaviland Comets, and a U.S. Headquarters nine against Canadian Headquarters. First game at 1 PM. Admission free.

## Domiter Stops Coggins in First

### Two Fights End in Opening Stanza on Belfast Fight Card

By Paul Lange

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BELFAST, Apr. 23—Two fights failed to get past the first minute of the first round in the inaugural show of The Stars and Stripes boxing show at the Red Cross club here last night. A crowd of over 800 saw the bouts.

What was expected to be a bang-up contest between Pvt. Joseph Domiter, 147-pound Marine from Bethlehem, Pa., welterweight champion of the U.S. Navy's base at Londonderry, and 1/Sgt. Sam Coggins, of Ashville, N.C., a former Army lightweight champion in the Canal Zone, ended abruptly when the leatherneck landed a terrific right to Coggins' left eye, swelling it shut instantly. Referee Constable William Duncan would not allow Coggins to continue.

Floyd Baker, of Los Angeles, 170, lasted just 58 seconds under the withering attack of Francis Louck, CM3c, of Cleveland, 160. The See Bee fighter floored Baker three times with rights and lefts to the face.

Best encounter of the evening was a slug fest between Pvt. Walt Wordarski, of Erie, Pa., 148, and Pfc Ernest Carroll, of West Warwick, 145-pound Marine. The Pennsylvania boy was awarded a close decision.

In the opening fight, Pvt. Cloyd Hamm, of Washington, 145, USMC, won a decision from W. Powell, an Irish boxer.

A pair of wrestling matches were well received by the crowd. Earl Hayes, of Erie, Pa., 170, decisioned Charles Shemell, of Los Angeles, 155. T/3 Eugene Farrell, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, former wrestler for Iowa State College, pinned Walter Watt, of Los Angeles, 168, former University of California performer in three minutes, 30 seconds.

Frank Kammerlohr, ARC, representing The Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee, staged the fights.

## Indians Split With Bengals; Win, 1-0, Then Blanked, 4-0

CLEVELAND, Apr. 23—Pitcher Jim Bagby, of the Cleveland Indians, and Center Fielder Roger Cramer, of the Tigers, were the stars of split victories between the Indians and the Tigers.

Bagby hurled a three-hitter, singled twice and then drove in the winning run as the Tribe nicked the Tigers on Wednesday, 1-0.

Cramer's five singles in five times at bat gave the Detroiters a 4-0 win over the Clevelanders yesterday. Virgil Trucks limited Cleveland to four scattered blows, while Mel Harder allowed nine of the Tigers' 11 hits.

### Minor Leagues

International League

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Buffalo 5	Jersey City 3				
Newark 3	Rochester 2				
Newark	1 0 1.000	Rochester	0 1 .000		
Buffalo	-1 0 1.000	Toronto	0 1 .000		
Baltimore	1 0 1.000	Montreal	0 0 .000		
Jersey City	0 1 .000	Syracuse	0 0 .000		

### Pacific Coast League

Wednesday's Games

San Francisco 5, Hollywood 1.
San Diego 3, Seattle 2.
Sacramento 3, Portland 0.
Los Angeles 8, Oakland 7.

Thursday's Games

San Diego, 5, Seattle 2.
Hollywood 10, San Francisco 7.
Oakland 1, Los Angeles 0.
Portland 6, Sacramento 3.

## Cubs Trip Pirates, 4-3, On Cavarretta's Fly

CHICAGO, Apr. 23—Chicago Cub Center Fielder Phil Cavarretta's long fly into right field brought Bill Nicholson, right fielder, across with the winning run in the seventh inning as the Cubs nipped the Pittsburgh Pirates, 4-3, thus evening the series at one—all.

On Wednesday, Truett "Rip" Sewell held the Cubs to three scattered singles as the Pirates won, 6-0, before 9,000 fans. The Pirates had ten hits and drove Hurler Paul Derringer from the mound with a four-run splurge in the eighth.



## Reds Shut Out Cardinals, 1-0, Twice in a Row

### VanderMeer Gives Up Two Hits in Opener Against Cooper

CINCINNATI, Apr. 23—The Cincinnati Reds' opening series with the St. Louis Cardinals assumed classic proportions when, for the second successive day, the Reds battled the world champions into extra innings and then downed them, 1-0, yesterday. On Wednesday in the series' opener, they also went 11 innings for a 1-0 victory over the Cards.

