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Airfields Hit In U.S. Stabs Into France

21st Operation of Month By Heavies Follows Big RAF Raid on Essen

Strong forces of U.S. heavy bombers struck into southwest and central France yesterday to batter German airfields and boost their Supply Railway March score of attacks on Nazi targets to 21-three more than the previous high.

While the heavies attacked targets in France for the second successive day. Marauder mediums kept up the hammering of the so-called "invasion coast" with blows at the Pas de Calais area.

Covered by a "very strong" escort of P38s, P47s and P51s of both the Eighth and Nin.h Air Forces, an estimated force and Nin.h Air Forces, an estimated roce of from 500 to 750 Fortresses and Liberators struck at the Reich's carefully conserved air strength after the Ruhr's armament city of Essen was saturated with a "great weight" of high explosives and incendiaries in a RAF raid late Sunday night.

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In a swift assault which took the German defenses by surprise, the RAF "in very great strength" gave Essen, center of the great Krupps works, its first heavy bombing since last July 25.

Perhaps over 2,100 tons of explosives were dropped on the city in a blow apparatus designed to destroy any re-

apparently designed to destroy any re-pairs to the city's battered war plants.

Had Repaired Factories

The Air Ministry, announcing that nearly two-thirds of the Krupps works were either damaged or destroyed last year in the Battle of the Ruhr, said that since the last great raid the Germans had been methodically trying to repair some of the decastation. devastation. Damage inflicted in the sustained offensive, the Air Ministry esti-mated, was the equivalent of a six months

Testifying to the lack of German fighter packs until the return trip, one RAF pilot declared that "it was the quietest trip I've ever had over the Ruhr." Ground defenses were not strong either, indicating that the Germans had expected

indicating that the Germans had expected another mission against Berlin.

In other night assaults on the rubber center at Hanover, as well as several undisclosed points in the Reich and railroad targets at Courtrai, in Belgium, nine aircraft failed to return.

A joint ETOUSA and Air Ministry announcement disclosed yesterday the use of Ninth Air Force P51s as fighter-bombers Sunday in the raid on the railroad yards at Creil, north of Paris.

It was the first official disclosure that

It was the first official disclosure that American Mustangs were being used as fighter-bombers in the ETO, although Allied air units in the Mediterranean have had them in operation for some time.

Conversion of the Mustang into a fighter-bomber was announced with the declaration: "The Mustangs now join Thunderbolts in the Ninth Air Force fleet of fighter-bombers which will operate as

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Knockout Dropper Sets ETO Record With Her 75th Raid

A FORTRESS BASE, Mar. 27—The veteran B17F Knockout Dropper gained further fame and set an ETO record today when it flew in from central France. It

when it flew in from central France. It was Knockout Dropper's 75th mission.

Last Nov. 16, the old Fort, one of the two original ships left in Lt. Col. Kermit Steven's veteran Hell's Angels bomb group, made history when it became the first U.S. bomber to complete 50 raids

In her raids, Knockout Dropper has hauled 150 tons of bombs into Germany and France. In 675 combat hours inside well-worn fuselage, no man has won the Purple Heart for wounds received in

Other famous Forts which have finished 50 missions have been sent home, but the Dropper's no glamor gal. There have been no milk-run assignments or babying to help her to the record 75-mission mark. Since she passed 50 she has traveled into Frankfurt four times, Leipzig twice. She has been back to Schweinfurt and has hit targets such as Oschersleben and Brunswick.

Oschersieben and Brunswick,
pilot for the 75th raid was I/Lt. John N.
Saviage. of Cherryville, Kan. The ground crew
in headed by M/Sgt. Buford G. Pafford, of
Stewartstown, Pa., and the rest include S/Sgt.
Morton M. Moon Jr. Lenvenworth, Kan. Sgt.
Martin N. Strastburg, N. Tonawanda, N.Y.; Sgt.
Stanley J. Jikoobs, Newton Upper Palis, Mass.,
Sgt. Wayne E. Trant, Kingsville, Tex.; Cpt.
James T. McShane, Minneapolis; Cpf. Georte
Rutherford, Chowchilla, Cal., and Pfc William S.
Crowe, McKenzie, Ala.

Soldier Freed in Death Of Tennessee Worker

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Mar. 27-A murder charge was dismissed here against Pvt. George E. Inzer, paratrooper, who admitted fatally injuring 37-year-old Robert Ricker for saying, "I think the Japs ought to win the war. Then they would not take so much money out of my pay-

Ricker died a few hours after the paratrooper struck him once on the

Reported Cut by Burma British

Airborne Troops' Mission Called a Success; U.S. Planes Hammer Foe

NEW DELHI, India, Mar. 27-British airborne troops, dropped secretly in northern Burma 16 days ago by Col. Phil Cochran's U.S. Air Commandos, were reported yesterday to have severed the enemy supply railway running from Man-dalay north to Myitkyina—Jap outpost menaced by Chinese and American ground troops only 30 miles away on Saturday, a dispatch from "inside Burma" said

This is the first indication of the whereabouts of the airborne force apart from a brief announcement shortly after the landing that they had been in action. Observers at Allied headquarters said the troops probably were 55 to 60 miles southwest of Myitkyina along the railway near Mawlu, where fighting was reported

Under Gen. Wingate

Allied headquarters said that the British airborne troops were some of the same specially-trained fighters which carried out the famous "Wingate Expedition" deep into Burma last year, and that the entire unit still was under the com-

tion" deep into Burma last year, and that
the entire unit still was under the command of Maj. Gen. Charles Wingate.

Wingate, returning to his Indian
frontier headquarters from the secret
operational base, told war reporters today
that "the first stage of the airborne operation is completely successful. Everything
we set out to do has been done."

American airmen, flying from Col.
Cochran's undisclosed air base in north
Burma, are giving close support to Win-

Burma, are giving close support to Win-gate's ground troops, dumping everything or anything that would explode or burn on Japanese troops

Drop Even Depth Charges

Naval depth charges, mines, oil and fire bombs have been dropped on Japanese strongholds by medium bombers, while cannon-firing B25s are providing artillery support for the British. Fighter planes, with hook knives on the ends of long cables under the planes, have been flying over Jap telephone and telegraph lines (possibly along the Mandalay-Myitkyina railway), cutting Mandalay-Myitkyina railway), cutting

them in low swoops.

It is the Mandalay-Myitkyina railway that supplies the Japanese 18th Army, which is fighting Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell's American and Chinese troops some 30 miles northwest of Myitkyina. In this area vectorday. Allied troops compiled area yesterday, Allied troops occupied the village of Tingpai on the Sumprabum-Myitkyina road.

In fighting along the Indian-Burma frontier, British shock troops knocked out several Japanese tanks along the Tiddim-Imphal road, while other ground troops dislodged Japanese troops from two more hill positions overlooking the road. Heavy Jap casualties were re-

Rail Escape for Pocketed Nazis Cut as Kamenets Podolsk Falls; PruthBridgeheadNow100Miles

U.S. Paratrooper Bags Nazi Snipers



Two German snipers, rounded up by a U.S. paratroop unit in Italy, look glumly at one of their captors as he moves them toward a prison camp truck.

Bricker Confident GOP Infantry Is Consolidating Trend Will Continue In Congress Election

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Mar. 27— Gov. John W. Bricker, of Ohio, predicted today that tomorrow's special election in Oklahoma to fill a vacant congressional House seat would show that the Republi-

House seat would show that the Republican trend begun in 1942 with the defeat of Senator Josh Lee (D.) by Ed Moore (R.) was continuing in 1944.

