

# Americans Speed On Toward Ferryville

## Yanks Seize Island Near Guadalcanal

### HQ Explains Heavy Spit Losses Due to Bad Weather, Not Zeros

The United States Navy reported in Washington yesterday that American troops have occupied and are fortifying Russell Island, near Guadalcanal.

There was no hint in the official statement of the type of fortifications being built, but study of available maps indicated that the island would lend itself to the construction of "flight strip" landing fields to afford additional fighter protection for Guadalcanal.

The Navy announcement said the occupation had been carried out in February, "some time after enemy resistance ceased on Guadalcanal."

Occupation of Russell Island has extended the American zone of operations to the northeast of Guadalcanal in the general campaign to throw the Japs out of their South Pacific holdings in preparation for an attack on the Japanese mainland.

### Explain Spitfire Losses

A communique from Allied Force Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific yesterday explained the heavy loss of Spitfires during the Japanese raid on Darwin, Australia, on Sunday.

The actual number of missing planes has not been revealed. The Japanese claim to have destroyed 21.

The announcement said that the losses were not due to Japanese Zero attacks but to bad weather. Jap bombers, escorted by fighters, came in at several thousand feet altitude. The Spits went up to meet them and by the time the dogfights were over attackers and defenders had been blown many miles to sea.

### Out of Gas at Sea

With gasoline tanks emptied, the Spitfires were forced down at sea. Only three Spitfire pilots were lost, the announcement said, the others having been picked up by surface craft.

The rest of yesterday's Navy Department communique dealt with air activity. "On May 3," it said, "a force of Avengers and Dauntless dive-bombers, escorted by Wildcat Warhawks and Lightning fighters, strafed Japanese installations at Rekata Bay on Santa Isabel Island.

"Defense positions were hit and a large fire started," the Navy said. "All our planes returned."

The Navy announcement also recounted another raid on Kiska, in the Aleutians, last Friday, in which hits were scored and fires started.

### Burma Targets Hit

Japanese positions in Burma were also targets for American bombers, the Navy announced yesterday, when B25 medium bombers attacked Ywatsung and Maymyo, in central Burma, as well as targets in the Rangoon area and shipping at docks south of the city.

Enemy signal installations at Diamond Island, southwest of Rangoon, and docks at Sule Pagoda were bombed. An airfield at Pagoda Point, south of Rangoon, railway sidings at Mandalay, the Godteik Viaduct and storage dumps at Hopin and Kwitu were attacked.

P40s, carrying 1,000-pound bombs, raided a bridge northeast of Pinbaw, and there was a concentrated attack on railway rolling stock on sidings at Namti.

## Eagle Shuts for Changes Today

The American Red Cross Eagle Club, 28 Charing Cross Rd., London, first haven in Britain for Americans who came over to fight before Pearl Harbor, will close for alterations at 10 PM tonight.

It is expected to reopen within six weeks.

Mrs. Barbara Blake, Mrs. F. E. Dexter and others of the staff will remain at the club while the work is in progress, and the package room and mail and cable service will continue to operate from 10 AM to 5 PM every day.

Tomorrow night's "Eagle Club broadcast"—the 118th—will be recorded at the Rainbow Corner, Shaftesbury Ave.

The Eagle Club has already sponsored one war orphan, and yesterday "old customers" and staff were going all out to raise the last £30 of the £100 needed for a second as a "closing gesture."

## Balchen Rescues 7 U.S. Fliers Stuck in Greenland 5 Months

### Uses Plane and Dog Sled To Remove Fort Crew From Ice Cap

WASHINGTON, May 4 (UP)—Seven airmen, stranded on the west coast of Greenland for five months after their plane crashed, have reached safety after one of the most remarkable rescue operations of the war.

The fliers, members of the crew of an American Flying Fortress, were rescued, after several other attempts had failed, by Col. Bernt Balchen, famous airman and explorer, who already had carried out two daring rescues from the ice of Greenland.

The airmen's story was revealed last night when President Roosevelt called three of the survivors to the White House to hear their account of their adventures. Two members of the crew died on the ice-caps. Three men who tried to rescue them were killed.

### Distress Call by Radio

The Fortress crashed Nov. 6. For ten days the crew were prevented by a blizzard from leaving the plane, although their rations were limited and they had no heat or light. They lashed a broken section of the tail to the rest of the plane to prevent the tail from slipping into a deep crevasse in the ice which gradually widened until it was 50 feet across.

The co-pilot, Lt. Harry Spencer, fell into the crevasse and was rescued by his companions with the shrouds of a parachute.

Cpl. Loren Howarth finally repaired the plane's radio and sent out distress signals. Col. Balchen responded to them by dropping supplies on the fifteenth day they were stranded.

Two men from a weather outpost, Lt. Max Demarest, and Sgt. Don Tetley, reached the plane by a motor sled. When they found there were nine airmen they decided to return to the outpost for more sledges. Demarest disappeared into a crevasse when they had gone less than 100 yards and could not be rescued.

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## Airmen Would Show Lewis What War Really Means

### By Homer Bigart

New York Herald Tribune Staff Writer

EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, May 4—The pilots, copilots, bombardiers, navigators and gunners of this Eighth Air Force bomber station cordially invite John L. Lewis to accompany them on their next mission over Europe. This base has suffered particularly grave casualties on the last three operations.

The invitation was proposed this afternoon by 1/Lt. William Colantoni, bombardier, of Fredericktown, Pa. Lt. Colantoni, a former coal miner, is a member of Local 6295, United Mine Workers of America.

Lt. Colantoni's suggestion was roundly approved by the base personnel, who feel that a taste of flak over St. Nazaire or a bout with Focke Wulfs over Bremen would forcibly alter the opinions of Mr. Lewis.

Besides, they are curious to meet the man who can dare to threaten a paralyzing strike against his government in war time.

