



THE STARS AND STRIPES

Daily Newspaper of U.S. Armed Forces

in the European Theater of Operations



Vol. 3 No. 106

London, England

Saturday, March 6, 1943

England's Royal Pair Pass a Card Game



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

When the King and Queen of England visited the new American Red Cross club in Northampton they saw American soldiers enjoying a card game in the club's game room. The Queen is carrying a bunch of violets presented to her by Cpl. Jake Triffo, of Binghamton, N.Y.

Five Main Points Endangered By Steady Red Push

Nazi 'Hedgehog' Positions Soviet Targets Between Kharkov, Lake Ilmen

MOSCOW, Mar. 5 (UP)—Five of Hitler's main "hedgehog" positions on the Russian front between Kharkov and Lake Ilmen are in danger tonight as the steady Russian advance continues along the whole front.

Massed Soviet forces are hitting at Staraya Russa, the vital railway junction just south of Lake Ilmen, from both the north and south, according to German admissions today.

Further south the Nazi fortresses of Viazma and Gjatsek are becoming increasingly threatened with the further thrust of the Russian spearhead aimed at the Viazma-Smolensk railway.

Orel Envelopment Nears

Orel, the farthest wedge-head of the German positions on the Kharkov-Ilmen line now, is rapidly becoming enveloped with the continuation of the drive for Bryansk, and is also facing more direct attacks from other Russian columns nearer the city itself.

Soviet spearheads under Marshal Timoshenko, forcing their men and machines through extremely bad weather and over difficult terrain, are rapidly bringing the German defenses of Staraya Russa to the point where the Germans will have to run or be wiped out.

Staraya Russa controls the two railways to Novgorod and Pskov, and its capture would put the Russians in a

(Continued on page 4)

Yanks to Help Warplane Fund

Participation of U.S. ground and air force men in Britain's "Wings for Victory" drive, opening today, was authorized yesterday in an order signed by Lieut. Gen. Frank M. Andrews. The drive seeks to raise funds to buy planes.

The order authorizes American commanders to grant British requests for the appearance of American troops wherever they can be spared from duty without hampering military functions.

In accordance with the order, Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, commanding the Eighth Air Force, will appear at the opening ceremony at Bermuda today. The Eighth Air Force band will play. A detachment will parade in Chiswick today and another will participate in exercises at Hammersmith Town Hall. An American band will play at North Acton this afternoon. Three Air Force officers will be among today's speakers at a Trafalgar Square rally.

Hamm Raid Cost Germans 14 Fighters, Air Force Says

Allied round-the-clock air raids on Germany and German-held territory passed the 200-hour mark yesterday with sweeps over Europe. The new attacks followed up Thursday's smashing American attack at the Rotterdam docks and the German railroad center of Hamm. RAF bombers attacked objectives in Western Germany and dropped mines in German waters.

Defer Due Date On Victory Tax

Servicemen Need Not Pay 5% Levy Until After War

American servicemen in the European Theater of Operations need not pay the five per cent Victory Tax until three months and 15 days after their return to the U.S., according to a Headquarters, ETO, announcement.

A circular quoting an opinion of the Judge Advocate General sets Mar. 15, 1944, as the date when Victory Tax returns for this year ordinarily would be due, but explains that "the due date for return and payment of such Victory Tax is subject to the same postponement as Federal Income Tax under provisions relating to individuals in the military forces serving outside the continental U.S., or who are prisoners of war or otherwise detained by an enemy government."

Last month a circular was issued which told soldiers in the ETO that they need not make Federal Income Tax returns until three and a half months after their return to the States.

The Victory Tax, part of the Revenue Act of 1942, provides a tax of five per cent on all wages in excess of \$624 per calendar year. All U.S. personnel here are subject to the tax as from Jan. 1, 1943.

Argentina, Still Neutral, Making Arms for Britain

BUENOS AIRES, Mar. 5—By an agreement just signed here, Argentina will manufacture war materials for Great Britain, using British materials transported in British ships.

The agreement is regarded as particularly significant because Argentina has been leader of the "strict neutrality" bloc among Latin-American Republics. While most South American countries have severed diplomatic relations with the Axis powers, Argentina still is technically on friendly terms with Germany, Italy and Japan.

Planes Over Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 5 (UP)—Planes, believed in Stockholm to be British or American, passed over southern Sweden early this morning, travelling in a southeasterly direction.

Allies Repulse Nazis In Hand-to-Hand Fight for Key Town

Enemy Takes Village At Heavy Cost, Then Loses It

Allied and Axis forces were locked in bitter battle last night for the town of Sedjenane, a collection of 30 little houses and a railway station in northern Tunisia, but the gate to the rolling stretches of sand running down to the Mediterranean. Should the Germans conquer it they would be a double menace to the Allied plans in Tunisia.

A furious attempt by the Germans to take Sedjenane was thrown back after violent street fighting. The Germans stormed into the town, but in a brilliant dawn attack Churchill tanks, supported by British infantry, threw the enemy force of about 600 men out of the town and repulsed repeated counter-thrusts afterward.

The Allies had a field day in the skies, hitting four Axis vessels in Mediterranean waters and knocking down five enemy aircraft without losing a single plane. The air war over the Mareth Line blazed anew as enemy interceptors tried in vain to harass Allied attacks on the Axis forces preparing to defend the line against Gen. Montgomery's Eighth Army offensive.

Central Front Quiet

In the central sector, where American troops now have advanced more than 30 miles in pursuit of Rommel's beaten Panzers, there was almost a complete cessation of hostilities. Only patrol activity was reported.

In the Faid sector, where the Germans began their ill-fated drive on Feb. 14, armored U.S. reconnaissance patrols made contact with Axis troops on a line running north and south of Faid Pass, where the Germans were installed on high ground.

American armored patrols are still moving up without meeting too great opposition from the enemy. There was no confirmation of reports that they have occupied the town of Sidi Bou Zid, although their patrols were operating in the vicinity.

In the Sedjenane region, the Germans sacrificed hundreds of men and scores of armored and other vehicles in futile thrusts at the town.

On Wednesday, it was revealed yesterday, they succeeded in penetrating the town, where they clung grimly to their positions all night. At dawn, British troops and tanks, assembled under cover of darkness, launched an attack which drove the enemy out. The Churchill tank played a big role in the action.

In the south the French occupied Mides, about 30 miles west of Gafsa.

Rommel's feeler attacks six miles from the Mareth Line against advanced elements of the Eighth Army, petered out. Patrols of both armies were active in this prelude to what is expected to be a decisive battle.

Continue Air Blows

Five Axis aircraft were destroyed and a considerable number of others were damaged in a dog-fight across the entire front.

Allied aircraft, continuing their unrelenting campaign, bombed and strafed Axis transport and ground personnel throughout Tunisia and sank four out of a convoy of six ships between Sicily and Tunisia.

