

Forts Smash Sardinia, British Advance

Biggest U.S. Air Assault Blasts Island

100 Forts Bomb Three Airdromes, Sink Ships In Cagliari Harbor

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Apr. 1—The greatest single force of American Flying Fortresses ever massed smashed vital targets in southern Sardinia yesterday while British and American troops drove forward against Rommel's new temporary front in southern Tunisia.

The Fortresses, nearly 100 of them, escorted by big formations of Lightnings, bombed three airdromes and Cagliari harbor. All returned safely. The raid was made after midday and thousands of bombs were dropped.

In Cagliari Harbor, five merchant ships were directly hit and two burst into flames. One coastal vessel and one smaller craft were also hit and 19 small boats, including schooners and motorboats, were damaged.

Acres Aflame

On the factory district, the water front, the railway freight warehouses, the passenger station, the repair shops and fuel pumping station, high explosives dropped by the raiding planes spread flaming acres of destruction.

At the Decimomannu airdrome 44 of a total of 115 enemy aircraft on the ground were damaged, and at Monserrat airdrome 12 aircraft were destroyed.

One more grounded plane was destroyed at the Villa Cidro airfield. The raid was described here as the greatest of the entire northwest African campaign.

American light bombers also made two attacks on an enemy convoy heading for Tunis. One ship was sunk and several others set on fire. In all the Allies destroyed 24 enemy planes in this area at the cost of 12 of their own.

Axis Fighter Base

It is from the airdromes on southern Sardinia that the Axis can give fighter protection to ground forces operating in northeastern Tunisia, as well as put up a fighter umbrella over the Mediterranean.

From the harbor of Cagliari would come many of the craft which Rommel will need when he stages his final evacuation from Africa.

Hundreds of bombs from the Fortresses rained down on the harbor and the airdromes. Several ships were hit in the harbor and other objectives devastated.

With Lightning escort, the Fortresses did not lose a single plane. The Axis, on the other hand, lost 14 trying to intercept the raiders, and another 50 were damaged, according to Allied headquarters.

The raid followed a night attack on an airdrome in Sardinia Tuesday night.

Report U.S. Soldiers Seen Near Naples Bomb Scene

NEW YORK, Apr. 1—New York newspapers carried unconfirmed reports from Berne, Switzerland, today that soldiers in American and British uniforms had been seen near the munitions depot at Naples, Italy, just before it was blown up last Sunday, killing 72 persons and injuring more than 200.

The Berne stories also carried a revised casualty list which set the number of dead at 400 and the injured at more than 2,000.

Police Close Hard-Hit Raid Areas in Berlin

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 1 (AP)—Eye-witnesses said that entire areas of Berlin were blocked off by the police to keep people out of the hardest-hit sections scattered throughout the capital after the March 27 RAF raid.

Before the guards would grant permission to enter a cordoned-off district, persons had to state their business and prove that they had a real reason for entering.

The witnesses added that inhabitants were stunned by the raids and claimed that they saw women repeatedly fall victim to fits of nerves and break into tears.

First Army Chief Checks Situation



Lt. Gen. Bernard Anderson, commander of the Allied First Army operating in Northern Tunisia, surveys a situation map with his American aide Maj. Clark (right) and an English Brigadier at a front line position.

Invasion Fears Spur Germans To Strengthen Coastal Defense

Evidence that the Germans feared an Allied invasion somewhere in the Mediterranean area mounted yesterday as reports told of desperate enemy efforts to improvise and build up coastal defenses from the Black Sea to France's southern coast.

German reaction to the developments in North Africa, where it appeared only a matter of time before Rommel's Afrika Korps was annihilated, indicated a fear that the Allies would attack at such points as Crete, the Aegean coast, the Greek islands or even Sicily or Yugoslavia. Dispatches from neutral ports said defenses were being rushed in all of those areas.

Italy's fear of becoming one of the landing grounds of the invading Allied forces was indicated by a German radio report that a new law had been passed in Italy, placing the whole population under military law in the case of full or partial mobilization.

As the Tunisian battle swung towards a decision Italy's press and radio began to emphasize its home defenses. One Italian newspaper writer added: "The war in the long run must be decided on the European continent on which an enemy cannot set foot."

The largest group of American Flying Fortresses ever assembled, however, was meanwhile plastering the Axis airfields, communication lines and coast defenses on Sardinia, the large island west of Italy.

The Axis showed nervousness about Allied fleet activity in the Mediterranean yesterday. German-controlled Vichy radio reported increasing naval activity at Gibraltar, saying that a large convoy of ships had departed from "The Rock" under strong escort, which included several small aircraft carriers.

Berlin radio said Tuesday that several Allied troop transports carrying landing boats had arrived at Gibraltar. A number of new-type landing launches, capable of carrying from 300 to 400 men each, also were said to have arrived there.

Axis fears of invasion were supported by the presence of large Allied forces in the Mediterranean theater in addition to those now fighting Rommel. There is Maj. Gen. Mark W. Clark's growing Fifth U.S. Army as well as the Ninth and Tenth British Armies based in Egypt, Iraq and Iran.

Flint Survivor Swam in Sea of Fire

By Arthur W. White
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

2/Lt. Henry W. Benton, U.S. Army, of Monson, Mass., first survivor of the City of Flint to reach either Britain or the U.S., told in London yesterday how he swam to safety through water covered with blazing gasoline after a torpedo had crashed into the ship, and then in a lifeboat dodged screaming shells as the ship's ammunition exploded.

A former Monson school teacher—he left his classroom only four months ago—Lt. Benton escaped injury when the torpedo hit, but lost ten pounds during the three days he was in an open lifeboat.

Picked up by a destroyer, he eventually landed in Ireland.

The City of Flint was the center of international controversy when it was seized and taken to Murmansk in 1939 by the Germans, who claimed that more than 50 per cent. of her cargo was contraband. Shifted to Norway, the vessel was set free by authorities there.

Allies Probing Lines 23 Miles Past Gabes; Americans Push On

Yanks Seize Scout Car With Two Front Ends

WITH U.S. FORCES, Central Tunisia, Apr. 1 (AP)—An eight-wheeled German scout car with two front ends—it has a driver fore and aft and can speed ahead or backward at more than 50 miles an hour—is among the military loot taken by U.S. forces in their latest push.

