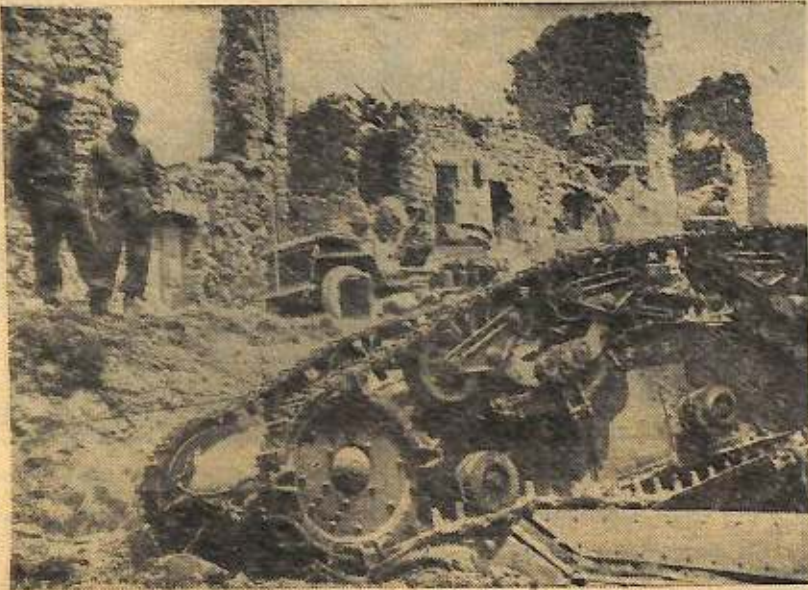


## Main Front Links Up With Anzio Units

### KOd German Tanks and TKOd Germans Tell the Story



Two American soldiers, pausing in the northward push toward Anzio beachhead, survey a knocked-out German tank in the Ausente Valley.



Seven Germans, found hiding in cellars, are lined up to be searched. They chose to stay behind as Yanks occupied the village.

### Yanks Meet After Enemy Quits Coast

#### Cisterna Periled, Appian Way Cut by Allies; Nazis Rushing Troops South

NAPLES, May 25—Yanks from the main Italian front met Yanks from the Anzio beachhead in the early morning mists of the Pontine marshes today and the Fifth Army forces were joined at last for a unified drive against the Germans fleeing into the hills to the north after evacuating the entire coastal area.

Thus, after four long months, the "beachhead" was no longer a beachhead but a spearhead, its point 25 miles from Rome. The junction brought "to a climax," said the official communique, "the spectacular advance of the Fifth Army of more than 60 miles in only 14 days."

The juncture was made by patrols from the two fronts who met on the Anzio-Terracina coastal road a few miles southeast of the former bridgehead, and later Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of the Fifth Army, drove out from Anzio and met officers from the south. An official spokesman at Gen. Sir Harold Alexander's headquarters here said that "it should not be long before the two fronts are firmly established as one, when the Fifth Army will then develop even greater strength than hitherto."

**Eighth Occupies Pontecorvo**  
Meanwhile, the last of Field Marshal Albert Kesselring's fixed defenses were rapidly being shattered. The "little Cassino" of Pontecorvo was occupied by the Eighth Army, the Germans being driven back five miles to the western bank of Melfa River. The northeastward thrust of the Fifth Army from Anzio surrounded Cisterna from three sides and cut the Appian Way northwest of there as well as southeast.

The desperate Germans apparently were rushing reinforcements down from the north of Italy. Allied airmen reported attacks on "long columns of reinforcements" moving southward from Cecina. Fighter-bombers ranging over the roads destroyed 233 Nazi vehicles during the day and damaged many others.

More than 1,100 prisoners were taken above Cisterna. The count of captives for the offensive to date rose above 10,000.

The troops from the ex-beachhead scored an advance of three miles at the deepest point in the first day and a half of fighting. In addition to cutting the Appian Way on both sides of Cisterna, they seized a section of the Cisterna-Campoleone railroad and cut it in several other places. Cisterna, a keypoint of the Germans' beachhead defenses—a previous Allied attempt to storm it had proved costly—was being battered by artillery and mortars, and troops were in the outskirts. La Villa, one mile west of there, was captured.

**Threatens Nazi Retreat Routes**  
(This drive towards Velletri and the Alban Hills was considered by some military observers to be of far greater importance than the more spectacular linking up of the beachhead and main-front forces. The drive threatens to cut Kesselring's communications in the rear and his avenues of retreat. Supplies for the Anzio forces probably will continue to be sent by sea, a more direct route than the highway.)

On the Eighth Army front Canadian troops widened the gap they cut through (Continued on page 4)

### Worst Shortage Of Coal Looms

PHILADELPHIA, May 25—The greatest U.S. coal shortage in recent times, perhaps in its history, is threatening the nation, Fuel Administrator Harold L. Ickes said tonight.

By intelligent planning and conservation, however, the U.S. "can stay warm next winter and still have the fuel we need to win the war," he said in an address before the Pennsylvania Retail Coal Merchants' Association.

Although he said there should be no panic over the coal situation, Ickes declared there was real need for vigorous action to prevent "a national fuel catastrophe next winter."

Stockpiles of bituminous coal above ground now amount to less than a month's supply, he said, and there are no stockpiles of domestic sizes of anthracite.

### Need to Fly Over 'Hump' In Asia Ends

#### Transports to China Now Use Myitkyina Airfield On Shorter Route

CHUNGKING, May 25—One of the chief objectives sought by the Allies at Myitkyina was realized to-day as the battle for the northern Burma town itself still raged when the China National Aviation Corporation announced that the big cargo planes plying between India and China now were using the airport there.

The opening of this shorter southern route obviates the perilous flight over the 20,000-ft. peaks of the Himalayan "hump" north of Burma, with a material saving of time and fuel. The air link with China thus was strengthened pending the reopening of an overland route through Myitkyina via the new Ledo and the old Burma Roads.

The trapped Japanese garrison at Myitkyina made numerous desperate attempts to break out of the ring of U.S. and Chinese troops around them, but all failed, and at heavy cost.

Meanwhile, the Chinese 22nd Division pushed forward five miles west of the Mogaung River, northwest of Myitkyina, and the troops driving westward from the Salween River front occupied Tatangzu, 29 miles northeast of the Japanese base of Tengchung, after annihilating more than 1,000 encircled Japanese.

### Ernest Hemingway Hurt In London Auto Crash

Ernest Hemingway, American author and sportsman, suffered head injuries yesterday when an automobile in which he was riding with two friends, Dr. and Mrs. Peter Gover, hit a water tank in the Knightsbridge section of London. All three were taken to a hospital.

