

The King Inspects Eighth Air Force Units



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo by Richard Hamm

Rifles snap to "inspection arms" as the King looks over the guard of honor at an Eighth Air Force bomber station somewhere in England.

Soviets Launch Full-Scale Push, Germans Claim

Ten Divisions, Supported By Tanks, Open Up Along Kuban

By the United Press
Russian forces ten divisions strong, supported by five tank brigades, launched a full-scale offensive on the eastern part of the Kuban bridgehead yesterday, Berlin radio announced last night.

After failing in their attempts to reduce the bridgehead for three weeks, the radio said, the Russians withdrew their forces, which were completely exhausted, and replaced them with newly-formed rifle divisions and tank brigades from the Volga and Eastern Caucasus.

After heavy artillery preparation these forces attacked Wednesday morning in an attempt to free the Temyruk road as far as the western promontory of the Taman Peninsula, Berlin said.

Two hundred Russian planes were pressed into attacks on German rear communications before the attack was launched, it was stated. The Germans claimed 48 shot down and 23 others so badly hit they crashed behind the Russian lines.

The radio warned that a resumption of the drive must be expected.

DFC, Air Medal, Four Clusters to U.S. Airmen

A U.S. GENERAL HOSPITAL, England, May 27—Four Eighth Air Force men received medals here today from Col. Richard Gibson, assistant chief of staff, Eighth Bomber Command.

T/Sgt. Parley D. Small, of Packwood, Ind., was awarded the DFC. The Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster were given S/Sgt. Cloyal E. Willey, Portland, Ore. Capt. Homer H. Noss, Fair Oaks, Cal., received two Clusters for his Air Medal, and T/Sgt. Lewis M. Vingo, Spokane, Wash., one Cluster.

Yank Dam-Buster Gets DSC

F/Lt. Joseph C. McCarthy, of St. James, L.I., N.Y., one of the 19 picked RAF pilots who bombed the Mohne and Sorpe dams in the Ruhr May 16, has been given the Distinguished Service Cross, the British Air Ministry announced yesterday. Thirty-three other airmen who took part in the raid also have won awards. Wing-Comdr. Guy*Penrose Gibson, 25-year-old leader, receiving the Victoria Cross.

Royal Pair See P47s, Forts On Visit to USAAF Stations

A U.S. FIGHTER STATION, England, May 27—King George and Queen Elizabeth inspected the new U.S. fighter plane operating in this theater, the P47, in a recent visit here, it was revealed today.

They arrived at this station, commanded by Col. Arman Peterson, of Flagstaff, Ariz., at 10.45 AM, and drew up between the double guard of honor formed by RAF and USAAF personnel, in their big maroon palace car. They were greeted by Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, commanding the Eighth Air Force, and Brig. Gen. Frank O'D. Hunter, commanding the Eighth Fighter Command.

21-Word Announcement Tells of Washington Talks

WASHINGTON, May 27 (UP)—Complete agreement in the talks between President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and their staffs, which now have been concluded, was announced tonight. No indication of future plans, however, was given in the 21-word announcement, which merely said:

"The recent conference of combined staffs in Washington has ended in complete agreement on future operations in all theaters of war."

Yanks Seize 'Chutists And Find They Speak With a Cockney Accent

HQ. — BOMBARDMENT WING, May 27—Five British soldiers dressed as German paratroopers, who were acting the part in exercises of their own unit, came a little too close to the headquarters of this USAAF Bomber Wing today. Instead of the British capturing them, the Yanks beat them to it.

A tip that German paratroopers were in the vicinity was received at these headquarters shortly after noon. Brig. Gen. Francis M. Brady, commanding the Wing, immediately threw a ring of armed soldiers on to roads surrounding headquarters and sent a searching party to the wood where the alleged 'chutists were last seen.

The wood was near a U.S. ground troops' company, whose personnel closed in from one side while the air forces advanced from the other.

The British reconnaissance unit already had passed through the area when the search party, under the impression that it was hunting bona fide Germans, arrived and went into action.

The Wing signal officer, mounted in his short-wave radio car, stayed near the action and kept headquarters posted on a play-by-play progress of the manhunt.

One of the German-garbed soldiers was spotted by a U.S. officer as he walked across a road. The officer grabbed the paratrooper's rifle and, in the struggle to recover it, the prisoner pulled the trigger. It was a blank cartridge, which caused the officer as much

amazement as it did the prisoner amusement.

Another "paratrooper" had remained hiding in a tree while the British unit passed, but was captured by two Americans in a jeep, who spotted him. The remaining "Germans" were picked up by the Americans within 30 minutes after the first alarm.

"All German paratroops captured," radioed the signal officer, adding pointedly, "with an English accent."

Meanwhile several Americans had searched a nearby railroad station, looked under a pile of lumber, and finally approached an old lady who had been standing by.

"Have you seen any . . . ah . . . ah . . . strangers around this morning?" one of them asked, not wishing to frighten her.

The old lady looked bewildered until another American made motions with his hands to describe a paratrooper coming down from the sky.

"No. There hasn't been an airplane over all morning," she replied calmly, and walked away.

The prisoners, brought to Wing headquarters, admitted that the Americans had been "rather businesslike," but did not know that it was not all a part of the maneuvers.

"They wouldn't fool with us," one of them remarked before he was released. "Blimey! He wouldn't even look at my credentials."