Just who is this Mr. Lewis, they ask, who not only commits what they call an act of treason against the armed forces of his country, but compels his government to agree to a humiliating 15-day "truce"?

A large number of fighting men in the Eighth Air Force are, like Lt. Colantoni, union men. They believe in collective bargaining and the right to strike. But they simply cannot comprehend work stoppages in a vital industry in war time.

These men are very sensitive to news

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## U.S. Puts Miners On 6-Day Week

### Ickes' Order Will Give Men 75 Cents More Than Asked

NEW YORK, May 4—Harold L. Ickes put the nation's coal mines on a six day week today, giving the miners 75 cents a day more than the \$2 increase which they had been trying to get from the private owners during two months of fruitless negotiations.

It was his first important act as representative of the new owners of the shafts—the U.S. Government.

Ickes' order probably will solve the whole controversy which led to the week-end strike of approximately 500,000 members of the United Mine Workers of America. By using the six day week device—the sixth day is paid at time and a half—Ickes avoided a violation of the "Little Steel Formula," which ties wage increases to rises in the cost of living, enabling the miners to make up for price advances during the past year when their wages had been frozen at \$7 per day under their old contract.

### Miners Again Working

His order came as miners trooped back to the shafts to resume getting out the coal which is vital to war industries.

With the wage increase question settled, there seemed little doubt that the whole matter would be successfully cleared up between Ickes and the miners, headed by UMW president, John L. Lewis, during the next two weeks.

Along with the six-day week will probably go a guarantee of the working week, another point stressed by Lewis. It has been pointed out that the \$7 a day wage—since miners averaged only 182 working days per year—totalled \$1,274 per year. That is actually the equivalent of a job at a little over \$25 per week—just about what a "buck sergeant" on overseas duty gets paid. The miners, of course, have to buy their own food and clothes, for themselves and for their families. They pay rent, too.

## Rapidity of Advance Indicates Foe Unable To Lay Mine Fields

### French in North Also Make Big Gains As Americans Near Arsenal Town Ten Miles South of Bizerta

By the United Press

American forces, smashing forward from captured Mateur last night, were approaching Ferryville, the arsenal town lying on the southern side of Bizerta Lake and only ten miles from the port of Bizerta itself.

The French Africa Corps also made considerable progress yesterday in the same area, in close cooperation with American troops, according to a communique read last night over Algiers radio.

All along the vital northern front the enemy appeared to be falling back, and the speed of the Allied advance indicated that the Axis forces had not had the time to lay the usual large number of mines.

North of Bizerta Lake, other units were moving down the Sedjenane Valley, scene of bitter fighting earlier in the campaign. On the coast, French irregulars were reported within 15 miles of Bizerta.

## U.S. Sea Losses Down in April, Knox Declares

### New Shipping Records Were Established Last Month

WASHINGTON, May 4 (UP)—American ship losses decreased last month, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox declared today at a press conference.

"The ship sinking rate for April was low compared with that of March," Knox said, "peak production in ships and aircraft has now been reached and deliveries last month established new records."

Speaking of the U-boat sinkings, he said, "just how long the low sinkings will continue, I don't know. They may go up in May." He said that the number of fighters delivered to the Navy ran into four figures for the first time in April.

The number of attacks on enemy submarines has also increased, Knox added, as the result of more escort vessels and better air cover.

The use of helicopters to protect merchant ships was still experimental, he said. At this stage they still lack maneuvering power and are very difficult to control.

### Nazis Admit Fewer Losses

STOCKHOLM, May 4 (AP)—The Germans admitted that U-boats in April sank only 423,000 tons of Allied shipping in the Atlantic compared with 926,000 in March, Berlin dispatches reported today, but widely different theories were offered for the reduction.

The Berlin correspondents of the Dagens Nyheter and the Stockholms Tidningen quoted the German newspaper Borsenzeitung as saying that there were fewer convoys in April.

The Borsenzeitung article added that before the North African invasion the number of convoys dropped and that the Allies might now be collecting ships for another invasion.

## BBC Will Broadcast Shows By U.S. Soldier-Entertainers

American soldier-entertainers in the ETO, who have produced good shows or skits in army camps or American Red Cross clubs, will be offered the chance of broadcasting them over the BBC.

The first such broadcast by American soldiers, in what is hoped will be a monthly series, will be made tonight from the Birmingham Red Cross Queen's club, and will be heard in the English Forces program from 6.30 to 7. It will not be relayed to America.

The idea for the broadcast originated when a BBC official, in company with a member of the Red Cross radio section, saw the show at an American camp and pronounced it first-class radio material.

The Red Cross then offered to cooperate with the BBC in staging a regular series of U.S. Army entertainments from Red Cross clubs in various parts of Britain to fit into a new General Services entertainment series which was planned by the BBC.

The program will go on the air every Wednesday between 6.30 and 7 PM, with

the three British services and the U.S. Army taking over in rotation, and introducing from time to time a Canadian forces entertainment.

Under this arrangement it is hoped to carry one U.S. program a month from a different Red Cross club. All the clubs are being circularized for soldier talent.

Tonight's show will feature nearly 20 soldiers, many of whom were entertainers before they joined the army.

They are Pfc Joseph Blatt, Bronx, N.Y., pianist, formerly a sales manager; Pfc Joseph Earley, Cleveland, master of ceremonies; Pvt. Harry Kane, Bronx, N.Y., singer; Pvt. Clyde Marshall, Washington, bass player; Sgt. Otis Allen, Chicago; Pvt. Walter Nutter, New York, trumpeter (formerly of Tony Pantor's band); Pvt. Joseph Panaro, Buffalo, N.Y., drummer; Pvt. Thomas Romanello, Portchester, N.Y.; Pvt. Gorie Torres, New York, orchestra leader; Pvt. John Walsh, Bronx, N.Y., formerly an electrician; Pvt.

