# Bombs Rain on Europe at Rate of 5 Tons a Minute



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# Key to Nazi Front Below Rome Periled

# Blitz Reach Record Pace

1,200 U.S. Fighters Escort 1,000 Bombers Over Reich, France

The air offensive which for 40 weekend hours saw five tons of bombs a minute dumped on Hitler's Atlantic Wall and the defense points behind it last night echoed the thunder of pre-invasion intensity as Allied air fleets rounded out their biggest day-and-night attacks of the

One thousand American heavy bombers, covered by more than 1,200 U.S. lighters—the biggest escort force of the war—yesterday carried the fairweather blitz through its second day with a cascade of explosives and incendiaries on targets in central and southwestern Germany, bringing to approximately 11,500 the RAF and U.S. bomb tonnage for the 40 hours from dawn Saturday.

While more than 1,000 U.S. and Allied medium and light bombers, fighter- and dive bombers, were carrying out.

medium and light bombers, fighter- and dive-bombers were carrying out more attacks on the concrete fortifications guarding Europe's northwestern perimeter, the heavy bombers and their escorts were sweeping far inland on their secont day in a row of 1,000-bomber strength. From Saturday morning, a survey showed, at least 7,500 sorties had been flown by Allied warplanes based in Britain.

**Explosions Rock British Towns** 

As wave after wave of bombers and fighters—among them the secret rocket-firing fighters of the RAF—rolled out from England to blast away at the gun-studded edges of the Continent, Britain's Channel coast towns were rocked and shaken by explosions from enemy-held territory. All Saturday and from first light yesterday, as sunny, clear weather came to the Straits and the land to the south, the bombers and fighters went out, and rate yesterday evening they still were shaking coast towns with their roar as the big push neared two full days and nights.

Fitted precisely into the massed day-light blows was the RAF's second heaviest bombing operation in history— a 4,500-ton attack by more than 1,000 planes against Nazi defense points in France. Belgium and Germany.

France, Belgium and Germany.

As the RAF night bombers came back, Allied light craft crossed the Channel to hit installations behind the coast. By mid-morning, three big forces of Ninth Air Force Thunderbolt fighter-bombers were heading for oil tanks in a northern France railroad yads, and two more in the series of railway bridges smarked in the series of railway bridges smashed in (Continued on page 2)

Italy—Americans take Artena and Valmontone, last block on Highway 6 to Rome; German use of road cut by artillery; other Fifth Army troops drive for Rome near coast; Eighth Army takes Ceprano.

Air War-Biggest day and night air attacks of the war see bombs hurled onto Western Europe at American heavy bombers, escorted by record love of more than 1,200 fighters, hit targets in Germany as other huge forces of medium and light bombers smush at Atlantic Wan, great blows follow huge Saturday day assaults by U.S. heavies and near-record attack by RAF.

Pacific-U.S. troops land on Biak in Schouten Islands, advancing front 350 miles in the west; now within 900 miles of southern tip of Philippines and land-homber range; troops invade less than hour after first ship guns start roaring; Jap bases in Kuriles, 1,000 miles from Tokyo, hit by U.S. Liberators.

Asia-Japs open new drive in China road; Chinese counter-attack in Loyang sector and retake lost ground on Salween front.

Russia Soviet bombers sink two enemy transports in Barents Sea mass attack; front remains quiet, with Red Army seizing height southeast of Vitebsk at cost of 600 Germans.

With 16-oz. Pillows, So No One Goes to Sleep

## Joe Louis Invites Mills to Mix It In a 3-Round Exhibition Bout

An invitation to lace on the 16-ounce leather pillows for a three-round exhibition with S/Sgt. Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, has been sent to RAF Sgt. Freddie Mills, popular British lightheavy ruler, Capt. Fred Maly, officer in

heavy ruler, Capt. Fred Maly, officer in charge of Louis and his cohorts in the ETO, announced late yesterday.

"We haven't received the invitation as yet," Ted Broadribb, Mills' manager, said when informed of the "challenge" by The Stars and Stripes, "but we're certainly in favor of the opportunity. Perhaps Louis will be permitted to reciprocate at a future date for British troops."

Although a brief exhibition bout with bulky training gloves hardly is comparable to a regulation fight, Broadribb said he

to a regulation fight, Broadribb said he would welcome the meeting as a test of Freddie's ability, frequently ridiculed because of a famine of formidable British

because of a famine of formulable blands opposition.

"Freddie isn't afraid of anybody, although he respects Joe's ring wisdom and powerful punches," Broadribb said.

"After the bout, Joe will be able to give us a conclusive opinion of my boy's ability. If Freddie looks good, perhaps the skeptics will change their minds."

The proposed exhibition is merely in the tentative stage until Broadribb and Maly get together to discuss arrangements. Freddie will have to clear permission through the RAF,

Because the Louis barnstorming entourage is scheduled to depart from the ETO in the near future for other overseas bases, the proposed duel with Milis probably would be staged this week. Freddie has charity exhibition obligations tonight and Thursday, traveling with Jack London, veteran British heavyweight, but could keep the appointment either Wednesday or Friday.

The Bomber said yesterday that he would enter the ring minus a headgear

Mills vs. Louis? See Page 4 for an account of Freddie Mills' fight with Al Delaney Thursday night and a comparison of the two champs.

but that Mills might wear one if he

"Mills is free to do as he pleases in the

"Mills is free to do as he pleases in the ring," Louis declared, "He can use his own judgment. That goes for me, too."

Denying a report in a London daily that the Louis troupe may make its first civilian appearance at Teddington Thursday, Maly specifically stipulated that only members of the Allied fighting forces may attend the affair.

"The War Department has instructed Joe to entertain Allied soldiers and we plan to carry out that order unless otherwise notified by the proper authorities," Maly said.

## Landing Puts Philippines Within Bomber Range

U.S. troops have shot the Pacific front 350 miles farther west and within land-based-bomber range of the Philippines with a landing on Biak, one of the Schouten Islands in Geelvink Bay on the northern coast of New

The move placed the Allies less than 900 miles from the southern tip of the Philippines. And, "for strategic purposes, it also marks the practical

### Japs in China In New Drive

#### Chungking Reveals Thrust For Rail Line: Chinese Gain Near Burma

A new Japanese drive in China was announced from Chungking yesterday. It apparently was aimed at the Chineseheld stretches of the main north-south railroad between Hankow and Canton,

on the southern coast. The Japanese recently cleared the Chinese from their last remaining holds on the stretch of the railroad from Peip-The War Today ing, on the Manchurian border, down to Hankow, and were reported building a defense belt along it but the Chinese defense belt along it, but the Chinese subsequently announced that they had pierced the line again, and the situation

now is obscure. If the Japanese could take the entire line from Peiping down to Canton and repair it they could rush troops and supplies freely to almost any point in occu-pied China. The new drive was started by four columns of Japanese troops which pushed southward from their base at Yochow, 120 miles southwest of

The Chinese in turn launched counter-attacks in the Loyang sector of the central Honan front over the weekend and announced yesterday that they were making progress. There was no further word on Loyang itself, which an official (Continued on page 2)

#### Nazis Reported Building Invasion Wall in the South

The Germans are rushing to completion a line of anti-invasion blockhouses stretching around the Gulf of Genoa from

stretching around the Gulf of Genoa from Spezia to Toulon, a correspondent of the Zurich newspaper Neue Zurcher Zeitung, quoted by Reuter, reported yesterday.

"Apart from the blockhouses built into the ground and the concrete walls," he said, "the Todt organization is also building 'nests' in the coastal rocks, tank traps and—between the ruins of bombed coastal villages—barbed-wire defenses and tank obstacles."

end of the New Guinea campaign," Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique said vesterday.

"Capture of the stronghold (Biak) will give us command and domination of New Guinea, except for some isolated enemy positions," the general said. MacArthur added that the results of the offensive started 11 months ago "more than have fulfilled my most optimistic expecta-tions."

The invasion of Biak, carried out Sat-urday in the face of violent opposition, followed a month's intensive bombing of the island, during which more than 700 tons of explosives were dropped. The Americans late yesterday were reported only seven miles from Mokmer, one of the island's three vital airfields.

Japanese resistance was not considered heavy enough to slow the Americans advance, the United Press said. American landing losses were reported to be slight, although a headquarters spokes-man said that the Navy, which supported the operation, suffered some damage. The invasion of Biak was one of the

speediest landings yet by the Allies in the Pacific. American and Australian cruisers opened up at 5.41 AM, shelling and firing Japanese installations on the beach at Bosnek.

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## Enemy Escape Road Shelled; New Drive For Capital Opened

Yanks Attack Valmontone After Seizing Artena; Germans Are Rushing Their '2nd Front' Troops Into Action

By Noland Norgaard

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, May 28—American Fifth Army troops captured Artena yesterday after bitter street fighting and fought their way today to within striking distance of Valmontone—the keypoint of the whole German defense system south of Rome, astride the all-important Via Casilina, or Highway 6.

(Meanwhile, other Fifth Army troops, striking out from the Rome flank of the former beachhead, opened an offensive through Aprilia, between Velletri and the coast in the direction of Lake Albano, 12 miles south of Rome and directly toward the capital, Reuter reported. Farther south in the beachhead, American troops captured Sezze, a town of 20,000 and the largest

## 'D-Day' Fever Has All U.S. Steamed Up

Channel Weather Page 1 News; Invasion Talk On Everyone's Lips

WASHINGTON, May 28 (UP)-"D-Day fever" is mounting among people of the U.S.

The impending invasion of Europe is almost the sole topic of discussion and speculation. Daily reports of the weather in the English Channel are put on the front pages of hundreds of newspapers and on the air by hundreds of radio stations. stations

Some shops are devoting their windows to models of what the designer thinks invasion will be like. Every day, governors of states and mayors of towns announce new "D-Day" programs.

All radio stations are prepared with invasion-day prayers, and clergymen who will read them have been repeatedly rehearsed.

hearsed.

Arrangements have been made to halt all baseball games, boxing shows and race meetings throughout the country and hold appropriate religious ceremonies on the spot. Some events will be called off altogether. Some theaters plan to announce bulletins of the invasion progress as they come in as they come in.

The governor of Maryland has pro-posed that all liquor shops and bars should close for the day. In parts of Should close for the day. In parts of Connecticut all shops will close and there will-be a general call to prayer.

#### U.S. Reduces Air Defenses

WASHINGTON, May 28 (Reuter)— The War Department announced tonight it had ordered substantial reductions of the country's air defense installations. It each at Bosnek.

Nineteen minutes later their task was the danger of enemy bombing attacks had

#### Allies Jam Nazi Traffic, Then Planes Pulverize It

yet taken in the offensive, and drove on

to take Norma, 71 miles northwest of

Driven to desperation by the sledge-

hammer blows which threatened to cut the Allied artillery, the Nazi command has

rushed the Hermann Goering parachute

panzer division from the Florence area

(A Reuter dispatch from Stockholm quoted Danish refugees as saying that a German division of anti-invasion troops left Denmark last night for Italy.)

Previously, the 278th Infantry Division had been brought down to the Adriatic

there in the Lipini Mountains.)

into the line near Valmontone.

NAPLES, May 28 (Reuter)-Allied fighter-bombers found German motor and rail movement north and south of Rome greatly reduced yesterday following the destruction of more than 2,200 vehicles in the last three

Allied strategy has carefully produced huge traffic jams, giving the planes plenty of scope. Bombing of carefully selected road junctions shunted the flow of German traffic into the most favorable areas for attack.

It is officially stated that every request from the Army has been met by the air forces. Several times, divebombers called out of the "cab rank" have broken up incipient local counter-attacks before they could be launched.

zone from Istria, where it had been guardng communications routes menaced by Marshal Tito's partisans,

Reporting the arrival of the Goering Division, an official source said, "When this division, or rather its remnants, left the southern front two monthse ago to be reconstructed for the third time after its complete destruction in Tunisai and its rough handling in Sicily and southern Italy, the troops were told they were destined for France to meet the Second Front. Whatever truth there is in this, there is no doubt that only the most pressing need would have impelled Field Marshal Albert Kesselring to commit (Continued on page 2)

#### After Leave, Don Gentile Will Return to England

PIQUA, Ohio, May 28—Capt. Don S. Gentile will return to Britain at the end of his 30-day leave, it was announced here today after the fighter ace attended a mass rally and was presented a gold wrist watch at Roosevelt Stadium.