Flying Fortresses intercepted the six (Continued on page 4)

Mail in Clipper Crash Will Reach Soldiers

The mail will get through to American soldiers in Britain, although dumped into the Atlantic when the Yankee Clipper crashed at Lisbon recently.

British post office officials said yesterday 95 per cent of the 70,000 letters salvaged from the wreckage will reach destinations. The letters arrived here Wednesday, the bulk of them addressed to American soldiers.

"When we opened the bags each bundle of letters was just a sodden mass," an official said. The work of reconditioning is well under way and 5,000 letters already have been posted.

Badly damaged letters will be returned if the sender's name and address can be determined.

Sharks Finish Jap Survivors Of Lost Convoy

'Almost Imagine Sea Was Running Red,' Says Returning Pilot

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Mar. 5 (UP)—Huge man-eating sharks, thrashing the wreckage-strewn slovenly waters of the gulf of Huon today finished off many of the 15,000 troops which the Japanese tried to sneak through to New Guinea in a convoy of 22 ships.

Battered boxes, barrels, a few small boats and life rafts are all that remain of the convoy which was battered out of existence by Allied bombers and fighters in one of the greatest air-sea actions in history.

Pilots returning from the battle scene gave graphic descriptions of how hundreds of the Jap soldiers who survived the sinking of their ships lay huddled on rafts or clung to the wreckage with victim after victim falling to the huge sharks which infest these waters. Many of these sharks are able to swallow a man whole, or even to inflict a worse fate on him, leaving a widening crimson patch in the water where it struck.

One pilot said, "You could almost imagine that the sea was running red."

Allied bombers and fighters strafed the remaining vessels in the original convoy of 12 transports and ten warships. Two damaged and sinking Jap destroyers which kept afloat over Wednesday night were again attacked and both sunk.

Other Jap troops from sunken transports who attempted to land on the coast of New Guinea in small power barges, were wiped out.

American pilots returning from the (Continued on page 4)

British Correspondent Praises Yanks He Watched in Battle

The average American is a greater individualist than the average Englishman, so Johnny Doughboy learns his lessons the hard way, but once he learns them "no one knows better than he does," a British war correspondent just back from Tunisia said yesterday.

Philip Jordan, correspondent for the News Chronicle, London, who spent months at the front with Americans, wrote: "When I saw United States soldiers fighting their second battle I had some difficulty in recognizing the same individuals I had watched earlier. These older men—for 'older' is the right word—were in every way comparable with our own."

Lauding Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Allied Force commander, Phillip said, "I know of no man in our own army, with the possible exception of that greatest of all generals, Wavell, who could perform as well."

"Of the troops under his command I would say this. Like all new troops, going into battle for the first time—and real battle is the only place where a soldier can learn his job—they have their faults and their greenness. But—and

this is a big 'but'—they are quicker to learn the first essential lessons of battle than any troops I have seen in this war."

The British correspondent praised the individual bravery and courage of U.S. soldiers he saw in action.

"Even when things have gone wrong," Phillip said, "the American soldier has behaved with a personal intrepidity that places him among the world's heroes."

Speaking of the first U.S. setback in Tunisia, Phillip said, "We have had our own Gafsas, and on a greater scale; and precisely because of them we are a better people. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander."

Phillip reported growing understanding between American and British soldiers under battle conditions.

"I have heard a good deal of conversation on this subject; and men have gone out of their way to visit me in order that they might express their opinions in their own picturesque language. Almost without exception those opinions have been flattering. What I think impressed me most was the constantly reiterated remark that 'we didn't really appreciate your boys when we were in England, but now we know better.'"

Famous Last Words: 'It's Only a Spit'

SOMEWHERE IN TUNISIA, Mar. 5 (UP)—"Famous last words: 'Okay, it's only a Spit.'"

This, in red letters on a white background, is typical of signboards in Tunisia. It graces a road favored by Focke-Wulfs out strafing.

Another sign warning against enemy fighters says: "Don't sit still. Get out and run."

"Do you want to break your neck, and somebody else's, too?" is just a reminder of a bad road. So is, "This road has killed a lot of men who thought they were good drivers. See that it doesn't kill you."

At one desolate cross-roads some nostalgic Londoner painted a sign: "Charing Cross."

THE STARS AND STRIPES

Daily Newspaper of the U.S. Armed Forces in the European Theater of Operations. The Stars and Stripes is edited and published under auspices of the Director of Special Service Division, S.O.S., War Dept., Brig. Gen. F. H. Osborn, and Col. Theodore Arter, Chief of Special Service Sect., ETO, for the U.S. Armed Forces in the European Theater of Operations and Africa. Printed by The Times Publishing Company, Ltd., at Printing House Square, London, E.C.4 (Telephone: Central 2000). Contents passed by the U.S. Army and Navy censors: subscription, 26 shillings per year.

EDITORIAL BOARD

Editor..... Maj. E. M. Llewellyn
Associate Editors..... Capt. H. A. Harchatz
2nd Lt. J. C. Wilkinson

STAFF

News Editor..... T/Sgt. Robert Moore
Photo Editor..... S/Sgt. Bud Hinton
Photo and Make-up..... T/Sgt. Ben. F. Price
Sports..... S/Sgt. Mark Semigo
Navy..... Yeoman Tom Bernard, USNR

Vol. 3, No. 106, March 6, 1943

Guerillas

Much has been written about the Russian, Yugoslav and Greek guerillas operating in Europe; but guerillas are also active in the Pacific Theater, even though less is known of the splendid job they are doing for the Allies.

In the Philippines, for example, Japan has announced that all guerillas have finally been rounded up and everything is "just lovely." The following week, in another military communique, the announcement is repeated, together with a long list of casualties resulting from the latest campaign fought to permanently suppress the roving bands of American and Filipino guerillas.

Guerilla bands are also still fighting in the Dutch East Indies. This fact was recently revealed by Prince Raden Mas Sodejono, now serving in the Royal Netherlands Indies Army air corps.

He explained that preparations for guerilla warfare were made long before the East Indies fell into Japanese hands, and stored up supplies are available in large quantities for the use of guerilla troops.

The Japs in many of the South Pacific Islands dare not go outside the cities. Indonesians are still attacking their military posts, and definitely expect to destroy all Japanese forces in the near future.

On Guadalcanal, it was a small party of guerillas who gave the American Marines valuable assistance. This band of only seventeen Englishmen and native policemen lived on Guadalcanal, behind the Japanese lines, until the island was finally taken by American forces. All during that time they harassed the enemy and by radio directed attacking American forces.

In this war the Japanese soldier has proved himself to be an efficient fighting man. He is tough and he is brave, and he hardly ever surrenders. In the South Pacific, however, he has been defeated by a tougher, more efficient fighting man, who carries on, often as a guerilla, until help arrives. He is a man who also dies before he surrenders. He's GI Joe and his Ally.