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## Axis Escape Barges Blasted by Fortresses

ADVANCED FLYING FORTRESS BASE, North Africa, May 4 (AP)—Flying Fortresses, in the worst operational weather of the North African campaign, blasted a great fleet of over 100 barges at Bizerta yesterday.

Whether the barges were to be used for "evacuation" or whether they brought in supplies during bad weather was not known, but they would be available to bring out troops if necessary as they lined the quays for quick action.

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American Second Corps

The American Army operating in Tunisia has taken Mateur, and pushed past it, reaching the outer defences of Bizerta. This announcement brings our troops back into the Tunisian battle light in a manner dear to every GI heart.

It has been good to read, day after day, of the smashing victories won by the brilliant actions of the British Eighth Army. We enjoyed hearing each announcement that gave details covering French military action. First Army victories had still wider appeal, for this Allied force represented us all each time it made a thrust against the enemy.

We must confess, however, that we're still strongly Chamber of Commerce minded, for news of a completely American victory came as sweet music to Yankee ears. To know that the German defense line had been cracked first by GIs, and that our forces had outflanked other German defense points in the hills south of their present positions, captured hundreds of prisoners and many guns, and that our troops are now about nine miles from Tebourba, proves that the inexperienced GIs from the 48 States have grown tough during the hard months of winter campaigning, and are now veterans proven in the common struggle.

And so, Montgomery, we give you "The Second Corps" may it take Bizerta before you reach Tunis."

Air Transport

Planes of the United States Army Air Forces Troop Carrier Command transported more than 12 million pounds of equipment from Port Moresby over the mountains to United States and Australian troops in New Guinea battle areas during a period of two months.

Everything from malaria pills to tractors, trucks and field guns were carried in the course of the successful Papuan campaign, which depended to a large extent on the success of the United States Air Force crews in reaching the combat areas with their precious cargoes.

Frequently rains kept mountain as well as swamp trails sodden with knee-deep mud. Virtually everything, including troops, were flown in by plane to the battle area across the storm-swept Owen Stanley Range. As contrasted with the month and a half required by troops to cross by foot over New Guinea, the crossing from Port Moresby to Buna Mission by air is less than an hour.

When listening to Hitler's hooey regarding the impregnable wall of fortresses he has constructed around Europe, it is well to keep in mind the New Guinea experiment. Armies can now be flown over any man-made or nature-grown obstructions.

The Test Is Here

In a recent editorial the New York Times reports: "The tone of the reply of the Polish Government, very moderate in comparison with the peremptory language of the Soviet note, evinces a sincere desire to re-establish normal relations with Russia."

"Nothing in the dispatches from Moscow indicates any disposition on the part of the Soviet Government to recede from the position it has taken. Yet it is increasingly clear that the Russian-Polish crisis is a test of the solidarity of the United Nations, most unhappily timed to coincide with a critical moment of the war and to cast a shadow on the initial conference of the States united in opposition to the Axis powers."

"The coming meeting at Hot Springs was called mainly to bring the Allied Governments together in a kind of practice try-out in cooperative action. An open break between one of the great powers and a neighboring nation . . . by a grim paradox the very nation for whose independence the war was started, is a bad prelude to this rehearsal in collaboration."

"Above all, it re-emphasizes the necessity for a frank and unequivocal understanding between the President, Mr. Churchill and Mr. Stalin. If only to counter the propaganda offensive of Germany, of which the Soviet-Polish rupture is the first fruit, it is time for the Allied Powers to agree on what basis the future world is to be organized."

Hash Marks

In view of the metal shortage the experts designed ersatz dog license tags made of soya beans. The new venture was a big success until the tags turned out to be delicious eating from the pooches' point of view. We'll take a pair of chocolate dog tags, please.

'Tis rumored that the OPA started to crack down on barber and beauty parlor



supplies, but hesitated when a barber supply tycoon warned that the result would be: "A nation of shiny nosed women and shaggy haired men." No, no, not that!

Another moron joke, via new Sgt. Pete Heilweil: The little moron who put bread crumbs in his shoes because he was pigeon toed.

News from the home front. A GI over here got a letter from his wife the other day in which she commented, "You have to shop early these days. Was late to the market yesterday: so we had brussels sprouts for dinner."

This comment by a Swedish eye-witness to a bomber raid over Germany gives you something to think about. "The recent raid shows that Berliners and Londoners react identically to the blitz—both curse Hitler!"

Is Mussolini going Nero one better?—He second-fiddles while Rome burns.

And once there was a contortionist who dreamed he was eating dried peaches and chewed his ears off in his sleep.

Overheard in Hyde Park (No. 66,345): "Have you taken the best thing you could for that cold?" "Naw, I'm saving it for the party this weekend."

The manpower shortage has forced coeds at Northwestern University to carry



their own dinner trays. Only casualty so far has been a tray of 30 raspberry sundaes. And me with no spoon!

For twenty years the good citizens of Blanding, Utah, have argued whether a horse can travel twice as far in 24 hours as a man. A local youth took on the challenge. After 19 hours he had gone 65 miles—the nag, 135.

J. C. W.

If It Isn't Zeros, It's Bugs . . .

And Mud and Plenty More to Irk Men On Guadalcanal

By William Hipple

Associated Press War Correspondent

GUADALCANAL (delayed)—From letters received here, the impression seems to be circulating among folks back home that life on Guadalcanal is getting soft and comfortable because the island is secure.

If it keeps up, the boys here are going to rise from their mudholes and mosquito nets and issue a joint non-military raspberry-flavored Bronx cheer that will be heard as far as Staten Island.

Any similarity between this tropic isle and the idyllic south seas setting of a Dorothy Lamour or Hedy Lamarr movie is not even coincidental. It is purely 6,000 miles worth of fertile home front imagination.

If Dotty or Hedy should appear with their sarongs it would take them about 24 uncomfortable hours to lose their allure. Their shapely forms and beautiful faces would be peppered with little bumps erected by industrious insects of many varieties. Their feet would trip undaintly through the thickest black mud and the sharpest thistles ever devised and their makeup would run in vari-colored little rivers down their faces as a result of the always humid heat.