After being repaired by Ordnance, the heavily armored scout car, along with light German tanks which also were captured, was put through road tests by American soldiers before being put back into use on the battlefield with the American white star painted over the German cross. Ordnance said the scout car was very battleworthy for reconnaissance.

Patrols Engaging Foe; Rommel Is Intact, Stimson Warns

The British Eighth Army, advancing 23 miles north of Gabes, prepared yesterday for the next great blow at Rommel's Afrika Korps as it retreated along the Tunisian coastal road toward Sfax.

While Allied air forces and naval vessels pounded the enemy's withdrawing columns, Eighth Army patrols probed the hastily built Axis defense approximately 12 miles north of Oudref, captured by the British the day before.

Rommel continued to draw in his flank forces from the Guettar front, according to Morocco radio, in an effort to get them safely into the main force before the Eighth Army advances far enough to cut them off. The Americans in this area made further progress, headquarters said, and in the extreme north the Anglo-American First Army moved steadily down the road beyond Sedjenane, capturing large quantities of enemy material.

Meeting Not Confirmed

There was still no confirmation from Allied sources of a report that the British and American forces already had joined hands southeast of El Guettar. Both Berlin and Vichy radio had announced such a junction.

In Washington, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said Rommel apparently still had the bulk of his Tunisian force intact, and that a strong chance remained that he could effect a junction with the Axis forces under von Arnim in the north.

In such an event, Mr. Stimson told a press conference, the enemy in Tunisia could offer strong resistance, and before the final phases of the North African campaign "there will, in all probability, be a good deal of heavy fighting."

Berlin radio warned its listeners last night that further heavy attacks by both the British and American forces must be expected.

"In the sector held by U.S. troops," the radio said, "there are at present concentrated the First, Third and Ninth U.S. infantry divisions, supported by French auxiliaries, to which must be added the British Sixth and the U.S. First armored divisions."

Destroying Sfax Harbor

Axis forces were reported by both Algiers and Morocco radios yesterday to be destroying harbor installations at Sfax, indicating that they had given up the idea of making a stand there. The reports, which pointed out that Rommel did not have time to destroy the Gabes harbor facilities, were unconfirmed in Allied quarters.

There were few details last night on the progress of the Eighth Army beyond Oudref, and there were increasing signs that the British were encountering mounting resistance. Axis broadcasts said counter-attacks were so stiff that Gen. Montgomery had been forced to pause and regroup his forces.

In the north Gen. Anderson's forces had managed to re-establish approximately the positions they held before Von Arnim's short-lived offensive began last month.

Shell craters dotting the landscape—the forests, the hills and the well-spaced orchards and orange groves—told the story of the terrific pounding which Allied artillery gave the enemy positions before the advance into Medjenane.

Piles of abandoned German and (Continued on page 4)

Fredendall May Head Gen. Lear's 2nd Army

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Apr. 1 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Lloyd R. Fredendall, veteran of the Tunisian campaign, appeared to be a certain choice as successor to Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, who is retiring on May 31, as commander of the U.S. Second Army.

No official announcement has yet been made, but Gen. Fredendall reported to Gen. Lear yesterday as deputy commander. Lear has reached retirement age—64.

The troops of the Second Army are dispersed in training camps and military posts throughout the Middle West.

LBC Cage Five Spills Greys for ETOTitle, 52-43

Southern Base Bumps Air Force Quintet for 3rd Place Playoff

By Charles F. Kiley
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A spirited London Base Command team established itself as the Number 1 basketball team among American forces in the ETO by defeating the heavily-favored 4th Division Greys, 52-43, before a crowd of 5,000 last night at Royal Albert Hall, in the final of the ETO tourney sponsored by The Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee.

The aggressive London cagers fell behind at the start and trailed by three points in the first two minutes, but once Don "Red" Ettinger, Little Buddy Hoffman, Dom Restifo and Connie Sabotta got under way the newly-crowned champions went to town. They were never headed after they took the lead in the fifth minute of the opening period. Immediately after the final game individual and team awards were presented by Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee, Commanding General of SOS in the ETO. Plaques were presented to London Base Command, the Greys and Southern Base section, the latter a 48-41 winner over Eighth Air Force Service command in a third place playoff that preceded the title game.

London Base 11, Greys 11 (First Period)

Ettinger opened the scoring in the first 30 seconds with a penalty shot that gave London a 1-0 lead. Hauser put the Greys in front on a goal from underneath, and a moment later added two foul shots to make it 4-1. Buckless took (Continued on page 3)

"I was below in my cabin one night, just preparing to write a letter home, when I heard a sickening crash," Lt. Benton said.

"It was just as if you were standing in a street-car that stopped suddenly.

"Then the 'abandon ship' whistles blew, and I climbed into some warm clothes, put my rubber 'lifeboat suit' on, grabbed my life-preserver and bag, and ran up on deck. I could hardly believe my eyes when I got there.

"Blazing gasoline covered the water all round the ship and flames were pouring from the bow.

"Number four lifeboat, to which I was assigned, had already left, and I watched it going through the flames. Thank God for those metal lifeboats—they didn't catch fire.

"Number three boat was floating away empty, and when I ran over to the starboard side, number one boat, which had been waiting there, was pulling away because of the intense heat.

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The Best Man

Periodically publicity officers have attempted to draw comparisons between the men who are fighting this war and those who preceded us in battle. The soldiers and sailors of this war always seem to have the best of the argument, and we have seen fit to comment about it on several occasions.

The service men of this war, it is said, are taller than the boys who went to France; they are heavier, they are healthier, more intelligent, make better fighters, are better educated and perhaps have prettier uniforms. The latest announcement declares we drink less than the boys who fought in France.

Ex-service men are good sports and seem perfectly willing to concede that the fighting men of today are doing a swell job. They would not detract a single bit from any credit due us. By like token we must concede the veterans of all other struggles one point for the present at least... they won their wars.

We have seen something of ex-service men, the old men in blue and grey, the middle-aged men of 1898, the veterans of St. Mihiel and the Argonne. Our observations warrant the statement that no group will ever surpass veterans of previous American wars in courage or fighting heart. So when telling the world how good we are this time, we suggest we wait until after winning the Battle of the Second Front. Then we'll have a real yardstick by which to be measured.

America is a great country with a glorious past and a brilliant future. It is up to us to see that its future is guaranteed. Then we will be able to meet with American veterans on a basis of equality, as we join the ranks of "proven soldiers."