Southpaw Johnny VanderMeer, 1-A in the Army and 1-A on the mound, pitched the first game for the Reds with an opening day crowd of 27,000 watching. Johnny gave up only two singles, while Card ace Mort Cooper permitted six safeties.

VanderMeer didn't allow a Cardinal to reach first base between the fourth and 11th innings and proved invincible in the pinches. Red Second Baseman Lonnie Frey opened the 11th with a short single, whereupon Centerfielder Mike McCormick sacrificed Frey to second base. Right Fielder Max Marshall smashed a ball to right field scoring Frey, ending the ball game.

### Haas' Hit Decides

It was Bert Haas, third baseman, who gave the Reds their undisputed lead in the National League when, with the bases full in the last half of the tenth, he drove a screaming liner through shortstop to score Frey with the run that broke up the ball game. Thus the Cardinals' stretch of scoreless innings reached the startling total of 21. Veteran Red Hurler Ray Starr held the Cards to five hits, while Ernie White, Cardinal sophomore, allowed six.

The box scores:

Cards—0				Reds—1			
AB	R	H	E	AB	R	H	E
Brown, 2b	2	0	0	Frey, 2b	5	1	1
Demaree, rf	5	0	0	McCormick,			
Musial, lf	4	0	0	M., c	3	0	1
Kuroski, 3b	4	0	0	Marshall, rf	4	0	1
W.Cooper, c	4	0	0	McCormick,			
Adams, cf	2	0	0	F., lb	4	0	1
Hopp, lb	4	0	0	Miller, ss	3	0	0
Klein, ss	4	0	0	Haas, 3b	4	0	0
M.Cooper, p	4	0	0	Tipton, lf	4	0	1
				Mueller, c	3	0	0
				V. Meer, p	4	0	1

Totals .. 33 0 2 0 Totals .. 34 0 6 1  
Two base hits—Frey, Tipton; winning pitcher—VanderMeer; losing pitcher—M. Cooper.

Score by innings:  
Cards .. 0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0  
Reds .. 0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-1-1

St. Louis—0

AB	R	H	E	AB	R	H	E
Brown, 2b	4	0	0	Frey, 2b	4	1	1
Garms, rf	4	0	0	McCormick,			
Musial, lf	4	0	0	mick, cf	3	0	0
Kuroski, 3b	4	0	0	Marshall, rf	5	0	1
W.Cooper, c	4	0	0	F., lb	4	0	1
Walker, cf	4	0	0	Miller, ss	4	0	1
Hopp, lb	1	0	0	Haas, 3b	4	0	1
Sanders, lb	2	0	0	Haas, 3b	4	0	2
Klein, ss	3	0	0	Tipton, lf	2	0	0
White, p	3	0	0	Mueller, c	3	0	0
				Starr, p	4	0	0

Totals .. 33 0 5 0 Totals .. 33 1 7 0  
Runs batted in—Haas; two base hit—Haas; three base hit—Musial; winning pitcher—Starr; losing pitcher—White.

Score by innings:  
St. Louis .. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
Cincinnati .. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1



### American League

Wednesday's Games  
St. Louis 3, Chicago 0.  
Cleveland 1, Detroit 0.

Thursday's Games  
New York 5, Washington 4.  
Detroit 4, Cleveland 3.  
Boston 1, Philadelphia 0.

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Yanks	1 0 1.000	Indians	1 1 .500		
Red Sox	1 0 1.000	Tigers	1 1 .500		
Browns	1 0 1.000	White Sox	0 1 .000		
Senators	1 1 .500	Athletics	0 1 .000		

No games scheduled for Friday.

### National League

Wednesday's Games  
Cincinnati 1, St. Louis 0.  
Pittsburgh 6, Chicago 0.

Thursday's Games  
Cincinnati 1, St. Louis 0.  
Brooklyn 5, New York 2.  
Chicago 4, Pittsburgh 3.

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Reds	2 0 1.000	Giants	0 1 .000		
Dodgers	1 0 1.000	Cards	0 2 .000		
Pirates	1 1 .500	Braves	0 0 .000		
Cubs	1 1 .500	Phillies	0 0 .000		

No games scheduled for Friday.