The bearded author of "For Whom the Bell Tolls" and other novels came to London recently as a war correspondent for Collier's magazine.

### North-South Blitz Rips Anti-Invasion Rail Links

More than 1,500 American bombers yesterday struck from two sides of Europe at the network of railways reinforcing Hitler's defense against invasion through the conquered lands of the west.

One thousand Flying Fortresses and Liberators flew out from Britain to bomb nine railway junctions and four airfields in France and Belgium, while from the Mediterranean other heavies flew northward to batter the railways funneling into Lyons and Toulon, in the south of France.

### USAAF Breaks Rail Bottleneck

#### Ground Troops' Feverish Work Ends Bomb Tie-Up On Britain's Sidings

A railway bottleneck which momentarily threatened supply lines feeding the USAAF's bombers in the current pre-invasion aerial offensive was eliminated by a feverish program of day-and-night work by air-force ground troops, the ordnance section of USSTAF Air Service Command revealed yesterday.

When American munitions plants stepped up production to Second Front tempo bombs poured into the ETO at nine times the previous rate, ordnance officers said. Equipped to handle only 40 cars daily, USAAF railheads were swamped.

With tons and tons of bombs frozen on sidings ordnance was ordered to take over centralized control of all bomb handling.

Within four hours hundreds of Air Service Command soldiers rushed to munitions depots, pressing into service British trucks and freight cars. Working day and night, the men spiked in hundreds of miles of new sidings and installed giant cranes to unload carloads of high explosives.

Soon the bombs were rolling once again in a steady stream from port to Fort.

### Used Army Trucks for Sale

WASHINGTON, May 25—Seven thousand used Army trucks, valued at about \$4,000,000, are being offered to authorized civilian dealers by the U.S. Treasury, it was announced today.

### 2 Hands Clasp And a Union Is Consummated

#### A Main-Front Engineer Meets One From Anzio To Complete Linkup

By Daniel DeLuce  
Associated Press War Correspondent

ANZIO BEACHHEAD, May 25—The two Allied fronts in Italy were united at 7.30 this morning when an American combat engineer from the beachhead clasped the hand of another from the Fifth Army.

The meeting place was in the vicinity of Borgo Grappa, five miles east of the old beachhead front on the Mussolini Canal.

Members of a Fifth Army reconnaissance patrol from the main front, swarming over the green meadows, came upon both American engineers and British armored-car scouts who had started off from the canal after dawn to achieve the historic union.

Capt. Ben Souza, of Honolulu, halted the 20-man patrol from the main front and shouted:

"Where are you going?"  
"To make contact with the beachhead," replied Lt. Francis Buckley, of Philadelphia, the Fifth Army's advance man.

"You've already made contact," grinned Capt. Souza.

At 10.15, followed by jeep loads of correspondents, Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark appeared at the bridge where the two tiny advance forces had assembled.

"This is an eventful day for the Fifth Army," was the general's comment.

(United Press said the chief comment of the boys from the main front was: "Where's that Anzio beer we've been hearing about?")

### Size of Post-War Army Hinges on Peace Burdens

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP)—Tentative figures for the post-war size of the armed forces have been assembled, service spokesmen said today, stressing, however, that the size of the Army and Navy after the end of hostilities could not be determined until the extent of the nation's post-war commitments was learned.

It was said to be a safe assumption, however, that the forces would be considerably larger than in the immediate pre-emergency period, but appreciably smaller than the two to three million men reported in recent press dispatches. The same dispatches had reported that the Army would demobilize from 200,000 to 250,000 men each month after the defeat of Germany. Service spokesmen made no comment on this estimate.

Vanderbilt Is Appointed Pacific Civil-Control Chief  
PEARL HARBOR, May 25—Former Gov. William H. Vanderbilt, of Rhode Island, now a Navy commander, has been named to take charge of military government in Allied-occupied Pacific islands, as civil-affairs officer on the staff of Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, it was announced today.

### Looking for a Long War in Europe? Army Orders Vast Increase In Output of Heavy Artillery

WASHINGTON, May 25—A tremendous increase in the production of heavy artillery, with emphasis on the 155mm. howitzer, the 155mm. gun or "long Tom," the 8-in. gun and the 240mm. weapon has been ordered by the Army, it was disclosed to-day.

It was revealed that ammunition requirements for weapons of the 155mm. size and greater have been expanded an average of 400 to 500 per cent, with boosts in some categories ranging as high as 1,000 per cent. above current schedules.

The changes reflected a significant switch from lighter to heavy artillery in combat areas—particularly in Italy,

where the rate of fire greatly has exceeded expectations. The shift also was viewed in production circles as evidence the Army may be planning for a long inland war following the invasion of Western Europe.

The program will require the reopening of some factories previously closed by the Army. Army production chiefs are scouring the country for additional forging machines to make the needed shells.

The expansion also places an added strain on the nylon industry, which provides bags for powder and charges for big guns. And the extra alcohol needed for powder means a continuance of the present whisky shortage in the U.S.

### The War Today

**Italy**—Fifth Army links up with Anzio beachhead forces as Germans evacuate coast; Eighth Army extends gains.

**Air War**—Heavies from Britain and Mediterranean hammer rail targets in occupied countries; other craft sweep Atlantic Wall.

**Asia**—India-China transport planes now using Myitkyina airport, obviating perilous flights over Himalayan "ump," although Japs still hold out in north Burma town.

**Pacific**—Americans battle toward Guinea; bombers strike from Truk to Kuriles.

**Russia**—Red Army widens bridgehead on Dniester's west bank northwest of Tiraspol after beating off German tank attacks.



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# He Was a One-Man Army

By Charles F. Kiley

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THEY found him face down on the side of a hill in the Sedjenane Valley. Bullets had pierced his head and mouth and ripped across his waist. Nearby were the lifeless bodies of French Commando scouts who fell with him in a suicidal attempt to storm a German machine-gun nest.

That was the end of "Molotov," the U.S. Ninth Infantry Division's one-man army in North Africa and one of the most fantastic personalities of the war. Incredible as the heroic feats and shenanigans of this unbridled soldier may seem they have been substantiated by men who knew him and fought with him in the famous fighting Ninth.

Molotov's name was really Karl Warner. He was a private, hated and loved by officers and fellow soldiers alike who long regarded him as the poorest example of a man in uniform. But before he fell dead on that Tunisian hill, when the chips were down and the tiresome training-camp days over, Molotov proved himself to be one of the most efficient and courageous soldiers in his or any other army; a soldier whose fabulous story may make him the Sgt. York of World War II.