Reciprocal Entertainment

Anglo-British reciprocal aid has again scored with the inauguration of a cooperative scheme for exchanging entertainment programs for troops stationed in the United Kingdom.

Under the new Anglo-American plan, United States troops are being furnished by the British with variety shows, orchestras, quiz teams and other forms of talent. In return, Americans provide soldier talent numbers such as choirs, instrumental music and speakers who perform in their off-duty hours, not only in British military camps, but in war factories, where they supplement regular recreation programs. Factory operators report such programs have given a tremendous boost to the morale of the workers.

This cooperative scheme of fun-making had its beginning last Fall when the American First Special Service Unit presented, under the auspices of a county war charities association, an exhibition of American baseball, touch-football and tug-of-war. The success of the project suggested later activities which included shows for English children, reports the Special Service Section Headquarters, Services of Supply, ETO.

The spirit of cooperation now manifests itself in many new ways, claim U.S. Special Service officers. Local British cinemas frequently contribute free tickets to American soldiers. British rugby teams invite American soldiers to participate in their games and colleges provide their gymnasiums for American sports. In reciprocation, American soldiers instruct the British in American games, stage boxing matches and loan them projection machines for camp movies. The Theatrical and Cinema Division of Special Services frequently presents its first-class programs, featured by movie stars, to large audiences which include both British and American soldiers.

One notable success in Anglo-American cooperation was a joint show in which an American Special Service unit used talent which included RAF and WAAF personnel. A typical example of the willingness to cooperate was exhibited during preparation for this show when an English woman rode 14 miles on a bicycle each day from her home to work in making flags and preparing costumes and scenery.

The entire program is a growing success that brings pleasure to thousands, and generates the spirit needed for construction of a better world.

Hash Marks

We wish we were a close friend of the Governor of Ceylon. It is reported that he has used the same razor blade successfully for eight months—"honing it on the inside of a tumbler." Shoot the glass to me, John boy.

"The days of Romeo and Juliet are over"—that's what a judge told a sailor accused of climbing a fire escape, forcing



his way into a fourth-floor apartment and asking a woman to leave her husband and come away with him.

A sergeant from St. Paul and a lieutenant from Minneapolis frequently engage in some pretty classy arguments over the respective merits of their rival cities. One day the sergeant wrote home, "Lt. — and I still argue about St. Paul and Minneapolis; but we agree on one thing—that Minnesota is the best state in the Union." To this the censor penned a neat, signed postscript, "Incorrect information—Connecticut is the best state in the Union."

You can thank the lowly peanut for the fact that crews of our submarines don't have to sing that doleful serenade, "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes." The peanut, now known as the "Vegetable Commando" because of its varied by-products for war use, is playing an important role in sea warfare. No American submarine puts out to sea without a plentiful supply of peanut oil aboard. This is the only cooking oil that does not smoke at cooking temperatures, thus enabling submarine officers to aim their torpedoes with smoke-free eyes.

Back in the States there is a group of Army engineers who are tearing their hair over the disappearance of a fire hydrant



which appears on all their maps of a certain air base. The missing hydrant is now in the yard of a summer cabin owned by a man known as Earl Gray; and thereby hangs a tale. Gray, former manager of the city airport before the Army took over, stuck a fire hydrant on the treeless airfield for the convenience of his pet air-dale, Sugar. Army engineers arrived and included the hydrant on all their maps as a location point—completely overlooking the fact that no water main led to it. When Gray moved he took the hydrant with him because—though there are plenty of trees around his mountain home—Sugar, a pup used to modern plumbing, likes the hydrant better.

J. C. W.

Terror Is a Two-edged Sword

Nazis Seek to Quell Risings With Rule Of Fear

Once in Europe there was only one terror—the Gestapo, which subdued what the Wehrmacht had conquered. But these days, and these nights, now that Hitler's armies have been found vulnerable, there are three terrors: for them that fear Hitler, still the Gestapo; for them that work for Hitler, the terror of bombs day and night, and the fearful knowledge that sooner or later, probably sooner, the army of retribution will come out of the West. This is the second of two articles on the things Germany fears and what the Nazis are doing about it.

Verboten:

It is forbidden. In the market place of Boulogne, where the French fishermen used to sit in the sun after their catch had been sold. . . . In front of the tidy town hall at Groningen, where Dutch farmers came of a holiday to talk crops. . . .

On a billboard which sticks up from the charred bones of the town of Lidice, scoured from the Czechoslovak map last summer by Nazi order. . . . Across all Europe, even where the Axis partners speak Italian, or Rumanian, or Hungarian, the old Germanic letters of the word—Verboten—are reminders of the three terrors which today have gripped an entire continent. . . .

One of the terrors is for the conquered peoples, the fear of the Gestapo. The other two belong to the conquerors, the fear of Allied invasion, which is preceded now by bombs around the clock; and the fear that never goes away as, one by one, lone sentries and outpost guards are found with throats slit or skulls crushed in silent guerrilla attacks.

The fear that the conquered will rise is manifest in the publicly posted orders which begin: "Verboten. . . ." To London in the last few weeks has come tangible proof that the Nazis and the Quislings, acutely suffering from invasion jitters, have stepped up their own reign of terror against the occupied lands.

The fear that the conquered will rise is manifest in the publicly posted orders which begin: "Verboten. . . ." To London in the last few weeks has come tangible proof that the Nazis and the Quislings, acutely suffering from invasion jitters, have stepped up their own reign of terror against the occupied lands.

Manpower Levies Redoubled

The levies for manpower on Greece and Holland, Czechoslovakia and France, Poland and Norway have been doubled and redoubled. Every man, woman and child in the conquered countries is to be called upon for defense.

The Nazi orders to their gauleiters for more manpower, and Hitler's proclaimed policy ten days ago of not sparing the axe or the hangman's rope to make the slave-peoples fight for the New Order, are definite indications that the Nazi terror is a two-edged weapon, Allied leaders in London feel.

They do not say Germany has grown weak; they say Germany is afraid of growing weak. A statement prepared by the Inter-Allied Information Committee from statistics supplied by Allied governments for the duration of the occupation of their respective countries last week summed up the death roll of the reign of terror to date and provided one reason why Hitler's manpower in Germany and the conquered countries already is strained:

Nearly 3,400,000 persons have been executed by the Germans or have died in prison in nine occupied countries.

That is a figure equal to the entire population of the States of Arizona, Delaware, Idaho, Maine, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire and Wyoming.

The hostage system is Hitler's ace for



Keystone Photo

Down a country lane in Poland a Nazi soldier drives six men to their execution. A copy of German Army orders which has reached London says that all such prisoners executed as hostages may walk to their graves as a courtesy.

restraining the sabotage which throws his railroad switches, blows up his power houses, spills his gasoline and burns out his engine bearings. Mass imprisonment cleans off the small fry by the thousand, the report shows, but by the hostage system his gauleiters have been able to kill off the known leaders of rebellion against the New Order.

