

Day Raids Follow Greatest Bomb Blow

Reds Storm Near Gates Of Nikolaev

Nazis Strengthen Forces In Bessarabia; Soviets Gain Near Tarnopol

Russian tanks and artillery met growing German opposition in their drive toward the Bessarabian rail junction of Balti yesterday, but east of the Bug River the Soviet advance swept on almost to the gates of Nikolaev.

A Soviet breakthrough that rolled back the Nazi lines 25 to 35 miles south of the Tarnopol-Proskurov sector along the Polish border was announced in last night's communique. Trembowla, 18 miles south of Tarnopol, and Kapuchintsy, 34 miles south of Tarnopol, both on the Tarnopol-Cernauti rail line, were among 200 places taken. Heavy enemy losses in men and equipment were reported.

With both sides pouring men and weapons into the Bessarabian battle, the last 24 hours saw a sharp increase in the fury of the fighting. Moscow dispatches admitted last night that Marshal Ivan Koniiev's troops had not been able to gain much ground in their drive for Balti.

German radio adding new details of the Soviet offensive in the Vitebsk sector that it first mentioned Wednesday night, said nine divisions and parts of a panzer brigade attacked the Nazi line southwest of the city after a "violent" barrage. It admitted small breaches were made, but said these were "sealed off in a counter-attack."

Along the Bug, tanks and cavalry released by the fall of Pervomaisk swarmed down the river's western bank to trap the Germans still on the eastern side. Gen. Rodion Malinovsky's troops were moving in here for the main assault on Nikolaev.

Nearly at City's Gates

To the south, units along the eastern shore of the Bug estuary were almost at the gates of the city, even as other columns less than seven miles away closed in from northwest, north and northeast. Fifty miles upriver, other Red Army troops reached the outskirts of Voznesensk, Nazi strongpoint athwart the railway to Odessa.

Across the Dniester, Koniiev reinforced the salient pointed at the Rumanian border with a steady stream of men, tanks and guns brought across the river in spite of great air battles above the crossings. He was reported to be developing two parallel drives to Rumania—one across the northern neck of Bessarabia, the other across the waist of the province.

To meet the stiffening Nazi resistance, he was said to be bringing up heavy siege guns to blast a way into Balti for his tanks and thus to clear the road to the Pruth River border and to the German GHQ at Jassy. Success here, Moscow dispatches said, might pave in the whole enemy line back to the Pruth.

24 Republicans Ask Hull To Define Foreign Policy

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23—Asserting that "American foreign relations have suffered serious impairment in Europe and South America because of the lack of a clear definition of American objectives," 24 Republican representatives today ask Secretary of State Cordell Hull to define U.S. foreign policy.

"If the main American objectives in this war have not been determined," they said in a letter, "we respectfully inquire why."

U.S. Submarine Scorpion Is Lost, 23rd of the War

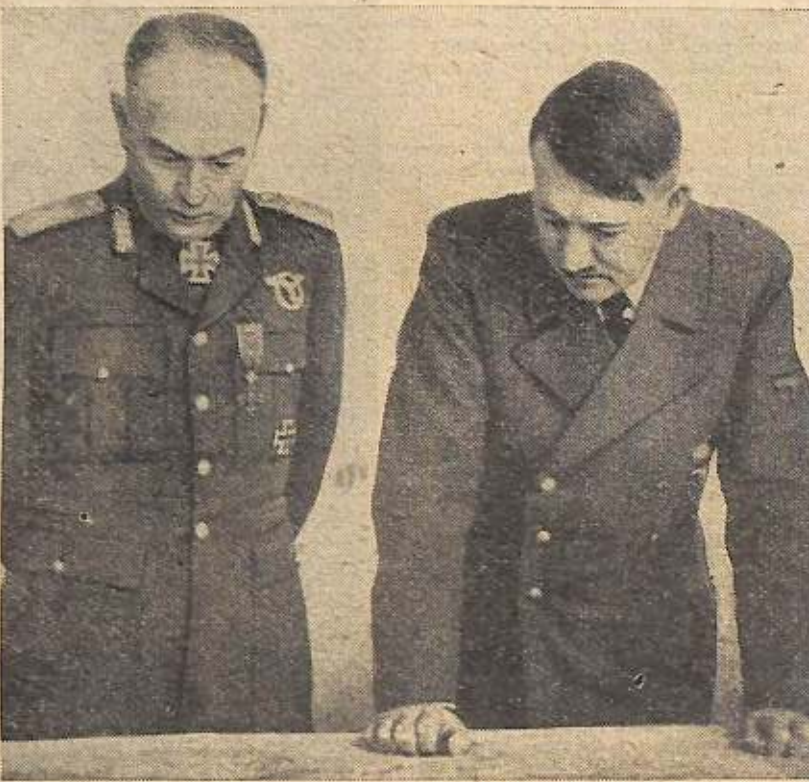
WASHINGTON, Mar. 23 (AP)—The U.S. submarine Scorpion is overdue from patrol and must be considered lost, the Navy Department has announced.

Loss of the Scorpion brings the number of American submarines lost in the war to 23—21 of which were destroyed by enemy action and two by accident.

GOP Victory in November Is Predicted by Landon

TOPEKA, Kan., Mar. 23—Alfred M. Landon today predicted an overwhelming Republican victory in the forthcoming presidential election.

Another Balkan Chief 'Strong-armed'?



Marshal Antonescu, Rumanian dictator (left), has left Bucharest for Germany after being "summoned" by Hitler for "conferences of great importance," according to Vichy. Last week Hitler similarly "summoned" Hungary's leader for talks to air his demands of the Balkans. Hungary apparently turned them down and Hitler sent his troops marching. Some quarters last night speculated that Rumania may soon suffer the same fate as Hungary. This picture was taken during a recent meeting.

Nazis Summon Rumania Chiefs

Ultimatum by Hitler Seen; Broadcaster in Ankara Predicts Peace Move

Hungary's minister in Sweden branded the new pro-Nazi puppet government of his country "illegal" and refused it allegiance yesterday as British Broadcasting Corp. announced that Rumanian leaders had been "summoned to Hitler's headquarters."

BBC's choice of the ominous "summoned" suggested that the Fuehrer was about to hand Premier Antonescu of Rumania an ultimatum such as he was reported to have given Adm. Nicholas Horthy of Hungary shortly before German troops marched in.

Without directly mentioning sabotage, the broadcast told the Rumanian people they now had an "opportunity of contributing toward shortening the war," with German transport exposed and running through Rumania. "Concerted evidence of a desire to help the Allies now would be the first step toward Rumania's survival," it added.

In Stockholm, Dr. Antal Ulllein-Revisky, Hungarian minister, announced that as "the legal Hungarian government's representative" he would not resign. Three members of his staff supported the new government, however.

An NBC broadcaster in Ankara said that in spite of last-minute efforts by the Germans to save themselves "there is every sign that Rumania may send one of her generals across Bessarabia's mud any day now to ask for an armistice from the Soviet command."

Navy Accepts ETO Air Base

Second Largest on Foreign Soil, Field Is Used In Coastal Work

The U.S. Navy yesterday officially placed in commission its first naval air base in Great Britain, from which U.S. naval planes are operating on anti-submarine patrols over European waters.

Built by the British and used in turn by the RAF, the U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy, it is the second largest base for U.S. naval aircraft on foreign soil.

During colorful ceremonies preceding commissioning of the base as a U.S. naval air facility, the RAF ensign was lowered and the Stars and Stripes raised as a Navy band played "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Rear Adm. George B. Wilson, of Washington, chief of staff to Adm. Harold R. Stark, accepted the base on behalf of the commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe. Air Vice Marshal F. H. M. Maynard handed over the field to the U.S. Navy in the name of the commander-in-chief of coastal command.

