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# Reds Reach Rumania on 50-Mi. Front

## Bombs Rain on Invasion Coast' Seize Balti in Smash

# Rock Houses In England

Neither Heavies Nor B26s Meet Luftwaffe; RAF Hits Berlin Again

Allied air armadas hammered at Hitler's Atlantic Wall across the Channel from Britain yesterday with a force that made the ground on England's coast tremble and the houses shake.

Possibly 1,700 bombers and fighters joined in an all-day assault on a 400-mile stretch of the so-called "invasion coast," with the Eighth Air Force delivering the heaviest blow, Be-tween 500 and 750 Fortresses and Liberators bombed German forward positions in the Pas de Calais and Cher-bourg area of France, at a cost of five bombers and one fighter.

As the heavies battered the German forward defenses against invasion, great formations of Allied medium and light bombers attacked limuiden, the vital Dutch port harboring the Nazis' E-boats which would be used against an invasion

More than 350 Ninth Air Force Marauders, augmented by formations of RAF and Dutch Mitchells and Bostons, bombed the port facilities. The Marauders alone dropped more than 600

tons. Only one bomber was lost. The assault on Ijmuiden was arranged that the British and Dutch bombers had hardly finished their part of the task when the Marauders roared in across the North Sea, four formations of them pounding the port at approximately 15-minute intervals.

#### No Fighter Opposition

None of the bomber formations encountered fighter opposition, nor did the P47s of the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces which provided escort. Eighth Air Force Thunderbolts also carried out an offensive sweep against airdromes near

an oftensive sweep against airdromes near Paris without meeting any air opposition. They shot up flak towers, enemy planes on airfields, and buildings at Chartres, Cateoudun and St. Andre de l'Eure.

Yesterday's assault—20th major operation of the month for the USSTAF—kept up the mightiest sustained aerial offensive of the war. A 2,750-ton RAF attack on Berlin Friday night, which cost 73 hombers, was followed Saturday by bombers, was followed Saturday by numerous forays against targets scattered across France and Germany by medium and light bombers of the Allied air forces. Most of them were directed at airfields and railroad lines

Nine attacks were carried out by the USSTAF-the Eighth and 15th-in the (Continued on page 2)

## **JobDeferments** Summarily Cut

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26-Selective Service headquarters ordered today that all men 18 through 25 now holding agricultural or war-job deferments be given immediate pre-induction physical ex-aminations regardless of when their deferments expire. An estimated 365,000 will be affected.

Local draft boards were instructed at the same time to halt temporarily the reclassification of men 26 and over, although men in this age group with IA classifications will be inducted on

Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service chief, explained that pre-induction physicals for men under 26 were neces-sary to determine the approximate numher who would be available for service

in the armed forces.

It was indicated that men in agriculture and in a number of industries where manpower is irreplaceable would be given further deferments.

Luftwaffe Blames Weather Weather has been so bad in recent Allied raids on Germany that it would have been suicide for German fighters to try to attack, said a German high command the selection of the spokesman, explaining why German fighters often stayed on the ground, says STB, German-controlled news agency in Stockholm.

## U.S. Attacks Allies Have 10-1 Bomber Odds Over Nazis, Churchill Asserts

U.S. Has More Aircraft In U.K. Now Than Britain, He Says

The Allied air forces now operating from bases in the United Kingdom have grown to such tremendous strength that grown to such tremendous strength that they now can hurl 1,000 bombers against the Germans "as often as the enemy is able to send 100 against us," Prime Minister Churchill declared in a radio broadcast last night.

The U.S. forces, he said, "have now definitely overtaken and outnumbered us in the mighty air force they have established here."

lished here.

It was the first official announcement that the USAAF had passed the RAF in strength in the United Kingdom, although Mr. Churchill some time ago revealed there were more U.S. than British bombers in the theater.

Either the USAAF or the RAF alone is now nearly as large in numbers as the Luftwaffe and much greater in power the

Luftwaffe and much greater in power, the Prime Minister declared.

#### Pays Russians Tribute

Mr. Churchill, delivering a "short talk about how we are getting on," acknow-ledged that the Russians had made the greatest single contribution toward Hitler's undoing, paid tribute to American forces for averting a Japanese invasion of Australia, and expressed the belief that the end of the war in the Pacific would follow the end of hostilities in Europe sooner than had been heretofore believed

No man, however, could prophesy when

the end would come, he asserted.

The speech was transmitted all over the world, and an estimated 50,000,000 Americans listened.

"No man—except the very clever ones—can tell when the war will end or whether it will end suddenly or peter out," he said. "Therefore there must be an emergency plan, and that is what ministers have been working out for some time.

"There will be many false alarms, many feints, many dress rehearsals. We may also ourselves be the objects of new forms of attacks from the enemy. Britain can take it."

Mr. Churchill described the enemy as now "reeling and writhing under the prodigious blows of British and American air power," and said the 900-mile advance of the Russian armies in a single year "constitutes the greatest cause of Hitler's undoing."

After noting the "panic and frenzy" in Hungary and in other Axis satellites in the Balkans, Mr. Churchill acknowledged that "the victorious advance of the Soviet armies has been the main the soviet armies has been the main than the soviet armies have a proposition of the soviet armies and the soviet armies are solved to the soviet armies and the solved than the solved that the solved that the solved that cause of Hitler's approaching downfall

The guts of the German Army was largely torn out by the Russians, he said. Repeats Jap-War Pledge

Mr. Churchill repeated that Britain was pledged to "fight side by side" in the Pacific "with our American brothers to the very end."

Recalling that a year ago he had discussed the possibility of a "prolonged interval" between the defeat of Germany and the downfall of Japan, Mr. Churchill said that he still thought there would be said that he still thought there would be such an interval "but I do not consider

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Winston Churchill

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## Noncombat GIs May Earn Bars

#### **Theater Chiefs May Name** As Officers Enlisted Men Overseas 6 Months

Special to The Stars and Stripes WASHINGTON, Mar. 26—The War Department announced today that warrant officers and enlisted men in non combatant assignments overseas who demonstrate outstanding leadership may be appointed second lieutenants by theater commanders if their work is of such importance they cannot be released for OCS.

Heretofore, commissions from noncombatant ranks have been subject to War Department clearance.

Use of the new procedure will be limited to filling positions of command or posts requiring special technical or pro-fessional skill. Men must have served overseas at least six months and meet the standards prescribed for OCS.

## New-Model Fort Gives

SEATTLE, Wash., Mar. 26-Another new-type Flying Fortress now is in production with enclosures for waist gunners made of transparent plastic glass into which swivel gun mounts are built.

The new enclosures, Boeing Aircraft Corp. said, will protect gunners from the handicap of extreme cold at high altitudes.

The waist-gun windows also have been

# Through to the Pruth; Proskurov Captured

### Nazis Reported Rushing Tanks From West; Oil Fields Must Be Held at All Costs, Von Papen Is Quoted as Saying

Russia drove the hated German invader beyond her 1940 borders for the first time yesterday.

Her Second Ukrainian Army group rolled back the Nazis to the Rumanian border at the Pruth River along a 50-mile front.

It was a weekend of victory on the Eastern Front. Proskurov, main supply base of the Nazi southern armies for more than two years, fell. Balti, Bessarabian rail junction 45 miles from Nazi GHQ at Jassy, fell. Tarnopol and Kamenets Podolsk were completely surrounded.

In Hungary, long columns of German armor were reported rolling toward the front in preparation for what military experts in neutral Turkey predicted would be a desperate Axis offensive to stem the Red tide.

#### By William King

Associated Press War Correspondent
ISTANBUL, Mar. 25 (delayed)—The
Germans are rushing heavy armored reinforcements through Hungary and
Rumania in what appears here to be
preparation for a major offensive against
the Soviet southern armies standing on
the threshold of the Balkans.

Reliable reports from Hungary said

Reliable reports from Hungary said that as soon as the Nazis had the country thoroughly in their grip, large quantities of men and material began to sweep through by rail, road and river.

The greater part of these forces is armored, which is believed to indicate the Germans plan offensive action.

If the reinforcements had been all or mostly infantry, one military expert ex-plained, it would have indicated the Germans simply were planning a holding

#### **Hungarians Still Fighting**

Sporadic fighting between Hungarian

Sporadic fighting between Hungarian patriots and German troops in the south of Hungary was reported yesterday by travelers arriving in Malmo, Sweden, by air from Berlin. There were no details.

Meanwhile, the Berne correspondent of the Stockholm Svenska Dagbladet reported 10,000 Jews in prominent positions in Hungary had been arrested and that preparations were being made to round up the rest.

up the rest.

Ankara heard that five concentration camps for political prisoners already had been set up. Hungarian quarters in the Turkish capital heard the Nazis had ordered all schools closed next Friday so they could be used as barracks.

#### Waist Gunners Windows A Week of Service Puts 2 'Veterans' in the Money

SOMERVILLE, NJ., Mar. 26-Two local draftees who spent a week in the Navy figure they were well paid for their time and effort. Both were discharged for poor vision. Each received \$54 pay, \$44 train fare, \$100 mustering-out pay and clothing worth \$200 which they were allowed to retain. The men spent their The waist-gun windows also have been week in the service at the Great Lakes rearranged so as to provide better vision. Naval Training Station.

### Germans Preparing | Swift Soviet Thrust Drive, Turks Hear Now Menaces Jassy

Marshal Ivan Koniev's armies reached the Rumanian border at the Pruth River on a 50-mile front yesterday after overwhelming the Bessarabian railway junction of Balti

junction of Balti.

Marshal Stalin, announcing that for the first time since the Soviet offensive began last July 12 the invader had been driven beyond "our state frontier," proclaimed a thunderous salute to the victory—24 artillery salvos from 324 guns.

Fall of Balti, from which a rail line runs south to the Danube port at Galatz, put the Russians within 45 miles of Jassy, the city 15 miles beyond the Pruth where, until recently at least, German head-quarters were believed to be located.

Koniev's thrust underscored German alarm over the danger to Rumania's oil fields as Adolf Hitler spurred his army forward from the west into the Balkans to hold back the Red legions.

'Must Be Held at all Costs'

#### 'Must Be Held at all Costs'

"The Rumanian oilfields must be held "The Rumanian oilfields must be held at all costs," German Ambassador Franz von Papen told a dinner meeting at Ankara, according to Algiers radio. The German Army would perhaps abandon Bessarabia, he said, but it would man the line of the Carpathians and with its allies defend the oilfields—Ploesti among them —at all costs.

The Red Army's throat to the Paule

The Red Army's thrust to the Pruth, exactly a week after Moscow announced Koniev had forced the Dniester, was achieved against an enemy variously described in Moscow reports as "demoralized," "disorganized" and "routed."

The Russians declared the enemy's entire line in the court was accepted.

entire line in the south was crumbling before the power of the onrushing Soviet forces were being wiped out as Koniev girdled the waist of Bessarabia and Marshal Gregory Zhukov cut across the neck 100 miles to the north toward the communications city of Cernauti. at strong enemy

#### Proskurov Captured

Zhukov's army group, exploiting the breakthrough that mowed down Pros-kurov, the Odessa-Lwow trunk junction that for more than two years had been the main supply center of the Nazi armies n the Ukraine, poured down upon the big Dniester city of Kamenets Podolsk, about 60 miles to the southwest. Fighting was in progress in the city's outskirts. Remnants of defeated Nazi regiments

were reported fleeing for the bridge across the river at this point, abandoning tons of equipment and even rifles in their flight.

Zhukov's weekend drive to the Dniester along a 50-mile front, after advancing 70 miles from Tarnopol in five days, practically wiped out the German salient between the two armies and gave the Russians control of some 200 miles of the

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#### Report Red Sub Attack On a Rumanian Convoy

ISTANBUL, Mar. 26 (Reuter) — According to reliable Bucharest reports, large numbers of Rumanian troops were lost in the Black Sea Thursday when a Rumanian convoy carrying an entire divisional properties of the season of the se sion was intercepted by a Soviet sub-

The convoy, according to the reports, was en route to Odessa from the Crimea, where the Axis forces began a large-scale evacuation last week. News of the loss was said to have been concealed from the Rumanian people.

#### Payday at Ijmuiden

## The Marauders Square an Old Debt

A MARAUDER BASE, Mar. 26-The Marauders

settled an old score today-they went back to Ijmuiden. The last time they were there was ten months ago. Ten Marauders went in at low level to the Nazi sea base near the little Dutch town on May 17, 1943, in the second B26 operation in this theater. Not a single airplane returned

It was a 100 per cent licking, and for ten months, as their forces grew and they hammered the Nazis from medium altitudes, the B26 crews waited for a chance to get even.

Today they got it-and wiped off the slate. Storming out of the bright skies above the North Sea, more than 375 Marauders and more than 2,000 Marauder men fought through a bitter flak barrage to splatter the Nazi torpedo and submarine pens at Ijmuiden with more than 700 tons of high explosives. And they did it at a cost

From the B26, skippered by 1/Lt, James M. Peters, of Wisner, La,—flying in Joe Kelly's group—I watched the Marauders square the deal with the German flak gunners and collect a little interest in demolished installations.

