Daily German Lesson

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Daily French Lesson

Il est deux heures Eel ay duz er It is two o'clock

# Tanks Closer to Czech Border

# Vienna Ring Tightened By Soviets

German resistance appeared to be stiffening on the approaches to Vienna last night but, according to front-line reports, Russian troops were nearing the city on three sides with one spearhead of Marshal Tolbukhin's force inside the southern outskirts, near the district in which the Austrian capital's power and gas works are located.

There were indications that the Ger-man command had issued orders that the Red Army be held as long as possible even though it meant the destruction of Vienna, reputedly the most beautiful city

On the Berlin front there were confused but persistent reports that the Russians had launched a large-scale offensive from the Oder and Neisse River lines, east and southeast of Hitler's Third Reich capital.

Nazi commentator Von Olberg dis-regarded earlier German statements that the expected onslaught east of the capital had started and said the Russians had completed preparations for a Berlin drive.

A United Press correspondent in Moscow, however, declared the battle already had started and said good progress was being made, although operations on this front were covered by a strict security silence and no details could be given.

### Putting Up Resistance

The Germans were putting up stiff resistance on the approaches to their capital, UP dispatches said.

Capital, UP dispatches said.

On the southern sector of the Eastern Front, Tolbukhin's troops were reported to have driven a wedge into the southeastern corner of the Vienna area, while, at the same time, another tank column was said to be striking west to encircle the city. These troops have cut the Vienna-Linz road. Berlin admitted Russian advances on the important road in a sector some 30 miles west of the capital.

To the northeast, Marshal Malinovsky's columns were moving across country toward the city to cut the major highways leading to Brunn, Prague and Pilsen.

On his left flank, Tolbukhin registered gains in the area where the frontiers of Austria, Hungary and Yugoslavia meet. Between this front and Vienna, the Germans indicated that the Russians were in the neighborhood of Feldbach, 23 miles southeast of Graz.

Two hundred miles southeast of Tolbukhin's left flank, Marshal Tito's Yugoslav troops were reported to have captured Sarajevo, the city in which World War I started, and Gospich. On his left flank, Tolbukhin registered

## New P47 Can Carry Bombs for 1000 Miles

The new type is so versatile it can serve as a fighter-bomber or as an escort plane on long-range bombing missions. It is still a single seater. Armed with eight 50-caliber machine-guns, it also carries ALLIED HQ, Italy, Apr. 6 (Reute ten five-inch high velocity rockets and two

that of the old model.

# A Time to Fight-A Time to Rest



Flag Goes Up

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The war is not yet over but Allied victory is assured, and "this time we must leave the German people with no illusions about who won the war, no less than who lost the war," Gen. Omar N. Bradley, 12th Army Group commander, declared yesterday at an Army Day ceremony on the Western Front in which the Stars and Stripes was formally raised over German soil

over German soil for the first time in this war.

Speaking to troops of the four armies under his command, Bradley said: "While victory is in view ahead, let us strike the German Army the German Army and strike the German people with the enormity of their crimes, because unless German pride

and conquest are BRADLEY mangled beneath our tanks, we shall not

The ceremony, broadcast over an American Army front transmitter, took place at Fort Ehrenbreitstein, across the Rhine from Coblenz, and was attended by Lt. Gens. Courtney H. Hodges, George S. Patton Jr., William H. Simpson and Leonard T. Gerow, commanders, respectively, of the 1st, 3rd, 9th and 15th armies, all under Bradley's group.

The garrison flag, flown to Germany from Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson's office for the occasion, was raised by a

WASHINGTON, Apr. 6 (ANS)—
Development of a new model P47 with a combat radius of more than 1,000 miles and a speed above 450 miles was announced by the War Department today.

The new type is so versatile it can always.

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Apr. 6 (Reuter)— Following a drumfire barrage by Allied guns, U.S. 5th Army troops went over 500-pound bombs.

Its internal fuel capacity for use as a long range escort fighter is nearly double guns, U.S. 5th Army troops went over to the offensive today, sweeping the Germans out of positions south of the naval port of Spezia and gaining two miles.

Four battle-weary 3rd Army infantrymen of the 26th (Yankee) Division relax for a few welcome moments on the debris-littered streets of Fulda, Germany. A few minutes later these unglorified foot-sloggers continued their pursuit of the fleeing Nazis. They are, left to right, Pfc Sam Girardi, Williamstown, W. Va.; Pfc Ralph Harper, Newport, Pa.; Sgt. Fred Bickham, Center, Tex.; and Pfc Carl Johnson, Gleason, Wis.

# Jap Resistance Stiffens, Slows Advance on Okinawa

The heaviest assault on the American invasion fleet off Okinawa since the nitial landings Easter morning, and a Japanese counter-attack which slowed down progress on the island itself, were reported from the Pacific battlefront

However, both of the newly-appointed joint Pacific commanders-Adm. Chester A. Nimitz and Gen. Douglas

MacArthur-announced gains on all fronts in communiques covering Thursday's operations.

The U.S. advance in the western and central sectors of Okinawa has been virtually brought to a standstill by the biggest counter-attack the Japs have yet been able to muster, United Press reported. At the same time, an Associated Press dispatch from the invasion fleet off the island said the tempo of Japanese air attacks, which continued from early morning to late afternoon, indicated that the enemy might be making a major effort to cripple the U.S. fleet.

## Some Gain 3,000 Yards

Nimitz announced advances of up to 3,000 yards against stiffening resistance in the southern part of the island, where the Japs have presumably concentrated their forces for a final stand. Marines at the northern end of the line moved ahead 8,000 to 9,000 yards.

The communique announced the destruction of 65 Japanese aircraft during the first five days of the campaign. Up to midnight, Wednesday, 175 U.S. soldiers and Marines had been killed and

798 wounded in the operation. At Manila, MacArthur, now officially in command of all Pacific land operations, announced the second successive air strike at Hongkong across the China Sea from the Philippines, which sank or damaged 11 merchant ships and a destroyer.

Giant strides along the road to Tokyo led to the reassignment of Pacific commands Thursday, it was announced in Washington. Heretofore, the commands of Nimitz and MacArthur had been separated geographically into the Pacific and Southwest Pacific respectively, with all of the sea forces in MacArthur's section coming under his command and all the land elements in Nimitz's ocean areas taking orders from the Admiral.

# 8th Smashes At Rail Targets

Attacking through an overcast, approximately 650 8th Air Force Fortresses and Liberators yesterday bombed railroad marshalling yards at Halle and Leipzig and other targets in central Germany.

The Libs struck at Halle, which lies on one of the main lines from Berlin to southern Germany and includes large repair facilities. The Leipzig yards, hit by B17s, constitute one of the most important railway traffic centers in the Reich.

Reich.
Six hundred escorting fighters reported no enemy air opposition.
The 15th Air Force, flying more than 3,000 sorties, attacked railway yards and other communications targets in northern Italy for the second straight day.
Thursday's attack on south German ordnance depots by the 8th Air Force was termed "very successful" after examination of the first photographs of the damage. damage.
The P51 pilot who shared in the destruc-

was Capt. Gordon B. Compton, of Dallas, Sector, however, Canadians met only light opposition in scoring gains northward reported in yesterday's account.

# Allies Span Weser, Peril Bremen

Tanks of the U.S. 3rd Army's 11th Armored Division were reported last night to be 58 miles from the Czech border after a six-mile gain across the Thuringian plain of central Germany. In the north, American and British tanks and infantry, striking out from bridgeheads along the Weser River in the Minden-Hamelin sector, were said to be cutting down the distance to Hanover, but the spearhead positions were not given.

Unconfirmed radio reports from New York and Brussels put 3rd Army forces 60 miles from Leipzig and 129 miles from Berlin. A New York broadcast said Allied troops were only 22 miles from Bremen, but dispatches from the front lest night said British forces were still about 35 miles from this port, Germany's second largest. second largest.

Adding further strength to the Allied forces in the Weser River sector, the U.S. Ist Army got on the move again and drove 22 miles eastward from captured Paderborn to reach the river at Hannmunden, where it is joined by the Werra and Fulda tributaries, while other forces were reported at Bruchhausen, four miles from the Weser.

### Four Divisions Reported Over

Elements of four Allied divisions were reported over the Weser. They included units of the U.S. 9th Army's 2nd Armored and 30th Infantry Divisions, which went across both north and south of Hamelin, and tanks and troops of the British 11th Armored and 6th Airborne Divisions, which crossed in the Minden area, farther north, establishing "several bridgeheads."

The Americans were said to have gained five miles against light resistance beyond their bridgeheads, southwest of Hanover.

Troops of both the 1st and 9th Armies continued to squeeze the Ruhr pocket tighter. There were no enemy counter-attacks reported, but it was believed the Germans were mustering strength in the southeastern corner of the encircled industrial section

On the 3rd Army's front, the town of Eisenach, battered by artillery throughout Thursday night after surrender negotiations broke down, finally gave in at 8 AM yesterday. Well to the southeast, 11th Armored units reached Stutzerbach, 58 miles from the Czech frontier.

## 3rd Swoops Up Prisoners

The 3rd Army was still scooping up prisoners. So far this week 54,614 have been counted, and last week 52,469 were processed, bringing the bag since last Aug. I to almost 400,000.

Aug. 1 to almost 400,000,
In the south the U.S. 7th Army's 10th
Armored Division battered through two
suburbs of the bitterly contested town of
Heilbronn, but farther east on this sector
tanks of the 12th Armored were reported
within striking distance of Furth, last big
town before Nuremberg.

The P51 pilot who shared in the destruc-tion of eight German planes on the ground while returning from Thursday's mission

On the far northern sector of the front, British troops were meeting stiff resistance above Rheine. On another

## Pacific Troop Movement Plan Will Work on Hour's Notice

WASHINGTON, Apr. 6 (Reuter)-Re-deployment of American forces from Europe to the Pacific ready to go into action "literally on an hour's notice" was disclosed in a plan made public tonight by Chief of Staff Gen. George C. Marshall.