In Belgium, 152 Belgians have been executed, 42 of them as hostages. There are 2,000 prisoners in the concentration camp at Bredeken, 800 at the citadel of Huy, in Liege. Those are the two largest; there are a dozen more.

In Czechoslovakia, the Germans announce that 2,463 persons have been sentenced to death in two towns alone—Prague and Brno. Two whole towns of Lidice and Lezaky have been razed to the ground, with all adult males killed, adult females sent to concentration camps and the children to "educational centers."

It has been officially stated that Czechoslovaks killed by the Gestapo are not included in known lists of the dead. The gauleiter did announce that 1,300 persons have been handed over to the Gestapo "for further treatment."

More than 100,000 persons are in concentration or forced labor camps; 140,000 Czechs are reported as "volunteer" German munitions workers.

St. Nazaire Reprisal

Up to last Aug. 3, 24,000 Frenchmen had been executed by the Nazis. After that the Germans did not announce the figures except to say, on Sept. 16, that 116 "Communist terrorists" had been shot and large-scale deportations carried out. In reprisal for the St. Nazaire Commando raid alone 150 hostages were killed, ostensibly for aiding stranded Commandos to escape or for hiding them. That charge probably was true.

The average daily death rate in concentration camps in France, according to reliable figures available here, is probably about 30 per camp.

Greece has suffered more from Bulgaria than from Germany; in the two provinces nearest Bulgaria about 15,000 Greeks have been killed. Another 3,000 have been executed in Crete and 2,000 in the rest of Greece. But that roll is insignificant beside the number of Greeks who have died of starvation because Germany has taken all available foodstuffs to feed her own. That total is so far up in the tens of thousands, Allied leaders here say, that it is impossible to make a reliable estimate.

Yet the Greeks are not beaten. Derailments of German munitions and troop trains are so frequent and serious that a standard price of hostages has been set for every derailment or attack on a train by guerillas—200 men.

The little grand Duchy of Luxemburg, surrounded by Germany, Belgium and France, had 301,000 inhabitants before the war. Today at least 10,000 are in prison or concentration camps. One-tenth of the population has read the orders, posted in every town, which will deport them to Poland, and today German families are moving into the vacant homes.

Names of Dead in Files

In the files of the Netherlands Government in London are the names of 200 Hollanders executed by the Nazis; it is known that the list is incomplete. Two thousand more are hostages, if they haven't already been killed. Eight thousand are in concentration camps, and about 2,000 have died there since the Nazis came.

In addition, 60,000 Dutch Jews have been put wholesale into concentration camps. No one knows authoritatively how many of them have died.

In Norway, the Nazis' jitters, perhaps, are most severe. There last week 12 men dressed in British battle dress seized a ship in daylight. There this week RAF bombers destroyed a mine worth two or three army corps to Hitler, the molybdenum mine and plant at Knaben. There the Commandos have struck three times.

In reprisal, or to quell their own fears, the Germans have executed 140 men. They have put 8,000 in concentration camps.

Two and a half million Poles have been executed or died in concentration camps. One million of them were Jews. The

figures are approximate, since they do not cover beyond Dec. 31 last. On last June 1 there were 55,000 Poles in penal or concentration camps.

It has been figured out that the average span of life in the 24 concentration camps in Poland is nine months.

Yugoslavia, where the Chetniks and other guerillas have held down a whole German army by their hush warfare, reports 744,000 persons executed up to the end of the year. There, too, there is a set formula for hostages: For one German killed, 100 hostages executed; for one German wounded, 50 killed; but they have a refinement of that formula; for every prominent official who goes over to Gen. Mihailovick's guerillas, 100 Yugoslav heads must roll in the hangman's basket of sawdust.

Kill in Nice Way

Last week there came to London a copy of German military regulations governing the execution of hostages. It specified the killing must be done in a nice way, with special privileges not accorded ordinary prisoners.

The regulations, issued by the commander of the 125th German regiment occupying Yugoslavia, says in paragraph III:

"Hostages may be permitted to walk to their graves. They may kneel there before the order to fire is given."

Prisoners convicted of sabotage are not permitted to kneel.

Another paragraph decrees that "the local population by all means should be prevented from bringing flowers to the graves of the hostages."

The instructions as to how to kill the hostages are precise.

"From two to four soldiers should be provided for the execution of each hostage. The soldiers will fire at the heads and hearts of the prisoners. After the volley, at the request of the medical officer, the officer commanding the firing squad will fire one shot from his revolver into the bodies of the prisoners. The medical officer then should make certain that the hostages are dead."

Finally, the executing officer is warned that he must keep a list of the names of the dead hostages. The lists are sent to a bureau in the Wilhelmstrasse, in Berlin, and indexed.

After each name is the notation, deceased.

In London, in the guarded files of the exile governments of nine occupied countries, there are corresponding lists of the names of those who died at home.

Beside them, indexed, are the names of every Nazi leiter, SS guard, Gestapo agent and Quisling who took part in, ordered, or facilitated each of those executions.

There is no notation after the names—yet.