Commendable Initiative

American soldiers temporarily hospitalized in Britain aren't letting their misfortune keep them from being useful, for they are entering enthusiastically into a program that includes cabinet making, basket work, jewelry designing, metal and leather work, drawing and other useful activities.

Housed in a roomy Nissen hut near one hospital, soldier patients work under the direction of Maj. Paul Sheldon on activities that fill a recreational and occupational therapeutic need.

The workshop itself is not elaborately equipped or expensively maintained. Besides some simple carpentry tools and sturdy home-made benches there is a jumble of scrap lumber and empty crates in one corner, a collection of empty brass shell cases in another and some cigar boxes filled with salvaged nails on the benches. Supplies of leather, varnish, paint and other necessities are purchased out of American Red Cross funds and hospital Post Exchange profits. But real knack and ingenuity finds an outlet in the constructive opportunities offered by the program and soldier instructors develop spontaneously to fill the need for instructors.

The project has proved so successful that it is moving beyond the confines of the work hut into quarantined wards and wards of bed-ridden patients. An illustration is furnished by the case of a Purple Heart winner, T/Sgt. L. G. Martin, Los Angeles, who suffered a triple fracture of the spine when his Flying Fortress, shattered by enemy fire on a raid over France, cracked up while limping home. Martin has been provided by woodworkers with a frame that clamps to the head of his bed and supports a rack on which he is able to read, write and work. He has in turn braided belts, a buckskin wallet and other beautiful novelties.

The entire program is intelligent initiative in action. It has grown, "like Topsy," to fill a definite need. Patients are given instruction and an opportunity "to build" during those long days that...

Hush Marks

Progress: In Edenton, N.C., town officials found sidewalks crowded with ex-autoists. To cope with the confusion they divided the walks into lanes: one for shoppers, one for stationary loungers.

The Axis has an alibi for everything. This time the Italians are blaming the FRENCH, of all people, for the fall of



the Mareth Line. According to Mussolini's henchmen, the French "built it wrong."

Back on civvie street S. Howard Cohan was a New York dentist; Mr. Stewart worked for the N.Y. branch of the English firm of Lord and Stewart. Stewart tailored Cohan's clothes; Cohan handled Stewart's dental work. A few days ago, Cohan, now a major in the Medical Corps, attended a dentists' convention in London and decided to drop in at the London branch of Lord and Stewart. In the blackout he lost his way. Asking directions of the first civilian he met, he heard a familiar voice in the darkness. "Mr. Stewart?" he queried. "Yes," came the reply—then a hasty shout of recognition. "And you're my old friend Dr. Cohan." And Anglo-American relations were further cemented as a warm Cohan-Stewart reunion took place deep in the heart of London.

One of the classy basketball teams in the ETO tourney was a team from an AG section. They played a snappy brand of



basketball, but there was an unusual amount of delay when they went to make substitutions. Investigation showed that—true to the technical traditions of their branch—the subs were running on to the floor with "travel orders" in their hand, reading, "Pfc John Dogface is hereby ordered to proceed from his present station (the bench) to the center of the court at Royal Albert Hall to replace Cpl. Joe Spamm at center on the AG basketball team. Upon arrival at this station, Pfc Dogface will report to the commanding referee for assignment. In lieu of quarters, rations and so forth the Army will provide and so forth and so forth..."

J. C. W.



A Guiding Light

Though the lights on the streets have vanished
Though our Boys have wandered far.
Let this little light keep burning,
For no matter where they are
They'll always think of Mother,
And 'twill lead them safely home
By land, by air or ocean
From Tokio, Berlin, Rome.

Pfc Meredith Gilman

Me and Myself

Some people can't bear to be by themselves
They must have action and sound;
Left to their own devices,
They aimlessly flounder around;
Some folks don't seem to have what it takes
To spend an hour alone,
And thus they never really find out
What inner resources they own.

Now, as much as I like people
And enjoy their company,
There's a part of each day I must wander away,
Just to talk things over with me;
Try it sometime and you'll be surprised
As how little yourself you'll have.



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos by Bacon

Bad Booze, Frowzy Dames Spell Woe For GIs

By Charles F. Kiley
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The Provost Marshal says the small percentage of soldiers on leave who get into trouble in London usually do it in one or more of six ways.

- 1. Drunkenness.
2. Associating with females of questionable character.
3. Failing to observe rules of proper uniform.
4. Becoming involved in arguments with civilians or soldiers of other nations.



There's no future—except the guard-house—in deliberately ignoring the laws of military courtesy.

- 5. Flashing too much money, particularly in pubs.
6. Failure of officers to check-in with proper authorities when they arrive on leave.

Of course, these aren't the only ways a soldier gets into a jam, but they constitute the sources of most trouble.

The Provost Marshal, Lt. Col. Marvin Charlton—no copper at heart but a cow-puncher and oil man from Del Rio, Tex.—doesn't figure the MPs are running a Sunday School; and this newspaper isn't holding up a platform of moral reform for guys just in from weeks of slogging in the mud, crawling in and out of tanks or fisking their lives on raids over the Reich.

As a matter of fact, the PM wants to see soldiers on leave raise all the hell



A wise practice is to steer clear of becoming involved in arguments with civilians or soldiers of other nations in public houses.

they have in them, yet steer clear of the MPs. So he passes along these tips on how to stay out of trouble.

In regard to the drinking situation, Col. Charlton says some of the stuff sold nowadays is positively dynamite and can bring a load of grief to the drinker.

"I've seen men who didn't remember what happened to them after a few drinks," he declares. "They were easy prey for pickpockets and victims of street-walkers, and usually woke up in the detention barracks."

The high rate of venereal disease, up 70 per cent in Britain since the outbreak of war, is another potential stumbling block for the over-enthusiastic soldier on leave.

"A medical officer's warning, training films and lectures may not make an impression, but 70,000 new cases of V.D. a year among the British population should be sufficient warning to any soldier," Col. Charlton points out. "Men in hospitals or confinement aren't any good to the Army."

A reminder that rules pertaining to proper uniform must be observed is one of the PM's tips. Enforcement of these rules makes the MPs more unpopular than the man who redlines you on pay day, says the Colonel.

