

Nazis Occupy Rumania as Reds Near

Forts, Libs Hit France, Reich Again

Schweinfurt and Frankfurt Pasted; Luftwaffe Stays Down; 3 Bombers Lost

With the Luftwaffe's fighter defenses conspicuous by their absence, Flying Fortresses bombed industries at Schweinfurt and Frankfurt in Germany yesterday, while Liberators attacked important enemy fighter fields at Nancy and St. Dizier, France.

The two-pronged attack was the 19th major operation this month, thus smashing the previous record of 18 in February. An estimated 200 to 250 Forts and as many Libs took part in the assaults. Heavy escorts of P38s, P47s and P51s accompanied them. Three bombers and five fighters failed to return, headquarters announced.

Carrying the ever-growing aerial bombardment of Germany into its third straight day, the USSTAF operations followed the RAF's night attack on Laon and Lyons, both important railway junctions in France.

Enemy Radio Kept Busy

For more than 48 hours Germany and the occupied countries have been subjected to almost unceasing hammering from Allied bombers, and the German radio, with its new system of broadcasting step-by-step warnings of the progress of approaching enemy aircraft, had few programs that were uninterrupted by the grim "Achtung!" preceding the announcements. Apparently the round-the-clock bombing was being continued by the RAF last night, for a new warning was broadcast at 8.15 and German radios began to go off the air.

Extremely thick cloud was reported by Fortress crews, but Liberator men said they bombed visually and got excellent bomb patterns on the airfields.

With virtually all reports in from both bomber and fighter stations, it was obvious that nowhere did the Luftwaffe put up any fighter resistance. Only three enemy aircraft were claimed destroyed, two of these on the ground, all by the P47 group commanded by Lt. Col. James J. Stone Jr., of Westfield, N.J., whose planes went on a "hunting expedition" for trouble after they left the bombers.

Two reasons were apparent for the Luftwaffe's failure to challenge the American bombers. First, the Fortresses had run into cloudy weather over Germany, making defensive fighter operations difficult, and, second, the Liberators were operating over French territory, which Goering seems to have decided not to defend vigorously until the right time comes.

The Fortress targets at Schweinfurt and Frankfurt were two of the most heavily damaged in Germany in previous bombings. The great transportation center at Frankfurt had been deluged only Wednesday night by 3,300 tons in an RAF night attack. At Schweinfurt, in addition to the ball-bearing plants, which once produced half of Germany's war needs, are several other important war industries.

The heavies dropped an estimated 1,000 tons on their targets yesterday, bringing the total for 48 hours to something like 7,000 tons. In the first day and night, bombs had plummeted on German targets at the rate of perhaps four tons a minute. Brig. Gen. Edward Timberlake, of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Brig. Gen. Leon Johnson, of Moline, Kan., each led a Lib wing. Timberlake said the bombing at his target was "a beautiful job."

This Tells Gunner He Gets \$225,000 Inheritance NOW

Special to The Stars and Stripes
PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 24 (AP)—Sgt. Andrew W. Porter, 19-year-old tail gunner serving in England, is \$225,000 richer, but didn't know it until now.

He expected to receive the inheritance when he became 21, but the State Supreme Court ruled he was entitled to it now. Porter, who was football and basketball captain at Lawrenceville (N.J.) Academy, entered the Army Apr. 1, 1943.

The money is part of \$5,000,000 left by his great uncle, John A. Brown Jr., who died in 1919.

Porter's father said the money would have little effect on his son. "Getting his wings and his sergeant's stripes are the kind of things that matter to him," he said.

Inspecting the Men Who'll Do the Job They Planned



Prime Minister Winston Churchill, making a surprise inspection of American troops training for invasion, walks down the ranks of an airborne outfit with Gen. Eisenhower a few steps behind. Later they witnessed a mass descent by paratroopers.

Churchill, Eisenhower Watch Sky Show by Airborne Yanks

By Philip H. Bucknell
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A U.S. AIRBORNE UNIT, Mar. 24—Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower yesterday inspected a combined paratroop and glider-borne unit whose men are, in the Premier's words, "the most modern expression of war."

While the two were inspecting ranks of heavily armed troops, other soldiers were boarding planes for a demonstration mass jump which lent a powerful epilogue to the show.

Montgomery Hails Invaders

"The war may last a year; it may take longer." So said Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery yesterday in a speech saluting the invasion forces he will lead and calling for full co-operation on the home front.

"We are preparing to take part in the biggest tug-of-war the world has ever seen," he declared. "If any should let go of the rope, then we lose the match. How long will the pull last? No one can say for certain; it may last a year; it may take longer. But it will be a magnificent party and we shall win. It will be a proper job for proper men."

Back in London after an inspection tour of invasion forces, Montgomery spoke at a Mansion House "Salute the Soldier Week" luncheon. He declared emphatically that "the promised land is not now so far off. If necessary we have got to hazard all and give our lives that others may enjoy it." The luncheon opened a drive to sell £150,000,000 worth of war bonds in London alone.

Montgomery said he had found his army in good trim and believed it would prove in battle to be the best in Britain's history.

As battle-cry for the nation, Montgomery, son of a bishop, suggested: "Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered."

AL Post Against Getting Lit When the Lights Go On

AMARILLO, Tex., Mar. 24—The local American Legion Post has drawn up the following resolution for its idea of the proper observation of the end of World War II: "That every citizen be urged to attend church services, to be pre-arranged, even if in the middle of the night. That business houses close for two hours. That all liquor stores in the nation close immediately upon receipt of the news and remain closed until the next day."

At the conclusion of the formal inspection, troopers and glider-riders were invited to break ranks and form a semicircle around the leaders. Cowboy yells and shouts of "Geronimo" sang out as the men, carrying equipment ranging from rifles to parts of Browning automatic rifles, swarmed across the field.

The "Greater Cause"

To them the Prime Minister said: "It is with feelings of emotion and of profound encouragement that I have the honor to review you here today. In these weeks which are passing so swiftly, I see gathered here on English soil these soldiers of our great American ally preparing themselves to strike a blow for a cause which is a greater cause than either of the two countries have ever fought for."

"Soon," he added, "you will have the opportunity of testifying your faith in all those inspiring phrases of the American Constitution, and of striking a blow which, however it may leave the world, will, as we are determined, make it a better and a broader world for all. I thank God you are here, and from the

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'Many Cassinos' Before Rome, Returned General Warns U.S.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24—The road to Rome will be blocked by "many Cassinos," Brig. Gen. William Wilbur, deputy commander of the 36th Infantry Division, said here after his return from the main Fifth Army front.

A veteran of both the North African and Italian campaigns, Gen. Wilbur declared that between Cassino and Rome the Allies would encounter other German bastions as difficult to conquer as Cassino.