Frankly, the fellows don't think the



Associated Press Photo

Dynamite tossed into a jungle pool on Guadalcanal blasted this five-foot crocodile senseless and halted swimming and fishing pleasure for Cpl. Jesse Luper, Sgt. LeRoy Kelley, Cpl. Ben Cox and Maj. Charles Davis.



Keystone Photo

This is how the inside of a post-exchange looks shortly after a fresh shipment of supplies arrives for Guadalcanal men. But word gets around quickly and the boys clean out the PX in double quick time. Despite the fact the island is a tough spot to keep clean around, soap is the most plentiful item—all have their favorite brand.

girls would like it, although they would be greeted with a wilder mob offensive than they ever encountered on a bond-selling tour. In many long months most of the men have not seen anything closer to a woman—even the black Melanesian—than pictures of Hedy, Dotty, Jane Russell and Rita Hayworth, their favorite pin-up girls.

No Bed of Roses

Take the typical discomforts in the typical day of the typical man in Guadalcanal:

He rises about 6 o'clock, slightly groggy from lack of sleep because Japanese planes buzzed around during the night, dropping a few bombs and keeping him in the dugout.

By 8 o'clock the sun is so hot he already is dripping with his clothes clinging to him.

The flies, which hibernated during the night, reappear. They are now civilized

flies and are not used to being brushed off lightly. They are extremely tenacious. Various other species of bugs and insects begin their routine daily crawl over his body and his arms get tired swatting and scratching. The bugs also like to hover on or over his food.

This land, incidentally, is not laden with tropical fruits. If there are any pineapples, bananas and papayas on this island I have never seen them. There are plenty of coconuts, but after eating a couple one rarely touches them again.

Omigod—Spam!

The food is increasingly better as more supplies come in, but the meals still are sprinkled liberally with such stuff as powdered eggs and pressed canned meat which is served cold, fried, roasted, broiled, minced and baked, but still tastes the same. After the war none of these guys will go on picnics.

The army doctors say everybody on the island actually has malaria but it has been kept in check by daily doses of yellow atabrine pills.

In other words, millions of little germ pals always are traveling with the soldier here, swimming through his bloodstream waiting for a chance to come up for air and send him to the hospital ward with a malarial temperature of 105 degrees. Fortunately, drugs and medical care have kept down the malaria outbreak to a small percentage of the total forces. I had malaria once and it is not amusing.

Everywhere men are working stripped to the waist under the frying sun. They are unloading landing boats, building installations and roads, repairing planes and doing a multitude of the always-present tasks.

Late in the afternoon the typical soldier goes to the Lunga River to swim or to wash his clothes in water that usually is muddy. Or he will swim in the ocean, over which oil and stray scraps of cargo often float. Then he hitches a ride to camp and he is covered with dirt again. The main roads are dusty, but the side roads through the palms and the jungle never dry out. The jeep churns through deep mudholes, splashing a large portion of the mud into his face and on his clothes.

Rain on Schedule

Toward evening the rain starts coming down in torrential tropic cloudbursts for half an hour to an hour. The soldier remembers that the side flaps of his tent are up and he rushes there in time to find water dripping on blankets. There is no time to dry them before bedtime.

Bedtime is early, but most of the men are so tired they are glad to hit their cots. It starts getting dark about 7 o'clock and there is nothing to do because of the



Planet Photo

Men on Guadalcanal were shocked when Nurse Mae Olson stepped from a transport plane. She was the first American girl they had seen since they landed.

Then the vampire mosquitoes start working on the soldier, and the rats on the night shift start running playfully over the tent floor and rustling in his possessions.

Once the soldier gets to sleep there is a furious whining of sirens. "Washing Machine Willie" is back, perhaps, with a couple of playmates. "Willie" stays at a tremendous height, now and then dropping a stray bomb.

It is more annoying than serious, because the soldier hardly dares to return to the cot from the dugout. Sometimes, when he hears "Willie" coming in fast and hears a bomb whistling, he has to spring from his cot, toss on a helmet and nothing else and fling himself into a hole. Most likely he sits, unclothed, in a mud pile, which is not pleasant.

Sometimes this nuisance continues until 4 or 5 o'clock. Then, after a short snatch of sleep, the soldier starts a new day.

Even though griping in the Army, Navy and Marines is considered a good sign of a healthy morale, I hear little of it here.

These Solomons Americans are going through the miseries and discomforts of a hard life with their chins up and mouths closed. They can take it.



GI Soap

Oh, GI soap, of thee I sing, You're chemically an awesome thing; Concerning you my thoughts are rife, You dominate my GI life.

You take the grime from barrack floors, You shrink my long gray woolen drawers, You peel the grease from pots and pans, And chew the skin right off my hands.

You eat holes in my cotton jeans, You sanitize GI latrines, You're in my hair, my clothes, and now . . . I even taste you in my chow.

Your powers of destruction seem The answer to a chemist's dream. You look as though you're meant to be Just soap. Inside you're TNT.

The War Department isn't wise To waste time on inventive guys. All GI soldiers have the dope . . . OUR secret weapon's GI soap!

S/Sgt. S. E. Whitman, Our Army.



"Gee! A stripe for every year I went to school!"

Three One-Round Knockouts Highlight Short Card

Upsets Feature League Contests In SOS Softball

Spartans in 3-Way Tie; Gophers, Bumble-Bees Lead Other Loops

By M. M. Robins

SOS HEADQUARTERS, May 4—It was an eventful second week in the Special Service Unit's softball leagues as upsets were scored and teams shifted places in the standings.

In the Roosevelt League, the Gophers assumed undisputed possession of first place by clipping the MRUs, 11-6. It was their third straight victory, and it dropped the MRUs from first place to third.