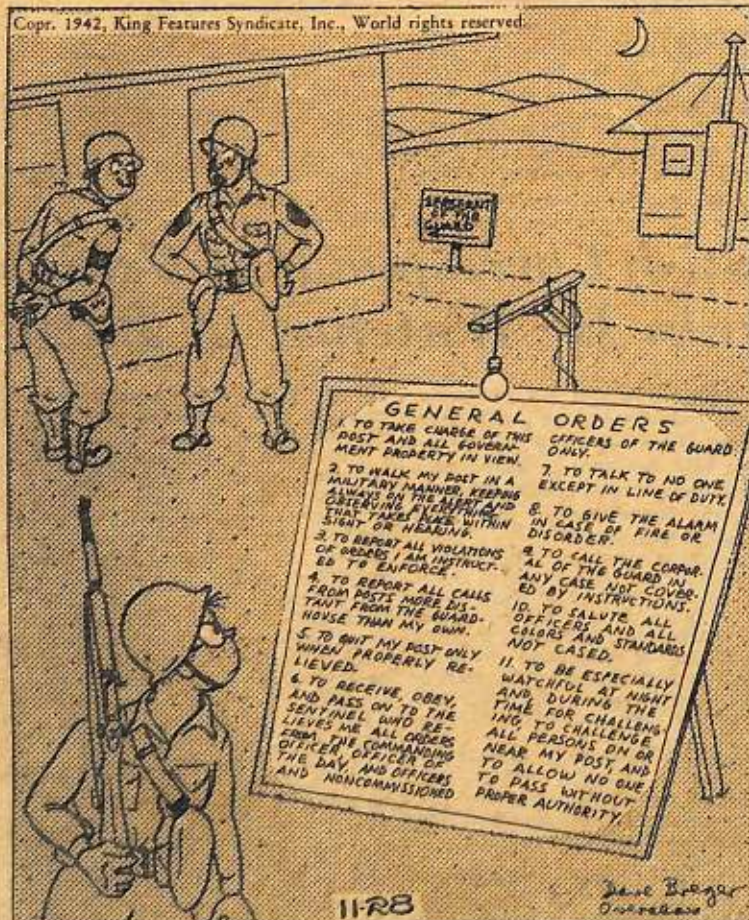
Retribution

Civilian life was such a bore, An endless, driving grind; I worked until my bones were sore, I thought I'd lose my mind. The hours were long, the pay was low, I did the work of ten; On week-end trips I'd never go. Vacation came for men Whom only Boss would pick for that. He rode me all day long. I was the mouse and he the cat, I always was in wrong. In vain I'd try to please the rat, I didn't have the knack; And always I was worried that He might give me the sack. But then, I got away one day, In August, '41; The Draft, God bless it, came my way, And so my fears were done. I've done my best and now I boast A master sergeancy. I feel like yelling, coast to coast: "I'm lucky and I'm free!" But stay, my friends, don't go away, There's much more to my glee. My boss was drafted yesterday, And now he's under me!

Medicus . . . Our Army.

PRIVATE BREGER

By Sgt. BREGER



"It's for our number three sentry, he just can't learn the general orders!"

Foxx Thinks He's Through, Quits Baseball

Oil Salesman Now, Jimmy Doesn't Want Another Bad Season

BOSTON, Mar. 5—Jimmy Foxx, the old Double X of the Philadelphia Athletics and the Boston Red Sox, one of the great sluggers of all time, has confirmed reports that he is quitting baseball. He soon expects to notify the Cubs, to whom he was traded by the Bosox, of his intention to leave the game.

Now a salesman with a New York oil firm, Jimmy drawled, "This looks like a good time for me to quit. Baseball may not even start this season, no less finish. I'm about at the end, anyhow, and I'd better quit while I have a good job. I want to get out before I have another bad season like '42. I don't want the fans to remember me like that."

Foxx, chunky and powerful, shared baseball's slugging honors with Lou Gehrig during the period after the retirement of Babe Ruth and before the supremacy of Ted Williams and Joe DiMaggio. He came within two homers of Babe's record of 60 in a single season. He led the American League in batting and home runs several times.

Jimmy played catcher and third base beside first, and was one of the game's most popular figures.

Sprint May Put Burnham Ahead

NEW YORK, Mar. 5—Frank Dixon, America's newly crowned mile king, won't have to chase Gil Dodds again Saturday, but still has got plenty of running to do.

Frank is favored to annex the Intercollegiate Athletic Association mile crown, but he will have to look out for Don Burnham, Dartmouth youngster. Not yet 20, Burnham isn't Dixon's equal if both have a chance to run their best race, but conditions probably won't allow that Saturday.

The mile field probably will attract over 20 contestants. Such a horde undoubtedly will congest the track and slow down the race. The experts figure that in a slow mile (over 4:12) Burnham can out-sprint Dixon. Don has already licked him once when he ran 4:10.5, taking second behind Gil Dodds a fortnight ago.

It would seem that Dixon must accept the disagreeable role of pacemaker if he wants a fast enough race to draw the sting from Burnham's sprint.

NEWS FROM HOME

Ceiling Prices Set for Meat, And Chiselers May Be Sued

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5—The nation was embarked today on a program of meat-price control under which every retailer is required to post his prices—and may be sued for \$50 by any housewife he has overcharged. This is one of a series of regulations designed to curb "black market" sales.

Announced yesterday by Prentiss M. Brown, U.S. Price Administrator, the new regulations hit first at climbing pork prices. Beef, veal, lamb and mutton will be added to the list of controlled items within a week, Brown said.

(An official price list sets forth the exact ceiling price per pound for each of 66 principal cuts of pork. The list is further subdivided into 230 sub-classifications.)

New 'Health Bomb'

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Mar. 5—The research laboratories of the Westinghouse Electric Co. here have just turned out a new weapon for U.S. fighting men in the tropics—a "health bomb" which exterminates disease-carrying insects.

Harmless to humans, the bombs emit vapors when discharged in a tent or barrack building which are sure death to the insects that spread disease among the troops.

Urges Victory Gardens

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5—James H. Landis, Director of Civilian Defense, called on "every man, woman and child who can handle a shovel" today to help increase food production by planting "victory gardens."

For Fire Engines, Maybe?

LARCHMONT, N.Y., Mar. 5—Larchmont city fathers, planning the installation of air raid sirens, asked priority on enough copper wire for the job. Back from Washington came a note: "... the construction described in your application should be deferred for the duration of the war."

Mistaken Identity

HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 5—This is supposed to have happened during the filming of a street scene in a Laurel and Hardy comedy.

The script called for a character to fire a shotgun which was the signal for Hardy to scam. At the same time a stunt man was to jump from a window and run away from the camera. When the 12-gauge blasted, a figure leaped from the

Air Force Fight Finals Advanced to Tuesday

The finals of the Eighth Air Force boxing tournament, originally scheduled for presentation at the Rainbow Corner tonight, have been advanced to Tuesday, when they will be included in the regular Tuesday night Stars and Stripes ring show at the Red Cross club.

There will be five bouts in the Air Force finals, the winners of which will be crowned champs in their weight division. Added to these fights will be three regular Stars and Stripes bouts, making a full card of eight fights.

Tigers Lead Ivy Swimmers

But Princeton Hasn't Met Yale Which is Also Unbeaten

NEW YORK, Mar. 5—Princeton leads the Eastern Intercollegiate swimming league, but that's only because the Tigers haven't faced Yale yet. The Elis, who are consistently the nation's best dual meet team or close to it, have another of their unbeatable combinations. So it is only a question of time until they re-annex the Eastern crown which is theirs by right and heredity by now.

Wednesday the Elis whipped Columbia, 45-30. Feature of the meet was the 220-yard free style duel between Yale's Alan Ford, world 100-yard free style record holder, and the Lions' unbeaten freshman, Gene Rogers. Nobody gave Rogers a ghost of a chance, and he didn't have one as Ford splashed to a two-length victory in the splendid time of two minutes 11 and two-tenths seconds.

Here are the League standings:

	W	L		W	L
Princeton	6	0	Harvard	2	3
Yale	5	0	Army	2	4
Dartmouth	4	2	Columbia	1	5
Navy	3	3	Pennsylvania	0	6

Heavyweight Salute

HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 5—When Sgt. Joe Louis, known in civil life as Joe Louis, reported to Lt. Col. Frank M. McCabe here for duty in the cast of the movie version of "This Is The Army," he tossed him an extra-snappy salute. Press agent Cameron Shipp, demonstrating the Louis highball to newspaper men later, put so much comp into it that he smacked his hand against a desk, breaking several bones.

Card Hurler Becomes Officer



Johnny Beazley, 1942 World Series hero, has been commissioned second lieutenant in the Air Force after completing 12 weeks' training at OCS in Miami, Fla.