## "For over a year the War Department has been working on plans for this transfer which constitutes, I believe, the greatest problem in administration and logistics in history," Marshall said. "At the moment hostilities cease in S & S Must Be Free, Ike Says, Hailing Frankfurt Edition

By Jules B. Grad

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer Southern F
ALLIED FORWARD COMMAND published. POST, Apr. 6—The Stars and Stripes, the U.S. Army's daily newspaper, "must remain completely free as long as it lives," Gen. Eisenhower said today in a message of congratulation to the staff of the paper's person East for Addition new Frankfurt edition.

Gen. Eisenhower's message said:

Liege and Strasbourg. After landings in southern France, many other editions were

"And now across the Rhine in Frankfurt. Everywhere the soldier's own paper, with his favorite cartoons, the B-Bag, comics and the latest news, has been brought promptly to his camp or

"I join every GI in Europe in expres "The publication places of The Stars and Stripes, founded in London almost three years ago, are mileposts marking Allied progress in the European war.

"From London one offspring went to Casablanca, Algiers, Naples and still further on into Italy. Then, last June, the brother of the Mediterranean son left London for Cherbourg, Rennes, Paris, sions of appreciation to the paper's staff, and in the earnest hope that before long The Stars and Stripes will be published in the heart of a completely defeated

Europe it is imperative that we start a movement through the Suez and Panama Canals of units needed in the highest priority for the acceleration of the campaign in the Pacific.

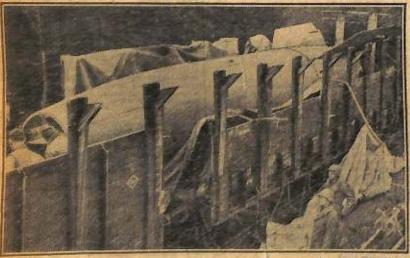
"Any loss of momentum in that campaign means an unnecessary loss of more young Americans. It is not a question of how long would be the delay in terms of days, but rather one of how much reorganization for renewed resistance the Japanese would be able to effect by reason

of that delay.
"The task will be one of great difficulties, but I am confident that it will be carried out in a thoroughly workmanlike

"During this period of re-deployment the attitude of the people at home will

be of the utmost importance to the morale of the Army. They must be persuaded to support us in a last great effort to hasten the end of this war."

# Taking the Sting out of the Stinkers



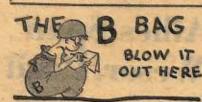
U.S. 3rd Armored Division troops didn't know what a prize they had when they shot up the engine and halted a train heading east near Bromskirchen. It was found to be hauling one of the prize secret weapons of the war—jet-propelled, radio-controlled V2s. As shown here, the rockets were intact though massembled. The warheads were attached just before firing.

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## The Thompson Plan

To the B-Bag:

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I have been amazed at the outburst in The Stars and Stripes over the recent article about Dorothy Thompson.

It is not my purpose to discuss the article in question, but I merely wish to point out that as a constant reader of Miss Thompson for the past twelve years, I believe that her position concerning Germany has been more consistent and more lucid than that of any other correspondent writing today. In 1931 when the world refused to accept the fact that the complications of German politics were of importance to the world as a whole, Miss Thompson wrote violently against Hitler and Nazism.

From then on she wrote lavishly on the subject, decrying the Fascist ideology springing up in Europe. Her warnings to the United States were ignored and she was called a warmonger before the term ever became political ammunition of the Republican party. Miss Thompson knows the German people as few Americans can claim to know them. Unlike most of us, she never underestimated the potentialities of the Nazi party and its effects on Germany and the world at

Miss Thompson realizes, as all think-ing people do, that cooperation of SOME Germans is essential unless the Allied nations are prepared to spend the rest of their lives in Germany. To differentiate between Nazis and other German people is an elemental factor in AMG policy. That, I believe, is all Miss Thompson in-tended to infer in The Stars and Stripes. Would that the world possessed more Dorothy Thompsons! — Marion H. Hamilton, ARC.

### Questionnaire for War Workers Mar. 27, 1945

To the B-Bag: War workers have played an important part in this war, but they can justly claim veterans' rights only if they can truthfully answer "Yes" to the following questions:

1—Have you taken a war job with no thought of dodging the draft? 2—Have you taken a job without giving consideration to financial returns? 3—2 Have you worked unlimited hours without pay for worked unlimited hours without pay for overtime? 4—Have you been separated from your family with no opportunity of getting home? 5—Has your life been actually or potentially endangered by enemy action? 6—Have you been subjected to regimentation for 24 hours a day every day? 7—Have you had to sleep in foxholes or on the ground?

To those who cannot answer officered.

To those who cannot answer affirmatively, we would like to say that we will gladly swap our rights for the opportunity you have, and we'll take your job at reduced pay.

Do the war workers lose sight of the fact that working for a living is an economic necessity for the majority of us and they are doing no more than they would normally do? They would be working in the same or similar plants and the fact that the manufactured products today are war material seems of little significance to us.—Pvt. Walter H. Smith and 34 others, GFRP.

## Axis at Frisco?

Mar. 31, 1945

To the B-Bag:

The recent adherence of Argentina to the United Nations front, particularly since it will probably enable her to have a seat at the San Francisco conference. has given new impetus and encouragement to the cause of democracy. But these are not all the glad tidings we have to cheer us. Recent reports seem to indicate that Gen. Franco, the apostle of liberal views, has become increasingly vexed at the social injustices being perpetrated by Japan in the Far East. Signs point to an early declaration of war by Spain, although probably not in time for the conference.

What has strengthened this new-found of these anti-totalitarian s? Sternly we push aside resolve champions? suggestions that they too may read the daily papers and are aware of a watch on the Rhine and B29s over Tokyo. Apparently it is a diplomatic triumph to welcome any and all rodents deserting sinking ships.

We thought we knew what we were in uniform for and how to differentiate between a friend and a Fascist. Sometimes the powers that he make it a little hard for the little people to follow them.

We anxiously anticipate an imminent declaration of war on the Axis by Germany and Japan so that they too may have their rightful share in the planning of tomorrow's brave new world and in the distribution of benevolent Lend-Lease. -1/Lt. Joel Cohen, FA, and Dorothy Quaintance, ARC.

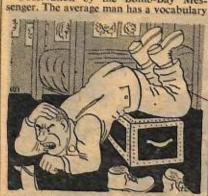
# Hash Marks

The little moron thinks a dry dock is a thirsty medic.

And we also know a guy who thinks a sour dough is a browned-off GI.

Who said that? A man who outranks you is never a liar—he is merely mistaken.

Signs of the Times. This notice was posted in one military area. "Please do not throw cigarette butts in the gutter. They are too hard to light when wet." Observation by the Bomb-Bay Mes-



of 12,000 words-that is, until he trips over a foot-locker; then he just ad libs.

A certain Pfe we know describes his girl friend this way: "She's a perfect photograph of her father and a pretty good phonograph of her mother."

Shed a tear in your beer for the corporal who walked into a British store and bought a pad of classy looking writing paper. After he got back to his billet he discovered that each sheet had an "ATS" seal on it.

A novel way to double your cigarette ration has been discovered by Pvt. David G. Twight—but it's slightly dangerous. Dave, member of a parachute combat team, was in an area being pounded by 88s. Reaching for a cigarette during a lull he found that a piece of shrapnel had ripped through his jacket cutting his pack of cigarettes squarely in half. Turning to his buddies nearby he quipped, "Here, fellows, have a quickie—I've got 'two' packs of 'em."

Sounds in the Night. "She's only a "

Sounds in the Night. "She's only a grave digger's daughter but how she can lower the beer."

We hope you like the following conversation as much as we do. American: "New York is a wonderful



city. You can stand on top of the Empire State building and see all of it."

Frenchman: "You can stand on top of the Eiffel Tower and see all of Paris."

German: "That's nothing! You can see all of Berlin these days by standing on top of a chair!"

News Item: "The tobacco industry has sent 950,000 packages of snuff to GIs overseas." Kerchoo!

HUBERT

"Go 'way! Ya make me nervous!"

# Man Is What Man Eats—German Proverb Bad Orb POW



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

This picture is a creation of Hitler and his promise to create a Teutonic world. German civilians butcher a horse killed when the 10th Armored Division, of the U.S. 3rd Army, rolled through the town, which fittingly enough is named Frankenstein.

Good Weather, Good Chow, Good Hunting

# Marines Had 'Em a Nice Easter, Picnicking on Okinawa Beach By Ernie Pyle We had done our final packing of

WITH MARINES ON OKINAWA BEACHHEAD (By Navy Radio)—The regiment of Marines I am with landed this morning on the beaches of Okinawa

absolutely unop-posed, which is posed, which is indeed an odd experience for any Marine.

Nobody among us had dreamed of such a thing. We all thought there thought there would be slaughter on the beaches. There was some opposition to the right and left of us, but on our beach

nothing. We don't expect ERNIE PYLE this to continue, of course. A Marine doesn't fool himself like that. Certainly there will be hard fighting ahead and we all have our fingers crossed. But to get the firm foothold we have, with most of our men ashore and this

our supplies rolling in, is a gift for which we are grateful.

This is Easter Sunday morning. It is a beautiful one. One of the Marines, after spending months in the tropics, remarked a while ago, "This weather feels more like

have, with most of our men ashore and

American weather than anything since I It is sunshiny and very warm. We heard it would be cold and many of the boys wore heavy underwear. Now we

sweating and regretting. On our ship we were up at 4 AM.

by SGT. DICK WINGERT

We had done our final packing of gear last night. We brought ashore only what we could carry on our backs. When we put on our new green fatigues, one Marine remarked, "The latest Easter style—herringbone twill."

looks and looks away and then suddenly looks back unbelieving, I realized there were no bodies anywhere—and no wounded. What a wonderful feeling.