# NEWS FROM HOME U-boats Sank 12 Million Tons In Last Year

## Truman Committee Sets Figure In Report On New Ships

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23—Allied shipping losses during the last year totalled approximately 12,000,000 tons—more than the total tonnage built by the United States and Britain in 1942—it was disclosed here yesterday.

Along with the revelation of submarine losses, however, came an encouraging announcement from Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox.

He said the Navy was meeting the submarine threat by turning out escort vessels "by the dozen, by the score and in hundreds." Aerial protection for convoys is also increasing, the Secretary said. Replacement of the lost tonnage is going ahead at top speed. This week, for instance, the Maritime Commission awarded contracts for 469 merchant ships—189 of them the new "Victory Ships" and 206 high-speed tankers.

A report by the Truman Committee, in which the loss figure was set, described the new vessels as faster and less vulnerable to submarine attack than the earlier Victory freighters, which they will eventually replace.

The report said that ship losses are likely to be heavy during the next few months and urged that full use be made at once of American inventive genius for methods to combat the undersea raiders.

### Guilty of Sabotage

BALTIMORE, Apr. 23—Harvey Lee Thomas, 21-year-old inspector of naval aircraft at the Glenn Martin Aircraft factory here, has been convicted of four of six counts charging him with sabotage.

### 7,000 Planes This Month

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23—Donald Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, announced today that plane production in the United States this month "will come close to 7,000." He set the figure in a statement voicing official praise for newspapers which cooperated in a scrap metal collection drive last autumn.

### Presidents Inspect Field

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., Apr. 23 (AP)—President Roosevelt and President Avila Camacho, of Mexico, arrived here by special train after their meeting at Monterey for an inspection tour of the huge naval air training center. On the train the two presidents continued their talks on details of American and Mexican collaboration in the war effort and on peace-time reconstruction plans for after the war. After visiting the base here they parted. Camacho is understood to have returned to Mexico and President Roosevelt presumably continued on to Washington.

## Bataan Veteran Awarded DFC

FIRST BOMBARDMENT WING HQ, England, Apr. 23—Lt. Col. Jack E. Caldwell of Sarcy, Ark., was presented here with the DFC he earned while flying as a captain with the "Bamboo Fleet" at Bataan more than a year ago.

The "Bamboo Fleet" was composed of five battered aircraft—unarmed commercial planes—which made a series of night flights over enemy territory carrying badly needed supplies and medicines. Caldwell's plane was a single-engined Waco.

Announcement of the award came from Gen. MacArthur's headquarters last August, but Caldwell has only just received the medal from the hands of Col. Russell L. Maughan.

Col. Caldwell's citation reads in part: "For extraordinary achievements while participating in aerial flights between Bataan and Mindanao, P.I. Capt. Caldwell made several round trips in an obsolete, unarmed commercial airplane, evacuating personnel and delivering badly-needed supplies and medicines. These flights were made at night under adverse weather conditions, with no navigational aid and over territory in possession of the enemy and dominated by heavy enemy air patrols."

### SOS Stages Easter Show

SOS HQ, Apr. 23—An Easter show, sponsored by the 8th Special Service unit, was staged here last night before an audience of Allied forces. The cast included members of the RAF, WAAFs and soldiers of the United Nations.

Members of the production staff were T/4 Leon Rozene, Bridgeport, Conn.; T/5 Wallace D. Britten, Brisbin, Pa.; T/5 Jay C. Jensen, Chicago, Ill.; Pfc William F. Ford, Newton, Mass.; Pfc Ralph C. Porter, Boston, Mass.; and Pvt. Milton H. Knopf, Brooklyn, N.Y.

### Navy Hospital Anniversary

LONDONDERRY, Apr. 23—On May 12, personnel of a U.S. Naval hospital unit will celebrate their first anniversary overseas. Feature of the celebration will be a dance in the recreation hall with music furnished by the Sea Bee orchestra. Capt. B. P. Davis, of Mill Valley, Cal., commands the hospital.

## To Lead Easter Service



Chaplain James L. Blakeney

## AEF Observes Second Easter

## United Nations Servicemen Will Join in Rites Throughout Isles

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information desk at any Red Cross club in London. The reserved tickets will not be honored after 4.35 PM.

The ceremony at the cathedral will be broadcast to the United States over the Columbia Broadcasting System network.

In other cities, towns and camps throughout the British Isles similar services will take place.