He pointed out that it would be "virtually impossible" to by-pass Cassino because to move supplies through the mountainous terrain surrounding the stubbornly defended Gustav Line strong-point would be "appallingly difficult." French units, Gen. Wilbur said,

Soviets Isolate 2 Strongholds

Proskurov Is Virtually Cut Off; Reds 12 Mi. From Pruth and Rumania

Red Army troops under Marshal Gregory Zhukov, in a new offensive launched from Tarnopol inside the pre-war Polish border, reached the upper Dniester yesterday after a 60-mile advance in four days and thus succeeded in isolating the two big Nazi garrisons at Proskurov and Kamenets Podolsk.

The operation, which virtually won the Russians another 70 miles of the Dniester's eastern bank, was hailed in Moscow last night with 20 salvos from 224 guns—certain indication that the Soviet command deemed it one of its most important victories.

Zhukov seized the railway junction of Czortkov, 38 miles south of Tarnopol, on the rail line from Tarnopol to Cernauti in Bessarabia; the rail junction of Gusiutyn, 43 miles southeast of Tarnopol, and the Dniester town and rail junction of Zalesczyk, 63 miles south of Tarnopol.

Even as Zhukov bottled up the Nazi salient, running north from the Dniester to Proskurov, Marshal Ivan Koniev's mobile forces stepped up the speed of their advance across Bessarabia toward the rail center at Balti and were reported at some points within a dozen miles of the Pruth River, 1940 boundary of Rumania after cession of Bessarabia to the USSR.

actually had by-passed the village, but broken supply lines and lack of artillery support had made their position untenable.

Noting a change in the attitude of German prisoners, Gen. Wilbur said that Fifth Army captives in Italy were not like the arrogant Nazis he had encountered in Tunisian prison camps. They no longer felt it an insult to be asked if they were glad to be out of the war, he said.

In North Africa, Gen. Wilbur pointed out, captured Germans spoke confidently of an offensive which would crush the Allies, while in Italy they declared that the Reich's defensive powers and determination never to surrender would win in the end.

Bulgar Ports Reported in Enemy Grip

Envoy Says Reich Insists It Seized Hungary to Balk Allied Invasion

Five days after the Nazi occupation of Hungary, Adolf Hitler's army marched into Rumania yesterday in a hurried effort to take up battle stations before the onrush of the Russians, now little more than ten miles from the country's border.

Almost at the same moment, the Hungarian minister to Sweden announced that the official German explanation of the seizure of his country was that troops were sent to repel an Anglo-American invasion of the Balkans expected "at any moment" along the Adriatic coast.

Despite a thick veil of censorship, which gave only sketchy reports and unconfirmed rumors from neutral capitals, the European cockpit where Germany first began to weaken in 1918 appeared to be a hotbed of fast-breaking military and political developments.

These were the highlights:

1—Fifty thousand Nazi troops moved into Rumania and were reported to have seized control of all Rumanian communications, railways and strategic points.

2—Every Rumanian and Bulgarian city on the Black Sea was reported seized by the Nazis.

3—The Stockholm Dagbladet said Russian parachutists had landed in eastern Hungary to link up with guerrillas "for the opening moves in the Battle of the Balkans."

4—Algiers radio, quoting Swiss reports, said the Hungarian army was "resisting

Resist the Germans, Hull Tells Hungary

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24 (AP)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull called on Hungary today to offer "firm resistance" to German occupation forces in order to "regain the respect and friendship of free nations."

He described the Nazi occupation of Hungary as a desperate move produced by Axis setbacks.

the Germans near Debrecen and Miskolc, 120 miles east of Budapest.

5—With German machine-guns covering streets of the Bulgarian capital of Sofia, and Plovdiv, 80 miles to the southeast, the Stockholm Tidningen reported two of the Bulgarian regents had been summoned to Hitler's headquarters.

6—Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, Allied supreme commander in the Mediterranean, left Cairo to return to his headquarters after four days' conferences with the British Middle East commander, Gen. Sir Bernard Paget, and Allied representatives.

7—German-controlled Paris radio said Adm. Nicholas Horthy, regent of Hungary, had agreed to order general mobilization in his country.

8—Heinrich Himmler, Hitler's Gestapo chief, was reported by Radio France at Algiers to have left Budapest, the Hungarian capital, for Bessarabia.

Though an official of the Rumanian embassy in Ankara confirmed that the

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Roosevelt Calls For Help for the Nazi-Oppressed

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24—President Roosevelt today called on all peoples under Nazi domination, even the Germans, to show by their deeds that they do not share Hitler's criminal desires against victims of Nazi persecution.

The President promised that the U.S. would do its utmost to help the escape of refugees marked for death by the Axis. "All who share in the guilt shall share in the punishment," he warned.

German inroads into the Balkans constitute a new peril for fugitives from Hitler's oppression, the President said. He appealed to free people of Europe and Asia to open temporarily their doors to these victims.

Peoples in occupied countries were asked to keep records to help in the trials of guilty persons when the day of liberation arrives.

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Reparations

Most of us are old enough to remember the whine of German propaganda released after the last world war in reference to "that vicious Versailles Treaty." Claimed German leadership at that time: "No nation can meet such terms." But today in every German occupied country "terms" imposed by the Nazis are heavier than those imposed by the Allies after the first world war—and the occupied nations are meeting those terms. In Holland, for example, although available stocks of goods have practically vanished, the Germans still manage to extract goods and services from the Dutch at the rate of nearly £1,000,000 a day. During the first six weeks of 1944 the Dutch accumulated a claim on Germany at the rate of £6,000,000 a week for German "purchases" of goods, forced advances of guilders, with which the Germans pay the families of the 420,000 deported Dutch workers, repayments of private German loans outstanding in Holland, and for other services. The Reichsmarks which the Dutch community has accumulated as "payment" for these German "purchases" have now passed an amount equivalent to about £500,000,000. All this proves one point. Reparations can be collected and the Germans have shown the world how this can be successfully accomplished. The world will most likely remember the lesson in the days ahead.