Other participants in the ceremony, held before both U.S. naval and RAF personnel lined up in review, were Group Capt. E. C. Kidd, RAF, who commanded flying operations when the field was an RAF base, and Commodore William H. Hamilton, U.S.N., of Arlington, Va., commander of the fleet air wing which includes the U.S. naval air squadrons based there.

Commodore Hamilton reviewed the (Continued on page 4)

U.S. Blasts Reich; RAF Rains 3,300 Tons on Frankfurt

American Fighters Destroy 20 Nazi Planes As Luftwaffe Challenges Assaults on Multiple Targets; 27 Bombers Lost

Fortresses and Liberators ranged across western and central Germany yesterday, pounding industrial plants, railway junctions and airfields in the wake of the RAF's greatest bombing assault of the war—a 3,300-ton blow at Frankfurt Wednesday night.

As the American heavies and their fighter escorts picked out their targets in good weather, the Luftwaffe showed signs of coming up to fight again, and some U.S. formations fought off short but bitter assaults by as many as 50 enemy planes.

The daylight offensive—supplemented by morning and afternoon Marauder raids in the occupied countries—carried the USSTAF to 18

missions this month, equal to the record score of February. It also was the 13th attack of the month on the Reich itself.

Twenty-seven bombers and six fighters were reported missing from a force which included between 500 and 750 bombers and something less than 1,000 P47s, P51s and P38s of the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces. Twenty enemy planes were destroyed by the fighters; bomber claims had not been compiled late last night.

347 German Planes Shot Down in a Week

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23 (Reuter)—American planes shot down 235 German aircraft over Germany during the last week, Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War, said today.

American bombers lost totalled 85 and fighters 48.

American planes operating from Italy destroyed during the same period 112 German planes in the air, besides a number on the ground. Allied losses in Italy were 45 planes.

"Allied air operations over Germany are certainly making inroads on the strength of the German air force," said Mr. Stimson.

AAF Refusing To OK Boys 17

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23 (AP)—Suspension of the enlistment of 17-year-olds in the Air Force enlisted reserve and the release of 36,000 flight-training candidates to the ground services were ordered, the War Department announced yesterday to meet the general manpower shortage in the ground forces.

Men released by the Air Forces were former ground and service forces personnel, the War Department said, who after completing basic training volunteered for instruction as pilots, navigators and bombardiers.

It was said that the cumulative shortages in Selective Service inductions since July made it necessary to utilize every available soldier to meet demands of pending operations.

In addition, it was said, air casualties had been smaller than expected, permitting reduction in planned replacement requirements.

At the same time, Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, said that the air forces were "approaching complete air supremacy in practically every theater in which they are in operation at a much faster pace than the Army dared hope."

Several Targets Hit

Railroad yards at Hamm, a war factory at Munster and Luftwaffe bases at Achmer and Handorf were bombed in good visibility, and crews reported direct hits. Industrial targets at the Messerschmitt production center of Brunswick were attacked through clouds, the eighth assault since Jan. 1 on that area.

While the U.S. formations were going to Germany for their sixth successive day of attack, fires were reported still burning in Berlin, object of Wednesday's USSTAF blow, and Stockholm reported that communications with the Nazi capital had been cut for more than 24 hours. Travelers arriving in Sweden by plane from Berlin reported that Wednesday's attack on the capital was "the most severe" of the five American raids there.

Of yesterday's American fleet which followed the 1,000-plus night armada of the RAF, some formations reported negligible resistance from fighters, although flak generally was described as heavy over all targets. Other forces were jumped by Luftwaffe fighters which pressed home brief attacks with a savagery not seen since the first big daylight raid on Berlin, crews said.

Luftwaffe Veterans Up

For the fighter escorts, the story was much the same. The Luftwaffe was not up in force, but the pilots who were flying were combat veterans, U.S. airmen said, and fierce battles were in contrast to Wednesday's comparatively quiet trip to Berlin.

Pointing to yesterday's interceptions, as against Wednesday's lack of them, USSTAF officials issued a formal denial of a story printed by one London morning newspaper under a Stockholm dateline which alleged that American formations had radioed a warning and a challenge to the enemy in Wednesday's attack, telling the Nazis that bombers and fighters were on the way to Berlin.

Yesterday morning's Marauder attacks were on Creil railroad yards, north of Paris, and on airfields at Beauvais-Tille and Beaumont le Roger, all in France. No losses were reported of bombers or Ninth Air Force P47 fighters which accompanied them.

In the afternoon, the B26s shifted (Continued on page 4)

856 Petitioners Urge Veto Of Vote Bill; 4 Say Sign It

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23 (Reuter)—The White House announced today that 856 petitions had been received asking the President to veto the soldier-vote bill and four requesting that it be signed.

The President still has seven days in which to decide before the bill becomes law without his signature.

Hannegan for 4th Term

BUFFALO, N.Y., Mar. 23—Robert J. Hannegan, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, said his personal choice for the Democratic presidential nomination was President Roosevelt.

\$75,000 Fire in Chicago

CHICAGO, Mar. 23—Flames swept through the plant of the Great Lakes Supply Co., causing \$75,000 damage.

Nottingham Welcomes the 48 States

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

NOTTINGHAM, Mar. 23 — This ancient and picturesque city, the scene of Robin Hood's legendary career, feted American enlisted men representing the 48 United States at a ceremonial luncheon in the Council House here today, marking the start of a local campaign of hospitality for GIs in the vicinity.

Lord Mayor Frederick Mitchell, who was host to the party in his official red robe, said it was to inaugurate an extensive program intended to offer the Americans more than just a good time in town. "We want the Americans to see our industry, visit our homes and leave with a warm place in their hearts for the time spent here," he said.

Each soldier was welcomed by the Lord Mayor as he entered the building. On the tables were placards bearing hand-painted state flags which, after being autographed by the guests, were to be placed among other historic documents in Nottingham.

After the Lord Mayor and Sheriff F.

Carney had literally handed the keys to the city to the Americans, Pvt. James S. Bills, of Ogden, Utah, acknowledged the gesture in behalf of the troops, assuring the citizens that the Americans greatly appreciate Nottingham's efforts to make their overseas stay comfortable.

When Nottingham residents conceived of the plan for increased recreation and entertainment for the Yanks, they instituted the Services Comforts Fund to benefit troops in and around the city. Already GIs have been gifted with sports gear, packages for hospital shut-ins and decorations to beautify American camps.

The American soldiers present, some representing states of former residence, were:

- Alabama—Pfc William S. Trammell, Dadeville. Arizona—Pfc Roy L. Smith, Tempe. Arkansas—Pvt. James L. Haley, Hartford. California—Sgt. Barnard B. Major, Piedmont. Colorado—Pvt. Lewis M. Burrows, Boulder. Connecticut—T/4 George J. Melrose Jr., Simsbury. Delaware—Pfc Burton J. McElhin, Wilmington. Florida—Pvt. Edwin E. Lefesto, St. Petersburg. Georgia—Col. Jesse B. Evans, Augusta. Idaho—T/4 Theodore R. Harness, St. Maries. Illinois—Pvt. Chester J. Parker, Chicago. Indiana—Pfc Warren A. Sparks, Bloomington.