Von Arnim Paid Less Than an American Pfc

Nazi Col. Gen. Jurgen von Arnim's name now is entered on the British Army's Pay Corps books—at £16 per month.

When the captured German officer was first brought here from Africa, it was assumed that he would draw about £6 a day, the equivalent of his German Army total pay. Authorities discovered, however, that only £16 per month was "pay" and all the rest "allowances."

Under the international agreements for the payment of prisoners, it is the base pay, and the base pay only, that counts.

16 Servicemen Battle Tonight For ETO Titles

Eight Winners Will Meet British Team At Albert Hall

Fifteen fighters, survivors in a field of 105 entrants in The Stars and Stripes ETO boxing championships, battled their way through the semi-finals last night before the usual packed house at the Rainbow Corner.

Tonight at Seymour Hall these 15 and Sgt. Chester Ruby, of Baltimore, who won a bye straight through the tournament into the finals, will vie for crowns in eight weight divisions. The eight champions—as well as the runner-ups in the lightweight, welterweight and middleweight divisions—will form the 11-man team which meets the British Army team at Royal Albert Hall on June 10.

Last night's semi-final rounds were preceded by the last of the quarter-finals held yesterday afternoon.

Whalen is Beaten

First surprise yesterday was the defeat of Pvt. Ed Whalen, Engineer from Brooklyn, in the welterweight quarter-finals.

Whalen's reputation as a one-round knockout artist blew up in his face as he dropped a decision to T/5 Anthony Stoe, of Lancaster, Pa., Eighth Air Force, in a welterweight match. After kayoing Pfc Cloyd Hamm, Marine from Washington, in 1.19 Wednesday afternoon, and Cpl. Douglas Phillips, of Campbellville, Ky., in 2.45 Wednesday night, the Brooklynite was favored to repeat over his opponent yesterday, who had advanced to the quarter-final by drawing a bye.

Obviously trying to stop his foe quickly, Whalen had Stoe in trouble frequently during the first two rounds as he

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Power Plant at Big Dam in Sardinia Is Blasted

Six Italian flying fields in the invasion outposts of Sicily, Sardinia and Pantellaria have been bombed virtually into uselessness within the last 48 hours, North African headquarters announced yesterday, as Allied planes kept up the process of blotting out Axis airdromes.

The raids, by Flying Fortresses, Lightnings and Warhawks of the North-West African Air Force, were carried out as Algiers radio pounded away at Italian nerves with ceaseless exhortations to throw out the Fascists, end the war and make peace for themselves.

The roaring motors over Sicily and Sardinia gave pointed proof, if any was needed, of the truth of the broadcaster's warning that:

"Allied bombers will darken the sun over Italy. Very soon Allied bombers will launch mass attacks against you. They will go on attacking until Axis objectives are swept away. They will attack your harbors, airdromes, railways and factories, all that can help to delay the Axis defeat."

Power Station Blitzed

Among Wednesday's targets were the power-house installations at the Tirso Dam, a small dam in Sardinia. Lightnings and Warhawks, carrying medium bombs, launched the assault, landing their explosives square on the power station and knocking it out of action, probably for months.

The Tirso power station lies on the Sassari River, near the town of that name, and a little below the great 13-mile-long Tirso dam. The last attack on this important objective, source of power supply for the whole island, was on Feb. 2, 1941, when RAF planes launched torpedoes against the great granite face. The Tirso dam is large enough to place both the bombed German dams behind it—and have room to spare.

If the power station was really demolished, the result of the raid probably will be the same as if the dam itself had been breached.

The power station attack was a traditional type of bombing, no attempt being made to duplicate the mine technique which the RAF used successfully in the Mohne and Eder assaults.

Resistance Slackens

Despite the intense Allied air activity over Italian territory during the day, only two bombers were lost. At only one objective was any fighter opposition encountered.

The lack of enemy fighter strength was in marked contrast to the day before, when 11 Allied planes were lost. Absence of the enemy fighters may be explained by the fact that the targets covered in yesterday's communique were of secondary importance. It appeared that enemy fighter strength had been concentrated at major points and that the defenders had been outsmarted.

The Sicilian targets were the fields at Comiso, Ponte Olivo and Biscara. Pantellaria, to the south, was hit again. In Sardinia the airdromes at Villacidro and

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Yanks Open Up Again on Attu

WASHINGTON, May 27—As weather conditions improved on the usually fog-bound Attu Island, American ground forces accelerated their attacks against the two Japanese pockets isolated on Chicagof peninsula, the Navy Department announced today.