Describing the balloting as "a most important" test of sentiment, Bricker declared it would be "most encouraging" if Edwin O. Clark, 63-year-old Republications of the sentiment of Stielers 53 the can, won over William G. Stigler, 53, the Democratic nominee. Clark is one-quarter Indian, Stigler one-half Indian. Senate Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley, of Kentucky, has stumped for

Stigler.

U.S. Commando Landing WipedOutatSpezia-Nazis

"American Commandos" have landed on the coast of Italy northwest of Spezia, big Axis naval base on the gulf of Genoa, vesterday's German-communique asserted. The communique said the commando force consisted of 13 men and two officers and that the Allied formation was wiped

Escaped Frenchman Declares:

Panic Shootings by SS Troops Followed 1st U.S. Berlin Raid

By the United Press
GERMAN FRONTIER, Mar. 27—
Panic shootings occurred in Berlin after the USAAF's first great daylight raid on Mar. 6 destroyed a Tiger tank factory and a machine-gun plant employing 25,000 foreign workers in the city's out-

The shootings were described today by a French prisoner of war who worked in the tank plant and who since has gotten out of Germany. There is no doubt about the reliability of his story.

"Immediately after the great daylight raid on Mur. 6," he said, "the Gestapo ordered heavily armed SS men to patrol the streets in cars near the bombed areas, obviously fearing an outbreak by the foreign workers employed in the plants

"The SS men were armed with tommyguns and without any word of warning they started opening fire on any group they thought looked hostile or even suspicious. It was a case of 'fire first and ask afterward.' One of the results was that several harmless Berliners were killed

in what was nothing more or less than panic shooting.

"This was the second time this kind of thing has happened in Berlin after a big

"What were left of the foreigners working in the factories that were hit were simply told by the authorities:
"Go somewhere else and try to find

work. We don't know what to do with you. That was how I managed to escape."

Oklahoma Vote Big Guns Blast Is Seen as a Test Foe in Cassino

For New Thrusts; Anzio Beachhead Is Quiet

ADVANCED ALLIED HQ, Italy, Mar. 27 (Reuter)—Allied heavy guns have taken over from the infantry in the Cassino area. German mortar positions and the main Nazi strongpoints inside the town-Hotel des Roses and Hotel Continental-were shelled yesterday while Fifth Army strongpoints were consolidated for future use as springboards when the Liri Valley assault is renewed. Snow and rain fell again on both the main front and in the Anzio beachhead,

where two enemy attempts at infiltration

were repulsed.

With ground fighting in Cassino at a standstill ten days after the Allies opened their assault, it was disclosed for the first time that Indian Gurkha troops were the heroes of Hangman's Hill. The Gurkhas scrambled two-thirds of the way up the craggy heights of Monte Cassino on the opening night of the big attack, only to have sudden torrential rains disrupt their advance.

Dawn revealed the Indians dug in but-isolated. Since then they have been sup-plied by parachute and all efforts to re-establish ground contact have been frustrated.

Cassino a Failure, Naples Stars and Stripes Declares

NAPLES, Mar. 27 (UP)-Two more descriptions of the Cassino operations as a failure are given by the Naples edition of The Stars and Stripes and the Canadian Army newspaper, Maple Leaf.

The Stars and Stripes adds that the German grip on Cassino is nearly as strong as ever.

This is what they say:
The Stars and Stripes: "The latest assault on Cassino and the Monastery has so far been a failure, it became clear this weekend."

Maple Leaf: "After 12 days of the heaviest hand-to-hand fighting, the battle of Cassino has abated, and the Allied bid to take Cassino and Monastery Hill can only be termed a failure. The Allies are not in the habit of kidding themselves, and this is not the time to start. The and this is not the time to start. The Allies failed in this attack, but there is no reason to believe that the failure is finito."

Germans Reported Moving Up From Carpathians

German troops pocketed in a 60-mile-deep trap between the armies of Marshal Gregory Zhukov along the northern Dniester and Marshal Ivan Koniev 50 miles to the south on the Pruth yesterday lost the railway town of Kamenets Podolsk and with it the last rail line over which they could

last rail line over which they could hope to escape across the Dniester.

Capture of the town was announced last night by Marshal Stalin in an order of the day as Soviet motorized infantry and tanks strengthened their cast-bank bridgehead along the Pruth at the Rumanian border, thus coming within 25 miles of the former German general head-quarters at Jassy in Rumania across the quarters at Jassy, in Rumania across the Pruth.

Moscow dispatches suggested that advance units of Koniev's armies very likely had already crossed the Pruth into Rumania. Col. Ernst von Hammer, mili-tary correspondent of German News Agency, said the Russians were "thrusting forward toward Jassy, continuously receiving new reinforcements."

Bridgehead Now 100 Miles

Even as the Red Army widened the Pruth bridgehead to 100 miles, reports reaching the Turkish capital at Ankara said at least nine German divisions—four of them armored—had passed through Hungary and entered Rumania to take up positions in the flat land between the Carpathians and the Pruth and to strengthen defenses at the mouth of the Danube.

of the Danube.

Meanwhile, Moscow radio reported that Adolf Hitler had taken over the Hungarian Army, abolished the Hungarian general staff and put his satellite's troops under a special section of the Nazi high command.

At the same time, a new Red Army offensive which would be aimed at Brest-Litovsk and then at Warsaw, 90 miles farther northwest, was forecast

90 miles farther northwest, was forecast by Nazi military experts quoted by German-controlled Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau. They said powerful Russian troop concentrations were being made on the central front in the area east of Kovel and Brest-Litovsk.

The enemy conceded that vastly superior Russian forces had been thrown into repeated attacks all the way from newly-captured Balti, some 30 miles from the Pruth, to Pervomaisk on the Bug, 130 miles to the east.

Several Divisions May be Trapped

There was no indication how many Nazis had been caught in the Proskurov pocket by Zhukov's march into Kamenets Podolsk, but there was a suggestion in Moscow reports that it was at least several divisions.

Meanwhile, Koniev spread out north and south from his position on the Prath's east bank, moving in the north toward the rail town of Lipcani, 40 miles toward the rail town of Lipcani, 40 miles east of Cernauti at the northern tip of Bessarabia, and in the south toward Unghen, where the rail line from Odessa crosses the Dniester to Jassy ten miles beyond the river.

Moscow dispatches placed advanced units of Konicy's armies less than 20 miles from this lateral line last night. They pointed out that if it were cut, German evergation of such places as

German evacuation of such places as Tiraspol and Odessa in the southwestern corner of the Ukraine would be hampered considerably.

Nazis Reinforce Positions In Finland, Swedes Hear

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 27 (AP)-The Germans are strengthening their positions in northern Finland, reliable information reaching here from Helsinki said. Four Nazi transports, piled high with equip-ment, arrived at Hangoe last week, carrying mainly heavy war materials and com-paratively few soldiers.

The Swedish press reported that Gen. Von Falkenhorst, the Nazi commanderin-chief in Norway, had gone to northern Finland.

Although it is now two weeks since the Finnish government rejected the Moscow terms for an armistice, belief in Stockholm exists that peace might still be rescued.

Wife Killer Gets Life

IDA GROVE, Iowa, Mar. 27—
William Lorenzen, 58-year-old farme
convicted of putting poison in his wife's
vitamin pills, was sentenced to life imprisonment. His wife Mac, 57, died last
October. October.