A boastful, loud-mouthed "wise guy," Molotov refused to be subjected to discipline. He wore outlandish uniforms, never completed a route march. He fell asleep on guard, deserted his post and talked his way free of two courts-martial. He won fabulous sums in crap games, bitched about Army life from reveille to taps, was insubordinate to all ranks and was AWOL so many times nobody knew the actual count.

There wasn't a rule in the book Molotov didn't tear up into little pieces.

On the other hand, Molotov performed incredible feats in combat, albeit by his own peculiar methods. He had little respect for Army routine and red tape,



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Morever, he killed more than a score of enemy officers and men in hand-to-hand combat on scouting trips, but he never discussed it.

That was Molotov, about whom one of his officers is reported to have said: "There is scarcely anything you could write about him that would not be true," and about whom reports are just reaching Britain from Mediterranean sources.

Although his name was Warner, nobody knew him by that. It was "Molotov" at roll call. Even the battalion is said to have consulted his service record to find his true identity. It was "Molotov" from the moment another soldier pinned the tag on him at Fort Bragg.

### Talk of the Outfit

About his civilian life little is known except that he lived alone in a boarding house on 44th St. in Manhattan, was known as "Curly" around the news-stand at 46th and Broadway, seemed to have been all over the U.S.A., claimed to have been on familiar terms with radio and screen stars, did business for and with racketeers, and once said he was "part Russian and part Jewish."

But from the day he arrived as a sad selectee at Fort Dix, clad in camel-hair coat, pearl-gray slacks and white silk muffler, and hatless until he was killed last April, the escapades of the 24-year-old blond, curly-haired and handsome Molotov were discussed more by the division than all the rest of the war.

Another known characteristic was Molly's fetish for gambling. He favored dice, but anything would do, with stakes ranging from five cents to five hundred dollars. After one session his pockets bulged with \$1,200. Three days later he lost it to civilian sharpies in a pool room. On another occasion he dropped \$450 in half an hour. But his credit was always good. He was never known to waltz or stall off payment of a loan.

Officers and non-coms agreed it was impossible to enforce discipline with the unruly Molotov. At Fort Dix he was seen wearing civilian clothes for several days after induction while other recruits

were wearing GI. At Fort Bragg he was picked up frequently by MPs, sporting an officer's blouse, tailor-made trousers and tan silk shirt.

His disregard for training programs, desertion of his post on guard duty, refusal to wear a helmet, constant brawls and loud boasts eventually made Molotov disliked from top to bottom, from high-ranking officers to the men with whom he lived. Everybody said he would be a handicap in combat, and a transfer to

at Station de Sened, where Molotov's platoon was covered by a company of Italian infantry dug in on higher ground.

By this time regarded as his company's best scout, Molotov took with him an Italian interpreter, and without thought of personal risk openly walked up the hill toward the Italian position. The enemy evidently thought it was a surrender and withheld fire. Two men came out to meet the intrepid Molotov.

With his gift of gab, Molotov made them believe they were surrounded by a superior American force. The Italians, however, could not surrender, they said, until they were ordered to do so by a colonel who was then in the rear. Accompanied by his company commander, Molotov went back to the Italians a second time, and when they stood fast he was the first to charge the defended ground and unarm 140 men without firing a shot.

The following day he told his platoon sergeant he was going up ahead "to see what the score is." Standing atop a hill 800 yards from his company and waving his pistols above his head, Molotov shouted, "Finish la guerre... finish la guerre." The sound echoed and re-echoed over the hills while enemy machine-guns sprayed the hill with searching fire.

### Unwanted? Hardly!

Crouched between two boulders he made mental notes of the machine-gun positions, relayed the information to the artillery, and in a short time the enemy emplacements were wiped out. A few of the shells landed short, endangering Molotov's company. He complained loudly to an artillery officer, who rewarded him with a curt remark about his crazy-quilt uniform. The artillery, nevertheless, tried to have Molotov transferred as an observer, but the infantry wouldn't hear of it.

In Maknassy he was credited with saving the company from being trapped by reporting an enemy force, captured an Arab spy possessing 900 francs of Nazi-controlled Vichy French money, and made his way alone through a minefield to locate disbanded American equipment, including mortars and Tommy guns.

The curtain came down on Molotov's colorful, though brief, Army career shortly afterward in the Sedjenane Valley push. It came down before he fulfilled an ambition of supplying every man in the company with a German machine pistol.

He was part of a file assigned to maintain contact between his unit and a force of French on the left flank. That job was too dull for a man of Molotov's caliber. He passed on word that he was going up with the French Ghoums to see once more "what the score was." He reported a German machine-gun nest and was last seen on his way—overseas cap, pistols and carbines—with a patrol of the French Commandos.

His body was discovered by the French and reported to an American liaison officer. They found a Nazi flag in Molotov's hip pocket, but his prized field glasses were gone.

There were two charges pending against "the poorest example of a man in uniform" when he was killed. They were dropped from his record in accordance with Army policy.

Even in death he beat the rap. When reports that Molotov was dead spread like wildfire, the men who once scorned the ebullient smart aleck were genuinely affected.

"It's a dirty trick on him," one of his buddies is said to have remarked. "That's what he lived for—more courts-martial to talk his way out of."

An officer added: "I didn't think it was possible for anybody to kill him. He was fearless."

That was the mysterious Molotov, whose spirit probably will live as long as the men with whom he fought are alive; who was awarded posthumously the Silver Star "for brave and daring actions... reflecting the highest tradition of the military service"; whose body now lies in a shallow grave on a roadside in Sedjenane or in a military cemetery between Gafsa and Mateur.

Nobody knows for sure.

### Anzio Beachhead

HEROIC troops in the Anzio beachhead and hard driving soldiers in the Fifth Army's main front have made contact, thus forcing the Germans out of one of their few remaining favorable positions in Italy.

This establishment of the first land contact between the two forces since the original beachhead landings Jan. 22 is a deadly blow to the Germans and frustrates their attempt to keep the defenders isolated and pinned down.

Maintenance of our positions there required magnificent courage and rare fighting ability ranking in valor with the sensational drive by the Fifth Army of more than 60 miles along the coast in fourteen days.

The Germans threw in everything they had, but it was not enough. Again they have been pushed back.

What this linking of the two forces means militarily will be evident: within a few days. The immediate effect of the Allied announcement of success and the German admission of defeat is psychologically damaging to enemy morale.