The Aces broke a three-way tie for second place by nipping the Mobs, 9-8.

Go Into Lead on Forfeit

The losers staged an early assault upon Fox by collecting five runs in the first, but he held on grimly to eventually win when his mates rallied.

The Churchill League is witnessing a tight race, as three teams, the Spartans, Rebels and Flaming Bombers are knotted for first place.

The Flaming Bombers rode into first place by virtue of a forfeit by the Wolves. The Diamonds tumbled down to third place by losing two games.

First Extra Inning Game

In the Stalin league, the Bumble Bees, a hot team, are on top with a record of two games won and none lost. They stamped over the Medics Aces, 18-6.

The Pubs pulled themselves out of last place by taking a close one from the Gas House Gang, 4-3. The Sad Socks clung to second place in halting the hard fighting Chain Gang, 10-9.

The league standings: Roosevelt League: Gophers 3, Aces 2, MRUs 1, Knoc-kout Drops 1, Jr. C'm'dos 1, Mobs 1, Kings 0.

Churchill League: Spartans 4, Rebels 3, FI'm'ng B'rs 1, Rangers 1, Ramblers 1, Diamonds 1, Royal Aces 1, Wolves 0.

Stalin League: Bumble Bees 2, Sad Socks 2, SSUs 1, Medics Aces 1, Pubs 1.

Crosetti Reports to Yanks; Suspended Until May 21

NEW YORK, May 4—Flashy Frankie Crosetti, New York Yankees' veteran infielder, reported for duty yesterday, whipping through an intensive three-hour hot corner drill.

However it doesn't make much difference because Frankie is under suspension until May 21 for shoving umpire Bill Summers during the third game of last year's World Series.

Crosetti has been working at a Stockton, Cal., shipyard and practicing with sandlot teams during his off hours. He batted .242 in 74 games last year.

Former Ball Players Now Navy Physical Instructors



Former major league ball players (left to right) Lt. (jg) Buddy Hassett, first baseman of the Yankees; Lt. Charley Gehringer, Tiger second sacker; Lt. (jg) Hal Schumacher, Giant pitcher; and Lt. (jg) Pete Appleton, Brown pitcher, who are acting as physical instructors in the Naval Aviation physical fitness program at the Pre-Flight school at Chapel Hill, N.C.

Reds Subdue Pirates, 7-5

Dodgers Nick Phillies, 5-3, Take 2 1/2 Game Lead Over Cardinals

By Collie Small

NEW YORK, May 4—The nine old men from Brooklyn took another tottering step toward an early season lead which may mean the difference in August and September when they came from behind at Ebbets Field yesterday to nip the Philadelphia Phillies, 5-3, thus taking a two-and-a-half game margin over the St. Louis Cardinals in the National League race.

At Cincinnati the Reds overwhelmed the Pittsburgh Pirates, 7-5, in a "swing shift" contest which was the only other major league game played.

Camilli Has Good Day

Brooklyn Hurler Kirby Higbe went the distance for the first time this year, turning back the Phillies with seven hits, but Higbe was fading at the end.

Dodger's Second Baseman Alex Kampouris got a double and a triple, while First Baseman Dolph Camilli had his first good day at the plate with three sharp singles.

Reds Slam '42 Ball

The classic Pittsburgh battery of Max Butcher and Bill Baker failed to live up to poetic promise as the Reds sent Butcher to the showers in the sixth, going on to win, 7-5.

The Reds pounded the '42 "lively" ball for 17 hits with Lonnie Frey getting four for five, boosting his batting average to .466 with 21 hits in 45 times at the plate.

Jacobs Plans Big Fight Program

NEW YORK, May 4—Mike Jacobs said here that he is planning to open an ambitious summer outdoor boxing program on June 11 with a bout between Henry Armstrong and Beau Jack.

White City Grid Contest Has All the Color of College Game

For Saturday's grid contest between the Fighting Irish and the Crimson Tide at White City Stadium, Special Services has arranged to have all the trappings and color of a college game back home—with a touch of English atmosphere thrown in.

Although the contest will start at 2.30 PM, there will be pre-game ceremonies starting at 2 PM with a parade of WRNS, ATS, CWACS (Canadian ATS), WAAFS and British Red Cross nurses.



American League Monday's Games table with columns for team, W, L, Pct., and game score.

National League Monday's Games table with columns for team, W, L, Pct., and game score.

Minor Leagues International League Monday's Games table with columns for team, W, L, Pct., and game score.

American Association Monday's Games table with columns for team, W, L, Pct., and game score.

Southern Association Monday's Games table with columns for team, W, L, Pct., and game score.

Pacific Coast League Monday's Games table with columns for team, W, L, Pct., and game score.

Army, Navy Enter IC4A Meet NEW YORK, May 4—The Army and Navy have entered full teams in 67th annual IC4A track and field championships at the Triborough Stadium here on May 15.

No Night Games at Ebbets Field NEW YORK, May 4—The Army officials have refused the Dodgers permission to use the Ebbets Field lights for night baseball this season.

Slugger McHale Stops Ragsdale; Robinson Wins

McGinty Kayoes Cobb, Eck Gets Fourth Straight Victory

Three hard-punching Irishmen came through with first-round knockouts on last night's weekly fight card sponsored by The Stars and Stripes to give the Rainbow Corner fans their shortest show in 17 weeks of fighting.

Cpl. Andy McGinty, 126-pound Cleveland, lived up to his kayo reputation as he opened the show with a one-minute two-second victory over Pfc Herbert Cobb, of Philadelphia.

McGinty came out fast, feinted for an initial opening, and then landed two hard lefts that bounced Cobb off the ropes.

Cobb tried to back-pedal, found himself in a neutral corner and on the business end of another left. He went down flat on the face for the count.

The second bout ended even quicker than the first, when Pvt. John Robinson, of Kansas City, Kan., knocked out Pvt. Edison Anderson, of St. Louis, Mo., in .45 seconds of the opening round.