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Pledges Renewed

Recently General MacArthur honored in a Canberra celebration which marked the second anniversary of his arrival in Australia.

Responding to a toast given by Mr Curtin on that occasion, the General said that two years ago on landing in Australia he had promised the people of the Philippines from whence he had come that

I shall return."
In Canberra he repeated that promise and added that nothing was more certain than the ultimate reconquest and libera-tion from the enemy of the Philippines

tion from the enemy of the Philippines and all adjacent lands.

Now Winston Churchill has strengthened MacArthur's pledge, for in his radio address to the British people, the Prime Minister remarked: "The American victories in the Pacific and, in particular, their latest conquest and liberation of the Marshall Islands, constitute superb examples of the combination of naval, air and military force. It is possible that the war in the Pacific may progress more rapidly than was formerly thought possible. The Japanese are showing signs of grave weakness." Then later he said: "The British Empire and Commonwealth of Nations have pledged themselves to fight side by side with the United States against Japan, no matter United States against Japan, no matter what it costs or how long it lasts." And the double pledge may bear fruit soon.

"Pin-Up" Contours

The Pin-Up Girl-like Donald Duck-is at long last leaving the Nissen hut and taking a co-ed place in the U.S. Army classroom. In the future the curves of Betty Grable may be responsible for taking a difficult enemy position, it is reported, and for the doubting Thomas here's how it works. When the raw recruit goes into a map-

reading class these days he no longer is forced to sit and gaze at the usual map with its rivers, mountain ranges, towns and villages. Instead a glamor girl is prominently displayed to hold his attenion. This figure is ruled off in "grid line" squares. Each section of the girl is divided and numbered. By checking the lines on the map the soldier can

locate any given area, as on a real map.
With his interest in map-reading thoroughly aroused, the modern GI gets down to work. His proficiency develops with astounding rapidity.
"Pin-Up Girl" maps first came into being at Lowry Field, Colorado, and the still being a control of the still being at Lowry Field.

while still unknown to many in the Armed forces, their popularity is spreading as speedily as grease on a hot skilet.

Who said there was nothing new under the sun?

Army Service Forces

Honoring the Army Service Forces on its second anniversary, the War Department released some of the outstanding records run up by the ASF which is supplying and servicing the nation's fighting

men all over the world.

For example, in the year just past, the ASF paid out a billion and one-half dollars to more than three million family allowance accounts; sent 746 million pieces of mail and over two million sacks parcels overseas; shipped more than 25 million tons of supplies and equipment more that and a half troops and passengers overseas; gave medical care to nearly four million patients at Army hospitals; handled nearly two million radio messages to overseas destinations; and did 81 mil-lion dollars worth of business at Army

post exchanges.
Other services too numerous to mention were provided by the ASF, and many of the officers and men participating in the operation of these services were killed or wounded in action. No soldier in the armed forces has failed to benefit from their combined effort, for without it there could be no victory in any theater of war.

Begin at the Bottom

"I have observed in English and American authors a strong disposition to launch forth into grand strategy . . . and the larger operations of war, by men who could not, probably, perform a sentry's duty, post a guard, conduct an ordinary

duty, post a guard, conduct an ordinary parade or mount a guard, handle a skirmish line or conduct a reconnaissance.

"Much may be learned from books, and my advice to you is to study the duties of a soldier, of corporal, sergeant, licutenant and captain, before attempting strategy, grand tactics and the function of the commander in chief. With poor battalions, badly commanded, strategy is useless and wasted. With good battalions, well commanded. . strategy is simple and easily acquired."

These words, spoken by Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman in the year 1879, still contain their original wisdom. Remembered and quoted they might add a note of moderation to the next "barber shop"

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Incidental Information. The GIs from a certain prominent New York borough did a little eye-brow raising when they attended a Red Cross "State Night" and saw signs all over the place reading, "State Night—New York, New Jersey, Receibles" Brooklyn.

If you want to stay on the good side of Capt. Raymond A. Wesloski, don't ask him to censor any mail for you-at least,



not at odd hours of the night. The Captain worked later than usual one night and was all set to turn in when a GI came in and requested that he censor "just one letter," so he could get it off in the morning mail. He agreed and the GI produced an epistle made up of 38 pages, size 8 x 13, single spaced typing!

* * * Hitler's Secret Weapon? The "side saddle" pockets on G1 fatigues.

Tops in Gratitude: Home safe at his base in India after parachuting from his burning plane, a pilot drew his liquor ration, hustled over to the parachute shed and presented the whole bottle to the pvt. who had packed his chute.

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And then there was the GI who insisted on using a foxhole every time—so he wouldn't get trencht mouth.

GI Philosophy. If Hitler's disposition is bad it may be because he gets up on the wrong side of the channel every

A timely verse from the pen of Sgt. Engnath, entitled "Spring Comes to the Orderly Room," or "Obviously It Ain't From the Sun."

How Blue the Sky How Fair the Rose How Green the Grass How Red the Nose.

1/Lt. William Ames reports that the artillery men who so thoroughly pounded the infamous Hill 609 in Tunisia figure they did such a good job of shaving it down that now they're calling it Hill 606.

Cry in your beer for a certain Lt. "D.," whose phenomenal luck at poker and other games of chance have made him



almost a legendary character. One night "D.'s" luck changed and it changed with a vengeance. After a miserable evening of consistent losing he returned to his quarters emitting unhappy sighs and groans of misery. He then reached a new high in personal misfortune. Leaning over the coal fire to light his cigarette with a scrap of paper from his pocket, he disa scrap of paper from his pocket, he dis-covered too late that he was doing the job with a £5 note!

CAUTION

LEFT-HAND DRIVE

PRIVATE BREGER

"You dumb cluck! Leaving her an UNOPENED can of milk-and no

can-opener!"

Hash Marks Post-War Aviation to Be A Giant in U.S. Industry

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27—The end of the war will find the United States sitting on top of the biggest aviation layout in its history, with a fleet of air carriers second to none, some 3,000,000 trained men whose business has been flying planes and a 20-billion-dollar industry five times larger than the automobile industry at its peace-time peak.

Add to that the jab in the arm given the American people by the airplane's part in the war, and you have the reasons why leaders in the industry and govern-ment authorities predict aviation will be-come one of the "giants" of American

come one of the "giants" of American industry after this war.

Summed up, the story of post-war aviation told by the experts goes something like this:

Within three years after the war, 300,000 private aircraft alone will be traveling the airways. Within ten years, the number will be proposed to the property of the proposed to the property of the p the number will approach the half-million

Domestic airline service, on regular schedule, will be expanded to America's "Main Street" communities with the number of airports throughout the country doubled to 6,000—twice the number in use to day, for both printers of use today-for both private and commerplanes.

Domestic airline stops will increase from the present 284 to about 3,400 and

from the present 284 to about 3,400 and the current air mileage will be multiplied from 50,000 air miles to 500,000. Overseas routes now planned already exceed the 50,000 air mileage flown domestically. Air freight trains, with gliders as their boxcars, will be used. Electronic controls for towing and landing will make flying in bad weather, flying at night or flying blind easier than at present.

Transcontinental trips will take only ten hours and the fare will be at least 30 per cent lower than today's. Service to European points will be on an overnight basis and the cost slightly below that of present first-class steamship fares.