10 Army Fliers Killed

NEW YORK, May 28 (Reuter)—Ten
U.S. Army fliers were killed when their
four-engine bomber crashed at midnight
last night on the side of Mt. Holyoke,
South Hadley, Mass., First Air Force
announced. announced.

## Mother's Letter to FDR Brings **Arnold Order Reuniting Twins**

A MARAUDER BASE, May 28—A Engineering and Operations School on mother's letter asking for White House intervention, executive action by President Action of the West Coast. Immediately they started a two-lway fight began to bring them to be a long as they were dent Roosevelt, and an order issued by Gen. Henry H. Arnold, commanding general of the USAAF, resulted recently in the reuniting of Pvt. Harold Zimmer-man and S/Sgt. Emanuel Zimmerman, 21-year-old twins from Corpus Christi,

Tex.

Identical twins, Manny, now a radio gunner on the B26 Lethal Lady, and Harold, a safety engineer in the group, enlisted "so we could stay together through the war, just as we were always together as civilians," according to Harold, who is eight minutes older than his boother.

together again. As long as they were attending technical schools, however, transfer was impossible. Their mother, Mrs. Rose Zimmerman,

wrote to President Roosevelt asking that he do what he could to bring the boys together when they completed their courses. The commander-in-chief, the Zimmerman family discovered, can do

Mrs. Zimmerman's letter was for-warded to General Arnold, who comthrough the war, just as we were always together as civilians," according to Harold, who is eight minutes older than his brother.

But soon after t heir enlistment Manny was sent to Fort Myers, Fla., to gunnery school, while Harold was ordered to warded to General Arnold, who commanded that upon completion of their courses the twins should be put in the same outfit. In October, 1943, the reunion was effected. Temporarily separater when Manny flew and Hal sailed across the Atlantic, the twins are together again in England.

## Of a Battered. Grim Germany

#### Yanks on Gripsholm Hail Bombings; British Quit Ship at Belfast

BELFAST, N.I., May 28-Fifty repatriated Americans left here today on the Gripsholm for the U.S. on the last lap of their long journey home from German prison camps after painting a picture of a grim and defeated Reich, its cities devastated by Allied bombings and its civilian morale rapidly crumbling

Latin-American diplomats on board predicted that Germany would collapse

early next year.

As the ship embarked for the U.S. with the American soldiers, 48 Canadians and 48 Latin-American civilians, a num-ber of the 632 British repatriates echoed from their rooms in a Northern Ireland hospital the Americans' tale of a beaten Germany. The British, some of whom agreed that:

1— German civilian morale has dropped to a low ebb in the last six

months.

2—More than 70 per cent of Berlin has been "bombed out."

3—British and U.S. prisoners generally received good treatment, but for the Russians it was tougher.

Testimony to the efficiency of U.S. daylight bombings was given by Albert Carson, of the Irish Guards, who was captured in Boulogne, France, in 1940. Carson was in a Polish prison camp near Posen with 500 other British prisoners when the American heavies soared over last Easter Sunday.

#### Cleaned Up Debris

"There seemed to be hundreds of them," he said, "and we heard the bombs fall. The following day the Germans placed myself and 50 other British prisoners on a detail to clear up debris. We found that the main portion of the FW plant at Posen had been hit and the largest railroad station in the city blasted to the ground."

to the ground."

Carson called it a "perfect job."

As the ship docked here yesterday, the

As the ship docked here yesterday, the repatriates, some of them on crutches, tossed oranges, cigarettes, candy, picture postcards of the Gripsholm and even a few bottles of liquor to the cheering crowd lining the pier.

Pvt. H. L. Frye, of Sturgis, Mich., a member of the First Armored Division who was wounded and captured at Faid Pass, in Africa, told of the active social program organized by the American community at Stalag IIB.

Life there, he said, centered around a Speaker's Bureau, whose star lecturer was a Chinese paratrooper who told tales of the Orient to a full house. Frye claimed that even the Nazi guards tapped time with their feet when the American time with their feet when the American swing band began to play. The band was organized by Johnny Scrague, who used to play the trumpet for Tommy Reynolds in Boston, Frye said, and one of the best boogle woogle artists in it was Vernon Lodge, who used to play with Ina Ray Hutton.

#### College Behind Barbed Wire

Practically every man in the camp, Frye said, had enrolled in the education program run by the prisoners and were study-ing foreign languages, mathematics, en-gineering and countless other subjects. A

YMCA gift of 600 books had made the courses possible, he said.

The daily ration of three eggs per man given every repatriate on the Gripsholm was welcomed by Cpl. Frank S. Emeterio, of Rome, N.Y., who said he was fed up with prison menus built mainly around the course and black bread around

turnip soup and black bread.

Marion Wheatley, of Chicago, when Italy surrendered, was released from an Italian prison hospital and put in a private home. When the Germans took over complete control, Wheatley was given an Italian name to mask his identity, but local Fascists reported him to the Nazis and he was arrested again.

Pvt. Mike L. Heilman, of Dickenson, N.D. on landing just wanted to phone his girl, Grace Hough, in Chichester, Eng-land. He said they had been writing to each other regularly while he was im-

At a reception for the repatriates, a message from Gen. Eisenhower was read by Col. George S. Andrews, chief of staff of North Ireland Base Section.

## Pacific - - -

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completed and Liberators roared in to finish "softening up" the beach. A quarter of an hour after the last naval gun had stopped the first wave of troops went ashore under fire from Jap mortars and automatic weapons.

Meanwhile, in Washington it was announced that Jap bases on Shumushu and Matsuwa Islands in the Kuriles, a little over a 1,000 miles from Tokyo, were bombed by Liberators of the Eleventh Air Force Thursday without

#### Thomas Stakes UAW Job On a No-Strike Pledge

DETROIT, May 28-Asserting that a no-strike policy was necessary to win the war, R. J. Thomas, president of the United Automobile Workers (CIO), told his union that he would not serve another term unless the UAW renewed its nostrike pledge.





U.S. Arms Air Force Photo
1/Lt. Charles F. Piche (left), of Hollis,
L.L., and T/Sgt. John Castro, of Key
West, Fla., lower one of their ladders—
designed to lessen the time spent escaping
from a "ditched" Flying Fortress—into
the open escape hatch above a Fort's
radio room. Light and compact, the
ladder can be swung into place for use
within a few seconds.

## RAF Fighters Carry Rockets

RAF fighters have been firing rockets at the Germans on land and sea since last June with considerable success, British

last June with considerable success, British officials disclosed over the weekend.

The well kept secret came to light on the heels of a U.S. Navy announcement from Washington that American planes hunting Nazi submarines are now equipped with long-range rocket guns.

The RAF has been employing the lethal weapon against U-boats, shipping and land targets such as bridges, gun emplacements, wireless stations and military buildings.

Four types of aircraft, Beaufighters, Hurricanes, Typhoons and Swordfish, fitted with rocket projectiles carrying eight

fitted with rocket projectiles carrying eight rockets, four under each wing, may be fired along the guide rails separately or

The RAF was mum about its rockets before and long after the Nazis had brought theirs out on Me110s and Ju88s to harass American bomber formations. The British weapon is understood to be bigger and more accurate than the German variety.

## Red Bombers Sink 2 Vessels

Sinking of two German transports totaling 15,000 tons in a mass bombing attack by Russian planes in the Barents Sea was reported yesterday in the Soviet communique. There was only local fighting on the Eastern Front.

The Russians said their bombers also sank a torpedo vessel and an escort ship sank a torpedo vessel and an escort ship and seriously damaged another transport and several escort ships. In the Gulf of Finland they reported they shot down 11 bombers and nine fighters which attempted to raid "a naval target."

On the front, the Russians reported the recapture of a height southeast of Vitebsk at a loss to the Germans of 600 dead.

#### Italy - - - - -(Continued from page 1)

these reserves in the battle now in pro-

In addition to bringing in fresh troops, the enemy has shifted units into the danger area from the west coast sector, including two battalions of the Fourth Parachute division.

Thirty-five miles southeast, the Eighth Army men are driving back the enemy rearguards from the Liri Valley, where the last vestiges of the Hitler Line already have been wiped out.

Finding the bridges blown up to check their advance, the infantry swam the Liri River or crossed in boats near Ceprano. Then patrols penetrated into the town itself which is on Highway 6 some 15 miles up from Cassino.

(Allied Headquarters officially an-nounced the capture of Ceprano tonight, Reuter reported. The fall of two other points in that area, Belmonte and Villa San Stefano, also was announced.)

In this area three German Mark V Panther tanks, the first to be encoun-tered in Italy, were knocked out by two American Sherman tanks. The Panthers mount a long-barreled 75-mm. gun, nearly as large as the Mark VI and modeled after the Russian T34. The

Nazis consider it their best tank.

A number of new Panther tanks have been encountered by the Americans in their drive north of Cisterna toward Valmontone, where the enemy continued counter-attacks from the Velletri

The 40 German tanks or self-propelled guns knocked out and captured in the Eighth Army's official reports gave ample indication that the enemy had abandoned all hope of defending any line in the Liri area and merely was trying to disengage his forces and retreat

Hour by hour long processions of prisoners are streaming back to join over 13,000 already counted.

The Fifth Army alone has taken over 10,000, of whom at least 3,800 were caught in the beachhead. Six hundred were captured in Cisterna.

## Staged at U.S. Graves in U.K.

#### Ceremonies at Brookwood See Dead of Two Wars Honored

AMERICAN MILITARY CEME-TERY, Brookwood, May 28-At the flagstaff here, amid graves of men who fell in the last war, and near a field of simple crosses marking the graves of men who have died in this, a small group of Americans celebrated a Memorial Day service today in a prelude to other observances scheduled for Memorial Day,

Representatives of the services, American and Allied, laid wreaths. Four members of the American Legion formed the color guard. Howard Bucknell, the U.S. Embassy minister-counsellor, represented Ambassador John G. Winant, and there were delegates from the DAR, American women's clubs and other civilian organizations.

The service was non-denominational. Chaplains L. Curtis Tiernan, Judah Nadich and Arthur B. Dodgson presided. Nadich, in a prayer for the fallen, prayed

#### Gls at One Station Buy 3P51s(\$175,000)

AN AIR SERVICE COMMAND STATION, May 28-Three sleek new P51s, bought and paid for by the mechanics at this station in a recent war bond drive, will officially join the air armada at a Memorial Day ceremony Tuesday.

Originally the goal in the campaign was \$114,000 to buy two Mustangs. When the drive ended the soldier workers at the ASC had bought \$175,000 worth of war bonds, enough for three ships.

that "we shall build that new world where the sacrifice of young life be not neces-

Apart from the wreath-laying per-formed officially for the two services by Rear Adm. George B. Wilson, naval attache, and Beig. Gen. Pleas B. Rogers, CBS commanding general, three wreaths were laid by Americans who were in this war before their country entered the war. They were RCAF F/Lt, Edward Gimbel, of Chicago: RAF Sgt. Alex W. Boase, of Baltimore, and a USAAF sergeant, John J. Stanley, of Englewood, N.J., who transferred from the RCAF. They came as representatives of the Original Eagles, U.S. personnel who served with Allied armies before Pearl Harbor, and came to do honor to the Americans who fell while fighting under another flag.

And there was a delegate from another organization here before Pearl Harbor, the Civilian Technicians' Corps, Robert Wiltz, who came along with the Eagle

Sole representative of the Marines was Cpl. Jack C. Witherington, of Covington, Tex.

#### Eggs Thrown at Altar Of St. Patrick's Cathedral

NEW YORK, May 28 (Reuter)-Two eggs were thrown at the altar in St. Patrick's cathedral today while Archbishop Francis J. Spellman was celebrating mass.

They smashed against the forepart of

the altar. No one was hit, Members of the congregation seized

the thrower, who identified himself as Frank Hannl, a Czech and Roman

"I just felt that way," he explained at police headquarters before police took him to Bellevue hospital for observation.

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Chinese spokesman admitted on Friday has "probably" fallen. A Chungking communique also dis-closed that the Chinese troops driving

westward toward northern Burma from the Salween River front had lost some of the strategic heights in the border mountains in the area of the Mamien Pass early last week, but said that they now had recaptured all the lost ground and "are advancing after inflicting heavy

Memorial Rites New Gadget Makes It a 'Jeepbulance'



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

A jeep equipped with racks for carrying three litter cases is driven by Pvt. Lee A. Bilyeu, of Pawhuska, Okla., over a muddy road in Northern Ireland.