"When an MP tells a man to button his coat, take his hands out of his pockets, or get rid of rainbow-colored mufflers, he is only reminding the soldier of something he learned during his first week



It's dangerous business to flash that wad of dough. Soldiers have been slugged and relieved of everything they had.

in the Army. Yet some soldiers will tell you the MP is trying to throw his weight around and play 'cop,'" Col. Charlton said.

The PM frequently walks about town, stopping in at the Red Cross clubs to note the things soldiers do, the problems they have and what can be done to correct them.

"I've been through the mill in two wars," he says, "and I know what a leave is to a soldier. I'll go out of my way to see he has a good time, but he has to play ball with us. Men don't get into trouble because they are looking for it. It's carelessness, for the most part, that leads to serious difficulties. Then I have to get tough."

The PM is authorized to order a summary court martial in London 24 hours after a soldier is charged. It can mean 40 to 60 days in the jug, a stiff fine and a climb to the top of "the list" in his organization. The PM also has the

Flashing too much money is dangerous. Col. Charlton says there have been cases of soldiers reporting incidents where they were slugged and relieved of everything they had. It may have started in a pub where a soldier begins to celebrate his furlough. The next day, clipped of furlough money, he returns to camp.

These tips apply to officers as well as enlisted men, the PM says.

Officers are reminded to avoid a



MPs aren't bad guys. They're just good soldiers doing a cop's job.

"date" with the PM by checking in with proper authorities when they come to London. Regulations state that all officers and nurses on leave must report to No. 1 North Audley St., and register.

He advises them to report whether they are on business or leave. In the event of an accident the report saves lengthy inquiry as to whether or not the accident occurred in line of duty.

Assisting Col. Charlton in the Provost Marshal's office are: Maj. Frank C. Smith, New York City police department official for 17 years; Maj. Grady Lewis, executive officer and former Oklahoma attorney, and Maj. William Urban, assistant PM from Buffalo, N.Y.

Ever since the Army's first military police unit was organized, MPs have been something out of this world and even their best friends won't tell them, but Col. Charlton says they aren't as bad as all that. They are just good soldiers, after all, with a cop's job to do.



Brownies May Win First Flag In 41 Years

Luke Sewell Has Stronger Team Than 3rd Place Club of '42

By Sid Keener

St. Louis Star-Times Sports Editor

ST. LOUIS, Apr. 1—Forty one years in the American League and still without a pennant is the record of the St. Louis Browns. But along the banks of the Mississippi River and in the camp of Manager Luke Sewell's team there is a feeling that 1943 will end this chain of lost hopes.

In other words, the Browns feel that they may have what it takes to capture their first championship this season. This isn't false optimism, but is based on facts and figures. For instance: in 1942 the team finished in third place, highest position since 1928; will benefit by Sewell's full season in 1942 as manager; in addition, there will be new players in all departments, pitchers especially; there is a better team spirit and absence of the old bugaboo—the defeatist complex.

Club officials point proudly to the new players including: Pitchers Paul Dean, from the Texas League; Bill Seinoth, up from New Orleans of the Southern Association; Kenneth Rich and Nelson Potter, of Louisville in the American Association; Bill Peterson from San Antonio in the Texas League, and Fred Sanford, formerly with Toledo of the American Association.

Baseball observers report that Dean, brother of the illustrious Jerome Hermean, better known as Dizzy, is on the comeback trail after his brilliant work with the Houston Buffs. Seinoth, 200-pound left hander, has the speed of Bob Grove and Bill Hallahan's curve. Rich and Potter both are veterans with previous trials in the American League.

Kreevich in Outfield

The infield combination will be manned by the same personnel as last year, with George McQuinn at first base, Don Gutteridge second base, Harland Clift third base and Vernon Stephens shortstop. Manager Sewell declares, "There's the best infield in the American League."

There's a wide gap in the outfield due to the absence of Walter Judnich, leading batter in '42, who now is in the Army. Chet Laabs in left field and Mike Chartak in right are holdovers. For Judnich's position Sewell has Mike Kreevich, formerly with the White Sox and Athletics, Glen McQuillen and Tony Criscola of last year's reserves, and Milton Byrnes from Toledo.

The catching staff has received a new member in Joe Schultz from the Southern Association to join Rick Ferrell and Frank Hayes, but Sewell will settle for Ferrell and Hayes.

The other pitchers include Dennie Galehouse, Al Hollingsworth, Johnnie Niggeling, Steve Sundra, George Caster and Bob Muncrief, who carried the burden of the pitching of the club to third place last season.

Mixing the club's personnel with Sewell's managerial master minding, Brown supporters feel that this season will bring the first American League pennant to St. Louis.

NEWS FROM HOME

U.S. Possessing Biggest Navy, Responsible for Victory—Knox

NEW YORK, Apr. 1—Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, told a newly-commissioned class of 980 Naval Reserve Ensigns yesterday that the "major responsibility for victory rests with the United States—because we have the biggest Navy."

After the war, the Secretary continued, an organization to protect the world against aggression would have to be built. That will take time, he said, and in the interval "it is going to rest upon the American and British navies to see that a fresh war does not break out again somewhere else."

Launch 4 Ships in One Hour

KEARNY, N.J., Apr. 1—Two anti-submarine escort ships and two destroyers were launched here within an hour, raising the total of vessels to slide down ways at the Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Co. this month to 11.

Would Curb President's Terms

WASHINGTON, Apr. 1—Republican leaders were sounding out Democrats today before introducing a measure which would put a legal limit on the number of years any one man could serve con-

Basketball Champions of the ETO



Here is the championship London Base Command quintet which last night took the crown in the ETO cage finals from the Greys. First row (left to right)—S/Sgt. Cornelius Sobotta, Arcadia, Wis.; Sgt. Dom Restifo, Schenectady, N.Y.; S/Sgt. Harold Heath, Whitehall, Wis.; Pvt. Donald "Red" Ettinger, Independence, Mo. Rear row—Cpl. William Farrell, Philadelphia (manager); Pfc. Gustave Muglia, Lawrence, N.Y.; Cpl. Byron Opferman, Audubon, N.Y.; Cpl. Bernard Heigh, Camden, N.J.; Sgt. Peter Galuska, Arcadia, Wis.; Cpl. Vincent Costa, New York. Kneeling—Capt. Ward Walker, Seattle, Wash., and Sgt. Gid Campbell, Dallas, Tex., coach. Shots like this (below) earned "Red" Ettinger (white shirt), of the championship London team, a place on the ETO All-Star quintet. Nelson Speraw's attempt to stop the shot was futile. The London five went on to win the semi-final against Southern Base Section, 41—29.