That Poetic Crunch

The Yorkshire Post has come to the conclusion that the American doughboy of the present war has lost his poetic punch. Claims the Post: "We have often heard people say that the heavy rhythmic tread of the passing soldiers is for them one of the most stirring of sounds; and it is a sound they have often heard in recent years, for all the wheeled mobility of a modern army. The poets were never able to resist the onomatopoeic quality of the word." "Tramp! Tramp! along the land..." wrote Scott, and he might have added yet another tramp without overdoing the effect. We thought of all this yesterday when a friend mentioned that he had watched a company of American soldiers march by and had been struck for the first time by the soft footfall of the men. They were marching on macadam where British soldiers' hobnailed boots would have beat a grand tattoo, but these Americans went silently by in pliable boots which almost seemed to be rubber-soled. "Such a muffled footfall may well have factual advantages over the noisy British Army boot; but it is clear the poet would have been unhappy with his descriptions. How could he ever have brought himself to write of the "phut, phut, phut" of marching soldiers? The noblest of lines could not have survived that." Somehow or other we can't get excited over the loss of the poetic crunch of a hobnailed boot, for with its loss comes the gain in foot comfort achieved by the U.S. army shoe of World War II. But with or without a crunch of poetic volume... Kipling's great lines still live and bear repeating... for in the infantry it's still "Boots, boots, boots, boots, moving up and down again—there's no discharge in the war."

Crazy Over Horses

Despite mechanization of modern weapons of war, the value of the horse on the field of battle has been dramatically rediscovered during the past winter and has been the difference between success and failure on the Russian front. It is an old cavalry axiom that a horse can go wherever a man can travel, and this is still not true of the tank, truck—or even the faithful jeep. This winter on the Russian front, horses have packed men, munitions, supplies and weapons over impossible and practically impassable terrain. Pulling wagons, sleighs, caissons and guns, horses have kept pace with the Red Army. In Italy the cry for horses, mules, and more horses became almost a howl during the past winter months as troops operating in treacherous mountain country faced the problem of packing in food, ammunition and other supplies and packing out wounded men. Once again the horse filled the vital need, and many an old cavalryman watching man's beast of burden pass a column of mud-embedded motor transport smiled a knowing smile and kept his peace. The German army has used the horse to supplement its motor transport from the first day of war, and on the Eastern front has developed the use of animal-drawn vehicles to a scale almost equalling that of World War I. In China, both the Japanese and Chinese find the military value of the horse undiminished when used to support campaigns in mountainous terrain. And the god of war, still crazy over horses, has given many a recent victory to the army commander who has been able to assemble sufficient animals to meet the needs of the military situation, planes, trucks and tanks notwithstanding.

Hash Marks

Fun on the home front: Doris Spring, young and pretty, walked into police headquarters and asked for protection. "I'm afraid of men," she said. "I've married four of them in the last two years."

A group of staid, reserved English citizens got quite a shock the other day. They crammed into a hotel elevator



which contained one GI passenger. The British started rattling off the floors they wanted in sequence—"three, four, five, six, seven,"—just as the last man called out "seven," the Yank broke up the party by nonchalantly shouting out BINGO!

Anti-climax department: The city manager started the Albuquerque OPA board with a request for additional ration points to buy meat for the city's rats—"the meat will be poisoned, of course," he wisely added.

A wise guy is Coxswain K. T. Duffy. Serving with the Navy in the sultry South Pacific, he was always complaining about the heat. He must have meant it, too, for on his first leave at home he spent most of his time working in the town's ice house. That job ain't for a veteran of the ETO!

Brainstorm of the Week. 1/Lt. George McMillan, engineering officer in a tank outfit, is working on a special caterpillar track for bombers (like they use on tanks). "They ought to be able to use it for running over some of that heavy, dirty flak," he said.

Two Yanks who haven't been in the ETO long enough to fully appreciate its better points were pretty browned off. They were standing on the platform waiting for their long-overdue train and it was raining like all hell. As may often happen at a time like this, the two guys started griping—griping about the weather, tea, English beer and what-not. After about 15 minutes of this chatter, a little cockney lad standing nearby could remain silent no longer. Stepping up to the GIs, he said, "When you talk about this country, Yanks, remember you're just passing through!"

Cause for divorce? A California woman got a laugh in court when she asked for divorce on the grounds that her



husband had threatened her with a teaspoon. If it had been in Britain he could have threatened her with a cup of tea.

Today's Daffynition. (And pretty damn old too.) Jump: The last word in aeroplanes.

PRIVATE BREGER



"Young man, this photography light meter shows your buttons are not shining brightly enough!"

Safety Posters Produce A-1 Results at Big Depot

A GENERAL SUPPLY DEPOT, England, Mar. 24—"Safety posters that produce a smile—beat grim warnings by a mile"—have helped in a safety campaign here which has brought an impressive reduction in accident figures, according to Lt. Col. Warren E. Gent, plans and training officer, who is in charge of the drive.

It all started a few months ago. An unusually large number of accidents were occurring in warehouses of the Ordnance section. Reckless driving by men operating stackers and other types of vehicles used in the warehouses was causing numerous accidents.

Capt. John J. Morrison, of Augusta, Ga., called upon Cpl. Vincent E. Taylor, of Norwood, Ohio, to launch a safety campaign. Taylor painted some comic posters, and jingles were written for them. These were placed throughout one warehouse.

GIs laughed at the cartoon showing three men riding on the back of a stacker and the driver turning to comment: "If you'd rather ride than use your feet—



HE THOUGHT SLOW DRIVING DULL RESULT: 1 Ea. FRACTURED SKULL

you'd better be ready to greet Saint Pete." They were duly impressed, however, and no accident has since resulted from that cause.

News of the campaign and its results reached Lt. Col. Gent, who immediately ordered posters placed throughout the depot area to help combat Army vehicle road accidents.

Now every bulletin board in the depot area displays the picture of a jeep overturning on a curve and the message: "He thought slow driving dull—Result: One each fractured skull." And also one showing a GI in a coffin, his hands holding a lily and containing the warning: "Both hands grasp a lily he cannot feel—He used only one when holding the wheel."

The excellent results of this safety campaign can be attributed to the manner in which it is accepted by the average GI driver.



BECAUSE HE USED ONLY ONE WHEN HOLDING THE WHEEL

Pvt. Manuel Zacarias, of Hayward, Cal., summed up the opinion of the majority of the drivers by remarking:

"I'm all for this type of a safety campaign. The posters are all amusing and catch the interest of everyone who sees them. You remember something that gives you a laugh when you'd soon forget or overlook a grim poster with a lot of meaningless figures. Not that accident figures are unimportant, but figures tend to lack personal interest."

Traffic Violators Face Speedy Courts-Martial

SOUTHERN BASE SECTION HQ, Mar. 24—Machinery has been set up to crack down on careless drivers of Army vehicles as speedily as possible after traffic violations. The plan calls for a network of summary courts-martial and applies to all troops in the area.

Military police take the offender before the nearest court immediately after arrest. If a driver cannot be tried at once, he is directed to another court near his destination. Courts convene as soon as the accused appears and necessary papers are drafted.

Surgeons Are Stars in Movies Recording War Medical History

An especially equipped unit of the Army Medical Corps is at work in Great Britain photographing the medical history of World War II.