- Iowa—Pvt. Wayne H. Albert, Lemars. Kansas—Pvt. Donald E. Faulkner, Kansas City. Kentucky—Pvt. Leonard L. Collins Jr., Jenkins. Louisiana—Sgt. Claude E. Parker, Ragley. Maine—Pvt. Joseph G. Nadue, Auburn. Maryland—Pvt. James Jackson, Frostburg. Massachusetts—Pvt. Arthur Kenneth Boucher, Haverhill. Michigan—Sgt. Horner Hough, South Huron. Minnesota—Pvt. George D. Peterson, Minneapolis. Mississippi—Pvt. Oscar Cavallin, Ludlow. Missouri—Sgt. Thomas Elmore Jr., now of Oakland, Cal. Montana—Pvt. John W. Loughnane, Bozeman. Nebraska—Sgt. Paul J. Bean, Omaha. Nevada—Cpl. C. Garrity, Leonister, Mass. New Hampshire—Sgt. Stewart Frizzell, Colebrook. New Jersey—Sgt. T. G. Gallagher, Trenton. New Mexico—Sgt. Edgar Glen, Albuquerque. New York—Sgt. Angelo Greco, Mt. Vernon. North Carolina—Pvt. John Austin, now of Salisbury, Md. North Dakota—Pvt. R. J. Baar, now of San Francisco. Ohio—Pvt. James Zezza, now of Hudson, Wis. Oklahoma—Pvt. George Crandall, now of Kansas City, Mo. Oregon—Pvt. Donald W. Cady, Portland. Pennsylvania—Pvt. Herbert T. Anderson, Ludlow. Rhode Island—Sgt. Joseph O. Smith, West Warwick. South Carolina—Cpl. Willis A. Hatchell, Windsboro. South Dakota—Sgt. Fred E. Peschl, Yankton. Tennessee—Sgt. James M. Frazier, Kingsport. Texas—Sgt. Billy H. Emmons, Fort Worth. Utah—Pfc Charles R. Somerville, Ogden. Virginia—Sgt. Madison D. McKee, Buena Vista. Washington—Cpl. Robert A. Taylor, Seattle. West Virginia—Pvt. William E. McClanshan, Nitro. Wyoming—Pvt. James S. Bills, now of Ogden, Utah.

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*Hash Marks*

Postwar Dream? When we are let out of this man's army we wouldn't be a bit surprised to see some released chaplain grab the first guy he meets, plop him down in a chair and say, "Look, buddy, You've got to listen to my troubles!"

Today's Oldest Gag. An irate British father came home early from the movies and surprised a GI visitor, "I'll teach



you to make love to my daughter!" he shouted. The GI jumped up and replied respectfully, "I wish you would, sir—I'm not making much progress."

GI Philosophy. There are three classes of women. Prizes, surprises and consolation prizes.

It's a small world! A regiment of English soldiers who left their native heath before the Yank "invasion" to sweat out two years on distant shores returned home the other day and were greeted at the station by an American band which had turned out to welcome them.

And then there was the nurse who came to London asking for tickets to "that wonderful play 'Cyanide and Old Lace.'"

Hope Springs Eternal: This sign was seen on the bulletin board in a Ninth Air Force Thunderbolt base mess hall, "Maid Wanted. Barracks 14."

And speaking of Spring, the following epic came to mind:  
 'Twas an early day in Spring,  
 All de boids was on de wing,  
 My woid! How absoid!  
 I thot de wings was on de boid.

And just to make up for that one; here's a verse with a moral:  
 Mary had a little lamb  
 Who went off to the wars;  
 He purchased no insurance,  
 Now Mary's scrubbing floors.

It happened on the Italian front. Capt. Anderson Smith peeked into a cave and yelled, "Is anybody there?" "Yah,"



two Germans replied, walking out. Capt. Smith, unarmed, picked up two rocks. Out came a third German and the captain picked up another rock. He had 11 rocks in his hands when he marched his captives back to camp.

Caustic Remark of the Week. Seeing a Pfc dating a WAC sergeant, a passing GI remarked, "He's probably after her money."  
 J. C. W.

**First Phase of the Battle of Berlin**

**RAF Tells of Winter Destruction Before USAAF Blows**

By Bud Hutton  
 Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

In the 90 nights of the first phase of the Battle of Berlin:  
 At least 326 war factories were destroyed or damaged;  
 Tank production for the Panzers was slashed;

Electrical equipment production was first battered and then bottle-necked;  
 Communications (among Berlin's most strategic properties) were "severely damaged";

General armaments, engineering, chemical, explosives, precision instruments and air engine works were battered in varying degree;

Public utilities were "consistently hit," transport was interrupted and, finally, the 600,000 essential war workers in the capital were deprived of rest, were bombed out and burned out and their output seriously affected.

Those are the highlights of an official report issued last night by the British Air Ministry dealing with the Battle of Berlin from Nov. 18, 1943, to Feb. 15, and covering 15 major night attacks by the RAF.

To the detailed RAF report air observers last night immediately added the known destruction in the second—the daylight—phase of the Battle of Berlin which has been carried out in five attacks to date by the USSTAF's Fortresses, Liberators and long-range fighters. The daylight phase began Mar. 4, 18 days after the period covered by the British report.

An official daylight report, lacking the elapsed time in which to photograph and assess the destruction in detailed form, still has not been released, but from available data it is obvious that heavy precision blows have fallen, in complement to the RAF's attacks, on Berlin ball-bearing industries, armaments and locomotive works, assorted industrial targets, communications and utilities.

**Plans Well Coordinated**

The roots of planning for some of the American raids go back six months or more to last autumn's attacks on other parts of the Reich, and with the RAF blows form a precise pattern of destruction according to a format laid down by the Ministry of Economic Warfare and joint boards of strategy.

The official survey shows that the Battle of Berlin is far from won, but that progressively, and in increasing severity, the effects of the bombings are piling up, with the ultimate effects of even one bomb on a railway station extending deep into the war production setup of the Nazi high command.

Essential in assessing the day and night attacks on the German capital is an exposition of Berlin's importance in the German war effort.

Aside from its obvious stature as the administrative heart of the Reich, Berlin has more industrial targets—103—of "highest importance" than any city in Germany. A major percentage of all Nazi tank production—lifeblood of the armored Wehrmacht—is located in Berlin. It has 4,400,000 inhabitants, more than the combined populations of Munich, Cologne, Leipzig, Essen, Frankfurt, Hanover and Nuremberg; and one of every seven of those inhabitants is engaged in essential war work. The city contains one-tenth of all key point factories of military importance in urban Germany, and as a processing center



U.S. Army Air Force Photos  
 Supplementing the widespread damage inflicted on Berlin's vital war industries by the RAF through the winter, U.S. heavies began to pound the capital Mar. 4. These photographs show what they did to the big VKF aircraft bearings plant (lower right) at Erkner Mar. 8. Top photo was taken before bombs away; bottom shows the direct hits

Berlin has been to the Reich what the Ruhr was as a center of heavy industry. One-third of all the locomotives made in Germany proper are built in Berlin. It is a center of precision machine tool production. Fourteen main railroad lines radiate from the city, and the head offices of the highly organized and complicated Nazi transportation system are located there.

Thus the reasons for bombing Berlin. In assessing the importance of Berlin targets for their 15 big night attacks, the Ministry of Economic Warfare experts divided the capital's industry into categories of four priorities: One Plus, One, Two and Three. In One Plus are vital factories engaged in primary war industries; in One are major plants in war industries; in Two are slightly less important plants in major industries or major plants in slightly less important industries; in Three are subsidiary factories in war or major industries.

The following table shows rated factories and extent of damage, which is in two categories: (1) "Most serious destruction" down to "major damage" to important buildings, plus subsidiary damage; (2) damage that is "less serious," but still significant.

Priority	Total Berlin	First Category	Second Category	Total	Percentage
1+	8	4	4	5	63%
1	24	12	12	16	67%
2	41	6	35	12	29%
3	30	7	23	4	11%
Totals	103	29	74	15	43%

In the 90 nights the RAF Pathfinders flare-lighted four Priority One Plus electric plants, and in doing so started damage which extended all through the industrial hierarchy and which may be the reason that some of the Nazis' synthetic oil plants—which operate with electric equipment—have been unable to complete their construction programs and are still not in production. The Siemens Kabelwerke, the A.E.G. Kabelwerke, Siemens and Halske A.G., and Accumulatoren Fabrik A.G. all have been pounded, the survey shows, the first three more severely than the Accumulatoren factory which turns out batteries for all types of war machinery.