German generals are staunch soldiers, but they cannot sustain such shattering reverses as have been dealt by the Allies in Italy.

### New Jeep Brake

AN old saying, "there is always room for improvement," holds good, even in these hectic times. Through a war correspondent's alertness, even the "unbeatable" jeep is better than it used to be.

Writing from North Africa some months ago columnist Ernie Pyle observed, "I don't think we could continue the war without the jeep." However, he said, the vehicle needed a new handbrake; the present one was "perfectly useless—won't hold at all. They should either design one that works or else save metal by not having one at all."

Except for this, he said, "the jeep is a divine instrument of wartime locomotion."

Experts at Willys-Overland motors were quick to take up the challenge. The brake mechanism has been redesigned on the internal expansion principle, and the auto company has now informed the columnist that his own objection can be withdrawn—the new handbrake developed at his suggestion "will hold tight in any spot."

A small matter, perhaps, but it means that the "divine instrument of war locomotion" is ready to give even better service to the fighting men who put it to its severest test.

### Soldiers' Brides

SOLDIERS fall in love and soldiers get married. That sort of thing has been going on for a long time. And sooner or later their wives go to their new home, a faraway land that their husbands love and dream about, and a place they, too, are determined to like.

You know the kind of girl a GI marries—young, pretty, full of life, and a longing for adventure. They have got to have that spirit of adventure or they would not agree to leave their homeland and go to a strange place to build a new home of their own.

We do not know what they think of America. Possibly they have seen a lot of movies and have an idea that everything back home is colossal, stupendous, terrific, and in the groove. They might even think that little lambs eat Hedera Helix.

It is a sure bet that GI Joe has not pulled his punches when he paints a word picture of what goes on in New York or New Orleans or Goshen, Indiana.

But women are not so dumb. They know that Joe is not given to understatement when he talks about home, and they discount his talk just a wee bit. But they are ready to go out to America, and they are going in a steady procession from all over the world.

We hope they like it there. We know for sure that we like them.

### Radar Selection

TIME Magazine published the following items: "In Washington, D.C., the Fish and Wildlife Service prepared to try out the angler's dream gadget—a radar device expected to: (1) Find schools of fish; (2) report on their sizes; (3) tell where they are going."

That idea is okeh as far as it goes, but it is no help to a soldier who is usually landlocked. What we would like to see is a radar device expected to: (1) Find beavies of girls; (2) report on their sizes; (3) tell whether they want to go the way we are going.



yet never was known to get out of hand under fire. Whereas he never questioned combat orders, he was apt to raise hell when a colonel told him to get a haircut.

With the same persuasive measures that saved him from courts-martial he bluffed an entire Italian company into surrender. He exposed himself to enemy fire on numerous occasions to direct artillery, and once saved his own company from being trapped by a superior enemy force.

Frequently disappearing on unauthor-

## Hash Marks

One of the favorite jokes being kicked around the BBC circuit has it that so much chewing gum has been thrown in the fountain at Trafalgar Square the pigeons are laying "rubber" eggs.

We see by the papers that American military supplies still overseas at the end of the war will likely be left where they are because of the tremendous cost of transporting it all back to the U.S.A. Please, Uncle Sam, don't let that apply to military personnel!

The \$64 Question. Referring to WAC warrant officers, a Stars and Stripes writer said, "Two of the 4,000 WACs in the ETO are entitled to be called 'Miss' without infringement of ARs." To which CWO Arnold E. Harjehausen replies, "the ARs very clearly state, 'Warrant officers and flight officers will be addressed as Mister.' So, we guess, under 'strict' interpretation of the ARs even WAC WOs are 'Mister'—but we'll still play safe and call the next one we see, 'Miss,' wouldn't you?"

Another unsigned verse found in the typewriter. Titled, GI Quandary.

A kiss in the light  
Is too public a sight.  
A kiss in the dark  
Often misses its mark.

Pvt. Ernest Apfel is still a little dazed by a recent verbal encounter with a PX clerk. Apfel went down the line, purchasing about 12 items, and the clerk, without the use of pencil and paper,

quickly quoted the correct amount. Surprised at his speed with figures, Apfel asked, "Do you always total your sales mentally?" "Naw," replied the clerk modestly, "I just figure them in my head as I go along."

Cause for Divorce? Arthur Marks, of Colorado, sued his wife for divorce on



the grounds that she stepped on his face every night while climbing over him to get to her side of the bed.

This Week's Fable. (Thanks to Major J. Robertshaw.) A bunch of soldiers rapped on the Pearly Gates. "What kind of soldiers are you?" asked St. Peter. "Americans!" came the reply. Back came the answer, "Okay, let 'em in. They'll ask for a transfer in six weeks, anyway." J. C. W.



move him elsewhere would have received unanimous approval.

Strangely, Molotov never gold-bricked on KP and nobody understood why he did even more than his share of work in the kitchen.

It was in the early days of the North African campaign that Molotov the misfit found his place in the Army and a warm spot in the hearts of the men, although his unique actions continued on even a larger scale. At Port Lyautey he turned up without a bit of equipment, and after his platoon sergeant ordered him to get some he returned wearing a Navy raincoat, turtle-neck sweater and white hat and carrying an M1 rifle.

### Out of Uniform—and How!

Through the French Moroccan, Maknassy and Sedjenane battles he appeared at various times in French scarlet and blue capes, in an armored soldier's "zoot suit," in Italian beret with a huge, black plume, with an Italian officer's belt on the style of a Sam Brown, and always armed with two pistols and a carbine.

In Port Lyautey he made friends quickly with the Arabs. In short order he had them build him a tent, furnish it with rugs, tapestries, lamps, pictures, cot and mattresses, table and chair. Furthermore, they dug his foxholes and brought him fruit, wine and eggs. Never a close associate or confidant of any one person, Molotov reigned in his tent alone.

It was at Port Lyautey, too, that Molotov acquired his most prized possession—a pair of French field glasses, which attracted attention from every officer he met. They tried to buy the glasses, threatened to take them from him, attempted to make trades. But Molotov said, "No." He removed them from an enemy officer whom he had killed in his first day in combat—and he aimed to keep them.