A U.S. ARMY HOSPITAL, Northern Ireland, May 28-The mighty jeep, most versatile of the U.S. Army's achicles, has become an efficient litter-bearer through the latest improvisation of a Medical Department mechanic here,

Jeeps were used successfully in transporting casualties from the front to aid stations in the North African campaign, but the old attachments required removal of the top and lowering of the wind-

interfering with the normal set-up of the

Casualties, placed on litters, are carried lengthwise of the racks above the jeep. One litter also may be stretched from the top of the rear seat to the dashboard, if necessary, riding alongside the driver.

Wounded soldiers ride lying comfort-ably on their backs and with their heads to the front. They cannot fall because wide canvas straps are lashed across litter and patient and are secured to the frames.

To remove a wounded soldier from the battle area, it is necessary only for personnel to bundle him in GI blankets, lift up his litter and strap it to the rack.

Four medics formerly were needed if

Shield.

The newer model, by Sgt. Melvin G. Connor, of Chicago, eliminated this.

To convert the jeep into a miniature ambulance, it was necessary to build racks which were attached to the frame at the front and rear. Sgt. Connor studied pictures of North African models and discovered that by making an adjustable hing-type apparatus on the left front rack, the litter could be removed without

## Bombs Rain on Europe at Rate Of 5 Tons a Minute in Big Blitz

(Continued from page 1) the last week-one in northern France and one at Hasselt, Belgium.

Havoes began to get the attack back to the five-ton-a-minute pace with sorties against more French coastal targets and at Liege, Belgium, Marauders attacked two more rail bridges, while other medium bombers struck at two bridges identified officially only as "in northern France." Crews reported direct hits on one of the Liege bridges, a blanket pattern on an approach to the other. For the second day in a row, the Nazis threw up a furious flak barrage and five B26s were reported missing, making, by noon, a total of 16 Ninth AAF bombers lost in 24 hours.

Meanwhile, the big punch of the day was getting under way, and shortly after noon about 1,000 Fortresses and Liberators split into task forces over the Continent and started their runs over targets in the area of Cologne and in southwestern Germany. First reports said that synthetic oil plants at Merseburg Zeitz and Lutzkendorf—part of Germany's dwindling source of fuel for its mechanized forces defending the west—were among the targets. were among the targets.

Opposition over the Continent was varied, with a veteran Fortress division meeting bitter fighter and flak opposition, while in contrast a Liberator division saw practically no fighters.

Pilots of the record fighter force of considerably more than 1,200 aircraft—plus RAF Mustangs which flew diversionary cover—likewise reported varying opposi-tion; some met only a few Nazi fighters, others ran into hour-long battles and one flight of four Mustangs destroyed five of seven Nazi planes deep in Germany.

The weekend's battering of German communications, airfields and front-line coastal defenses began with Friday night's Mosquito blows at the Ludwigshafen and Aachen railroad yards, both junctions on routes leading from interior Europe to the northwestern coast, and almost before the Mosquitoes' drone had died away the American desclints forces. died away, the American daylight forces were sallying out in nearly 4,000-plane strength from Britain and Italy.

Seven railroad yards and two aircraft engine repair centers in southwestern

Germany and northeastern France were hit by some 750 to 1,000 Fortresses and Liberators from the ETO, while a like number of U.S. fighters covered them to the scattered targets and went off on train

hunts of their own.

At a cost of 24 bombers and seven fighters, the formations hit targets in nghters, the formations hit targets in Ludwigshafen, Saarbrucken, Konz Karthaus, Mannheim, Neunkirchen and Karlsruhe, in Germany, and engine-repair plants at Strasbourg and Metz, as well as the railway bridge leading from France to Germany at Strasbourg. Other heavy-bomber units lent a major weight to the attacks on German military installations along the coast of France. along the coast of France.

Weather over the Continent was ideal weather over the Continent was togal Saturday, crews reported, and for the first time in days the Luftwaffe was stung into putting up resistance. As usual, some groups made their bombing runs over rail yards and bridges with only flak to oppose them, but at other largets the to oppose them, but at other targets the Nazis threw in groups of as many as 100 fighters, and U.S. fighter pilots reported 36 enemy craft destroyed in combat, while bomber gunners claimed 13 more.

Meanwhile, Ninth Air Force Marauders meanwhite, Ninth Air Force Marauders and Havoes, with fighter-bombers joining them, flew two 300-plane missions during the day to round out their biggest week of the war. Ninth AAF fighters flew 4,800 individual attacks during the week, and the bombers 1,950.

The Saturday operations were the 13th in nine days for the B26s and A20s, and when the crews got home they reported good bombing on three vital railway good bombing on three vital railway bridges in the behind-the-coast rail netbridges in the behind-the-coast rail net-work operated by the Nazis. Flak was violent over France, the crews reported, and by nightfall 11 Marauders and Havocs had been lost—heaviest single day's toll since the Ninth started opera-tions in Britain. Other targets, also bombed by RAF and Allied Bostons, Spitfires and rocket-firing Typhoons, included airfields at Evreux-Fauville, Cormeilles-en-Vexin and Creil; railway points at Amiens, Cambrai and Douat. Cormeilles-en-Vexin and Creil; railway points at Amiens, Cambrai and Douai, and radio installations at half a dozen

places in northern France.
On Saturday night, the RAF sent more than 1,000 aircraft to attack objectives from France to Germany and to carry on program of mining enemy Berlin was hit lightly, and Dusseldorf, with the main blow in Germany on the rail yards at Aachen, which have been attacked three times in the last week.

#### Precision Bombing Holds Death Toll to 2 at Belfort

BERNE, May 28 (UP)—Only two people were killed, so precise was the bombing in Thursday's raid by U.S. heavy bombers on Belfort, France, accor-ding to the Swiss paper Gazette de Lausanne.

The material damage was very extensive. Rail yards were completely razed, all the huge gasoline containers blown up, and fires were still burning there last

Numerous inhabitants of the Belfort and Delle regions, according to the same paper, attempted to escape into Switzer-land, but were frustrated by German frontier guards.

## Most Powerful Fighter Engine Is Now in Production in U.S.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 28 (AP)—A of any aircraft anywhere," he declared.
The new engine, Newell said, has twice claimed to be the most powerful in the world, is now available for USAAF fighter planes.

"The new engine will increase the power of the majority of single-engined fighters by several hundred horsepower," according to E. B. Newell, general manager of General Motors' Allison

Division, which is producing it.
"The installation of this engine in fighters still on the secret list will give U.S. fighters the greatest striking power | power,

The new engine, Newell said, has twice the piston displacement of the present standard Allison 12-cylinder engine of American fighters like the Invader A36, Airacobra and Warhawk.

Mass production of the engine is assured because 97 per cent of the parts are interchangeable with those of the present Allison.

He added that engines with a maximum rating of approximately 3,000

mum rating of approximately 3,000 horsepower now could be produced weighing less than one pound per horse-

From Fortress

Raid Honored

Adopted Nation in Tribute

To Native of Coventry at

Ceremonies There

COVENTRY, England, May 28—A native son of this city, an Eighth Air Force Fortress gunner missing in action, was honored by his adopted country at the opening of Salute the Soldier Week here.

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Thousands lined both sides of Coventry's main street to watch the parade that ushered in the bond-selling campaign and saw Brig. Gen. Robert B. Williams, of Albany, Tex., commanding general of the Eighth Air Force's oldest Fortress division, come down from the reviewing stand to present to the family of S/Sgt. Gilbert Simkiss the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters, which had been awarded the gunner for "meritorious achievement" in combat with the enemy.

simkiss, who was living with an aunt in Boston when America entered the war, enlisted in the U.S. army. He has been listed as missing in action since April, 1943, when his bomber was shot down in an attack on the U-boat pens along the

USSTAF HQ, May 28—Five Air Force officers were decorated here yesterday by Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, USSTAF com-

Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, USSTAF commander.

Brig. Gen. Malcolm C. Grow, of Annapolis, Md., surgeon for USSTAF Air Service Command, received the Distinguished Service Medal for his work as surgeon of the Eighth Air Force. Col. William H. Stovall, of Stovall, Miss., USSTAF assistant chief of staff, was awarded the Legion of Merit for his work as assistant chief of staff of Eighth Fighter Command. Maj. James A. Goodson, commander of a P51 squadron, received the DSC for attacking and destroying superior enemy fighter forces on Mar. 16 and Mar, 23.

## Routes of ATC, School Teaches the Nazi Gun to GIs Briton Missing Now3YearsOld. Run 125,000Mi.

100,000 Officers and Men In Transport Command All Over Globe

The Air Transport Command of the U.S. Army Air Forces, established three years ago today, now is operating regularly over a world-wide network of air routes that stretch more than 125,000 miles, Air Transport Command head-

miles, Air Transport Command head-quarters announced yesterday.

Equivalent in distance to five times around the world at the equator, the routes tie in every continent, criss-cross the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and sample in each 24 hours every climatic zone of the globe.

The European Wing, under the com-mand of Brig.-Gen. Earl S. Hoag, of Miami, is one of the key parts in the Command's globe - girdling delivery system for men, mail, cargo, airplanes and arms to the United Nations fighting fronts.

fronts.

The Command as a whole has expanded from its two original officers to a strength of more than 100,000 officers and enlisted men. It flew more than 2,100,000 hours in 1943, equal to almost 30,000 round trips from San Francisco to Australia, based on flying time of 72 hours for a passage over that 14,000-mile route.

In a single month—December, 1943— the Command recorded 245,000 hours of flying time—equal to 16,000 trips across

the United States.

The European Wing originated at Prestwick, but it now has several bases in the United Kingdom. It has handled thousands of bombers, fighters and transports, many of which are now bombing German positions in Europe. It has flown more than 75,000 persons, including many dimitaring. ing many dignitaries.

#### The Army Explains Why 35-mm. Films Are Older in ETO

An explanation of why films shown in Army camp-theaters using 35-mm. film are older than those shown on 16-mm.

are older than those shown on 16-mm, projection equipment was given Friday by Capt. Joseph G. Dixon, of the Special Services cinema branch.

"Sixteen-millimeter film is supplied directly from the States as a gift from the film industry to overseas forces," he said. "Prints are made directly for the War Department as feature pictures are completed and then rushed overseas.

"Here in the ETO, however, it was found feasible to use 35-mm. installations, especially since the film industry could service these theaters in the normal

could service these theaters in the normal commercial manner. But, since the nega-tives have to be shipped commercially from the States and the positive prints made here, there is a considerable loss

of time involved.

"American film companies in the U.K. are aware of these difficulties and are instituting a plan whereby extra prints can be made up for the American forces' use as soon as the negative arrives from the States."

#### U.S. Production Is Still Not at Peak, Briton Says

CHICAGO, May 28—After 2½ years of war the U.S. has not yet reached the peak of its immense potential output, Sir Gerald Campbell, director-general of British information services in the U.S., told a Rotary convention here.

"If the struggle is prolonged," he said, "her reserve will prove decisive, since she alone now has great reserves of manpower and economic resources."

#### Canadian General Retires

OTTAWA, May 28-Lt. Gen. E. W Sansom, who went overseas with the First Canadian Division in 1939 and later commanded a corps overseas, is retiring because of illness, Acting Prime Ministe J. L. Ralson has announced.

#### AFN Radio Program

On Your Dial 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m, 211.3m. 207.3m Monday, May 29

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Spotlight on Stan Kenton.
Personal Album with Anisa.
Novatime.
Senset by Powers.
Noen Edition.
Sea Bar.
World New (BBC).
Melody Roundup.
Dinah Shore (Return Engagement).
News Headlines—BBC Northern Orchestra.
Visiting Hour.
Music While You Work (BBC).
Off the Record.
Family Hour—with Gladys Swarthout and Al Goodman's Orchestra.
The Yanks' with Vocalist I/Set, Jack Manwell (Chicago).
Quier Moment.
Lyan Murray Chorus and Program Resume.
World News (BBC).
Gl Supper Club.
Seven O'Clock Sports.
Duff's Tavern.
Command Performance.
News from Home.
Fred Waring Program.
Calling APOs.
Contented Hour.
World News (BBC).
Front Line Theater—"You Belong to Me," with Don Ameche and Mary Astor.
Ranch House.
Village Store—with Joan Day's and Jack Haley.
One Night Stand with Joe Reschman.
Final Edition.
Sim of until Tuesday, May 30, at 1100 hours.