The unit, one of several operated by the Medical Corps' museum and medical arts service in various theaters of operations, is making a picture record of new medical techniques developed during the war. In addition, it makes available to medical personnel colored motion pictures and sketches depicting the latest developments in surgery and medicine.

The detachment, known in the medics as the Mamas, has six hand-picked enlisted men, all experienced in medical photography in civil life, and one officer, Capt. R. Donald Reed, of Tacoma Park, D.C., a descendant of Walter Reed, the famous army doctor.

Latest of its pictures is a 20-minute film on skin grafting. When the CO of

a general hospital phoned to say an unusual skin graft attempt was to be made, the unit was on the way in its own completely equipped truck in an hour.

"When we take our movies," Capt. Reed explained, "every sequence and action is planned as carefully as the operation itself."

The men wear gowns and masks and work under the same sterile conditions as the men performing the operation. Extra lighting is set up and telephoto lenses are employed to get close-ups without interfering with the operation.

The surgeon performs the operation several times in pantomime while photographers check lighting and technical aspects. The cameraman shoots over the surgeon's shoulder from an elevated platform. Colored film is used to bring out fine detail.

Films are cut and edited in the unit's own photographic laboratory, and are then made available to hospitals and other medical installations throughout Great Britain.

"We film the most representative army techniques in current use," said Capt. Reed, former director of the photo laboratory of the National Institute of Health in Washington.

Capt. Reed and T/Sgt. Robert C. Adams, of Lambert, N.C., are working now on scenarios for their next two productions, "The Blood Bank" and "Professional Activities of a Medical Laboratory."

The Mamas are the only unit to do extensive and detailed work in photomicrographic investigations of pathological tissue. Sgt. Joseph Nale-Povic, of Silver Springs, Md.; Sgt. Howard L. Cradick, of Indianapolis, and Cpl. Howard Francis, of Reading, Pa., are experts in taking pictures of extremely small material, some of it only 1/30,000th of an inch.

Much of the museum and medical arts service work deals with autopsies and biopsies. Specimens of tissue from pilots who die from "anoxia," or exhaustion at high altitudes, are carefully examined to determine the effects of high altitude flying on the human body. Biopsies, in which specimens are taken from living people, are sometimes the only indications of cancer and other malignant growth. Mamas has also made records of typhus disease and venereal troubles.

Under conditions where X-ray and medical artists like Sgt. Clifton B. Potter, over the surgeon's shoulder and take into sketches, mental notes to be transposed later

This Is The Army

ASK the average infantryman if he'd volunteer to go on a hike and he'd say you had a hole in your head. Yet nearly 100 men in an ETO infantry division are planning to trudge 120 miles over grueling hills of their own free will. The march must be completed in five days.

The hike was conceived by Maj. Lloyd Marr, of La Mesa, Tex., for members of headquarters combat platoon, but other outfits demanded to enter the marathon. Within 24 hours soldiers ranging from chairborne clerks to drivers with middle-aged spread had signed up.

Spurring the men was the promise that those who completed more than half of the hike would be rewarded with substantial rest periods—the amount of time off to be in proportion to the number of days spent on the exercise.

Enlivening the trek will be surprise night gas attacks, scout patrols and map reading.

For rescuing a girl from the English Channel last September T/Sgt. Harold K. Morris, 25, of Sussex, N.J., has been awarded the Soldier's Medal and the British Royal Humane Society's Certificate of Honor.

A battalion motor pool sergeant of a Signal Corps unit, Morris, while off duty in Dawlish, Devonshire, dived into rough water to go to the rescue of a bather, Grace Hunt, 22, and her father, Robert Hunt, who had gone to her aid. With the aid of a life belt thrown to him by civilians, Morris supported the couple until four bathers arrived. Mr. Hunt later collapsed and died.

MISS Evelyn Stevens, of River Park, Ill., an American Red Cross worker stationed at a U.S. paratrooper camp in the ETO, is the first U.S. girl to be adopted by a complete regiment. And for a mighty good reason, in addition to her radiant personality: Because she is a member of the famous "Caterpillar Club," whose members have bailed out of planes to save their lives. The actual event took place in 1940 while Miss Stevens was attending Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. Suffering no ill-effects from her previous experience, Miss Stevens says she considers herself "very lucky to be the lone paratrooper Jane among all my paratrooper Joes."

It's still "A Pair of Shoes For Every Soldier" in the ETO, and the latest assist goes to the Army's first orthopedic shoe shop set up in Britain. With Maj. William J. Stewart, of Columbia, Mo., of the Medical Corps, and 1/Lt. Victor M. Adams, of Miami, of the QM, collaborating, the shop aims to supply shoes that fit soldiers with odd sizes and peculiar bone structures in their feet. They can turn out 126 shoe sizes from 5A to 15EE.

Notes from the Air Force

SGT. Frederick G. Wille, of Clinton, N.J., and Pvt. Eli Friedlander, of Brooklyn, are trying out an interesting theory about PX sales at the Marauder station commanded by Col. Wilson R. Wood.

Wille thinks that playing classical music while the GIs are queuing up for PX rations makes them easier to deal with or argue with when some supplies are low. Friedlander claims boogie-woogie takes their minds off any shortages in supplies. With a high-powered radio, Wille and Friedlander usually are able to get Brahms or Boogie at will, and they're keeping a one-month check on the number of complaints while boogie's on the air, the number while Brahms is giving out.

Capt. William O'Brien, McPherson, Kan., Mustang pilot from an Eighth AAF base, has a new system for bombing German targets. Over Berlin he caught an Me10 in his sights, knocked it down and watched the Nazi kite smash through the roof of a Nazi factory, setting the plant on fire.

1/Lt. John J. Davis, of Fostoria, Ohio, pilot of the Fortress Mrs. Satan, Queen of Hell, noticed leaks in his gas tank just after takeoff. He returned, the leaks were repaired. As he was taxiing to take off again, Davis and his crew heard a terrific bumping. The navigator got out and saw a huge bump in the left front tire, the rear tire was flat, so they taxied to the hangar.

A fast-working ground crew changed two tires and the Fort once more thundered down the runway. Just inside the enemy coast, Davis overtook his formation and went on over the target to drop his bombs with the others as though nothing had happened.

An ace in four days. That's Capt. G. V. Davis, Parma, Idaho, Mustang pilot. On Mar. 5 he knocked down two four-engined bombers over France; on Mar. 6 he got an Me10 and an FW190 over Berlin, and two days later destroyed another 190 over the German capital.

GERMAN rumors of a new "flying battle cruiser" to battle massed USSTAF bomber formations may have been substantiated in the last week.