Lefty Grove Was Faster Pitcher Than Feller, Says Gehringer

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 5—Lt. Charley Gehringer, former great second baseman of the Detroit Tigers, now assigned as baseball coach at St. Marys Naval Preflight training school, was asked to name the fastest pitcher he ever faced. Charley did not hesitate.

"It was Lefty Grove when he was with the Athletics. He was faster than Bob Feller. He was also the toughest pitcher I ever faced. Being a left hander, he had an advantage over left-handed batters like me. I never had the same trouble with Feller that I had with Grove.

Hq. Five Paced By Zimmerman

By Wade Barton

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

AN AIR DEPOT STATION, Mar. 5—Competition was fast and furious as intra-squadron games highlighted the latest night of play in the Air Depot Group basketball league.

Sgt. Ray Zimmerman, of Grand Rapids, Mich., Team A, Headquarters, matched Sgt. Emanuel Flagella, of Dunkirk, N.Y., Team C, Headquarters, shot for shot as both scored 19 points, but Zimmerman's team mates contributed more aid in the form of smooth passwork and neat scoring plays for a final score of Team A, 47, Team C, 23.

The second game proved to be a grudge battle, but the accurate rebound work of Sgt. Earl Wilson, of Ashville, Ohio, and M/Sgt. David Robey, of Van Wert, Ohio, enabled Team A, Repair, to build up a steadily growing lead to finish 39-24 over Team H, Repair.

After three-quarters of play the lead was never more than two points as Team C, Repair, and Team D, Repair, battled on even terms in the third contest. But Sgt. Glen Floyd, of Pittsburg, Mo., found the hoop for three doubledeckers in the final period to ice the game for Team D, 28-17.

With the score 3-3 at the quarter and 8-6 at halftime, Team A, Supply, soon opened a gap in the last half, with Cpl. Urban Ranker, of Tiffin, Ohio, leading the way to triumph over Team D, Supply, 24-11. Pvt. Steve Rigo, of Cleveland, displayed outstanding defensive ability for the winners.

First WAACs, Now Wrestlers

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 5—Wrestling between women has been approved by the California Athletic Commission. But women of questionable character will not be permitted to take part.

Basketball Results

- Gettysburg 61, Franklin Marshall Preflight 26.
- Georgetown 47, Syracuse 46.
- Delaware 52, Western Maryland 49.
- American University 42, Loyola (Balt.) 39.
- Aberdeen Proving Ground 81, Penn Military 45.
- Marshall 72, Salem 56.
- Worcester Tech 72, Boston 41.
- Albright 65, Lebanon Valley 52.
- New Cumberland 49, Millersville Teachers 35.
- Swarthmore 55, Lafayette 45.
- Drexel 63, Haverford 44.
- Duke 57, VMI 41.
- St. Joseph 58, Bolling Field 39.
- Muhlenberg 80, Franklin Marshall 44.
- Providence College 88, St. Anselms 39.
- East Stroudsburg Teachers 48, Westchester Teachers 37.
- Panzer 47, Montclair Teachers 40.
- Oklahoma 35, Oklahoma Aggies 31.

Bomb Wing Five on Top

A BOMBER STATION, England, Mar. 5—With Cpl. Bob Goslin, of Brooklyn, N.Y., scoring ten points, the Bomb Wing quintet trounced the Service Squadron hoopers, 29-17. Sgt. Dan Silverie, of Bryn Mawr, Pa., topped the losers with five tallies.

Redmen Clinch Tourney Bid by Defeating NYU

Fordham May Get Other New York Invitation; Creighton Accepts

NEW YORK, Mar. 5—Only Western Kentucky State and Creighton have accepted bids to the national invitation basketball tournament starting at Madison Square Garden March 18, but the field is rapidly shaping up and by the time the selection committee meets over the week-end, all but one or two teams should have been invited and accepted.

St. Johns, with only war-torn St. Francis still to play, is considered to have clinched an invitation following the thrilling 57-53 victory over NYU. The same holds for Toledo which, minus star Forward Davage Minor, eked out a slender 43-41 decision over scrappy LIU.

DePaul Certain

Fordham appears to have the other local bid clinched, while DePaul, conqueror of Toledo, also seems a certain entrant. Duke, Southern Conference champion, is an overwhelming possibility. It would be nice to get Illinois, Dartmouth, Wyoming, Southern California and Notre Dame, but they'll likely favor national intercollegiate tournament bids.

St. Johns had a tough assignment subduing NYU. Rebounding from last week's rout by Fordham, the Violets would have beaten the Redmen if they had been able to guard Harry Boykoff more effectively. But that's the same as saying Hitler would beat the Russians if the Russians weren't so good. Boykoff was the heart and soul of the Redmen's attack, scoring 15 points in the first period and seven in the second, although guarded by two men throughout. His defensive work, especially around the backboards, showed to better advantage than at any time, this season.

Alternate Five Frosh

The Violets' Sam Mele, perhaps the outstanding all-around performer in the metropolitan district, had one of his best scoring nights with 15 points while his cutting, ball handling and playmaking were beautiful to watch. Fuzzy Levane, who usually fulfils a similar role for the Redmen, was off form. Fortunately Hy Gotkin, although the smallest man on the court, was able to compensate by feeding Boykoff accurately and often.

Long Island, alternating five freshmen to replace the 13 players inducted last Tuesday, surprised the dichards by a near victory over prohibitively favored Toledo. Freshman Elmore Collins, chunky Negro guard, front man in the zone defense which hampered the Toledoans throughout, was the game's standout.

Dartmouth Hockey Squad First in Eastern League

HANOVER, N.H., Mar. 5—Dartmouth clinched the Eastern hockey league championship two weeks ago, tying Harvard four-all. With the season completed and the crown safe, the Indians can watch with no fears as Yale and Harvard play the league's final game tomorrow.

Harvard has already clinched the runner-up spot. By beating the Elis last week, the Cantabs can take two out of three if they win tomorrow.

The standings:

	W	L		W	L
Dartmouth	7	0	Army	1	7
Harvard	5	1	Princeton	1	7
Yale	4	3			

Indians Having Trouble Filling First Base Spot

CLEVELAND, Mar. 5—The pennant hopes of the Cleveland Indians dropped a couple of notches as Les Fleming, hard hitting first baseman, announced that he is remaining at a Texas shipyard where he is doing war work.

Already Hal Trosky, Fleming's successor on first, who quit in '41 because of migraine headaches, has declared that he won't try a comeback since he's a farm worker. Fleming hit .292 last year and led the American League first basemen in fielding.

Armstrong Broke Joyce's Jaw

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 5—Willie Joyce, conqueror of Henry Armstrong in their ten-round bout here Tuesday, won a pyrrhic victory, it appears today. Complaining about a pain in his jaw, Joyce went to be examined and found that his jaw was broken, probably by one of Henry's Sunday punches.