At the 11th Station Hospital a high mass will be celebrated in the rock garden on the post at 10.30. Lt. Col. William O'Connor will say the mass, using the same missal, vestments and chalice he used in France during the last war. A three-day mission being conducted by Chaplain Steves will be closed at this ceremony, which will be attended by patients and nurses of the hospital.

At the 11th Division HQ a field service will be held at a large altar decorated with lilies and vines. Separate services will be held for Protestants and Catholics.

During the Protestant ceremony the colors will be brought to the altar while the band plays the processional hymn, after which the call to worship will be given by Chaplain James R. McAllister, of Boynton, Va. The hymn "Christ the Lord Has Risen Today" will be sung by a chorus of 40 soldiers under the direction of Chaplain Maurice A. Kidder, of Durham, N.H., after which Chaplain Charles A. Reed, of Cleveland, will read the 57th Psalm and Chaplain Asa Gardiner, of Baltimore, will sing "O Lord Most Holy."

### Service by Chaplain Poole

The sermon will be given by Chaplain Robert H. Poole, of Elizabethtown, N.C. After the benediction the colors will be retired as the band plays the recessional hymn.

The Catholic service will consist of a solemn high mass, with Chaplain John Griffey, of Collingswood, N.J., the celebrant, Chaplain O'Grady serving as deacon and Chaplain McKenney as sub-deacon. The sermon will be delivered by Chaplain Gerard Taggart, of New Rochelle, N.Y., who also will be in charge of the chorus.

In Cheltenham a sunrise service will be held at 7.30 AM in Montpelier Gardens, one of the city's parks, at which American troops will join with the townspeople in the religious ceremony. Rev. H. Clarkson, of the Salem Baptist Church, will give the invocation, and Rev. Stuart Martin, of St. Matthew's Church, will read from the Scriptures. Chaplain John I. Rhea, of Bristol, Tenn., will deliver the sermon and Chaplain Edwin R. Carter, of Richmond, Va., the benediction.

Following the service an Easter breakfast will be held at the Red Cross Queen's club. Tickets are available there.

Bishop Adna Wright Leonard, chairman of the General Commission of U.S. Army and Navy chaplains, will address the men during an outdoor service at the headquarters of the Eighth Air Force. The service will be held at 10 AM.

At Headquarters, Eighth Air Force Composite Command, a service will be conducted by Chaplain William G. Davis at 9 AM.

Masses will be held at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 114 Mount St. (Berkeley Sq., W.1) London, on Easter Sunday at 6.55 AM, 7.30, 8; 8.30; 9.30; 11, and 12 noon, with devotions, sermon and benediction at 3.30 PM.

## Blondie

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



by Chic Young

# U.S. Pilot Gets Polish Decoration

## Passed Up Chances To Get German, Aided Leader

An American fighter pilot attached to a Polish squadron, who passed up his chance for a sure kill in order to go to the aid of his section leader, has just been decorated by the Polish Government with the Cross of Valor.

He was Capt. Francis Stanley Gabreski, 23, of Oil City, Pa., of Polish descent and the first American officer to be decorated for gallantry while attached to the Polish Air Force.

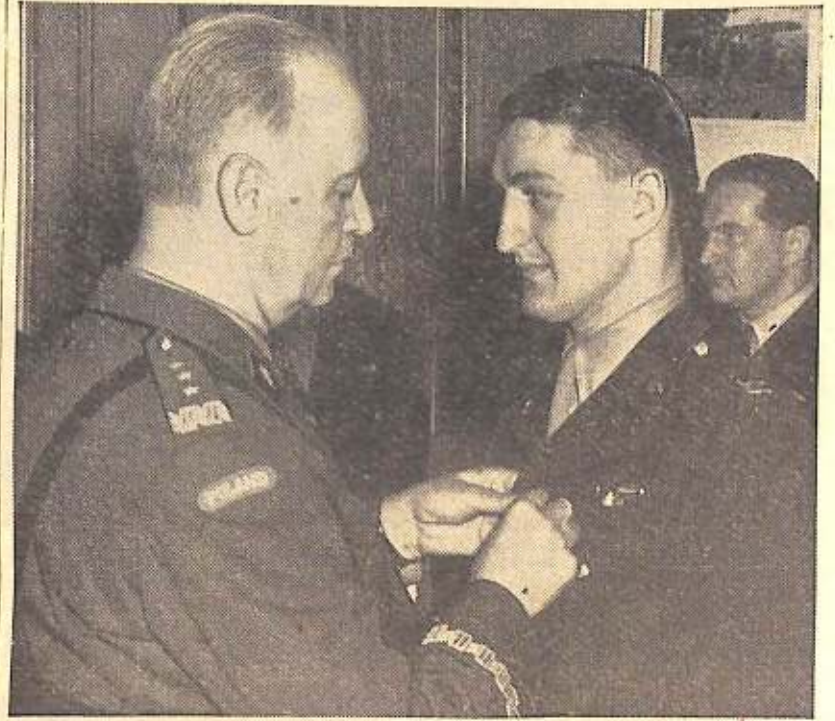
The action for which he received the cross, on Thursday, took place over St. Omer, France, last Feb. 3. He was piloting one of four Spitfires on an offensive sweep when they were attacked by a group of Nazi FWs.