Some crews have reported tangling with a four-engined, twin-tailed Nazi plane which fired rockets from turrets on the fuselage and cannons from the nose. The craft was guarded by Me10s in the manner of destroyers shepherding a big battleship, gunners reported.

Mustang fighter pilots, however, said that the Fortress crews may have been confused by the appearance of a twin-engine Me10 which has, in addition to leading edge of the wing from which rockets are fired,



COLLEGE PARK, Md., Mar. 24—Johnny Sullivan's performance in the Washington Senator training camp here virtually has assured the newcomer of the shortstop post.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Mar. 24—A strong rumor blowing around the Cincinnati Reds' camp here today indicates Pitcher Ray Starr may be headed for the Chicago Cubs in exchange for Lou "Mad Russian" Novikoff.

FRENCH LICK, Ind., Mar. 24—The manpower shortage has become so troublesome that Jimmy Dykes, the little round man manager of the Chicago White Sox, today turned up with a baseball rarity—a left-handed catcher.

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Mar. 24—The draft bugaboo struck the New York Yankees for the umpteenth time again today when Outfielder Roy Weatherly notified Manager Joe McCarthy he would don ODS Apr. 1.

WALLINGFORD, Conn., Mar. 24—Two holdouts apparently are determined to stay in hibernation until the Boston Braves forward better offers. Outfielder Chet Ross and Infielder Eddie Joost, both valuable veterans, have refused to communicate with the front-office after rejecting offered salaries.

MUNCIE, Ind., Mar. 24—Rip Sewell, leading National League pitcher last year after perfecting a new mysterious delivery, refused to expose his "cephus" pitch to the wintry winds at the Pittsburgh Pirate training camp here today.

CAIRO, Ill., Mar. 24—The outfield fences absorbed plenty of punishment here today as booming St. Louis Cardinal bats, headed by Stan Musial, Danny Litwiler and Whitey Kurowski, pounded out a shower of long-distance clouts during a lengthy batting drill.

Stepping Into Dad's Boots



Merrill Buxton Jr., son of the famous jockey of the same name, gets a couple of pointers from 1944's outstanding jockey, Tommy Atkinson, in the Hialeah locker room.

Blues Expected to Roll Over Invaders in Grid Test Today

A SOUTHWESTERN TOWN, Mar. 24—The fearful — Infantry Invaders slipped quietly into town today, disproving the theory that they might decide to overlook tomorrow's gridiron test against the powerful — Division Blues, giants of ETO football after four masterful victories.

The Invaders know from experience how sad and bruising an afternoon can be when the Blues are among those present, having suffered a 28-7 defeat Feb. 6 at Bristol.

Statistics prove conclusively the Blues' superiority in the first game. Division ground out 261 yards from scrimmage as against the Invaders' 59, and held a 16-6 edge in first downs, with three of the losers' first downs occurring in the last quarter.

Lt. Jimmy Holston's Blue juggernaut came through Sunday's 18-0 conquest of the Canadian Army Mustangs without a casualty, so the eleven will be at full strength tomorrow. And full strength means Sgt. Tommy Thompson, ex-Philadelphia Eagle star, will occupy his familiar position in the backfield.

Thompson's supporting cast again will include Cpl. Johnny Bayne, slippery halfback from Ridgeforam, Ill., who scored all three touchdowns against the Canucks; Fullback Dick Dreher, of N. Hollywood, Cal., and S/Sgt. Charley Scalzotti, rugged quarterback. The line, of course, is a massive, invulnerable wall when 2/Lt. Forest Ferguson, All-American end from Stuart, Fla., and Cpl. Stewart "Tex" Clarkson, former Chicago Bear center, are on the field.

The underdog Invaders will rely on the running of Pfc Ray Bassett, fullback from Detroit, and Pvt. Dick Manning, ex-USC halfback from Rosemead, Cal. In the air, Pfc Johnny Kimko, of Lumpport, Pa., will be aiming for his favorite target—2/Lt. Glenn Ensworth, rangy, sure-fingered end from Abilene, Kan. But unless the Blues suddenly split apart at the seams, there'll be no joy in Invaderville tomorrow night.

Larkin TKOs Stolz in Third

NEW YORK, Mar. 24—Tippy Larkin, 137-pound Garfield, N.J., lightweight, scored a third-round TKO over Allie Stolz in a scheduled ten-rounder at Madison Square Garden last night.

Stolz, after outboxing Larkin in the first two rounds, tried to mix it with his heavier opponent in the third and wound up on his back three times. A right cross put him down for a one-count. He got up groggy and Larkin struck another right through his guard, Stolz taking the seven-count.

He managed to get up and staggered around the ring until Larkin sent him down again with a right, but the bell sounded as the count reached two. Referee Arthur Donovan examined Stolz in his corner during the intermission and awarded the fight to Larkin on a TKO.

Sporting a three-pound weight advantage, Larkin entered the ring a 13-5 favorite. A crowd of 15,737 paid \$61,585 to see the scrap.

AAU Cage Results

Colorado Springs Army All-Stars 49, Boeing Bombers 43 Fort Warren 45, 20th Century Fox 43 Phillips "66" Oilers 56, Lowery Field 40

Canadiens, Red Wings Even Up Hockey Series

Filly Fades and Owner Drops \$250 in Sale

SAN MATEO, Cal., Mar. 24—Alamo Belle took so much time running the second race at Bay Meadows track here yesterday she changed owners before crossing the finish line.

Owner John Gregory Jr. watched his filly yield the lead and heard Frank Burley, rival owner, ask if the horse was for sale. "Right now I'll take \$750," Gregory said as Alamo Belle continued clumping around the track.

Engineers Stop Iceland Boxers

Visitors Suffer First Loss As Tour Ends; Quintet Also Overcome

A FIELD FORCE HQ, Mar. 24—The Iceland championship ring squad, which has been taking on any and all comers in an ETO tour conducted by the athletic department of the ARC, dropped a 3-2 match to the — Engineers here last night.

Bill Bannick, 136-pound lightweight from Pittsfield, Mass., racked up a kayo over 133-pound Pfc William Romano, Coliseum scrapper from New Orleans, in 1:42 of the third stanza.

Bannick had an easy time with Romano from the opening bell. After taking it slow for the first two periods, the Bay Stater opened up in the third.

Pvt. Joe Johnson, 167-pounder from Flemington, Ala., outpointed Pvt. Bill Karjanis, of New Haven, Conn., 170, who Tuesday night suffered a TKO at the hands of Pvt. Tony Pontarella at the Rainbow Corner, London.

A decision over Pvt. Bob Lewis, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 180, gave Pvt. Andy Riccardi, Chester, Pa., 181-pounder, his third straight ETO conquest.