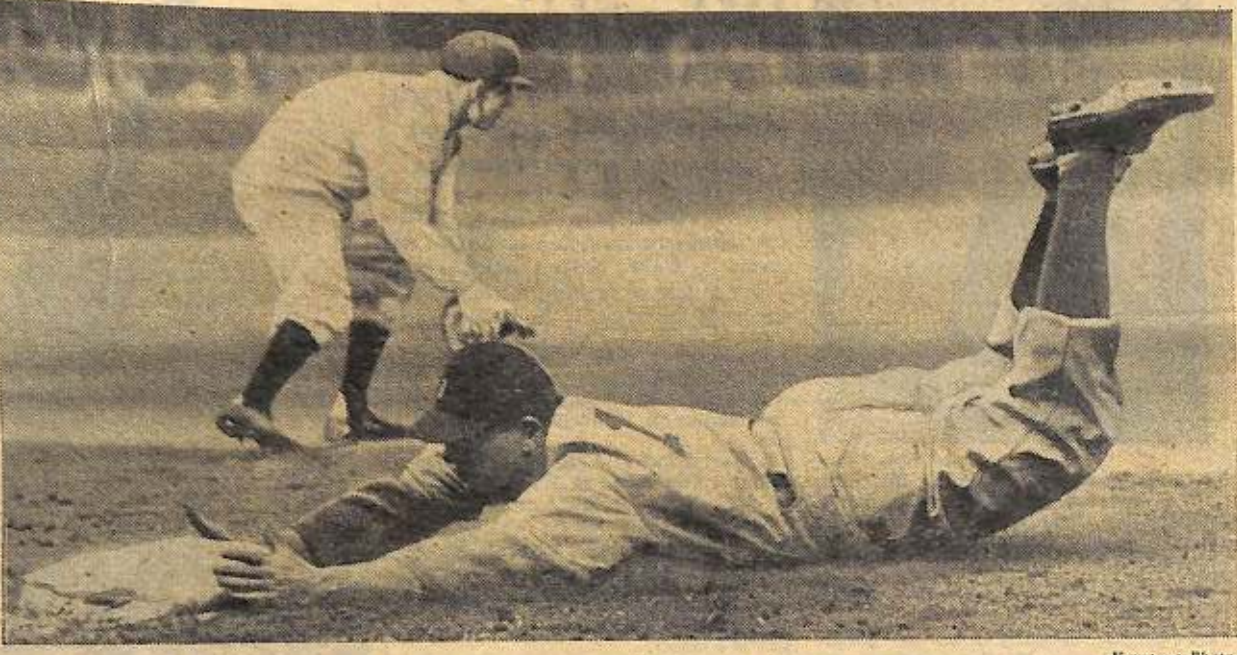
Later, those glasses were to serve many useful purposes. While he was attached to a rifle company, a great deal of his self-appointed service was done for the artillery, extremely dangerous observation of enemy positions from vantage points less courageous men would not attempt to reach.

The outstanding exploit of this "poorest example of a soldier" occurred



# urates, Bruins Continue Winning Streaks

## The Owen Express Roars Into Third



Mickey Owen, Brooklyn catcher, dives safely into third base on a double by Howie Schultz as the Brooks clipped the Phils, 5-4, at Shibe Park. Cieslak, Phillie third baseman, pulls away from the base to get the peg.

## Braves Slapped By Bucs, 8-1; Cubs Claw Phils

### Browns Edge Red Sox, 7-3, To Gain Half Game On Idle Yanks

NEW YORK, May 25—The Pirates slapped down the Braves, 8-1, to run their victory string to six straight and eight in their last nine tests, and the improving Cubs notched their fifth in a row, subduing the Phillies, 2-0, under lights last night in the only National League games not washed off the slate by rain.

Five unearned runs on three walks, three errors and two hits in the first inning provided the Bucs with sufficient margin to defeat Jim Tobin. Rip Sewell handed himself a handsome lead when he cleared the bases with a double in the first. Tobin didn't yield another hit until the eighth when the Pirates tallied three more on three singles, another double by Sewell, a double steal and an error. Butch Nieman averted a shutout when he poled a home run in the eighth.

Charlie Grimm's Chicagoans finally discovered a pitcher who can survive nine innings, Paul Erickson setting down the Phils with five bingles, while the Cubs collected seven off Ken Raffensberger, one-time Cub southpaw. The Bruins registered in the sixth on Bill Schuster's double, Phil Cavarretta's sacrifice bunt and a long fly by Eddie Sauer. They scored another in the ninth when Cavarretta waded and scampered home on Andy Pafko's two-base hit.

#### First Division Clubs Win

In the American League, rain kept the Yanks and White Sox idle in Chicago, but the three first division clubs trailing the New Yorkers in the standings triumphed against second division opponents.

The runner-up Brownies capitalized on Emmett O'Neill's wildness to thump the Red Sox, 7-3, in a nocturnal affair at St. Louis, presenting Jack Kramer with his sixth success of the season. Vic Johnson started for the Sox and gave the Browns their original lead to suffer the defeat, although O'Neill was present when St. Louis unleashed its big inning. Successive walks to Vern Stephens, Chet Laabs, Mark Christman and Mill Byrnes forced one across, then Laabs and Christman scored on a wild pitch and Red Hayworth followed with a single. George Metkovich homered for Boston in the third with none on.

#### Eight-Run Splurge Aids A's

An outburst of eight runs in the first two innings was plenty for the Athletics to victimize Detroit, 8-4, in the Motor City yesterday and snapped the Tiger win string at six. Catcher Frankie Hayes headed the Macks' offensive by clubbing a homer with the bases full in the second frame, his sixth circuit clout of the campaign. Don Black, who twirled two-hit ball for eight innings, but was chased in the ninth when the Bengals clustered five hits for four runs, was credited with the verdict, while Ruffus Gentry, who fooled nobody and departed in the second, was the loser.

Dutch Leonard, veteran Washington knuckleballer, turned in his fourth consecutive victory yesterday by shading the Indians, 5-4, at Cleveland after surviving a rocky first inning during which the Tribe scored all their runs on five safeties. The initial Cleveland splurge included successive singles by Manager Lou Baudreau, Mickey Rocco, Roy Cullenbine and Oris Hockett, a two-bagger by Buddy Rosar and Pat Seerey's long fly. Leonard settled down after that, however, and allowed only three hits the rest of the way.

The Nats touched Allie Reynolds for one in the fourth and two in the sixth. Then Johnny Sullivan's single drove in Gilberto Torres and Rick Ferrell with the winning runs in the seventh off Ed Klieman, who replaced Reynolds in that inning and was tagged with the defeat.

#### Young Honored by Illinois

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., May 25—Claude "Buddy" Young, young Negro sprint and broad jump star, became the first freshman ever chosen as Illinois University's "athlete of the year." Young, who entered school in February, was awarded the honor in the 50th annual pool conducted by the student newspaper and the university's athletic association.