ETO All-Star Quintet Named Honors Evenly Divided With Five Teams Placing Men

Five teams which took part in the ETO basketball tournament sponsored by The Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee each placed one man on an All-Star team selected by officials after last night's final.

The All-Stars are: Pfc. Don Samsal, Lima, Ohio, Eighth Air Force Service Command, and Sgt. George Buckless, Baltimore, — Division Greys, forwards; Pvt. Donald "Red" Ettinger, Independence, Mo., London Base Command, center; Sgt. Nelson Speraw, Harrisburg, Pa., Southern Base Section, and Pvt. Alex Watterson, Jersey City, N.J., Eighth Air Force Fighter Command, guards.

The All-Stars received special awards from Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee.

Tourney Scores

Southern Base Section—48		Service Command—41	
G	F P	G	F P
Blake, f	5 1 11	Barton, f	2 0 4
Smutzler, f	5 0 10	Machock, f	0 0 0
Speraw, c	5 3 13	Stroh, f	2 0 4
Winton, g	5 0 10	Cooper, f	1 0 2
Fox, g	1 2 4	Christin, c	3 0 2
Markistum, g	0 0 0	Shrimlin, c	1 0 2
		Samsal, g	3 2 8
		Wilson, g	0 0 0
		Massalas, g	2 0 4
		Zimmerman, g	5 1 11
Totals	21 6 48	Totals	19 3 41

London Base—52		Greys—43	
G	F P	G	F P
Heath, f	1 1 3	Holenda, f	2 5 9
Opferman, f	0 0 0	Fox, f	0 1 1
Hoffman, f	5 4 14	Hirschman, f	0 1 1
Ettinger, c	3 3 9	Robinson, f	1 0 2
Restifo, g	6 2 14	Kasinak, c	1 1 3
Sabotta, g	4 4 12	Cogar, c	1 0 2
		Buckless, g	0 0 0
		Delarm, g	0 0 0
		Hauser, g	2 2 6
		Sharp, g	3 2 8
Totals	19 14 52	Totals	14 15 43

London B.C.—41		S.B.S.—29	
G	F P	G	F P
Heath, f	2 2 6	Smutzler, f	1 0 2
Opferman, f	0 0 0	Markistum, f	0 0 0
Coosta, f	0 0 0	Blake, f	3 0 6
Hoffman, f	6 1 13	Pucci, f	0 0 0
Ettinger, c	2 4 8	Speraw, c	5 1 11
Muglia, c	0 0 0	Winton, g	1 4 6
Restifo, g	5 1 11	Abraham, g	0 0 0
Galuska, g	0 0 0	Fox, g	2 0 4
Sobotta, g	1 1 3	Marshall, g	0 0 0
Heigh, g	0 0 0		
Totals	16 9 41	Totals	12 5 29

Greys—62		Service Command—26	
G	F P	G	F P
Holenda, f	1 2 4	Samsal, f	1 1 3
Hirschman, f	1 1 3	Zimmerman, f	1 1 3
Robinson, f	6 2 14	Cooper, f	1 2 4
Kasinak, c	5 2 12	Wilson, f	0 1 1
Cogar, c	3 1 7	Christin, c	2 0 4
Buckless, g	2 2 6	Machock, g	0 0 0
Delarm, g	2 0 4	Shrimlin, g	2 0 4
Hauser, g	2 2 6	Stroh, g	1 0 2
Sharp, g	2 0 4	Barton, g	0 3 3
Totals	25 12 62	Totals	9 8 26

LBC Cage Five Spills Greys for ETO Title, 52-43

Southern Base Bumps Air Force Quintet for 3rd Place Playoff

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a beautiful pass from Hauser, cut inside and scored to make it 6—1. Penalty shots by Ettinger and Restifo, Heath's one-hander, and Sobotta's basket tied the score at 6—6. Holenda made good on a foul try for the Greys and Ettinger followed suit for London.

Kasinak and Hoffman matched penalty shots to tie the score again at eight-all. Restifo's basket from close up and Kasinak's tap in of a rebound knotted the count for the fifth time, 10—10. Just before the end of the quarter Ettinger and Hirschman sank foul shots to leave the count at 11—11.

London Base 30, Greys 18

(Second Period)

Hauser's set shot put the Greys ahead in the first 20 seconds of the period and Holenda added two gift shots to leave the Greys with a 14—11 margin. Ettinger curled in a shot from the pivot and Restifo's toss from the side put London on top, 15—14. London kept moving at high speed with Hoffman and Sabotta netting one-handers from the side to leave the London five with a 19—14 advantage with four minutes left in the period. The Greys took time out.

When play was resumed Hoffman missed a shot from the corner but Ettinger tapped in the rebound and score was 21—14. Holenda's set shot from 30 feet out broke the spell for the Greys but Restifo counted for London on a pass from Ettinger to make the count 20—16. The underdog London cagers were rushing the favorite Greys off their feet with a fast breaking attack. Sabotta made good on a penalty shot and a technical foul called against the Greys to give London a nine point lead 25—16.

Sabotta was fouled by Buckless and made good on one of two foul tries. Hoffman pushed in one from underneath and London increased its advantage to 28—16. Restifo's set shot made it 30—16. Just before the gun ending the half Kasinek fed Buckless a pass and the Greys' captain pushed it in from underneath. At the half London led 30—18. It was the first time in four games that the Greys were more than four points behind at one time.

London Base 40, Greys 31

(Third Period)

Sticking to their two-team system the Greys started the second half with their reserves. They scored first when Fox fed Cogar a pass underneath and the Greys' center went into alone to register an easy set shot. Hoffman was given a penalty try and made good for London, but Sharp came through for the Greys with a one-hander from the side, and the score was 31—22, London leading.