**Munitions Plant is Tops**

Perhaps the most important single target in all Berlin is the huge Rheinmetall Borsig works, employing some 25,000 workers. Seriously damaged by the night bombers, its crippling has had reverberations right up to the front line, for it turned out armaments of all kinds—guns, mines, ammunition, torpedoes and bombs—and as the great Krupp works in the Ruhr were devastated last year, Rheinmetall had to bear an increasingly larger load of the Reich's total.

Among the elements of the Rheinmetall layout is the Altmärkisches Kettenwerk G.m.b.H., perhaps the most important tank factory in Germany, and, the survey reports, production there was entirely at a standstill at the end of December with no recovery likely for months.

In line with Berlin's position as a key transport center have been attacks, with

heavy damage, on the Lehrter and Potsdamer stations and 60 sidings and other railroad facilities at Kreuzberg, Lightenberg, Schonberg, Steglitz, Horst Wessel and other districts.

Not the least of the raids' effect has been the snowballing of damage: For instance, seven gas works have been damaged, cutting off fuel for some plants, leaving some workers' homes unheated and unlighted and so jamming production. Nine trolley depots have been damaged, causing delay in workers' travel, which in turn has resulted in overloading the remaining surface transport. As the survey points out, public utilities must be repaired before anything else, and it has been while emergency squads were working on the utilities, immediately after raids, that fast-flying Mosquito bombers have slashed in to Berlin, dropped bombs on the fires the ARP squads were fighting and so caused further, cumulative delay and damage.

The USSTAF's part in the Battle of Berlin, just getting under way, is sharply pointed in the brief list of those targets and areas already known to have been hit. None of them is among the Berlin districts named in the key targets seriously damaged by the RAF.

Most important of the Fortress and Liberator targets known so far are the big VKF ball-bearing works at Erkner, some 15 miles southeast of Berlin's center, and the Berliner Maschinenbau at Wernsdorf.

According to official photographs, VKF, which was turning out one half of the Luftwaffe's basic requirements for airplane bearings, was squarely hit on Mar. 8. That attack had its beginnings last Oct. 14, when the U.S. heavies badly mauled the Schweinfurt ball-bearing plants and so over-loaded the VKF.

Attacks on the Berliner Maschinenbau similarly were tied in with earlier blows at locomotive production in the Renault works of France and other attacks on the Borsig Lokomotivwerke. The industrial Dahlembach district, not named in the RAF's top list, also officially has been listed as attacked by the Forts and Libs.



**Starlight For Me**

Why must we try to find the moon  
 When we can see the stars,  
 Our ship will soon come sailing in  
 With moonlight on her spars.  
 Each little star is brighter far  
 Than all the moonlight's beams  
 All isn't gold that glitters, so  
 The moon's not what it seems.  
 Moonlight was made for lovers, dear,  
 And that's just what we are—  
 But let's have a kiss in starlight  
 Yes, one for every star.  
 Then when the moon comes smiling up  
 To see what's going on  
 We'll tell him that we've been in love  
 The whole time he was gone.  
 Captain Tedd.

**Slightly Puzzled**

"The war has become very puzzling. Don't try to understand it—just keep your nerve." This is the unusual theme of Goebbels' most recent message to the German people.

"No one can say," the doctor continues, "with certainty how this war will develop and when or by what event it will find its decision."

"No military or political action comes exactly as written down in the blue print. Sometimes it goes worse and only very seldom better than one thought. Therefore, in critical hours, the thing to do is to keep one's nerve."

For once the words of the propaganda minister bear a certain semblance of truth—truth if applied to the Axis situation. For to the Axis the war is indeed the most puzzling of all puzzles. Her blueprints for victory have been torn asunder and trampled on the sands of Africa, the plains of Russia, the island strongholds of Japan and the bombed ruins of Germany's own cities.

If the actions in the Balkan situation are to be taken as the acme of German technique, the once-powerful Nazi steamroller has little to offer but the same old pattern, conquering a smaller, helpless power at the dagger's point, and that pattern has grown too threadbare for repeated use.

The Axis strategist, armed with a stabilized pattern and faced with the loss of control in the key phases of modern warfare, finds himself confronted with new and strange problems each day. And the problems are multiplying much faster than the solutions.

There is apparently no master plan left; no sop to throw to the German people except the thought that the war itself cannot be worse than a lost peace. Germany's "little man in the street" hopes for a miracle, but gets no answer from his leaders—the cupboard of military strategy is bare.

But the Allies hold many keys to unlock the puzzle—land victories, an ever-growing air mastery and control of the sea. Each day brings new fruits of victory to plans blueprinted many months ago. The scope of our long-range plans staggers the imagination. And these military actions are destined to go better than expected many times, not occasionally.

Yes, Dr. Goebbels, puzzles are easy—when you know the answer.

**No Time To Cheer**

Optimists who persist in spreading the impression that all our problems are over—the war nearly won—were jolted yesterday by Gen. Arnold's revelation that the U.S. Army's need for men is so acute that the Army Air Force has given up 36,000 of its best potential pilots to the ground force.

This is a definite refutation of the idea that "it's all over bar the shouting." It should not cause alarm or pessimism, but should serve to focus our attention on the problems which face us as we gird ourselves for the biggest military undertaking in history.

And this problem of "personnel logistics"—having trained men where they are needed—is not confined to the armed forces alone. President Roosevelt is confronted with the cry of the war industries which claim that they will be disorganized if key men are drafted.

So we must bear in mind that this is a big war, global war, whose frontiers are the ends of the earth, and it is likely to be a long one—long in comparison with the optimist's point of view. We must take a realistic approach to the job that lies ahead. Confidence is an essential asset, but wishful thinking and unfounded optimism can hamper the best laid military plans.

**Clothing from Paper**

The rosy haze which enshrouds our dreams of a post-war world—a world of super automobiles, easy-to-fly planes and quickly built homes—has finally been pierced by the prediction of an invention that is tailor-made for the average citizen. A technician has predicted widespread use of clothing made from paper.

Suits, shirts and synthetic linens, says the technician, are likely to be made in future of a new cloth-like material that can be produced without weaving by paper manufacturers. The day may come, he adds, when we can have brand-new and fresh clothing whenever we wish by sending suits and shirts back to the factory to be reclaimed and remade like waste paper is today.

With the prospect of high taxes and large-scale speculations in a booming post-war world, it is comforting to know that losing one's shirt will not be such a disastrous ordeal after all.

**HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT**



"Excuse me for staring, but your hat fascinates me."

# Sports SIDELIGHTS

**Capt. Ollie Cordill**, former Rice and Cleveland Ram star, and Joe Carter, the old Philadelphia end, each wants to start a professional football club in Houston and Dallas respectively.

**Kirk Gebert**, once the star of the West Coast when he was an All-American at Washington State, is now coach of the 176th Fort Benning Infantry court squad. His boys have been knocking the pants off the local college competition.

**Fred Lanoue**, Georgia Tech swimming mentor, has one of the oddest rules in sports. A sign hanging in the pool building reads: "Any swimmer who does not bring a female to the swimming meets must swim the breast stroke for one non-stop mile followed by the backstroke for one non-stop mile. Hands must not touch the walls during the entire two miles." Lanoue says bringing a gal along makes the boys try harder as they have someone on hand who is strictly interested in what they do personally.