In fact our entire regiment came ashore with only two casualties. One was a Marine who hurt his foot getting out of an amphibious truck. And the other was, of all things, a case of heat prostration.

And to fulfil the picnic atmosphere, listen to this. . . .

Aboard ship we had a turkey dinner last night. This morning they fixed me up with a big snack of turkey wings, bread, oranges and apples. So instead of grabbing a hasty bite of K-rations for our first meal ashore, we sat and turched on turkey wings and oranges.

caves are brick-colored urns a couple of feet high. And in these urns are ashes of many honorable ancestors.

Our bombardment had shattered many

Our bombardment had shattered many of these caves. What our big guns missed the soldiers and Marines took a precautionary look into, prying off the stone slabs at the entrances.

In front, looking out to sea, stands our mighty fleet with scores of little black lines extending to the shore . . . our thousands and thousands of landing craft bringing more men and big gins and

And, behind me, not two feet away, is a cave full of dead Japs. Which is just as it should be. A nice Easter Sunday, after all.

I had dreaded a sight of a beach littered with mangled bodies. My first look up and down the beach was a reluctant one. And then, like the man in the movies who

lunched on turkey wings and oranges.

There are low chalky cliffs on this island. In these cliffs are caves. In the

bringing more men and big guns and

Camp One More Nazi Black Eye By Howard Byrne

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BAD ORB POW CAMP, Germany, Apr. 6-They were burying their dead at Bad Orb for the last time and 6,600 Allied soldiers stood at attention and presented arms as the bodies of two American boys wrapped in blankets were carried by their buddies to the prison graveyard.

Thirty-six American soldiers had died at Bad Orb since the beginning of the year. These two died a few hours before liberation.

When tanks of the 106th Cavalry group thundered up to Bad Orb Monday, thousands of shouting, laughing, weep-ing prisoners hugged the crews and kissed the tank treads.

### Will Be Home Soon

It was announced by Army authorities that British and American soldiers would soon be home. The Americans will be flown to the French coast for transhipment to the U.S.A. and the British will go by air to England.

Don't mention the Geneva Convention o any of the Bad Orb boys. For them it's just a dirty joke.

Most of the Americans had no cots and were forced to sleep on the floor of their icy barracks with only a single thin strip of blanket for cover. The prison diet was incredibly vile. For breakfast the men were given coffee with sugar and

Lunch consisted of one litre of soup. At supper each man received one seventh of a loaf of black bread with a cup of tea. Occasional treats were margarine and marmalade and once in a while a piece of meat the size of a man's thumb.

One hundred and forty men were crowded into barracks 100 feet long and 20 feet wide, infested with bedbugs and

### Men of 106th and 28th

Ninety-five per cent of the Americans in Bad Orb are boys from the 106th and 28th Div., trapped last December during von Rundstedt's drive.

"The thing that burned us up the most was the ghetto barracks they set up for Jewish boys," said an ex-New York newspaperman. "When the boys came in they were told to register, giving their civilian occupation and religion. Seventy-two said they were Jews.

"One day we were Jews.

"One day we were told the Jews would have to be segregated and live by themselves. We protested that we were all Americans and wanted to be treated equally but we were told it was a direct order from the high command.

"When the Jewish boys were marched out a lot of other fellows joined them who had not said anything before about being Jews. They said whatever was coming, they wanted to share it.

"A few weeks ago all the Jews were moved out of camp on what the Germans said was a labor battalion."

## **Nazis Beg Surrender** With a Souvenir

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer WITH 35TH DIV., Apr. 3-Word has

gotten into the enemy camp about the American souvenir-hunting madness.

Pfc William Lewis, of New York, a rifleman with L Co. of the 134th Inf., was helping to clean up the Ruhr coalmining city of Gladbeck when he stopped in a doorway to take a stone out of his in a doorway to take a stone out of his

As he bent over, a hand touched his shoulder. Looking up, the startled doughboy saw five Germans with their hands in the air. One of them pointed to a luger on his buddy's hip.

"Iss gude souvenir, nicht?" he said, grinning.

# American Forces Network

Saturday, April 7

1200—Headlines—Duffle Bag.
1310—American Sports Roundup.
1315—Rhythm Musicale.
1330—Globe Theater.
1430—Miss Parade.
1500—World News.
1510—Harry James.
1510—Combat Diary.
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1510—Marry James.
152—Mark up the Band.
153—Mark up the Map.
163—Strike up the Band.
170—World News.
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170—World News.
170—World News.
170—Headlines—AEFP on the Spot.
170—At Ease.
170—Catarlie McCartthy.
170—World News.
170—Catarlie McCartthy.
170—World News.
170—War Today.
170—Saturday Night Screnade.
170—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
170—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
170—Ublice.
170—Latin American Screnade.
170—World News. 2200 Headlines Home News fr 2205 Jubilee, 2235 Latin American Serenade, 2300 World News, 2305 Music,

Sunday, Apr. 8

Headlines—Combat Diary.

Sunday Secrende.

World News.

Sportlahr Bands.

Sportlight Bands,

Family Hour,

Headlines—Sunday Music,

Religious Service,

Light Music,

Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.

Morning After (Charlie McCerthy),

Showtime,

Headlines—Samper Kawa

1200 Headlines Sammy Kaye,

Wingsit

1230 Clear Lower Decks.
1300 World News.
1310 American Sports Roundup.
1315 WAC's Works.
13130 Information Please.
1400 Headlines Combat Quiz.
1415 Adantic Spotlight.

400 - Headlines - Combat Quiz.

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145 - At Ease.

1500 - World News.

1510 - Grand Old Opry.

1530 - Combat Diary.

1530 - Combat Diary.

1530 - Songs by Bing Crosby.

1600 - Headlines - New York Philharmonic.

1700 - Headlines - American Sports Roundup.

1715 - AEF Special.

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1715 - Mark up the Map.

1800 - World News.

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1900 - World News.

1905 - Jack Benny.

1915 - Intermezzo.

2000 - Headlines - Mail Call.

2030 - Aldrich, Family.

2105 - Your War Today.

2115 - Yank Bandsund.

2130 - World News.

2200 - Headlines - Horpe News from the U.S.A.

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2301 - World News.

2303 - One Night Stand.

2330 - World News.

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2330 - Morid News.

Monday, Apr. 9
0800 Headlines Combat Diary.
0815 Personal Album.
0815 Music In the Modern Manner.
0900 World News.
0900 Spotlight Band.
0925 James Melton Show.
1000 Headlines Morning After (Mail Call).
1030 Strike up the Band.
1100 Headlines Home News from the U.S.A.

# Warweek

Airborne Operation: Mission Completed A Yank Born in Germany Speaks on Nazis The Glider Pilots Fought Like Doughs

Saturday, April 7, 1945

They Blew the Reich's Northern Gate Off Its Hinges With a Smashing Allied—

AIRBORNES ATTACK

Paratroops, Glider-borne Doughs, Pilots, Commandos-They Formed The Unbeatable Assault Teams

## By Hamilton Whitman

Warweek Staff Writer

HE northern, or left, flank of last week's attack across the Rhine hinged on the capture of the German town of Wesel. Wesel is on the eastern shore at a point where the river narrows and swings in a 90degree arc from almost due north and south to east and west. Field Marshal Bernard L. Montgomery's Second British Army-with its massed armor -was coiled on the west bank, ready to slice into the crumbling defenses across the river.

It is easier to bridge a narrow stream than it is a broad one, so the crossing point was chosen with the width of the river in mind. The water crossing was allotted to the hardbitten British Commandos. But the paralyzing surprise rabbit punch—the blow intended to make the bridgehead good-was to be an airborne operation. Three times before in the ETO Allied commanders have counted on the devastating effect of paratroopers and glider-borne infantry plummeting down out of the In Normandy and Southern France their guess was good and the boys with knives in their boots did all that was hoped or expected of them. In Holland the Arnhem operation was less successful because of the difficulty the ground troops had in making contact with one airborne division.

At Wesel two airborne divisions were used-the comparatively untried 17th American, based in France, and the 6th British, who flew in from their home fields across the English

How they did it, how they came roaring down out of a smokey sky to land their egg-crate craft literally on the muzzles of the spitting flak guns -and then organized in time to repel two vicious counter-attacks-is the answer to anyone who doubts the and stood in a fire-swept field fiddling value of the airborne arm.

in their effect, the gliders came down slight a lecture in map-reading again. in the farm fields and orchards, slewin the farm fields and orchards, slewing into their landings from every down that sunny Saturday morning

angle and packing into the 200-yard-long fields almost wing-tip to wing-

Some, set afire by tracer flak, burned as they came in. Some cracked up amid the trees or ploughed fields. But for every landing casualty there were many more men who tumbled out with their weapons blazing to chop down the enemy as they stood, open-mouthed in astonishment at the suddenness of the attack.

The new 17th Division learned

many things, things which will mean a faster, sticker, more workmanlike job the next time they drop or glide into action. They learned that the M3 knife—the knife the paratroopers wear strapped to their right leg-is a good fighting weapon as issued, but cutting the lashings of glider cargoes country roads, you have your own unless it has been stoned to almost answer. The sight is as welcome as razor sharpness.

One glider crew will never forget the sweating they did, coming in to land, because the jeep they carried in their craft had worked loose during along with the flying doughs them- diving through the flak. the three-hour hight from the neig to the Landing Zone. New line had been fields in as many parts of France. used to lash it, instead of used rope, having the stretch taken out.

## Airborne Artillery Pays Off

Nobody who made that missionwith a map and a compass trying to Sudden, surprising and paralyzing orient himself under fire-will ever

behind the Kraut lines and across the Rhine will ever forget the lift he got when he saw the first six-pounder anti-tank guns and 75 mm. howitzers being towed into their positions behind the bouncing, airborne jeeps.