Sabotta scored on a set shot from behind the foul circle for the Londoners, and it was 33—22. Sabotta fouled Fox and the latter made good his shot for the Greys. Sabotta missed a foul shot, but Hoffman came in fast for the rebound and scored, to give London a 12-point edge at 35—23. There were five minutes left to play in the quarter. Buckless and Holenda came in for the Greys and Costa for London. Holenda fouled Hoffman, and the London forward sank his two tries. Sharp's on-hander from 25 feet out was followed by another from the same spot by Holenda, and the Greys trailed, 37—27. Hoffman came out of a scramble under the basket to push one in for London. Sharp countered with a long shot for the Greys. Heath replaced Ettinger at center for London. Restifo was fouled by Holenda and made his try good. Sharp came through again for the Greys with a lay-up. At the end of the quarter London led, 40—31.

London Base 52, Greys 43

(Fourth Period)

Kasinak returned to the game for the Greys, replacing Cogar. The teams went scoreless in the first three minutes of the quarter until Heath was fouled by Sharp and made good on the try to give London a ten point lead, 41—31. With five minutes left to play, the Greys continued to miss opportunities, and their eagerness resulted in fouls. Hoffman was charged by Buckless, missed the penalty shot but the hard-working Ettinger came in to score on a rebound. Buckless took a pass from Sharp and went in to score on a one-hander. Ten seconds later Buckless netted two foul shots to make the score 43—35. Sabotta dribbled the length of the floor and dropped in a one-hander from the side. Restifo curled one in from underneath and was fouled on the shot by Hirschman and completed the three point play. There were two minutes 30 seconds left. Holenda added a point for the Greys on a foul; Heath led the game with four personals after fouling Sharp.

The latter scored on his try but London still held an 11 point advantage 48—37 with two minutes left to go. Holenda sunk a pair of foul shots for the Greys but Restifo unfurled his sixth field goal of the game and Hoffman his fifth to widen the gap, 52—39. Holenda tapped in a rebound for the Greys after Hauser's set shot missed. Buckless followed suit in the same manner as the game ended with London in front, 52—43, and winners of a first-class upset victory.

Playing their third game in 24 hours the Greys gained the final by running up the tournament's record score by defeating Eighth Air Force Service Command, 62—26, in the afternoon semi-final.

Swim Title Seen For Buckeyes

NEW YORK, Apr. 1—Ohio State's talented swimming team, led by Hawaiians Bill Smith and Keo Nakama, appear likely to score a clean sweep of the country's aquatic honors when they compete in the National AAU swimming championships at the New York AC pool tomorrow and Saturday.

The individual performance spotlight probably will be filled by Alan Ford, of Yale, who twice broke Johnny Weismuller's 17-year-old world's record for the 100-yards free style with 50 and seven-tenths and 50 and six-tenths seconds efforts. Also Bill Smith, who is expected to take the 220-yard freestyle, in which he holds the world record of two minutes, seven and seven-tenths seconds.

Eight servicemen are entered, headed by Adolph Kiefer, chief specialist in the Navy reserve. Kiefer has won 22 national championships, 15 in the backstroke, in which he has never lost a race. He will defend his 150-yard backstroke and 300-yard individual medley titles. Harry Holiday, Michigan sophomore, is expected to press Kiefer, since he has broken two of Kiefer's backstroke records this season.

Seven Years in 'Lung'

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Apr. 1—Fred B. Snite Jr., the self-styled "boiler kid," has just celebrated his seventh year in the "iron-lung" respirator without which he cannot live longer than an hour or two. He is now able to sit up for intervals, his breathing aided only by a small chest respirator. He is a victim of infantile paralysis.

Preferred Jail To "Hook"

NEW YORK, Apr. 1 (UP)—John Collura, 19, who said he was a strict vegetarian, has just been sentenced to three years here for refusing to submit to hypodermic injections during his Army induction routine. Collura said he would serve on any front in any branch but under no conditions would he allow but serum made from animals to be injected into his body.



Reds Beat Back River Thrust as Mud Bogs Battle

Spring Thaws Hampering Armies; Soviets Seek To Improve Lines

Russian forces, their movements hampered by spring mud, improved and strengthened their positions on the west bank of the Severn-Donetz yesterday after beating off a German attempt to take heights dominating the river.

Dispatches to Moscow said the German units used in the attack suffered such heavy losses that they have been taken out of action and sent to the rear for rest and replacement.

Artillery and air activity continued elsewhere along the huge Eastern front but there was little report of ground activity.

Knock Out Nazi Guns

West of Rostov, Russian guns knocked out two batteries of German artillery and a mortar battery. Russian planes bombed a German munition dump, far behind the Nazi lines in another sector, and blew it up.

A Russian fighter squadron encountered a group of German bombers, shooting down 11 and damaging six more.

Most important factor in the present lull along the Russian front is the bad weather. Almost impossible logistic problems face Russian commanders driving on Smolensk and other objectives.

Roads Are Mud Rivers

Spring thaws have turned all roads into rivers of mud through which American-built trucks, jeeps and other motor transport is forced to wallow at reduced speed.

Nevertheless the Soviet leaders are attempting to increase the tempo of their attacks.

In the Kuban the Russians moved out of Anastasiyevskaya toward the Larch Straits, only 45 miles away.

The Smolensk advance, which has reached heavily-fortified forest areas near the key German stronghold, has slowed down because Soviet units are forced to use scattered roads, some of them hardly more than farm-wagon tracks. The Germans, on the other hand, still have the use of a railway. As they retreat they have destroyed those portions of the line which they abandoned.

Yanks to March In Bristol Show

BRISTOL, Apr. 1—Twenty-two soldiers from nine American cities and towns named Bristol will provide a color guard when United States Army detachments and British Home Guards parade here late in April in connection with the local "Wings For Victory Week."

High-ranking military and civilian leaders will watch the presentation of American and British flags to Bristol's Lord Mayor following a luncheon at the Mansion House, at which the 22 Americans will be guests of honor.

Later, all troops will parade the colors of both nations to a city building where they will be stored until the end of the war.

Soldiers from Washington Will Meet at Mostyn Club

U.S. servicemen from the state of Washington will hold their reunion at the Red Cross Mostyn club on Monday at 7:15 PM, continuing the series of "state night" parties, with New Jersey members gathering Wednesday at the same time.

Illinois men met there last night, while Wednesday was Louisiana night. The Louisiana group plans to meet again on Apr. 19.