The Icelanders' only other victory came when S/Sgt. Frank Albano, 185-pound New Yorker, scored his third straight in as many starts, decisioning Sgt. Bill Russe, 190-pounder from Harrisburg, Pa.

Cpl. Bill McDonald, 183-pound Icelander from Brooklyn, dropped his second scrap in three attempts when he was outpointed by Pvt. Clarence Carlyle, of Baltimore, 139.

Pajonas' Score Clips Eagles, 36-34

Pvt. Al Pajonas, of Plattsburg, N.Y., former hoopster for Northeastern University, of Boston, dropped in a goal from under the basket with ten seconds left to play as the all-star CBS Skyscraper quintet edged the Eagles, Iceland champs, 36-34, at the Polytechnic Institute Thursday night in the final game of the Icelanders' ETO tour. It was the fourth loss in six starts for the Eagles.

Maury Richards Notches All Canuck Scores In 5-1 Victory

MONTREAL, Mar. 24—Forward Maurice Richards set a new Stanley Cup playoff scoring record as the Montreal Canadiens trounced the Toronto Maple Leafs, 5-1, to even their Cup series at one victory each here last night before 12,000 fans.

Richards notched all five Canadian goals, aided by Elmer Lach and Tow Blake, whose faultless passing made Richards' feat simple. Blake assisted in the five goals, Lach in four.

Goalie Bill Durnan sparkled for the Canucks, losing only one shot when Reg Hamilton fooled him on a shot from the blue line midway in the second period on a pass from Lorne Carr.

Richards started his spree with two goals 17 seconds apart early in the second frame and got his third shortly before Hamilton broke the Leafs' famine. Richards contributed two more during the first half of the final period.

Detroit Sextet Downs Hawks

DETROIT, Mar. 24—The Detroit Red Wings evened their Stanley Cup series with the Chicago Black Hawks by bouncing back from Tuesday's defeat to beat the Hawks, 4-1, here last night before a crowd of 12,757 delighted hometown rooters.

After a scoreless first period, featured by five penalties, the Wings moved ahead when Joe Carveth netted a shot after grabbing a pass from Syd Howe at three minutes of the second heat. Howe tallied with 17 seconds remaining in the period to give the Wings a 2-0 margin.

Don Grosso made it 3-0 21 seconds after the third canto began, beating Chicago Goalie Mike Karakas on a solo sprit down the ice. George Allen averted a shutout for the Hawks midway in the period, while Mud Bruneteau registered the fourth Wing score on a pass from Howe.

Stanley Cup Playoffs

- First Bracket (Best four out of seven) Toronto 3, Montreal 1 Montreal 5, Toronto 1 Second Bracket (Best four out of seven) Chicago 2, Detroit 1 Detroit 4, Chicago 1

Gil Dodds Seeking Two-Mile Record At Cleveland Meet

CLEVELAND, Mar. 24—Gil Dodds, the fast-stepping Boston parson who cracked the world indoor mile record twice on successive Saturdays, will have designs on the two-mile record here tomorrow night when he reaches the starting line in the fourth annual Knights of Columbus track meet.

Dodds, who set a new mile mark of 4:06.4 last Saturday at Chicago after establishing a record of 4:07.3 in New York the previous week, will race against Jerry Thompson of Great Lakes Naval, Jimmy Rafferty of the New York Athletic Club, and Jimmy Wisner, of Baltimore.

If Dodds shatters the two-mile record, he'll have to uncork a fine burst of foot to top the performance by Ensign Greg Rice in last year's affair when he propelled the distance in 8:51, the best time in meet history.

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American League Series

- Hershey 3, Cleveland 1 Buffalo 3, Indianapolis 1

Courtmen Swing Into Final Sessions

NEW YORK, Mar. 24—The next few days could very easily be termed "Ned Irish Week" in Madison Square Garden because starting tonight basketballs will rap out a merry tune on the court for three nights running. When the smoke clears after Sunday's shooting, there'll be an Invitational tourney champion and an eastern titlist in the NCAA whirl.

At the same time Utah, Iowa State, Missouri and tiny Pepperdine, of Los Angeles, will match baskets in a two-day scramble at Kansas City for the western NCAA crown. All-civilian Utah meets Missouri and Iowa State, co-champion of the Big Six with Oklahoma, faces Pepperdine tonight in the first round.

Dartmouth, holder of the Ivy League diadem for the seventh consecutive season, and Big Ten ruler Ohio State are prohibitive favorites to sideline Catholic U. of Washington and Temple, respectively, tonight in the east's first round. The Invitational tourney will be terminated Sunday when St. John's of Brooklyn, defending champion, tosses its title into the arena against DePaul of Chicago.

With the eventual champion playing host to the western titleholder Mar. 28 in the Garden, the four eastern NCAA quintets are the strongest in their districts, excluding Army, the nation's only unbeaten major power, which declined an invitation. The Dartmouth Indians have been troubled by changing personnel, but fortunately benefited in the Marine and Navy shift of talent. The Indians lost Larry Killick, Joe Fater and Larry Baxter, but claimed Bob Gale, Cornell's freshman scoring sensation, and Dick McGuire, voted the most valuable man in the Metropolitan area, while at St. John's.

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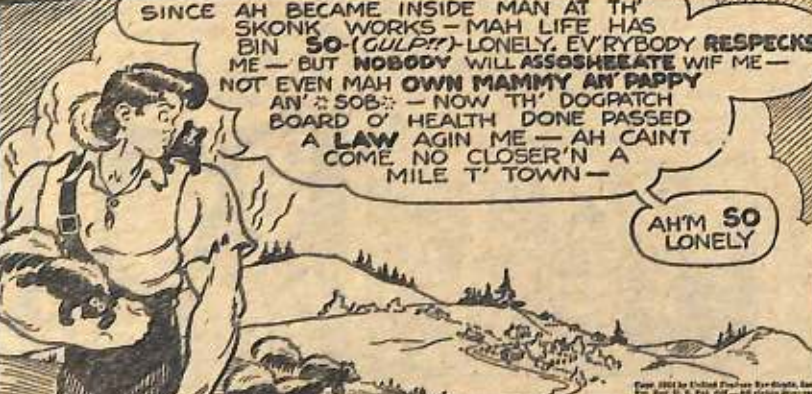
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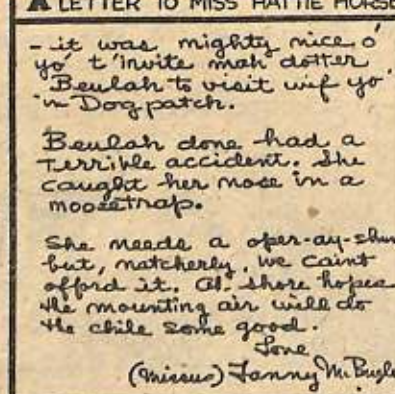
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Dear Eileen—Your Edwin Lt. Charles M. du Vernet, officer-in-charge of the V-mail station, APO 887, has a four-page typewritten V-mail letter dated Mar. 5, identified as above without the address of the writer or addressee.