Both boys came out slugging, but Robinson caught Anderson with a hard left to the body that crumpled him to the floor in his own corner.

Both boys weighed 150. This was Robinson's third knockout in four Corner appearances.

Eck Outpoints Mattar

Cpl. Bill Eck, Allentown, Pa., light-heavyweight, came through with his fourth straight victory at the Corner when he outpointed Sgt. John Mattar, of Port Arthur, Tex., in the third event.

After the parade, the players of both teams will be introduced to some of the guests who will be present. These will include: Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, commanding general, Eighth Air Force; Maj. Gen. Harry C. Ingles, deputy commander, ETO; Col. Theodore Arier, Chief of Special Services; Col. Jim Dan Hill, Field Artillery commander; Col. Robert Stewart, Engineers commander; Mr. Stanley Rouse, secretary of the Football Association of Great Britain, and the commanding officers of the women's services represented in the parade.

The game itself will start immediately following this presentation. During the half-time there will be contests in punting, both for distance and accuracy, passing competition and music by the two bands.

McHale fighting from his usual south-paw stance hit Ragsdale with hard lefts to the body that brought him down for the count in a neutral corner.

Both boys mixed it up from the start and Ragsdale got in several hard punches before he was stopped.

In a wrestling match that provided a riotous climax to the evening's entertainment, Kid Wallace knocked out Sixal Elliott with a right elbow smash to the face.

Wallace pummelled, tossed and bounced Elliott through five rounds, and came through with the unorthodox clincher at two minutes and 40 seconds of the last round.

Ten Runs in First Gives Armors 15-6 Victory

— FIGHTER STATION, May 4—The Armament and the enlisted men of the Headquarters Squadron advanced to the upper half of the quarter-final round in the softball tournament at this station.

The Count covered the mile and a quarter Derby route in two minutes, four seconds, which is well over the record of two minutes, one and two-fifths seconds set by Whirlaway in 1941.

The Count was only one-fifth of a second over Whirlaway's time for the first mile of the Derby length, but practically loafed down the stretch.

With the fighter pilots leading by a one-run margin in the last inning, the enlisted men came to the fore in the second game when Sgt. Mike Oriel, of Lansford, Pa., reached first on an error.

Tomorrow's games: Cpl. Norman Olsen, Albert Lea, Minn., and Cpl. Joe Durkin, South Bend, Ind., vs. George Bindenwall and Roby Robinson, the latter two of Lockheed Overseas.

Belfast Handball Today

BELFAST, May 4—The first American Red Cross handball doubles, with two matches on the schedule, will be played here tomorrow. The second round will be played May 12.

Blondie



by Chic Young

# Nazi Families Threatened If Men Surrender

## Order Captured in Africa Tells Also of Punishment 'After the War'

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, May 4 (UP)—German soldiers who surrender in Tunisia can now expect their families at home to be punished for this "shameless conduct," according to a German document captured by the Allies.

The document, addressed to German battalion commanders, had the heading "destroy this after reading." It said that Germans who surrender in the face of the enemy will not only see their families punished, but will themselves be subject to the severest penalties after the war.

The German order said: "The names of those who have surrendered to the British and Americans are already established. Proceedings will be instigated against them as soon as they come into German control again. Insofar as they are prisoners of war, the consequences of this infamy will be visited upon their relatives."

German battalion commanders in Tunisia are ordered to keep strict watch on their men.

"Our soldiers," the document says, "do not deserve to be led by weaklings. Nearly all the criminals who have laid down their arms are those who have spent the entire war in replacement depots and now, in these critical times, have proved to be unworthy of battle."

"The Fuehrer will put into your hands, here in Africa exactly as he has done on the eastern front, all the means necessary to win. Commanders in the field are therefore ordered to give full consideration to this problem, without weakness or fear. We have no need to tremble before the enemy."

# Tunisia - - -

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which has been praised by First Army officers who witnessed it.

One unit occupied the road junction six miles out of Mateur and a reconnaissance kept on towards the town. They found it empty.

By 11 o'clock Monday morning, Mateur was in Allied hands. Shortly afterwards, American units were swinging out northwards from the town towards Ferryville.

The Axis has given up many airfields in the Mateur area, part of the cost they are paying for going back to a shorter and more compact line.

They also have given up such defensive positions as the green and bald hills, which a month ago were considered as impregnable as anything in Tunisia.

They found that the bridge over the river had been demolished by the enemy before he left, but a temporary bridge was soon erected, as the road over it was the main one to Bizerta.

The speed of the advance is known to have isolated a number of German detachments in the hills to the west. Just how many men are involved is not known. What is important, however, is that a battle in these hills has been avoided.

While one thrust has gone north from Mateur, another has moved out south, and latest reports said it had already struck across the Sidi Nsir-Tebourba road, about 10 miles due east of Sidi Nsir.

This move considerably eases the position of the First Army troops in the Mejerda Valley, as the American troops making it seem likely to debouch from the Mejerda mountain positions on to the flanks of whatever German units are left in the Mejerda Valley west of Tebourba.

The First Army has been coordinating its blows with the American advance, and have moved on another mile and a half north of Medjez El Bab, where they have captured Hill 443 and Hill 416, both about 1,400 feet high.

## Bebe Daniels at Griffiss

The first of a new series of half-professional, half-GI shows will be presented at Camp Griffiss, Eighth Air Force Hq. Friday night. Organized by S/Sgt. A. G. Brest, a theatrical producer in civil life, the show will have Bebe Daniels and Ben Lyon as guest stars. Gerry Oldham and Claire Smith, currently appearing at the Windmill Theater, will help out the soldier-amateurs. Sgt. Brest plans 40 to 50 similar sketches at various stations in the ETO.

# Run On a New York 'Meat Bank'



Keystone Photo

Scenes like this were duplicated at meat markets all over New York as rationed-frightened householders tried to stock up on the not-so-perishable smoke meats. In many instances police had to disperse crowds after the stores were stripped of their stocks.