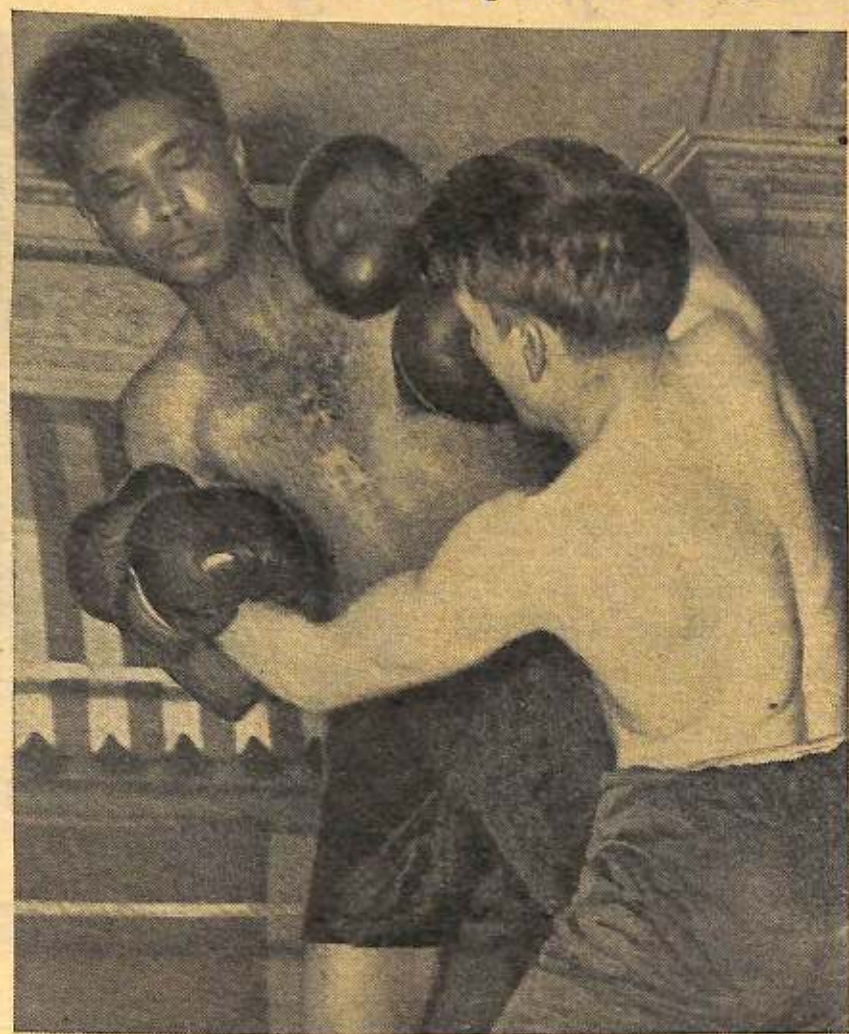
U.S. planes supported the push with bombing and strafing attacks, the announcement added.

Only 654 casualties have been sustained so far by the U.S. troops which landed on Attu, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced tonight. The casualties were made up of 137 killed, 399 wounded and 118 missing.

Jap Offensive in China

CHUNGKING, May 27 (UP)—Tanks and mechanized units are being rushed up by the Japanese for a great drive to smash through to China's capital city, a military spokesman stated in Chungking tonight.

Loucka Wins in Quarter-Finals



Stars and Stripes Photo

CM/3c Frank Loucka, middleweight from Cleveland, didn't have too much trouble in outpointing Pvt. Gilbert DeGroat, of Paterson, N.J., Negro, in his quarter-final bout. Here Loucka, only sailor entry in The Stars and Stripes tournament, throws a looping right as DeGroat tries to clinch.

ETO Track and Field Titlists Meet RAF, Oxford, Tomorrow

By G. K. Hodenfield

Stars and Stripes Staff Correspondent

OXFORD, May 27—A squad of 18 track and field men, representing the U.S. armed forces in the ETO, today began final preparations for the triangular meet to be held here Saturday with the RAF and the Oxford University Athletic Club.

The men, billeted at an American Red Cross hostel, were given full use of the Oxford track for two days of practice.

The team was selected following The Stars and Stripes ETO championship meet held May 15 at Chiswick, and is dominated by men from the Eighth Air Force, ETO team champions.

On the basis of past performances, the American team is expected to grab points in the sprints, give points in the longer races, and break about even in the field events.

Missouri Valley Champ

Cpl. John Murray, of Buffalo, N.Y., and Sgt. C. C. Johnson, of Milledgeville, Ga., finished one-two in the 100-yard dash at Chiswick, with Murray timed in :09.8. Pfc William Slack, of Bloomfield, N.J., turned in a :57.4 performance in the 440-yard dash and should do better this week.

In the half-mile the American hopes are resting on Lt. Harrison Kohl, of Mason City, Iowa. Kohl, while attending Drake University, was Missouri Valley conference champion at the half-mile and mile and whether he wins points Saturday depends on how close he can approach his collegiate form.

Sgt. Wade Barton, of Pheba, Miss., won both the half-mile and mile in the Eighth Air Force meet and the mile in the ETO meet, as well as running anchor man on the winning medley relay team. As yet he hasn't been pushed in any of his races, but he'll have to better his best time of 4:56.4 to grab points Saturday.

The complete squad, with the events in which they will compete, are:

100-YARD DASH—Sgt. C. C. Johnson, Milledgeville, Ga., and Cpl. John Murray, Buffalo, N.Y.

440-YARD DASH—Pfc William Slack, Bloomfield, N.J.

880-YARD RUN—Lt. Harrison Kohl, Mason City, Ia., and Cpl. Angelo Tarantola, Brooklyn, City, Ia.,

MILE RUN—Sgt. Wade Barton, Pheba, Miss., and Pfc Fred Emmanuelli, New York.

THREE-MILE RUN—Pvt. Ben Cohen, New York.

HIGH HURDLES—Sgt. John Benford, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

HIGH JUMP—Sgt. Ken Kenney, Lexington, Ky., and S/Sgt. Don Eitinger, Independence, Mo.