The big brass which plans operations like the Wesel landing may wonder whether airborne artillery is worth the glider space it takes up. Any airborne infantryman can answer the question from the bottom of his

These airborne attack photos by Signal Corps combat photogs Maj. A. K. McCleery and T/4 Clyde M. Pletcher were taken in the same enemy sector in which Warweek's staff writer, Hamilton Whitman, landed with glider troops. They show paratroopers, gliders in the air and one on the ground,

heart. When you're down, in a mission like that, there's just one thing you want to know:

"If they attack with tanks, can we hold 'em until the armor breaks through for contact?" When you see slow and cumbersome tool for your own guns going by on the dusty Betty Grable in a bubble bath.

As far as the 17th Airborne was concerned, the operation started at 0430 when tow-ship and glider pilots, Takeoff times were staggered, depending upon the required flying time to the air rendezvous points. Squadron after squadron of group after group fell into line as the columns of C47 tow-ships, each towing two gliders, streamed across the map toward the soil of Hitler's "sacred Reich."

It was the first double-tow combat mission, and the longest of the war.

## Sweating it Out

The air was "bumpy" on the way to the Rhine, and as the glider trains crossed the river the first flak started coming up. The bomber crews of the Eighth Air Force have a saying:

"Target time is sweating time." The glider pilots, who can see out

of their gliders, and the airborne infantrymen, huddled in behind them with only a few tiny ports to look from, know just what the bomber crews mean. They can add a few words of their own because, unlike the bombers, they have to circle on down, through the bursting flak, for what is almost sure to be a crash

The air was thick with smoke from a British-laid screen along the river as the gliders came in over the Landing Zone. It was thick with flak, too, which reached a crescendo a few seconds after the glider pilots cut their tow lines and took it on their own. Maybe the Germans held their fire

until the gliders cut loose. Maybe they were so surprised that they were only able to start firing then. Opinions in the 17th and among the glider and tow pilots vary on the point. All are agreed, however, that the stuff was thicker than the candles on Grandma's birthday cake.

Talking to the pilots on the round after the landings revealed one thing. The men who banked away from other ships, avoiding flak bursts whenever they saw another glider get hit, were the ones who got on the ground with only a hole or two in their craft. The pilots who just headed in for a field, ignoring the flak, were the ones who, by and large, took the worst beating.

## Get Those Doors Open!

The first job, when a glider gets on the ground, is to unload the cargo or get the men it carries into action.

ness under fire and an ability to decide what is important and what must be This correspondent caught a done first. In the case of one glider glimpse of two wrecked gliders in the in the Wesel mission the cargo was a medical jeep, the complement—four medics, the pilot, the co-pilot and this correspondent.

The pilot, 2/Lt. John I. Love, of Youngstown, O., gave his first order while the glider was still in the air

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Medics kicked out the escape panels and unlatched the swinging doors. Lt. Love, coming in at about 70 miles an hour, dragged his landing gear through the tops of a row of small trees to slow him down and then hit the field at about 60 mph. The wheels touched down, the glider rolled a few yards and then, as the weight settled,

That part of the job calls for cool-tipped up on its nose. For a breathless second it hung there.

next field, was conscious that the jeep on which he was sitting might be sitting on him in the wink of an eyelash. Then the ship fell back and came to rest with its wheels and tail skid on the ground.

Lt. Love, his co-pilot, 2/Lt. Ray Niblo, of Dallas, Tex., the medics open," he shouted over his shoulder. head first through the doors and escape hatches.

> There was some fire on the field from a German machine-gun in the woods, to the left rear of the glider. You could see the bullets cutting the grass ahead of the glider and a small plank which flipped into the air as the beaten zone moved across.

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# "They Saw Hitler as







Old and young alike fell into line in the days when the Nazis were riding high. Now these people claim they always hated Hitler, insisting they only played ball for self-protection. These pictures give a good idea of just how "anti-Nazi" the Germans really were. The soldier who trusts smiling faces behind our lines is just asking for trouble. The smart thing is to ignore them.

# The Battle of 'Burp Gun Corner'

GOOD, smart Pfc poring through the spring evening and then settled down in foxholes it backed away the tank knocked out one of the records of Troop Carrier Command, could to sleep and watch by turns. spend many hours and many days without finding the name of one squadron of a group which just came back from Germany. He'd find the official designation all right—the 77 bis Squadron, 435th TC Group—but he wouldn't find the name the men earned for themselves on a country crossroads five miles north and a little east of Wesel, at about 2400 hours on March 24.

There were 144 men in the squadron when they took off from their home field in Central France a few minutes after 0800 hours on March 24. By 1130 they were down with their gliders in the patches of woods, the cultivated fields and the dirtcovered roads of what became the northern gateway to the Reich.

## Suddenly They Became Doughs

Up until then they had been pilots and co-pilots. Their job was to deliver cargoes of men, equipment and supplies at the designated landing zone. Then, on the ground, their assignment changed. First lieutenants, second lieutenants, flying officers formed up as infantry at their assembly point and went into the line to hold a road-block at "Burp Gun

Their bars were pinned on the under side of their shirt collars, they had tommy guns and M1s and trenching tools in their hands; grenades dangled from the breast pockets of their combat jackets. And every man had a knife, M3, strapped to his

Veterans like John Love, of Youngstown, O., making his third combat landing, teamed up with recently-converted power pilots like tall, rangy, Texas-born (Dallas) Ray Niblo, both second lieutenants, to dig and fight like doughs.

Through the afternoon there was scattered fire on their position from German troops pulling out of Wesel ahead of British Commandos who had crossed the Rhine at dawn. That didn't worry the glider pilots though—they were hunting Lugers and P38s in the small brick houses which bordered the roads at "Burp Gun Corner." They found

They are their K-rations in the dusk of an early

At midnight all hell broke loose at the cross-

A force of Germans, estimated at about battalion strength, came up the road from Wesel. The Krauts had two 20-mm, dual-purpose guns, a tank, a dozen or more light machine-guns and the courage of

desperation on their side.

Another thing they were damned glad they had was the infantry training back in the States. Many of them had never expected to fire a rifle in combat -they were pilots. But there at "Burp Gun Corner" they had a choice to make-to fight like

Corner" they had a choice to make—to fight like infantrymen, or to die. None of them died.

Somebody, manning a .30 cal. machine-gun, spotted the Krauts first. Slipping shadows moved in the moonlight, trying to infiltrate the position.

"Halt," the MG-man yelled.

A shadow moved in the darker shadow of a house. The gun flamed and chattered into action. The Battle of "Burp Gun Corner" had opened.

Red tracers streaked the darkness beside the houses. A glider, which had landed in a field just off the corner, burst into flames. The German advance men pulled back and the Kraut tank moved up.

## The Battle Was On

The cross-roads itself is on the top of a ridge from which wooded country slopes away in the direction of Wesel. Because of the reverse slope the tank was able to approach almost to the edge of the glider priots' foxhole line without coming under fire from the AT gun to the rear. As it maneuvered into position the Germans started a weird yelling and cheering.

You could head it, plainly, from foxholes as far as 200 yards behind the corner defense line. Then

as 200 yards behind the corner defense line. Then they came in with an attack like the Japanese "Banzai" charges reported from the Pacific.

The glider pilots poured it to them. One lieutenant, firing a bazooka in combat for the first time in his life, stopped the tank. Dragging one track, it churned around and pulled back. The machinegumers tried to light it up with tracers for the anti-tank gunners, but were unable to do so. Refere anti-tank gunners, but were unable to do so. Before

The dreaded 20mm guns, which had chopped up gliders in the air that morning, were duck soup when the Krauts moved them up to the corner. One struck by a bazooka shell was reduced to a mass of twisted wreckage. A machinegun burst killed the crew of the other without
damaging the gun. The gun was captured and
incorporated into the glider pilot defense line.

The reception they got at "Burp Gun Corner"
was more than the Krauts could take. They pulled

back, those who could make it, to surrender later in the day when the whole area was cleaned out and secured. When it was light enough to see, the glider pilots took score. They counted 13 dead Germans at or near the corner. They took 45 wounded prisoners, and one little German medic who did his best to care for his dying countrymen.

who did his best to care for his dying countrymen.
Unwounded prisoners were well over 80.

On their side, the glider pilots had one man with an eye injury caused when a tile, blown off the roof of a house, hit him in the face. Another had his scalp "creased" by a burp-gun bullet.

The glider pilots were taken out of the line at dusk the next night. They marched nine miles back through Germany, crossing the Rhine in British-manned assault boats, to a bivouac area in a shelled-up town on the west bank. As they moved along the road past the massed armor of Montgomery's 2nd British Army, which was moving up to exploit the bridgehead they had helped establish, they passed two men standing by the road.

One, short and stocky, with his cigar titled at a rakish angle, was an Englishman. His name was Winston Churchill. The man with him was an American. His name was Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Only one man recognized the British Prime

Only one man recognized the British Prime Minister and the Supreme Commander, Excitedly

he told the men he marched with: "Do you know who those guys are? That's Churchill and Eisenhower"

A slow, Southern drawl replied:
"Ah reckon they doan know who we are—the
77th Glider and anti-tank squadron—the only one
in the whole god-damned Army. That's us."
He was right—that's them.

First came the greetings from the mans, as soon President and then came the physical power. We left examination. When I was through Jews and not being with the physical, and was found all right, the psychiatrist had a word with me. He was a busy man the psychiatrist at the Grand Central Palace, New York. Rather in a hurry, he seemed to be. He asked me only one where the very question:

"You're of German origin, aren't you? Well then, do you really feel capable of fighting Germans?"

I said, "Yes, Sir, I do!" And I am afraid that I grinned a little while saying it. The question struck me as differently-in fa funny.

## Why We Fight Nazism

But in the course of my life in the Army I was asked the same question repeatedly: "How do men like yourself of German birth and, until recently, of German citizenship, feel tighting against former countrymen?"