Reich Reported In Unrestricted U-Boat Warfare

Won't Spare Neutrals, Rio Hears; Spanish Ship Is Torpedoed

RIO DE JANEIRO, Mar. 5 (AP)—A reliable source reported today that Germany had suspended safe conduct for Swedish vessels bound for western hemisphere ports, and suggested that it marked the opening of a submarine campaign against all neutral shipping operating in the Atlantic.

The suspension of safe conduct, which was previously granted Swedish and other neutral ships bound for South American ports, was reported to have coincided with the sinking of the Spanish ship Monteigueldo, off the Brazilian coast, and the loss of three Swedish ships in the Atlantic in recent weeks.

(It was a similar policy of unrestricted submarine warfare that brought the United States into the last war in 1917.)

Plainly Marked Spanish

The daylight sinking of the Monteigueldo, 50 miles north of the island of Fernando Noronha on Feb. 24 by a submarine which fired three torpedoes into a hull plainly marked "Spanish Freighter," caused a sensation in Brazil and tended to support recent reports that neutral ships were no longer able to obtain safe conduct passes from Buenos Aires and Montevideo.

The Monteigueldo was enroute from Buenos Aires to Las Palmas with a cargo of wheat, corn and sugar.

Dispatches from Natal quoted some of the 34 survivors as saying that the submarine was German.

Since the entry of Brazil into the war, Spanish and Swedish navigation has been the mainstay of the European maritime connection with South American ports.

Bomber Crews Describe Fights

(Continued from page 1)

They flew from the target to the home base on two engines, one of which had a bad cylinder and was shooting oil. The crew had been on 13 previous raids over enemy territory, but Lt. Beasley described Thursday's trip as "ten times as tough as any of the others."

"The German fighters came in closer than I had ever seen 'em in the movies," S/Sgt. Arthur R. Cressman, a Los Angeles, Cal., gunner, explained. "I could almost have shaken hands with one of those fellows."

1/Lt. Vernon A. Parker, of San Antonio, Tex., co-pilot on another bomber, described the enemy fighter pilots as being either daring or crazy. Lt. Parker formerly flew Spitfires for the Royal Air Force.

Capt. "Tex" McCrary, who went on the mission to take photographs, spent all of his time at a machine-gun after the radio operator was injured early in the trip.

Flak Heavy, Accurate

Crews participating in the attack on Rotterdam called the Nazi fighter opposition "weak," but reported running into heavy, accurate flak over the target.

"Nothing exciting happened," said 2/Lt. Charles E. Spare Jr., of Los Angeles, Cal., "except that I don't see how we flew through that stuff. Their fighters weren't half as aggressive as the ones we met over France. I think those pilots are cadets or something."

The Fortresses in the group were led by Maj. Joseph J. Preston, of Elgin, Minn., whose navigator was 1/Lt. R. H. Nutter, of Norwood, Mass. Another pilot who characterized the Nazi fighters as "green" was Capt. R. E. Schleich, of San Francisco, Cal.

"They didn't press home their attacks at all," Capt. Schleich said. "There was nothing to it. It was easy."

Flying as Schleich's co-pilot on this trip was Maj. Herbert O. Wangeman, of Moorpark, Cal. "While the major was at the controls," Schleich said, "I had a chance to sit up there and take some pictures."

Four Fighters Claimed

One group attacking Rotterdam claimed a total of four enemy aircraft destroyed. The crew of Capt. A. V. Martini, San Francisco, Cal., told how he headed his bomber into attacking fighters, upsetting their aim while his own gunners blazed back. As one FW190 came in from the side, S/Sgt. W. G. Rose, a waist gunner from Topeka, Kan., S/Sgt. R. W. Armstrong, Catonsville, Md., ball turret gunner, and S/Sgt. Henry A. Mitchell Jr., New York City, tail gunner, all fired on it. The Nazi fighter dove away to the rear of the ship and was seen to crash on the water.

Schleich, a native Filipino from Bataan, whose father is now a field officer on the staff of Gen. MacArthur in Australia, and T/Sgt. O. E. Ballew, radio operator, of Enola, Pa., confirmed its destruction.

Another formation of Flying Fortresses, led by Lt. Col. George L. Robinson, of Los Angeles, Cal., also attacked the dock area of Rotterdam. The Forts flew most of the way through full cloud cover, and although visibility was generally poor, a break in the cloud formation over Rotterdam gave them a view of the target. Bombardiers reported a good run and that most of the bombs fell into the target area.

Sunday Traffic on Fifth Avenue—OPA Style



Associated Press Photo

Heigh-OPA! A cowboy and horse make up an item of traffic on New York's Fifth Avenue one Sunday, with only a few automobiles visible shortly after the OPA cracked down on pleasure driving. The horseman is Carl Reuther, from the wild west and Hoboken, N.J.

Third GI Show Opens Mar. 22

'Petticoat Fever' to Tour U.S. Army Units and Red Cross Clubs

"Petticoat Fever," a farce in three acts by Mark Reed, presented by the Theater Unit of the London Base Special Service Section, will begin a tour of U.S. Army establishments and service clubs Mar. 22 with a performance before an audience of Engineers.

This is the Theater Unit's third production, following "Private Lives" and "Just Married," and features a cast of soldier actors supported by two British actresses. The setting is a wireless operator's cabin in Labrador. The screen version of "Petticoat Fever" starred Robert Montgomery and Rosalind Russell.

Director and star of the show is T/4 Thomas Palmer, of New York, who appeared in several Broadway shows, as well as the Theater Unit's two previous plays.

Besides Palmer, the cast includes T/3 Jordan Miller, of Manhattan, Kan.; Pvt. Vincent Proctor, of Brooklyn; Pvt. Billy McHale, of Chester, Pa., and Cpl. Walter Brooke, of Philadelphia, and the British actresses Kay Lewis and Ilona Ference. McHale, who has not appeared on the stage previously, is an amateur heavyweight boxer and fought on several Stars and Stripes ring cards.

Scenery for "Petticoat Fever" was designed by Pfc Joseph Cunningham, of Brooklyn, and was painted by members of the Special Service Section's art class. The Theater Unit will also carry its portable stage on tour.

Following the Mar. 22 opening, there will be performances at 61 Green St., London, Mar. 23; the Rainbow Corner, Mar. 24; 101 Piccadilly, Mar. 25; Queensberry Club, Mar. 27; Sudbury Hill, Mar. 29, and the Hans Crescent Club, Mar. 30. The April itinerary has not yet been arranged.

Rainbow Dances Changed

The Sunday afternoon tea dances at the Rainbow Corner have been abandoned in favor of evening sessions. Starting tomorrow, the hours will be 7.30 to 10.30 PM every Sunday. Cpl. Bernard and his band provide music.