Leading the whole fleet of bombers against the port, one of Hitler's main defenses against invasion, was, rightly enough, Lt. Col. G. C. Celio, of Nevada City, Cal. Celio flew on the Marauders' first mission in this theater, also to limuiden. Bombing was a washout that first day, and a second force went back three days later and was wiped out in the historic defeat.

Today, scattered all through the leading elements of the attack, were other veterans of that first haul. There was 1/Lt. Benjamin R. Tilman, of Tampa, Fla., a bombardiernavigator in Col. Glenn Nye's lead group. Tilman said: "Revenge was sweet. I've been itching to pay back that first reception.

There was S/Sgt. Harold Baker, of West Spring, Mass. who had completed 50 missions since that first haul. He

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## Allies Advance On Myitkyina, North Burma

#### Rail Junction Threatened On 3 Sides; British Gain Along Indian Border

An Allied force has advanced more than half the 60 miles between captured Sumprabum to Myitkyina, Jap air base and railroad junction in north Burma, it was announced officially yesterday as British troops along the Indian border mopped up Jap patrols after wresting a hill feature on the Imphal-Tiddim road from the enemy.

from the enemy,
Myitkyina, terminus of the railroad from Mandalay, 250 miles to the south, was threatened from three sides as a Gurkha Kachin force pushed south 33

miles from Sumprabum.

Airborne troops below Myitkyina were reported to have cut the railroad to Mandalay at two points, and American

Mandalay at two points, and American and Chinese troops advancing down the Mogaung Valley drove to within 45 miles of the village of Mogaung, about 30 miles southwest of Myitkyina.

Meanwhile the capture of Shaduzup by Chinese cut off the retreat route of the Japanese being pushed down the Walawbum-Shaduzup road by Gen. Stilwell's American and Chinese troops.

Going over to the offensive on the India-Burma border, a British force launched a fierce attack on a Jap hill position on the road from Tiddim, in north Burma, to Imphal, capital of the Indian state of Manipur. The Japanese retreated, leaving behind much valuable equipment. equipment.

#### U.S. Destroyers Shell Admiralties Island

American destroyers over the weekend shelled Pityilu Island, in the Admiralty Group, on the northern fringe of the Seadler Harbor area which cavalrymen of the First Division took under control last

Barges, fuel dumps, gun emplacements and buildings were destroyed in the day-

light operation.

Bad weather over the entire southwest Pacific theater closed down Alfied operations, limiting them to small air attacks, one of which saw Rabaul get its 12th straight pasting in as many days by planes based in the Solomons.

#### Three Islands in Kuriles Raided by Liberators

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26 (Reuter)-Liberators yesterday bombed three islands in the Kurile Islands guarding "the back door" to Japan, Adm. Chester Nimitz to Japan, Adm. Chester Nimitz

announced today.
Ponape Island in the Carolines, 400 miles east of Truk, also was attacked.
One of the three islands attacked in the Kuriles was Paramushiro, Japanese naval and air base 1,280 miles from A report submitted by Maj. Gen. David N. W. Grant, Army air surgeon, said that air evacuation, sulfa drugs and blood plasma were "the three greatest life-saving measures of modern military medicine." Tokyo. Onekotan and Shimushu were the

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was entitled to a rest, but he volunteered

for today's job "for sentimental reasons." In Jim Peters' ship this writer had a view of hundreds of American bombs from formations ahead as they hammered the docks and concrete pens from which the Nazis had hoped to send torpedo-boats and submarines against the Allied invasion fleets. 2/Lt. Lester Pomerantz our Philadelphia bombardier toggled out our high explosives, and Sgt. J. C. Smith, our Wichita (Kan.) tail gunner, saw them land in the swirling dust and debris that marked

other hits.

2/Lt. I. M. Thompson, co-pilot, from Bend, Ore., and S/Sgt. Louis Hileman, Everson (Pa.), radio gunner, and C. Sciabaras, of Corona, L.I., N.Y., the engineer, joined in an interphone cheer we swung away from a wall of black flak and came home.

For a long time then we could see dust and smoke above limuiden, where Hitler's invasion defense had taken another beating and the Marauders had settled an old

#### The Guns Passed a Personal Test

## Churchill Lauds U.S. Arms and Men

#### By Philip H. Bucknell

AN INFANTRY DIVISION, Mar. 26 Prime Minister Churchill, Eisenhower and Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley demonstrated with small arms on the second day of their tour of American installations that they were no slouches with the weapons their men

After riding a command car through mock minefields, with explosions on all sides rocking the vehicle, and watching a simulated battle at an armored outfit, the Premier demanded a workout with a carbine, sub-machine gun, and a .45. He and the two generals were given clips of live ammunition and two targets were set up—one at 50 yards, the other at 100 yards. The three fired together.

On the near target they scored 25 hits, and on the other, 14; a total of 39 out of 45. A desire to fire a bazouka faded when the Prime Minister was told he would have to wear a gas mask as pro-tection against flash-back.

#### 'A Soldier Myself'

This interlude was in keeping with something Churchill told an infantry division later.

"I have been passing two very happy and memorable days with my friend, the Supreme Commander, Gen. Eisenhower," he said, "and meeting many of your leadcommanders who are here. has been a source of great interest to me, having been a soldier when young myself, and having followed military matters for many years, to see how splendidly United States forces are equipped, and the splendid character of officers and men, and the martial bearing and handiness with which they use all the powerful weapons of which they are possessed."

The visitors inspected this infantry outfit in the afternoon, riding miles of Eng-lish roads lined with American soldiers. Here and there throughout the country-side were depots of vehicles and weapons,

Over 173,000 Casualties

Flown Out Last Year,

Army Report Says

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26 (Reuter)-

More than 173,000 sick and wounded

patients of the U.S. and Allied forces

were evacuated by American military air-

craft from world-wide battlefronts in 1943, the War Department announced

The report said that experience proved that transportation by air was the

quickest, safest and most comfortable means of moving virtually all types of sick and wounded patients.

The total of deaths during air evacua-tion in 1943, the report revealed, was 11—or six deaths per 1,000 patient trips.

Fighting for Generations

To Come, Hitler Declares

Nazi pre-service organization-were told by Hitler yesterday that the Reich was

fighting for "children and the genera-tions ahead."

In a speech to the children, Axmann,

the German youth leader, admitting a

threat to German unity on the home

front, declared that the ten-year-olds belonged "entirely to the Fuehrer, even if fate is threatening to reach beyond the

limits of our will and capacity

Hitler Youth—ten-year-old German children being called up for duty in the



Ready on the Right! Ready on the Left! Prime Minister Churchill, Gen. Eisenhower and Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, on an inspection tour of American Second Front men and material, show their familiarity with small arms. The Supreme Commander's stance would please the toughest sergeant instructor.

At one halt the Prime Minister was given the definition of a helmet marking by Sgt. Deris Chidster, of Canaan, W. Va.

Gen. Eisenhower was in battle dress: Churchill wore his famous square derby with his civilian clothes, waving it to the troops. Many of these soldiers "just hap-pened to be there," as most of the military traffic in the area seemed parked along

some still waiting their battle test. Others, like the 155 rifle and the 105 howitzer, already have made their mark.

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Minister told the men:

"Now you brace yourselves for a struggle which I am bound to say you can approach with feelings of utmost con-fidence and resolution. . . Be it sure, deeds will be done by British and Ameri-can forces which will long be celebrated the route.

The tour terminated at a regimental fighting for right and freedom."

## Air Evacuation Allies Have 10-1 Bomber Odds Meets the Test Over Nazis, Churchill Asserts

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it will necessarily be as long an interval as I thought a year ago."

"What fools the Japanese ruling caste were to bring against themselves the mighty, latent war energies of the great

republic, all for the sake of carrying out a base, squalid ambuscade," he said.

"It is possible that the war in the Pacific may progress more rapidly than was formerly thought possible. The Japanese are showing signs of great weakness. The attrition of their shipping. especially their tankers, and the air forces has become not merely evident but obvious.

Mr. Churchill admitted that Allied progress in Italy "had not been as rapid or decisive as we had hoped." He declared, however, that he had no doubt that "we shall be victors both at the Anzio bridgehead and on the main front to the

Six British Police Killed

In Rioting in Palestine

JERUSALEM, Mar. 26 (UP)—Six British policemen were killed and four seriously injured in recent outrages in Haifa, Jerusalem, Jaffa and Telaviv, it was learned today. One Jew was killed and five

Palestine civilians injured. Palestine was

The Jewish Agency declared that a de-structive hand was committing crimes

which "unwittingly or maliciously were helping enemies of the Jewish people,"

while the Palestine Post, calling the actions

"wickedness and lunacy," said "any de-flection of energy from the war effort

amounts to treason and tarnishes the honor of more than 30,000 Jews in the

Nationwide Grid Loop Planned PITTSBURGH, Mar. 26-Plans for a

nationwide post-war professional football league will be charted next month when representatives from New York, Boston, Baltimore, Buffalo, Seattle, Washington, San Francisco, Los Angeles, St. Louis

south, and that Rome will be rescued."

In Italy, the Prime Minister said, the Allies were holding down nearly 25 German divisions and a "noteworthy" part of the Luftwaffe, "while other even more important events which might require their presence are impending elsewhere."

Britain, Mr. Churchill said, had ac

cepted American leadership in the Pacific Ocean in the war against the "barbarous and brutal Japanese" just as the U.S. had accepted British leadership in the Indian

Mr. Churchill promised that the British Empire would never forget its debt to

the U.S. for American operations against the Japanese which "shielded Australia and New Zealand from Japanese aggression and mortal peril during a period when the mother country was at full stretch in the struggle against Germany and Italy."

Rep. May Rebuffs Plea

For Delay in Invasion

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26 (AP)—
Andrew J. May (D.-Ky), chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, has rejected a request by Rep. Jessie Sumner (Rep. Ill.) that the Committee take action to secure legislation postponing the invasion of Western Europe while action in the Pacific is speeded up.

May said that he had no intention of

May said that he had no intention of calling a hearing, as Sumner requested.
"The tactical handling of war and

matters of strategy are things which should be left in the hands of the Army and Navy," May said. "We have no reason to undertake by means of legislation to tell them when and where to fight."

## Cassino Quiets; Germans Hold **Fourth of Town**

#### Fighting Slackens as Snow Falls; Nazis Believed Moving In More Men

Fighting slackened as light snow fell in Cassino yesterday and the situation, as reported by the United Press, was this: The Germans held about one-fourth of the ruined town—a belt several houses deep running from the south across the Via Casilina highway to Rome and into the porthern particles well as a contract. the northern part—as well as a number of strong-points in the south, including the Hotel des Roses and the Hotel Con-

the Hotel des Roses and the Hotel Continental area.

Heavy artillery exchanges were reported Saturday, tenth day of the Allied
assault, but fighting in the town itself
was officially described as "somewhat less
intense." Two Nazi tanks laid down a
smoke screen near the Continental, but
were driven back by artillery fire. New
Zealanders reported the Hotel des Roses
was cleared of tanks Saturday.

Considerable German activit was reported Friday night in the vicinity of the
Baron's Palace, on the southern outskirts,
believed to be more reinforcements mov-

Baron's Palace, on the southern outskirts, believed to be more reinforcements moving up. Fifth Army men holding the railway station were subjected to heavy shelling and mortar fire.

The Red Cross flag was hoisted at dawn yesterday on the slopes of Monte Cassino and firing died as processions of litter bearers brought Fifth Army wounded down the steep trails from an isolated hill position—Point 435—which Gen. Mark Clark's men have been holding with an air supply lifeline the last six days.

Point 435 is the nearest Fifth Army approach to the Benedictine Monastery, 400 yards above. Reuter said. It was up this slope that Clark's men toiled the first night of the assault, almost but not quite reaching the crest. six days. reaching the crest.

reaching the crest.

Reuter reported lively German artillery fire in the Anzio beachhead Friday night, probably a reaction to the afternoon's bombardment of their strongpoints by the British destroyer Urchin. While the Urchin was shelling shore positions, the British destroyer Grenville rammed and sank a Nazi E-boat and took prisoners among the crew among the crew.

Italian-based U.S. Marauders yesterday

struck Leghorn in a further effort to paralyze increasing German attempts to use Italy's third largest port, and the same planes attacked a rail bridge across the Arno River ten miles west of Florence.

#### Vichy Sets a Deadline On Absentee Penalties

Vichy radio last night broadcast an appeal to French absentees from war work or those who have not reported for Army call-up that they will be given until Apr. I to "put themselves right" with the authorities.

Vichy said that those who responded to the appeal would not be prosecuted, BUP reported.

## Russia - -

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Lwow-Odessa line southwest of Tarnopol. Both Tarnopol and Kamanets Podolsk have been completely surrounded, last night's Soviet communique announced,

More than 3,000 loaded trucks were captured in the pursuit from Proskurov, and undamaged tanks, whole trainloads of guns and huge dumps of every kind of supplies fell into the Russians' hands.