**Lt. Col. Wallace Wade**, of Duke fame, has returned to command of the 272nd Field Artillery Battalion at Fort Bragg after his release from the hospital.

**John William McCloskey**, the 18-year-old Mahonoy City lad whom the Navy sent to Penn as a trainee, has just about set the school on fire with his athletic prowess. Mac's first sport was baseball, where he held down shortstop when not pitching. He played center on the football team in the fall, then went out and made the basketball team. He has been a star on every one of the Quaker teams. He's the only man in Penn history to make three sports letters in his first nine months in the school. After he played center against Navy, Middy Line Coach Rip Miller couldn't say enough for him. Three days after the game McCloskey got a surprise invitation to accept an appointment to Annapolis next season. Mac didn't take it, but he still thinks that his play in the Navy made him the bid.

**Jimmy Smith**, the former Illinois football star and quarterback on the past season's Seahawk squad, is the new cadet regimental commander at Iowa. He succeeds Bill Schatzer, who was a star at North Central before entering the Navy.

When **Max and Buddy Baer** were in Tampa, Fla., recently, a soldier plugging a War Bond rally on the street below Max's hotel room tried to get Baer to come out and talk over the public address system, but Max wouldn't have any. The more the soldier coaxed, the less interest Baer showed. Finally the soldier shouted, "It's OK, Maxie, come on out. Joe Louis left town yesterday."

Seven Purdue sports lettermen have died in combat since the war began.

As an added note on the high scoring prep teams, try this one between Marianna (Ark.) High and its ancient rival Helena. Marianna won, 144-16, with Bill McEliduff scoring 64 points and George Mahan 51.

With all the hullaballoo over horse records, people are overlooking the fact that in 1930 Gallant Fox copped \$308,275 in one season. That's still the top money-winning performance for one horse. Earl Sande rode him in every race, by the way.

## Help Wanted - AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, 37, Upper Brook St., London, W.T. Telephone, ETOUSA, Ext. 2131. Unless otherwise stated in the ad, direct all correspondence c/o Help Wanted.

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**Gas Mask.** If soldier who took officer's gas mask instead of his own Mar. 15 will identify himself, I will mail him the personal items that were in his own gas mask. Lt. Frank Welcome, officer's new, on Colchester train, B. HOUSE, Mar. 15. Sgt. Joe Hartley.

**Eyeglasses.** asks that all spectacles found in the London area be forwarded to the Eye Clinic, 7th General Dispensary. They will return the glasses to the owners upon proper identification.

**Camera Exchange.** with 4.5 lens.—Cpl. Leo Kaye.

**Dartmouth Alumni Dinner.** tentatively scheduled for London, Apr. 5, please communicate with John M. Mecklin, War Correspondent, c/o Army P.R.O., APO 587.

# DePaul, St. John's Reach Cage Finals

## 17-Year-Old Mentor Has Championship Five

SLIDELL, La., Mar. 23—Floyd Fogg, probably the nation's only 17-year-old high school basketball coach and certainly one of the most successful, took his boys to New Orleans yesterday to have their pictures taken. Slidell citizenry said the trip was due the young fellow who built a basketball team out of practically nothing and won the section championship with 14 wins and one loss. This year, when the regular coach entered the Army, Fogg, Slidell's all-state forward, took over gratis. The team lost its first contest, whereupon the coach issued the statement, "We are going to improve considerably from here on out." The team won its remaining games.

## Iceland Quintet Stopped, 42-40

## Paratroopers Come Out On Top in Overtime Court Contest

By Ray Lee  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer  
NINTH AIR FORCE HQ., Mar. 23—In a nip and tuck affair in which the lead changed hands 11 times during the last half, the Eagles, champs of Iceland, lost a 42-40 heart-breaker to the Screaming Eagles, champions of a paratroop outfit, near here last night after a three-minute overtime session. The paratroopers took the lead soon after the opening whistle on a goal by Pfc Harold Edwards, of Springfield, Ill., who led them in scoring with 13 tallies. Two minutes later, Sgt. Don Richards, of Belleville, N.J., tied it up for the Icelanders and Pfc Ted Cwiczynski, spark-plug from Weirton, W.Va., put them out front, 4-2. The lead changed hands again shortly after and the Screaming Eagles went on to take a 19-16 advantage at the half.

Both quintets came out fast in the second half, the Icelanders regaining the lead at three minutes on another tally by Cwiczynski. The lead see-sawed back and forth until the gun when the score stood deadlocked at 40-40. Edwards hooped one in from the corner at 20 seconds of the overtime and the paratroopers held this slight advantage until the end. Cwiczynski, who amazed the spectators with his dazzling change of pace, dribbling and hook shots from the corner, led the losers in the scoring column with 12 points, ten of which he dropped in during the last half.

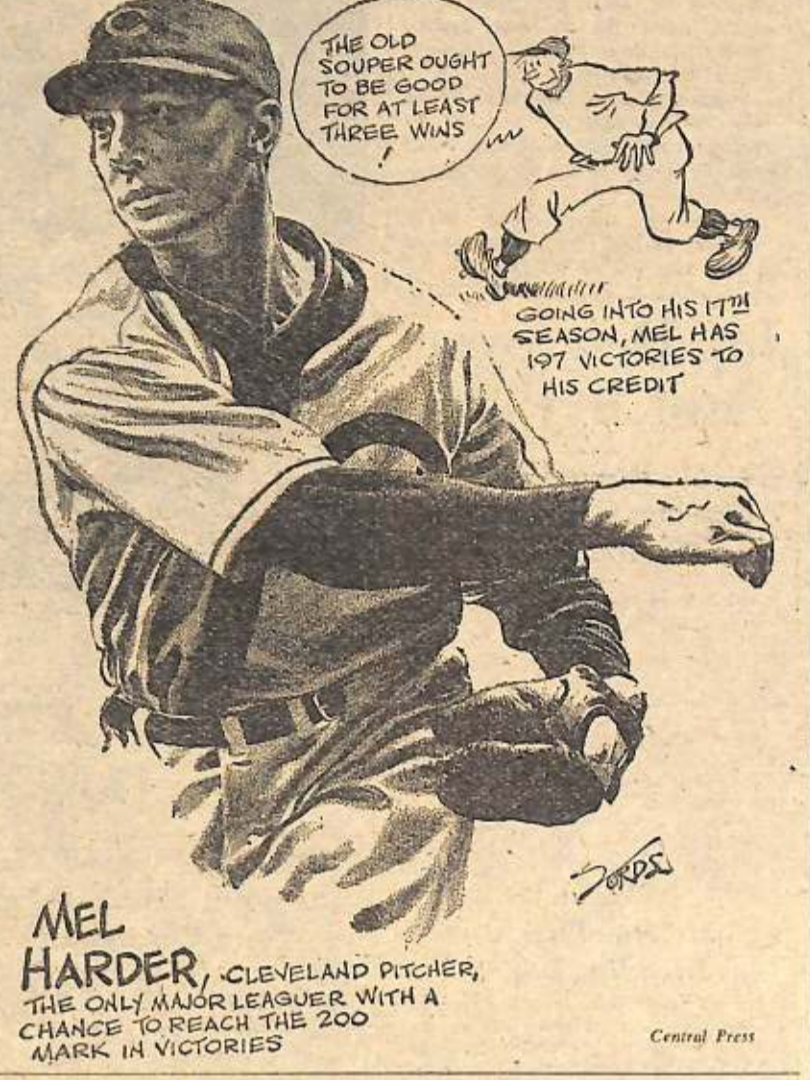
## AAU Fives Advance To Quarter-Finals In Denver Playoffs

DENVER, Colo., Mar. 23—Pulling out of a tight tussle in the third period, the Milwaukee Allen-Bradleys beat the Wichita Cassna Wildcats, 61-46, to reach the quarter-finals of the National AAU basketball tournament here. Jack Dentinger poured in the winning shots in the Bradleys' stretch drive. Ed Diesser and Ralph Langer, teammates at Creighton University last year, perfected a second-period advance and led the Colorado Springs Army All-Stars to a 59-44 victory over the Logan (Utah) Collegians, despite desperate challenging by the Collegians' player-coach, Orin Curtis. The Boeing Bombers got to the quarter-finals in the tournament's first overtime game, beating the Oklahoma City Indians, 34-32. Twentieth Century Fox played around to an easy 58-28 victory over the Portland (Ore.) Albina Hellships and Firecrest Dairy, of Bellingham, Wash., knocked out Seattle Alpine Dairy, 52-38.