Not for Awhile

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Such industry shoptalk as 400-passenger super-planes, helicopters parked in the backyard for quick trips to the office and floating air stations in midocean, com-plete to hotel and golf course, isn't ruled out. But it just won't happen for awhile,

out. But it just won't happen for awhile, the experts say,
William A. Burden, special aviation assistant to the secretary of commerce, divides post-war aviation into three distinct parts: (1) Air transport; (2) private flying; (3) the ground facilities needed to support the flying,
"In the immediate post-war period, our airlines will probably be operating converted military transport planes and rates and speed of service will show only slight improvements over pre-war standards," Burden said, "with the important exception that faster, four-motored exception that faster, four-motored transports will be available for domestic

America's heavy bombers won't be converted to transport use, according to Burden, since there will be enough military transports to handle the traffic.

When the first new transports do come off the factory belts, there will be no radical change in transports.

radical change in appearance. The tri-cycle landing gear will be standard and long-range planes may have pressurized cabins as standard equipment, but such principles as the flying wing and jet propulsion won't be used commercially for several decades. And while the 400-passenger jobs are technically possible, they're of no particular advantage, either economically or for running frequent ser-vice schedules.

American Export Lines which, with American Export Lines which, with Pan-American Airways, operates one of the only two American trans-oceanic lines, plans expansion of its overseas routes using several new types of flying boats and land planes. Largest of the new aircraft, now on the drawing boards, will be powered by giant radial engines, will travel 4 000 miles non-stop at a top will travel 4,000 miles non-stop at a top speed of 296 miles per hour and will accommodate up to 108 passengers easily. Every major American airline will be out for the post-war aviation kill. United

Air Lines has announced that it will spend between 18 and 20 million dollars for J. C. W. post-war expansion, Capt. Eddie Ricken

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backer, president of Eastern Air Lines, said his company would spend "all it could borrow," while TWA hopes to in-augurate a direct line from Chicago via Detroit, Boston, New York and Washing-ton to London and Paris.

Just how much expansion will occur in the foreign fields, however, won't be known until it is decided whether the United States is to be represented in postwar world aviation by one or several com-panies, a question involving the plans of other nations, including reciprocal fly-ing rights, and touching political and diplomatic issues as well.

Caution Is the Word

In the field of private flying, the ex-perts walk cautiously. While it is the only real mass market open to the in-dustry, it may be years before the general public accounts. public, excluding Army and Navy veteran fliers, actually take to the airways as they have taken to the highways.

Before the war there were only 25,000 privately-owned planes in America. To reach the half-million mark predicted for the end of the first pre-war decade, the industry must put three qualities into its product—safety, utility and an attractive

Technically, the post-war private plane will be much safer and easier to handle than the pre-war model. The dual-control, spin-proof plane has already made the grade and can be solved in many less hours than older designs. If the demand makes it possible, the private plane can also be brought within pocketbook reach of the average family and a four-seater could be sold for between 1,500 and 2,000

could be sold for between 1,300 and dollars.

Actually, it is the utility angle that presents the big hurdle. Since short trips make up the great part of civilian travel, experts say some way must be found to overcome the loss of time getting to and from airports, or when bad weather makes it unsafe for the average post-war pilot to continue his trip by air. And

makes it unsafe for the average post-war pilot to continue his trip by air. And though the helicopter has made the head-lines, it is still far from perfect and it will be ten or more years before it is developed for private use.

If ground facilities expand into the 6,000 airports as predicted—only 600 short of the total American cities with a population of 1,000 or more—part of the utility problems will be solved. An autoplane would finish the job, say the experts, but that is years off.

"Keep your head in the skies but your feet on the ground" is the advice of aviation men when they discuss the postwar outlook for their industry.

war outlook for their industry.



Along the Road to Tunis

I walked, alone, in dead of night, Along the shell-torn way That once had been the road that led Toward the Tunis Bay. Beneath the ancient olive trees, Stood crosses side by side Stood crosses side by side, Where men, in death, had found the peace That war, in life, denied.

At last, I crossed the sprawling hill, We knew as "Six-O-Nine"; And in the eerie shambles that Had been the "Rommel Line," A ghastly figure blocked my path, So startling, gaunt, and grim, I'll be forever haunted by gruesome signt of him.

His brass was fouled by damp of earth— His tunic rotting mould, And crusted black, where blood had

From wounds that long were cold.
His glassy stare pierced thru the mists,
That clung like battle smoke,
And held me fixed as rooted there,
While then, at last, he spoke.

When in the solemn moment that I shall have come to die There yet will ring upon my ear
His plaintive query, "Why?"—
"Why must it be, as ever has been,
That with each twenty years
The earth is bathed in blood of men
And wet of woman's tears?"

"Where is the fault; and whose the sin, "Where is the fault; and whose the sin,
That wars may never cease?—
Why is it man has conquered all,
Except himself, for peace?—
Shall it be, that now, we number wars
Like numbered kings, to reign—
The 'Second' be followed by 'Third' and
'Fourth'—

And this, again, in vain?" He paused and waited my answer then;
And failing him, he cried,
In words that told of an anguished scul
"Forbid, for such, we died!"
But then, again, in a warrior's tone,
He spoke with the angry roar
That a distant cannon splits the night;
"It must happen, never more!"

As to my teeth he flung this charge,
He stood at a hero's height—
Then left me, once again, alone,
And vanished in the night;
While I, with thought that we might fail,
Ir that which he had bid,
With head bowed low in reverent prayer,
I echoed, "God forbid!"

Lenhard T. E. Bauer.

The Army

ADD postal prizes: S/Sgt. Wilton B. Oliver, of Ossining, N.Y., who recently received a V-Mail from his mother addressed to him but with the "Fleet P.O., San Francisco," address of his Marine brother who is in the southwest Pacific; and Pvt. Charles W. Watson, of Arlington, Mass., who on Mar. 13 received a V-Mail written by his mother on Mar. 2 and bearing only her return address in the space where his address should have been. The letter failed to mention his name, unit, address or APO and Watson wants to know if the Army postmen do it with mirrors.

Tobacco chewing champions of the ETO are the engineers, according to Cpl. Robert E. Goldy, of New York, manager of an engineer unit's PX. A salesman in New York in the Hotel Commodore's haberdashery shop for six years before he entered the Army, Goldy says his big worry now is keeping the engineers in chewing tobacco.

He was bound to turn up sooner or later: An egg candler in the Army.

Sgt. Arthur D. Blazer, of Mescabero, N.M., is a 14-k candler of old-fashioned eggs with the shells on and claims he can candle 90 dozen per hour at a QM depot in the ETO, Fearful of starting a march on the depot, ETOUSA head-quarters is quick to announce that the quarters is quick to announce that the supply of eggs is mostly for hospital patients and combat flying crews.

(A simple definition of an egg candler: He holds a light to an egg to determine if an unborn chick is inside the shell instead of what you crack onto a frying

Lt. Col. Herbert F. Batcheller, of Hendersonville, N.C., and Lt. Col. Mark J. Alexander, of Lawrence, Kan., paratroop officers now in the ETO as instructors, recently received from the British government the DSO for services in Italy while the paratroops were in Italy while the paratroops were attached to a British armored division. As a military decoration, the DSO is second to the Victoria Cross.