Maybe the question isn't so very funny, after all. It is not quite easy, perhaps, for any non-German person to understand why those most familiar with Germany are most eager and most determined to fight Nazism and to help wipe out that obnoxious plague. I am sure that I speak also for the thousands of other former German citizens now active in the various armies of the United Nations in saying that our militant resolution has a two-fold psychological and moral source: first, our natural loyalty to a new homeland to which we are deeply indebted; and second, our intimate, first-hand knowledge of the mortal danger which Hitlerism means to civilization.

## It Was Only Natural

To me, as to most of the other member of the German fugitives from Nazi terrorism, it was a matter of course to contribute our humble bit to the war tween comprom effort of the democracies. In fact, I hardly felt that I was changing my status or the essential purpose of my life when I became an American soldier. Rather, it seemed to me that my new job was to continue doing with new weapons and under new conditions what I had been doing all along for the past ten years. To fight Hitler and everything he stands for was indeed my main occupation ever since the Nazi dictatorship was estab- the world and lished in 1933.

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# . Their Messiah"





Kids of Boy Scout age, enrolled in the Pimpfen, begged Hitler's autograph. ... Factory workers, supposed to have been "anti-Nazi," fought to shake his hand.

HERE'S an honest, convincing statement by a German who ever bowed to Nazi might. ontrast it with what you hear ow from people like those who repictured on these two pages.



Semi-military construction crews drilled with shovels - when they weren't digging gun pits or flying bomb sites. When the Big Guy came they fell in for a review. Playing soldier has been the trouble with Germany for years. Hitler played on war fever.

# By Klaus Mann

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Stars and Stripes, was written by a ser-

e U.S. Army in Italy, son of Thomas Mann,

German writer and novelist. It is reprinted

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Hitler came to ruin you! But the Germans were play a certain role in American liberal ough-not being deaf. Most of them believed in Hitler circles-came out with a public statefiliated with any as the Messiah-sent by God to ment to the effect that he, for one, might have been increase the greatness and glory of could never bring himself to shoot at German troops for-the prince So we cried out to the world: argued-by doing so he would risk

Not to fight Nazism, out of fear

## Few Anti-Nazis

To begin with, there are, alas, be more useful at any price—even at the price of few upright anti-Nazi or meritorious members of the Underground in the German Army-or, for that matter, anywhere in Germany. But if there are any, they will certainly be the first to disapprove sharply of such an hypocritical, unrealistic and illogical view. Those among my, and the prince's, former countrymen who have maintained any common sense and are still capable of thinking honestly and independently cannot but realize that whatever we do to lick Hitler and to break, once and for all, the evil power of German militarism, is also done in the interest of all sincere German anti-Nazis.

The complete defeat and extinction ordered. ere so notorious, end he was so powerful that he could of the Hitler regime is a vital necessity, not only for my new homeland, the United States of America, but also Could people of our kind stay aloof for the whole world and, in particular, for my former country, Germany. The Germans who still fail to see this will have to be taught a terrible, last-

chance to fight Adolf Hitler. The arch-enemy, meanwhile, beespecially in the came stronger and stronger. In the

ewas my father, showdown had become inevitable. dionalists, even under such circumstances? Could uncle, Heinrich we waver? Could we hesitate?

## . . . Could We Hesitate?

We had failed twice in our historical olarly but tough duty. We had not succeeded in pre-Golo-aiso a venting Nazism in Germany, and can Army. Too our voices had been too weak to aspicuous to go arouse world public opinion to the to choose be- imminence of the Nazi danger. Now dexile. We had we had the opportunity to make good, either to play to a certain extent, our previous to give up our failures. Now we had the chance to prove the sincerity of our convictions by participating in the fight against Nazi barbarism-the fight which the Germans themselves failed to wage in

fort to save it. 1933. I find it difficult to understand those hem who were German refugees who objected to nd active—had taking up arms "against former warning both countrymen"—in other words, who stock cherish freedom and peace, we other country- excluded themselves from the fight have to help in defending those We kept im- against Nazism. One-Prince Hu- supreme values-even if the aggres-Get rid of bertus Zu Loewenstein, a German sors happen to be our former countryadoing, he will politician and lecturer who used to men.

## Defend Supreme Values

I do not hate my former countrymen. I agree—as, I suppose, most Americans do-with the generous statement President Roosevelt made in his speech of October 22, 1944:

"We bring no charge against the German race as such, for we cannot believe that God has eternally condemned any race of humanity; for we know in our land how many good men and women with German ancestry have proved loyal, freedomloving, peace-loving citizens."

But if we Americans of German



These kids may not have known better-but their older sisters certainly should have. Note the expressions of hero-worship as they reach to touch the Fuehrer's hand. Their older sisters joined the Wehrmacht uniformed groups-helped Nazis raid all of Europe.

-More About-

# Airborne Attack!

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"Get that jeep out," Lt. Love

The nose of the glider had been damaged in the landing and the cable device by which the nose lifts as the jeep moves forward would not work. Men raised the tail of the glider by hand, put the tail props into position and then fisted open the damaged nose by sheer beef and back straining. The much-needed medical jeep rolled free.

Up to the moment that the jeep rolled out, with the blankets and litters, the morphine and bandages and blood plasma, the seven men of glider No. 41 had worked more like an engineer construction squad than seven field soldiers in the middle of a bullet-swept battlefield.

Then the training of the medics asserted itself and without another command they took off for the wrecked gliders in the next field where at least two badly wounded men could be seen in the splintered

men could be seen in the splintered plywood, torn fabric and twisted duralumin tubing.

Spaced out, staggered—no man directly behind or directly beside any other—they moved across the field. The jeep made for the corner of the field, seeking an exit to the road.

The jeep bogged down in the ditch, where it churned hopelessly for 20 endless minutes until one medic came back with an infantryman guarding half a dozen Krauts. They lifted the jeep on to firm ground from where it made the road without further trouble.

a temporary CP for the glider regiment, and the men assembled there for orders. Then, they moved into their assigned positions, digging in their machine-guns at the corner of a woods and building their foxholes for the night. With the first organization complete, the headquarters moved a couple of miles down the road, wire crews went to work and before dark the whole area, roughly three by six miles in size, was linked up, co-ordinated and defended. The antitank guns and the airborne 75mm. howitzers were in place.

It was midnight before the Germans were able to counter-attack-a try which was beaten back by the glider pilots, fighting as infantrymen. Four hours later the Krauts tried it again, from the other side of the area. Again they were beaten back.

Then, in the morning sunlight, a cool, unruffled youngster in the uniform of a British captain, strolled up the road.

One British enlisted man, a sergeant, accompanied him.

sergeant, accompanied nim.

He passed through our forward positions from the direction of Wesel, asking the way to regimental headquarters. The men who gave him the directions had a question to ask and no officer-enlisted man barrier was going to prevent them from asking it. This is how they put it:

"Say are you fellows airborne or

A stone farmhouse on the road was his answer in perfect Park Lane Londonese.

> "Oh I say, Commandos, you know, from Wesel."

That was it. That was the linkup. That meant the airborne men were no longer an island of Americans in a sea of armed Krauts. That meant that the tanks were coming-that meant we had won.

That meant that the greatest airborne operation of the war was a success and that the tense 20 hours of being cut off was over.

Even the tattered Volkssturm, going down the road with the rest of the 3,500 prisoners we took, looked a little better after that. The K-rations, helped out by preserved fruit "liber-ated" from the empty houses, tasted better.

Then the tanks came and the convoys of jeeps and the reinforcements. Montgomery's Army started moving across the Rhine. There were miles of tanks and men and guns behind them and they were all coming our

The northern gate to the Reich was open, blasted off its hinges by two-way teamwork—ground-air, British-American. And on the far side of the Rhine, Winston Churchill, British Prime Minister, and Gen. Dwight D Eisenhower, American Supreme Com-mander of the Allied Armies, shook

commandos?"

The avenging arrow, steel-tipped and deadly, was aimed straight at the German heartland. Not even a Hitler miracle could turn it aside.

# Allied Armies Point Toward Isolating Foes on All Fronts







Leader Down Where They Fight

# Killing of Rose Costs U.S. One of Top 3 Tankers

By Andy Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer WITH 3RD ARMD. DIV., Apr. 6-Maurice Rose, the 3rd Armd. Div. major general whom the German tanker killed with a machine pistol Saturday night, was a leader down where they fight,

American newspapers may not know him but professional soldiers, men

in the business, and the men in his spearhead division, know the U.S. Army has lost one of its three most capable armored commanders. Eisenhower knew him, Bradley knew him, and Hodges knew him. They gave Rose and his division three of the toughest jobs of the war. They gave him St. Lo, the Ardennes and Paderborn.

"You think you'll be there tomorrow—better than 100 miles?"

"You said those." Los here were the united to the professional soldiers, men the professional soldiers are professional soldiers. Paderborn.

"I like working with the corps commander," Gen. Rose said two nights before he was killed near Paderborn. "He just tells me where he wants the 3rd Arm. to go. He doesn't tell us how to get there." The corps commander knew Rose would always find a way.

Two nights before his death Gen. Rose asked four correspondents traveling with the division into the room he had fixed as his overnight headquarters in a German house.

The general had a fine taste for CPs. The general had a line taste for CPs. He always located a comfortable house or mansion and somewhere in it there was a good-sized room he used as his office. In the center of the room he put his desk, always facing the door, and on the desk he laid his maps. Across the room where he could see it easily was a large situation map. Things looked that way the night he gave his last interthat way the night he gave his last interview to the four men who came into his CP to talk informally about the drive which was taking the 3rd Armd, out on a strong steel limb to Paderborn.

The general stood when the men came in. He stood as straight as the sketched soldiers in the field manuals. At 45 he looked eight years younger and he was a handsome man.

"Sit down," he said. And he sat him-self, as erect as he stood.