To the east, Gen. Rodion Malinovsky, now only a mile and a half from Nikolaev on its southeastern outskirts, opened his final assault on that Black Sea port at the mouth of the Bug.

Meanwhile, for the fourth day in succession, the Germans reported great Russian attacks on Vitebsk, the Nazi fortress generally believed to hold the key to the Baltic states.

## Unpublicized Soviet Air Force Has Big Role in Red Victories

By Harrison Salisbury United Press War Correspondent

MOSCOW, Mar. 26-The Red Air Force has had a decisive role in the victories in the Ukraine. It was due to the air force that Manstein's armor divisions were destroyed and huge German supply columns were trapped.

When Manstein's evacuation moves started, the Russian High Command threw hundreds of low-level fighters behind the German lines with orders to attack vehicles forming the heads of the many columns of trucks which were pouring westwards. Not only that, but they carried out what might be called "mock attacks" on some of the columns, designed to force the Germans to take cover in ditches and fields by bombing just near that solumns, thus slowing down the in ditches and helds by bombing just near the columns, thus slowing down the retreat enough for the fast-riding Russian tank and cavalry teams to catch them up

This was a deliberate part of Russian

trucks and guns fell into Russian hands

Communications bottlenecks, such as bridges, road junctions and cuttings through the hills, also were heavily attacked chiefly by Stormoviks, Yaks, American P39 Airacobras and A20 Bostons

The reason the Red Air Force gets little The reason the Red Air Force gets little publicity is because it is a Tactical Air Force designed for close support of ground forces, and therefore carried out no operations like the RAF and USAAF long-distance raids on Germany. The chief opposition the Red Air Force encounters is from Messerschmitt 109Gs and an occasional Focke Wulfe 190. Soviet pilots report that the Yak is fully capable of handling either plane.

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Whether the Red Air Force will ever do any strategical bombing on Germany on a large scale remains to be seen. There is no doubt many Red airmen would like to, but the Russian Air Force is a light and highly mobile organization able to operate from fields, and it has to be remembered that the heavy bomber requires big airdromes with concrete runways and This was a deliberate part of Russian policy aimed at getting the Germans' equipment for themselves. Thousands of equipment for themselves. Thousands of a huge repair organization behind it. big airdromes with concrete runways and

## **Bombs Rain On Invasion Coast: Attack Jolts Houses in England**

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last week. On four days, B17s and B24s | to factories, rail facilities and an airfield. were over Germany proper.

made mass attacks on targets at Berlin, Frankfurt and Brunswick, while flying task forces bombed targets at Schweinfurt, Munster, Handorf, Hamm, Klagenfurt (in the Austrian Alps), Verona, Bologna, Rimini and other target objectives. The USSTAF offersia was coordinated with PAE offensive was co-ordinated with RAF attacks to maintain constant pressure on

the Luftwaffe.
Photographic reconnaissance disclosed that heavy damage was done to a large and important war industry at Frankfurt in the attacks on Jan. 29 and Feb. 4. At this plant, a major source of grinding wheels used in war industry throughout Germany, about 65 per cent of the building area was damaged. The attack on

Two large crankshaft plants there were severely damaged. In one plant, 19 out of 24 buildings were destroyed or severely damaged, and in the other 13 out of 24 buildings, including the main machine shop, were destroyed or damaged. One hundred and forty of the Luftwaffe aircraft were destroyed by U.S. bombers

and fighters during the week. More were damaged in the air and destroyed or damaged on the ground. USAAF losses were 81 bombers and 42 fighters, for the Eighth, Ninth and 15th Air Forces.
During the RAF attack on Berlin, the

Germans brought up every gun, search-light and fighter they could muster in the fiercest battle ever fought for the capital. "From the moment we crossed the enemy coast," one Lancaster pilot said, "massed Jan. 29 was made through clouds.

Photographs of Frankfurt taken after the daylight attack by the Eighth on Mar. 20 and RAF attacks on the night of Mar. 18-19 and 22-23 show very serious damage

## Reds Honor Marshall

and Cincinnati gather here.

Gen, George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, has been awarded the Order of Suvorov, First Class, Russia's highest military award, Moscow Radio an-nounced over the weekend.

#### Liquor Store Opens For Servicemen Only

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Mar. 26-While thirsty civilians look on enviously, generals and buck privates, admirals and sailors may purchase one bottle of liquor a week in a liquor store for servicemen only.

The experiment will go a long way toward smashing the black market and bootlegging, it is believed.

## Cassino Deadlock Blame Laid New Patch for Men of Invasion HQ ToOver-optimism, Bad Weather

Effects of Record Bombing Overestimated, Germans Surviving in Underground Havens; Assault On Monastery Hill Thwarted by Rain

By David Brown

Reuter War Correspondent ALLIED HQ, Italy, Mar. 25 (delayed)—A combination of over-optimism and unfavorable weather at a crucial moment is probably to blame for the deterioration in the Allied assault on Cassino which, ten days after a most favorable start, is almost at a standstill,

A third reason for the deadlock is the fanatical, stubborn resistance put up by some of Kesselring's picked troops—the First Paratroop Division.

22 USO Shows

On Tour in U.K.

Number Sets a Record;

Schedules for Week

Are Listed

With 22 shows, one over the previous record on the road, ETO-USO Camp Shows this week brings more entertain-

Touring shows, with their locations this

Newbury "Boomps-A-Daisy," Evans family dancers: Phyllis Colt, singer. "In The Groove," Ken Harvey, MC and comedian; Vi Wallace, singer.

Singer.

Dorset "Keep 'Em Rolling." Joe and Jane McKenna, comedy team; Tommy Martin, flu-

Bristol-"Yankee Doodlers," 24 soldier

Exeter—"Full Speed Ahead," Carl Nixon and Carmen Sands, comedy team; Gail Manners,

singer.

Gloucester—"Bubblin' Over," Sid Marion and Chiff Hall, comedians; Marion Page, singer.

Winchester—"At Your Service," Eddie Cochran and Nadyne, magicians; Bert Redford, juggler. Oxford—"Happy-Go-Lucky," Lorraine Rognan, MC and comedienne; Ann Falvo, singer.

Cornwall—"Yanks Abroad," Jack and Murray Lane, comedians; Claire McCormack, singer.

Kettering—"On With The Show." George Freems, MC and comedian; Canfield Smith, ventriloquist.

Kettering—On Freems, MC and comedian; Canfield Smin, ventriloquist.

Norwich—'Cagney Show," James Cagney; Norman Secon, accompanist. "Flying High," Al Bernie, MC and comedian; Alleen Hunter, singer.

Colchester—'Words and Music."

Bishop's Stortford—''Loop the Loop," Lee Simmons, MC and impressionist; Jack Powell, designer.

Newport-"At Ease," Hank Ladd, MC and

Going Over Pint by Pint

Cross "so that part of me is over there." He has made 13 donations.

FORT BENNING, Ga., Mar. 26-Pvt.

ment to even more widespread areas. Two others, Rudy Starita's show and "On the Beam," are resting, bringing the total number of shows available to 24, a

new high in Camp Shows activities.

These men not only continued to hang on when the outlook appeared black for them, but, with the help of Panzer Grenadier reinforcements, succeeded in infiltrating into areas already cleared after the initial bombing of Cassino. They stabilized the situation on the western edge of the town to present a new close-knit defense system supported by interlocking fields of mortar and machine-gun fire, tanks and snipers. tanks and snipers.

This is a barrier virtually as impene-trable as before the assault was launched on Mar. 15.

Fifth Army over-optimism at the beginning doubtless was based on too high an estimate of the effects of the mighty hombing and artillery attack on the opening day

Subsequent events have proved the Germans were able to take shelter effectively deep under ground. Their casualties from bombing and artillery fire were far lower in proportion than the destruction caused to the town itself,

#### Out of the Ground

Material destruction could be measured by the eye and by photographs—but until by the eye and by photographs—but until the Germans started popping up from cellars, tunnels and caves it was not pos-sible to evaluate the effectiveness of what the air force had been able to accomplish in unloading over 1,400 tons of bombs on an area of less than one square mile.

The tough, well-conditioned para-troopers were able to take it. Some taken prisoner later showed no appreciable after-effects as a result of their record battering by explosives. They were not nervous or shocked, and showed no signs of having used drugs.

Holding up the Allied infantry assault

for several hours while a mighty artillery bombardment played upon the town, instead of smothering Cassino immediately under advancing waves of massed infantry, may have given the Germans a chance to recover from whatever shock effects were felt during the bombings.

Weather Favors Foe

The weather intervened on the side of the Germans on the night of Mar. 15-16, when Fifth Army men obtained a good foothold two-thirds of the way up Monastery Hill. A heavy rainstorm coated the hillside with slippery mud, making the climb up the steep slopes extremely difficult. Given a fair, dry night, the Cassino battle might have been won in those first hours.

When the Germans succeeded in infile.

When the Germans succeeded in infiltrating three or four companies of Panzer Grenadiers to re-establish and strengthen their strongpoints, they already had virtually re-established Cassino's defense.

Allied spearhead troops on the monastery hillside were isolated by this infiltration, and for the last five days have been supplied only by air.

#### Winant and Bevin Speak At Seamen's Club Opening

CARDIFF, Wales, Mar. 26—Ambassador John G. Winant, in a radio address to America at the opening of the Allied Scamen's club here yesterday, said that seamen know that the well-being of their trade depends on peace and international collaboration, and Ernest Bevin, Reitish collaboration, and Ernest Bevin, British Minister of Labor, added that the war "has taught us how much our prosperity and happiness in peace time depends upon our merchant navy."

The club, made possible by a contribu-tion of \$50,000 from CIO and AFL members through the British War Relief Society, is set up for Allied seamen

#### 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. 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc. 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.5m. 211.5m. 207.3m. Monday, Mar. 27

1100—News Headlines—Personal Album with Connie Haises.

1115—Helio Swingtime (BBC).
1150—French Lesson.
1200—World News (BBC).
1205—Barracks Bar.
1300—World News (BBC).
1310—BPC Scontish Orchestra.
1330—Kate Smith (Return Engagement).
1400—Visiting Hour.
1430—Sound Off.
1445—War Commentary.
1450—News Headlines.
1500—Music While You Work.
1500—Off The Record.
1500—BPC Midland Light Orchestra.
1635—Quiet Moment.
1700—Family Hour and Program Resume.
1710—Dance Orchestra of No. 1 Balloon Centre.
1800—World News (BBC).
1815—GI Supper Club.
1900—Seven O'Clock Softis.
1905—Red Skelton—with Harriet Hillard and Orzie Neison's Orchestra.
1910 Command Performance.
2000—News from Hosse.
2010—Fred Waring Program.
2025—Leave and Learn.
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2025—Leave and Learn.
2100—World News (BBC).
2115—Front Line Theatre.
2145—Melody Rounding.
2200—Village Store—with Joan Davis and Jack Haley.
2225—Gre Night Stang with Les Brown.
2350—Sign Off until 1100 hoties, Tuesday, Mar. 28.



Associated Press Photo

ATS Sgt. Lucia Lawson sews the new shoulder insignia on to the uniform of Sgt. Clarence B. Taylor, of Howe, Ind. Both work at SHAEF HQ and are entitled to wear the patch.

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, has issued its new

ness of Nazi oppression, bears the Crusader's sword of liberation with the shoulder sleeve insignia. This colorful identifying emblem will be worn on the left sleeve by all officers and enlisted personnel attached to Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters, including both American and Allied personnel.

The shield-shaped cloth patch with a black background, representing the dark-

## 2 Fort Groups and B26 Unit Attain the 100-Mission Mark

comedian "Swinstime," Grace Drysdale, puspet entertaint: Freddle Morgan, MC and barrioist. Liverpool—"Laugh Time." Jan Stuart, MC and comedian: Tung Pin Soo, magician. Ireland—"USA Calling," Frankle Conville, MC and comedian: Penny Beaumont, accordionist. Iceland—"Sunny Side Up." Fin Olsen, MC and comedian; Dorraine and Ellis, singers. Last week's assaults on German targets rounded out 100 missions over Europe for the Fortress groups commanded by Col. James L. Travis, of Portland, Ore., and Col. Chester P. Gilger, of Darrouzett, indeed to the command of the comma W. N. Moriarity, a paratrooper, wanted to go overseas but hadn't been shipped. He decided to give blood to the Red Tex. At the same time, the B26 group commanded by Col. Wilson R. Wood, of Chico, Tex., became the first Marauder group to complete 100 missions.

Now operating under the Ninth Air

RAVENC

Old World and New Salute the Soldier

U.S. soldiers and members of the Honorable Artillery Company, clad in the uniform of the City of London's old-time pikemen, join in a tribute to the British soldier. The Salute the Soldier drive this week is designed to raise £165,000,000 for Britain's National Savings Campaign.

higher command.

Its mark of 100 raids was made in 251 days, indicating that the group was out practically every time there was good bombing weather. It has dropped nearly 5,000 tons of bombs on a wide variety of targets in France, Belgium and Holland.