Maj. Wyler, Former Director, Wins Hollywood 'Oscar' Award

Maj. William Wyler, on duty with the Eighth Air Force here, learned yesterday that he had been given the coveted Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Science 1942 award for having directed the best picture of the year. It was awarded for the picture "Mrs. Miniver," which he directed before entering the Army.

Greer Garson, of the "Mrs. Miniver" cast, received the award for the best performance of the year.

Maj. Wyler's assignment—Air Force photographic work—prevented him from attending the dinner in Hollywood Thursday night at which the awards were announced. Had he been there, it would have been the sixth time he would have stepped forward as a nominee to wait for the dramatic moment of the final selection.

"Isn't that just like it?" he said yesterday after being informed of his selection. "For five years I've been going to those dinners and now, when I was the winner—I wasn't able to be there."

The dinner, stripped by the war of the pagentry of former years, was attended by 1,500 Hollywood stars, producers, directors, writers and photographers who paid \$25 each for their seats.

Maj. Wyler's picture was picked as the best of a nominated list which included "King's Row," "The Invaders," "The Pied Piper," "Wake Island," "Yankee Doodle-Andy," "The Magnificent Ambersons," "Pride of the Yankees," "Random Harvest" and "The Talk of the Town."

The outstanding foreign film selection was Noel Coward's "In Which We Serve." Walt Disney's "Der Fuehrer's Face" was called best cartoon of the year.

Other "Oscars" went to James Cagney for his performance in "Yankee Doodle-Andy," and to Teresa Wright and Van Heflin for the best supporting roles. Miss Wright, like Miss Garson, played in "Mrs. Miniver." Van Heflin became a star overnight for his work in "Johnny Eager."

Order of Carabao Plans 'Wallow' in British Isles

Members of the Military Order of the Carabao—veterans of Philippine campaigning between 1899 and 1910, and their sons—have been asked to get in touch with Lt. Col. H. G. Sheen, GSC, HQ, ETOUSA. A traditional Carabao "Wallow" is in prospect, Col. Sheen said.

The organization was formed in Manila, about 40 years ago, by officers of the Army, Navy and Marines. The sons of officers who saw service in the islands are called "Tenero" or calf Carabaos, named after the wild cattle of the Philippines.

America's '42 Food Shipments Shortening War—Stettinius

NEW YORK, Mar. 5—Edward R. Stettinius Jr., lend-lease administrator, declares in the current issue of American Magazine that American food sent to Britain and Russia last year helped turn the tide and brought victory "years nearer than it might otherwise have been."

He said that though less than six per cent by value of the total American food supply went to the Allies in 1942, it paid inestimable dividends in helping to shorten the war. He warned that in 1943 both lend-lease requirements and U.S. Armed Forces may take twice as much food as in 1942.

In the same issue the British Ambassador, Lord Halifax, wrote that Britain helped finance American war production and, incidentally, gave Henry J. Kaiser his start by pouring \$3,200,000,000 into American industry. Much of this money has gone to expand and build airplane, ordnance, machine-tool and shipbuilding plants which otherwise might not have been prepared for mass war production when the United States was suddenly plunged into war.

Lord Halifax said Britain spent \$1,750,000,000 with the American airplane industry and helped triple the American machine-tool industry.

Blondie

(By courtesy of King Features Syndicate and the London Daily Sketch)



by Chic Young

Oxford Courses Are Reopened To U.S. Soldiers

Classes Begin March 15; Social Science School Schedules Lectures

The second series of educational courses at Oxford University, open to American officers and enlisted men in the European Theater of Operations on leave or furlough, starts Mar. 15 and extends through Apr. 19.

Enrolment for the Oxford classes, each of which lasts for one week, is limited and is not open to those who attended previous courses at Oxford or those now in progress at Cambridge University. However, unsuccessful applicants for those classes will be given preference and should make a note of their previous application, it was announced.

The new Oxford courses will consist of lectures and discussions by members of the faculty on subjects including classics, economics, law, national defense, politics, religion and the sciences.

Cost to EM is £1 12s.

Expenses amount to £3 12s. for officers and £1 12s. for enlisted men. Applicant should state which week's course he wishes to attend. The classes start Mondays and close the following Saturday at noon during the weeks of Mar. 15, 22 and 29, Apr. 5, 12 and 19.

A special week-end course at the London School of Economics and Political Science, now located at Peterhouse, Cambridge, is also open for American military personnel, with college or university majors in the social sciences. It starts Apr. 3 at 11 AM and ends the following day at 9 PM. Those attending this course are urged to arrange attendance from the evening of Apr. 2 to the morning of Apr. 5. There will not be any charge for billeting and food.

Lectures and discussions will include English University organization and life, prospects of parliamentary democracy, present position of English economy, approach to study of international post-war organization, future of British education and future of Germany.

Applications for attendance at Oxford or the London School of Economics and Political Science courses must be approved by unit commanders and forwarded to the Chief of Special Service Section, Headquarters, ETOUSA.

Russia - - - -

(Continued from page 1)

position to drive along the Pskov line and cut the important Kiev-Leningrad line.

The ring which the Russians are drawing around Gjatks and Viazma was considerably tightened by the capture of another 52 places, south and southwest of Rzhev.

Further south the Russians are keeping up heavy pressure on the front north of Orel in addition to their drive towards Briansk from northwest of Lgov. If the usual Russian tactics are followed, pincer drives from both these areas will be launched to take Briansk.

Northwest of Kharkov the Russian drive for Konotop is slow, but during the past 24 hours another place has fallen to the Red armies. The Germans lost 200 killed in this battle.

Russian reports of the fighting on the Donetz front still continue to mention only the area southwest of Voroshilovgrad, but there is no indication of how the fighting is going in this area.

In the Kuban a similar local success was reported, without changing the general position to any extent.

Pacific - - - -

(Continued from page 1)

action which took place in the Bismarck Sea said the Jap convoy was "caught napping." One flier explained that the job was started by B-25 Mitchell bombers (the type used to bomb Tokyo) attacking so low "we could catch fish with our props." They said the job was completed by Flying Fortresses.

The convoy was first sighted by a squadron of RAAF Beauforts, roughly 15 miles off Cape Gernards, east of Lae, New Guinea, in the light of a waning moon.

Shortly after that the Allies threw every bomber and fighter available into action. Meanwhile Allied air attacks were carried out on Jap installations at Lae, Ubili, Finchafen, Matkus Island and the enemy-occupied town of Saumlaki on Tenimbar Island.

English Biographer Talks To Air Support Command

AIR SUPPORT HQ, England, Mar. 5—Maj. Desmond Chapman-Huston, English biographer and literary adviser to the Quarterly Review, spoke to men of this command yesterday on the subject of Anglo-American relations.

Arrangements for the lecture were made by 2nd Lt. George Fotos, of Amherst, Mass., through Reading University.

'No Foreign Troops,' Madrid
MADRID, Mar. 5 (AP)—It has been officially announced here that rumors circulated outside Spain about the passage across Spanish frontiers of foreign troops are completely false.