"When do you hope to reach your objective, General," someone asked.
"Tomorrow," he replied with a smile.
"You think you'll be there tomorrow—better than 100 miles?"
"You said hope.' I can hope, can't I?"
"Yeomans will probably be the first man on the objective the way things look now," Gen. Rose continued, "He'll get there and then radio me some caustic note like 'The first team is here, when is the division coming?'"

is the division coming?"

"I sent Yeomans a message today.

It was sent in the clear so the Germans must have picked it up. I told him I'd give him a case of Scotch if he captured von Rundstedt, Kesselring or Guderian and one bottle of Scotch for Hitler dead on alive. The message was garbled and or alive. The message was garbled and someone put Goering in for Guderian. Suppose if he brings Goering in here I'll have to give him a case of Scotch."

The General got along with his men that way. When he closed himself in his office with his maps and finally came

his office with his maps and finally came out with a plan in grease pencil on the map, his task force command knew it would work that way.

Gen. Rose took command of the 3rd Armd. in the middle of the breakthrough action at St. Lo, where he started as chief of the 2nd Armd.'s CCB. He was the close friend and star pupil of Maj. Gen Ernest N. (Old Gravel Voice) Harmon. As colonel in North Africa he was Harmon's chief of staff with the 1st Armd. Div. On one occasion in the Tunisian campaign. Rose was well forward in the middle of a tank attack in his jeep. The jeep was hit by an 88 and Rose miraculously escaped unhurt.

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As the Nazis Give Up-

By Wade Jones

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer WITH U.S. 9TH ARMY, Apr. 6-The guard sergeant in the artillery OP saw a train speeding past full of soldiers, but he didn't go into action until he saw a flak gun mounted on the last car. The soldiers manning it were German.

The sergeant guessed right-that the train was loaded with Krauts trying to escape from the Allied pincers east of the so he called one of his batteries set up near the track down which the train was heading and gave a fire order. The second round exploded the locomotive.

## Typical of the Fluid

Stories like that—typical of the fluid, fast-moving war on this front—are a dime a dozen, but bread and butter to the correspondents who spend their days gathering and writing them and their nights telling each other about them.

There was the flak-wounded Piper Cub which crash-landed in a tree-top 50 yards from a German machine-gun position. By the time the dazed but unhurt pilot and observer could scramble to the ground the entire crew of the enemy gun was lined up at the foot of the tree, hands in the air. The airmen marched them off, after the Jerries had told them which way our lines were.

## Skids Around Corner

The Yank motorcycle courier skidded around a corner in a town to find himself infantry. Taken prisoner, he told his captors they were crazy to resist because we had them surrounded with armor. The German commander didn't believe him, so the American made a deal. in the middle of two companies of enemy

"If I can produce three of our tanks in ten minutes will you surrender your men to them?" he asked the German commander. The reply was "Yes." In eight minutes the courier was back with the three tanks and the enemy, apparently having heard them coming, were already standing in formation at attention. standing in formation at attention. The German commander was so thoroughly convinced that he didn't even hold out for an American officer to surrender to but handed his weapon to the courier.

## CAPTURE OF MANDALAY BURMA ROAD INDIA Mogok Lashio TERMINAL OPENS WAY TO OIL hittagong FIELDS, SEAPORT AND CHINA THAI RAIL TERMINAL Mandalay Chiengmai Toungoo BAYOF BENGAL Basseir SUPERFORTS SOFTEN UP MAIN JAP BASE Nagor Svarge **GULF OF** MARTABAN -ROADS ------RAILROADS ====ROADS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

These maps summarize Allied progress in the global war embracing the ETO, the Pacific and China-Burma combat zones. The coordinated aim of Soviet and Allied forces to link up and narrow the neck of Nazi resistance would help to frustrate Germany's reported intentions of fighting last-ditch guerrilla battle in the Bayarian Alps. In the Pacific, the American toehold in the Ryukyus, occupation of Iwo Jima, the Marianas and Guam, and the land-based heavies of Gen. MacArthur's command combine, together with Allied fleet action, to harass and eventually to cut off Jap-held bases in the Dutch East Indies from the Japanese homeland. In Burma, while Allied troops push southward from Mandalay, Superforts maintain their softening-up action against the important enemy base at Rangoon.

## By Mitchell Wright



"Didn't I tell you to always knock three times?"

# Ticked Off the Global Wire

# Hitler's Capture or Death Seen Hastening Collapse

WASHINGTON, Apr. 6 (AP)—Chief of Staff Gen. George C. Marshall has told the Senate Military Committee that the capture or death of Adolf Hitler would contribute tremendously to the collapse of the already totering Nazi military machine, two Senators, who declined to be quoted by name, reported today.

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Yesterday, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said the Germans now have only the choice between immediate unconditional surrender or the same form of capitulation "a little later, after much more of the Reich has been destroyed, city by city." (Reports cabled from Berlin to Stockholm yesterday quoted Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler's weekly, Das Schwarze Korps, as saying: "The war is now in a phase where it seems that only days or weeks separate the German people from total collapse. . . We are in a remarkable situation of being forced to admit that it is possible to defeat us militarily, but our faith in the righteousness of our mission has not changed one iota.")

Renes Reaches Kosice

# Only Volunteers vs. Japan

Only Volunteers vs. Japan
OTTAWA, Apr. 6 (ANS)—Prime
Minister W. L. Mackenzie King, whose
government was nearly overthrown in
November when it adopted partial conscription for the European war, embarked
yesterday on a re-election campaign with
the announcement that Canada would
send only volunteers to fight Japan.
Canada's forces in the Pacific war will
be "very much less" than those in Europe,
he said. In the Pacific, he added, Canada's
army will serve with the U.S. Army,
while the Canadian Navy and Air Forces
will serve with the British.

## Benes Reaches Kosice

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 6 (Reuter)— President Eduard Benes and his govern-ment have arrived at Kosice, provisional capital of liberated Czechoslavakia, the Czechoslovak press bureau reported today. Playing of the Czech and Soviet national anthems marked the ceremonies national anthems marked the ceremonies.

## Swedes to Help Norway

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 6 (UP)—Sweden is expected to announce soon official approval of formation of a Swedish volunteer corps to help in liberating Norway, the newspaper Expressen said today.

## Red Army Gets New Chief of Staff

MOSCOW, Apr. 6 (UP)—The Soviet Union disclosed in an offhand way today that the Red Army has a new chief of the general staff—Gen. A. I. Antonov, who is comparatively little known. He was listed among Red Army leaders present to greet Marshal Tito and Dr. Ivan Subasic, Yugoslav leaders, on their arrival here.

Last month Moscow named Marshal Alexander Vassilevsky, then chief of staff, to succeed Gen. Ivan Cherniakhovsky, who was killed while leading the 3rd White Russian Army, but did not announce a new chief of staff.

Other changes included the appointment of Gen. A. I. Eremenko to command the 4th Ukrainian Army in the Czechoslovakia-Poland sectors in succession to Gen. Ivan Petrov, for whom no new post has yet been announced.

## Dulles Official Adviser

WASHINGTON, Apr. 6 (ANS)—John Foster Dulles, who was Thomas E. Dewey's adviser on international affairs during the Presidential campaign, will be an official adviser to the U.S. delegation at San Francisco, the State Department announced yesterday, releasing a letter from Dulles in which he accepted the appointment.

The letter said the appointment was "concurred in by the President." Dulles said he preferred to work in a private capacity, but he added that since Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. had capacity, but he added that since Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. had told him he "could best serve in an official capacity," he was happy to accept.

## Predicts British-U.S. Trade War

ATLANTA, Apr. 6 (AP)—Sen. Owen Brewster (R.-Me.) asserted today that "Britain and America are heading for a trade war after victory—a good, old-fashioned competition in which no holds are barred." are barred.

Taking the opposite view in a broad-cast debate, Sen. Charles Tobey (R.-N.H.) said: "The world might break up into separate blocs after this war. The best way to bring that about would be for us to get in a trade war with Britain. If

## Army to Bury Some Yanks in Germany

WASHINGTON, Apr. 6 (ANS)—The War Department disclosed today that some American soldiers may be buried in German soil until the war is over. The announcement was in response to inquiries about the burial of Maj. Gen. Maurice Rose, commander of the 3rd Armored Division in the American cemetery at

Although Americans killed in Germany had been shipped to France or Belgium for burial prior to the March 24 all-out Rhine assault. War Department officials explained that it has become impracticable to continue that policy because of the deep Allied penetrations into the Reich.

Under present plans the men will be buried temporarily in cemeteries in Germany, but will be removed to permanent or semi-permanent lots in France and

Belgium when operations permit.

At Memphis, Tenn., German Brig. Gen. Hans Schuberth, captured by the U.S.
7th Army in France, who died in the general hospital there, will be buried in the prisoner-of-war cemetery in Clinton, Miss., it was announced.

## Help Wanted -AND GIVEN

Weitz your question or problem to Help Wanted. The Stars and Stripes, 20, Caven-dish Sq., London, W1, or APO 413, U.S. Army, Telephone U.K. Base HQ, Ext. 2131.

## APOs Wanted

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LT. Stewart HERVEY, San Antonio, Texas;
Warren HARDING, Auburn, N.Y.; Lt. Sara
HELLER, Milwaukee; Lt. William D. KAMP,
Midland Park, N.J.; Cpl. Soi W. LANDAU,
Detroit; Pfc James LEHMAN, Breckenridge,
Minn.: Pvt. Alfred MONACO, 42118481; Pvt.
Max MITCHELL, 15358794; Lowell "Jerry"
MASON, Oak Park, Ill.; John Sam MYERS,
Ft. Smith, Ark.: Pfc Andrew R. MORENO; Maj.
George C. OYLER, AC; S/Sgt, Darrel PRIOR,
Van Wert, Okla.

CGT. David YELLEN, Hartford, Conn.; T/Sgt.