Col. Gilger's group, formerly lead by Col. John K. Gerhart, of Chicago, and Col. Alfred A. Kessler Jr., of Sacramento, Cal., hit the 100 mark with last Wednesday's Berlin raid. The group started operations in the Spring of 1943. Its original commander, Col. Kessler, is now leader of a Fort combat wing, Col. now leader of a Fort combat wing, Col. Gerhart is assistant chief of staff in charge of operations at a heavy-bomber air-division headquarters.

Col. Travis' group arrived in the ETO last April. At that time it was headed by Col. Archie J. Old Jr., now executive officer of a combat wing. The group led the Feb. 25 raid on Regensburg.

### Girl Offers an Eye To Save Sight of Flying Fort Hero

A California girl has offered one of her eyes to T/Sgt. Forrest Vosler, of Livonia, N.Y., a Fortress hero wounded by shell fragments who wanted to be thrown out of the plane to lighten its load, the United Press reported. The girl, wife of a U.S. sailor, read of Vosler's bravery Feb. 15 and made her offer in a letter to the press association's London bureau.

Vosler is now in the U.S. or on his

way. Flight surgeons who originally had little hope for his eyesight said his right eye seemed to "be coming along pretty well" but that the left eye was not showing much improvement. They explained there was a good chance that it would not be necessary for the girl to give up her eye, even if Vosler consented to

Vosler's squadron flight surgeon, Capt. Harold Broady, of Lowell, Mass., said there were previous instances of corneal transplantings and that it might be pos-sible to remove the outer covering of one person's eye and give it to another per-

#### 2nd War Bond Drive Due For Navy ETO HQ Men

The second War Bond drive for officers and men attached to U.S. Naval Forces in ETO headquarters will open today and continue for a week, Adm. Harold R. Stark has announced.

## **Unarmed Hops** Win ATC Pilot Double Award

#### He Gets DFC, Air Medal For Flying Transports In Burma Theater

Capt. Olen E. Cupp, now a pilot for the European Wing of Air Transport Command, has been awarded the DFC and the Air Medal for flying 76 missions in unarmed transport planes over combat zones in India, Burma and China.

Cupp was presented the awards-the first made to any member of the European Wing—by Brig. Gen. Paul E. Burrows, wing commander, in a ceremony at head-quarters in England.

He received the DFC for "participating in more than 50 operational flights in unarmed, heavily overloaded transport planes through the combat zones of Upper Assam, Burma and southwest China, where enemy attack was probable and expected."

His citation for the Air Medal de-scribed other missions "for the purpose of maintaining our commitments to the Republic of China and for delivering vital war supplies to active combat fields."

#### Shepherd' Wins DSC

For extraordinary heroism in shepherding two fellow Lightning pilots and a Fortress back to England through swarms of Nazi fighters, Capt. Joseph Myers, of Canton, Ohio, has been awarded the DSC.

On a Bremen raid, Myers, an Eighth Air Force pilot, damaged a Ju88 as it was attacking a Fortress and then shot down an Me109 just after the German craft had disabled a P38 piloted by Lt. Gerald Brown, of Phoenix, Ariz.

Gerald Brown, of Phoenix, Ariz.

While protecting Brown's plane on the way back to England, Myers came across Lt. Peter Dempsey, of South Tacoma, Wash., whose ship was limping along with only one engine. Refusing to leave the crippled planes, Myers drove off continuous attacks by more than a dozen German fighters. Later, soon after he crossed the German border, Myers drove off three or four enemy planes attacking off three or four enemy planes attacking a crippled Fort.

#### Col. Duncan Honored

Col. Glenn E. Duncan, of Houston, Tex., 25-year-old commander of an Eighth Air Force P47 group, has been awarded the DSC for twice dispersing large numbers of enemy aircraft which attacked U.S. bombers last Nov. 11.

Separated from his group as a result of leading a squadron against a large number of German planes, Duncan, then a major, attacked enemy aircraft, destroying one and dispersing the remainder

stroying one and dispersing the remainder, "though at an unfavorable altitude and in the face of overwhelming odds," the citation said.

While proceeding to his home base he observed four enemy planes attacking a struggling Fortress. "Although his gas supply was dangerously low, he engaged the enemy and dispersed them, thereby saving the Fortress and its crew."

#### Medals for Navy Fliers

Two U.S. Navy pilots of a Liberator bomber operating with Coastal Command have been decorated by Adm. Harold R. Stark, commander of the U.S. Naval Forces in Europe, for their part in the combined attack on 11 German destroyers in the Bay of Biscay Dec. 28.

Lt. Stuart D. Johnston, of Upper Darby, Pa., pilot of the plane which made the first contact with the Nazi ships, was awarded the Navy Cross, second highest Navy decoration. His co-pilot, Lt. (ig) Raymond W. Stone, received the DFC.

he swift action of Johnston and Stone in reporting the position of the Nazi de-stroyers and their expert airmanship in keeping contact with the enemy for six hours with other aircraft resulted in the sinking of three of the vessels and the damaging of four by the British cruisers Glasgow and Enterprise.

#### Zemke Gets DSC

Col. Hubert Zemke, of Missoula, Mont., 29-year-old commanding officer of the highest-scoring fighter group in the ETO, has been awarded the DSC for gallantry "beyond the call of duty" in missions Feb. 11 and Mar. 6. Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, USSTAF chief, made the presentation.

Zemke's February exploit was the strafing of an airdrome. Destroying one plane and damaging two others, he spread havoc among ground personnel by blasting two hangars and destroying buildings in the dispersal area. On the second mission to Berlin, when the Eighth Fighter Command set a record of 73 enemy planes destroyed, Zemke brought down three and probably a brought down three and probably a

Zemke previously had been awarded the Silver Star, DFC with three oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with three clusters, and British DFC.

#### Mahurin Becomes a Major

Promotion of Walker M, Mahurin, of Fort Wayne, Ind., Thunderbolt fighter pilot and second highest scoring American ace in the ETO, from captain to major has been announced. Maj. Mahurin also has become a fighter group operations officer, but is still eligible for combat flying.

The newly organized Headquarters Eight Balls breezed through their second basketball test with ease, spanking the Censots, 43—25. Pfc Harvey Moore, of Memphis, Tenn., and Sgt. John Maher, of Iowa City, featured the assault with a total of 34 points. The Rehabs, 57—25 masters of a General Hospital quintet, are looking for new fields in the ETO to conquer. Teams interested in booking the Rehabs may contact them through this department.

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An ill omen promises nothing but anguish for GI golf teams here. The — Infantry Division Blues, who have dominated virtually all athletic competition in these parts, is organizing a squad of divot diggers and wants to meet some of the well-established teams.

. Further information awaits hearty acceptants of the challenge in The Stars and Stripes office c/o Sports Department.

## CanucksDown Leaf Six, 2-1; Gain in Series

#### Montreal HoldsOne-Game Edge; Wings, Hawks Are Idle

TORONTO, Mar. 26—Moving to their home ice didn't help the Toronto Maple Leafs last night as they bowed to the high flying Montreal Canadiens, 2—1,

#### Stanley Cup Playoffs

First Bracket
(Best four out of seven)
Montreal 1

Second Bracket
(Best tour out of seve
Chicago 2, Detroit 1
Detroit 4, Chicago 1

giving the Canadiens a 2-1 edge in their best-out-of-seven series in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Glen Garmon scored Montreal's first goal after 9:57 of the first period on a solo sortie down the ice. The Leafs retaliated in the second heat when Bill Boothman knotted the score at 8:06, assisted by Ted Kennedy and Babe Pratt.

The Canadiens sewed up the game mid-way through the final stanza when Ray Getliffe slipped the puck into the Leaf cage, helped by Phil Watson and Murph Chamberlain.

As usual when the Canuck pucksters got together, it was a rough game, 15 minor penalties being called.

The Detroit Red Wings and Chicago Black Hawks, tied with one triumph each in their Cup series, resume tonight in Chicago

#### Wolverines Victors In Purdue Relays; Illini Frosh Stars

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Mar. 26-The powerful Wolverines of Michigan failed to score points in only one event as they tallied 49 points to win the university division of the second annual Purdue Relays here last night.

Relays here last night.

The Wolves dethroned Notre Dame, which scored only 17½ points to finish fourth. Purdue edged Illinois in the race for runner-up honors, 23—22½.

Miami, of Oxford, Ohio, successfully defended its college division crown after a close battle with Western Michigan.

Claude Young, Illinois freshman, featured the meet, setting a new relay record of 6.2 seconds in the 60-yard dagh and tying the American indoor mark of 6.9 seconds in the 60-yard low hurdles.

Michigan's Big Ten champion two-mile relay team turned in a hard-fought victory relay team turned in a hard-fought victory over Purdue, Willis Glas, Dick Barnard, Ross Hume and Bob Ufer covering the distance in 7:51.2.

Nelson Klaus of Purdue kept his shot put superiority with a toss of 46 feet 10 and three-eighth inches, beating Spiridon Suiciu of Purdue and George Kraeger of Michigan.

Ken Wiesner, Marquette star, upset Armin Baumin of Minnesota to take the high jump with a leap of six feet five and a quarter inches. Wiesner's jump broke the record set by Archie Donovan of Drake last year by half an inch.

#### Zurita Arrives in N.Y. For Bout With Beau Jack

NEW YORK, Mar. 26—Juan Zurita, newly crowned NBA lightweight champ, faces a dangerous obstacle here Friday night when he tackles Beau Jack, former New York champ, in a ten-rounder at Madison Square Garden.

The bout is extremely important to Zurita, the first Mexican-born boxer ever to win a world title, because victory will pave the way for a big outdoor match with Bob Montgomery, current New York champ, to settle the long-standing feed between the NBA and New York boxing regents.

#### Appling Manages GI Nine

CAMP LEE, Va., Mar. 26—Luke Appling, Chicago White Sox shortstop for 14 years and last year's American League batting champ, has been appointed manager of the Camp Lee Travelers. Luke also will play shortstop for the GIs, who face the Washington Senators Apr. 2.

#### Brown Bomber Gets Battle Inoculation



Joe Louis negotiates a barbed wire barrier while under machine-gun fire during a Chemical Warfare Service training course at Camp Sibert, Ala.

Ford Annexes

LowersWorldTimein 100;

First in 50, 150-Yd. **Events at Yale** 

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Mar. 26—Alan Ford, Yale's swimming bullet, became the first NCAA triple swimming champion since 1936 and churned through the 100-

yard free style even in the world's record time of :49.7 for the second time within a week as he stole the show during the National Collegiate meet here Friday and

Ford won his specialty by nearly six yards, with Mert Church, of Michigan, second. Friday night the Yale tank ace won the 50-yard free style and the 150-

3 Tank Titles

## Dodds Misses Two-Mile Mark, Yanks' Breakup But Wins Easily Despite Injury End of an Era

CLEVELAND, Mar. 26-It takes two feet to set track records and the left one of the most famous pair in the country is swathed in steaming towels today, although the owner, Boston divinity student Gil Dodds, didn't know he'd injured himself until after he ran off with the Columbia two-mile feature in the Knights of Columbus Games here Friday night.

When the flying parson failed by more than 14 seconds to shatter Greg

Rice's 8:51 two-mile mark established here a year ago, covering the distance in 9:5.3, he merely said, "I just got tired, that's all."

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"But later examination revealed he had sprained his left ankle early in the race. "I didn't realize I had sprained my ankle until sometime later, when it began to tighten up," Dodds explained. He recalled that the same ankle had been broken several years ago when he slipped on a piece of ice while attending Ashland College.

Bum ankle potwithstanding Dodds was

Bum ankle notwithstanding, Dodds was in a class by himself during Friday's romp around the track. It was the first time in two years he had undertaken to race the two-mile distance, but he finished two laps ahead of Jim Rafferty, pride of the New York Athletic Club.

Ed Conwell, of NYU, set an indoor record for the 45-yard dash during the KC meet, sprinting the distance in 4.7 seconds.

## **Durham Field Chases Wood**

DURHAM, N.C., Mar. 26—Craig Wood appeared to be headed for his first major golf triumph since he took the National Open in 1941 as he carded his second straight 67 yesterday for a total of 134 and first place at the halfway mark of the \$5,000 Durham Open golf tourney.
Wood toured the front nine yesterday

Wood toured the front nine yesterday in a five-sub-par round and made the back nine in even par. Jimmy Hines, who shot a 67 Friday, added 68 yesterday, while Byron Nelson reversed the procedure. Hines and Nelson currently trail Wood by a single stroke.

Jug McSpaden, Tony Penna and Johnny Bulla are deadlocked in fourth place, each having used up 141 strokes over the 36 holes. Ed Furgol, of Detroit, beads the amateurs with 144.

heads the amateurs with 144.

#### Cardinals to Get Shots After Diphtheria Outbreak

CAIRO, Ill., Mar. 26—Cardinal Coach Buzzy Wares has diphtheria and, as a result, all players, coaches, newspapermen and everyone else at the Cardinal camp must take shots.

Buzzy's case was diagnosed Tuesday night as strep throat, but examination later disclosed diphtheria.