#### On Their Owners By Jules Grad

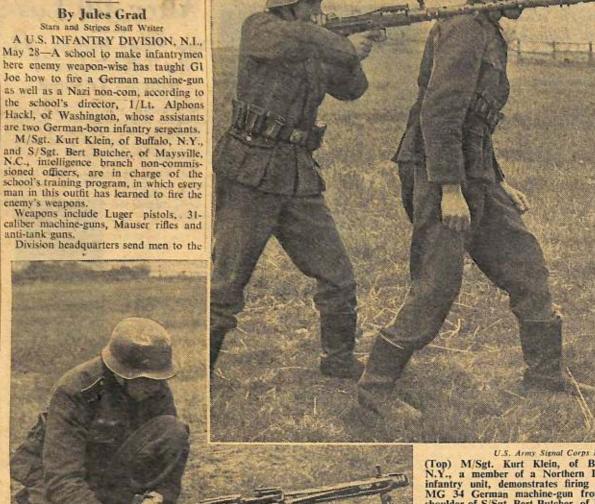
Yanks Learn to Use

Enemy's Weapons

May 28-A school to make infantrymen here enemy weapon-wise has taught Gl Joe how to fire a German machine-gun

and S/Sgt. Bert Butcher, of Maysville, N.C., intelligence branch non-commissioned officers, are in charge of the school's training program, in which every man in this outfit has learned to fire the commissioned. enemy's weapons.

Weapons include Luger pistols, 31-caliber machine-guns, Mauser rifles and



school weekly in small detachment

There they learn the principles of the

There they learn the principles of the weapons, how to assemble, disassemble, clean and fire the guns and rifles.

"Our men not only can fire Nazi weapons but after they complete the school they are able to distinguish—by sound—a German gun from those of the Allies," Hackl said.

"This is very important in night combat and its knowledge has often led to brilliant action," he continued.

Weapons used in the school were captured in Africa and Sicily and sent

Gen. Rogers Lauds Soldier

Actors for Production On Own Time

"Our Town," Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize winning play of small town American life, which has been presented

an American soldier cast with Red Cross

and civilian actresses, closed two weeks'

Brig. Gen. Pleas B. Rogers, command-ing general of Central Base Section, ex-

pressed his appreciation to those parti-cipating in the production. The general wrote to the cast that while he appreciated

from the first the outstanding qualities of the play, be had not fully realized the real merit of the production until it had been brought to his attention by numerous

In announcing the decision to close, Gen. Rogers stated that the decision had been made by the proper authority after due consideration of all factors.

Gen. Rogers said one of the outstand-ing aspects of the production was that

members of the cast rehearsed and staged

the play on their own time in addition to their regular duties.

Two-Bit Reward Makes

Donor Feel Just Like That

CHICAGO, May 28 — Rosemary Karier, an 18-year-old clerk, found \$1,488 in a wallet on the floor of a shop and

The latter rewarded her with a quarter,

returned it to the owner.

munique.

Theater, London.

back to the ETO for training purposes

With the rifles came several proposes.
With the rifles came several German uniforms worn by late Nazi NCOs.
It's no strange sight to see a dozen infantrymen, each armed with a Mauser, crawling on their bellies through an Ulster field, while Klein or Butcher barks out commands in German.

The American infantryman is learning his enemy's language as well as the

Pfc Stanley Pszczola, of Chicago, a recent "graduate," said "the German machine guns are as easy to fire as one of ours."

U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos
(Top) M/Sgt. Kurt Klein, of Buffalo,
N.Y., a member of a Northern Ireland
infantry unit, demonstrates firing of an
MG 34 German machine-gun from the
shoulder of S/Sgt. Bert Butcher, of Maysville, N.C. (Bottom) S/Sgt. Butcher demonstrates removal of a bolt from an
MG 42, a Nazi machine-gun captured in
Sicily. Uniforms were shipped to the ETO
for training purposes. for training purposes.

Here's what Hackl says of the German

Army's guns:

"The MG 42 is the final product of Hitler's mass production. It has a poorly made exterior. Yet, it is an efficient weapon because its barrel can be changed in a matter of seconds.

"The 42 is the latest model the Germans

have developed. It has a theoretical rate of fire of 1,040 rounds per minute, a practical rate of only 150 rounds per

Of the MG-34:

"It takes almost three minutes to change the barrel on this machine gun. The 34 is an example of the Nazi weapons

at the war's beginning."

The German Army's weapons are inferior to the Allies, according to Hackl.

However, he added, Hitler's distribution of automatic weapons down to squads "makes for combat effectiveness."

2StatesInstruct

Mar. 16 and Mar. 23.

Lt. Edwin R. Herron, of Chicago, Fortress pilot, received the DSC for rescuing six of his crew from the North Sea after a forced landing. Lt. John H. Truluck Jr., of Lynchburg, S.C., was awarded the DSC for driving off enemy planes attacking another P47 pilot,

Sgt. Erling Berg, of Watford City, N.D., member of an engineer general service regiment, has been awarded the Soldier's Medal for saving a fellow soldier from serious injury or death.

When Berg and a squad were repairing the roof of a hangar one rainy day a large section of metal roofing, lifted by a gust of wind, struck the men and knocked two of them off the roof. Berg crawled to the slippery edge where Pyt. crawled to the slippery edge where Pvt. Guatheme S. Sales, San Antonio, Tex., had broken his fall temporarily by grasping at a truss, and lifted him bodily back onto the roof.

#### Memo to Welden: NeighborStapleton IS Striping House

Memo to 2/Lt. Robert D. Welden:
"Your Lewiston, Mont., neighbor, hardpressed to keep pace with you, has his
can of blue paint and a ladder in a handy
place in his yard ready for instant use
when word arrives that you have shot
down another German plane.
"Confirmation that Maynard Stapleton
is keeping his promise to paint a blue
stripe around his home for every kill you
score is given by an ETO captain, Henry
E. Cottam, whose sister in Lewiston has

E. Cottam, whose sister in Lewiston has seen the gaily-striped home.

"When you see a photo of Stapleton's home in Life magazine, however, the home will be two and three-quarter stripes shy. Life rushed a photographer nome will be two and three-quarters stripes shy. Life rushed a photographer to Lewiston after The Stars and Stripes published the story of the stripe promise made months ago, but you've done a bit more shooting since then."

#### Lew Ayres, in N. Guinea, Reveals Ministerial Plans

ALLIED HQ, New Guinea, May 28-Sgt. Lew Ayres, a chaplain's aide in Hollandia, has announced his intention to enter a Congregational seminary after the war in preparation for the ministry.

In 1942, Ayres, the Dr. Kildare of the

screeen, declared he was a conscientious objector and refused to bear arms. He was placed in a camp for conscientious objectors and later was accepted for the non-combatant medical duty for which he previously had volunteered

#### Remember, the Colonel Said This, Not the S & S

WASHINGTON, May 28-For exsoldiers, WACs will make better wives than other girls, Lt. Col. Walter H. E. Jaegger, of the U.S. Army Industrial College, told a conference on war and post-war employment Wednesday. His

"Throughout their lives, ex-soldier husbands will have something of the military about them. The added appreciation that a former member of the WAC will bring to the household should be an invaluable asset,"

#### 'OurTown'Play Col. Lay, 8th AF Pioneer And Lib Chief, Is Missing By GI Cast Ends

A LIBERATOR BASE, May 28-Lt.

Post, was acclaimed as one of the finest jobs of descriptive writing to come out of the European air war.

Berlin to Paris in 7 Days BERNE, May 28 (AP)-It now takes

seven days to travel from Berlin to Paris because of Allied bombing of railways, a letter from Paris to a neutral business man

# For Roosevelt

A LIBERATOR BASE, May 28—Lt.
Col. Beirne Lay Jr., of Washington, one of the small group of officers who accompanied Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker to set up the Eighth Air Force in the ETO, has been reported missing in action.
Commander of a Liberator group, Lay was on his sixth mission over Europe when his bomber, riddled by flak, was seen going down. Lay was a well-known magazine writer as well as airman. His story of the first Regensburg mission, which appeared in the Saturday Evening Post, was acclaimed as one of the finest

garding a fourth term, declaring at his Friday press conference that only time will tell.

Some thought they saw an indication that he expected to be still in office next year when he said that he expected to see Prime Minister Churchill again in the summer, fall, or late spring, naming the seasons in that order—but others re-called that this spring will last officially until June 21.

## Hilarity in Crash of the Skippy Becomes Tragedy in Skippy II

A FORTRESS BASE, May 28—Some | for nearly an hour, until the bomber ortress men, who parachuted down over | reached the Channel and could descend Fortress men, who parachuted down over England from their flaming ship Skippy into some cockeyed experiences several into some cockeyed experiences several weeks ago, ran into tragedy in their new plane, Skippy II, over Germany.

After bailing out of the original Skippy, the tail gunner had been kissed back to consciousness by a Land Army girl and the co-pilot ended up dining with an RAF air vice marshal. In the Skippy II the pilot died after being severely wounded twice, and the top turret gunner lost one foot.

The pilot L/LL Thomas I Sutters of

The pilot, 1/Lt. Thomas J. Sutters, of Astoria, L.I., N.Y., was wounded in the thigh by a flak burst while flying the Skippy II over Germany. Then, as the top turret gunner, S/Sgt. Otto B. Fugett, of Orange, Tex., was giving him first aid, another flak burst laid open his stomach and almost tore off Fugett's left foot, which later was amoutated.

from high altitude, the eight uninjured men virtually went without oxygen so that Sutters and Fugett could have what was left. The landing itself was a close call, another ship bearing wounded cutting in on the approach.

Sutters died just before the landing. In the hall out from the original Skipny he

the ball-out from the original Skippy he had distinguished himself by staying at the controls long after his crew had jumped. He flew the blazing ship to the Channel coast, so the crash wouldn't injure anyone, before parachuting himself. Other members of the Skippy II's crew

included: high by a flak burst while flying the skippy II over Germany. Then, as the op turret gunner, S/Sgt. Otto B. Fugett, of Orange, Tex., was giving him first aid, nother flak burst laid open his stomach and almost tore off Fugett's left foot, which later was amputated.

The ship's oxygen was almost gone, and

but apparently his conscience bothered him, so he later looked up Miss Karier and gave her a dollar bill, Tear Up Brenner Pass Rails CHIASSO, May 28 (Reuter)—Italian partisans have torn up the rails on the Brenner Pass line at a number of points, considerably aggravating the German supply problem, the Italian National Committee of Resistance said in a com-

which later was amputated.

# Reds, Cards Take Two; Yankees, Bro

# Pace - Setter's Strength and Courage

Cubs Keep Up Hot Streak With Victories Over Phils and Braves

NEW YORK, May 28-The Reds matched strides with the league-leading Cardinals by edging the Giants, 4-3, in ten innings, Friday night and blanking the Dodgers, 2—0, yesterday, while the National League champions swatted the Burns, 5—3, Friday and trounced the Giants, 6—4, yesterday.

Giants, 6—4, yesterday.

A knack for throwing home run balls almost threw Bucky Walters for a loss in New York under the mazdas Friday, but he succeeded in staving off a belated Giant uprising. Bucky, who chalked up his seventh victory, was enjoying a 3—0 lead when Rookie Danny Gardella blasted a four-bagger in the eighth and Manager Mel Ott cracked another in the ninth with Billy Jurges aboard to tie the score. Mel Off cracked another in the finith with Billy Jurges aboard to the the score. Woody Williams scored in front of Max Marshall, who clubbed a round-tripper, in the sixth and drove in the winning counter in the tenth with a single to tally Dan Clay.

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Ed Heusser, Cincinnati right-hander, set down the Flatbush sluggers with six hits yesterday while the Reds reached Curt Davis for runs in the eighth and ninth. Davis and Heusser matched scoreless innings until the eighth when Marshall singled and scored on Dixie Walker's two-bagger. They added another in the ninth on Eric Tipton's bingle, a sacrifice bunt by Eddie Miller and Steve Mesner's one-base knock.