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SGT. David YELLEN, Hartford, Conn.; T/Sgt.
Milton STILLERMAN, Los Angeles;
Raymond BOURGOIN, Providence; Christian
ROARES, Taunton, Mass.; Sgt. Austin ADAMS,
S/Sgt. Oliver RILEY, Klamath Falls, Ore.; Pvt.
Joe FREITAS, 30449980, Oakland, Cal.; Sgt.
Tom HALLIGAN, San Francisco; Pvt. Frank
McGREGOR; Pvt. Lyle HATCHISON,
Johnstown.

## Frustrated Youth

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 6 (UP)—Ferdinand Schoerner, 53, a regimental commander when the war began, has been promoted from colonel general to general field marshal, the youngest such officer in the German Army, German News Agency reported today from Hitler's Hq. Now commander of an army group in the East, Schoerner has fought in Greece, the Crimea and the Baltic states.

as temporary president of the San Francisco conference.

Alger Hiss, political adviser of the State Department, was appointed temporary secretary-general of the conference.

The appointments were made in accordance with the protocol allowing the host nation to name temporary officers.

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune

## —Diamond Preview—

# Strong Pirate Nine Real Threat to Cards

## By Charlie Slocum

Special to The Stars and Stripes
MUNCIE, Ind., Apr. 6—Frankie
Frisch is the only major league manager
extant who will return to the same team
he had in '44, and in Frankie's case this
means the Pirates, who were the hottest
team in the business for the last month
of the season of the season.

of the season.

The Bucs have everything this season and they no doubt figure that it's now or never. They have good pitching with five starters, a well-seasoned infield, a speedy outfield and excellent catching in two venerables of the mitt and pads in Al Lopez and Spud Davis.

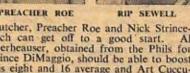
Rip Sewell has demonstrated that his Blooper Ball is in fine shape and should head off anything accomplished by the Cards' Mort Cooper. Even with the loss this week of Fritz Ostermueller to Uncle Sam, the Pirates seem to have it if Max

PREACHER ROE

RIP SEWELL

Butcher, Preacher Roe and Nick Strince-vich can get off to a good start. Al Gerbeauser, obtained from the Phils for Vince DiMaggio, should be able to boost his eight and 16 average and Art Cuccurullo, Xavier Rescigno and Ray Starr present a formidable bull pen array.







light it out for the reserve post.

Jim Russell, whose .312 average was tops for the Pirates last season, will move over to center field from left, and Jack Barrett, another veteran, will be in right. Frank Colman, whose bat featured the Bucs' late season drive last year, will play left. Reserve spots will be awarded from among Al Gionfriddo, Tommy O'Brien, Bill Rodgers and veteran Lloyd Waner.

## Bomber Kayoed

S/Sgt. Joe Louis took the count for the first time in nine years in Chicago when his wife, Marva Trotter Louis (center) divorced him. Joe and ex-missus here confer with Judge John A. Sharbaro.



# Layden's Ruling of Pro Loop Due to Win Contract Renewal

NEW YORK, Apr. 6—George "Supersuds" Marshall, owner of the Washington Redskins, and Ted Collins, who owns the Boston Franchise in the National Football League, have occasionally found fault with Commissioner Elmer Layden and may find more fault in the future, but on the eve of league meetings here the rest of the circuit is solidly behind him, and it appeared that Elmer would be handed another five-year contract, even though another five-year contract, even though his present one has another year to run. During his coaching days at Notre Dame the former member of Knute Rockne's Four Horsemen earned the enmity of many pro football men by his outbursts against the pros, who he thought were not above luring downy-cheeked youths away from their school books to play for pay. But since taking over his present job he has earned their respect by bringing considerable forthrightness into the pro grame.

He cracked down on clubs attempting to sign collegians who still were eligible for college play; he instituted \$50 fines on players for fighting on the field under the wholly novel idea that people paid dough to see football games and not fights. And, finally, he showed his independence a la

# Hershey Whips Cleveland, 3-1

HERSHEY, Pa., Apr. 6-The Hershey Bears scored twice in the final period here last night to defeat the Cleveland Barons, 3—1, and take a 2—1 lead in the finals of the American Hockey League playoff.

The Barons marched to an early lead when Les Cunningham tallied after 59 seconds of the first period, but after that it was all Hershey.

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Mike Shabaga drove home the first
Hershey counter with four minutes remaining in the opening chapter ,and in
the third canto Norm Calladine and Peg
O'Neill sewed it up.

# Nelson's 64 Gives

Lung golf tourney with a 64, five strokes up on his nearest rivals.

After taking a bogey five on the second, Nelson played flawlessly until the 18th, on which he went one over par for four.

Trailing the pride of Toledo were Sammy Snead and Jug McSpaden, who were tied with 69s.

# Gain USSTAF Basketball Final By Gene Graff

Fifth Wingers

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

USSTAF HQ, France, Apr. 6—A fearsome array of talented hardcourt stars
wearing the colors of the Ninth AF Service Command stands between the Airway
Communications Fifth Wingers, one of
three original entrants from England in
the eight-team field, and the USSTAF
basketball championship when the title
game is staged here tonight.

The Wingers, shaded in the public eye
by their U.K. neighbors, the ATSCE
Bearcats and the Eighth AF Frank's
Yanks, cruised through their semi-final
assignment last night with ease, while the
Bearcats stumbled against Service Command, 50—42. The Wingers sidelined
the Troop Carrier High Fliers, 48—33.

With Norman Beske, of Milwaukee,
and Roscoe Branch, of Little Rock, Ark.,
hitting from all angles, the Wingers never
were threatened by the Fliers. leading
all the way. A mild Flier uprising in the
third quarter failed to close the impressive
31—10 half-time margin enjoyed by the
U.K. quint.

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## Geske Takes Scoring Honors

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Geske rang the bell on ten shots from
the field to take scoring honors for the
game, while Branch contributed 15 points
on five baskets and five free throws.
The Bearcats lagged, 17—7, at the
quarter; 27—18 at the half, and then
reduced the gap to 41—36 at the threequarter mark. However, a Service Command splurge, headed by Bernie Weksler,
of Chicago, and Joe Risinger, elongated
center from Hartford City, Ind., staved
oft the Bearcats in the closing minutes.
Weksler scored 15 points and Risinger
added 13, while Charle May, of Roanoke,
Ala., and Bill Gallagher, of New York,
each pocketed 12 points for the Bearcats.

# Bambino Decides To Call It Quits

As Mat Referee

BOSTON, Apr. 6—Everybody from Munster, Germany, to Iwo Jima should be happy to hear that after two engagements it appears that Babe Ruth's career as a wrestling referee has run its course.

The Bambino said after handling last night's barney between Crusher Casey and Sandor Szabo for the "heavyweight championship" at Boston Garden that he had no more commitments and that he would call it a career unless he received some offers in the near future.

# Frisco's Temporary President WASHINGTON, Apr. 6 (Reuter)— President Roosevelt today designated Rosevelt today designated Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. Set temporary President of the Sec. ATLANTA, Ga., Apr. 6—Byron Nelson, of Toledo, fired seven birdies on the Capital City course yesterday to finish the first round of the \$10,000 Iron Lynn resident of the Sec. Washington, Apr. 6 (Reuter)— President Roosevelt today designated to the Capital City course yesterday to finish the first round of the \$10,000 Iron Washington, Apr. 6 (Reuter)— President Roosevelt today designated to the Capital City course yesterday to finish the first round of the \$10,000 Iron Washington, Apr. 6 (Reuter)— President Roosevelt today designated to the Capital City course yesterday to finish the first round of the \$10,000 Iron Washington, Apr. 6 (Reuter)— President Roosevelt today designated to the Capital City course yesterday to finish the first round of the \$10,000 Iron Washington, Apr. 6 (Reuter)— President Roosevelt today designated to the Capital City course yesterday to finish the first round of the \$10,000 Iron Washington, Apr. 6 (Reuter)— President Roosevelt today designated to the Capital City course yesterday to finish the first round of the \$10,000 Iron Washington, Apr. 6 (Reuter)— President Roosevelt today designated to the Capital City course yesterday to finish the first round of the \$10,000 Iron Washington, Apr. 6 (Reuter)— President Roosevelt today designated to the Capital City course yesterday to finish the first round of the \$10,000 Iron Washington, Apr. 6 (Reuter)— President Roosevelt today designated to the Capital City course yesterday to the Roosevelt today to the Roosevelt to

NEW YORK—Gunder Haegg yesterday announced he would return to Sweden as soon as he can get a berth on a plane. Hurdler Haakan Lidman said he would remain for the outdoor meetings. . . . LOS ANGELES—William D. Rockne, son of Notre Dame's immortal coach, was

finally, he showed his independence a la Landis by fining Marshall and Ralph Birzzolara of the Chicago Bears for their undignified brawl during the '43 league championship playoff.

The ôld horseman remains, as the quaint saying goes, in the saddle.

brought here yesterday from Winslow, Ariz., to face charges of issuing two checks amounting to \$275 without sufficient funds to cover them.

PITTSBURGH—Jim Leonard will be appointed head coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers, of the National Football League, late this week, according to yesterday's Post Gazette. Leonard was assistant to Coach Walter Kiesling last season and since then has been busy rounding up talent for the Steelers... WASHINGTON—Hank Iba, whose national champion Oklahoma Aggies depended on seven-foot Bob Kurland for the bulk of their scoring, has a seven-four-foot giant coming up next year.

PITTSBURGH-Bob Elliott, Pirate third baseman, was released after under-going his fourth physical exam and said 

on their war plant jobs rather than

or England on the England or be-

risk induction for rejoining the team.

In an exhibition game the Brownies capitalized on three Toledo Mudhen errors for a 3—1 win.

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LOS ANGELES — Ernie Holbrook, former Southern Cal. basketball former Southern Cal. basketball coach, was killed in action in Luxembourg Dec. 16, his wife announced. Holbrook played baseball for a short time with the Bosox. . . FRENCH LICK, Ind.—Ancients Hod Lisenbee and Guy Bush scattered seven hits in pitching the Cubs to a 5-0 victory over the Reds in seven frames.