George Fallon, an infielder with the Browns last year, and Fred Schmidt, a right-handed hurler who arrived Wednesday, are the only ones in camp not taking

WE'LL SPEAK WITH

ANOTHER TIME ... GOOD AFTERNOON

MADAME SHOO-SHOO

COLONEL!

#### Draft Finishes Days of 100 **Homer Clubs Started** By Babe Ruth

NEW YORK, Mar. 26—Gone with the draft is the ball club that will hit 100 or more homers a season—and who can say when it will return.

The last team with that power concentrated in the lineup has ju t been broken up by Uncle Sam. The Yankee club that swept everything before it in '43 has given up two-thirds of its punch since the World Series ended. Charlie Keller hit 31 homers last year; Joe Gordon waffed out 17; Roy Weatherly seven; Bill Johnson five, Bill Dickey four, and Ken Sears two for a total of 66.

This group accounted for over half the

This group accounted for over half the team's runs with Johnson knocking in 94, Keller 86, Gordon 69, Dickey 33, Weatherly 28 and Sears 22.

It was just 24 years ago that Babe Ruth came down to the Yankees and proceeded to give the home run its present elamor. The Babe's clouding reorganized

glamor. The Babe's clouting reorganized not only some of the strategy but also added tremendously to the salaries of the

the all-time mark in 1936 after the Babe left. That year they hit 182 balls among

won the 50-yard free style and the 150-yard back stroke.

Keo Makama, Ohio State's captain from Hawaii, was forced to settle for one victory in his two races. Makama copped the 1,500-meter event during the afternoon session, but dropped the 220-yard freestyle

ment. \* \* \*

Speaking of golf, the Hans Crescents defeated the Gordon Highlanders, 8½—3½. Yanks in the field included: Cpl. Rick Famlin, Glen Cove, N.Y.; S/Sgt. Eli Thomas, Pittsburgh; Sgt. John Anderson, Beverly Hills, Cal.; Sgt. Frank Cormaci, Omaha, Neb.; T/Sgt. Joe Ludes, Philadelphia; Sgt. Don Slayton, Fargo, N.D.; Cpl. Joe Fiore, New York; Cpl. Dick Austin, Lynn, Mass.; Sgt. Bill Spring, Omaha, Neb.; Pvt. Walter Kupiec, Chicopee Falls, Mass., and Pvt. Sigmund Raymond, Rockaway, N.J. \*

S/Sgt. Pat Cavuto, of Rochester, N.Y., and Cpl. Mike Michael, of Kenmore, N.Y., were fighting for more than sheer sport last week. . . . They were punching for their coach—a Thunderbolt fighter pilot—who failed to return from a mission over Europe. . . Cavuto stopped Pvt. Godfrey Hutchinson, of Pawhuska, Okla.. in the second round, and Michael outpointed Cpl. Bill Ehlers, of Boston.

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Sgt. Johnny Gacek, methodically Sgt. Johnny Gacek, methodically eliminating challengers to his wrestling title claim, was grappled to a draw by Sgt. John Subsea (alias "Babe Caddock"), of Newark, in his most recent start. . . . Five boxing bouts also were on the card, decisions being won by S2/C Dennis Ryan, New York, 140; Pvt. Phil Guiffrida, Salem, Mass., 140; Pvt. Bill DelBuono, Brooklyn, 140; Cpl. Dick Shoreno, Buffalo, 148, and Sgt. John Coda, Scranton, Pa., 172.

players generally.

It seems strange that the Yankees set

and sometimes even past the paying customers, outdoing the exploits of the 1927 club, for which the Babe swatted 60 homers and which is called by some the best ball club ever assembled.

It will take many years before a city like New York or Chicago or St. Louis can expect a homer a day all summer.

# With T/4 Bob Weining, of Newark, N.J., contributing eight points to pave the way, the Ordnance Pinwheels turned back the Hospital Longhorns, 20—16, in the quarter-finals of a General Denot case symble. Depot cage scramble. . . . An Infantry glove squad punched its way to a 4—3 team victory over a coterie of boxers fighting under an Armored unit's colors. . . . In all there were 21 bouts on this most recent SBS venture, but only seven counted in the team battle.

Three talented punchers advanced to the finals of an Armored unit's boxing tourney when they sailed through their semi-final assignments Saturday in a show sponsored by the ARC. . The survivors are Pfc Al Robbins, 153-pounder from Oshkosh, Wis.; Pvt. Eli Robinson, Decatur, Neb., 138, and 152-pound Pvt. Herman Booker, of Columbus, Ga.

#### Help Wanted -AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, 37, Upper Brook St., London, W.1. Telephone, ETOUSA, Ext. 2131. Unless otherwise stated in the addirect all correspondence c/o Help Wanted.

SGT. Clayton POLK and Pvt. Arici BOOP. Bloomsburg. Pa.; Set. Petre MERLINE. Camden, NJ.; WAC Evalue SANDUSKY and Buddy COOPER, Monticello, Ky.; Wahter STEIN, Union, S.C.; Jack SANDERS and Chester BROWN, Spartanburg. S.C.; Hogan CROLAIR, Orderville, Utah; Col. James MAHONEY. Pottsville, Pa.; S/Sgt. Les WELLMAN and Lt. B. A. WELLS, Les WELLMAN and Lt. B. A. WELLS, Louisa, Ky.; Lt. Gerald SMITH, Ohio; Ray MASDEN and Floyd Leslie BRYANT, Lebanon Junction, Ky.; Herbert W. MILLER, New Albany, Ind.; Cpl. Robert HOWELL: Pfc William H. RITTER; Maj. Maynard G. FULLER, New Albany, Ind.; Cpl. Robert HOWELL: Pfc William H. RITTER; Maj. Maynard G. FULLER, Okla.; Lt. Col. Horace D. BROWN, Carmen, Okla.

OVERCOAT; Will person who took my coast by mistake at Victory Club, London, Mar. 8, please return it. My name is stamped inside. S/Sgt. Joseph M. Wyar.

CAMERA, Voigtlaner and extra roll of 120 film at the Mount Pleasant ARC. Liverpool, Mar. 6 or 7, I would like to get back at least George Stakvel.

OVERCOAT containing flashlight, lighter, gloves, citc., marked G-0123, Mar. 17—Pvt. Grigsby, WALLET, containing papers and money, in WALLET containing \$159 and \$110 on traveler's checks and some forcian money; about Mar. 11 at John E. Murphy.

Czech Violinist Needed

PROFESSIONAL viol nist in American forces of Czech or gim wanted to participate in Czech music festival. Music section. Entertainment Branch, Special Service, ETOUSA headquarters.

Dartmouth Alumni Interested in attending a reunion dinner. 1ethalistich e-heterian and reunion dinner.

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#### Derby Preview

## Cris Oglebay's Boy Knight Is Plenty-to-One Shot Now

By Frank Eck

NEW YORK, Mar. 26-Out Cleveland way they're talking about Boy Knight as a plenty-to-one shot possibility to capture the 70th running of the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs on May 6.

The handsome dark bay colt by Sir Gallahad III-Heloise, never out of the money in six starts last summer, has yet to travel more than six and a half furlongs, but nevertheless he's the hope of Crispin Oglebay, Cleveland shipping and ore man.

Boy Knight went wrong last summer, but he's sound again, thanks to the patience of J. P. "Doc" Jones, who has the Oglebay color bearer in winter quarters at the doctor's own little training Hopeful and

track high in the Virginia hills, above the quaint old college town of Charlottesville.

Boy Knight walked off with \$22,605 last season. After taking his first start in a maiden race and then finishing third in the Rancocas Stakes, the \$9,000 "bar-gain" of the 1942 Saratoga yearling sales copped the Wakefield Stakes going away and repeated in his next start, the U.S.

He finished third in the Grand Union another historic Saratoga stake shifted last season to Belmont. Then came the Hopeful and trouble. He came in second but sustained a leg mjury and it looked as though his days were numbered. But Doc Jones brought him around,

Boy Knight is nominated for the Preakness, the Belmont, the American Derby and most of the other 3-year-old fixtures in addition to the Derby. He's no Count Fleet, but his connections view

By Milton Caniff

#### Terry and the Pirates



By Courtesy of News Syndicate

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Deadeye Dick



WILLINGTON, Del., Mar. 26—The Philladephia Phillies are still the Phillies and no the Blue Jays. Club officials today disclaimed any connection between the new emblem for the uniforms and a change in the team's nickname. Bill Phillips, public relations man, said the contest hed recently was for an emblem only and no for a name. So once again it's the Phillies—and not the Blue Jays—who are expected to national League cellar.

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ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Mar. 26—
The draft-riddled New York Yankees announced another loss today when Johnny "Fireman" Murphy, veteran relief pitcher, said he was retiring from baseball. Since entering the majors in 1934, Murphy has appeared in an average of 35 games per year winning 89, losing 51 and saving countless others.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Mar. 26—Rudy York's home run with a mate on base in the third inning gave the Detroit Tigers a 5—3 victory over the Chicago White Sox here yesterday in the opener of a two-game exhibition series between the

series between the clubs. Al Wittmer, 16-year-old right-hander, blanked the Tigers in the first, but had tough luck but had tough luck in the second when Johnny Dickshot allowed York's pop fly to land for a double. Tiger bats rapped out three runs before Wittmer could retire the side.



Dizzy Trout stopped the Chisox without a hit during the three innings he worked, and Ed Lopat, southpaw from Little Rock, did the same for the Sox in his three-inning stint.

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FREDERICK, Md., Mar. 26—Ole
Man Al Simmons, making a comeback
with the Philadelphia Athletics, slugged
the Mackmen to an 8—3 win over Curtis Bay Coast Guard here yesterday.
Simmons' single in the seventh broke a
3—3 tie and his line double in the eighth
chased another run across the plate.

BLOOMINGTON. Ind., Mar. 26— The Regulars beat the Yannigans, 3—1, here yesterday as the Cincinnati Reds played their first full game. After the contest, Manager Bill McKechnie expressed satisfaction with Buck Fausett, rookie infielder, and Tony Criscola, freshman outfielder. However, the Reds suffered a serious jolt when Elmer Riddle, 20-game winner in '43, was grabbed by the

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ST. LOUIS, Mar. 26—Mort Cooper,
St. Louis Cardinal pitching star who won
21 games last year and pitched the Cards
to their lone victory over the New York
Yankees in the World Series, agreed to
terms today after a holdout siege. Cooper
had been asking \$17,500—\$5,000 more
than last year—but probably compromised for \$15.000, although neither he
nor President Sam Breadon would reveal
the figures. the figures.



lirst baseman, re-lieved some of the tension when he signed his contract and reported for duty after rejecting the original Brownie offer. With

offer. With McQuinn in the fold, the infield consists of Second Baseman Don Gutteridge and Shortstop Vernon Stephens—and a third baseman, if and when one turns up.

Vernon Stephens—and a third baseman, if and when one turns up!

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FRENCH ŁICK, Ind., Mar. 26—
Chicago Cub Regulars blanked the Rookies, 5—0, here yesterday in the first intra-squad clash of the season. Extrabase clouts by Eddie Stankey and Ival Goodman paced the Regulars' assault on Henry Wyse, Eddie Hanzewski and Dale Alderson during the abbreviated sixinging game. inning game.

COLLEGE PARK, Md., Mar. 26-The Washington Senator Regulars defree washington Senator Regulars defeated the Yannigans, 3—0, here yesterday with Alejandro Carrasquel and Santiago Ullrich hurling the shutout. The regulars scored all of their runs of Vernon Curtis, who won 16 for Atlanta

BECKLEY, W. Va., Mar. 26—Johnny Gorsica, Detroit right-handed pitcher, deserted the holdout ranks today, and said he would leave his home here for the Tiger spring training camp at Evans-ville, Ind., tomorrow.

Zollners Take Pro Title

CHICAGO, Mar. 26-The Fort Wayne (Ind.) Zollners annexed the world's pro-fessional basketball crown here last night by victimizing the Broooklyn Eagles,

## Utah and Dartmouth Gain NCAA Final

#### Armstrong Racks Up 3rd Victory in 10 Days

SPORTS

BOSTON, Mar, 26-Henry Arm-strong, former triple titleholder, won his third bout in ten nights here Fri-day as he outpunched Ralph Zanelli, rugged Providence, R.I., welterweight in ten rounds before 12,941.

Armstrong, at 142, was outweighed by six pounds, but the New Englander never gave him any trouble.

## Cage Coaches Seek Changes

#### Would Raise Foul Limit And Curb Goal Tenders

NEW YORK, Mar. 26—The National Association of Basketball Coaches has recommended two rule changes for consideration by the national rules committee which meets here tomorrow.

One, allowing a player five personal fouls instead of four before ejecting him from the game is almost certain of adoption.

from the game, is almost certain of adoption. But a bitter fight is expected before the coaches agree on how to combat the "goal tending" of skyscraping giants who camp under the enemy basket and slap down potential field goals.

Advocates of the personal foul sug-gestion pointed out that the elimination of the center jump added several minutes actual playing time to every game, but no allowance has been made for the players' benefit. Professional rules per-mit five personals before a player is dis-qualified, and the collegians no doubt will follow suit.