# Mostyn Greets W. Virginians

## 'Rocky Mountain Night' Scheduled For Monday

"Rocky Mountain Night" will be held at the American Red Cross Mostyn Club in London Monday night, with men from Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Montana and Idaho meeting.

West Virginians met there Monday, holding a square dance and being presented with corn-cob pipes and tobacco.

Capt. Jack A. Millard, unable to attend, hit the keynote of the evening with his message of regret: "I am proud of the part that West Virginia is doing in this war. Not East, not South, not North, but West—by God—Virginia."

Those present were:

- Cmdr. Geo. Lyon, Pvt. Bruce Perry, Lt. John Charlton, S/Sgt. Kermet D. Hall, Y2c Richard M. Brown, Capt. John Lipscomb and S/Sgt. Wm. B. Van Horn Jr., of Huntington; Pvt. John McNair, Sgt. Clyde Shafer and Cpl. William C. Cross, of Morgantown; Pvt. Clyde Beal, Pvt. Arley Gray, T/Sgt. Russell Sharp, T/5 John Bozicek, Cpl. Frank Lock, T/5 Robt. McMullen and Cpl. John Gordon, of Wheeling; S/Sgt. Geo. A. Townshead, S/Sgt. Herschel Hannon, Sgt. D. B. Morrison, Cpl. Frank Hines, T/Sgt. Bruce E. Wolfe and PM 1st C. Ralph Fordyce, of Parkersburg.
- Sgt. Sam J. Thomas, Pfc Raymond Pugh and Cpl. Chas. Sharples, of Clarksburg; T/5 Richard Tabor, Sgt. Don Nimblett, Pvt. Wm. F. Nimblett, Cpl. James Howalt, Cpl. Chas. Wegman and Sgt. Augustine De Marco, of Fairmont; Sgt. B. G. Kuhn and Sgt. Jas. Sturn, of Grifton; Sgt. Francis Boggs, Pvt. Richard Gibson, Sgt. Jas. Hise and T/5 Woodrow Flowers, of Charleston; T/Sgt. Ralph Olex, S/Sgt. Manuel Espina and Sgt. K. E. Jones, of Moundsville; T/5 Haywood Macee and Cpl. Howard McGee, of Philippe; T/4 Frank Helmezi and S/Sgt. Frank A. Marcinko, of Beckley; T/5 Cyril Gasparovic and Pvt. Mark Musilli, of Benwood.
- Sgt. Bill Enoch and Sgt. Wm. H. Brown, of Reedy; Pfc Charles Mandich and Lt. Walter Bambrick, of Weirton; Cpl. Gerald Comer and Sgt. Jos. Leebert, of Elkins; T/5 John M. Reardon and T/5 Blen Law, of Jane Lew; Cpl. Ernest Komars, of Grant Town; Pvt. Russell Bishop, of Keyser; T/5 James E. Tate, of Laeger; Sgt. Avery F. Gully, of Salem; T/5 Acie Stevens, of Grassy Meadows; Pfc Edwin Steele, of Princeton.
- Capt. Edward O. Berry, of Sutton; Pvt. Strother Tabor, of Welch; S/Sgt. Chas. C. Argabright, of Oak Hill; Pvt. Harry B. Mace, of Weston; Sgt. T. H. Dawson, of Lost Creek; T/4 Ernest Peltrey, of Whitesville; Pfc Lester A. Wilhelm, of Blaine; Sgt. Alden L. McVey, of Ansted; Maj. Norman B. Edwards, of Quincy; Cpl. Homer C. Barney, of Hedgescville; Sgt. Woodrow Lewis, of Petroleum; T/5 Floyd Fanner, of Foundsville; Cpl. Geo. Bailey, of Hinton; Lt. Willis Stinson, of Gilbert; Sgt. Philip DeLauder, of Harper's Ferry; Sgt. Kenneth E. Fitchewell, of Albright; Cpl. Quentin Peltrey, of Kenova.
- S/Sgt. Frank B. Cook, of Pineville; Sgt. Madel H. LaCorte, of Wlder; Pvt. Milford Le Masters, of West Union; Pvt. Melvin McCram, of Hendricks; Y2c Ross Covey, of West Hamlin; Capt. Leland F. Strader, of Harrisville; T/5 Jerry Fox, of Cameron; Cpl. Gomer Wern, of New Cumberland; Sgt. James P. Bartlett, of Spencer; Sgt. Chas. K. Black, of Glenville; Pfc Wm. P. Smith, of Cedar Grove; Pfc Earl Hedrick, of Arista; S/Sgt. Alfred Turrow, of Logan; Miss Julia K. Ellison, acting program director, Mostyn Club, of Greenville; Cpl. Harry Cowan, of Wheeling; Sgt. Wm. H. Martin, of Clarksburg, and S/Sgt. Trimlett, of Fairmont.

# Library Fines Help To Swell Orphan Fund

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE SERVICE GROUP, May 4—Readers slow to return library books are swelling The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund here.

Pfc Michael Kriska, of Cleveland, who works as special service librarian, "fines" the boys who keep books longer than the week to which they are entitled. The "fine" consists of a contribution to the War Orphan Fund box on the librarian's desk.

# N.I. Civilians 'Grand,' Bishop Will Tell FDR

BELFAST, May 4 (AP)—Bishop Adna Wright Leonard will tell President Roosevelt that he "cannot speak too highly of the grand way the people of North Ireland have treated our boys," he said here before returning to England.

Bishop Leonard is chairman of the General Commission of United States Army and Navy chaplains. He spent several days in Northern Ireland, visiting troops stations and the U.S. Navy base at Londonderry.

# Lend-Lease Destroyer Lost

HMS Beverley, formerly the USS Branch, one of the 50 American destroyers transferred to the Royal Navy, has been lost, the Admiralty has announced.