BROAD JUMP—Cpl. Murray and Sgt. Kenney.

SHOT PUT—Lt. Howard Mendel, Deal, N.J., and Sgt. Joe Cullen, Meadville, Pa.

DISCUS—Sgt. Sylvester Heinberg and Sgt. John Dickinson, both of Los Angeles.

JAVELIN—Sgt. Kenney and Dickinson.

MEDLEY RELAY—Sgt. Leonard Jepson, Edgemont, S.D.; Lt. Robert Button, Maplewood, N.J.; Cpl. Marvin Smith, Cherokee, Iowa; and Lt. Kohl.

16 Servicemen Battle Tonight For ETO Ring Championships

Bus and Subway Routes For Seymour Hall Bouts

Seymour Hall, where the finals of The Stars and Stripes ETO boxing championships will be held tonight, can be reached either by tube or bus. Take a 13 bus from Regent St. to Dorset St. Turn left into Dorset St. and walk seven blocks to Seymour Place. Seymour Hall is on the left.

On the tube, take a Bakerloo line train from Piccadilly to Marylebone. Walk down Central St. and turn right into Marylebone Road. Seymour Place is two blocks along on the left-hand side, with the hall 150 yards down on the right.

Final Pairings For Ring Titles

Here are the pairings for tonight's finals of The Stars and Stripes ETO boxing championship to be held at Seymour Hall at 8 PM:

Flyweight—Pfc Edward LaBorde vs. Cpl. Salvatore Scurto.

Bantamweight—Sgt. Chester Ruby vs. Cpl. Primitivo Molina.

Featherweight—Pfc Charles Wohlwend vs. Don Webber.

Lightweight—Pvt. Frank Missella vs. Pfc Gene Donato.

Middleweight—CM3c Frank Loucka vs. Cpl. Bill Eck.

Light heavyweight—Pfc William Kingsland vs. Pvt. Thomas Walbert.

Welterweight—T/5 Bat Rossi vs. Pfc Bill Garrett.

Heavyweight—Pvt. Vincent Kozak vs. Cpl. Rudolph Koch.

Fight Summaries

Pfc John Shkolak, Whitehouse, N.J., — Division, outpointed Cpl. T. B. Collins, Suffern, N.Y., Eighth Air Force (lightweight).

Pfc Lynwood Craighead, Roanoke, Va., — Division, won by a default from Pvt. John Smith, Pensacola, Fla., — Quartermasters (lightweight).

Pvt. John Robinson, Kansas City, Kan., — Artillery, outpointed Pvt. John Ruth, Philadelphia, Eighth Air Force (welterweight).

T/5 Bat Rossi, Oglesby, Ill., — Port of Embarkation, outpointed Pvt. Thomas Delehant, Ferndale, Mich., USMC (welterweight).

T/5 Anthony Stoe, Lancaster, Pa., Eighth Air Force, outpointed Pvt. Ed. Whalen, Brooklyn, — Engineers (welterweight).

Pfc Billy Garrett, Braddock, Pa., — Engineers, outpointed Pfc Satino Gualandi, Wilmington, Ill., — Artillery (welterweight).

Sgt. William Dircks, Cumberland, Md., — Division, scored a TKO over Sgt. Aubrey Martin, Milford, Texas, Eighth Air Force, in 2:38 of the second round (heavyweight).

Cpl. Rudolph Koch, Ritzville, Wash., — Replacement Depot, knocked out Pvt. Jack Blalock, Alexandria, La., — Infantry, 1:41 of the first round (heavyweight).

Pfc Edward La Borde, Gretna, La., Infantry, won by default from T/5 Frank Shields (flyweight).

Cpl. Salvatore Scurto, Baltimore, — Division, outpointed T/5 Frank Barbieri, Philadelphia, — Engineers (flyweight).

Pfc Charles Wohlwend, Superior, Wis., Eighth Air Force, knocked out Pvt. Herbert Cobb, Philadelphia, Pa., — Quartermasters, second round (featherweight).

Pvt. Don Webber, Roanoke, Va., — Division, knocked out Pvt. Ricci Cappella, New York, Eighth Air Force (featherweight).

Cpl. Primitivo Molina, Concord, Cal., Eighth Air Force, knocked out T/Sgt. Orville Bales, Mt. Clemens, Mich., Eighth Air Force (bantamweight).

Pvt. Vincent Kozak, Hazelton, Pa., — Division, outpointed Cpl. Harold Raskin, Chicago, Eighth Air Force (heavyweight).

CM3c Frank Loucka, Cleveland, USN, outpointed Pfc Chester Marcinkiewicz, Kulpmont, Pa., — Division (middleweight).

Cpl. William Eck, Allentown, Pa., — Artillery, knocked out Pfc Paul Phaneuf, Holyoke, Mass., Eighth Air Force, end of the first (middleweight).

Pfc William Kingsland, Redondo Beach, Cal., — Rep. Depot, knocked out Cpl. Bill Bradshaw, Fredericksburg, Va., SOS, in :53 of the first round (light heavyweight).

Pvt. Thomas Walbert, Cumberland, Md., — Division, outpointed Sgt. John Mattar, Port Arthur, Tex., — Ordnance (light heavyweight).