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Errors hampered the Dodgers Friday, although they drove Max Lamer, the league's leading hurler, to the showers in the seventh after Gilly English had smashed a homer with Augie Galan and Dixie Walker on base Hal Gregg suffered his fourth setback when the Cards scored twice in the eighth on successive

eighth on successive miscues by English and Gregg, Al Jurisich, who re-lieved Lanier, being

the victor. Whitey Kurowski's fifth and sixth homers of the season led the way

homers of the season led the way for the Redbirds over the Giants yesterday. The New Yorkers outhit the champs 12—9, but Ott's bobble at third led to three unearned runs in the seventh and gave George Munger the nod over Crip Polli, who relieved Cliff Melton in the syxth. Kurowski rapped his four-baggers in the first and seventh, Marion Martin's drive cleared the fence in the first, and Ott pounded his sixth of the campaign in the seventh.

The Cubs extended their current winnings splurge to seven in a row by walloping the Phils, 9—1, Friday and outlasting the Brayes, 3—2, yesterday. The Bruins supported Paul Derringer's nine-hit pitching Friday with a 14-hit attack that drove Al Gerheauser to cover in the third, Phil Cavarretta, Roy Hughes and Don Johnson each contributed three hits to Derringer's cause.

Bruins Near Sixth

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Charlie Grimm's fast-rising Chica-goans climbed to within half a game of the Dodgers and Giants when Hank Wyse stopped the Braves yesterday, yielding only one safety in the last six innings. Bill Schuster's double in the ninth with bill schuster's double in the ninth with two outs scored Johnson from first with the winning run, Charlie Barrett being the victim. Bill Nicholson punched his third homer of the season in the first inning to score behind Ival Goodman, who had doubled, but the Braves tied the score in the third on successive doubles by Tommy Holmes and Max Macon and a one-bagger by Elmer Gieman.

a one-bagger by Elmer Gieman.
Rain washed yesterday's PittsburghPhiladelphia encounter off the slate after
the Pirates thumped the Braves, 7—5,
Friday. Frank Colman, batting for
Frankie Gustine, was the hero of the
Bue triumph, homering in the eighth with
Tommy O'Brien and Bob Elliott on base.
Nate Andrews was ahead, 3—1, when he
weakened in the seventh and the Pirates
scored three runs, but Ira Hutchinson,
who replaced him, was the loser. Xavier
Rescigno relieved Preacher Roe in the
seventh to earn the win. seventh to earn the win.

Giants, Dodgers Freddie Mills Lacks Finesse Chisox Subdue Fall Before NL To Take Crown From Louis New York, 4-3

> Not Enough; Must Correct Faults

> > By Tony Cordaro

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

RAF Sgt. Freddie Mills, the like-able British Empire cruiserweight (light-heavyweight) champion, can't at this time

heavyweight) champion, can't at this time be considered a serious threat to Sgt. Joe Louis' heavyweight crown.

This conclusion was formed after watching the Britisher knock out Al Delaney, alias Otto Borchuk, in the fifth round at Albert Hall Thursday night. (In 1934 Louis, then just starting his career, flattened Borchuk in four rounds.)

There are reservations attached to this decision, however.

The RAF sergeant needs a refresher course in strategy and math. Perhaps

Freddie's air corps schooling has thrown him off the beam. A semi-circular line may be the shortest distance between two points in the air, but in the ring it's a straight one. straight one

Freddie has a fallacy of cocking his right hand before throwing it. Joe would have enough time to stop for a short beer and still beat Freddie to the punch.

Mills definitely is not a finisher, an essential qualification for a heavyweight contender. Twice he had Deleney in a

essential qualification for a heavyweight contender. Twice he had Delaney in a bad way before the fatal sixth, but he failed to set up the stage for the kill by carclessly swinging away at his foe's well-guarded head instead of the body. It is only natural, or call it fighting instinct, for a fighter to raise his dukes and protect his face when hurt. Under the same conditions, Louis, sensing a kill, would drive for the body, forcing the opposition to lower his guard and then take pot shots at the unprotected area around the head.

You can't count Mills entirely out of the heavyweight picture. Included in his boxing repertoire are courage, strength



Freddie Mills

and willingness. He's only 24 years old and still has time to correct his faults. Ted Broadribb, his pilot, who knows his way around, perhaps has spotted the same deficiencies in Mills' boxing make-up and has plans to rectify them.

A tribute can be paid to Freddie's left hook, his most effective weapon. It starts as a straight punch and finishes with a sudden turn of the wrist at the moment of impact. When it lands, it leaves a damaging mark.

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Freddie has failed to impress many of the Fleet Street sports journalists, mainly due to his lack of class. In their opinion the RAF sergeant fails to live up to the old axiom that a champion must have class. There have been exceptions to the rule, however, where a boxer's courage alone carried him to great heights.

Perhaps Mills is one of the exceptions.

## After 4-0 Los Nats Shade Indians, 5-**But Tribe Rebounds** With 5-4 Triumph NEW YORK, May 28—Friday was bad day for American League hosts, wh unanimously took it on the chin fro eastern tourists, but the home tean turned the tables yesterday to defeat the visiting clube.

visiting clubs.

The White Sox snapped their losi streak at five and ended the Yanked winning splurge at four by clipping the Bombers, 4—3, yesterday at Chicago after the champions had whitewashed the Chicagoans, 4—0, under the the Chicagoans, 4-0, under the lights Friday night. More than 25,000 fans sat in on Ernie

fans sat in on Ernic Bonham's masterful twirling Friday as the New York ace checked the Chisox with six scattered hits, while Oryal Grove yielded nine blows to suffer the defeat. Bonham also drove in a run help his own cause. The Dykesme evened the count yesterday, however, I breaking a 3—3 deadlock in the fift when Leroy Schalk singled, raced to this on Ralph Hoddins' single and scored the Yank infield reeled off a double pla on Myril Hoag's bounder. Bill Dietric bested Walter Dubiel in the mound duel Two Overtime Confests

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Overtime decisions were traded it Cleveland, the Senators shading the Indians, 5—3 in 13 innings, Friday and the Tribe rebounding to take yesterday contest, 5—4, in 12 frames.

A slashing single by Outfielder Georg Case sent Mickey Guerra and Johnn, Sullivan over the plate in the 13th of Friday's game to present Early Wynn with his third triumph and the Nats' third in a row over the Indians. Vern Kennedy started for Cleveland, gave way to Joe Heving in the seventh and Allie Reynolds finished and was the victim.

Jeff Heath's bingle in the 12th chased home by Cullenbine, who had strolled and advanced to third on Oris Hockett's two-bagger, with the winning marker. Wilfred LeFebvre, who replaced Roger Wolff in the fifth for the Nats, was charged with the loss, although Heath's hit came off Alex Carrasquel. Hal Kleine gave only one hit in six innings, but departed in the seventh and Lefty Al Smith earned the victory.

Potter's Bid Fails

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After dropping Friday's nocturnal test to the Red Sox, 4—2 in 11 innings, the second-place Brownies subdued their guests, 4—2, yesterday. Nelson Potter made a bid for baseball's hall of fame Friday, then weakened and the Red Sox jumped ahead. Potter retired 23 consecutive batters but in the eighth, with two out, Jim Tabor smashed a ball between Potter's legs and Don Gutteridge was unable to complete the play; Potter then yielded a walk and Skeeter Newsome's single to knot the score at 2—2 and send it into extra innings. The Bosox jumped Potter again in the 11th. Sigmund Jakucki handcuffed the Red Sox with four hits yesterday while his mates routed Stanley Partenheimer, south-paw freshman, in the second in favor of George Woods, who arrived in time to the second in favor of George Woods, who arrived in time to the second in favor of George Woods, who arrived in time to the second in favor of George Woods, who arrived in time to the second in favor of George Woods, who arrived in time to the second in favor of the second in

George Woods, who arrived in favor of absorb the reversal. The Browns moved out front in the third with three runs.

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Two runs in the ninth averted a shutout for the Tigers Friday but three uncarned runs against Dizzy Trout provided the Athletics with a 3-2 conquest. The A's tallied two runs in the opening frame on an error, stolen base, double by Frankie Hayes and a single by Dick Siebert. Hayes also drove in the clinching run when he singled in the third after Doc Cramer's error had put a Philadelphia runner on base. Bobo Newsom pitched shutout ball until the ninth when he walked Rudy York and Pinky Higgins,

pitched shutout ball until the ninth when he walked Rudy York and Pinky Higgins, but Joe Berry saved Newsom's win by retiring the side after two runs had crossed the plate.

The Bengals notched their first home victory in seven tries yesterday when two walks, a single and an infield roller scored Higgins for a 2—1 victory in ten innings. Hal Newhouser traveled the route for the Tigers, Russ Christopher was the loser.

## Major League Results

#### National League

Friday's Games
Cincinnati 4, New York 3 (10 innings, night)
Chicago 9, Philadelphia 1
St. Louis 5, Brooklyn 3
Pittsburgh 7, Boston 5

Psttsburgh 7, Boston 5
Saturday's Games
Cincinnati 2, Brooklyn 0
Chicago 3, Boston 2
St. Louis 6, New York 4
Pittsburgh ar Philadelphia (night), postponed.
W L Pct.
St. Louis 23 9 719 Bisston 15 21 417
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#### American League

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Stephens, St. Louis, 22.

Stolen Bases
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York, 8; Kuhel, Washington, 6.
Leading Pitchers
Leonard, Washington, 4-0; Borowy, New
York, Ryba, Boston, and Berry, Philadelphia,

#### Fire Destroys Tiger Gym; ASC Trackmen Entered Famous Trophies Gone In British Games Today

PRINCETON, N.J., May 28-Fire of unknown origin razed the Princeton University gymnasium here and caused damage estimated at \$500,000.

The football used in the first Prince-ton-Yale game in 1873; the Childs Cup, oldest intercollegiate rowing trophy, and other famous trophies, were destroyed. Seven fire companies from surrounding communities battled the blaze for four hours.

#### Contract Offer Rejected

PHILADELPHIA, May 28-Connie McCarthy, manager of lightweight con-tender like Williams, has turned down an offer of \$25,000 from stage and screen Comedians Olsen and Johnson for his boxer's contract. Williams faces Sammy boxer's contract. Williams faces ! Angott at Shibe Park here June 6.

The Air Service Command All-Stars will compete against local stars when the British Games, annual track and field meet, are staged at White City Stadium

this afternoon.
Pvt. Joseph Cummings, one-time Washington State half-miler, will captain the GI squad, and Cpl. Dick Woodring, who was a Drake Relays champion a few years ago when he raced the 100 yard dash in :09.6, will compete in his specialty.

#### Pro Grid Confab Postponed

PITTSBURGH, May 28 — Because three of the owners were unable to attend, the scheduled meeting for the permanent organization of the new transcontinental professional football league set for today has been postponed, according to temporary President Roland Payne,

#### Terry and the Pirates



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## Wolverine Team Retains Big Ten Cinder Crown

#### Illinois' Buddy Young Slips In Mud in 220 Hurdles To Miss 4th Triumph

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., May 28—Gaining an unexpected advantage when Claude "Buddy" Young. Illinois freshman, tripped and fell in the home stretch of the 220-yard low hurdles, Michigan's defending champions captured the team title in the 44th annual Big Ten track and field meet here yesterday.

The Wolverines amassed 70 points, although they won only one first place. Illinois trailed with 58-1, with others finishing in this order: Purdue, 31: Ohio State, 17.1; Northwestern, 14.8; Minnessota, 7.5; Indiana, 4; Wisconsin, 3.6; Iowa, 3, and Chicago, 17/20.

Michigan held a ten-point lead when rain interrupted the meet. The Illini had a chance when competition was resumed, but Young slipped in the mud and Michigan's Jack Martin slid through to break the tape. Young's accident prevented him from becoming the first athlete to win four events since Jesse Owens turned the trick, the versatile performer taking the broad jump with a leap of 22ft. 10in., and leading the field in the 100- and 220-yard sprints.

Humes in Dead Heat

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Bob and Ross Hume, Michigan's twin milers, won in a dead heat as expected.
Ross then turned loose a terrific burst of Ross then turned loose a terrific burst of speed to snatch the two-mile grind from Indiana's William Walsh, while Bob, a surprise entry in the 880-yard run, outsped two teammates to finish second and earn three unexpected points for the Wolves

The Wolves failed to score in only one of 14 events, being blanked in the 440-yard run, which was won by Bob Kelley,

yard run, which was won by Bob Kelley, captain of the Illinois squad.