# Airmen Would Show Lewis What War Really Means

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from the civilian front. Here in the war's most dangerous theater of bombing operations, where the odds on surviving 20 missions are very slim, they have evolved a pattern of sacrifice which is little understood at home. They have seen ten of their ships and 100 of their comrades vanish on a single raid. They have watched the dead and wounded carried out of ships so riddled with flak and fighter shells that one wondered how the Fortress got back at all.

Life at a bomber base is exceedingly rugged and the life expectancy of a combat crew is considerably shorter than that of miners digging in the flimsiest bootleg pit. It is hard, therefore, for bomber crews to understand the mewlings and pukings of disgruntled civilian groups at home.

"I worked in a mine and I know how things are," said Lt. Colantoni. "It is hard work, dangerous work, but I know that things are not as bad as they would have us believe."

"I thought I had a hard time in the coal mine," he said, "but after putting in 21 missions over here, I figure I'm lucky to be alive. Sometimes, I wish to hell I was back in those mines."

"Lots of those miners have kids here and in Africa. I don't believe that they should have gone on strike—it's too much like stabbing their own kids in the back."

# Stadtman New Chief of School

## Heads 'Military Academy' Here as Col. Layman Moves to HQ

AMERICAN SCHOOL CENTER, England, May 4—Col. Claud E. Stadtman, former chief liaison officer at headquarters, European Theater of Operations, and adviser to British Combined Operations Headquarters, has been appointed commandant of the American School Center, succeeding Col. Walter G. Layman, of Chevy Chase, Md., who has been transferred to the general staff at headquarters.

The American School Center, operated by the Services of Supply, developed virtually into a military university under the leadership of Col. Layman.

Established as the army's first overseas Officer Candidate school, it was expanded to include specialist schools for both officers and enlisted men of many branches of service. Among the specialist schools now in progress are weapons, tactics, motor transport, signal communications, field medicine and mess management.

The new commandant, who served in France during the last war, has been an instructor at both infantry and field artillery schools in the United States and was serving on the general staff of the War Department when assigned to this theater.

# NEWS FROM HOME

# Midwest GOP Leaders Favor A World Council

## Veer Sharply from Old Isolationist Policy in Post-War Program

CHICAGO, May 4—Republican leaders from 12 traditionally isolationist middle-western States adopted a post-war, four-point national policy program here last night which, in effect, called for the re-creation of the League of Nations.

The reversal of isolationist principles was contained in the last of the four points of the program. They were:

1—Complete military victory of the Allies, ending in the unconditional surrender of the Axis nations.

2—A permanent union of the present United Nations so that they will carry into peace the collaboration they have achieved in war.

3—A sound economic plan for the conversion of war industries to peace-time production, assuring equal opportunity for all after the war.

4—The establishment of a council of nations to assume full responsibility for maintaining world order.

# Nation Favors World Police

PRINCETON, N.J., May 4—Seventy per cent of the persons interviewed in a Gallup poll on the advisability of an international police force after the war were in favor of the idea. Only 14 per cent voted "no" and 12 per cent said they had no opinion.

# Some Buna-S Rubber Released

WASHINGTON, May 4—Rubber Director William M. Jeffers announced today that limited amounts of Buna-S, the new synthetic rubber being manufactured in government plants, were being released to tire and tube manufacturers for experimental production work. The announcement indicates that large-scale production of the synthetic rubber is not far off.

# Sulfa Drug Supply Growing

CHICAGO, May 4—Fred J. Stock, director of the drug section, War Production Board, told the American Drug Manufacturers' Association at a meeting here that the supply of the wonder "Sulfa drugs" has been steadily increasing since the first of the year, and is now ample for both military and civilian needs.

# Message From President

WASHINGTON, May 4—The State Department made public today the text of a message from President Roosevelt to President Wladyslaw Raczewicz, of Poland. It expressed greeting on Poland's National Day, and assured the Polish President that Americans admired the fight Poland put up against the Nazis.

# Rescue - - -

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landed less than a mile from them on the treacherous ice. Two members of the crew were taken to safety, but when the plane returned and picked up a third it crashed, killed its own crew of two and the man they had rescued.

The feet of one officer, Lt. William O'Hara, froze and gangrene set in. Spencer and Pvt. Clarence Wedel attempted to reach the weather outpost to get help for him, using Tetley's sled. Half a mile from the Fortress Wedel fell into a crevasse and was killed. Spencer went on, but four miles farther the sled broke down, leaving the airmen marooned in two separate camps.

Planes continued to drop supplies to them and in mid-December a second attempt was made to land a plane to rescue them. It was forced down in a fjord, where its crew was rescued by Eskimos.

In February Balchen belly-landed a Catalina flying-boat and rescued the party with the sled. Early in April he came back for the other men. He travelled through deep snow with a dog-team to the Fortress and brought the remaining airmen back to his plane. He succeeded in hopping off on Apr. 6 and took them to safety.

Balchen, former pilot for Adm. Byrd, flew over the South Pole in 1929. He landed the first plane ever deliberately set down on the Greenland ice-cap in 1942, when he and a young lieutenant rescued 13 airmen whose plane had crashed. Shortly afterwards they repeated the achievement in rescuing another group of airmen.

# Broadcasts -

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Peter Bonconcillo, New Brunswick, N.J., formerly National Symphony Orchestra violinist; T/5 Norman Cave, Washington, formerly a chauffeur; Sgt. Bruce Cobbs, Telitlan, Ala.; Pvt. Charles Lowe, Macon, Ga.; S/Sgt. Gus Patterson, South Birmingham, Ala.; T/5 William McGee, Philadelphia, organist and impersonator; Pfc Etisano Vosques; Pvt. Red Costello; Pvt. Eugene Cohen, Pittsburgh, director of show, formerly costume designer, Universal Pictures, and Lt. B. Fisher, Philadelphia, Special Service officer.