All is not tranquil, however, in the antigoalie fight, although 37 of the 39 coaches present were in favor of legislation to curb the court giants. Hank Iba, coach of the Oklahoma Aggies, whose defense features Bob Kurland, seven-foot center, and Harold Anderson, who has six-feet, 11-inch Don Otten heading his Bowling Green squad, are opposed to any change,

DENVER, Mar. 26—The Phillips "66"
Oilers, of Bartlesville, Okla., won their second straight AAU basketball title, defeating the Denver Ambrose Legion quintet, 50—43, here last night in the roughest game of the week-long affair.

The teams never were more than six points apart during the first half. A nine-point rally in the third quarter gave Phillips a ten-point margin and they clung to it through the remainder of the tiff.

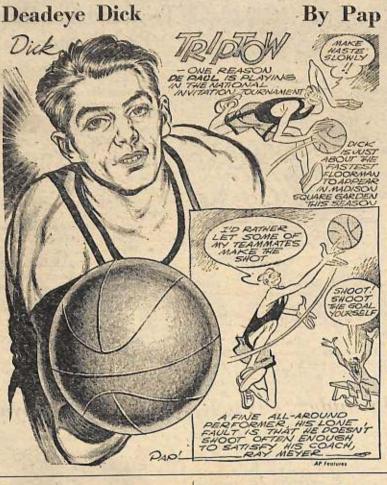
CAMP GRIFFIS, Mar. 26-The

Royal Canadian Artillery Acks-Acks;

who two weeks ago dropped a 4-2 card

at the Rainbow Corner, will get another

crack at GI glovers when they take on the undefeated Air Force Blockbusters in a ten-bout card at the Casino, Taggs Island, Hampton Court, Wednesday



## BombersPitted Blues Subdue Against Falcons Invaders, 27-6

#### Flier Fives Enter Final Unbeaten Division Eleven Of Eighth Air Force Tournament

By Ray Lee

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Harold Anderson, who has six-feet, 11inch Don Otten heading his Bowling
Green squad, are opposed to any change, of course.

Three possible changes were suggested: 1—Draw a six-foot circle under the basket and prohibit a player from standing there more than three seconds; 2—abolish the present three-second rule to offer the offense more maneuverability under the basket; 3—penalize a player for touching the ball on its downward flight toward the basket.

Phillips Oilers

Triumph, 50-43

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AN EAST ANGLIA TOWN, Mar. 26
—The Alcon-Falcons and the Bombers will fight it out on the court tonight in the finals of the Eighth AAF basketball tournament here, having sailed through the semi-finals this afternoon.

The Falcons, pitted against the High Fliers, entered the third quarter with a 20—18 deficit, then came from behind at the nine-minute mark t otake a 30—29 lead on a foul and goal by S/Sgt. Robert Roth, former Wayne University and Detroit Eagle courtman. They increased the margin in the final period to down the Fliers, representing Eighth Air Force HQ, 42—36.

Sgt. Frank Whitney, of Watervliet, N.Y., high scorer for the Alcon-Falcons and High Flier Nick Fracaro, a pfc from Joliet, Ill., tied for point honors with nine In the second and faster of the two games, the Bombers, pride of the —Bombardment Division, grabbed an early lead and held it throughout to down

Molina and Williams Featured

In Bouts Against Canadians

has had this year.

## Rolls to Fifth Straight Victory in ETO

A SOUTHWESTERN TOWN, Mar. 26

—The — Infantry Invaders refused to quake before the "invincible" — Infantry Division Blues, but lacked the power to upset the dope, and the ETO football champs rolled to their fifth consecutive triumph of the season, spanking the Invaders, 27—6, here yesterday in the final contest on the GI grid docket.

Pfc Don Marriott, shifty halfback from Oswego, N.Y., headed the Blues' offensive, scoring two touchdowns and converting three extra points. Other Division tallies were registered by S/Sgt. Charley Scalzott, quarterback, and 2/Lt, Forest Ferguson, All-American end from Stuart, Fla. T/5 Albert Abrams, halfback from Scranton, Pa., contributed the Invaders' lone score.

The Invaders turned up with a surprise defense which thoroughly blanketed the running game of Sgt. Tommy Thompson, star halfback who formerly played for the Philadelphia Eagles, but they were unable to check his accurate passes.

The first quarter was fruitless with both teams chugging for an advantage beyond the midfield stripe. Taking over on their own 40 as the second frame began, the Blues quickly crashed through to the Invaders' one-yard marker on off-tackle smashes by Fullback Sgt. Dick Dreher, of N. Hollywood, Cal., and Thompson's three successful passes—two into the ready arms of Ferguson, the other to 1/Sgt. arms of Ferguson, the other to 1/Sgt.
Dave Swanon, lanky end. On the next
play, Scalzett plunged through center to
score, and Marriott's boot was good.

Marriott Goes 37 Yards

Midway in the second quarter, Matriott slipped through tackle on a quick-opening play and scampered 37 yards down the sidelines behind fierce blocking to give the Blues a 13—0 lead.

on the 1941 Canadian bantam king, Pvt. Tony Roberts, 121-pounder from Win-nipeg. Roberts is expected to give the Californian the toughest opposition he Thompson manufactured the next Blue touchdown in two plays early in the third quarter. He intercepted a long Invader pass on his own 35 and raced back to the opposition's 30 before he was hauled down. Then he reeled back and dumped a perfect pass into Ferguson's arms just as the brilliant end was crossing into the

Scalzott followed the same pattern a few minutes later, grabbing Abrams' faulty pass on the Invader 20 and outsprinting the losers' secondary to the goal line.

The Invaders spurted in the final period and actually outplayed the Blues Abrams, bearing the brunt of the drive, scored his team's consolation touchdown in two carries.

## Indians Scalp Ohio S., 60-53; Cyclones Lose

#### Big Six Co-Champs Drop 40-31 Encounter To Ute Five

NEW YORK, Mar. 26 — Dartmouth, Ivy League champions for the seventh consecutive year, qualified to be host to Utah in finals of the NCAA basketball tourney at Madison Square Garden Tuesday night by defeating Ohio State, Big Ten titlist, 60—53, here last night, while the Utes sailed past Iowa State, 40—31, at Kansas City in the western finals.

finals.

The youthful, rangy Utah shooters will be making their second Garden appearance in less than two weeks, having been knocked out of the Invitational tourney by Kentucky in the first round. St. John's, of Brooklyn, and DePaul, of Chicago, incidentally, square off tonight for the Invitational crown and the right to tackle the NCAA survivor for the mythical national cage title.

Dartmouth advanced to the finals by

Dartmouth advanced to the finals by blasting Catholic U., 63—38, in the semis, while the Buckeyes eliminated Temple, 57—47. In the prelims at Kansas City, Utah sidelined Missouri, 45—35, and Iowa State trounced tiny Pepperdine, of Los Angeles, 44—39.

Brindley Hoops 28 Points

Aud Brindley, Dartmouth captain and center, hooped 13 field goals against Ohio State in the eastern finale to set a new tournament record and his 28 points virtually licked the Buckeyes single-handedly. It was the Indians' second eastern NCAA title in four tries.

The Indians improved to a 2—0 edge on

The Indians jumped to a 2—0 edge on a one-hander by Brindley, but Arnie Risen and Don Grate retaliated with baskets to give Ohio State a momentary lead. Then Brindley swished two more shots from the court and Dartmouth was off on a spree that gave the Indians a 28—22 half-time margin, Brindley contributing 16 points. tributing 16 points.

Risen's two-pointer and a free throw when he was fouled making the shot carried the Buckeyes to within three points of Dartmouth early in the second half. After a seesaw exchange of shots, Bowne Dugger scored twice and Risen added a long shot to send the Bucks out front, 44—43.

The Indians turned on steam again and Harry Legger's two baskets dumped State behind once more, this time to stay. Brindley netted five field goals during the game-winning assault, and the Buckeyes never were able to move nearer than a four-point deficit until the final whistle.

Risen, six-foot nine-inch Buckeye center, headed his quintet with eight baskets and five charity flips for 21 points.

Owls Down Catholic U., 55-35 Owls Down Catholic U., 55—35

The Temple Owls salvaged third place honors by stopping Catholic, 55—35, in a tilt which preceded the championship affair. The Owls led, 24—21, at the intermission, and won over their shorter opponents with ease. Jimmy Joyce paced the Owls with 15 points, while Dick Scanlon and Gene Szklarz each hit 12 for Catholic. In the western finals, Jowa State, co-

and Gene Szklarz each hit 12 for Catholic.

In the western finals, Iowa State, cochampion of the Big Six with Oklahoma,
put up a game fight before succumbing
to a closing shower of Utah baskets. The
game was fiercely contested until the Utes
uncorked their final burst of power to
earn a return visit to the Garden.

The youthful, skinny Utah quintet
lagged only twice during the fracas, trailing 2—0 when the Cyclones found the
hoop on the first play of the game, and
again in the second half, 26—25. Both
times Price Brookfield was the Iowan who
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#### Trail at Half

Trail at Half
The Utes recovered after Brookfield's first basket and soon built up a 12-2 lead. And although the Cyclones rallied sharply, they still trailed, 19-16, when the half ended.

Coming back strong, Iowa State pulled ahead on Brookfield's long toss from midcourt, and Gene Oulman connected from the 15-foot line. But Mat Misaka, Utah substitute forward, rang the bell with three rapid goals to send his club into the lead, 32-29.

Oulman closed the gap at 32-31 with a spectacular pitch from the side, only to have the Utes rebound for eight successive points—five by Fred Sheffield and

cessive points—five by Fred Sheffield and three by Ferrin—to pull away as the

By Al Capp

at the Rainbow Corner, will get another crack at GI glovers when they take on the undefeated Air Force Blockbusters in a ten-bout card at the Casino, Taggs Island, Hampton Court, Wednesday night.

Pfc Herbie Williams, New Orleans Negro, former sparring partner of Henry Armstrong, who, on Feb. 17, gave the flyers a 3—2 victory over an RAF squad by putting away A/C Mark Todd in 1:25 of the opening stanza, will be featured on the bill. Williams is paired with Larry Brass.

Sharing the spotlight with the Williams-Brass bout will be a go between Cpl. Primitivo Mollina, 118-pound ETO titlist from Concord, Cal., who will take A GENOOWINE FACTORY AH MADE, STORE-BOUGHTEN H-HOPES ALL-CHEESECLOTH EVE-SO! IT'LL NIN' GOWN. OH, YO'LL BE TH' BE MAH BELLE O' TH' BALL FIRST PARTY TONIGHT. BEULAH SINCE AH GOT MAH NOSE CAUGHT IN TH' MOOSE-TRAPY! Li'l Abner

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NO WONDER NOBODY WILL DANCE WIF HER!





#### THE STARS AND STRIPES

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#### The Hungarian Prisoner

The occupation of Hungary by the Nazis means that Hitler has transferred his main base for the defense of Southeast Europe to the threshold of Germany, and to ensure the safety of this new base he has changed the status of an ally to that of a prisoner of war,

The cause and reason for this step is the victorious and rapid advance of the Red Army into Southern Poland, in Bessarabia and in the Ukraine.

Occupation of Hungary therefore was a defensive measure, taken to prevent the collapse of the southern sector of the eastern front, which has been lengthened considerably. Hitler is compelled to try to extend the Carpathians into an invulnerable defensive position, for once the Carpathians have been crossed the Russians will have no natural obstacle between them and Germany.

For the successful defense of the Carpathians, the control of the communication lines to that chain of mountains is absolutely essential. These communications all run through Hungary; from Budapest railways run to Ruthenia, to Transylvania and to Jugoslavia. To guard them Hitler needs reliable troops and the Hungarian units do not have their heart in any war that involves Russia.

German troops who have marched into Hungary are to guard the vital railways and other important points, but despite the peaceful occupation their task will not be an easy one. Admittedly they possess good supply lines and advantageous defense positions. On the other hand, the number of vital points which Germany must now defend has been increased by the new move. Roads and railways in Hungary, bridges and supply dumps are now within range of American, Russian and British aircraft, and the Luftwaffe, which must attempt to offset the weighty blows of the British-American bombing offensive in the west and south, and whose bases on the eastern front are seriously endangered by the lightning advance of the Russians, has been given an additional burden with which it will hardly be able to cope.

#### "Gusville"

You won't find Gusville listed in your atlas, but for the moment this busy "township" is as deserving of a place on the map as Detroit, Rome or Proskurov.

Although it lacks some of the civic institutions customarily associated with a thriving community, Gusville can make a strong bid for recognition as a "model" town. Gusville has no strikes, no unemployment, no black market; and its residents are 100 per cent behind the war effort

This location used to be a quiet spot in the soft Italian countryside: then one day-Lt. Gus Heilman led the first Fifth Army unit into this advance sector of the Anzio bridgehead and a new town was born, a war town that roars around the clock with the noise of battle.