## Meade Granted License in N.Y.

### Ruled Off Track in '42 'For Life,' Don Gets Another Chance

NEW YORK, May 25—Ruled off New York tracks "for life" Oct. 19, 1942, Jockey Don Meade today was reinstated and granted a license to ride by the stewards of the New York Jockey Club. Meade, who has ridden almost 1,500 winners and earned more than \$2,000,000 in purses, was grounded for alleged collusion in a handicap at Aqueduct. He was charged with shouting at Jockey Herb Lindberg—aboard a stablemate of Meade's horse—and directing Lindberg to cut off another horse.

Admitting he called to Lindberg, Meade was suspended until Jan. 1, 1943. After that date he planned to apply for licenses at New Orleans and Hot Springs, Ark., but was warned by stewards at both places that they would refuse his application. Last spring Meade told reporters at Miami he had been promised his license back "if he waited for the right moment."

## Schmidt Sought for Post On Seattle Pro Grid Team

SEATTLE, May 25—Al Davies, wealthy Tacoma sportsman, has announced Seattle will be the home base of the team for whose franchise he paid \$5,000 in the new Pacific Coast professional football league.

Davies said he approached Francis Schmidt, former Ohio State mentor, as possible coach of the Seattle eleven. He also said he is negotiating for the use of the Seattle Rainiers' baseball field.

## Game Results

American Association			
St. Louis	10	13	15
Chicago	10	13	15
Philadelphia	10	13	15
Washington	10	13	15
New York	10	13	15
Southern Association			
Atlanta	10	13	15
Memphis	10	13	15
Indianapolis	10	13	15
Pacific Coast League			
Los Angeles	10	13	15
Hollywood	10	13	15
Oakland	10	13	15
Sacramento	10	13	15

## Giants Fumble Bill Voiselle To His 6th Straight Setback

NEW YORK, May 25—Fans who wondered how long Bill Voiselle, hard-luck Giant pitcher, would maintain his placid attitude while his mates kicked away well-pitched games, know the answer now.

The usually mild-mannered right-hander pitched his glove into the lower stands of Ebbets Field in disgust as he walked off the field Tuesday night, the loser of a 3-2 game he should have won 2-0. It was Voiselle's sixth

loss in a row and the Dodgers, at their daffiest, never contrived to lose in goofier fashion. Voiselle had two outs in the ninth and two strikes on Lloyd Waner when Waner lifted a soft fly to right center. Voiselle started to the clubhouse, apparently with his fourth victory, 2-1, but just as Johnny Rucker prepared to make the catch Charlie Meade rushed over from right field and knocked the ball out of Rucker's grasp, permitting the winning runs to score and setting the stage for Voiselle to "blow his top."

Instead of his fourth triumph, Voiselle suffered his sixth straight loss. During those six setbacks, he yielded a mere five earned runs—but his mates allowed 12 unearned runs by committing 15 errors. Meanwhile, the Giants scored exactly seven on Voiselle's behalf, and they went scoreless for 20 innings behind him until Joe Medwick singled home two runs Tuesday night.

Tuesday was not the first time Voiselle was robbed of victory by his mates' ineptitude, however. Medwick misjudged a fly with the bases loaded May 2 and three runs scored; four days later Napoleon Reyes waited vainly for a bunt to roll foul down the third base line while the runner, who reached base on George Hausmann's miscue, raced home, and May 10 Medwick dropped a fly, Reyes dropped a throw and Voiselle lost, 2-0.

## Lip May Plug Hole at Short

BROOKLYN, May 25—Leo "The Lip" Durocher signed a new contract last night and became eligible to play as well as manage the Brooklyn Dodgers.

The garrulous baseball pilot said he is dissatisfied with his present in-field, especially Shortstop Bill Hart, and that he will return to the lineup soon. Durocher, approaching 39, has experimented with playing the last couple of seasons, but his legs refused to bear up under the daily pounding.



Lippy Durocher

**Chandler Sent to Camp Sibert**  
FT. McPHERSON, Ga., May 25—Spud Chandler, star Yankee right-hander accepted by the Army for limited service, has been transferred from here to Camp Sibert, Ala., for basic training.



American League			
Washington	5	Cleveland	4
Philadelphia	8	Detroit	4
St. Louis	7	Boston	3 (night)
New York	4	Chicago (night)	postponed.
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
New York	17 10 .630	Detroit	15 17 .469
St. Louis	18 15 .545	Boston	14 16 .467
Washington	16 14 .533	Cleveland	14 18 .438
Philadelphia	15 15 .500	Chicago	13 17 .433
National League			
Pittsburgh	8	Boston	1
Chicago	2	Philadelphia	0 (night)
Other games postponed.			
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
St. Louis	21 9 .700	New York	13 17 .433
Pittsburgh	16 10 .615	Brooklyn	13 17 .433
Cincinnati	17 12 .586	Boston	14 19 .424
Philadelphia	13 14 .481	Chicago	9 18 .333

Leading Hitters			
American League			
Tucker, Chicago	21	86	15
Hosler, Detroit	26	73	9
Johnson, Boston	30	93	28
Etten, New York	27	92	14
Hockett, Cleveland	22	72	5
Doerr, Boston	30	117	20
National League			
Walker, Brooklyn	30	118	18
Musial, St. Louis	31	107	20
Medwick, New York	26	103	18
Bordagaray, Brooklyn	28	116	27
Holmes, Boston	34	142	18

**Home Run Hitters**  
American League—Hayes, Philadelphia, and Seery, Cleveland, 6; Spence, Washington, and Trosky, Chicago, 5.  
National League—Schultz, Brooklyn, 6; Northey, Philadelphia, 5; Adams, Philadelphia; Ott, New York, and Kurowski and Litwiler, St. Louis, 4.

**Runs Batted In**  
American League—Tabor, Boston, 23; Stephens, St. Louis, and Seery, Cleveland, 22.  
National League—Schultz, Brooklyn, 33; Weintraub, New York, 24; Lombardi, New York, and Kurowski, St. Louis, 20.

## Giant Hurler Johnny Allen Relents, Signs With Club

NEW YORK, May 25—Johnny Allen, temperamental right-hander who was traded to the Giants with Dolph Camilli in the deal which sent Bill Sayles, Bill Lohrman and Joe Orengo to the Dodgers last year, has signed his contract and will join the New Yorkers later this week.

Offered a substantially reduced salary this year, Allen refused to sign. However, Manager Mel Ott prevailed on the veteran to come to terms.