Present at the Louisiana gathering were:

- Cpl. Albert J. Russell, Sgt. Henry P. Knablock, Pvt. Joseph Pizzato, J. Albert Everard, a civilian technician; T/3 Salvatore C. Stasi, and T/Lt. Preston Delcaval, all from New Orleans; Pvt. Emil Carbone, S/Sgt. James Walker, and Pvt. Albert Page from Shreveport; Sgt. Charles E. Harp, Bonita; Pvt. Clyde Brown, Natchitoches; Sgt. O. T. Smith, Newellton; Pfc Jay D. Van Haul, Black River; S/Sgt. James K. Fletcher, Winneshboro; T/Sgt. Harold T. Clark, Morgan City; Pvt. W. W. Giddens, Rodessa; T/Lt. James W. Turley, Jennings; T/4 Field Gremlion, Pineville; T/5 Stafford Lormand, Kaplan; Sgt. John E. Richard, Rayne; Pfc Fulton Sanders, Amite; T/4 Robert Adair, Zwolle; Cpl. Ray Lee, Alexandria, and Pfc Earl J. Dronst, Crowley.

ETO Security Command Nine Stops Co. K, 8-2

AT A U.S. INFANTRY BASE, England, Apr. 1—The ETO Security Command baseball team defeated the Company K, 8-2, behind the stout arm of Brady Foreman, who sent six batters back to the dugout with three strikes.

Sgt. Charles Nicholson, winner's short-stop, was the standout by his brilliant fielding show. Sgt. Winston Simon led the sluggers with two doubles in three trips to the platter, besides driving in six of the winner's runs. Batteries for the Infantry outfit were Phil Worarski, pitcher, and Cowboy Shadig, catcher. Phil Star caught for Security Command.

Saved from City of Flint



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo
2/Lt. Henry W. Benton

Flint Survivor Swam in Fire

First Survivor Describes Torpedoing of Ship Nazis Once Held

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"Number two boat was still by the side with lifelines hanging down to it.

"I climbed on to the rail and was crouching to leap for one of the lines when I saw the boat moving away. I just managed to grab the rail and get back.

"Everybody left was heading for the stern, but when I followed I found trouble again.

"The boat deck was about ten feet above the next, and when I dropped down my right foot got wedged in a rack. There I was, stuck with one foot level with my head, and the ship going down under me.

"Two men dashed right past, but the third stopped, gave one hearty and successful yank, and took off again.

"I thought it was about time to leave, too, because the propeller was high out of the water. I jumped off the step.

"I could see black spaces between the lanes of burning gasoline, and tried to swim through them, but every now and then the flames got so near that I had to push the water away with my hands. It was hot work.

"I had switched on the little red light on my rubber suit, and when I swam into a ring-buoy I hung on to it, with two other fellows. One of them told me my rubber suit was leaking and cut it off with a knife.

Swam to Lifeboat

"After about an hour we saw a lifeboat carrying 13 men—among them the ship's captain—and swam to it.

"Then the 'ready' ammunition on the ship began to explode, and for ten minutes bursts were hitting the water pretty close.

"We were 300 yards away from the ship when we saw another torpedo smash into her and she went straight down.

"Then the moon began to rise, and the U-boat surfaced about 150 yards away, apparently without seeing us. We didn't wait for any more, and nearly broke the oars getting away.

"We dodged debris all night and found two other lifeboats in the morning.

"Water was rationed to four ounces a day, the menu consisting of a biscuit for breakfast, half a can of pemmican for dinner, and a slab of chocolate and malted milk tablets for supper.

"Some of the men had burns on their hands, but fortunately none was seriously hurt.

"On the third day a destroyer picked us up."

Belfast Men Are Guests Of 'Wings For Victory'

BELFAST, Apr. 1—Members of U.S. Forces and American technicians were among the guests at a "Wings For Victory" dance staged by the women's section of the British Legion.

The "Jive Bombers," technician orchestra, led by Ray Palmer, of Washington, played for the affair.

The Americans present included Capt. Joseph Thornton, Atlanta, Ga.; Lt. Howard Collins, Gaston, Ind.; Lt. Ray A. Giles, Middleton, Ohio; John A. Martin, assistant Red Cross field director, Lowell, Mass.; Sgt. Roland Reeves, Ithaca, Mich.; Cpl. Warren Jacobs, Minneapolis, Minn., and Cpl. Charles Griffith.

Heavy Bombers Pound Jap Base; Leave Big Fires

Air Assaults on Japanese In British, Dutch New Guinea

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Apr. 1 (UP)—Fires that were visible for 60 miles were left burning by heavy Allied bombers yesterday after they had pounded the Japanese base at Babo, in Dutch New Guinea, today's official communique reports.

One enemy fighter was shot out of action attempting interception after the raid on the town, airbase and supply installations. All planes returned from the raid, the communique added.

Airbase and other installations at Timika, Dutch New Guinea, were hammered last night by medium bombers, causing extensive damage to a nearby coastal town and the targets.

A newly constructed Jap bridge near Madang, New Guinea, was directly hit yesterday by a heavy bomber. A 30-foot gap was observed in the structure after a reconnaissance flight.

Near Salamaua, northern British New Guinea, Allied attack planes and long-range fighters carried out a series of co-ordinated attacks, thoroughly bombing and strafing from a low level the area around Kela village and the township.

Kiska Blasted 3 Times

WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (AP)—US bombers pounded Kiska, in the Aleutians, three times yesterday. During the morning Lightnings blasted Japanese positions at Kiska, followed by Liberators twice in the afternoon.

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Italian ammunition gave evidence of the speed with which defending forces, who four days ago had been the attackers, had pulled out under the pressure of the British and native French troops.

Stories of individual heroism began to trickle back to Allied headquarters.

One told of two British medical orderlies who captured an entire Italian company retreating from Sedjenane. Returning from advanced positions with wounded men, they noticed a column of enemy troops moving towards them. Just as they began to worry, the officer leading the column raised a white flag and the whole company surrendered.

Another story told how a Scottish officer of the Eighth Army avenged the death of a young brother, killed by an anti-personnel mine.

Germans Ambushed

"I went out yesterday with a carrier patrol to form a screen from a Rommel counter-attack which was thought likely. At about four o'clock we could see about 200 men advancing. They were both Eyeties and Germans, I think. They hadn't much cover and were supported by mortar fire, but not artillery.

"We waited until they were within 500 yards and then opened up with our Bren guns. We mowed them down. At least 50 of them fell and didn't get up again. The rest made for the north, where they got it again from other carriers."