T/5 Bat Rossi, Oglesby, Ill., Port of Embarkation, outpointed Pvt. John Robinson, Kansas City, Kan., — Artillery (welterweight).

Pfc Billie Garrett, Braddock, Pa., — Engineers, outpointed T/5 Anthony Stoe, Lancaster, Pa., Eighth Air Force (welterweight).

Cpl. Rudolph Koch, Ritzville, Wash., — Rep. Depot, outpointed Sgt. William Dircks, Cumberland, Md., — Division (heavyweight).

Pvt. Frank Missella, Cleveland, — Engineers, outpointed Pfc Lynwood Craighead, Roanoke, Va., — Division (lightweight).

Pfc Gene Donato defeated Pfc John Shkolak (lightweight).

Eidex and Engelhardt Win

BELFAST, May 27 — Cpl. Aaron Eidex, of Birmingham, Ala., and Cpl. Charles Engelhardt, of Washington, are Northern Ireland handball doubles champs. In finals last night they defeated Ray Pauley, of Madison, Wis., and Bud Currier, of Glendale, Cal., Lockheed stars.

by Chic Young



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Final Bouts Start Tonight In Seymour Hall At Eight

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forced him into the ropes and mauled him severely. Stoe came back strong in the third and Whalen, tiring, didn't seem to stay away from Stoe's left hand, which kept him back on his heels. Stoe dished out enough punishment to more than make up for what he had taken in the first two rounds. The decision was split.

Hitting Pvt. Jack Blalock, of Alexandria, La., — Infantry, with everything but the posts, Cpl. Rudolph Koch, of Ritzville, Wash., — Replacement Depot, put him down twice for the count of nine before knocking him out in 1:41 of the first round in the wild heavyweight finale to the afternoon session.

Blalock gave as good as he got—which was plenty—until a long looping overhand right took all the drive out of his legs. Up at nine, he went back in for more, but caught another right almost immediately and went down again. He was barely on his feet when Koch tagged him so hard that he sprawled across the ropes before falling on his face.

T/5 Bat Rossi, of Oglesby, Ill., and — Port of Embarkation, already a victor in his first two welterweight bouts, went into the semi-finals with an easy decision over Pvt. Thomas Delehant, Ferndale, Mich., third Marine to lose in the tournament.

The first semi-final last night went to flyweight Pvt. Edward La Borde, Gretna, La., when his opponent, T/5 Frank Shields, failed to show.

It was "Waltz-me-around-again-Willie" in the other flyweight semi-final with Cpl. Salvatore Scurto, Baltimore, outpointing T/5 Frank Barbieri, Philadelphia. Both boys adopted hit and clinch tactics for the three rounds and only half a dozen solid punches were landed during the entire fight.

The first TKO of the night came in the first featherweight semifinal with Pfc Charles Wohlwend, Eighth Air Force titlist, Superior, Wis., taking the scrap at the end of the second from Pvt. Herbert Cobb, negro from Philadelphia.

Webber Wins Again

Pvt. Don Webber, Roanoke, Va., gave the fans another kayo and entered the featherweight finals when Pvt. Ricci Cappella, New York, didn't come out for the third after taking a two-handed lacing for the first two rounds.

In the first round Webber kept his left in Cappella's face, getting the best of the exchanges. Cappella came out fast in the second, but was soon hanging on. He went down from two hard rights to the head, but the bell rang as he tried to rise at the count of nine. The referee called "halt."

The third straight TKO of the evening came when Cpl. Primitivo Molina, Concord, Cal., entered the bantamweight finals as T/Sgt. Orville Bales, of Mt. Clemens, Mich., quit after the first round.

The — Division entered its third man in the finals when Pvt. Vincent Kozak, Hazelton, Pa., division heavyweight champion, outpointed Charles Raskin of Chicago, who holds the Eighth Air Force crown.

Raskin came out strong and shot straight lefts to Kozak's face. However, the divisioner came on, unperturbed and started to send his jabs to Raskin's face. This continuous pounding closed Raskin's left eye in the second. Kozak had Raskin on the ropes three times in the final stanza and might have had a KO if the bell hadn't saved the flier.

CM3c Frank Loucka, Cleveland, the only sailor entered in the tournament, advanced to the middleweight finals when he outboxed and outslugged Pfc Chester Marcinkiewicz, Kulpmont, Pa., another — Division champion.

Bill Eck Wins

It didn't take Cpl. Bill Eck, Allentown, Pa., long to clinch the other middleweight berth. He stalked Pfc Paul Phaneuf, Holyoke, Mass., for half the first round, then with two minutes left in the first he flected two long lefts to the stomach and a right to the head. Phaneuf, who had back-peddled up to that time, began to slow up. Eck maneuvered Phaneuf to his corner, then flashed another long left to Phaneuf's stomach, and the Massachusetts boy doubled up just at the bell. On the advice of his seconds, he decided Eck was too good for him—and there was little doubt in anybody's mind that such was not the case.

Pfc William Kingsland, Redondo Beach, Cal., went into the light-heavyweight finals with a 53 second KO over Cpl. Bill Bradshaw, Fredericksburg, Va. After a wild flurry, in which both men did plenty of swinging, Bradshaw fell to one knee, bounced up, caught a right to the jaw and went down for the count of seven. Bradshaw got up, caught another right and went down for the count.