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By Al Capp



# Jap Fanaticism Fades in Guinea Under Blitz Fire

## Trapped, They're Starting To Throw Away Guns; Disease Worsens Plight

While American aircraft again struck in the Pacific from Truk to the Kuriles, Allied Headquarters in New Guinea yesterday told of a vast change which has come over the trapped Japs there as U.S. forces battled toward two enemy airfields on the Dutch New Guinea mainland opposite Wakde Island.

Scattered in little groups with no chance to escape, many of the Japs were reported throwing away their weapons, demoralized by the Allied jungle blitz. Formerly, under similar conditions, they dug in and fought until all were killed.

Disease and starvation also were said to be dogging the Japs' retreat. Allied planes bomb and strafe the Japs from tree-top heights.

Meantime, American ground forces crossed the Tor River and pushed within five miles of one of the Jap airfields in the Mafin Bay sector of New Guinea, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique said.

Liberators from the Admiralty Island dropped 84 tons of bombs on two air-dromes on Truk. Two of 40 interceptors were shot down. Other Allied army craft hit British New Guinea, New Ireland, New Britain and Bougainville.

Paramushiro and Simushu in the Kuriles were bombed without loss by Navy Ventura's.

### Subs Sink 15 Jap Ships

WASHINGTON, May 25 (Reuter)—U.S. submarines in the Pacific have sunk 15 more Jap ships, including one destroyer and four transports, the Navy Department announced today.

### Senate Passes Measure To Simplify Income Tax

WASHINGTON, May 25—Passed by the Senate, a streamlined tax bill, which would relieve 30,000,000 people of the problem of filling out income-tax returns and simplify tax forms for 20,000,000 others, today went back to the House for concurrence in Senate amendments.

The bill would eliminate the 20 per cent withholding tax and allow the government to deduct from wages the full payment for those earning less than \$5,000 a year. A taxpayer merely would mail in data on his income and marital status and the Treasury Department would do the figuring.

### New Rocket Projectiles Now in the Allied Arsenal

WASHINGTON, May 25 (UP)—New rocket projectiles, including bombs, now are among the Allies' weapons, Dr. Vannevar Bush, director of the Office of Scientific Research, announced today.

A method also has been devised, he said, for the mass production of an explosive more powerful than TNT and currently used by the Allies. Another development is a fuel which gives off no light while burning.

### Vienna Area, Jugoslavia, Brenner Pass Line Hit

ALLIED HQ, Naples, May 25 (AP)—Allied planes of the MAAF yesterday shot up 55 German aircraft against 31 of their own losses in attacks on targets in Austria and Jugoslavia and the Brenner Pass railway line.

Among objectives hit were an airplane factory and three air-dromes in the Vienna district. Airfields at Gratz and Zagreb also were blasted.

### Navy Gets Kyser Vocalist

HOLLYWOOD, May 25 — Harry Babbitt, vocalist with Kay Kyser's orchestra for the last eight years, has been inducted into the Navy.

### AFN Radio Program

- On Your Dial
- 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.
  - 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.
- Friday, May 26
- 1100—Sign on—GI Bull Session.
  - 1130—Curtain Calls.
  - 1200—Noon Edition.
  - 1205—Barracks Bag.
  - 1300—World News (BBC).
  - 1310—Melody Roundup.
  - 1330—Halo Central (Repeats).
  - 1400—News Headlines—Wynford Reynolds.
  - 1430—Visiting Hour.
  - 1500—Music While You Work (BBC).
  - 1530—Off the Record.
  - 1630—Music from America—Don Voorbee's Orchestra and Guests.
  - 1700—Gay Nineties Revue.
  - 1725—Quiet Moment.
  - 1730—Midland Light Orchestra and Program Resume.
  - 1800—World News (BBC).
  - 1810—GI Supper Club.
  - 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
  - 1905—Continued Operation.
  - 1930—All American Jazz Concert.
  - 2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.
  - 2010—Fred Wariner Program.
  - 2025—Canteen APO—Your GI Friends Found.
  - 2030—Kate Smith.
  - 2100—World News (BBC).
  - 2115—Serenade.
  - 2125—American Commentary by Raymond Gram Swing.
  - 2140—Charlie McCarthy Show—with Edgar Bergen, Dale Evans and Ray Noble's Orchestra.
  - 2200—One Night Stand with Lenny Conn.
  - 2225—Suspense—"Statement of Employee" with Gene Lockhart.
  - 2255—Final Edition.
  - 2300—Sign off until 1100 hours, Saturday, May 27.

## Midget Music



U.S. Army Air Force Photo  
Geza Banasky, a corporal in the Ninth Air Force, has constructed a miniature Stradivarius violin which will be entered in the forthcoming art exhibit at the Churchill Club, June 1. The diminutive instrument, containing 19 pieces, is five and a half inches long and weighs less than two ounces. Cpl. Banasky inherited his woodworking dexterity from his grandfather, a 92-year-old cabinet maker, now a prisoner of the Nazis in the Carpathian mountains of Czechoslovakia. Banasky's home is in River Rouge, Mich.

## Must Give Up German Stock

### Standard Oil Is Ordered To Yield Shares Once Held by Farben Unit

WASHINGTON, May 25 (Reuter)—The U.S. alien-property custodian today ordered Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey to surrender portions of stock in three subsidiaries formerly held by the German chemical trust, I.G. Farbenindustrie.

The subsidiaries were organized to handle patent pooling arrangements between Standard Oil and the German trust.

The order applied to 20 per cent of the outstanding stock of Standard Catalytic Co., 50 per cent of the stock of Jasco, Inc., and 25 per cent of the stock of Hydro-Carbon Synthesis Corp.

The government also called for surrender of 675 patents and 100 applications for patents now held by the concerns, including important processes for refining crude oil and for making synthetic gasoline and rubber.

All the processes were made available to the war effort some time ago pending final settlement of their ownership. They will now be administered permanently by the government.

## Raids - - - -

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the days of operations this month for the ETO bombers.

Meanwhile, medium Marauders and light Havocs contributed to the transportation blitz, bombing three railway bridges near Liege and hitting airfields at Denain and Manchy-Breton, in France, in a noon attack which followed their biggest day's operations of the war.

Late Wednesday they crossed the Channel for the second time in the day to hit airfields, military objectives and the port area of Dieppe without a single loss in the day's 750 sorties.

Ninth Air Force fighters and fighter-bombers, it was revealed yesterday, also turned in one of their biggest days of the war Wednesday with attacks on 63 locomotives and railroad yards, bridges, army camps and airfields from the Brest peninsula to Hanover, Germany. Eighth AAF fighters hit the same types of targets and destroyed two enemy planes in combat for the loss of three.