## Bivins Inducted Into Army

FT. BENJAMIN HARRISON, Ind., Mar. 23—Jimmy Bivins, the nation's outstanding civilian heavyweight, entered the Army here yesterday. All this and jacked up prices, too.

## One of the 200 By Jack Sords



**MEL HARDER**, CLEVELAND PITCHER, THE ONLY MAJOR LEAGUER WITH A CHANCE TO REACH THE 200 MARK IN VICTORIES

## Old Timers Getting a Break In Minors as Well as Majors

NEW YORK, Mar. 23—With the war taking most of the younger men whose ear drums have managed to remain unpunctured, it might be well to take a look at some more of the spavined old campaigners who are coming back to play baseball around the country. Although there are plenty of veterans going out on the big league diamonds this year, the minors have come up with some real oldies.

Red Lucas, whom your grandfather will remember as a rookie with the Giants 22 years ago, has signed as a pinch hitter and coach with the Nashville Vols in the Southern Association after two years of retirement. Horace Lisenbee, after two years away from the game, is returning to the Syracuse chiefs as a pitcher. Horace is only a kid though, and should do pretty well. He won't be 43 until his next birthday.

Probably the oldest man in training at the moment is Al Schacht, baseball's clown prince. The zany Schacht, at 51, is getting into shape for his clowning appearances, but he still thinks he can get the ball over the plate for five innings. That was Al's greatest talent when he was a pitcher—getting the ball over the plate. The batters usually got it over the fence. "I have notified Clark Griffith that if he needs me, I am definitely a hold-out," Schacht said, "but I assured him that I am willing to listen to reason."

Lefty Garland Braxton, who won 17 games for the Norfolk team in the Piedmont League last year, is going to manage the club as well as pitch this year. Garland first saw the light 44 years ago. He did all right last year, winding up the season with a .74 ERA along with his 17 victories.

Freddie Fitzsimmons, at 43, is still listed as an active player for the Blue Jays, nee Phillies. Another oldster in Philadelphia thinks he can still get out there and play with the boys. Originally Connie Mack hired Al Simmons as a coach, but the old slugger smelled the liniment at Frederick, Md., and immediately announced himself as an outfield candidate.

## Demons' Surge Clips Ags, 41-38; Kentucky Loses

## Brooklyn Quintet Defeats Wildcats, 48-45, In Last Minutes

NEW YORK, Mar. 23—A record-breaking crowd of 18,353 that literally jammed Madison Square Garden to the rafters last night saw defending champion St. John's of Brooklyn and the Blue Demons of DePaul advance to the finals of the Invitation basketball tournament as the Redmen upset Kentucky, 48-45, and the Demons edged Oklahoma's Aggies, 41-38. The Brooklyn Indians will defend their crown in the Garden Sunday night in the final round against the Windy City hoopers. The opener last night was a red-hot ball game right down to the wire as the clubs finished the first half even at 24-all. Bill Kotsores and Ray Wertis, St. John's forwards, sparked the first half Brooklyn drive as they hit the net for eight and seven points respectively while Bob Brannum and Will Schu mustered seven each for Kentucky.

The Wildcats clawed their way to a two-point margin soon after the opening whistle as Schu plunked one through, but soon slipped behind as Kotsores and Wertis combined for four points on field goals. From then on the lead changed hands four times before the deadlock.

With Schu, Demoisey and Parkinson racking up points right at the start of the final stanza, the Wildcats drew away to a seven-point margin, the longest lead of the game for either quintet. However, the Redmen pecked away till they drew abreast with six minutes left. Kotsores was the hero of the drive as he boosted his scoring total to 15, tops for the Brooklynites, but it was Don Wehr, substitute center, who iced the game with a shot in the last few seconds. The expected goal-tending battle in the nightcap between seven-foot Bob Kurland of the Aggies and six-foot nine and a half George Mikan of DePaul failed to materialize, "Foothills" Kurland doing all the work as Mikan got few chances.

The Aggies opened the basket barrage right from the start with Tom Jaquet popping in first, followed by a pair of buckets by Floyd Burdette. Mikan notched the first five points for the Demons and was the only man to sink field goals for DePaul in the opening frame, as the Aggies built up a 24-18 advantage at the half.

As the second period opened, the determined Demons came out with a scoring rash, tallying seven points to forge ahead in the first minute of play. From there on in, no more than three points separated the teams. Mikan, who had collected three personals in the first half, was fouled out with only four minutes gone of the last half and DePaul's hopes sank. But what should have been their finish only inspired the Demons to greater effort as Forwards Jack Dgan and Gene Stump poured it through from all angles.

After seven minutes, Oklahoma lost Burdette to help even matters and the teams battled for three minutes without a score. Then Stump hit from the floor with ten minutes remaining and DePaul was ahead to stay. Two minutes before the gun Kurland also was fouled out and Coach Hank Iba of the Aggies, claiming disgust over the officiating, let four men finish the game.

It was little Jackie Dean who put the Demons into the finals with 13 points in the last half for a total of 14 for the night's effort. Kurland got 14.

Here are the box scores:

St. John's—48	Kentucky—45
G F P	G F P
Kotsores, f .. 7 1 1	Tingle, f .. 4 3 2
Wertis, f .. 5 0 0	Yessin, f .. 0 0 1
Summer, f .. 1 1 3	Moseley, f .. 0 0 4
Larkin, c .. 0 0 0	Brannum, c .. 3 1 3
Wehr, c .. 3 1 3	Demoisey, c .. 3 2 3
Gotkin, g .. 3 1 1	Parkinson, g .. 2 0 2
Duym, g .. 2 2 3	Schu, g .. 7 1 2
Totals .. 21 6 11	Totals .. 19 7 16
DePaul—41	Oklahoma—38
G F P	G F P
Dean, f .. 5 4 2	Crowe, f .. 0 0 2
Stump, f .. 4 1 1	Jacquet, f .. 2 0 2
Mikan, c .. 3 3 4	Smith, f .. 3 1 2
Phelan, g .. 0 0 2	Hartman, f .. 0 0 0
Dibenedetto, g .. 1 1 1	Hobbs, f .. 0 0 1
Tripton, g .. 2 2 1	Kurland, c .. 5 4 4
Kachan, g .. 0 0 0	Dofie, g .. 2 0 4
	Burdette, g .. 2 0 4
	Dosje, g .. 4 1 0
Totals .. 15 11 11	Totals .. 16 6 15

## Stolz Underdog Against Larkin

NEW YORK, Mar. 23—It will be Jersey Night at Madison Square Garden tomorrow when Allie Stolz, of Newark, and Tippy Larkin, of Garfield, meet for the first time in a ten-round lightweight affair with Larkin an 11-5 favorite. Stolz made his last showing at the Eighth Avenue arena a year ago when he blew a decision to Willie Pep. He then joined the Coast Guard, but received an honorable discharge after which he was hospitalized for an appendectomy. Since resuming his ring career early this year he has notched four victories. Larkin, a good hitter though not quite up to Stolz in boxing ability, was impressive in his last two Garden appearances, getting a draw with Bobby Ruffin and a decision over Lulu Costantino. Tippy will have a three to four pound weight puff over Stolz.