Pvt. Thomas Walbert, Cumberland, Md., won the right to meet Bill Kingsland in the heavyweight finals tomorrow by outpointing Sgt. John Mattar, of Port Arthur, Tex. Trying hard for a KO, Mattar kept boring in, but caught two of Walbert's steaming right uppercuts that slowed him down considerably.

T/5 Bat Rossi, Oglesby, Ill., who wears his ETO ribbon on his robe, won a hard-fought decision from Pvt. John Robinson, Kansas City, Kan., his fourth victory of the tournament and one which put him in the welterweight finals.

Rossi's endurance and drive kept him coming and he won the decision.

NEWS FROM HOME

White House Ultimatum Ends Rubber Strikes

Workers Return as FDR Says Strike Is Blow To War Effort

AKRON, Ohio, May 27 (AP)—Congress of Industrial Organizations unionists ended the strikes at three of the major Akron rubber companies, complying with the noon deadline set by President Roosevelt's ultimatum, which said the plants must open or he would take "necessary action" as commander-in-chief of the armed forces.

The five-day strike threw more than 50,000 into idleness.

A small shift returned to their war jobs at the Goodrich company just as the deadline approached. Firestone and Good Year workers straggled back to work throughout the morning. Full production has not yet been resumed, but there was nothing preventing full resumption of work as soon as possible.

Glamor Girl Gets Divorce

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., May 27—First Glamor Girl Gloria Baker Topping has divorced her wealthy husband, Henry J. Topping, on a charge of mental cruelty.

Dempsey Seeks Children

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., May 27—Attempting to gain custody of their two daughters, Lt. Cmdr. Jack Dempsey, of the Coast Guard, yesterday confronted his ex-wife with six witnesses to prove she is unfit to care for the children.

Another Rubber Plant

BATON ROUGE, La., May 27 (AP)—M. J. Rathbone, president of the Standard Oil Company of La., announced yesterday the fifth plant to manufacture butadiene, basis for synthetic rubber, has been completed. It will have a capacity of about 15,000 tons a year, about equal to the combined capacities of the other four plants.

27 South Carolina Men Meet at Mostyn Club

Twenty-seven South Carolina men in the ETO met Wednesday night at the Mostyn Club, 17 Portman St., London. They sent greetings to Governor Olin D. Johnston at Columbia. Those present were:

Pvt. James L. Stowers and Cpl. Richard C. Penner, Columbia; S/Sgt. Steven Gilbert, Abbeville; Pfc Weldon Cash, Cowpens; Pfc William S. Zeigler, Orangeburg; Sgt. Calvin H. Spann, Batesburg; Sgt. Coley D. Spigner, Winnsboro; Cpl. David R. Hubbard, McColl; Pfc David L. Haultwanger, Lexington; Pfc Joseph A. Silbert, McCormick; Sgt. Joseph P. Barber, Clifton; S/Sgt. Broadus Burgess, Pacolet Mills; S/1/E Lester Doollittle, Greenwood; W/O. J. L. Fowler, Spartanburg; Cpl. Curtis T. Cantrell, Spartanburg; T/5 David T. Partlow, Rock Hill; Cpl. Jacob L. Aull, Newberry; Pfc Francis F. Kay, Belton; T/5 Morgan Garrick, Charleston; Cpl. Earl Thomas, Lawrence; S/Sgt. Frank Cooper, Dillon; T/5 James H. Leonard, Lyman; T/5 Paul Kelley, Pickens; T/5 James M. Ward, Greenville; Sgt. Conrad Shuler, Due West; Cpl. Joe C. Dannelly, Ehrhardt; and Sgt. Marion J. Smith Jr., Bowman.

King, Queen See P47s, Forts On Visit to USAAF Stations

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was shot down in the Channel and picked up, after an hour in the water, by the British Air Sea Rescue Service.

The Queen, visiting an American Air Force unit for the first time, spent several minutes talking to the ground crew of the Thunderbolt—Sgt. C. H. Carlton, of Sheridan, Wyo.; Cpl. Henry Strickland, of Colorado Springs; Sgt. Ernest Terrant, of Los Angeles, and S/Sgt. Robert T. Dorr, Dallas, Tex. She asked where they came from, how they liked England and whether their mail came through satisfactorily. The Queen also talked with 1/Lt. Martin Chavez, test pilot, of Baker, Ore.

After inspecting a partially stripped-down Thunderbolt, the King and Queen mounted the control tower and watched three squadrons of P47s take off and fly past in formation. Then, after tea at the officers' mess, they proceeded to an American bomber station.

At the Fortress station, commanded by Col. Stanley T. Wray, of Birmingham, Ala., they were greeted by Brig. Gen. Newton Longfellow, commanding the Eighth Bomber Command, and several of his wing commanders. The party

'Revenge Bombardier' Also Reported Missing

2/Lt. Rhude M. Mathis, of San Angelo, Tex., who took over his brother Jack's bombsight in The Duchess, a B17, after his brother died over the target in the Vegesack raid, Mar. 18, is missing in action, Eighth Air Force headquarters has revealed.

The younger Mathis, who vowed he would complete the job his brother started, was in the nose of one of the 11 bombers which failed to return from the first raid on Kiel May 14. Crews of other bombers in the formation said that they saw seven parachutes open as the crippled bomber went down.