Elroy Hirsch, Wisconsin, star transferred to Michigan for marine training, finished third in the broad jump, then completed one of the most unique ironman stunts in Big Ten history by pitching a four-hitter as Michigan whipped Indiana in a twin bill 150 miles away. Hirsch arrived in time to hurl the night-cap and win, 12—1, after his mates had grabbed the opener, 14—3. The two victories clinched the Big Ten crown for the Wolves.

#### Loafing in Corners Is Out in New Ring, Apostoli Discovers

SAUSOLITO, Cal., May 28—Take it from Freddie Apostoli, former middle-weight contender now a chief petty officer in the Navy, it may not be long before circular rings replace the present square boxing ring. Finishing a three-round exhibition with

Vic Grupico, of the Coast Guard, in a circular ring yesterday, Apostoli said, "It's a good idea for the future. When you get in there, there won't be any stalling. There are no corners to loaf in."

The ring innovation will be used for an amateur boxing tournament June 3 at San Francisco. The new ring has an 18foot diameter and is held together by six posts, instead of the four-post ring recently used for a wrestling match.

## Help Wanted -AND GIVEN

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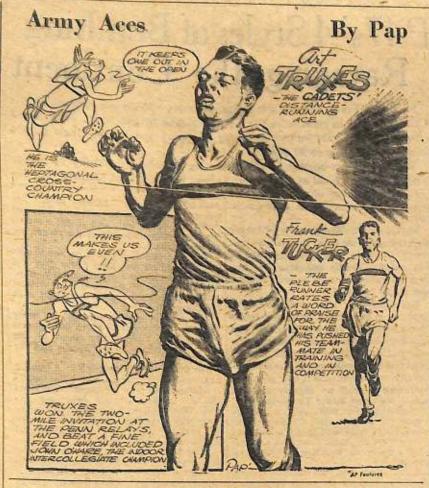
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## Roughness in Big Ten Contests Decried by Basketball Coaches

CHICAGO, May 28-Big Ten grid-iron mentors reached a "gentlemen's agreement" to abolish out-of-bounds kickoffs and basketball coaches agreed to make their game "a little more gentlemanly" next season as the annual Western Conference spring meeting got under way.

One Big Ten basketball official accused several coaches of teaching their cagers illegal body blocking which makes the game too rough and endangers

the players. It was reported that some schools would not agree to play Purdue because the Boilermakers take their nick-

name too literally on the court. 'Basketball as now played in the Big Ten is nothing more than semi-football," a coach who preferred to remain anonymous declared. "Teaching of body blocks has been going on so long, players who later become coaches are teaching it to their prep school pupils."

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Illinois particularly charged that Piggy Lambert taught rough tactics at Purdue. Although Lambert vigorously denied the allegatios, Illiois refused to schedulle the Boilermakers on the hardcourt this fall.

The meetings were conducted without delegates from Chicago, the Maroons having decided to cease being the Big Ten athletic doormat—at least for the dura-

## Clowns Tackle Fliers Saturday

For the third straight year two teams of American servicemen will play a benefit baseball game at Wembley Sta-dium when the Ninth AF All-Stars meet the CBS Clowns Saturday. Program starts at 2 PM.

The Clowns, winners of 46 out of 50 games in the ETO since being formed in 1942, will be led by 1/Lt. Chuck Eisenmann, of Superior, Wis., one-time San Diego Millman. Pfc Bill Isreal, of Arlington, Ill., property of the Washington Senators, is slated to hurl for the Air Force nine. Air Force nine.

Others in the Clowns' lineup will in-clude Pvt. Fred Monje, shortstop, for-merly with Los Angeles, and Sgt. Bob Korisher, of Scranton, Pa., ex-second Bob Korisher, of Scranton, Pa., ex-second baseman of Scranton in the Eastern circuit. Sgt. Stan Dahlstrom, who had a tryout with the Chicago White Sox, and S/Sgt. George Keith, of Houston, Tex., who played in the Southern Association, will be at first and behind the bat, respectively, for the Air Force.

A five-inning softball exhibition between the CBS Solons and a Canadian team will precede the baseball attraction. The U.S. Army band also will be on deck.

Ott Denies Allen, Has Signed NEW YORK, May 28—Mel Ott, manager of the New York Giants, has denied reports that he has signed Pitcher Johnny Allen. Ott said he has not heard from Allen since the season started.

### SoftballMoundsmen Run Neck and Neck For Shutout Honors

A SPECIAL SERVICE HQ, May 28-

A SPECIAL SERVICE HQ, May 28—Without detracting from the brilliant pitching record of T/Sgt. Chet Wnek, no-hit artist from the — Signal unit, this outfit claims to have the outstanding softball twirler in the ETO.

The speedball king is T/Sgt. George Sutphen, who formerly hurled for the formidable Eastman Kodak team which invariably cut a fancy figure in the National tourney. During his 15-year softball career, Sutphen has registered 38 no-hit victories, including two games in which the opposition failed to get a man on base. man on base.

That was as a civilian, but his GI record is just as stellar. In the States he chucked 22 games and allowed only

he chucked 22 games and allowed only four runs to be scored during that span, winning every game. In the ETO Sutphen has toiled in six tilts and won five, yielding a mere two runs, 12 hits, seven walks and 91 batters have been struck out.

The only time he didn't win was when his club battled Wnek to a 14-inning scoreless deadlock, ended by darkness. Each moundsman was touched for one hit over the distance. Sutphen walked two and Wnek issued six passes, Sutphen fanning 31 of the enemy while Wnek erased 25 via the strike-out route.

Sutphen is currently busy sharpening up his control and assortment of curves in anticipation of a return game with

in anticipation of a return game with Wnek and his cohorts.

#### Ex-Fordham Center Isola Chosen as Aide to Kopf

BOSTON, May 28—John Dell Isola, Dartmouth line coach for the past three seasons, has been named assistant coach seasons, has been manded assistant coach of the Boston Yankees of the National Football League, Herb Kopf announced. Dell Isola, a brilliant center at Fordham, joined the New York Giants in 1934 and played seven full seasons before stepping into the coaching realm.

#### Minors Extend Deadline

DURHAM, N.C., May 28—Judge William G. Bramham, czar of the minors, announced that leagues under his juris-diction will follow the example set by the major leagues allowing clubs until June 15 to cut their squads and permitting a player on the voluntary retired list to return after 30 days instead of 60.

## Joe Baksi Whips Savold In 12 Rounds at Garden

#### Nova Claims 'Title,' Challenges Joe Baksi

GALVESTON, Tex., May 28-Lou Nova, California heavyweight, today claimed the "duration" crown and immediately challenged Joe Baksi, who thumped Lee Savold at New York Friday night. The last claimant was Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland Negro recently inducted.

Nova based his claim on the contention that he's the outstanding civilian mauler. Frank Pacasei, his manager, offered to post a \$2,500 forfeit with the New York Boxing commission to guarantee that Nova will defend "his title" against all

## Twilight Tear First in Oaks

#### Belmont Loses \$14,000 As Show Pool Tops Win Pool

NEW YORK, May 28—Warren Wright's Twilight Tear, with Jockey Conn McCreary in the saddle, scored her seventh straight victory by racing under the wire ahead of five other three-year-old fillies in the American Coaching Club's Oaks Stakes at Belmont Park vesterday. vesterday

yesterday.

Established as prohibitive 1-10 betting choice by 34,000 fans, the bay daughter of Bull Reigh broke away from the barrier with a burst of speed and responded to McCreary's confident handling to outfoot Mrs. Dodge Sloan's Dare Me by five lengths. Plucky Maud, of the Lazy F Ranch, was third.

Unusual wagering resulted from the top-heavy play on Twilight Tear and the show pool was larger than the win pool. Since the law requires a minimum payoff of five cents on the dollar, the track lost \$14,000 on the race.

Twilight Tear paid \$2.20, \$2.30 and \$2.10.

#### Charlie Hare Downs Quinn In Net Exhibition, 6-2, 6-3

AN USSTAF ASC DEPOT, May 28—Sgt. Charlie Hare, former British tennis champion, triumphed over Pfc Hank Quinn, a top-flight U.S. professional, 6—2, 6—3, and 1/Lt. Frankie Shields, ranking U.S. netter for several years, broke even in two sets with Sq. Ldr. Dan Maskell, ex-coach of British Davis Cup squads, in an exhibition show here yesterday.

Shields won the opening set, 7—5, but Maskell squared accounts by taking the final, 6—4. In a doubles match, Maskell and Hare romped over Shields and Cpl. Bill Anderson, former California doubles champion, 6—2, 6—1. AN USSTAF ASC DEPOT, May 28-

International League

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American Association Friday's Games Toledo 6. St. Paul 3 Minicapolis 18. Columbus 6 Karasa City 4, Indianapolis 2 Milwankee 7, Loniville 3 Saturday's Games Milwankee 10, Indianapolis 7

#### Pennsylvanian Reverses Former Setback in **Heavy Contest**

NEW YORK, May 28—Joe Baksi, heavyweight from the Pennsylvania coalmines, left-hooked his way to an easy victory over Lee Savold in a 12-round bout at Madison Square G a r d e n Friday night to avenge a defeat by Savold last March.

More than 11,000 customers saw Baksi hand Savold Baksi hand Savold
the worst beating
of his career as he
earned a unanimous
decision. R i n gsiders gave Savold
only three rounds
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only three rounds and those by close margins, adding another victim to the Garden favorites' jinx since Lee was 8—5 to come out on top.

The previous meeting had been ten rounds, and Savold was supposed to favor the longer distance. It was a different Baksi, however, and his sharp left hooks to the head and body had Savold covering up most of the time. He staggered Savold several times with smashing punches to the head, and almost flattened him in the fifth stanza.

Savold rallied mildly in the sixth and eighth to pound Baksi in the body, but thereafter the Kulpmont miner was master of the situation, particularly in the eighth when Savold reeled around the ring after a punishing exchange.

Freddy Schott, Akron, Ohio, heavyweight, racked up his 21st consecutive scalp by outpointing Walter Hafer, of Dayton, Ohio, in the six-round semi-final tiff.

#### Armstrong Signs To Box Davis

NEW YORK, May 28—Henry Armstrong, former holder of three world titles, has signed to meet Al "Bummy" Davis, of Brooklyn, in a ten-rounder at Madison Square Garden June 9, Mike

Jacobs announced yesterday.

At the same time, the boxing czar said
Juan Zurita, NBA lightweight champion,
will meet Willie Pep, feather ruler recently released from the Navy, in a 15round non-title affair at the Garden June

16.
The Armstrong-Davis tiff ran into a snag, however, when Commissioner John J. Phelan ordered Garden officials to cease the ticket sale and publicity releases, pointing out that the bout hadn't been sanctioned. Armstrong looked bad in losing to Ray Robinson last August, the last time he appeared in the Garden, and Davis was only recently reinstated after being barred "for life" in 1940.

#### Munger Accepted by Army

ST. LOUIS, May 28-George Munger, Cardinal right-hander with a record of four and one, has been accepted for military service at Jefferson Barracks, but he will remain with the Redbirds until

#### Minor League Results

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#### Bataan Calling

N April 9, 1942, American soldiers raised the white flag of surrender on Bataan. American soldiers wrote that black chapter in our history with their blood.

General MacArthur, under orders, left Corregidor, which fell soon after, and went to Australia. That's where the road back to Bataan began.

Step by step, island by island, our Allied armies and navies have fought their way back, through roaring surf breaking on coral reefs under a thundering umbrella of covering naval fire, through recking jungles with the ominous green silence broken only by the eeric call of strange birds and the sibilant crack of a Jap sniper's bullet.

Now we stand on Biak Island, one-time Japanese base in the Schouten Islands group, just 900 miles from the Philippines That 900 miles is a long way as we measure distances on Euro-ment bettle fearls.

pean battle fronts.

But down there in the Pacific, with its vast stretches, 900 miles is nearby. Airmen will know what it means to get bomber bases that close. A comparatively small load of bombs concentrated on one wital Jananese position often means. on one vital Japanese position often means

the way is cleared for a landing.

When MacArthur reached Australia, his face lined with fatigue but his voice steady, he promised to return to the Philippines and swore "to keep the

soldiers' faith."
And after the Biak landings he confidently declared: "We now have secured bases of departure for advances to vital areas in the Philippines and the Dutch

The men of Bataan are waiting.

#### Civil Affairs

ESTINED for a supreme test in coming operations is SHAEF's new division, G-5-Civil Affairs, Its recently announced formation focuses attention on its character.