POW Paulsen Calling Cpl. Barney HELP Wanted has a postcard from T/Sgt. Walter Paulsen addressed to "Cpl. Barney, c/o Stars and Stripes," from a Prison Camp in Germany. Phone or write, Cpl. Barney, and we will send it to you.

Found Cpl. MONPELNGO, ASN 39686879: Your new overcoat, cap, gloves and flashlight left at Haymarket Restaurant will be returned if you will call Mr. David Henderson, ABBEY 6974, any night between 9 PM and 7:30 AM.

Lost GAS Mask and Shaving Kit, marked S-8253, at Hamilton House, London, about Mar. 1. T/S Joseph Siegel, 36608253.

NEWS FROM HOME Kaiser to Build 30 Cargo Ships For East Indies

Says Vessels Will Be Ready 'In Time to Figure In Reconquest'

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24 (Reuter)—Henry J. Kaiser, taking the first step toward conversion of American shipyards to peace-time construction, announced today that he would build 30 coastal cargo vessels for The Netherlands Indies Government in readiness for the reconquest of the Dutch East Indies.

The ships will be built in the U.S.-owned shipyard at Richmond, Cal., in the shortest possible time. Kaiser said details of the contract were being worked out and that it would be a cash transaction rather than Lend-Lease.

"The ships will be completed in time to figure importantly in the reconquest of The Netherlands East Indies," Kaiser said.

Long Time No Sue

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Mar. 24—A \$50,000 alienation - of - affections suit against 80-year-old John H. Hill, of Shelton, former speaker of the Connecticut House of Representatives, was dismissed as "preposterous." The suit was brought by Paul Zanwiak, 60, Union City (N.J.) factory worker, who claimed Hill's familiarity with Mrs. Zanwiak in 1911 broke up his home.

Any Applicants?

UNION TOWNSHIP, N.J., Mar. 24—Local Board No. 2, which refused to draft pre-Pearl Harbor fathers as long as was required to defer childless men, tried a new twist in an effort to meet its quotas. It put out a sign announcing: "Help wanted, male. Clothing, maintenance and \$50 monthly. Job not permanent. Apply within."

Conscientious Objector

TRENTON, N.J., Mar. 24—Only one objector appeared at the Legislative Appropriation Committee's hearing on a proposal to raise the salary of Labor Commissioner Harry C. Harper from \$7,500 to \$10,000. The objector was Harper, who said his present pay was sufficient.

UNRRA Bill Passes

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24—Legislation authorizing an appropriation of \$1,350,000,000 as the U.S. contribution to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration went to the White House today after House approval, 285 to 58. The Senate passed it Wednesday.

Bullitt Urges U.S. Set Up A Staff Now to Plan Peace

NEW YORK, Mar. 23 (Reuter)—The creation of an American staff to organize peace long before the total defeat of the Axis is urged by William C. Bullitt, former U.S. Ambassador to Russia, in an article in Life magazine.

"International ethics," the article says, "will play a vital role in security and peace. We cannot escape the consequences of unwise settlements in Asia and Europe which will produce new wars. We shall be involved in those wars."

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- Saturday, Mar. 25**
- 1100—News Headlines and Spotlight on Tommy Dorsey.
 - 1115—Personal Album with Kate Smith.
 - 1130—Yanks Radio Weekly.
 - 1200—World News (BBC).
 - 1205—Barracks Bag and Program Resume.
 - 1300—World News (BBC).
 - 1310—Curtain Call.
 - 1330—Hello India—Special feature to the GI's in India.
 - 1400—Downbeat.
 - 1430—Ranch House.
 - 1459—News Headlines.
 - 1500—Music While You Work.
 - 1530—Off the Record.
 - 1630—Symphony Hall and Program Resume.
 - 1730—Atlantic Spotlight (BBC).
 - 1800—World News (BBC).
 - 1810—GI Supper Club.
 - 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
 - 1905—Waltz Time with Abe Lyman's Orchestra and Frank Mann.
 - 1930—Dinah Shore Program.
 - 2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.
 - 2010—Take the Air.
 - 2030—GI Journal.
 - 2100—World News (BBC).
 - 2115—Serenade.
 - 2120—American Commentary—Alistair Cooke.
 - 2135—All Time Hit Parade.
 - 2200—Xavier Cugat.
 - 2230—One-Night-Stand with Paul Martin.
 - 2255—Final Edition.
 - 2300—Sign off until 0800 hours, Sunday, Mar. 26.

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- 0800—Sign On—Morning Varieties.
 - 0830—Mail, Bowes and Program Resume.
 - 0900—World News (BBC).
 - 0910—Hymns from Home.
 - 0930—Sunday Serenade (BBC).
 - 1015—Novatime.
 - 1030—Mormon Tabernacle Choir.
 - 1100—News Headlines—Your Town—Radio News—Letter from three American Towns.
 - 1115—Sad Sacklers Trio.
 - 1130—Hour of Charm.
 - 1200—News (BBC).
 - 1210—Barracks Bag and Program Resume.
 - 1300—World News (BBC).
 - 1310—Paul Whiteman.
 - 1325—GI Tommy.
 - 1335—Bob Crosby Show.
 - 1400—National Barn Dance—Regular cast of the American musical feature.
 - 1430—John Charles Thomas—Metropolitan Bartone sings popular favorites.
 - 1459—News Headlines (BBC).
 - 1500—Take Your Choice.

Premier and General Look Over Invasion Equipment



Prime Minister Winston Churchill takes an interest in American airborne troops' equipment. At left, he scrutinizes the mortar of a paratroop crew while Gen.



Eisenhower looks on. At right, Churchill takes a look-see at the interior of a troop carrier.

Cassino Force Is Still Cut Off

Encircled on Ridge; Allies Admit the Situation Is 'Not Very Good'

Allied troops on a ridge of Mount Cassino cut off from the main Fifth Army forces were supplied by air yesterday for the fifth successive day as Allied headquarters in Italy announced that the situation in Cassino was "not very good."

Although the Germans abandoned their fruitless attempt to liquidate the Allied hill positions threatening Monastery Hill, New Zealanders were unable to force their way up the ridge to rescue the isolated troops.

In Cassino itself bitter fighting raged around the German-recaptured Hotel Continental, the Hotel of Roses and the amphitheater.

A heavy toll of Germans was taken by New Zealanders, who with the support of artillery and mortar fire advanced westward toward Monastery Hill in spite of the fierce opposition of Nazi paratroopers and panzer grenadiers.