Dances at Four Red Cross Clubs

Glasgow Heralds Spring; Entertainment Plans For Week-End

GLASGOW, May 27—A formal dance and party will be held at the American Red Cross Club, 560 Sauchiehall St., tomorrow, from 7.30-11.30 PM. It is the first formal affair of the spring. On Saturday night a second dance will be held during the same hours.

The weekend entertainment will end Sunday with a tea-dance starting at 2.30 PM and an evening "At Home" from 5.30-10.15 PM.

Open House at Belfast

BELFAST, May 27—Open house will be held at the American Red Cross Club here on Sunday, during which the "Jive Bombers" will play. Saturday night there will be a dance from 8-11 PM.

Rosato's Band at Kingston

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, May 27—The American Red Cross Club will start its weekend events with a dance on Saturday from 7.30-11 PM. Frank Rosato's Band will furnish the music. On Sunday movies will be shown, starting at 7 PM.

Warrington Program Varied

WARRINGTON, May 27—The weekend program for the Warrington Red Cross Club will start with a dance at the Co-Op Hall tomorrow night at 8 PM. On Sunday, starting at 8 PM, a variety show will be given, and swimming will take place in the Leigh St. pool from 9-10 PM. Sunday's events are as follows: 1.30 PM, bicycle tour; 3-6 PM, tea-dance, Bell Hall; 7.30 PM, movies; 9.30 PM, CEMA concert; and from 9-10 PM, swimming in the Leigh St. pool.

Crescent Cabaret night

The Hans Crescent Red Cross club at Knightsbridge, London, will present English stage and screen performers at its Cabaret Night tomorrow. The show will begin at 10.45 PM.

Pvt. Pop's Daughter Is a 1st Looney

At 51, He Is Probably Oldest Here — And Most Be-ribboned

Pvt. George Marion Shearouse, of Atlanta, Ga., who is stationed in London, was cited by his comrades-in-arms yesterday as the legitimate claimant to three distinctions in the ETO.

At 50, he is believed to be the oldest buck private in this theater; he probably wears more campaign ribbons than any other enlisted man in ETO, and—the crowning distinction—he is probably the only American private in the British Isles with a daughter who is a first lieutenant.

Shearouse, who will be 51 June 11, wears three rows of ribbons—"including the rare ETO ribbon," as one fellow put it—reflecting a long list of activities in military service. "Pop," as he is called by his associates, said he first enlisted as a boy trumpeter in the old Georgia Cavalry at the age of 10 and since then has spent 26 years, off and on, in either the Army or the Navy.

Born in Savannah, Ga., he attended the Georgia Military Academy at Mill-edgeville and later Riverside Military Academy at Gainesville, Ga.

In 1912 he enlisted in the Navy and went through the battle of Vera Cruz in 1914. In eight years the Navy took him to all parts of the world on such ships as the battlewagons Wyoming, Arkansas, New York, Utah and West Virginia. In describing his experiences, he produced official documents to verify his statements.

In his army career "Pop" has served in the Philippines, Nicaragua and Haiti, and was in France during the last war for two years and ten days. Among his campaign ribbons are the first and second Nicaraguan campaigns, Haitian campaign, Battle of Vera Cruz, Victory Medal with four stars, Army of Occupation in Germany, Army and Navy good conduct medals, American Defense (Pearl Harbor) ribbon and the ETO ribbon.

He has served in such army outfits as the 11th Cavalry, 17th Infantry and the 22nd and 80th Field Artillery. He



George Shearouse, 51-year-old private, of Atlanta, Ga. (right), gives old-soldier button polishing advice to Cpl. William Kolchnis, of Philadelphia.

is now doing work in connection with billeting of troops.

His daughter, he said, 1/Lt. Jocelyn Shearouse, is serving as a nurse at Camp Butner, N.C.

Before Pearl Harbor, Shearouse held a reserve commission as a captain. When he tried to enter active service as an officer they told him he was too old.

"I fooled them," he declared. "I simply enlisted as a private and was accepted. Want to go home under the 38 year age limit law? I should say I don't. I didn't enlist for that. I'm sticking it out until the job is done right this time and I can take it just as well as many of these young fellows."

Tax Plan Gets Congress OK

Holdback Scheme Cancels '42 Income Taxes Over \$50

WASHINGTON, May 27—A five-day deadlock on "pay-as-you-go" income tax legislation was broken last night when the joint House and Senate committee on internal taxation agreed to a compromise plan which would cancel 75 per cent of last year's taxes for persons whose tax is \$50 or more and in full for those who would pay less than \$50. The original Senate bill would have abated taxes in full.

If the bill is passed—as is expected—taxes on this year's earnings will be collected at the source by a holdback on wages and salaries.

Taxpayers making between \$25 and \$30 per week would get a 70-cents-a-week deduction if they have no dependents and 50 cents a week with dependents.

Persons earning from \$50 to \$60 would be taxed \$6.20 per week with no dependents, graduated down to \$2.10 for a man with three dependents.

In the \$70 to \$80 a week bracket, taxes would range from \$6.10 per week for a man with three dependents up to \$10.20 with none. At \$90 to \$100 per week, the holdback would be \$10.10 for a man with three dependents, \$14.20 for a person with no dependents.

New Yorker and Bristol Girl Win Jitterbug Title

BRISTOL, May 27—The Jitterbug contest at the Red Cross Club, 19, Berkeley Sq., was won by Pvt. Alfred Berenguer, of New York, and June Watts, of Bristol. Second place went to T/4 Nick Sciacca, of Morristown, N.J., dancing with Pamela Jones.