SGT. Bob Debnam, Snow Hill (N.C.) paratrooper stationed in the ETO, specifies no line of demarkation between the French Foreign Legion in French Morocco, where he spent 19 months fighting in desert warfare, and the hazardous job in Uncle Sam's paratroops. "Both offer an outlet for adventure," says Bob, "and to be respected for your fighting ability is about one of the best feelings you can have."
In #938 Debnam left New York for

Casablanca for what he thought was for good. He nevertheless returned and entered the airborne forces in 1942.

Notes from the-

Air Force

LIVES of USAAF crew members forced down at sea depend in large part on a crew, specializing in the use of carbon dioxide gas, who work in a refilling shop at a General Depot. Under supervision of Lt. John J. Morrison, of Augusta, Ga., the crew checks and refills life rafts, then returns them to USAAF units.

Carbon dioxide is used to inflate the life rafts in tanks. An exact amount of

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carbon dioxide must be put in the tanks, or the rafts will burst or fail to support the weight of airmen.

M/Sgt. Donald Van Lente, of Holland, Mich., and Sgt. E. Wayne Barnett, of Huntington, W. Va., have taught contses for men from other depots on the intricate process of refilling life-raft tanks. Cpl. Anthony Paul Strubel, of Detroit, with a machine tool and some ingenuity, overcame a lack of proper adaptors for overcame a lack of proper adaptors for the tanks.

First B26 combat photographer to win the Distinguished Flying Cross is T/Sgt. James C. Hinkle, 23, of New Castle, Va.

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TOLD in combat crew huts and interrogation rooms throughout the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces these days is the story of a conversation between a USSTAP bomber crew and the men of an anti-aircraft battery of a certain mountainous neutral country in central Europe. It may be apocryphal, but it could be true:

AA battery to bomber: "You are flying

AA battery to bomber: "You are flying over our territory.

Bomber to AA: Yes, we know it.

AA: We must fire at you.

Bomber: Yes, we know it.

AA: We are firing at you.

Bomber: Yes, we know it. Your bursts are a couple hundred yards low.

AA: Yes, we know it.

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Someone thinks M/Sgt. C. E. Hankal, of Louisville, Ky., set a record. Hankel, 17 years in the Army, changed the engine on a P47 in 18 hours.

THE RAF's fleet, all-wood Mosquito bombers now can carry two-ton block busters, an official commentator

originally designed for a bomb load of 1,000 pounds, the Mosquito's capacity has been stepped up gradually and now is about that of an operational American B26. Tactically, the development means headaches for German ARP defenses in particular. RAF tactics lately have included the despatch of Mosquito bombers to hit targets plastered carlier in the evening by the heavies, and twofon bombs, effective over a large area, should hamper ARP work in target chies more than the lighter bombs originally carried.

Presumably the modifications will not extend to Mosquitoes used as fighter-bombers and as intruders.

St. John's Whips DePaul to Win Invitation Crown

On the Jump



FREDERICK, Md., Mar. 27—The Philadelphia Athletics chalked up their second straight win of the training season, downing the Baltimore Orioles of the 19 ternation a 1 League, 3—1, here yesterday. Russ Christopher, Liman Harris and Don Black, all holdover veterans from '43, combined to set down the Orioles with five hits. Jojo White, Athletic center fielder, clubbed out two doubles, the only extra-base clouts of the game. Lew Flick, Die White George Hall, Irving Hall and the Siebert, George Hall, Irving Hall and the Siebert,



the game. Lew Flick, Dick Siebert, George Hall, Irying Hall and 16-year-old Jake Fox each contributed a single to the

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., Mar. 27

The St. Louis Browns opened their exhibition season here yesterday by fashioning a 5—4 triumph over the Toledo Mudhens of the American Association. Frank Mancuso singled George McQuinn home in the ninth frame, breaking a 4—4 deadlock.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Mar. 27—The Chicago White Sox bounced back from Saturday's 5—3 defeat to belt three Detroit pitchers for 14 hits and a 10—4 victory here yesterday in an exhibition game before 1,500 fans. The Sox. paced by Johnny Dickshot's two doubles, clustered three runs on four hits off Hal Newhouser in the first inning; added two unearned runs off Stubby Overmire, and the remainder off Walter "Boom Boom" Beck. The Tigers got eight hits off three Chisox hurlers, including Ozval Grove.

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COLLEGE PARK, Md., Mar. 27—
Roberto Oritz, Cuban outfielder, played right field a few hours after arriving at camp and led the Washington Senators to a 3—0 win over the Yamigans with three hits here vectored. three hits here yesterday.



of the team here yesterday, slapping down the Fourth Ferrying Group, of Memphis, Tenn., 9—3, in an exhibi-tion tilt. The Flyers were led by Johnny Beazley, ex - Card pitching star; Jimmy Brown, the champs' former second baseman, and Ken Silvestri, from the Uncle

Sam. Max Lanier and Harry Brecheen shared the pitching chores for St. Louis.

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Redmen Repeat In Garden With 47-39 Triumph

SPORTS

Demons Trail Brooklyn Quintet From Outset

NEW YORK, Mar. 27-St. John's of Brooklyn successfully defended its In-vitational basketball crown, dumping the highly regarded Blue Demons of DePaul, 47—39, at Madison Square Garden last night before 18,374 fans who had antici-pated an easy victory for the Chicago

powerhouse.

The triumph qualified St. John's for a crack at the NCAA titlist who will emerge from tomorrow night's battle between Dartmouth and Utah for the mythical

Dartmouth and Utah for the mythical national championship. Ironically, Utah was eliminated by Kentucky in the first round of the Invitational affair but recovered to sail through the western flight of the NCAA tourney at Kansas City.

DePaul trailed from the very outset as Wade Duym swished the opening basket for the Redmen. Big George Mikan, six-feet, nine-inch Demon center, tossed in a swing shot to tie the score, but Ivy Summer retrieved the lead for St. John's with a one-hander from the side.

Duym, Summer Push Winners

Jack Dean connected from midcourt to knot the count at 4—4, and DePaul stayed within a point or two of the Redmen until midway in the first half when Duym and Summer tallied in rapid succession to shove the Redmen ahead. The Demons lagged, 26—24, at the intermission, closing the gap in the final few seconds on field goals by Mikan and Dick "Tiptoe" Triptow.

The Demons moved out front, 29—28, early in the second half as Triptow scored twice and Kachan added a basket to can be a considered to the control of the c

twice and Kachan added a basket to cancel Summer's two-pointer. Ray Wertis then netted a pair of loopers for St. John's and the Demons never again caught up, although they fought savagely until Mikan was ejected via personal fouls with 13 minutes to go.

The Redmen zoomed to a commanding 41—33 advantage shortly thereafter on two baskets by Hy Gotkin and two free throws and a long set shot by Bill Kotsores. With six minutes remaining, Jack Phelan, Mikan's replacement, and Jack Dean, star Demon forward, fouled out on consecutive plays and the last DePaul opportunity went up in smoke.

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The game turned into a wild running rout as the Chicagoans strove frantically to get control of the ball, letting Kotsores and Don Wehr penetrate for easy sleepers to put the game and championship on ice.

Victory an Upset

The triumph was a mild upset because the Redmen had no tower of strength like Harry Boycoff, who led them to the title last year. This season first one man then another sparked St. John's over a rocky campaign in which the Redmen bowed six times.

times.

Bill Kotsores, flashy Brooklyn forward, received the annual award as most valuable player in the tournament, though Ray Wertis paced the victors with 12-points, closely trailed by Duym with 11. Mikan headed the Demons with 13 points before fouling out and Triptow contributed ten to the futile cause.

In the game for third place which preceded the title contest, fast-breaking Kentucky stunned the Oklahoma Aggies, 45—29, stopping Bob Kurland, sevenfoot Aggie center, with 14 points. The Oklahomans were handicapped by the loss

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A's Have 7 Ex-Managers

FREDERICK, Md., Mar. 27-The Philadelphia Athletics have seven former managers on the squad. They are Earl Mack, Lena Blackburn, Chief Bender, Earle Brucker, Woody Wheaton, Lou Paradise and Hal Wagner. UTAH UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL
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TITLE

Black Hawks Blank Wings, 2-0, To Forge Ahead in Cup Play

CHICAGO, Mar. 27-The Chicago Black Hawks blanked the Detroit Red Wings, 2—0, to take a 2—1 lead in games over the defending champions in their Stanley Cup playoff séries here last night at Chicago Stadium before 17,138 customers.

Heroes of the lethargic contest were Joe Cooper and Clint Smith, who dribbled long shots past Detroit Goalie Connie Dion in the first and third

Durham Open Won by Wood

DURHAM, N.C., Mar. 27—Craig Wood, Mamaroneck, N.Y., professional, maintained his torrid pace throughout the

72-hole grind to win the \$5,000 Durham Open golf tourna-ment here yesterday with a total of 271

Wood, who led from the tourney's from the tourney's start, finished three strokes ahead of Toledo's Byron Nelson. Nelson Nelson on Carded a 70 yesterday, despite a sizzling 33 on his last nine, but couldn't cope with Wood's four rounds of 67, 67, 69 and 68—12 under par for the entire meet. Jimmy Hines, of Amsterdam, N.Y., finished third and Jug McSpaden fourth.



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Cooper, veteran player recently given a medical discharge from the Canadian Army, picked up the puck near center ice and rifled it off the shins of Detroit's Hal Jackson, the rubber disc sliding into the cage under Dion's outstretched stick.

Smith maneuvered to within 25 feet of the enemy cage in the final period, then mashied the puck past Dion.

Play was marred by 12 penalties, six within the first ten minutes, but the game itself was much less spirited than the usual Stanley Cup series competition. The Hawks and Wings resume their bestfour-out-of-seven duel here tomorrow, and Montreal, leading 2—1 in its series, visits Toronto again on the same night.

Stanley Cup Playoffs

First Bracket Tirst Bracket
(Best four out of seven)
Toronto 3, Montreal 1
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Montreal 2, Toronto 1

Second Bracket (Best four out of seven)
Chicago 2, Detroit 1

By Pap Gallopers Top Alcon-Falcons For Flier Title

Vic Elich's Overtime Shot Breaks 34-34 Tie in 8th AF Tourney

By Ray Lee
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
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AN EAST ANGLIA TOWN, Mar. 27
—S/Sgt. Vic J. Elich, former Colorado hoopster from Pueblo, dropped in his second overtime basket—a foul—with 40 seconds left and won the Eighth Air Force basketball title for Gilger's Gallopers as they defeated the Alcon-Falcons, 35—34, in the final here last night.

The Alcon-Falcons, who took both the — Bombardment Division and also the Composite Command title, tied the count, 32—32, with less than a minute to go in the final quarter on two goals by their captain, S/Sgt. Robert Roth, former Wayne University star and Detroit Eagle courtman. Elich put the Gallopers out front at three minutes of the overtime, but Cpl. Robert Streff, of Oklahoma City, Okla., tied it up again seconds later. The Falcons whittled down an early lead gained by the Gallopers and spurted ahead at nine minutes of the second period on a score by S/Sgt. Romey Edwards, of Louisa, Ky., and held a halftime advantage of 16—14.

Elich put the Gallopers on an even footing at the whistle of the third stanza, but 30 seconds later Roth took the Falcons out front, 18—16. They held this margin until four minutes, when Sgt. Bobby Davidoff, 1942 NYU captain, dropped in a long shot to knot the count again.

Roth came right back to put the Falcons ahead, and from there until the end of the period they held it. Twice it changed hands in the final frame, with the Gallopers headed for the crown when Roth's basket forced the till into overtime.

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Roth was top scorer with 18 points while Elich was next with 11, followed closely by Davidoff with ten.

The all-star squad, chosen by the officials, is composed of Sgt. William Brown, captain of the High Flyers from Paducah, Ky.; Zemke's Wolf Pack hoopster Cpl. Kenneth Bergman, Ohio State star from Youngstown, Ohio: Roth, Davidoff, and M/Sgt. Vincent Cicero, of the Gallopers from Chicago.

The Falcons and Gallopers will represent the Eighth Air Force in the USSTAF tournament to be held next month.

GI Ties Links Record Over the Marlow Circuit

MARLOW, Mar. 27—Golf made another bid for ETO fame this afternoon when Pvt. Joe Maruszewski, of Dearborn; Mich., shot a 68 over the Marlow circuit here to tie the course record, Along with this, Joe shot a 73 to defeat Jack Brady, runner-up in the Scottish Open in 1939, in a charity match arranged by local golf fans.

American League Series

Buffalo 3, Indianapolis 2 (Buffalo leads, 3 games to 1) Cleveland 2, Hershey 0 (Cleveland leads, 3 games to 1)

Menchaca, Garrett on Corner Card

binations, one piloted by 1/Sgt. Lamar Mobley, the other by S/Sgt. Rudolph "Killer" Koch, runner-up for last year's ETO heavyweight title. Killer's squad, representing the - Re-placement Depot, rarely fights as a team.

However, they have given the regular Corner patrons some of their best shows, and those who are at the London hall tonight should see another fast card.

Standout performers in the Replace-ment aggregation are Pfc Dick Menchaca, Pvt. Benny Droll, Pvt. George Witt, Pvt. Tom "Bucky" Walbert, Pfc Bill Kings-land and Pvt. Tony Ponterella.

Kingsland, ETO light heavy titlist from Redondo Beach, Cal., is the only one of the group not appearing tonight due to illness. But Koch has just as capable a representative in Walbert, 169-

racked up a TKO over Pvt. Austen Wilson. Bucky tackles a Rainbow new-comer tonight, Sgt. Johnnie Jones, 172pound Armored Force battler from Muskogee, Okla.

As in the past, the best exhibition should be provided by Menchaea, the shifty, fast-moving little Texan from Port Arthur. Dick, winner of eight tilts in nine starts, will have his toughest opposition since he dropped a furious three-rounder to Pvt. Dick Shinn on Feb. 8 against Pvt. Harry Schneider, formet AAU lightweight king of Pennsylvania. The unbeaten Pittsburgher has racked up a string of six triumphs in the ETO against no setbacks, although this will be his first scrap at the Corner. At 145, he will have at least seven pounds on

By Mark E. Senigo
Stars and Stripes Sports Editor
Outstanding development of the second fight season at the Rainbow Corner has been the emergence of two new team combinations, one piloted by 1/Sgt. Lamar binations, one piloted by 1/Sgt. Lamar a three-round decision over Pfc Ralph Pombano, one of the stars of the Screaming Eagle Paratroop team. Matched with Garrett is Pvt. Art Arbuckle, of Indiana-polis, Ind. Garrett will have a six-pound weight lift against Arbuckle.

Here is the lineup for the rest of the ten-bout card:

len-bout card:

Pvt. Morris Shapiro, Philadelphia, 166, vs. Pfc Ed Conroy, Hazleton, Pa., 164.

Cpl. Keith Voorhees, Ventura, Cal., 138, vs. Pvt. Sammy Johnson, Jacksonville, Fin., 144.

Pvt. Benny Droll, Peoria, Ill., 165, vs. Pvt. Lawrence Dobbins, Cleveland, 156.

Pfc King "Tut" Tabor, Oakland, Cal., 164, vs. Pfc Lafayette Drimmond, St. Louis, 157.

Pvt. John Barzee, New York, 127, vs. Pvt. Jetry Pecoraro, New York, 126.

Pvt. George Witt, Brooklyn, 131, vs. Pvt. John Perone, New York, 130.

Pvt. Tony Ponterella, New York, 169, vs. Sgt.

Pvt. Tony Ponterella, New York, 169, vs. Sgt. George Grant, Jeffersonville, Mo., 174.

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp







This Is How Ten Miles of the 'Invasion Coast' Looks from England's Cliffs

THE STARS AND STRIPES



News From Home

You're a 'Smear on Congress'; You're a 'Peddler of Scandal'

Let's Meet, Tell More Lies, Said Walter Winchell. To Martin Dies

NEW YORK, Mar. 27-The nation was regaled by an acid battle of epithets between two of its most expert nane-callers—Columnist Walter Winchell and Rep. Martin Dies (D., Tex.), chairman of the House Committee investigating un-American activities.

Winchell fired the first shot recently by calling Dies a "smear on Congress" and accusing him of hounding loyal citizens

on the pretext they were Communists. He followed it up last night by charging in a broadcast that Dies's committee had shielded and "laid off key American pro-Fascists" in his investigations. He offered to appear in any court if Dies would waive legislative immunity in order to be cross-examined.

Dies countered in a later broadcast by labeling Winchell a "peddler of bedroom scandal" and charging he was "being used as a transmission belt for political pro-paganda sandwiched between divorce, in-

bagainal sandwiched between divorce, in-fidelities and keyhole gossip."
Winchell's method, Dies alleged, was to smear loyal citizens by innuendo, link-ing their names with those of known

seditionists.
"Winchell represents a dangerous and aggressive movement to undermine Congress in the interests of setting up an all-powerful central executive," the Texan said. "The people want to know who are supplying the brains and paying the bill. I promise you Congress will soon find out."

Afterward Winchell and Dies met in a

Afterward, Winchell and Dies met in a studio reception room and exchanged acid remarks. Winchell again asked to be subpoenaed and Dies replied, "All in

Winchell had the final say. He told

Dies;
"Let's get together soon and tell more lies about each other."

8 Injured in Hailstorm

NEW YORK, Mar. 27 (Reuter)-Eight persons were sent to hospitals by a hailstorm which struck Memphis, Tenn., last night. Hailstones as big as baseballs were said to have fallen. The storm "sounded like a freight train," observers said.

Want a Fourth Term

LEWISTON, Me., Mar. 27—Maine Democrats have instructed state dele-gates to the National Convention to vote for the renomination of President Roosevelt.

Capone's Cousin Seized KANSAS CITY, Mo., Mar. 27-Charles Fischetti, a cousin of Al Capone

AFN Radio Program

On Your Dial 1402 kc. 1411 kc, 1420 kc. 1447 kc 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m Tuesday, Mar. 28

1100—News Headlines—Personal Album with
Anith.

1115—Geraldo and his Orchestra.

1150—French Lesson.
1200—World News (BBC).
1205—Barracks Bag.
1300—World News (BBC).
1310—Novelty Time—The Four Belles
1330—Crosby Music Hall.
1400—Visiting Hour—Aidrich Family.
1430—Sound Off.
1445—Melody Roundup.
1459—News Headlines.
1500—Music While You Work.
1510—Off the Record.
1630—Falkman and his Apache Band,
1655—Quiet Moment.
1700—Jack Paynels Orchestra and Program Resume.
1710—Jack Paynels Orchestra and Program Resume.
1730—Gay Ninetles Revue.
1800—World News (BBC).
1810—GI Supper Club.
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1800—Seven O'Clock Sports.
1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
1905—Comedy Caravan.
1930—Boxing Bouts—from the Rainbow Corner with Set. Marty Smith and Cpl. Ford Kennedy.

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2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.

2010—Fred Waring Program.

2025—Calling APOs

2030—Carnival of Music.

2100—World News (BBC).

2120—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street.

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Arnst, Bob Evans, Penny Caldwell and
Jack Grand)
-Daffy's Tavern,
One Night Stand with Bob Chester,
-Final Edition.
Sign off until \$100 hours, Wednesday, Mar.
29.

has been arrested by the FBI. He is wanted in New York as a witness against alleged leaders of a motion-picture racketeering ring, Police said he fled New York when he was due to testify.

Guilty of Slaying WAC Wife

CAMDEN, N.J., Mar. 27—Edward Rodin, 32-year-old cab driver, has been found guilty of murdering his wife Elvera. The death sentence is mandatory, as the Camden County jury did not recommend merey. Mrs. Rodia, who had enlisted in the WAC, was found in the Rodia automobile with her throat cut.

10 Airmen Killed in Crash

NEW YORK, Mar. 27 (Reuter)-Ten airmen were killed and one injured when a four-engined bomber crashed through telephone wires onto a railway last night in Florida. Owing to the crash, Florida's southeast coast was cut off from com-munications and train service was delayed several hours.

Some Swoon Earlier

Life Begins at 40, It Seems, for Some Of Fwankie's Fans

HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 27-No doubt about it, this Sinatra guy's really got the gals ga-ga.
Frankie's press agent, who has to make

a living just like the rest of us, came up today with a choice statistic: The average age of the swoon crooner's fans is 19.

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But what was much more interesting, he listed the names of some of their clubs.

There's the Frank Sinatra Fan and Mah Jong Club composed of New Yorkers over 40. There's the New Jersey Sighing Society of Sinatra Swooners, Minnesota's Wacky - over - Frankie Club, Florida's Moonlight Sinatra Club.

There are also the Slaves of Sinatra, who wear blouses embroidered with the first notes of the Voice's theme, "This Love of Mine."

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their name, members decided to change it. The club is now Secret Slaves of Sinatra. Presumably the embroidered blouses are worn at secret meetings.)

But special pet of the telegraph companies is the Girls - Who - Would - Lay-Down - Their - Lives - and-Die-for-Frank Sinatra Club.

Raids

(Continued from page 1)

low-level strafing and bombing planes during the combined invasion operation." There was no official announcement

late last night of the number of enemy craft destroyed or USAAF planes lost in either the heavy-bomber or Marauder The Marauders were escorted by Czech

and Belgian Spitfires in the assault on Pas de Calais. Photos taken in the B26 attack Sunday on German E-boat installations at Ijmuiden, in Holland, revealed many bomb hits on the pens and demand to workshops and buildings. damage to workshops and buildings. Three barges also were sunk by the Marauders, two trawlers were set affire and four hits were scored on a camouflaged area covering small naval

YES, SIR ..

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MAYBE SHE ISN'T

WHO I THINK ..

BUT --- OH, WELL

and the state of

enabled a London cameraman to take this clear view of France's invasion coastline. It is from a point slightly east of Calais harbor, thence west for ten miles. At this point France is roughly 20 miles from England. (Note chalk cliffs much like those along England's coast in the Dover area.) **Truman Backs**

Exceptionally fine weather conditions in the English Channel during recent weeks

Senator Praises the War Leadership; Colleagues Call Plea 'Politics'

Fourth Term

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (AP)—Sen. Harry S, Truman (D.-Mo.) said yesterday that the country's war leadership must be "continued until the job at hand is completed." He called for "prayerful understanding and vigorous support" for President Roosevelt in the "hardest test we have yet to face."

"I think the country realizes that we

we have yet to face."

"I think the country realizes that we have wise and experienced leadership," he said, "and I am further convinced that this leadership will be continued until the job at hand is completed."

This statement brought a reply from three Republican members of Sen. Truman's War Investigating Committee—Sen. Ralph Brewster, of Maine; Sen, Joseph H. Ball, of Minnesota, and Sen. Harold H. Burton, of Ohio.

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The senators called Sen, Truman's statement "politics" and a speech for a fourth term for President Roosevelt. Sen, Truman's Republican colleagues said his remarks about the country's leadership were "at variance" with findings of the committee.

Criticize Plan to Limit Overseas Airlines to One

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (AP)-Major American airlines have criticized a congressional proposal to limit American overseas air commerce to one airline as destructive of the principles underlying development of the nation's air-transport system, but have suggested that economic considerations might limit the

number of trans-oceanic operators,

The statement is directed largely at a bill introduced by Sen. Pat McCarran (D.-Nev.) which would authorize a single American overseas airline, the shares in which would be held by carriers now engaged in such operations.

Unit Goes Mechanized, **Dobbin Gets Discharge**

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 27-More than 500 Army cavalry horses went on the auction block here because a mounted regiment switched to jeeps, tanks and armored cars.

A crowd of 2,000 appeared at the Treasury Department sale to look over the animals. The first horse sold, a 14-year-old gelding, went for \$235.

300 Japs Killed **OnBougainville**

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Mar. 27 (AP)-Three hundred Japanese were killed yesterday in a futile enemy counterattack against American forces at Torokina, on Bougainville, in the Solomons, MacArthur's communique said

Meanwhile, escorted U.S. medium and attack bombers dropped 207 tons of explosives on airdrome, bivouac and supply areas at Wewak and Boram, New Guinea. Several parked planes were destroyed or damaged, buildings demolished and smoke from burning fuel dumps rose 3 000 feet. dumps rose 3,000 feet.

The text of Gen. MacArthur's communique was in part:

"St. Matthias Group.—Construction activities continue without enemy interruption north of Kavieng, New Ireland, "Admiralties.—We occupied small islands off the coast of Manus. Our naval units shelled Pityliu Island, leveling all buildings and sinking three harbor craft. "Rabaul.—Our Solomons-based air units dropped 82 tons of bombs on Vunakanau and Trobera airdromes and supply areas at Vunapope. Ten gun positions were destroyed or damaged and numerous fires blanketed the area."

Twin Destroyers Launched

KEARNY, N.J., Mar. 27—The twin 2,200-ton destroyers Ult and Waldron were launched here.

150th Birthday Finds Navy Grown to World's Mightiest

ithout celebration or fanfare, but Americans everywhere-at work benches, in planes, tanks, foxholes and on warships-must have marked with a sense of security and satisfaction the growth from a fleet of six wooden ships to the largest concentration of sea power in world

On Mar. 27, 1794, Congress authorized construction of our first six frigates—among them the famed Constitution (Old Constitution). Ironsides), Constellation and United States. More than three years were required to build them.

Modern American shipyards from July 1, 1940, to July 1, 1943, completed 15,376 ships of all types. The U.S. Navy on Jan. 1, 1944, had 817 combatant vessels, plus thousands of auxiliary craft, compared with 344 warships on Dec. 7,

Adm. Harold R. Stark, commander, this year.

The 150th anniversary of the founding of the U.S. Naval Forces in Europe, in a commemorative statement yesterday, said:

"To me this is a fitting tribute to the men who sailed our first six frigates and men who sailed our first six frigates and fought so courageously during our earliest wars. Were they able to peer into the present, they would, I am sure, be proud of America's production record and the gallant efforts of the sailormen who have followed after them."

In 1933, with another World War looming, the U.S. laid down the first ships of what was to have been a two-ocean

of what was to have been a two-ocean Navy, but which has become a seven-ocean Navy, with 12 first-line fleets, plus scores of task forces.

Today, unofficial estimates place our sea power at 21 battleships in commission and three others being fitted out, almost 100 aircraft carriers, scores of

almost 100 aircraft carriers, scores of cruisers, hundreds of destroyers, destroyer cruisers, hundreds of destroyers, destroyer escorts and submarines. A total of 80,000 dust and talcum hits the pit and every of the all-important "little ships" are expected to be in service by the end of declared.

London to See Yanks Parade

14-Mile Line Thursday To Support Salute the Soldier' Campaign

U.S. troops in ETO will stage their biggest military parade of the war Thursday in London in support of the British

Salute the Soldier drive to sell \$660,000,000 worth of war savings in Britain's capital city.

The parade will be a mile and a half long. Nearly every type of Army unit will be represented, including WACs, light and medium tanks, artillery, airplanes mounted on motor transport and four bands.

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American soldiers also will take part in parades and demonstrations in other cities conducting their Salute the Soldier

campaigns later.

Brig. Gen. Pleas B. Rogers, commanding Central Base Section, will be marshal of the London parade, Troops will pass in review in Trafalgar Square shortly before noon.

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Thursday has been set aside as American Forces Day by the London City Council, sponsor of the drive. The council

will give a luncheon in honor of the U.S. troops at its headquarters.

The bands in the London parade will be from ETOUSA Headquarters, the Eighth Air Force, the Ninth Air Force and an MP unit.

Soldier-Vote Bill Passed By Delaware Legislature

DOVER, Del., Mar. 27—The Legis-lature approved Gov. Walter W. Bacon's soldier-vote program in full at a special session. Four bills were passed, pro-viding: Registration any time in the year except ten days before or after an elec-tion; earlier selection of state and county tickets so a full ballot may be sent overseas; preparation of ballots for mailing at least 60 days before an election; permission for an absentee voter to apply for a ballot at any time not less than three days prior to a general

New Mexico Bans Vote

SANTA FE, N.M., Mar. 27-The New Mexico Supreme Court has vetoed efforts of the state administration to revive absentee ballots for members of the armed forces. By a vote of three to two the tribunal reaffirmed two 1936 decisions which held absentee voting unconstitu-tional. A remedial constitutional amendment cannot be proposed until the Legislature next meets in January, 1945.

Fiddlers Say They Can't See Strip Artists for Dust

DETROIT, Mar. 27—Dust raised by skirts which are twirled on burlesque stages entitles musicians to two-week vacations, according to a ruling of the War Labor Board.

The musicians appealed to WLB because they said they suffered from long hours in smoke-filled theaters. Dust created by strip teasers was the worst hazard, they said.
"When a feaser hazing because it is a smoke-filled theaters."

"When a teaser begins her work in a full-length skirt she twirls it on the stage in such a way that a befouling cloud of dust and talcum hits the pit and every man from the bull fiddle to the drums comes. In cheking," a spakesman

Terry and the Pirates

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SEEING YOUR CHICK, MADAME SHOO-SHOO,

TERRY! HER ANNOUNCER

SEEMS TO BE PEEVED

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