## Links Match Suggested Between GIs, Civilians

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Mar. 23—As a result of Sgt. Ed "Dutch" Harrison's impressive victory in the Charlotte Open Tuesday, Fred Corcoran, PGA tournament manager, has proposed a charity team match between the ten leading civilian and GI professional golfers somewhere in the midwest this summer. Among the GIs proposed are Harrison; Lt. Ben. Hogan, of the AAF; Jimmy Demarest, a boot at Bainbridge Naval Training Station; Seaman Sam Snead, and Pvt. Chick Herbert, of Ft. Dix, N.J. Should the match develop they will probably go up against such golfers as Craig Wood, Byron Nelson, Sammy Byrd, Jug McSpaden, Gene Sarazen and Tony Penna.

## Li'l Abner



## By Al Capp

# Allies at Cassino Stem 3 German Counter-Blows

## Nazis Still Resist Among Ruins; Forts and Libs Hammer Verona

Allied troops smashed a strong German counter-attack in the Cassino area and French forces hurled back two powerful thrusts at Monte Castellone three miles northwest of the town. Allied detachments from the Fifth Army front reported yesterday.

Meanwhile, New Zealanders made some progress in hand-to-hand fighting among the town's ruins, but operations were still going slowly.

Some progress was made by New Zealanders pushing westward toward the Monte Cassino slopes, and Fifth Army positions there remained intact, although they still were cut off from supply except by parachute.

German artillery opened up at three towns northeast of Cassino—Portofino, Vallerotonda and San Michele—and aircraft supporting this barrage strafed roads in the Cairo Terelle area. Five German fighters were shot down by Spitfires. Four Allied aircraft were lost.

Italian-based Fortresses and Liberators yesterday dumped hundreds of tons of high explosives on the rail yards of Verona, where ends the Brenner Pass line from Germany, while American medium bombers concentrated on rail targets north of Rome.

The Anzio beachhead lull continued.

# Chaplin Jury Hears His Counsel Defend The Trip With Joan

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 23—With Charlie Chaplin following each word intently, U.S. District Attorney Charles Carr outlined to a jury of seven men and five women today the evidence on which the government hopes to convict the comedian of violating the Mann Act.

Chaplin's trial got off to an exciting start when his attorney, Jerry Geisler, accused 22-year-old Joan Barry of demanding \$15,000 from his client before she filed her civil suit charging him with the paternity of her daughter Carole Ann, born last October.

Chaplin is accused of taking Miss Barry from California to New York for immoral purposes.

After Carr had told of Miss Barry visiting the comedian at the Waldorf Astoria in New York in October, 1942, Geisler told the jury Chaplin's motive in providing tickets for her trip east was "legitimate, above board and honest."

When Geisler told the jury that Chaplin, though a British subject, had paid all his income taxes in the U.S., Carr objected with the observation that the comedian was not on trial for income-tax evasion.

# Veteran of Africa, Sicily Heads 9th Troop Carriers

Brig. Gen. Paul L. Williams, 49-year-old veteran of the North African and Sicilian campaigns, now is chief of Ninth Troop Carrier Command, Maj. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, the Ninth's chief, announced yesterday.

Gen. Williams organized the movement of troops by air across the North African desert and to the beachheads and mountain salients in Sicily. A pilot in the last war, he helped to activate the first USAAF units to fly against the enemy from Britain in 1942.

# U.S. Casualties Now Total 165,061, OWI Declares

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23 (AP)—Casualties of the U.S. armed forces since the outbreak of war total 165,061, the OWI reported yesterday. Dead numbered 38,846; wounded, 58,964, and missing, 35,521. Of the 31,730 prisoners of war, 1,894 died in prison camps, mostly in Jap-occupied territory, OWI said.

## AFN Radio Program

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1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.  
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Friday, Mar. 24  
1140—News Headlines and Spotlight on Russ Moragan.  
1115—Personal Album with Jerry Cooper.  
1130—Great Music.  
1200—World News (BBC).  
1205—Barnacle Bag.  
1300—World News (BBC).  
1310—Miss Parade.  
1330—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street (Repeat).  
1400—Visiting Hour.  
1430—Sound Off.  
1445—Melody Roundup.  
1459—News Headlines.  
1500—Music While You Work.  
1530—Off the Record.  
1530—BBC Variety Orchestra.  
1635—Quiet Moment.  
1700—BBC Orchestra and Program Resume.  
1730—South American Way.  
1800—World News (BBC).  
1810—GI Supper Club.  
1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.  
1905—Combined Operations.  
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).  
2120—Charlie McCarthy Show—with Edgar Bergen, Dale Evans and Ray Noble's Orchestra.  
2145—Showtime with Dinah Shore.  
2200—One-Night-Stand with Benny Goodman.  
2245—Suspense.  
2305—Final Edition.  
2300—Sign off until 1100 hours Saturday, Mar. 25.

# Stimson Calls Cassino A Taste of Invasion Job

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23 (AP)—The German defense of Cassino is a foretaste of what the Allies may expect when the invasion begins, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson told a Press conference today.

Stimson said that the nature of the Nazi defense must be a sober reminder of the German strength which must be faced in the larger operation.

Describing the Cassino battle Stimson praised the behaviour of Anzac and Indian troops.

# Jap Destroyer Sunk by Planes

## Wewak, Rabaul Pounded; Marines Gain on Isles Off New Ireland

Air patrols of the Fifth Air Force sank a large Japanese destroyer and two small cargo vessels Tuesday in Aitape Bay, New Guinea, while other U.S. bombers again hammered Wewak to increase the weight of bombs on that base in a week to more than 1,500 tons.

Meanwhile, Marines who landed on two islands in the St. Matthias Group 58 miles north of New Ireland consolidated their positions and moved inland, Gen. MacArthur's communique said.

At Rabaul, New Britain, Solomons-based air units blasted the much-bombed base with 133 tons.

# British Attacking Japs Invading India

British troops have launched an attack against Japanese columns which have crossed the Burma border into the Indian state of Manipur and have moved against the main enemy forces to the south in Burma's Chin Hills sector and north of Tiddim, Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters announced yesterday.

In northern Burma, Chinese met stiffened Jap resistance as they pushed down the Mogaung Valley. Heavy fighting raged southeast of captured Jambu Bum.

Reports from the Arakan front on the coastal plain south of Maungdaw and in the western foothills of the Mayu Range also told of increased Jap opposition. To the east of the Mayu Range, six Jap counter-attacks were repulsed.

# June 4 Is Designated Army Day by President

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23 (Reuter)—President Roosevelt declared today that the American armed forces had been "welded by the power of battle into a mighty army of liberation."

In a proclamation designating June 4 as Army Day, the President predicted that "the burning test of their courage, resourcefulness and physical prowess" would come during the years ahead.

## The Landing Is Official

ALLIED ADVANCED HQ, Italy, Mar. 23—Gen. Sir Harold Alexander's command, known since late January as Allied Central Mediterranean Force, was announced as headquarters of the Allied Armies in Italy—the fourth change in name since Alexander took control.

# Navy Base

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Anglo-American teamwork which featured the successful joint operations of the base and said that this teamwork would continue while the U.S. Navy operates under Coastal Command.

Commanding officer of the base now is Cmdr. Thomas Durfee, of Martha's Vineyard, Mass. Executive officer is Lt. Cmdr. Henry W. King, of Chicago, a naval aviator during the first World War. Cmdr. Frank E. Nuessle, U.S.N., of Bismarck, N.D., is commander, land plane group.