Judges were 2/Lts. Erlene Bookout, Harshorne, Okla.; Evelyn Garrard, Morocco, Ind.; and Dorothy Jean Brown, San Antonio, Tex.

General to Inspect

HQRS. WBS, May 27—Brig. Gen. William G. Weaver, chief of staff, SOS, will make a three-day inspection tour of units and installations in this sector starting Saturday.

Homesick Soldier Gets A Box of Jersey Dirt

FORT LEE, N.J., May 27—Charles Abbot received letter after letter from Cpl. George Rosson, a friend training in the California desert, pleading for the chance "to feel good old Jersey soil under my feet." He finally mailed a box from this camp. On its receipt Rosson wrote:

"I threw dirt on the barracks floor and scraped my bare feet in it. And boy! did the other fellows from the East help me out!"

Glee Club Sings On Air to States

The glee club of the—General Hospital broadcast to the States for the second time in two days yesterday afternoon, when they sang three numbers on the Eagle Club program from the Rainbow Corner, London.

The master of ceremonies, Maj. Brooks Watson, of Peoria, Ill., interviewed the director of the glee club, S/Sgt. Michael Zingraff, of Upper Darby, Pa., as well as six soldiers from the audience and a civilian technician.

The men, who answered questions about their home towns and their duties here, were T/5 Frank J. Weldon, Laurelton, N.Y.; Sgt. Joseph J. Kerkes, Kearny, N.J.; Cpl. John J. Loboda, Newark, N.J.; Cpl. Bruce Kingsley, Grand Ledge, Mich.; Sgt. Verne Ferguson, Danville, Va.; Sgt. Frank A. Smith, Atlanta, Ga.; and the civilian technician, Charles W. Jones, Atlanta, Ga.

Besides Sgt. Zingraff, members of the glee club, which sang "Stout Hearted Men," "Deep River," and "Kentucky Babe," were:

T/4 John Anderson, Paterson, N.J.; T/5 Harry Ogren, Lindenhurst, Ill.; T/3 Irvin J. Heisey, Millersville, Pa.; T/4 Milan Putnick, Carlton, Mich.; T/4 William Schulz, Lancaster, Pa.; Cpl. Sam Clements, Peacock, Tex.; T/5 Robert Van Dusen, Mansfield, Pa.; Baritone: T/4 Alvin Garwick, Bay City, Mich.; Cpl. Vincent Monetta, Bronx, N.Y.; Pfc Russell J. Hill, Grosse Pointe, Mich.; Pfc Robert Ashley, Letart Falls, Ohio; T/4 Edward Mamrack, Canonsburg, Pa.; Cpl. Gus Norwalk, Newark, N.J.; Pfc Paul Woodruff, Upper Darby, Pa.; and T/4 Seymour Shaw, Mansfield, Pa. (president).

Anglo-American Society Opened

100 At Inaugural Dinner Hear MP Say Unity Is Peace Guarantee

One hundred enlisted men of the American and British armies held the first meeting of the British-American Legion, an organization formed to foster perpetual friendship between the U.S. and Great Britain, last night at the Rainbow Corner, Shaftesbury Ave., London. Guests of honor were Brig. Gen. William S. Rumbough, of Lynchburg, Va., chief signal officer in the ETO; Comdr. Stephen King-Hall, Member of Parliament, from Lancashire, and Lord Donegal, British newspaper columnist.

"I am absolutely convinced that if a solid Anglo-American friendship is established we will have a sporting chance of solving the post-war problems," Comdr. King-Hall told the meeting. "Without such friendship there will be no chance."

The executive committee of the Legion is composed of three American and three British soldiers. The Americans are Sgt. Rex Kerr, of Sarasota, Fla., co-chairman; T/3 Lionel C. Lane, of Brooklyn, co-secretary, and S/Sgt. Richard Griffith, of Norfolk, Va., co-treasurer.

Sgt. Kerr, who conceived the idea for the joint Legion, said that the new organization plans to hold monthly meetings, and it was hoped that chapters will be formed wherever American and British soldiers are stationed together in the world.

N.I. Engineers Celebrate

BELFAST, May 27—Engineers of a Northern Ireland depot, with their girls from nearby towns, celebrated completion of their first year here. After dancing, Mess Sgt. Albert J. Bechelli, Eldred, Pa., and Pvt. Arthur A. Maliszewski provided refreshments. On the dance committee were: S/Sgt. Jack Brownfield, Menard, Tex.; Cpl. William Worrell Jr., Charlotte, N.C., and Pfc Sam Pullan, York, England.

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Tiros, the port of Golfo Arancia and Porto Ponte Romano were blasted. Italy, as represented by her radio broadcasters, was beginning to squirm. One speaker, Ezio Maria Gray, a member of the Fascist National Council, said in a Rome broadcast:

"We must never forget that we are a little more than two nations against three continents—the Russian Continent, the American Continent and the so-called British Imperial Continent. The first two, in particular, have nothing in common with our civilization. That is why they attack us."

Other speakers, trying to launch a counter-attack pep drive, via Rome radio, criticized "British propaganda" to the effect that the Allies were not fighting the Italian people, but the Fascist regime.