A United Press dispatch, reporting that the Germans had won back some ground and were reinforcing their Cassino garrison, said that the situation was the most critical since the Allied offensive was launched last week.

On the Anzio bridgehead a small assault on the Allied right flank was thrown back.

Morale is Praised

U.S. ARMY POST, Panama, Mar. 24—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt praised troop morale on a visit here today.

Churchill, Eisenhower Watch Sky Show by Airborne Yanks

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bottom of my heart wish you all good fortune and success."

With the Commanding General and the Prime Minister were Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, commanding U.S. ground troops in the ETO, and Maj. Gen. Lewis Brereton, commander of the Ninth Air Force, who had come to see pilots and crews of his Troop Carrier Command carry paratroopers and glider-riders to the Drop Zone, as is their task, wherever airborne troops are employed.

The troops re-formed after the Prime Minister's address, and Churchill and Eisenhower circled around an exhibition, laid out on the field, of equipment which will be carried in on D-Day.

The 69-year-old Churchill led a fast trip round the field, making an agile 2 1/2-foot jump from the glider commanded by Capt. Ira E. Hamblin, of Stockville, Minn., after having told the crew that "you look very sociable in here."

He was shown by Gen. Eisenhower transport gliders loaded with artillery and spent some time at a Waco, commanded by 2/Lt. Quentin Feitner, of New York, which was carrying a jeep with a crew of four. Cpl. Laddie Valek, of Cleveland, was rigged as a member of a demolition crew and told the visitors that, with his equipment, he weighed 300 pounds.

Gen. Eisenhower illustrated to the Prime Minister the mortar carried by the troopers, praising its accuracy, and gave

its range. Pfc John Betz, of Cleveland, corrected him.

Softest job of the afternoon was held by Pfc Hudyma, of Fulton, N.Y., and Pvt. Alton W. Brown, of Jacksonville, Fla., who, swathed in bandages and under blankets on stretchers, played the role of casualties for the official visit.

At the end of the tour of inspection the visitors mounted a stand which had been decorated with the colored equipment 'chutes and in front of which two British and two American paratroopers mounted color guard. The U.S. representatives were Cpl. Harold Martin, of Morrilton, Ark., and Pfc Stillman Betts, of Eureka, Cal.

Behind them was a field on which four gliders landed, skidding to a smooth stop. In front of them, on time to the second, Troop Carrier Command C47s zoomed in bearing many hundred paratroopers.

As the planes swooped over the Drop Zone the sky rapidly filled with parachutes—some, both white and camouflaged, carried the assault troops smoothly earthward; others, colored, brought down material.

Eisenhower and the Prime Minister mounted a command car driven by Pfc Kenneth Worden, of Clark Lake, Mich., and led a convoy which included the Premier's daughter, Mrs. Sarah Oliver, WAAF section leader, to the area in which the paratroopers had, within a matter of minutes, established themselves in a tactical position.

Joan Tells Jury How Chaplin Wowed, Wooded and Won Her

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 24—Joan Barry's almost tearful story of intimacies with Charlie Chaplin in New York and Hollywood made a lurid chapter today in the government's Mann Act case against the comedian, but the defense scored on her admission she entered into the relationship voluntarily.

The 22-year-old redhead testified in a low voice that intimacies began a month after she and Chaplin were introduced in May, 1941. She said Chaplin paid for her tuition at Max Reinhardt's school of dramatics while she studied for a role in "Shadow and Substance."

That fall, she said, she went to New York, met Chaplin at the Stork Club and later went to his apartment at the Waldorf-Astoria.

"He showed me all around," she said. "We talked for a few minutes about the Russians. Mr. Chaplin said the Russians were very artistic. Then he asked me to go to the bedroom."

"What exactly did he say?" U.S. District Attorney Charles Carr wanted to know.

"Oh, I couldn't repeat that. I can't say it. But we went to the bedroom."

She said they were intimate and that she stayed in Chaplin's bedroom until 3 AM.

Miss Barry admitted breaking into the comedian's Hollywood home through a window in December, 1942. "I took a gun but I did not threaten to shoot him." Instead, she threatened to kill herself, she said. Chaplin told her not to be a fool and tried to get the gun, she added, and in the end "I spent the night with him."

Next morning, the girl said, "he told me he was going to rehabilitate me. He said I was extravagant but if I moved into the Studio Club (a boarding house) he would give me \$25 a week on condition he could have me whenever he wanted."

Attorney Jerry Geisler, counsel for Chaplin, won an admission that when she met Chaplin she was keeping company with another man—"the same man you were having relations with in Mexico City." When Geisler asked about relations with still other men, Carr objected and was upheld.

Allies in Burma Push Back Japs

Nipponese Ousted From 3 Positions Which Had Cut Road in India Drive

NEW DELHI, Mar. 24 (AP)—The Japanese are officially reported to have been dislodged from three positions covering the Tiddim-Imphal road, which had been cut by their offensive into India and which was aimed at imperilling Allied communications serving operations deep in Burma.

A communique issued here today said that British troops to the north had closed in on one of the main Japanese positions.

Japanese troops pushing up past Tamu, between the road and the lower fringe of the frontier swamps, also have been forced back, according to reliable sources.

In the Chin Hill area, the Japanese are reported to have lost 600 to 700 in killed in less than a week's fighting. Losses to the U.S. 14th Army are described in the same dispatch as "infinitely lighter."

Truk Outposts Bombed

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24 (AP)—American bombers carrying out their 12th raid against Ponape and Kusaie, guarding the eastern approaches to the big Jap base at Truk, started large fires in warehouses and barracks, the Navy Department announced.

At the same time other bombing flights continued the regular pounding of enemy-held atolls in the mid-Pacific Marshall Islands, setting fire to an ammunition dump and causing other fires and explosions.

In New Guinea in the Southwest Pacific Allied bombers smashed at enemy shipping off the coast of Wewak, hitting two small freighters, seven coastal vessels and 23 barges. The bombers dropped 200 tons of explosives from Aitape to Wewak. Parked planes, buildings and heavy guns also were destroyed.

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Nazis had occupied his country, there was no official confirmation of other Ankara reports that they had achieved control of all communications. Telephone service between Bucharest and Sofia was interrupted. Morocco radio said names for a "completely pro-Axis Rumanian cabinet" were being discussed at Hitler's headquarters.

In Bulgaria, according to reports reaching Madrid, the Germans sent motorized detachments to Varna, a fortified port on the Black Sea, and to Burgas, another port 50 miles south of Varna. No opposition was mentioned. Moscow radio broadcast that Nazi advance parties arrived in the country recently to prepare quarters for six German divisions.

Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff

