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Navy Chief Frank Knox Dies Suddenly

Pre-Invasion Blitz Passes Its 14th Day

U.S. Forces Again Pound France; RAF Hits Friedrichshafen

The thundering assault on the Nazis' invasion defenses roared through its 14th straight day yesterday, with the U.S. air forces hurling heavies, mediums, fighters and fighter-bombers against Hitler's West Wall in almost continuous waves.

The day's activities began even as the last of a great fleet of RAF Lancasters landed after giving Friedrichshafen a bombing which Swiss reporters, who watched it from across Lake Constance, described as the heaviest the city has ever had. Other RAF bombers had hit rail centers in Belgium and France.

For the second consecutive day, the U.S. Strategic Air Forces dispatched two operations in one day, but they were on a scale much smaller than Thursday, when more than 1,000 heavies hit the Continent at a cost of nine bombers and six fighters.

Luftwaffe Shies Off

Yesterday morning Flying Fortresses with heavy escort bombed a German airfield at Avord, 130 miles south of Paris, while others bombed military installations in the Cherbourg area. Some enemy fighters attempted to attack the Avord force, but fled before the escort planes could engage them. It was the only encounter with the enemy all day, Eighth Air Force said.

Late in the afternoon B24s, with P47 escort, bombed "military installations" in the Pas de Calais area, while other P47s bombed an enemy airfield in France.

From all of the operations four bombers and three fighters are missing. The morning operations also included attacks by P38 fighter-bombers of the Eighth Air Force on aircraft repair plants at Tours, which had been hit heavily by Fortresses and Liberators the day before.

Meanwhile, USSTAF headquarters announced that careful study of reconnaissance pictures after the Apr. 24 attack by Eighth Air Force bombers on the Dornier aircraft plants at Friedrichshafen and Oberpfaffenhofen, and the gear-cutting works at Friedrichshafen, a Messerschmitt repair and assembly plant at Leipzig reveals considerable damage to all targets but one. The target escaping damage was one of two aircraft plants at Friedrichshafen, a Dornier factory.

At dusk yesterday the round-the-clock offensive had rolled through two weeks of pre-invasion softening-up broken only by one night of comparative inactivity by the RAF.

Three RAF task forces, bound for Friedrichshafen and railroad centers in France and Belgium, had taken off in daylight at the close of the USSTAF's first day of morning-and-afternoon offensives. Besides the radar and aircraft center, they hit Montzen, in Belgium, and Aulnoye, in France. From all missions 36 bombers were lost.

Radar Center Hit Hard

The RAF night operations began while it was still light. The heaviest blow, by Lancasters, was directed at the radiolocation center of Friedrichshafen. Besides the factories making radar equipment, there are three Dornier factories and a large Diesel plant at the city.

Swiss newspaper men, who watched the bombing from their side of Lake Constance, said it was Friedrichshafen's worst raid, with bombs of two or more

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'Military Hopelessness' Talk Admitted by Nazi Spokesman

Invasion fever mounted to a new pitch in Europe yesterday as the great softening-up bombing attack continued, and forecasts by neutrals and foe alike didn't much help the case of the German jitters.

The latter was manifest in divers expressions. The Nazis issued a proclamation threatening death to any Belgian who helped an enemy soldier or airman or failed to report their presence immediately; offered a sum of money and liberation of a relative in captivity as a reward for handing over enemy soldiers or agents; and claimed the arrest in Norway of an English agent among whose documents were examination papers of six others trained at a school for terror and sabotage in England.

An amazing admission was made in Berlin by Dr. Siegfried Horn, diplomatic correspondent of the official German News Agency. "There is even talk about the supposed hopelessness of the military situation," said Horn in a "we-must-fight-to-the-end" statement.

Nazi comment on the bombings was revelatory. "It is difficult to assess whether the operations, with emphasis on daylight attacks, represent the maximum effort of which the Allies are capable," said Karl Zeppelin, German Overseas News Agency military analyst. Military circles were "forced to the conclusion" that the bombings constituted

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Aussies Grab 2nd Guinea Base; Resistance Ends at Hollandia

Australian forces, smashing ahead after their capture of Madang, have seized Alexishafen, the Japanese air and sea base farther up the New Guinea coast, and enemy resistance in the Hollandia area 300 miles to the northwest has ceased, word from Gen. MacArthur's headquarters revealed last night.

As at Madang, all but a remnant of the Jap garrison at Alexishafen had fled into the hills before the Australian advance, and large stores of equipment fell into Aussie hands.

Collapse of resistance in the Hollandia sector gave the Allies all three of the Hollandia airdromes, which already were in use as MacArthur's planes bombed and strafed Japanese forces hemmed in the north New Guinea "box" between the Australians and the American forces which made the surprise landings in western British and eastern Dutch New Guinea last Saturday.

Capture of the airfields gave MacArthur a new springboard for an attack against the Philippines, which lie but 1,200 miles to the north. Possibility of new assaults in the Pacific, possibly at the Philippines, were seen following announcement that Gen. MacArthur had conferred with Adm. Nimitz recently.

The conference was the first between the commanders of the Southwest Pacific command and the chief of the U.S. Pacific fleet. "Plans were completely integrated so that the maximum of co-operative effort might be executed against the enemy," a statement announcing the meeting said.

Rescue of 100 foreign missionaries, including 40 nuns, in the Hollandia operations was announced also today by Gen. MacArthur "with peculiar pleasure," in his own words.

Meanwhile, as bombers and fighters continued to ravage Jap forces in New Guinea, more aerial assaults were made against Rabaul, the battered New Guinea base, New Ireland, and Truk and other targets in the Carolines.

U.S. Carrier Sunk, Japs Claim

The Japanese claim to have sunk a big American aircraft-carrier east of the Marshall Islands, according to German-controlled Oslo radio.

Brereton Gets Third Star And Quesada His Second

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28 (Reuter)—President Roosevelt has nominated Maj. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, commander of the Ninth Air Force in Britain, to the rank of temporary lieutenant general.

The President has also nominated Brig. Gen. Elwood Quesada, commanding the Ninth Fighter Command, as temporary major general.

Maj. Gen. McKinney Giles, chief of the Army Air Force Staff in Washington, was nominated temporary lieutenant general.

Gen. Brereton is 53. Previously he commanded the U.S. air forces in the Middle East, and his planes have attacked both Rome and Ploesti. Since Pearl Harbor he has directed air operations over the Philippines, Java, Australia, India and the Middle East.

Gen. Quesada is 47. He has commanded the U.S. air forces in the Philippines, Java, Australia, India and the Middle East.

Gen. Giles is 53. He has commanded the U.S. air forces in the Philippines, Java, Australia, India and the Middle East.

Succumbs



Col. Frank Knox

Death at 70 Comes After Attack of Flu

Nation Shocked at News; Illness Had Been Secret; Forrestal Takes Over

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28—Col. Frank Knox, 70-year-old Secretary of the Navy, died here today after a brief illness which followed a severe attack of influenza several weeks ago, it was announced by James V. Forrestal, Navy Undersecretary.

The dramatic suddenness of Knox' death came as a shock to the entire nation, which only yesterday had been told he was confined to bed and that it was hoped he "would take enough time off from his official duties to secure a needed rest."

This was followed early today by an official announcement stating: "The condition of Secretary Knox has not improved, and in fact has taken a turn for the worse." Shortly afterward came the announcement of his death, which was broadcast from coast to coast in interrupted radio programs. Knox had been suffering from a "gastro-intestinal upset complicated by dizziness."

In Cabinet Since 1940 Forrestal, who has been acting Secretary since his chief became ill, will continue in that capacity at least temporarily, it was believed.

Knox had been a member of the Cabinet since July, 1940, when President Roosevelt called him after France fell. His specific job was to expand the Navy, and he might be described as the man who gave the U.S. its great two-ocean fleet. One who largely contributed to the defeat of the U-boat menace threatening the vital supply line to Britain, Knox, ironically did not live to see one of the fruits of that triumph—Americans in the great invasion of Continental Europe.

On one of his numerous visits to fighting fronts, Knox inspected U.S. and Allied naval bases in the ETO in a two-week tour last September.

The veteran of three wars, newspaper publisher and candidate for the Vice-Presidency in 1936, was criticized by Republicans for accepting the appointment as Secretary of the Navy under a Democratic President. His answer key-noted the actions of other political leaders who put aside partisanship to accept government appointments.

"Navy Knows No Party" "National defense is not a partisan matter," Knox said. "The administration of the Navy is in no sense political. The U.S. Navy knows no party."

Knox was born in Boston, and after moving to the Midwest at an early age grew to be one of the foremost leaders in that part of the country. An outstanding college athlete, he was handpicked by Teddy Roosevelt to serve in the latter's Rough Riders in the Spanish-American War. He enlisted as a private and rose to majority. More than 40 years later he was called upon again by another Roosevelt to serve in yet a bigger job.

Knox began his newspaper career after his service in the Spanish-American War. Starting as a reporter with the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Herald, he rose to ownership of the Chicago Daily News, one of the country's largest dailies. During his climb he bought his first paper in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and gained renown by staging a one-man fight to clean up the city. The campaign led to an offer to run for governor of Michigan, but he refused.

Not until he served in France as a captain in the 78th Infantry Division and as a lieutenant colonel in the Artillery, in his second war, headed the Hearst newspaper chain and finally purchased the Chicago Daily News did Knox go into politics in a big way.

He teamed with Alfred M. Landon on the Republican ticket in 1936 against President Roosevelt and ex-Vice President John Nance Garner. In the campaign

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Nazis Forecast Drive on Lwow By Red Army

Germans Look for Double Smash, With Push Also For Ploesti Oil Fields

German reports indicated last night that a great Russian drive on Lwow in Poland was imminent and that to the south the Red Army was massing for a drive to the Ploesti oilfields of Rumania rather than into the upper Hungarian plain.

Moscow itself was silent as to activity on these fronts, but Moscow radio reported that in the Black Sea the Red Navy in the last 24 hours had smashed five German convoys which were trying to evacuate remnants of the trapped Crimean army.

A ring of Russian artillery had the fortified ruins of Sebastopol under siege and the Soviets apparently were near the end of their "lion and mouse" tactics by which a direct assault on the city was postponed while planes and warships took their crack.

The drive on Lwow was indicated by Berlin reports of fighting on the Turya sector 20 miles southwest of Kovel and far in advance of any positions the Russians ever have claimed to have reached.

15 Killed and 20 Injured In Ship Fire at Norfolk

NORFOLK, Va., Apr. 28 (UP)—Fifteen civilian workers were killed and 20 injured when fire broke out in the hold of a naval vessel of an undisclosed type. Unconfirmed reports said the fire followed an explosion.

936,500 in Steel Union

PITTSBURGH, Apr. 28—The United Steel Workers (CIO) reported its membership now was 936,500 and that 200,000 were in the armed forces.

'Sparingly, if at All'

Only Eisenhower May Elevate EMs or W/Os in ETO to 2/Lt.

Direct appointments of enlisted men or warrant officers to the rank of second lieutenant have been authorized in exceptional cases in the ETO.

The theater commander alone—Gen. Eisenhower—has been granted the authority by the War Department, and the circular explaining it (Cir. 47, dated Apr. 26) emphasizes that the authority will be used "sparingly, if at all," to fill vacant administrative positions already existing in tables of organization.

Only men who are "fully qualified, outstandingly of officer caliber, and in positions of sufficient importance to preclude attendance at an officer candidate school" will be eligible.

"Demonstrated leadership ability in a command position, or a position requiring professional or technical skill, will be the basis for appointment," the circular declared.

Heretofore overseas theater commanders have been authorized to appoint officers from the ranks when the appointees have demonstrated their fitness in combat,

Flood Nears Critical Stage On Missouri, Mississippi

The second major Missouri-Mississippi flood in less than a year approached the critical stage yesterday with 7,500 Army troops, state guardsmen and prisoners of war working to confine the waters which already had inundated more than half a million acres in Missouri and Illinois.

The Arkansas River in Oklahoma also was on a rampage, reaching the third highest crest in its history in Tulsa.

The War Today

Air War—U.S. planes of virtually all types send pre-invasion aerial assault past its 14th straight day with blows at France after heavy RAF raids on Friedrichshafen and French and Belgian railway centers.

Russia—Germans report Russians massing for double thrust aimed at Lwow in Poland and at Ploesti oilfields in Rumania; Moscow silent on these moves but indicates final assault on Sebastopol is near.

Pacific—Australian forces which took Madang drive on to seize Jap base at Alexishafen, farther up the New Guinea coast; all enemy resistance in Hollandia area, in Dutch New Guinea, ends; conference between Gen. MacArthur and Adm. Nimitz revealed.

Man's Home His Castle, But Not in Reich Today

It became compulsory yesterday for every German away from home to leave his front-door key with his neighbor or an air-raid warden, according to German radio.

The broadcast said the decree had been issued to permit ARP services to enter houses during air raids to put out fires caused by incendiaries.

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The China Front Flares

Launching their first major offensive this year on the China front a force of Japanese estimated to number more than 60,000 have driven across the Yellow River into the famine-desolated province of Honan. This sector is one that has been comparatively inactive for more than two years since the Japanese last captured and briefly held the important railway junction of Chengchow, which again seems to be the objective.

The present offensive has followed persistent Chinese intelligence reports of the movement of large numbers of Japanese troops, many of them from the well-guarded Siberian border of Manchuria, down the two main North China trunk railways. Final objective of the drive would appear to be the seizure of 200 miles of the Peiping-Hankow railway between Chengchow and Sinyang which the enemy has hitherto been unable to bring under his control.

Mining operations by Chinese guerrillas who control much of the south bank of this river and the activity of the Joint American and Chinese air forces from West of Hankow have in recent months tended increasingly to isolate their central forces whose supply difficulties have been a determining factor in the failure of Japanese offensives southward and westward from Hankow against Changsha, Changteh and the Hunan "ricebowl."

The success so far achieved by the Japs is not substantial and local Chinese counter-attacks have been reported. As the operation extends forces badly needed by the Japanese in other theaters will be required to insure victory. Spread thin, a battle line is more easily cracked and the Chinese will miss no opportunity to do the cracking.

Pictorial Evidence

American airmen are using more than bullets to shoot the enemy. In an average month the Germans and Japs are being "shot" by nearly 13,000,000 feet of U.S. Air Forces film—enough motion picture film in one year to go around the world.

Hidden in the leading edge of the wings, housed along the fuselage, or attached to the sight in turrets of most U.S. fighter planes, is a 16mm. camera which automatically records the results of aerial combat. Almost every bullet fired from the guns of an American fighter plane cuts through the lens path of one of these cameras.

Back at headquarters, the film is promptly put to several important uses. First it shows the effectiveness of U.S. marksmanship and helps determine whether the fighter pilot or aerial gunner should get credit for the kill. Secondly, it often gives the first tip-off on important military information—whether any new equipment can be seen on enemy planes, whether plane designs have been changed or tactics modified.

This week in London the news reels selected from thousands of feet of action film vividly portray the smashing power of our fighter attack against Goering's Luftwaffe. On the screen before your eyes is pictorial evidence that German air power is receding. And the camera tells the story well.

Bridges Up, Supplies Out

Polish Military Headquarters in London have announced that the Polish Underground Army, acting under orders from the Polish Commander-in-Chief, has blown up the railway bridges in the regions of Przemysl and Sanek, thus cutting both the main and the secondary supply routes from Berlin-Breslau-Cracow to Lvov and Lodz to Lvov. This means an interruption of at least 48 hours in all traffic communications to a large section of the eastern front.

The interruption of supplies to a vital sector is a serious matter in any military operation and particularly so for the Germans, who are masters of organization but not always of improvisation. This action is likely to affect materially the German defense of Lvov, which is the key position in any attempt to stem a Russian advance. It will certainly impede German counter-attacks, and when viewed in conjunction with USAAF aerial bombardment of marshalling yards and Balkan rail centers it paints a dark picture, for as invasion nears, from underground and high above Allied forces are striking blow after blow that threatens destruction to Nazi communications and in turn the armies they supply.

Hash Marks

Overheard in the Blackout: "Yeah, he was rejected for a slight physical disability—no guts!"

Another ETO-Happy story. A sergeant who works at a Thunderbolt base was cycling back to his hut one evening. Wheeling along in the blackout, he pulled out his trusty Zippo, lit his fag—and tossed the precious lighter away. It wasn't until morning that the three-striper became smitten with the full import of his actions.

Leave it to the Yanks—they'll figure a way out of any difficulty. A GI stationed at a camp in Scotland was supposed to



meet his "number one" girl friend at a theater in a nearby town. At the last minute he was slapped on KP; so he sent a pal in to meet the girl. The friend didn't know the gal so he ingeniously rigged up two "sandwich signs" and paraded up and down in front of the theater, a large sign on front and back reading: "Mary: I have been a bad boy and can't come to town tonight.—Tom." (PS—He soon met the girl.)

From Maj. W. J. Hochbaum comes a story of an incident at Napier Field that should amuse everyone but the MPs. The provost of the camp picked up six drunks in town one night, put them in a recon car and, with two MPs, started to haul them to the post. On the way the battery went dead. The provost, a brand new second looney, debated whether to have the prisoners push the car until it started or whether he or the MPs should do it. He finally decided that he and his helpers should do the job as he was afraid he could never corral the drunks again. So they pushed. Immediately the prisoners broke out into loud choruses of "The Song of the Volga Boatmen"—ending each line with a hearty "Heave ho, me lads!"

And then there's the fable from the States about the hot pilot who excitedly called the control tower of a Fortress



base, "Coming in on one engine!" Crash trucks, ambulances, the medics and lots of other people zoomed to the strip, ready for action. A few seconds later a single-engine fighter lands and out steps the hot pilot, grinning like a madman while the rescue crews scream, "Murder!"

British kids are really quick on the trigger and none is sharper than these shoeshine boys we've written about from time to time. The other day a lanky GI (at least six feet three) stepped up to one of the lads, put his foot on the box and asked for a shine. The boy looked down at the vast expanse of shoe before him and called to a buddy, "Hey, Jimmie, give me a hand. I got an army contract!" J. C. W.

PRIVATE BREGER



"I hear he's training to be a spy!"

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The Soldier's Vote:

3—How the Army Will Aid Ballot

Soldier voting is big business, and as such the Army has taken steps to assist its man to vote, as far as it can under regulations, so that he may have a say in who's going to be elected in Federal, state and local elections. Some states have made it easier than others for their absentee soldiers to vote. The Army has no right to interfere with state legislation governing the vote but it can, and has, done a lot to make it as simple a procedure as possible.

Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters, on instructions from the War Department, has charged commanders of all U.S. Army units in the ETO to familiarize themselves immediately with their responsibilities in helping the soldier to vote. This does not mean an officer can influence a man on whom he should vote for, but to facilitate the voting procedure as much as possible without interfering with military duties.

Here is a detailed list of those responsibilities, as outlined in War Department Circular No. 128:

1—Giving full and complete publicity to general voting information on 1944 primaries and elections as contained in WD circulars.

2—Making postcards available to all soldiers and attached civilians desiring them for use in applying for absentee ballots used in primary, special and general elections, other than the Presidential election in November. For the November election commanders will insure that postcards for State absentee

ballots and registration application are DELIVERED to each soldier in his command.

3—Assisting, through officers and (where authorized by State law) warrant and non-commissioned officers, in certifying signatures or attesting oaths on postcards and ballots.

4—Designating "soldier voting officers" to supervise the execution of the commanders' responsibilities in regard to voting, these officers also to administer the Federal balloting procedure for the Presidential election in November and to contact and advise attached civilian personnel (American Red Cross, USO, Lockheed Corp., etc.) of voting information.

Postal officers also have been charged with maintaining close and continuous liaison with soldier voting officers. Personnel engaged in handling Army mail have been ordered to expedite to the greatest extent possible the delivery of incoming State balloting material and the postmarking, handling and dispatching of outgoing postcards and ballot envelopes, air transport to be used whenever practicable and compatible with military operations.

Veteran Test Pilot at Home In Virtually Every Aircraft

By Joseph F. McBride

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A USAAF STATION, North Ireland, Apr. 28—If there are any American pilots around who have flown more different types of aircraft than George Rogers Clark, of Union City, Ind., he'd like to meet them for a good bull session.

Clark has flown and tested in the United Kingdom alone 70 types of planes; he previously was employed by most of the big airplane companies in the U.S. and he has flown for the RAF, Salvador Republic Air Force, Colombian Air Force, Chiang Kai Shek's Headquarters Squadron and the Ilo Negros Air Express in the Philippines.

He has tested everything from a Piper Cub to a B17 and as far as he knows is the only American civilian test pilot flying in the U.K.

He tests planes here daily, looking for troubles, shaking out the "bugs" and insuring the safety of the aircraft for the dangerous work of the combat crews.

Reports pour in to the Lockheed Overseas Corp., where Clark is employed, from engineering operation officers and combat crewmen suggesting new methods to give the planes added combat advantage. From these reports and ideas of their own, LOC engineers draw up plans, make new parts if necessary, and send Clark into the air to experiment.

In the air he puts the plane through its paces, diving it at full speed, twisting and turning and simulating as many of the conditions as possible that combat men will undergo. If the suggestion holds up, it is accepted as a modification and the new design is effected on all similar-type planes in this Theater.

"We're not partial to any company," Clark said. "We take in all types of planes and there isn't anything we don't fool with. Any suggestions to improve the planes are accepted and tried, no matter how ridiculous they seem."

The 41-year-old test pilot got his start as a mechanic, learned flying the hard way and doesn't think there is anything glamorous about his work.

"I'm just a man doing a job," he said. "Airplanes have always been my interest and when the war ends I'm going to continue doing the same work. I'm no 'circus' flier—they're all in the graveyard. Flying is a business with me."

He came to England 3½ years ago and flew with the Air Transport Auxiliary of

the RAF. With this unit he received the highest possible rating—five plus—which permits him to fly anything, anywhere, any time.

Clark guesses his lifetime flying hours number more than 4,000, but quickly adds:

"Hours don't mean a thing; it's the different types you've been flying that mean everything. On my application at Lockheed, under the number of flying hours, I just wrote—don't know."

There aren't many airplane companies that Clark hasn't been connected with in almost 25 years of flying. After his first solo flight in a 504K Averill in 1922, he free-lanced around the country flying aerial advertisements and filling in as a mechanic. In 1925 he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps as a mechanic, served a hitch, and then went to work for Pan-American in Mexico.

Back in the U.S. in 1933, he joined Curtis-Wright and was loaned to the Salvador Republic Air Force as a technical adviser for 60 days. After that he flew a year in the Colombian Air Force, took a job as a co-pilot on the Ilo Negros Air Express in the Philippines and then came home to work for Sikorsky Aircraft Co.

He flew with the famous Eddie Allen and became pilot and technical adviser in Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek's Headquarters Squadron in China. After four years in the Far East he decided he had "missed too many boats" and came back to America, later joining the RAF.

A year ago he transferred to Lockheed. He has watched the war closely and doesn't think the end is near just yet. "Few people realize the distance in the Pacific is so great," he said, "but the ingenuity of American pilots gives them a big advantage over the enemy, because they can operate without the book. When the German and Jap lose the book they're finished."

The six-foot, 190-pound pilot has at times made as many as 50 test flights a week. He has never had to bail out and his only serious accident occurred, ironically enough, while driving an automobile in the Philippines.

This Is The Army

SOME aviation engineers paid a tribute to an English family they used to visit in their time off from constructing an airfield. Before they pulled out for another destination, they left a sign fixture, five by 2½ feet, on the family's lawn. The sign, written in old English lawn script and overlaid with gold leaf, said: "To all who enter here, prepare—for life's effervescence lies within. The joyous vim of this bubbling mirth shall be to the measure of your worth, and wine you'll find was but a whim and dim. In appreciation by U.S.A. Forces."

"Our Town," the Pulitzer Prize play by Thornton Wilder, will be presented by a cast of 30 American soldiers, three American Red Cross women and two British radio actors in London next month. Sgt. John Sweet, of Granville, Ohio, who played in the GI version of "The Eve of St. Mark" here, will be in the cast, which also will include Pvt. Richard Robbins, of Somerville, Mass., and Sgt. Walter T. McAllister, of Seattle.

WHEN Americans in the ETO go home after the war it will be the second Atlantic crossing for most of them. To Pvt. Gilbert B. Hodge, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., however, it will be just another trip.

Now stationed at a bomber repair depot, Hodge crossed the ocean 18 times as a civilian. In fact, he has spent about half his life on this side of the Atlantic, working as an interior decorator and designer.

He designed interiors at Hollywood Palace in Edinburgh, and planned a ballroom for the Athens palace of the King of Greece.

At long last a Sack has turned up in the ETO. He's Pfc Frank E., a leader in an anti-aircraft automatic weapons outfit. Although he's far from sad, that's what his buddies call him.

Notes from the Air Force

WHEN the Fortress Mr. Smith crash-landed after returning from a deep-in-Germany raid some weeks ago, men at the ship's station counted numerous bullet and flak holes, inspected the torn undercarriage and figured Mr. Smith would never fly again.

But the ground men of Maj. Henry B. Todd's sub-depot figured differently. They went to work on what even the inspectors called a complete washout, and this week Mr. Smith has been visiting Germany again.

Hollywood's high command fights an amazing war. A Monogram film now playing in London and titled "Women in Bondage" shows B17s bombing Germany—and at night. One particularly capable Hollywood bombardier in the picture sees a light in the house in a German town shining from a window where the blackout wasn't pulled. He unloads his bombs for a direct hit on the house.

1/LT. Frank A. Cutler, of Cleveland, pilot of the Mustang called Soldiers' Vote, has been awarded the Silver Star for destroying two Me109s and scattering six others which were attacking a formation of B17s Feb. 20. Although separated from his flight and short of gas, he then dived to destroy an Me110 taxing for a take-off.

Cutler earned a recommendation for the DSC Apr. 11 when he got a triple in the air, one destroyed and one damaged on the ground, and blew up a locomotive. Apr. 13 he landed at an advanced base minus his left forefinger after blowing up another plane and locomotive on the ground.

Capt. Charles E. Mosse and 1/LT. William R. Hodges, Thunderbolt pilots of this base, are accused by their fellow-pilots of buzzing German picnickers the other day.

Returning from a bomber escort mission, the pair spotted a spiral of smoke coming from the ground. They Tally-Ho'ed down, thinking it to be a locomotive. Seconds later they identified it as a bonfire at a picnic spot. They went on.

A Study for Purely Architectural Reasons

Twin Beds Would Suit Milady Just Fine, Researchers Find

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28—The John B. Pierce Foundation, with nothing on its mind but helping architects, has completed a survey which shows the enlightening facts that many women would like to sleep nude but are inhibited, some put on their brassieres in the kitchen and three per cent think after getting into bed.

The Foundation, a New York non profit organization, said the idea of the survey was to collect material on living habits for the guidance of architects who want to plan scientific homes for the future.

The Foundation reported these figures: Twenty-two per cent of husbands read after getting into bed, 12 per cent make conversation, seven per cent listen to the radio, three per cent say their prayers, two per cent eat and two per cent smoke.

As for the wives, 29 per cent read, 11 per cent talk, eight per cent say their

prayers, two per cent pray, three per cent think, two per cent smoke and one per cent eat.

In the summer, 70 per cent of wives wear nighties, 24 per cent wear pajamas, five per cent sleep nude and 16 women said they would like to sleep nude, "clear-cut evidence of an inhibition."

The report said about 63 per cent of wives reported dressing in the presence of their husbands and 72 per cent said their husbands were around when they undressed. Two per cent reported putting on their brassieres in the kitchen, four per cent put on stockings and one said she put on her panties.

In what the study called a "special appendix of the survey," it was revealed that 87 per cent of husbands and wives sleep together. Five per cent of wives are downright dissatisfied with this arrangement, and 40 per cent sort of wished they had twin beds.

Tobin Hurls No-Hitter as Braves Blank Bums, 2-0



One-for-the-books department: Marge Worth, an Irvington, N.J., bowler, recently rolled 12 straight strikes and yet didn't get a perfect game. On her ninth perfect hit she fouled the line and when she knocked them all down on the next roll, she only got credit for a spare. After two more strikes she got an eight with her 13th ball for 268. Of course, no one will poke fun at that score.

Mike Garbark, Yankee catcher, is the younger brother of the two Garbarks already operating as receivers in the majors.

Bill Helis, the New Orleans oilman who has been spending money right and left to build up a racing stable, is getting a little competition in money-spending. Miami contractor F. W. Hooper already has spent over \$100,000 on horses and has a standing offer to bid on any kind of decent horseflesh that is up for sale.

In the recent Big Ten track and field meet, won by Michigan with Illinois second, Iowa U. was placed in the first division by virtue of lead-lease. The only Hawkeye to score was Rex Whitworth, former Cambridge University hurler who is at Iowa on a Rockefeller scholarship after competing in England for his alma mammy.

Longacres, the Seattle race track back in operation this year, starts a new trend by giving one-third of the profits to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Judge Landis, who passed the wartime training restrictions that keep the clubs from going south for conditioning, took a little heat off himself the other day when a friend met him in Chicago. The Judge was standing on a street corner shivering, and the friend asked him how come he wasn't going to Florida as usual. Landis came back with, "the ball players can't go, so I can't go either."

Ray Morrison, the Temple football coach, recently attended a dinner given in his honor where he was congratulated for keeping football alive at Temple. Morrison said, "Hell, football has kept me alive for years."

Minor League Results

International League							
All games postponed.							
	W	L	Pct.				
Toronto	2	0	.500	Montreal	2	2	.500
Buffalo	1	1	.500	Newark	1	2	.333
Baltimore	2	2	.500	Syracuse	1	2	.333
Rochester	2	2	.500	Jersey City	1	3	.250

American Association							
	W	L	Pct.				
Minneapolis	2	1	.667	Kansas City	1	2	.333
St. Paul	4	1	.800	St. Louis	1	2	.333
Columbus	7	1	.875	Indianapolis	0	1	.000
Toledo	1	1	.500	Indianapolis	0	1	.000

Pacific Coast League							
	W	L	Pct.				
Oakland	4	1	.800	Los Angeles	3	10	.231
Portland	3	3	.500	San Diego	2	4	.333
Sacramento	4	5	.444	Hollywood	2	10	.167
San Francisco	12	6	.667	Seattle	9	10	.474
Los Angeles	11	6	.647	Hollywood	8	10	.444
San Diego	11	8	.579	Oakland	7	12	.368
Portland	9	9	.500	Sacramento	5	11	.313

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ANY type of 120 camera with leather case wanted.—Sgt. Phil Nichols.
Wanted
RAZOR. Schick Injector, preferably with blades.—Lt. Paul E. Stearns, 02041062.
16 IN. crash cymbal or large Chinese crash cymbal: also cymbal holder or type of the type that clamp on a bass drum.—Cpl. Bob Mettscher, 36298254.

Bob Swift, Eddie Mayo Go to Tigers for Cash

DETROIT, Apr. 28—The Detroit Tigers today completed a deal made with the Philadelphia Athletics last October when the Tigers got Catcher Bob Swift and Infielder Eddie Mayo in exchange for Outfielder Rip Radcliff.
When Radcliff entered the Navy, Connie Mack called off the whole deal. Today, however, he accepted \$15,000 for Swift and Mayo, so the Bengals have those two and still retain title to Radcliff.

Bar Al Blozis From Relays

PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 28—Pvt. Al Blozis and Aviation Cadet Archie Harris have been barred from the 50th annual Penn Relays being run at Franklin Field here today and tomorrow because their entries violate an agreement among the Army, Navy and AAU to freeze the status of pre-war professional athletes.

Blozis, the nation's outstanding shot putter who monopolized collegiate competition in his specialty while attending Georgetown, was barred from playing football with the New York Giants in the National League. Harris, former Indiana grid and track star, is ineligible because he was a high school coach before entering the service.
Meanwhile, the ambitious two-day affair got under way with leading college, prep and service trackmen competing in 69 events.

Warmerdam to Compete At Drake Games

DES MOINES, Apr. 28—The 35th annual Drake Relays opened today with more than 500 high school hopefuls providing the early entertainment in the two-day affair. The collegians will swing into action tomorrow, travel restrictions on Naval trainees forcing meet officials to conduct all the events in one day.
Illinois is the early favorite to win the team title, chiefly because of its power in the sprints. Notre Dame and Northwestern are expected to provide most of the serious opposition.
Cornelius Warmerdam, world's pole vault champion, will make one of his infrequent appearances since entering the Navy, hoping to clear 16 feet, a feat no other vaulter ever has accomplished. Other stars in the bulky field include Bob Steuber, All-American halfback from Missouri and DePaul, and Leonard Alkon, last year's 100-yard dash winner.

British Boxers Had Too Many Guns for USTAAF Ringmen

It was obvious to the Allied officers and guests that the British Army boxers who defeated a USTAAF team, 4-2, at Teddington Thursday night to avenge their 6-5 setback at London's Albert Hall last June unloaded too many weapons for the GIs and deserved to win.
But everybody in the capacity throng agreed it would have been more of an artistic success for all parties concerned if the bouts had been three-rounders instead of four as prescribed by Olympic rules. The Americans never before had attempted the longer distance and they failed dismally to pace themselves carefully, conserving too much energy for a fourth-round sprint.
The two GI winners—Pfc Ray Wyzkiwicz and Cpl. Leo Matricianni—were only slightly less baffled by the extra round as the losers were. Ray, fast punching 126-pounder from Buffalo, N.Y., opened with his customary burst of speed to swarm all over Sapper A. E. Butler, the lone Canadian on the British squad, in the first round.

Matricianni, crafty heavyweight from Baltimore, drew the judges' nod over Sgt. Will Walters of the Royal Engineers in the evening's finale by following a different system. He waltzed through the first two rounds, brushing aside Walters' punches with his gloves and elbows, then accelerated in the last two heats.
The Blackbusters saw their victory hopes disappear in smoke during the second bout when usually reliable Pfc Herbie Williams, shifty 137-pound Negro from New Orleans, lost to Cpl. Claude Dennington, British Army lightweight champion, Herbie's weaving and bobbing stance was just so much wasted effort as Dennington bided his time and connected with sharp lefts and rights to the head when Herbie tried to move in close.
Sgt. Ernie Shackleton, who won his match last June, and Cyril Gallie, who didn't, both traveled the winning trail this time. Shackleton, former British amateur light-heavy champ, thumped Cpl. Hal Raskin, veteran 172-pounder from Chicago, and Gallie's whirlwind attack was too much for Pvt. William Wright, 147-pounder from Youngstown, Ohio.
Cpl. Johnny Taylor, middleweight from the Duke of Wellington Regiment, added another triumph to the British score when he spurted in the last two rounds to outpoint Pvt. Frank Brescowicz, Trenton, N.J., 155-pounder.

It Is Cricket



Maj. John R. Mitchell, of College Park, Md., takes his cut during a cricket practice session at a Fortress base. Fliers from the base have organized an eleven which plays this afternoon at Dulwich.

Pukka Gin Now 8-1 for Classic

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Apr. 28—Racegoers who fancy Sky Tracer, winner of the Blue Grass Stakes at Keeneland Tuesday, or Lucky Draw, victor in one section of the Wood Memorial at Jamaica last Saturday, to capture the Kentucky Derby May 6 have sly looks in their eyes today as they study the current winter book prices.
Sky Tracer is the popular favorite, quoted at 8-5. Sky Tracer and Lucky Draw, meanwhile, are each 10-1; while Challenge Me, which came home behind Sky Tracer in the Blue Grass, is second choice with Pensive at 5-1. Pukka Gin, the season's disappointment thus far, is 8-1.
Here's how the bookies rate some of the other Derby candidates: Stymie, 12-1; Twilight Tear and Bell Buzzer, 15-1; Autocrat, Aloriter, Gramps Image and Director J.E., 20-1; Shut Up, Broad Grin and Gay Bit, 25-1; Broadcloth and Valley Flares, 30-1; American Eagle and Kope Kona, 50-1.

Estelle Page Captures North-South Links Title

PINEHURST, N.C., Apr. 28—Mrs. Estelle Lawson Page, of Chapel Hill, N.C., captured the North-South women's golf title by defeating Kay Byrne, of New York, on the 20th hole when Miss Byrne missed a short putt.

Browns Set Loop Mark With 8th Straight Victory

Defeat Indians, 5-1; Cards Stop Reds, 3-2; Tigers Win

NEW YORK, Apr. 28—Veteran Pitcher Jim Tobin, who had the door to no-hit fame slammed in his face Sunday when Ford Mullen of the Phils singled in the eighth inning, stepped into baseball's hall of fame yesterday as he pitched a no-hitter against the Brooklyn Dodgers at Boston. The Braves won, 2-0.
But for Mullen's untimely hit Sunday, Tobin would have equalled the achievement of Johnny VanderMeer, Cincinnati southpaw, who twirled successive no-hit games in 1938. Tobin's performance was the first hitless game in either league since 1941, when Lon Warneke, then with the Cards, blanked the Reds.
The 31-year-old right-handed knuckleballer, who spent the first three of his eight seasons in the big time with the Pirates, has allowed only four hits in 27 innings, winning two and losing one. Tobin handcuffed the Giants with three hits Apr. 19, but one happened to be a two-run homer by Mel Ott in the first and Tobin lost, 2-1. However, with yesterday's masterful job and Sunday's one-hitter, the "soft stuff" pitcher has turned in 26 consecutive scoreless innings.
Two walks kept Tobin from a perfect game. He started by issuing a pass to Paul Waner and Waner stroled again with two outs in the ninth, but Dixie Walker rolled out to end the game.

Homer for Tobin

Tobin, who once clouted three homers in a single game against the Cubs, aided his own cause yesterday with a four-bagger in the eighth. Fritz Ostermueller, Dodger southpaw, was the unfortunate victim, pitching a creditable five-hitter as he traveled the route.
In the only other National League game that eluded the weatherman, the Cardinals scored their first win over the Reds in their three-game series, the Redbirds winning, 3-2, on Walker Cooper's ninth inning double which chased home Stan Musial from first base.
George Mungler started for the Cards and Tommy Delacruz for the Reds. Each pitcher tossed shutout ball for seven innings, but the champs reached Delacruz for two runs in the eighth and the Reds chased Mungler in the same frame as they tied the score. Ted Wilks replaced Mungler in the eighth and received credit for the triumph, while Clyde Shoun, who pitched the ninth, suffered the loss. The Cards got seven hits, the Reds four.

Yankee Record Broken

The Browns set a new American League record for winning streaks starting with opening day when they trounced Cleveland, 5-1, yesterday at St. Louis, for their eighth success in as many '44 starts. The Browns broke the mark established by the Yankees in 1933 and now are one behind the major league high of nine held jointly by the 1918 Giants and 1940 Dodgers.
Nelson Potter notched his second victory as he turned back the Tribe with seven blows. The Browns got only four off three Indians' pitchers, but they made them count. They scored twice in the first on two walks, a hit and Red Embree's wild pitch, then collected three more in the second. Embree, the loser, was relieved by Ed Klieman in the second who gave way to Mike Nymnick.
Catcher Bob Swift's double in the 12th broke up a pitching duel between Lefty Thornton Lee of the Chisox and Hal Newhouse to give the Tigers a 2-0 victory at Chicago. Lee, who absorbed his second defeat, gave the Detroiters nine hits, while Newhouse, gaining his second decision in three games, limited the White Sox to four scattered singles.

Armstrong to Tackle Perry

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28—Henry Armstrong, former triple-champion, scored his seventh straight victory of his current "comeback series" here last night when he outpointed Frank Wills, an unknown welterweight. Henry will meet Aaron Perry, whom he beat previously, here May 22.

Howard Retires Mioland

MIAMI, Apr. 28 (Reuter)—Mioland, crack seven-year-old owned by Charles S. Howard, has been retired to a California farm. Mioland, purchased by Howard for \$15,000, earned \$244,270 during his racing career.