A Fighting French correspondent yesterday reported that when the Eighth Army flanking column, which skirted the southern end of the Mareth Line, plunged into the valley between El Hamma and Gabes in pursuit of the Axis, they were joined by battle-scarred French troops who rushed from the hillsides waving dark blue caps. Their uniforms showed they were members of Gen. LeClerc's forces, who crossed 2,000 miles of desert from Lake Chad.

They had fought their way through Italian desert outposts, hauled field guns through roadless mountains by hand to reach the Tunisian front and be in on the kill.

First Class from OCS In Australia Gets Bars

ALLIED HQ, Australia, Apr. 1 (AP)—The U.S. army at an Australian base Monday commissioned 387 new second lieutenants in the first graduating class of the officer candidate school, after three months' intensive training.

Within an hour after the ceremony trucks loaded with the bags and lockers of the new officers rolled out of the camp and headed for their new posts at New Guinea as well as bases ranging from Cape York Peninsula southwards as far as Sydney and Melbourne.

U.S. Negroes Defend Airport in England



Keystone Photo
U.S. Negro troops man a 50-caliber machine-gun at an airport now under construction in England by other Negro engineer units.

American Airmen Join RAF 25th Anniversary Celebration

The U.S. Army's Eighth Air Force joined with the RAF yesterday in celebrating the 25th anniversary of the British air service. Gen. H. H. Arnold, U.S. Air Force chief, spoke for American airmen in a congratulatory message to Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Portal, RAF head, which said:

"The U.S. Army Air Force sends heartiest congratulations to the Royal Air Force on the occasion of the silver jubilee of its establishment as a separate service. In the fires of the present conflict your glorious motto, 'Per Ardua ad Astra,' shines with a new lustre. Fighter Command's achievement in the air battle of Britain has taken its place in the heroic annals of the race, enshrined in the never-to-be-forgotten words: 'Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.'

Irish Songfest For Belfast GIs

BELFAST, Apr. 1—The first of a series of monthly songfests for U.S. servicemen, technicians and their Irish girl friends, will be held at the Red Cross club here Sunday night.

Miss Mary Rice Anderson, of Nashville, Tenn., and Miss Irene Boyce, of An Arbor, Mich., announced that the affair will feature GI talent.

Cpl. Haskell Wolf, of New York, will be master of ceremonies. In between Irish and American songs skits will be presented by Sgt. George Barnes, of Canton, Ohio, Sgt. Charles Sullivan, of Brooklyn, and Sgt. Thomas Wyatt, of Des Moines. Piano selections are scheduled by Pvt. Enzo Savoia, of New York.

T/3 James Schwabl, of Buffalo, N.Y., will be in charge of makeup.

Labor Shortage States Begin 48-Hour Week

WASHINGTON, Apr. 1—The 48-hour week, ordered by President Roosevelt Feb. 11, went into effect today in 32 labor shortage areas in the U.S.

In Detroit, one of the greatest war-production centers, officials of the War Manpower Commission expected the immediate release of 500 workers for other jobs.

The areas affected are Bath, Me.; Bridgeport, Waterbury, Hartford and New Britain, Conn.; Portsmouth, N.H.; Springfield, Mass.; Buffalo, N.Y.; Somerville, N.J.; Baltimore and Elkton, Md.; Hampton Roads, Va.; Washington, D.C.; Akron and Dayton, Ohio; Detroit, Mich.; Manitowoc, Wis.; Sterling, Ill.; Brunswick and Macon, Ga.; Charleston, S.C.; Mobile, Ala.; Panama City, Fla.; Pasagoula, Miss.; Wichita, Kas.; Beaumont, Tex.; Cheyenne, Wyo.; Ogden, Utah; Portland, Ore.; San Diego, Cal.; and Seattle, Wash.

American Fliers in RCAF In Eagle Club Broadcast

Members of the U.S. Army and Air Force and American members of the Royal Canadian Air Force took part yesterday in the BBC Eagle club broadcast to the United States.

Yanks in the RCAF on the program were: Sgt. Frank W. Hall, an air gunner from Omaha, Sgt. Pilot John A. Goss, of Madison, Wis., and Pilot Officer James C. Harty, of Dallas, Tex.

Maj. James Wheaton, of Verona, N.J., who served as master of ceremonies; Lt. Col. N. Patrick Beville, of Dolphin, Va., and Pvt. Edward R. Plock Jr., of Brooklyn, represented the USAAF on the program.

Army men who took part were: Pfc Gabriel Berns, New York; Sgt. George K. Daniel, Dallas, Tex.; T/Sgt. Lester E. Whitehead, Westerville, Ohio; Pvt. Isadore L. Glassman, Brooklyn, and Pvt. Bernard J. Lebeu, Brooklyn.

Belfast Red Cross Club Picks Soldier Committee

BELFAST, Apr. 1—A soldiers' committee has been selected by the Red Cross club here to help make suggestions for programs of interest to servicemen and for improvements in the club.

The committee will meet every two weeks. Personnel of the group will be changed every two months.

The group comprises T/Sgt. Joseph Durkin, South Bend, Ind.; S/Sgt. Jimmy Schwabl, Buffalo, N.Y.; Sgt. William Kempe, Newport, R.I.; Sgt. Charles Darnell, Marthville, La.; Cpl. Roger Lambert, Fall River, Mass.; Cpl. Norman Olsen, Albert Lea, Minn.; Cpl. Rocco Savino, Worcester, Mass.; Cpl. Wilbur Strauss, Fort Dodge, Iowa; Cpl. David Bird, Northfield, Minn.; Pfc Robert Bell, Cleveland Heights, Ohio; Pfc Carl Embry, Beaver Dam, Ky.

The committee meets with Mrs. Marcia Mackie, Boston, director; Frank Kammerlohr, Great Falls, Mont.; Miss Mary Rice Anderson, Nashville, Tenn.; Miss Irene Boyce, Ann Arbor, Mich., and Herb Kunde, Boston.

The Red Cross is investigating the possibilities of a summer annex for servicemen where they may play golf, tennis, go swimming and engage in other recreation while on furlough, or weekend or 24-hour leave.

No ETO Change in SOS

A War Department general order yesterday changed the name "Services of Supply" to "Army Service Forces" except in the European Theater of Operations, where there will be no change, an SOS spokesman said.

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