As the attacks went on again yesterday, with RAF fighters and other light craft joining the virtually unopposed sweeps over the Continent, the Nazi censors in France permitted Philippe Henroit, Vichy minister for information and propaganda, to broadcast that "railway traffic is at a standstill, factories are closed and reserves are exhausted." He denounced French workers for cheering the Allied raids which had brought about those conditions.

## Terry and the Pirates



## NEWS FROM HOME

# Land Asks U.S. Be Given Third Of Jap Shipping

## Wants Big Post-War Cargo Fleet; Would Split Rest Among United Nations

NEW YORK, May 25—A proposal that Japan's merchant fleet be divided up among the United Nations after the war—with a third of it going to the U.S.—was made last night by Adm. Emory S. Land, Maritime Commission chairman.

Speaking at New York University, Land advanced the suggestion as one way to make possible a post-war U.S. merchant service of 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 tons.

Earlier, Land told the House Appropriations Committee in Washington that the U.S. merchant fleet, although three and a quarter times its pre-war size, was only adequate for the job it must do. He said shipping was "very tight and will remain tight over the coming months." Land appeared to urge a \$350,000,000 appropriation for the War Shipping Administration.

## Miner Deferments Demanded

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, May 25—Draft deferments for copper, lead and zinc miners over 22 have been asked by J. Reed Lane, deputy regional War Production Board chairman, who said that the nation's copper supply would fail to meet the requirements of the armed forces unless the mines received more men at once.

## Strike Closes 40 Sawmills

SEATTLE, Wash., May 25—A spreading strike of sawmill workers in western Oregon and Washington has closed more than 40 plants. The series of walk-outs, which already has seen over 13,000 strike, began last week in protest against the War Labor Board's refusal to authorize a wage increase from 90 cents to a dollar an hour.

## Jury Clears Steel Company

PITTSBURGH, May 25—The Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp. has been cleared by a federal jury of charges of falsifying steel-test records on war orders to meet government specifications. The charges grew out of hearings conducted by the Senate Truman Committee.

## Will Rogers Jr. Back in Army

WASHINGTON, May 25—Rep. Will Rogers Jr. (D-Cal.) yesterday resigned his seat in Congress to resume active duty in the Army. Before his election in November, 1942, he was a second lieutenant in the tank corps.

## Harold Bell Wright Dies

SAN DIEGO, Cal., May 25—Harold Bell Wright, one of America's best-known fiction writers, died yesterday at 72. Among his books was "The Winning of Barbara Worth," which sold 7,000,000 copies.

## Normandie's Future Uncertain

WASHINGTON, May 25—Whether the French liner Normandie will be available for use in the near future still isn't known, Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal said today. He added that he didn't believe "active work is in progress on her right now."

# Morrison Denies MPs Wink At Yank 'Immorality' Here

A charge that American MPs winked at "unconcealed immorality" by Yanks in some British towns was made by a member of Parliament yesterday and promptly denied by Herbert Morrison, British home secretary, to the House of Commons.

William D. Kendall, member from Grantham, declared that there and in other towns "it is unfit for a woman to walk unescorted through town at night and daytime due to the ineffectiveness of American military authorities to deal with improper behavior of American forces and their complete failure to prevent unconcealed immorality and to give proper protection to women."

Morrison replied that "the innuendo that U.S. authorities are failing to assist to the utmost in disciplining their troops and checking misbehavior is quite un-

# Army's New 'Stratosphere' Gun



Here's the first picture of the U.S. Army's new "stratosphere gun" which can fire a 120-mm projectile 20,000 feet higher than any other anti-aircraft weapon. The gun, photographed in the U.S., is shown in recoil position with the crew reloading.

# Australia Pricks Bubble of the Big Pacific Soap Myth

The Australian government has taken steps to explode by an official investigation a rumor that still circulates in the South Pacific, although it has been flatly branded as false by all the parties concerned.

The rumor, which authorities believe may have been started with the aim of embittering Anglo-American relations, was that a British soap firm was claiming damages from the U.S. for coconut palms destroyed in the Solomons fighting—\$70 per tree, according to some reports.

The only British soap concern with interests in the Solomons, Lever Bros. and Unilever, Ltd., denied the story a year ago. In London company officials reiterated the denial, and both the British Colonial Department and the American Division of the Ministry of Information ridiculed the story.

## Trying to Stave Off Death

BELL, Cal., May 25—More than 125 former employees of Seabee Jake R. Gallion have offered their blood to keep the 42-year-old electrician's mate alive a little longer. Stricken in London with incurable lymphatic leukemia, Gallion arrived home Saturday in a naval transport. Doctors said he had only a few weeks to live.

# Jap 'Peace Terms' Would Leave Us a Popgun, Rowboat

Japanese "peace terms" to the U.S. were published in the Tokyo paper Meicho, according to German News Agency, quoting Domei Agency.

- The terms were:
- 1—All U.S. naval vessels afloat to be confiscated.
  - 2—All expenses incurred in taking over American vessels and bringing them home, or disposing of them, to be paid by the U.S.
  - 3—All U.S. ocean liners to be disposed of in the same way.
  - 4—All naval arms, ammunition and equipment to be confiscated.
  - 5—All American naval facilities, including naval stations, yards, schools and other training establishments, to be completely abolished.
  - 6—Private shipyard facilities, with the exception of those for river and coastal craft, to be destroyed.
  - 7—All naval aircraft to be disposed of in the same way as naval vessels.
  - 8—American steel and oil production to be permitted only with restriction.

It also was recommended that, to insure this plan, America should be kept under strict supervision "for at least ten years after the war and perhaps indefinitely."

## Italy - - - -

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the Hitler Line yesterday between Pontecorvo and Aquino and tanks poured through to threaten the remnants of the line from the rear. Pontecorvo, which had been the strongest bastion of the belt, was a shambles when the Canadians moved in. (The Germans announced the evacuation of Aquino as well.) Farther north the encircled Nazi garrison of Piedimonte still fought on to the end against the Poles.

## Second Army Corps in Italy

WASHINGTON, May 25—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson disclosed today that new divisions, comprising the Second Army Corps, fighting their first battles, made the advance on the U.S. sector of the main Italian front.

# Tank Victory Strengthens Red Grip Along Dniester

Soviet dispatches reported yesterday that the Red Army's bridgehead on the lower Dniester's west bank northwest of Tiraspol "has been greatly increased in depth and width" as a result of Tuesday's tank battle, in which 27 Nazi tanks and self-propelled guns were destroyed.

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By Milton Caniff