American League

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	5	1	.833	Cleveland	1	3	.250
Detroit	2	1	.667	Chicago	0	12	.000
Other games postponed.							
St. Louis	8	0	1.000	Detroit	3	4	.429
Philadelphia	3	2	.600	Washington	1	3	.250
New York	3	3	.500	Chicago	1	4	.200
Boston	3	3	.500	Cleveland	1	5	.167

National League

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Boston	2	1	.667	Brooklyn	0	5	.000
St. Louis	3	1	.750	Cincinnati	2	3	.400
Other games postponed.							
New York	5	1	.833	Brooklyn	3	4	.429
St. Louis	6	2	.750	Pittsburgh	1	3	.250
Cincinnati	5	2	.714	Boston	1	4	.200
Philadelphia	4	3	.571	Chicago	1	6	.143

Leading Hitters

American League

	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Ettan, New York	6	21	6	11	.524
Hall, Philadelphia	5	17	3	8	.471
Levy, New York	5	12	2	5	.417
Ferrell, Washington	5	18	1	7	.389
Swift, Detroit	7	22	1	8	.364

National League

	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Finley, Philadelphia	6	21	0	5	.500
Cieslak, Philadelphia	4	15	2	7	.467
Musial, St. Louis	8	26	5	12	.462
Medwick, New York	6	24	1	6	.458
Lombardi, New York	6	20	1	9	.450

Home Run Hitters
American League—Ettan and Lindell, New York, and Kreevich, St. Louis.
National League—Ott, New York, and Adams, Philadelphia.
Runs Batted In
American League—Stephens, St. Louis, 9; White, Philadelphia, 6.
National League—Schantz, Brooklyn, 7; Sanders and Kurovski, St. Louis, 5; Lombardi, New York, 5; Adams, Philadelphia, 5; Galan, Brooklyn, 5.

Old Cage Injury Keeps Rudy York In Tigers' Lineup

DETROIT, Apr. 28—Tiger pennant hopes took a sharp rise today when Rudy York, last year's major league home run king, was rejected by the Army because of old injuries.

York, one of the few Indians ever to play in the majors, was rejected not because of a baseball injury but because of a loose cartilage in his left knee resulting from a basketball tumble.
The hard-hitting first baseman, who came to the Tigers as a catcher, led both circuits last season with 34 homers. He has slapped one since the current race opened.



Joe McCarthy on Mend

BUFFALO, N.Y., Apr. 28—Joe McCarthy, popular manager of the New York Yankees, is "still a sick man," Dr. Arthur J. Burkell, his attending physician, said. Influenza, which caused McCarthy to leave the Yankees last week, has cleared up, but he is still weak, Burkell said. McCarthy is scheduled to undergo a complete physical examination this week. When he will rejoin the team is a mystery, according to Burkell.

Shields to Play Tomorrow

Lt. Frank Shields, former American Davis Cup player now in the Ninth AAF Troop Carrier Command, and Cpl. Charles Hare, ex-British tennis star serving in the USAAF, will play an exhibition match tomorrow at the Lensbury Club, Teddington.

Merritt Gets Green Light

NEW YORK, Apr. 28—Jockey Bobby Merritt, grounded on New York tracks since July 17, 1942, will be allowed to ride again here if he makes application for a license, the State Racing Commission today ruled.

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features

YOU ATE A HAM SANDWICH—THAT COSTS \$2.50! PLUS THE \$5.00 COVER CHARGE!! SEVEN THOUSAND MORE DISHES!!

'TWON'DT MAKE NO DIFF'ERENCE 'EF 'TWERE SEVEN MILLYUN 'SOB!! AH! L' NEVAM GIT OUTA HYAR, JOST LIKE THET TELLER SAID!!

OH, ESTHER?? 'YO' IS MERELY A VARMIN'T O' TH' TYPE COMMONLY FOUND IN KITCHEN SINKS—BUT 'YO' IS TH' ONLY COMP'NY AH HAS—DAY AN' NIGHT??

WE'LL BE HYAR T'GETHER FO' EVAH, 'YO' AN' ME—GULP!!—WISHT AH C'D REMEMBER WHUT THET LI'L OBJECK WAS AH LEFT OUTSIDE??—WONDER 'EF 'TWERE VALOOBLE??

HOURS LATER—THE TEA-ROOM HAS CLOSED—AH-H! HE-EEES THERE!!

By Al Capp

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Stettinius Talks Here May Have Bearing on Peace

China and Russia Informed On Subjects Discussed With the British

Matters which will be of "great importance" as hostilities draw to a close have been discussed by Edward R. Stettinius Jr., U.S. Undersecretary of State with Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Minister Anthony Eden in conversations about which Russia and China have been informed, a joint Anglo-American statement announced last night.

In Britain for the last three weeks, Stettinius and his party have had informal talks on topics ranging from "important current questions" to matters which covered "the very wide fields in which the two countries are collaborating so closely in the prosecution of the war," the announcement said.

Not only Mr. Churchill and Mr. Eden, but numerous other British officials and ministers were said to have participated in the informal meetings, which also included, according to the Foreign Office, long-range questions in connection with post-war reconstruction.

Asserting that in all fields the discussions revealed "a large measure of common ground," the Foreign Office said that the talks were of great assistance in coordinating British and American policies.

The announcement said that Stettinius, on behalf of himself and his staff, had expressed great appreciation of their "warm friendly reception and of the frank cooperation they have received from all quarters."

The Foreign Office pointed out that the "exploratory exchange of views" also had given the British government an opportunity to repay the United States for the courtesies extended to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and other British officials on their recent visits to Washington.

Premiers in London

Three Dominion prime ministers—Field Marshal Jan Christiaan Smuts, of South Africa; MacKenzie King, of Canada, and Peter Fraser, of New Zealand, have arrived in London for the first war-time conference of British Empire leaders.

400 HQ Troops to Receive Good-Conduct Medals

More than 400 soldiers of Headquarters Special Troops will receive the Good Conduct Medal this morning at 7.30 AM in Hyde Park, London.

Maj. Gen. M. A. Reckord, theater provost marshal, and Maj. Gen. P. R. Hawley, theater chief surgeon, will take the salute from more than 1,000 special troops after the ceremony.

Brig. Gen. W. S. Rumbough, chief signal officer; Brig. Gen. S. B. Saylor, chief ordnance officer; Brig. Gen. R. B. Lovett, Adjutant General, and Brig. Gen. F. S. Ross, chief transportation officer, will present the medals.

The 56-piece Headquarters Band will lead the review.

Johnson and Gentile Interview To Be Heard on AFN Tonight

A re-broadcast of a "March of Time" interview of Capt. Robert S. Johnson and Don S. Gentile, top-scoring American fighter pilots in the ETO, will be made over the American Forces Network tonight at 8.10 during the "Take the Air" program. Also featured on the program are a Blue Network interview of Maj. Irvin H. Gregne, of Vriocqua, Wis., dive-bomber pilot who flew support over the Anzio beachhead, and a WLW interview of Capt. Hillery H. Evers, 1/Lt. John Klotz and M/Sgt. Sam Spivak, all of Cincinnati.

Saturday, Apr. 29

- 1109—Spotlight Band.
- 1115—Personal Album.
- 1130—Yank Radio Weekly.
- 1200—Noon Edition.
- 1205—Barracks Bag.
- 1300—World News (BBC).
- 1310—Melody Roundup.
- 1330—Crosby Music Hall.
- 1400—News Headlines and Downbeat.
- 1430—Hello India.
- 1500—Music While You Work.
- 1530—Off the Record.
- 1630—NBC Symphony and Program Resume.
- 1730—Waltz Time.
- 1800—World News (BBC).
- 1810—Raymond Scott.
- 1830—Atlantic Spotlight.
- 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
- 1905—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street.
- 1930—Dishy Shore Program.
- 2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.
- 2010—Take the Air.
- 2030—GI Journal.
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2115—All Time Hit Parade.
- 2145—The Male Man—Pvt. Pauline Anderson of the WACS.
- 2200—Xavier Cugat.
- 2230—One Night Stand.
- 2255—Final Edition.
- 2300—Sign off until 0800 hours Sunday, Apr. 30.