In the dogfight which followed, Gabreski got on the tail of an FW and was ready to press the trigger of his guns when he spotted another Nazi on the tail of the Polish section leader's Spitfire.

Without hesitation, and disregarding the danger from another German who was on his own tail, Gabreski went to his section leader's aid and succeeded in driving off the attacker.

For thus giving up the opportunity of getting his first German plane and for "his continued sense of comradeship and team spirit which won for him such a high opinion among his fellow pilots," Gabreski received his decoration from the hands of Gen. Wladyslaw Sikorski, Polish Prime Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Army.

Gabreski, who was for more than two



Gen. Wladyslaw Sikorski, Polish Prime Minister, decorates Capt. Francis Stanley Gabreski, 23-year-old U.S. Army fighter pilot, of Oil City, Pa., with the Polish Cross of Valor, for "courage, daring and spirit of comradeship," while attached to a Polish Fighter Squadron in Britain.

years a medical student at Notre Dame, became an aviation cadet in 1940, receiving his training at Park's Air College, St. Louis, Mo., and Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala.

He was stationed at Pearl Harbor at the time of the Jap attack, and after being

ordered to Britain was attached to Polish Fighter Command for three months to study their methods and combat technique.

He took part in 11 sweeps over enemy territory before rejoining the U.S. Army Eighth Air Force two months ago. He is now a fighter squadron flight leader.

## Tokyo Raiders Were Executed

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Japanese government, Mr. Roosevelt said, the United States has informed Tokyo that "the American government will hold personally and officially responsible for these diabolical crimes all of those officers of the Japanese government who have participated therein and will in due course bring all those officers to justice."

Forces participating in the Tokyo raid—as well as in every other American bombing raid—were instructed to bomb only military objectives, and "it is known that they did not deviate," the note said.

"There are numerous known instances in which Japanese official agencies employed brutal and bestial methods of extorting alleged confessions from persons in their power," the note to Tokyo asserted. "It is customary for those agencies to use statements obtained by torture in proceedings against the victims. If the admissions alleged to have been made by the American aviators have in fact been made, then they could only have been extorted fabrications."

### Yanks Seize Pacific Island

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (UP)—The largest of the Ellice Islands in the south Pacific has been re-occupied by U.S. forces, the Navy Department announced tonight.

The Ellice group lies roughly half-way between Fiji and the Gilbert Islands. They were occupied by the Japanese early in the war.

The re-occupation by the Americans was carried out with light casualties and with minor damage. When the re-occupation took place, however, has not been disclosed.

In the southwest Pacific on Thursday many Japanese heavy bombers were destroyed on the ground at Gasmata, the Jap base in New Britain, during a raid carried out by Allied heavy bombers.

## Spellman To Broadcast From Holy Land Easter

JERUSALEM, Apr. 23—Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York will broadcast from Jerusalem to the United States on Sunday as a part of his Easter visit to the Holy Land.

The Archbishop will officiate at services here on Monday and then visit Bethlehem, Nazareth, Baalbek, Beyrouth, Lebanon and Mount Carmel before returning to Egypt on Friday.

### Airliner to Lisbon Attacked

A daylight attack by German Heinkels on a British passenger airliner flying between London and Lisbon—first time in war—has been reported. British Overseas Airways Corporation said the plane landed safely in Lisbon with only "very slight damage."