Combat officers long have recognized the necessity and importance of controlling the life and activities of civilians behind the lines. War today is total war not just combat between two ranks of fighting men, and our enemy has been clever in using disrupted civil organizain attempting to impede our

Under Lt. Gen. A. E. Grasett, a Canadian-born British officer, with his American deputy, Brig. Gen. J. C. Holmes, and his American chief of operations, Brig. Gen. F. J. McSherry, Civil Affairs will assist the governments of liberated nations to programize givil functions in the wake to reorganize civil functions in the wake of Allied armies in the field, thus aiding in actual tactical operations. In Ger-many Civil Affairs will establish military government over those areas of the Reich which are the responsibility of the

supreme commander. This new organization is outstanding for two features: all of its personnel were hand-picked for posts requiring the highest degree of technical skill, and it is truly an Anglo-American outfit with American and British officers and men in approximately equal numbers working side by

side on the same job.
As every GI knows, many a blacksmith has been made mess sergeant. But in Civil Affairs it must be done differently. Not just anybody could rebuild a a city of hundreds of thousands of people nor revitalize a police force and fire de-partment wrecked by a retreating enemy. ivil Affairs officers must know their jobs, and they do.

It is easy enough, too, to learn the difference between British and American commands "right wheel" and "column right," but it is something else again for British and American officers and soldiers to learn everything in both armies from how to get an issue of C rations or bully beef to methods of command and general

And now, after months of back-breaking and brain-wracking training, Civil Affairs stands ready to take the field in the greatest and most difficult operation ever envisaged by man.

#### Cow Cow Boogie

10LONIAL Products Research Council in a white paper reports that preliminary results of laboratory research indicate the possibility that timber can be changed into a carbohydrate substance and fed to cattle.

That reminds us of another experiment made with mules. It seems that sawdust was mixed with the mules' food in small quantities. Each day a larger quantity of sawdust was put in the food. The experiment progressed beautifully until the mules were gating 90 per cent sawdust. mules were eating 90 per cent sawdust. The whole thing would have been a success—100 per cent sawdust—but the

This time, with cows, it probably will be different. When ordering a plant be different. When ordering a plank steak you can have your choice of oak,

elm or spruce.

America at War. A lieutenant who vas lucky enough to get away from the ETO long enough to have a brief stay in New York stopped in at a famous ice cream parlor he used to visit frequently It's quite a place and used to offer at least 45 or 50 varieties. Now the shop bears a sign, "Due to war restrictions we now offer the following 17 flavors only."

The usual small boy asked the usual question of an American soldier llford—"Got any gum, miste mister?" gum,



The Yank searched his pockets—"Sorry, son, I haven't any." "Have a bit of this, then," replied the lad, fishing a dozen packs of gum from his pockets.

A Pfc who looked like a real-life version of the Sad Sack left a pub the other night and went wandering off into the darkness, muttering, "That's life for you. You have to take the bad with the good-the bitter with the mild."

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A chaplain came to town with some of his fellow officers and they decided to take in a show. Approaching the ticket booth, a lieutenant said, "Let's match to see who buys the tickets." The officers reached for a coin and turned expectantly to the chaplain. He was quite equal to the occasion, Producing a sixpence, he commented with a wry smile, "I won't match," gentlemen—but I'll gladly com-

Today's Old Gag. A young girl often turned up late for work at a German factory. The Black Guard chief scolded



her and asked her why she was tardy. She said that she just couldn't wake up in the morning without a cup of coffee. As punishment she was made to come to work early and write a hundred times, "I can do without coffee, Heil Hitler!"
One day she was so sleepy she slipped up and wrote, "I can do without Hitler.
Heil coffee!"

Strictly GI (with apologies to T/5 Euclid): A jeep is the shortest distance between two points.

## Hash Marks P47s' 4 Styles of Bombing Ravaging the Continent

Ninth Air Force Thunderbolt fighter-bombers-which are ransacking the Continent daily in great force for German railroads, gun posts, bridges and other objectives-are bouncing, sliding, dropping and hurling their bombs in at every angle up to 90 degrees.

The four fighter-bombing techniques were described yesterday by a flier who is an expert in all of them-Col. Gilbert E. Meyers, of Milford, Ia., 27year-old commander of a Thunderbolt

enemy action

Meyers said his favorite way of letting his explosives ride into the target was 'buzz" bombing, which he described as "an accurate, deadly technique that can certainly raise hell with railway bridges and similar targets."

Buzz-bombing, also called strafebombing, is point-blank firing at a target from a point level with it or below it. The buzz-bombing plane comes in along a river bed or valley at a terrific rate of speed and flips bombs into the target horizontally. A delayed-action fuse gives the

zontally. A delayed-action fuse gives the pilot time to pull up sharply and get clear of the target before it explodes.

"Some people may call it strafe-bombing," Meyers said, "but to our young pilots, who used to get a kick out of buzzing their home towns back in the States, it's buzz bombing. And they love it."

When they are not buzz-bombing, Thunderbolt pilots are either skip, glide or dive-bombing.

In skip-bombing they bounce the

In skip-bombing they bounce the bombs into the target as if they were skipping a flat rock across a lake. This technique takes an instinctive sense of the bounce-angle and is best for tunnels or canal locks.

Dive-bombers get over their targets at high altitudes and scream down at a 60 o 90 degree angle at tremendous speeds release their bombs into the target.

path of your plane," Meyers said. "At our speed we have to pull out between 3,000 and 4,000 feet, and if the nose of the plane points straight at the target, we get good hits."

Thunderbolts diving in a perpendicular transcender of fast they never give the group which has never lost a plane to

line descend so fast they never give the enemy a chance to aim his ack-ack guns. The trajectory of the bomb is vertical and it rips into the top of the target with

"In the gide, we approach at a smaller angle and pull out usually at 3,000 feet." Although all four of these techniques are new to British-based American aircraft, more German targets are being dive, glide, buzz and skip-bombed every day than all other types of medium and bigh lead bombing combined.

high-level bombing combined.

"The skies over the continent on clear days resemble Grand Central Station in Christmas week—we'll soon need traffic cops to handle the endless flow of attack-ing aircraft to and from Europe," Meyers

said.

Before coming to the ETO Meyers commanded a First Air Force base and helped train eight fighter groups, six of which are in operation in Britain today.

Although his own group has been operational only slightly more than 60 days Meyers has recently received the

Distinguished Flying Cross and Medal with two oak leaf clusters. Dive-bombing is as accurate as the has flown more than 35 combat missions.

The dive in glide-bombing is more shallow. Slanting in at 20 to 60 degrees, Meyers said, "affects the speed of the plane, the accuracy of the bombs and the

In the glide, we approach at a smaller

## Traveling School Teaches 9th AF How to Spot Mines, Booby-Traps

#### By Benjamin Pollock

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

A NINTH SERVICE COMMAND DEPOT, May 28-Curiosity may kill a lot of cats, but it will have a hard time killing any of the GIs at this depot, thanks to a mobile mines and boobytraps school which recently stopped here and put the men through a concentrated introduction to the lethal jokes of modern

warfare—mines and booby traps.
With movies, lectures, diagrams, samples and demonstrations, the instructors hammered home their gospel of caution against the dangers behind a harmless-appearing book, an interesting "pin-up girl" . . . or even the other end

"pin-up girl ... of classification of a toilet chain.

Directed by 2/Lt. A. R. Vanston, of Smyrna, Ga., the school is one of two such gypsy training units currently tourness. Nigh Air Force installations. They ing Ninth Air Force installations. They spend two or three days at each post, providing selected groups of base personnel with a short but extensive educa-tion in the location of mined and boobytrapped areas and neutralization of the

mechanisms with a minimum of risk.

In demonstrations at this post, build-

ings shook and clods of dirt sailed up into the sky . . . but no one was hurt. The field lectures were punctuated with the bursting of high explosives ranging from the pinhead charge of a percussion cap to half-pound blocks of TNT, but the charges were too small to be of thy harm when set off near personnel. If of substantial size, they were exploded a safe distance away.

"Teaching this course is a pleasure," Vanston said. "It helps us a lot when the men show their interest by asking questions and, so far, the classes never seem to get enough of the subject. There are always a number who stay behind after each lesson to ask more questions and learn more about it."

Traveling in a command car and a 2½-ton truck, the troupe's equipment is more like that of a road show than an

Army training unit. It boasts an actual stage setting of a corner of a house, complete with door, doorstep, windows and furniture. The feminine touch isn't lacking either. Suspended from its walls, in lush gold frames, are two samples of "pin-up girl" photography that would make any barracks-

wall decoration seem prudish.
Following the showmanship pattern, the demonstrations require the technique

and planning of an elaborate circus stunt. While the students spend the morning in a classroom where they are introduced to the subject, other members of the unit are busy setting the stage for field exhibitions in the afternoon.

Booby traps in the form of harmless

percussion caps are hidden all through the command car and truck, the stage prop house and its furniture.

Criss-crossed in the earth before the house, trip-wires are set to explode percussion caps or half-pound charges of TNT planted a safe distance from the area. In a roped-off space, a simulated minefield is sown with empty German and Allied mine cases with hemples expended. Allied mine cases with harmless exploding devices attached.

When the students arrive they are set loose to inspect the unit's vehicles for any dynamite release mechanisms that might have been installed that morning
... and usually there are plenty. Before
the hunt is over at least six are either
exploded or removed intact from hidden
cranning of the webides. crannies of the vehicles.

Instructions in the methods used to booby-trap a house are handled by Sgt. Harold Scott, of Fremont, Mich.

Leading the students to the pasteboard "bungalow," he demonstrates how the shocking power of "pin-up" pictures can be considerably increased with the aid of a charge of dynamite. a charge of dynamite.

The blast of a charge of TNT accents Scott's words of caution as the class leaves his demonstration. It is set off Scott's words of caution as the class leaves his demonstration. It is set off by the first student to kick the trip-wire lying across the path, as they walk to another part of the field for the next lesson, a demonstration of mine detection and neutralization under the direction of Pfc Eugene Roderer, of Dayton, Ohio, "Mines themselves may be booby-trapped," Roderer warned, "Don't lift a mine or move it in any way as soon as its primer is removed. Inspect it carefully for any detonating mechanisms or wires,"

As an epilogue to the day's instruction, Vanston sums up with the gist of the school's message: "Don't guess...don't take chances. Don't become a casualty through your own carelessness!"

#### -This Is-The Army

THREE armies—Polish, Free French and United States—have claimed the services of Private Steve T. Surman, 25, of Chicago, now serving as a butcher in a large replacement center in England.

Pyt. Surman, while visiting his father in Poland in 1939, joined the Polish army and served as an artilleryman in cam-paigns through Rumania, Hungary, Norpages through Runnana, Tagary, way and France. A transfer in 1941 placed him in the tank corps, fighting with the Free French. Before joining the U.S. forces in England he had rejoined the Polish army.

APO came through with another victory when it delivered Lt. Adam Schlanser a V-mail carrying no address, only his name.

his name.

What irritated the lieutenant was the fact that his sister, who wrote the letter, formerly was a post office employe.

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If happened while Gen. Eisenhower, Lt.-Gens. Carl Spaatz and Jimmy Doolittle, and Maj.-Gen. Hugh J. Knerr were inspecting Air Service Command's largest depot.

largest depot.

As the high-rankers were strolling through a hangar, Cpl. Louis J. Cocchi, engine mechanic, of Springfield, Mass., stepped up to Gen. Eisenhower, saluted, and said: "May I shake your hand,

Smiling broadly, the general returned the salute and gave the corporal a hearty handshake.

As the brass hats moved away, Cocchi was surrounded by fellow mechanics, all trying to be the first to shake the hand of the man who shook the hand of Gen. Eisenhower.

A week later Cocchi broke down and washed his right hand.

Capt. Edward Kotab, of Nebraska City, Neb., has been converting dis-carded automobile tools into dentistry instruments to offset a shortage of dental equipment at his clinic.

Screwdriver handles and shanks were transformed by Kotab into elevators for extracting teeth and converted bridge spikes into spatulas for waxing false

ANGLO-AMERICAN relations jumped a notch recently when Florifruit, a British florist association, contributed 120 carnations to 120 homesick GIs, to be worn on Mother's Day.