Sunday, Apr. 30

- 0800—Sign on—Hymns from Home—Programs Resumes.
- 0815—Morning Varieties.
- 0900—World News (BBC).
- 0910—Bandwagon.
- 0930—Major Bowes.
- 1000—Tabernacle Choir.
- 1030—Sunday Serenade (BBC).
- 1100—Your Town—Radio news-letter of Charleston, Clarkburg and Parkersburg, Virginia.
- 1115—Harry James.
- 1130—Baseball Broadcast—National League game.

Nazi Civilians at Front For Hoosegow Offenses

ALLIED HQ IN ITALY, Apr. 28 (Reuter)—Untrained German civilians are being placed in the most advanced positions in Italian front lines as punishment for minor offences which ordinarily bring prison sentences of five to six months, it has been disclosed.

They have no free time, receive little and very poor food, no cigarettes and are given the most disagreeable and dangerous jobs. Without benefit of basic training, they guard supply dumps or prepare defensive positions in exposed areas.

'Hopelessness' Talk Admitted

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preparations for invasion, he added.

Said Alfred Saalwechter, naval correspondent for the News Agency: "The Allies are deliberately sparing the Channel harbors because they hope to use them for the invasion." He claimed communications in landing areas were being bombed "but not the harbor installations themselves."

Meanwhile, Marshal Petain broadcast a condemnation of all Frenchmen who took part in resistance movements, warning them that they ran the "risk of terrible reprisals." Presumably referring to Allied encouragement to the French to strike and commit acts of sabotage, Petain summed this up as incitement to "dishonor and treachery," and urged instead that Frenchmen "keep a loyal and correct attitude toward the (German) occupation troops."

A Berlin correspondent in Stockholm reported that "a huge invasion fleet forming in British ports" was being attacked by the Luftwaffe.

Stockholm reported that leaflets dropped on Berlin in the first American daylight raid asked, "Where is the Luftwaffe?"—and that Berliners who picked them up commented "Yes, that's right. Where is the Luftwaffe?"

Meanwhile armchair strategists went to town. Capt. Karl Henrik Falkman, of the Swedish Navy, broadcast a prediction that the Allies would invade between May 2 and May 17, probably by day, across the Channel between the mouth of the Seine and Cherbourg or between Calais and Scheldt.

Lull Continues in Italy; Rain Grounds Air Forces

Activity in Italy was restricted yesterday on all fronts to local skirmishing and artillery and mortar fire. In the Anzio area, one Allied patrol penetrated enemy lines with the aid of tanks and returned with six prisoners.

Rain in many sectors largely curtailed Allied aerial attacks, although fighter-bombers raided an ammunition dump 70 miles east of Rome. Meanwhile, it was announced that P51 Mustangs were operating in the Mediterranean area.

First Guests at London's 'Stage Door'



Associated Press Photo

London's Stage Door Canteen (201 Piccadilly) opened yesterday. Price of admission: A hand in the reconstruction work. Refreshments: Doughnuts, coffee and a good time. Here are some of the 100 Yanks and British girls who volunteered yesterday, shown dunking the first doughnuts at the canteen.

On Voluntary Fatigue Detail

Yanks and British Girls Dunk First Doughnuts at the Canteen

By Joe Fleming

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The ETO's spacious Stage Door Canteen opened its doors yesterday to about 100 assorted GIs, WAAFs, ATS and British servicemen, who washed down 500 doughnuts with 20 gallons of coffee as they swept, mopped and dusted a three-floor warehouse at 201 Piccadilly, which is to be converted into a London version of New York's world-famous recreation center.

On a voluntary detail, the fatigue-clad Americans and their sisters in arms dressed in smocks—khaki coveralls—formed informal work parties, and in five hours helped load 30 trucks with debris. Not one WAC appeared to compete with the British servicewomen.

Although hundreds of show people have expressed their intention to entertain at the Canteen, the only show yesterday was staged by the boys and girls themselves. Passers-by seemed slightly bewildered by the industry displayed in the middle of the Piccadilly amusement district.

Despite the energy required to clear Willow Run—the cellar snack bar—and the second floor balcony of odds and ends accumulated since a restaurant abandoned the premises in the 1941 blitz, the co-workers found ample time to fraternize.

Also found was a 1919 U.S. penny under a pile of dirt by a work party composed of a Swarthmore '42 grad and an alumnus of Chicago's Marshall High. The Swarthmore girl, now an ATS private, who preferred to remain anonymous, assured Pvt. Harry Gold that the cent could not have possibly been lost by an American soldier in World War I. When last seen, Gold, a member of an Engineer outfit, was examining a blister on Miss Swarthmore's hand.

A diminutive WAAF, Irene Bate-Jones, in between carrying bulky boxes to waiting trucks, collected two ETO ribbons, a good conduct ribbon and three buttons. At 4 PM she had not yet achieved her goal—an SOS patch.

An MP private from Detroit, John Neville, the first American to enter the club, remained amazed throughout the day by the capacity for work of "those little ATS girls."

For the next few weeks the Canteen will open at 9 AM for volunteer workers. The cast of "Sweeter and Lower," musical comedy at the Ambassador, will pitch in and clean up with Allied servicemen and women Monday at 11 AM.

95 Villages Wiped Out By Germans in Croatia

The Germans have destroyed 95 villages and partly destroyed 180 others in the Kordun province of Croatia, and in addition wrecked 34,369 houses, 35 churches and 63 schools in almost completely destroying the town of Plaski, Free Yugoslav radio said yesterday.

Record Texas Crops

AUSTIN, Tex., Apr. 28—Truck crops are reaching an all-time high in Texas this year despite recurrent hailstorms and unseasonable high winds.

Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate



By Milton Caniff

Raids - - - -

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tons shaking houses on the Swiss shores 20 miles distant.

While the main force of heavies went to Friedrichshafen, a round trip in this case of 1,500 miles, two other forces bombed the railway yards at Montzen, Belgium, on the Ruhr border, and Aulnoye, in northern France, while Mosquitoes hit Stuttgart.

The Montzen force met considerable opposition from fighters drawn into the Ruhr as a result of the heavy bombing the night before at Essen. Fires were still raging there yesterday, and roads from the city were jammed with refugees, reports received in Stockholm said.

A graphic indication of the vast scope of aerial operations from Britain now was given meanwhile in a speech by Geoffrey Lloyd, British Oil Control Board chairman. He reported that consumption of aviation gasoline here has increased by 30,000 per cent since the early months of the war and that as much is being used in 12 days now as the RAF used in the whole year of 1940 when it fought the Battle of Britain.