On the surface, this fantastic community appears to be just a collection of huts and tents and a few buildings; the home of cows, chickens, horses and a few pigs. , But it is also the home of sudden death-for Gusville is the base used by the reckless Anzio Commandos whose motto is "Killing Is Our Business

Every night the Black Devils of Gusville, American and Canadian troops, steal quietly out of town, move over deep into enemy lines to kill or capture Germans. "Black Devils" is what the Nazis call them; the Fifth Army troops call them the wild men of the Bridgehead.

And these night raiders, proud of their front line shanty town, are not lacking in civic enterprise. They issue their own newspaper, the Gusville Herald-Tribune, so that the troops in town can follow the war outside the bridgehead, and they have given picturesque names to their town's two streets-for example, "Tank Street." so named because a Nazi tank has a habit of moving forward at frequent intervals and pumping lead straight down the

To us these facts all add up to make Gusville an important place. It is another spot where it is being proved that the men of the Allied nations can be fused into a deadly fighting machine. And it is being demonstrated here that these fighting men do not lose their high courage, their light-hearted spirit and their sense of humor even under the toughest battle

Gusville's existence as a community will be short-lived, but she needs no chamber of commerce. Her reputation is being assured by the deeds of her citizens.

## Hash Marks

A Yank, new to the ETO, offered to walk an English girl home from a dance. As usual, she said home was "only a short bit down the lane," but the Gl swears the climate changed three times before they got there.

\* \* \* \* "Senatorial report" that Here's a sounds convincing, In a special test several Senators recently nibbled some K



"I enjoyed it," said one states man, grinning wryly while plucking the stumps of two shattered teeth from his mouth. Another said less enthusiastically, "It's as hard as the hubs of Hades!"

Two nurses were comparing notes on their recent dates. One said she had been courting; the other varied the conversation by saying she had been sparking. Out of curiosity, a hut-mate asked them what the different parts asked them Out of curiosity, a hut-mate asked them what the difference was and it was explained thusly; "Well, you go courting until you realize that it isn't going to bring you the diamond; then you keep on doing the same thing anyway—but then you call it sparkin'."

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Guys may sneer and say the Paragraph Troopers will not win the war, but, there's no two ways about it, a clerical error can really snafu the works. A certain repair

really snafu the works. A certain repair depot learned their lesson this week. The depot learned their lesson this week. The depot sent out a rush order for 30 aircraft mechanics and shortly the place was invaded by a varied assortment of cooks, bakers, wire men and general utility men—all because 30 "EM" had been ordered instead of 30 "AM."

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This Week's Silly Conversation, 1st GI: "You're coughing much better, pal."

2nd GI: "Naturally, old bean, I've changed pubs."

Surprise. The new rookie crop back must be dumb, or sumpn' home must be dumb, or sumpn'. An AWOL soldier sent this wire to his CO,



Please forward my mail care of General

Delivery, Talahasee, Fla." The CO obliged by sending the mail—with two MPs to make sure that he received it. Dalfynition. A fox is a wolf who sends

flowers but a weasel is a fox that steals other woives' chickens. J. C. W.

# Comics Previewed Burma AirStab

### Terry and the Pirates 'Broke' Story of Glider Invasion

On the morning of Mar. 17 a lot of military master minds in Washington and elsewhere must have fallen over backward when they read Terry and the Pirates.

Like the millions of American men in the street and their kids who avidly follow the daily adventures of Terry, they must have noted Col. Flip Corkin completing plans for an invasion of Burma by his newly-organized glider-borne Air Commandos.

It was one of the strangest coincidences of the war, more incredible because it involved a comic strip, for on the following morning Page One headlines reported the actual operation; the greatest airborne thrust of the war had dropped the Indianbased Commandos 150 miles behind the Jap lines in Burma to cut communications between the enemy's northern and southern armies.

To Terry's readers, Flip Corkin is familiar as the square-jawed, forceful but fair commander of a fighter squadron, an Air Forces hero with multiple decorations whose war career has thus far taken him to North Africa, China and India, To cartoonist Milton Caniff, who in

nine years with the New York Daily News-Chicago Tribune syndicate has made the



Home from Italy, Col. Cochran at the Stork Club.

strip one of the most popular in America

however, Flip Corkin is his old friend, Col. Philip Cochran, of Erie, Pa.

Cochran and Caniff have been friends since their college days at Ohio State University, and when the flier first achieved fame as a daring young man in a P40 in Africa, his exploits have been woven into the comic strip. Steady correspondence with Cochran has kept Caniff up to date with the latest developments. up to date with the latest developments in Flip's life.

in Flip's life.

A cartoonist with a fetish for accuracy,
Caniff has promoted Flip Corkin soon
after Cochran got each boost. He has
Corkin look, talk, think, dress and act
like Cochran. The only important difference between the original and the facsimile



Flip gets promoted whenever Philip does.

is that Cochran has no steady girl, while Corkin is enamored with Taffy Tucker, ex-Red Cross girl who became an Army

ETO followers of Terry, Flip, Taffy, Grett Murmur, Madame Shoo Shoo and the rest were not aware of the coincidence between the Burma invasion and the comic-strip story because mailing facilities put The Stars and Stripes behind U.S. publications with the strip. It will show

up in a couple of weeks.

The Amercian public scarcely knows

The Amercian public scarcely knows Cochran by his own name because of his activities in the comics. The Nashville Banner reported the Burma invasion with a headline, "Flip Corkin's Men Carry Out Daring Move to Split Japs."

When the flier returned from North Africa with six medals, several citations and two Nazi planes to his credit after eight months and 61 missions, he found people weren't as much interested in his own experiences as in how he was getting along with Taffy Tucker. along with Taffy Tucker.

Assigned to train fighter pilots in the States, Cochran later was called on by Gen. Henry H. Arnold to go to London and discuss with Lord Louis Mountbatten a plan to ferry wounded from Burma by plane. Cochran suggested gliders be used, and the suggestion became part of the plan. Returning to America, he underplan. Returning to America, he under-took the job of organizing the American Air Command Force with personnel from Panama, India and the U.S. Last November the unit was in India,

everybody from Cochran down to the buck privates using improvised tools to assemble gliders and planes, cooking their own food, borrowing trucks and elephants for manual labor. Pilots learned to fly the Cochran way.

Then, when the stage was set, Cochran sent his glider books.

sent his glider-borne Commandos on their first big job. In less than 24 hours after they landed, a huge landing strip was constructed for the arrival of heavily laden transports.

The democracy within Cochran's Air Commando outlit already is a legend. He and the rest of the officers queue up for mess in the same line with GIs, first for mess in the same line with GIs, first come, first served. Officers and men eat at the same tables. Everybody uses mess gears and washes them individually. Everybody is quartered in huts, and even Cochran makes up his own bed.

The 34-year-old ex-choir boy who enlisted in the Air Corps after he was graduated from Ohio State told officers they could not enjoy privileges unavailable to enlisted men. That included an officers' club.

officers' club.

He talks to his men the way they want to be talked to. When some of the all over again.

## Flip Corkin Actually The Col. Cohran Who Did the Job Cammandos started to grow eards he

posted the following order:
"Look, fellows. The bords and attempts at beards are not appeciated by attempts at beards are not appeciated by visitors. Since we cannot explain to all strangers that the fuzz is a gag or something-1-always-wanted-to-do afair, we must avoid a report that we are unshaven. (Regulations say we must slave.)

"Work comes before maving. You will never be criticized for being unkempt if you are so damned busy you cannot take time to doll up. But be clean while you can. Ain't it awful.

"Signed: P. G. Cochran, Colonel, Air Force, Commanding."

Cochran beseves drunkenness and fighting aren't a good mixture. He got his point across thusly:

"To render yourself unfit to give every last drop of your effort at this stage of

last drop of your effort at this stage of our action is a shameful act and one who does it breaks faith with those who are facing hardships and great danger daily

to bring success to this project.
"There will be no drinking in this organization!"
That's the way Cochran is to his men

and that's the way Canill pictures Flip Corkin to his readers.

How long Caniff will use Cochran in his comic strip remains to be seen. Because Cochran's love interests are not centered on any one girl, there may not be a happy ending between Taffy Tucker and

Flip.
Caniff was prevented from entering ser-



Flip Corkin doesn't look too much like his real-life counterpart,

in life. He has, however, devoted much in life. He has, however, devoted much time illustrating the Army's "Pocket Guide to China" and producing another strip, "Male Call," free to more than 1,000 Army, Navy and Marine publications. While he has two assistants working for him, he outlines his own plots, writes the dialogue and does most of his intense research for accuracy.

The cartoonist has worked out a general plan for Terry and the Pirates for the

at the temples, will become an older man and ultimately get married. After that, Caniff will introduce a juvenile replacement for Terry and begin the whole cycle

#### Notes from the Air Force

TWO more Distinguished Service Crosses, second highest American award for valor, have been awarded to Fortress airmen.

2/Lt. Charles Spencer, Peoria, Ill., bombardier who stayed at his nose guns after the plexiglass had been shot away exposing him to below zero blasts, got one of the DSCs at the hospital in which he has spent weeks recovering from near-fatal frostbite,

The other went to Capt. Sumner H. Reeder, of St. Louis, Mo., for staying at his plane's controls for three hours during a long fighter attack although he had been wounded by shell fragments which killed his co-pilot,

Three pilots at one Fortress base have completed 25 missions without once turning back for mechanical failure or weather. They are 1/Lts. Donald B. Jaynes, Lubbock, Tex., skipper of Blues in the Night; Donald A. Roderick, Elba, Col., of Patches, and B. H. Davidson, Midland, Tex., of Peg o' My Heart. Only one man out of the three crews has been injured, a gunner on Davidson's ship who collected a Purple Heart but recovered onickly. recovered quickly.

2/LT. JAMES BURKE'S search for a name for his P51B fighter ended when he read a Terry and the Pirates strip in The Stars and Stripes. The strip showed Terry checking out a P51B, with Col. Flip Corkin saying "She's an easy corkin," mama. Terry—sharp, light conrockin' mama, Terry-sharp, tight con-

Burke, who is a pilot in the original Ninth AF Mustang group, liked the phrase and today his Mustang carries the title, Easy Rockin' Mama.

Fortunately, S/Sgt. John H. Walters, of Gloversville, N.Y., a veteran air gunner, was in the nose of Buffalo Gal as a bomwas in the nose of Builtio Gal as a bom-bardier when the B17 had to go down to the deck on the way home from Berlin. His gunnery qualifications stood the crew in good stead when they tangled with a whole squadron of Me109s and Walters got two, beating off the attack.

## The Army

PATIENTS at an ETO general hospital frequently down the contents of beer and whiskey bottles, but it's all strictly above board. No medicine containers were available when the hospital unit arrived in the ETO, so Capt. Arthur H. Kotila, of Ashtabula, Ohio, medical supply officer, got busy on some informal tioning beer, whiskey, soda and other kinds of bottles in a house-to-house canvas and searches through salvage feaps. It's really medicine now in these bottles, which will be sent to brewers when the hospital receives the regulation con-

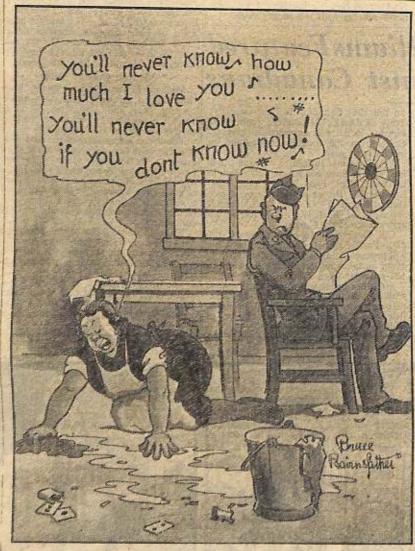
A Chinese-American officer, 1/Lt. Wesley Ko, of Philadelphia, is now in the ETO after serving in Africa, Sicily and Italy. In Italy Ko was in charge of a forward supply dump located on top of a 4.000ft, mountain crest. So steep and 4,000ft. mountain crest. So steep and rocky was the height that even mules could not be used to carry supplies to front-line troops and Italians formed a human pack train up the trait to the mountain summit.

A PGRTABLE plywood dental chair on which thousands of U.S. soldiers squirmed in World War I is now in use in the ETO at a station hospital.

Capt. Edgar F. Crevier, of Junction City, Kan., whose 23 years of dental experience is less than the age of the chair, ordered a modern steel portable but received the wooden one, estimated to be 27 years old. to be 27 years old.

From gold miner to X-ray technician in the Army. That's the jump taken by S/Sgt. Farrell Gorman, of Grayling, Mich., who operated a gold-mining lease near Helena, Mont., before he got that letter from the President.

SGT. Don Adrianson, a Racine (Wis.)
paratrooper stationed in the ETO,
is one man able to traverse the world and
exercise linguistic ability in 14 nations.
Also an excellent artist and pianist, Don
is a great help to the intelligence section
of his regiment.



Hm . . . . ?

## NEWS FROM HOME Senate Votes \$3,500,000,000 Aid to Veterans

## 'GI Rights Bill,' Approved Unanimously, Goes to House This Week

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26 — The \$3,500,000,000 "GI bill of rights," providing virtually every suggested aid to veterans of this war except adjusted compensation, goes to the House this week.