## No U.S. Reprisals Against Jap Prisoners

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (UP)—No reprisals against Japanese prisoners in U.S. hands will be taken for the execution of some of the U.S. airmen captured after the Tokyo raid, Robert Patterson, U.S. Undersecretary of War, said today.

"We have lived up to our commitments under the Geneva Convention faithfully," he said, "and such reprisals would lower us to the level of our enemies."

"We shall have our reprisals—but against the officials of the Japanese Government who instigated the crimes."

## Kuban Attacked By Rumanians

MOSCOW, Apr. 23 (UP)—The Nazis are throwing Rumanian troops into the front of their attacks in the Kuban, using them to absorb Russian counter-attacks while they hold their own troops ready to exploit any successes the Rumanians may accomplish, dispatches from the front said today.

Reports from the Kuban told of steadily increasing German attacks with as many as seven assaults being launched against a single sector in one day.

Russian troops had concentrated large numbers of guns and planes on the Kuban line in anticipation of the German attacks, and are now using them to repulse the assaults.

German aviation is manned by young and inexperienced pilots, Russian advisers said, and some captured pilots said they had made only two previous operational flights.

A Nazi attempt to cross the Donetz north of Chuguyev, yesterday was beaten back with heavy losses, Soviet advisers said.

## Soldier Program to Open Lounge at Norwich Club

NORWICH, Apr. 23—The first planned program event at the newly-opened Red Cross club in Norwich will celebrate the opening of the lounge and games room on Easter Sunday afternoon. Soldiers will take part in a program of special Easter music, to be followed by an English "tea-party," with open house for the men and their girl friends.

Soldier artists are S/Sgt. George C. Partyka, Macanaqua, Pa. (pianist); Cpl. A. F. Rahm, Bayside, Long Island, N.Y. (baritone); Cpl. McDermott E. Ryan, Oak Park, Ill. (pianist), and T/Sgt. Frank Cifani, Philadelphia, Pa. (violinist).

## 'Religion Helps Army's Morale'

Bishop Adna Wright Leonard, Chairman of the General Commission of Army and Navy Chaplains, yesterday declared that the refreshing attitude of officers and men alike toward religion, "with the result that their spirits are fortified for the realities of life and what is to come," is a definite contribution to excellent morale in the United States army forces.

The bishop returned to London yesterday after an extensive three-day tour of U.S. ground force installations in England, in which he discussed problems of the church in war with unit chaplains, officers and men. The tour included visits to cathedrals at Winchester, Salisbury and Oxford and to Stratford-on-Avon.

During his tour Bishop Leonard had visited Army camps, hospitals, Red Cross clubs and chaplains. He talked to men who were preparing for action and men who were recuperating after being wounded in Africa. He said that, "The spiritual interest manifested by these men—is a real and vital thing."

The questions that were asked of the bishop most frequently by the men were: "What is to become of us after the war?" and "What kind of a peace will we have?"

"I told them that both the questions were of prime importance to their Government," he said. "The spectre of economic instability must be banished from the soldier's mind so that he may carry on determined and unafraid."

Bishop Leonard was scheduled to make an inspection of bomber installations today, and on Sunday will participate in an outdoor Easter service at the Eighth Air Force headquarters.

## Lehman Continues Talks With Leaders of Allies

Herbert H. Lehman yesterday continued conferences with leaders of the United Nations before his scheduled return to America in the next few days.

He lunched with Prime Minister Winston Churchill and held conversations with King Peter of Yugo-Slavia and Ambassador John G. Winant Thursday.

Lehman is director of the United States Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation, and during his visit has talked with leaders of all the Allies on measures for civilian relief in liberated territories.

## Eagle Club Schedules Two Movies, Date Night

Two movies are on this week's Eagle Club schedule—on Sunday at 3 PM, and Tuesday at 2.30 PM.

From 6.30-9.30 PM on Sunday, soldiers may entertain dates in the American lounge and canteen and dates are welcome for the party night Wednesday at 6.30 PM. The soldiers committee meeting is on Wednesday at 3.30 PM, and the recorded broadcast to the United States is at 3.30 PM, Thursday.

## ETO Security Company Gets New Commander

Members of the Security Company of ETO Headquarters paraded to the tune of "Dixie" in their last review by Capt. Jack Wilder, of Crowley, La., who has been assigned to a new post in ETO. Capt. Wilder has been replaced by Capt. George H. Cassagne, of New Orleans, La.