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GIs stationed at an SOS depot in England should be in coord by

land should be in good shape to take over the occupation of post-war Germany after they finish lessons in elementary German given by Cpl. Heinz Schwarze, of West Reading, Pa.

Schwarze came to the U.S. from Ger-many in 1929.

#### -Notes from the-Air Force

TOGETHER on 18 missions in the South Pacific, a pilot and a tail gunner have completed their 25th together in a B26 here in England.

Maj. Franklin S. Allen Jr., of Los Angeles, and S/Sgt. Charles E. Jordan, of Belton, S.C., went to New Guinea and fought together; they returned to the States together and came to England at the same time.

Allen heard that Jordan was in the

same outfit with him and got the gunner back in his crew again. Jordan was credited with a Jap Zero over New

T/Sgt. John L. Clute, of Glens Falls, N.Y., is one of the few men who has taken off in a P47 once without ever landing in one.

The maintenance chief was working on a P47 one day when Capt. Donald B. Clayton offered to give him a ride. Clute accepted and the two took off. Shortly after the take-off one wheel of the P47 dropped off.
"We flew around a while," Clute

said, "but finally the captain said to me, 'I'm afraid, John, that you'll have to jump. You're apt to be seriously hurt where you are.'

Clute landed safely and Clayton landed the P47 belly down. Neither was ADD "professional men" in the ETO:
Pfc Albert M. Alexinis, of Brooklyn,
a former professional wrestler, now a
mechanic at an aircraft repair and

modification depot.

Alexinis once took on a 450-pound Canadian bear in a special bout. The bear won.

Add good luck charms: 2/Lt. Frank Add good luck charms; 2/Lt. Frank Dorman, Liberator navigator from St. Petersburg, Fla., wears a nurse's cap on missions—until he hits Germany; then the luck charm comes off and the flak helmet goes on. . . . Capt. John Richey, of Stubenville, O., Fortress pilot, could get only two left flying boots for his first mission. He wore that same pair on the next 24.

Details of two new models of the A20-light bomber being used by the Ninth Air Force were revealed over the week-end by Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, Niath Air Force commander. One model is fitted with a plexi-glass nose and a bomb sight; the other, the attack version of the A20, has a solid nose equipped with six forward-firing machine-guns.

The transparent-nosed planes have been leading the light bombers to targets along the French coast. Flying at medium altitude, the A20s, without bombsights, have been dropping their one-ton bombload in co-ordination with the lead ships.



But of course there are a few places a Marine sentry has to stop at in between.

## NEWS FROM HOME Officer to Hang

## ForKillingFour On West Coast

#### ArmyLieutenant Who Shot Sweetheart Convicted by Court-Martial

CAMP ANZA, Cal., May 28-Lt. Beaufort G. Swancutt, of La Crosse, Wis., Friday was sentenced to death by hanging after an army court-martial had found him guilty of murdering four persons, including his sweetheart, during a shooting affray last Mar. 5.

Swancult offered no denials of the killings. The officer insisted that he had no motive or intent to kill anyone and that on the afternoon of the incidents he suffered a mental blackout from which he did not recover for several days.

Beside his sweetheart, Dorothy Douglas, 19, Swancutt shot Lourdine Livermore, also 19, at the Officers' Clubhere, and later killed Capt. Aubrey G. Serfling, his commanding officer, and Arthur Simpson, a Riverside policeman, before being agreeted. before being arrested.

#### Clean-up Drive in L.A.

LOS ANGELES, May 28—Mayor Fletcher Bowron has ordered a cleanup of the little Tokyo section in downtown Los Angeles. Thousands of families who have flocked to Southern California to work in war plants have been told to vacate or fix up their homes. The building housed 30,000 Japs before the

#### Reunion After 38 Years

SPOKANE, Wash., May 28 — A father and son, each of whom believed the other had perished in the San Francisco earthquake, were reunited here after a 38-year separation. They are William H. Merrick, 83, and Ross Dennis Merrick, a Merchant Marine deck officer.

#### \$65,000,000 for Rocket Guns

WASHINGTON, May 28—President Roosevelt signed into law yesterday legislation authorizing a \$65,000,000 appropriation for tools, equipment and facilities to manufacture rocket guns. projectiles and other confidential equip-ment for the Navy.

#### Binnie Calls Off Divorce

LOS ANGELES, May 28—Actress Binnie Barnes has decided not to divorce her husband, Capt. Mike Frankovich, the former UCLA football star. Everything has been straightened out, she said

#### DSM for Knudsen

WASHINGTON, May 28-Lt. Gen. William S. Knudsen, director of produc-tion for the under-secretary of war, has been awarded the Distinguished Service

#### FDR Gets Physical Checkup

WASHINGTON, May 28 (Reuter)— President Roosevelt visited the Navy Medical Center at Bethesda, Md., Friday

#### Kennedy Warns Against Hogging Cargo Shipping

BOSTON, May 28-American must not be so insistent on having the world's largest merchant fleet after the war as to deprive nations such as Britain and Norway—for whom merchant shipping "is a matter of day-to-day survival"—of an opportunity to make a living, Joseph P. Kennedy, former ambassador to London, told an audience here.

"After the Army and Navy have taken what ships they want." the former Maritime Commission chairman said, "and after we have decided what vessels are required for our mercantile marine, I think we should then negotiate for the transfer of tonnage to foreign countries taking into consideration, of course, just what effect the use of these ships by foreign nations will have on our own mercantile marine.

#### Wide-Awake Pfc Has A Dream Encounter

It seemed like the beginning of a bad dream to Pfc Harold E. Dickman, of Milwaukee, member of a QM silvage company, when he and his heavy truck, bowling along an ETO highway, were motioned to a halt by the driver of a two-star sedan. But Maj. Gen. L. T. Gerow, commanding U.S. field forces in England, got out of the sedan and told Pfc Dickman:

"This is the best truck I have seen on the roads in England."

A few days later-convincing both Dickman and his buddies that the incident had been more than a good dream—the pfc's commanding officer, Capt. A. C. Niebels, of Greene, R.I., read to the company a letter from the general's aide commending Dickman on "the fine appearance of his

truck," and calling him "the sort of

Got Any Gum, Yank?



Girl employes of Montgomery Ward Company's plant in Chicago get a thrill from the presence of a grim-faced sentry in one of the corridors of the plant as they wend their way to lunch. Photo was taken while the plant was being operated by the U.S. Government.

## To Jobless Night-Club Artists, Somervell Suggests War Work

CHICAGO, May 28—Lt. Gen. Brehon omervell, chief of the Army Service orces, can't see why anyone should shed tear for the 15,000 entertainers who Somervell, chief of the Army Service Forces, can't see why anyone should shed a tear for the 15,000 entertainers who have lost their jobs since the 30 per cent

night-club tax went into effect.

"There's plenty of work for them in our plants, or on the railroads, or on the steamships," the general told a group of Chicago business executives. "Let's put

He disclosed that American war industries had turned out 90,000 pieces of medium and heavy artillery and that last year 20,000 75-mm. tanks were shipped

Chicago business executives. "Let's put them to work at something useful."

Somervell said that manpower still was sent over in this war, the general added. Eight times the material which went to

#### Gave Life to Save Platoon; Naval Air Portfolio Slated Wins Congressional Medal For Fitch, Forrestal Says

WASHINGTON, May 28-Posthumous award of the Congressional Medal of Honor to 2/Lt. Robert Craig, of Toledo, Ohio, who "sacrificed himself so that his platoon might . . . withdraw while he drew the enemy fire" in Sicily ast July was announced by the War Department.

The citation said Craig, who was 24, killed three enemy soldiers in a machinegun nest and then charged a group of 100, killing five of them before he fell.

WASHINGTON, May 28—Vice Adm. Aubrey W. Fitch, former Southwest Pacific air commander, "in due time" will succeed Vice Adm. John S. McCain as deputy chief of naval operations for air, Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal appropried announced.

#### Prom Off-No Men

BURLINGTON, Vt., May 28-The Senior-Alumni Prom at the University of Vermont was called off last night. Reason: "Manpower shortage."

#### Army Veteran Suing To Get Back Old Job

NEWARK, N.J., May 28-In an action believed to be the first of its kind, a discharged soldier has filed suit to force his former employer to re-employ him in his pre-war job.

The veteran, Joseph Grasso, 26, is suing A. J. Crowhurst and Sons, demanding that the firm restore him to his former position of fur cutter at a weekly salary of \$51.20.

He had been employed by the company eight years prior to his induction into the Army in June, 1943.

#### **Output of Landing Craft** Now Ahead of Schedule

WASHINGTON, May 28-An April increase of 35 per cent in production of landing craft pushed the 80,000-vessel program two per cent ahead of schedule, the War Manpower Commission reported last Monday, attributing much of the rise to a labor recruiting drive by the U.S. Employment Service.

Employment Service.

WMC said deliveries of tank-landing ships moved ahead of schedule for the first time. Of the 15 types of landing craft being built, production was equal to, or ahead of, schedule in all but two and these were only slightly behind.

## **Assails Critics** Of Liberty Ship

#### Land Calls It Pack Horse Of Sea; Cites Breaking Of Riveted Vessels

NEW YORK, May 28—Critics of the Liberty ship have been given a tongue-lashing by Rear Adm. Emory S. Land, Maritime Commission chairman.

"The Liberty ship is the pack horse of the sea and nothing is gained by attempting to put a blot on its escutcheon," he said in a speech at New York University.

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Taking notice of criticism that Liberty ships have broken in two at sea, he

"The outstanding fact is that while six (welded) Liberty ships have broken in two, during the same period seven riveted ships have suffered like fractures."

"No one need offer apologies" for the Liberty ship, Land said, adding that though it was designed to serve only as a cargo carrier it has been converted into nine different types of auxiliaries for war use

#### Carrie Chapman Catt III

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y., May 28— Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, 85-year-old women's rights champion, is seriously ill following a heart attack.



"I sometimes feel you married me just to shine your buttons!"

#### Diane









By Jean Baird

Male Call







AND WE GET 'EM FED!



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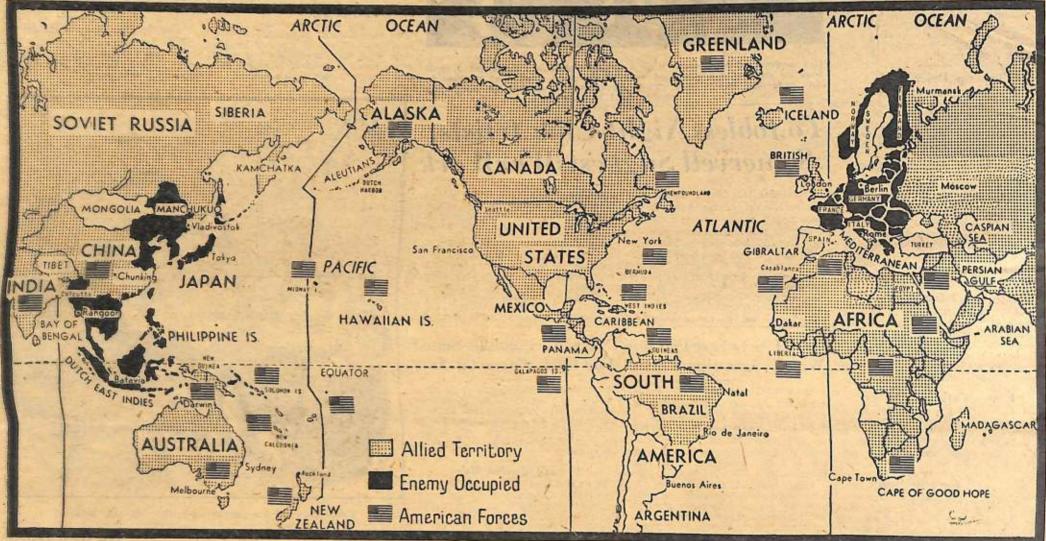






## Our Forces Take Up Battle Stations Around the World

















The Reserve Line—The engineer of one of our American-made reserve locomotives receives the 'Go' signal from Cpl. William D. Matthews, somewhere in England.



7,000 Words—First "picture answer" to last week's "leg quiz"—Mrs. Herb Caen, wife of Lt. Caen of the ETO. She rates 7,000 words (per week—V Mail.)



A Record Hop—Col. Clair Peterson, Fargo, N.D., piloting a P51 Mustang fighter plane, completing his Los Angeles-to-New York hop in record-breaking time of 6:31:30.

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