The first flights of American planes from this base were made by the U.S. Army in August, 1943. U.S. Navy squadrons arrived a month later and since that time have flown more than 1,400 missions totaling more than 14,000 flying hours.

# Terry and the Pirates



# Getting In Line To Put It On The Line



Thousands and thousands of New Yorkers rushed to beat the deadline to pay Uncle Sam his due last week. Here we see some of the crowds that formed at the cashier's windows of the Tax Bureau at 45th Street and Lexington Avenue.

# Delegates of '40 Prefer Dewey

## Willkie Gets Second Place In Unofficial Poll Taken By a Chicagoan

CHICAGO, Mar. 23—Delegates to the 1940 Republican national convention, polled as to presidential preferences this year by a Chicago businessman, gave first place to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York by a wide margin.

The businessman, James Kemper, who was himself a 1940 delegate, said Wendell Willkie was placed second and Gov. John W. Bricker, of Ohio, third.

Meanwhile, in Washington, Republican National Chairman Harrison Spangler suggested that foreign-born voters might desert the Democratic party wholesale in November in protest against some of the Administration's war-time military and political policies.

He did not identify the policies he had in mind but aides suggested the U.S. demand to Eire, the Allied bombing of the Benedictine monastery in Italy, and the U.S. attitude toward Russian territorial claims on Poland.

# Non-Kodak Movie, Color Film Processed Outside

Army Pictorial Service gave instructions yesterday that all 8mm., 16mm. and color film which is non-Kodak be sent for developing and printing to Kodak, Wealdstone, Harrow, Middlesex, together with the proper fee. The fees are—

Black and white film (8mm. and 16mm.)	100 ft. .... .85.	
50 ft. .... .45.	Color film (8mm. and 16mm.)	100 ft. .... 1.25.
50 ft. .... .65.	Color film (35mm. slides or similar sizes) 10¢ per roll.	

After processing, this film will be forwarded to Army Film Section, Army Pictorial Service, for censoring. When censored, the film will be returned to the owner unless impounded by the censor. All Kodak film, the cost for processing of which is included in the original price, will be handled as originally announced.

# Skyscraper Light Beam Cuts Cloud Peril to Fliers

CLEVELAND, Mar. 23—A new aid against hazardous flying conditions—a "skyscraper" of artificial light—was described by Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co. A beam of light nearly 100,000 times as strong as a reading lamp is thrown vertically against the clouds, after which their height and probable density may be measured.

## Remember, Benny?

Adolf Hitler has sent a telegram to Benito Mussolini on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Fascist Party, German radio reported yesterday.

# USAAF, RAF Pound Reich

## American Blows Follow 3,300-Ton Bombing Of Frankfurt

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their attack to Belgium, hitting the railroad yards at Haime St. Pierre.

Wednesday night's attacks on Frankfurt, Berlin and other targets in western Germany marked the third time in a week that the RAF dispatched more than 1,000 planes to the Reich.

Thirty-three aircraft were reported missing from the main assault on the chemical and airplane manufacturing center of Frankfurt and a Mosquito attack on Berlin and other targets. Lancaster crews reported Frankfurt, which received its 11th bombardment of the war, to boost it higher in the ranks of the world's most-bombed cities, clearly outlined by Pathfinder.

Shortly after the RAF heavies blasted Frankfurt, Mosquitoes followed up the attack by dropping 4,000-pound bombs into raging fires below.

German retaliation for the pounding of the homeland was limited on Wednesday night to attacks by a small force against southeastern England and the London area. Bombs caused some damage. One enemy plane was destroyed, the Air Ministry announced.

# British Sub Chief Wins U.S. Medal for Sicily Aid

Lt. Norman Limbury Auchenleck Jewell, 31-year-old British submarine commander who took Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark on the secret mission to North Africa before the U.S. Army landing in 1942, has been presented the Legion of Merit by Adm. Harold R. Stark.

The decoration, however, was for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services" to the United States in the Allied landing in Sicily, particulars of which were not disclosed. A fellow officer, Lt. Richard Barklie Lakin, also received the award.

# Bride, 17, Admits She Beat 2 Boys With Knife, Wrench

CHICAGO, Mar. 23—Mrs. Jean Kossman, 17-year-old bride of a merchant seaman, walked into a precinct station and confessed to being the person who attacked two boys with a monkey wrench and pocket knife within ten days. Both boys were lured into parks and struck on the head. One of them—John Marth, eight—suffered a brain concussion. Mrs. Kossman offered no explanation.

## Irishmen Volunteering

BELFAST, Mar. 23—The RAF recruiting office had the most successful week of enlistments since the outbreak of the war when 125 volunteers were accepted for the RAF and other services—89 of them from Eire.

# NEWS FROM HOME

# 2 Airlines Ask Federal OK on Merger Plans

## American Export May Be Absorbed; Struggle With Pan-Am Envisioned

NEW YORK, Mar. 23—American Airlines, Inc., and American Export Airlines, Inc., asked the Civil Aeronautics Board today to approve an agreement under which the former would acquire control of the latter's lines.

O. N. Kemp, president of AA, announced that upon receipt of government approval a dominant interest in American Export would be purchased for \$3,000,000.

American Export is flying to Ireland and Africa for the Navy, and AA likewise is flying world routes for the Army.

Aviation circles envisioned a gigantic post-war struggle for commercial air supremacy over the Atlantic between the new combination and Pan-American Airways, which owns exclusive landing rights in many countries.

## Adolescence Sinks a Ship

CHICAGO, Mar. 23—The mystery of the sinking tanker in Lake Michigan which sent 300 Coast Guardsmen on a false chase has been traced to a 15-year-old boy. Naval intelligence officers said they had arrested a boy who admitted he faked a telephone call to headquarters "to impress a girl friend."

## Polygamy Charges Quashed

SALT LAKE CITY, Mar. 23—Indictments against 12 alleged leaders of a polygamy movement here have been quashed by Federal Judge J. Foster Symes. Judge Symes did not say why he dismissed the indictments, but said his ruling would be released later.

## Court Fussy About Fuzz

BROOKLYN, Mar. 23—When a mustachioed youngster appears in Joseph DeAndrea's court, the magistrate gives him a quarter to go out and have his upper lip shaved. Then the boy returns for his hearing.

## Actress Weds Director

HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 23—Actress Evelyn Keyes and director Charles Vidor were married in Beverly Hills, climaxing a three-year romance. The bride gave her age as 25, the groom 43.

# Oil Man Held in Death Of Wife Struck by Car

WINCHESTER, Mass., Mar. 23—Henry D. Vanderywyk, oil man, was arrested on a manslaughter charge and held in \$15,000 bail after his wife's body was found in the driveway of their west side home.

Police said his wife, Rena M. Vanderywyk, 48, mother of two grown sons, had been run over by an automobile and dragged for some distance. Vanderywyk, picked up in a Boston hotel, disclaimed any knowledge of his wife's death. He said he last saw her hours earlier when he left home.

# House Group Acts to Curb President on Lend-Lease

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23—The House Foreign Affairs Committee amended the Lend-Lease extension bill today to deprive President Roosevelt of authority to make final settlements "except as is consistent with constitutional procedure"—in effect, Senate ratification by a two-thirds vote.

The amendment was proposed by Rep. James W. Wadsworth (R.-N.Y.) and was adopted unanimously.

# Veneral Disease in Army Down to New Low in '43

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23—The Army Medical Department revealed that the Army venereal disease rate reached a record low of 27 cases per 1,000 men in 1943.

The new low rate for venereal diseases compares with 38 cases per 1,000 men in 1942, 40.5 in 1941 and 42.4 in 1940. In the Civil War the rate reached 214 per 1,000; in the Spanish-American War 133, while in World War I the rate was 107 in 1918.

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