The measure, passed unanimously by the Senate late Friday, would authorize in benefits plus \$3,000,000,000 for construction of new hospital facilities.

Veterans would be entitled to government-paid education from one to four years, based on length of service; unemployment compensation of \$15 a week for a maximum of 52 weeks out of a 24-month period; loans up to \$1,000 for the purchase of farms, homes or businesses, and a job-placement service.

#### Father Gets Actress' Child

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26 — Joan Manners, former film actress, has been denied all rights to see her 11-year-old daughter in a court decision awarding custody to the father, John Langan. Previously a Montgomery County (Md.) court awarded custody to both parents, but Langan kept the child. He faces arrest for contempt if he returns to his home at Chevy Chase, Md. home at Chevy Chase, Md.

#### Old Enough to Know Better

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 26-In an experiment to test the reactions of chimpanzees to music, a piano was placed in front of the cage of four-year-olds Kippy and Percy and an aged chimp, Annie. There was little reaction when the pianist played classical music. When he turned on the jive, Kippy and Percy went into a jitterbug routine, but Annie sat in a chair and rocked sadly.

#### Won't Fight, Eh?

FORT McCLELLAN, Ala., Mar. 26— Twenty-eight Japanese-Americans who refused to take military training have been placed in the stockade to await court-martial. Brig. Gen, Wallace C. Philoon, commanding general, said all had lived in Japan and had "become indoctrinated with the military philosophy of that country." Most were recent inductees.

#### No Privacy

DALLAS, Tex., Mar. 26—OPA investi-gator Robert F. Bryant Jr. found Vilria E. Kincaid cowering in the bathtub at the latter's home, and arrested him on charges of acquiring gasoline and tire coupons illegally. The suspect was released under \$1,500 bond.

#### Dough Re Me

HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 26-Paula Stanway Thorpe is suing her husband Carlyle for \$1,000 a month and a share of \$100,000 community property. Her Supreme Court suit for separate maintainance claims Thorpe, a sportsman, is worth more than \$1,000,000.

#### Red Cross Drive Clicking

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26-The American Red Cross announced that the war fund drive reached the halfway mark with incomplete returns showing contributions totaling \$103,745,538. The goal is \$200,000,000.

#### Harbingers of Spring

ESCANABA, Mich., Mar. 26—Coast Guard cutters have begun ice-breaking operations for the opening of Great Lakes paying the country to the country of the coun navigation. off Escanaba and another at the head of Russell Island.

### Uncle Sam's the Heir

NEW YORK, Mar. 26-The late Mrs. Corrine St. Jacques willed her property to the U.S. government "in gratitude for the privilege extended to me to live in this great country." Her property is valued at not more than \$9,000.

#### Life Begins at 69

DETROIT, Mar. 26-Joe Moody born of Slav parents, was graduated from Northwestern High School's eighth grade at the age of 69. A clarinet player, Joe said: "Nobody has to get old. Jive is what keeps you alive." is what keeps you alive.

#### On the Ball

CHICAGO, Mar. 26—Fast work by two police resulted in the capture of two notorious ex-convicts. One had seized \$1,200 from the Olson Transportation Co. a few minutes before his capture.

## War Is Striking Home; No Bock Beer This Year

NEW YORK, Mar. 26-The Brewing Industry Foundation announced that there would be no bock beer this spring for the first time since repeal of Prohibition in 1933. Two reasons were given: (1) Malt houses are working at capacity and can't change over for the bock process, and (2) only certain dealers want bock, which means extra drivers at a time when no extra help is available.

### Gets Air Medal



The first Women's Air Force Service pilot to receive the Air Medal is Barbara Erickson, of Avenger Field, Tex. In five days Wasp Erickson, whose home is in Seattle, Wash., flew more than 8,000 miles delivering three different types of planes.

#### Food PoisoningWaveHits 1.000 More in Texas Town

BAY CITY, Tex., Mar. 26—One thousand more residents have become affected by the mysterious wave of food poisoning. City, county and state health officials searched for the cause as 3,000 of the city's 10,000 residents were reported

Laboratory tests were being made of all fruits and vegetables. It is believed that the poisoning may be caused by in-secticide sprayed on farm produce.

#### Ex - Governor Who Once Bopped Huey Longis Dead

BATON ROUGE, La., Mar. 26— Jared Young Sanders, former governor of Louisiana, died here at the age of 75. He was an arch foe of the late Huey Long and once battled the "Kingfish" with his fists. The fight took place in 1927 when Sanders was a candidate for governor.

#### It Made Charlie Sweat

## Joan Ends Story of Chaplin Amours

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 26-After an embarrassed two-day recital of intimacies with Charlie Chaplin, Joan Barry's long ordeal on the stand as the government's chief witness apparently was ended today as the comedian's Mann Act trial entered

as the comedian's Mann Act trial entered its second week.

The 22-year-old starlet, whom Chaplin is accused of having transported from California to New York for immoral pur-poses, left the stand after the court pre-vented Chaplin's lawyer, Jerry Geisler, from questioning her about relationships with other men.

"This about shuts the door on our books," Geisler told newsmen. "Under the circumstances, I have no more ques-tions to ask this lady."

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The ruling came after a 58-minute huddle in which Geisler said he made various offers of proof in resisting the government's objection to his questions.

Earlier, Miss Barry, in a dark dress and bright lavender coat, testified that her mother accompanied her to New York, and that Chaplin was not aboard the train.

the train.

She evaded Chaplin's eyes as she told of intimacies with Chaplin in New York

and Hollywood and became embarrassed when Geisler went into details. Chaplin, who will be 55 next month, sat mopping his brow.

his brow.

The actor's lawyer went back to her story, told the day before, of breaking into Chaplin's Hollywood home in December, 1942, gun in hand. After she had been in the house about an hour and a half, Miss Barry said, she and the comedian were intimate.

"Did you keep the gun until the act of intercourse started, and when it was completed did you regain it?" Geisler asked. She said that was the case.

#### Five of German Spy Ring Are Sentenced to Prison

DETROIT, Mar. 26 (UP) — Five members of a German spy ring were sentenced to a total of 57 years' imprisonment yesterday.

Mrs. Behrens, former secretary of the international YMCA, was given a 20-year term, and Walter Abt, described as a term, and watter Abt, described as a friend of Goebbels, was sentenced to ten years. Leonhardt got ten years and his wife five. Grace Buchanan Dineen was sentenced to 12 years.

The case of Countess Von Moltke is still under consideration.

#### Horse Cavalry Is Praised For Italy Scouting Work

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26 — Horse cavalry troops of the U.S. Army are carry-ing out vital reconnaissance missions in ltaly, penetrating ravines and scaling mountain peaks inaccessible to mechanized troops, according to a report from the Third Infantry Division.

The War Department announcement described the speed and daring with which cavalry units move quietly cross-country by day and night, locating and reporting enemy positions.

#### North Dakota House Votes To Lower Voting Age to 18

BISMARCK, N.D., Mar. 26—The North Dakota House of Representatives has adopted a resolution calling for the lowering of the voting age to 18. As first drawn, the resolution would have applied only to servicemen for the dura-tion of the war. However, an amendment applying it to all persons permanently won approval.

#### No Halfway Measures

SYRACUSE, N.Y., Mar. 26—The ration board took away Steve Logan's gasoline privileges, even though he "hitch-towed" his car home from Florida behind trucks and other cars. The used-car dealer admitted he drove his car south under its own power.

#### It's Still Only a Nickel On New York Subways

NEW YORK, Mar. 26-Efforts to boost the nickel fare on New York subways were defeated temporarily. The Board of Estimate voted unanimously against the increase, advocated by James J. Lyons, Bronx borough president, and a committee of large

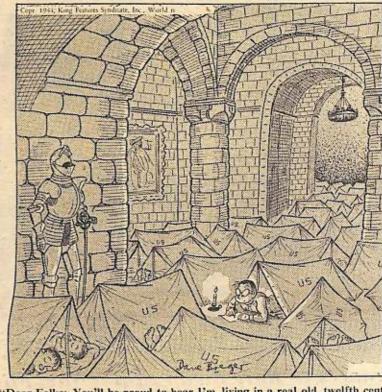
#### WaitressIs Found Clubbed To Death at Palm Beach

PALM BEACH, Fla.; Mar. 26-Police are investigating the murder of Mrs. Charlotte F. Huber, 30-year-old waitress whose body was found Thursday in a fashionable area here.

State's Attorney Sidney J. Catts Jr. said bruises were found on the woman's head and body. Sheriff L. R. Baker said a bloodstained piece of wood was believed to be the murder weapon.

Mrs. Huber was the wife of Peter Huber, chef at the Fort Wayne (Ind.) country club.

#### PRIVATE BREGER



"Dear Folks: You'll be proud to hear I'm living in a real old twelfth century

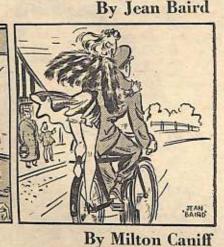
#### Diane





OH, SERGEANT, I'M





#### Male Call







Blondie

By Chic Young



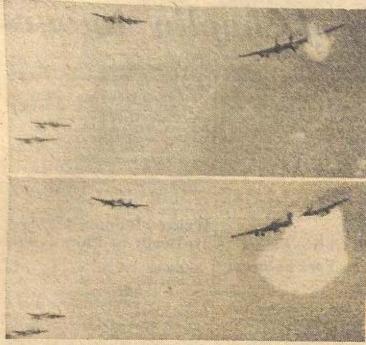




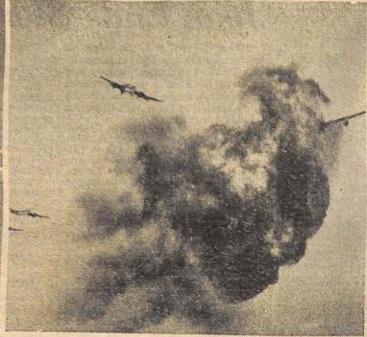


Lana & You Know Who

## P47 Pilot Takes on Four Nazi Planes, and Bags Three



The photos above—one of the most unusual sets of combat pictures ever taken by American airmen—were recorded on the automatic camera of Lt. Paul Conger, of Piedmont, Cal., as he dove his P47 at four rocket-totting ME110s in a recent air battle

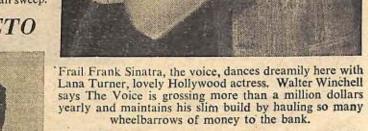


over the Reich. Hits were scored on Number 1 plane (left) then Conger gave the final burst and blew the German apart. He later finished off two other MEs and damaged another. Conger's wing-man swooped in to "kill" the damaged ME, to make a clean sweep.

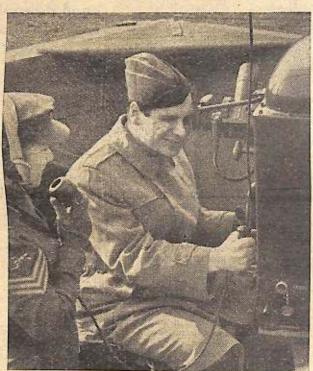
## Saroyan in ETO



Associated Press Photo William Saroyan, the author and playwright, has arrived in the United Kingdom as a private first class assigned to the Army Signal Corps. Here he is shown while weighing in at his draft board in July, 1942.



## USO Actor Sees London AA



Al Bernie, comedian in the USO show "Flying High," takes a squint through a "tracker" while visiting a gun site in London where ack-ack gunners the past month have taken a heavy toll of German night raiders. U.S. Army Air Force Photo

## One of Those 'Fearless' Japs



Fright showing plainly on his face, this Jap prisoner, captured during central Pacific fighting, scrambles up the gangplank of a U.S. vessel which will carry him to a prison camp. Two sailors in the barge below seem to be itching to let the son of Nippon have it.

# Satirical crewmen of a Ninth Air Force group named their B26 after the Senatorial committee whose report a year ago condemned the Marauder a dangerous plane. Senate report or not, Truman Committee, veteran of 44 combat missions, got home safely despite a flak barrage which killed the bombardier, wounded the pilot and left scores of holes, shown by arrows.

The Condemned Marauder Gets a Reprieve

## Frances & Rare Swim Suit Nazi Flier-Got an Aspirin?-Taxpayer



We say your day isn't complete until you've studied this rare 1944 bathing costume on Frances Rafferty. Unlike most swim suits these days, it covers the "center department," but the rest—as photo testifies—is "just Frances."



During the last week German airmen and U.S. taxpayers have had something in common-a headache. The weary man at left has just ended a day session with American airmen and is on his way to "hang-one on" at Fritz's Fresh Air Bar. The guy at right is just a U.S. citizen adding, subtracting,



multiplying and chewing pencils as he ponders over his income tax blank.

The Soldier-Vote Committee of the Entertainment World two weeks ago arrived enmasse at the capitol to call on Congressmen to enact legislation on the soldier-ballot question. Banners they carry express their sentiments.

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