GREAT LAKES, III.—Six former major league ball players at the Naval Station here will be shipped to the active fronts as a result of the Navy Department's decision to move its star athletes ment's decision to move its star athletes to areas where combat personnel can enjoy good baseball. Slated for moves are Pinky Higgins, Detroit third baseman; Clyde Shoun, Cincinnati pitcher; Max Marshall, Cincinnati outfielder; Johnny Gorsica, Detroit pitcher; and Chester Hajduk, Chicago White Sox infielder. . . . CAMP SHELTON, Va.— The Washington Senators scored two runs in the tenth inning to defeat Camp Shelton, 6—4, behind the pitching of Roger Wolff, Luis Aloma and Dutch Leonard. Leonard.

Pacific Coast League

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Dick Tracy





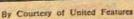








By Chester Gould



By Al Capp







Around the 48 Yesterday

# Russo-Jap Break Hailed As Prelude to War

WASHINGTON—Russia's denunciation of her neutrality treaty with Japan was the big thing all over the U.S. It was the big thing because it looked like the final step before Russia jumps into the Pacific war.

And that's a big thing in America's estimation for the reason that it

means that fewer American boys will get killed. One widely quoted comment was that of Sen. Edwin Johnson (D,-Col.) of the Senate Military Affairs Committee.

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"This is what we have been waiting for for two years. It means that our armed forces will not be compelled to clear the Japs from the continent of Asia. We can concentrate on the job of blockading and devastating Japanese islands which ought not to cost a great number of American lives."

Sen. Robert A. Taft (R.-Ohio) also regarded the Russian denunciation as indicating the possibility that Russia would soon be at war with Japan. Senate Majority leader Alben W. Barkley (D.-Ky.) termed the Soviet action "gratifying," and Sen. Warren R. Austin (R.-Vt.) tabbed it "a significant step toward ultimate victory."

The New York Times said editorially that the Japanese had The New York Times said editorially that the Japanese had

a penchant for anticipating events by striking first, as they did at Port Arthur and Pearl Harbor. "If she follows precedent," the Times said, "the entire war situation in the Far East would change overnight."

The Soviet denunciation was seen by The New York Times Washington columnist Arthur Krock as an answer to charges made by some that President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill got nothing from Marshal Stalin at the Yalta conference. They got Stalin's promise to denounce the neutrality pact, Krock declared.

ATLANTA (ANS) — Sgt. Jerry B. Davis, of Macon, became the first Negro in the U.S. to be awarded the Legion of

Negro Wins High Award

Merit in this war when it was presented to him at Lawson General Hospital. Davis was wounded bringing rations to his gun crews during a heavy enemy barrage at the battle of Arno River in Italy.

No Home for Kathleen

KANSAS CITY (ANS)-Jack W. Dees, a discharged USAAF pilot who brought a B25 named "I'll take you home again, Kathleen" home from every mission, faced the problem of where he was going to take the real Kathleen, his wife, and their newly-born triplets. A local housing bureau said it would try to find Dees a place, but so far hasn't succeeded. Neither has Dees in his hunting.

No New Car Production

DETROIT (ANS)-War Production Board chief Jules A. Krug announced the appointment of Henry P. Nelson, present director of the WPB's Aircraft Division, as co-ordinator of reconversion for the auto industry. Krug denied reports that resumed car manufacturing was imminent, adding that no new cars would be approved until after Germany falls and "probably not for a long time after that."

Sentenced for Extortion

NEW YORK (ANS)-Labor leaders Joseph S. Fay and James Bove were sentenced to 8½-16-year prison terms after being convicted of extorting \$62,000 and conspiring to extort \$280,000 from contractors of the city's \$300,000,000 Delaware water project.

## FDR Call For Revival of Religious Spirit

NEW YORK (ANS)—President Roosevelt called for a revival of the spirit of religion to solve the nation's problems in a message made public at the centenary dinner of the Congregation Emmanuel on Fifth Avenue.

"The gravity of the times which mark the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Congregation Emmanuel quickens in the hearts and souls of thinking men and women an appreciation of the dependence on strength that can be found only in the everlasting reality of religion," the President wrote.

"It seems therefore fitting," he continued, "that I should again declare that no greater thing could come to our land today than a revival of the spirit of religion—a revival that would stir the hearts of men and women of all faiths to reassertion of belief in God. I doubt if there is any problem that would not melt away before the fire of such a spiritual awakening."

Bows to Curfew

TOLEDO (ANS)-Jack O'Connell's one-man war against the national amuse-ment curiew ended when he announced his Loop theater hereafter would close at midnight instead of 5 AM. His action followed a threat by union officials to withdraw his operator unless he complied with the order. with the order.

Roosevelt Loses Election

MILES CITY, Mon. (ANS)-President Roosevelt finally has bowed in an election. Miss Lorena Wilmes polled 843 votes in the race for City Treasurer. The President got one write-invote.

Family Argument UTICA, N.Y. (ANS)—George Morrill pleaded guilty to a charge of falsely re-porting to the Utica Daily press that his

mother was dead.

It's Rough All Over

FLEMINGTON, N.J. (ANS)—The cigarette shortage hit home when 30 American Tobacco Co. stockholders left their annual meeting with a lone pack of butts apiece instead of the customary carton.

Then He Can Start Again

SAN FRANCISCO (ANS)—Francis Van Wie, the moonfaced street car man who had 12 wives, was sentenced to three 10-year prison terms to run consecutively after being convicted on three counts of

New Law Aids Drunks

TRENTON (ANS)—Gov. Walter E. Edge signed into law a bill creating a four-man commission to administer a state project for the rehabilitation of alcoholics. The bill was described as the first of its kind in the U.S.

## 15 Votes Make a Mayor

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (ANS)—Lonsdale, the only other city in Garland County besides Hot Springs, had its first election in 14 years and it was probably the strangest in the State's history. Despite the town's population of 8,200, only 34 possessed poli tax receipts, and six of those were away working in war plants.

All of which resulted in John G. Lonsdale Jr. son of the city's founder, eking out a 15—13 victory over Mayor George W. Steeley, who had held the office continuously since the last election 14 years ago. Neither of the candidates had filed to run, but did so after the county election commissioners granted a request of 14 Lonsdale supporters that an election be held.

Connecticut Is Safe

CHICAGO (ANS)-Connecticut and Lansing, Mich., were named grand prize winners in the annual National Safety Council contest to determine the State and city doing the best jobs in traffic safety measures. Other State winners were Virginia and Iowa, while Detroit, Portland, Ore., and Fort Wayne were other city leaders.

Army Gets Enough Candy

CHICAGO (ANS)-Manufacturers of five-cent candy bars no longer need set aside 50 per cent of their production for the armed forces, the regional office of the War Food Administration announced. Revised military estimates made possible the order's cancellation, the WFA said. Seen Duty, Done It

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (ANS)-Telling the colonel off won Cpl. Leonard Barlow a promotion to sergeant. Barlow was guarding the main gate when a colonel, hatless, attempted to stroll off the post. "You'd better put on your hat, sir," Barlow warned. Answered the colonel, "I like the way you take care of the gate. You're now a sergeant.

Ex-Marine Gets Clemency

KANSAS CITY (ANS)-Virgil Rhodes, an ex-Marine wounded on Midway, was freed by Judge John C. Collet after being convicted by a jury of stealing from U.S. mails. The judge considered Rhodes' two years' service and brain concussion wounds in announcing the release.

# Lousiana Fighting Flood

NEW ORLEANS, Apr. 6 (ANS)— From Cairo, Ill., to New Orleans, engineers kept a 24-hour vigil along flooded Mississippi River banks, as emergency crews worked all night sandbagging

levees and building new embankents.

In Natchitoches, La., nearly all of the 5,000 inhabitants pitched in with shovels and sacks to save the imperiled town, while elsewhere on the flood front new More than danger spots turned up. 100,000 acres of farm land surrounding in rescue work

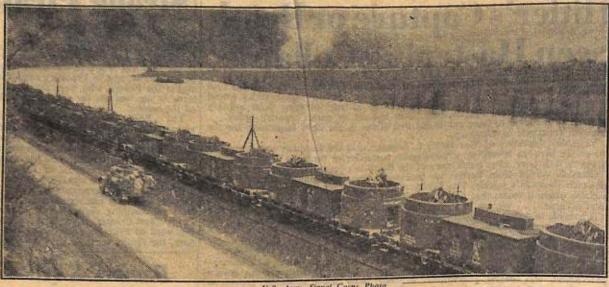
the city were reported already under

water,
In central Louisiana alone, Red Cross
officials said, more than 5,000 families evacuated threatened areas. At Armis-stead, 20 miles west of Natchitoches, a levee broke and marooned 300 families

who later were rescued.

The officials also announced that 72 assault boats, helicopters and amphibious planes had been sent to the area to aid

Their Ack-Ack Begins to Ache-Ache the Germans



One of the anti-aircraft trains which 8th Air Force crewmen have often reported after missions over Germany is shown here—out of commission. U.S. bombers knocked out the train and then went on to saturate the town of Lagenprozelten, burning in the

## Germans Can't Believe It

By Ernie Leiser Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 9TH ARMY, Apr. 6-The armor and infantry waves are sweeping east across the Reich so fast there is not much time to find out what the Germans who line Main Street to watch American tanks and trucks roll through hour after hour

But if there's a universal reaction it's one of stunned unbelief.

It is admittedly a little startling to wake up in the morning and watch an endless row of tanks sweep through your town, especially if you've been told that "It can't happen here."

One old hausfrau came out of her yard

One old haustrau came out of her yard as an armored column rumbled by at dusk and called out timorously, "But where do you come from?"

Some of the civilians think the 9th Army columns are English soldiers. Others aren't sure what they are except that they are not American because are not American because Ameri

cans are supposed to burn and rape, and for the most part these troops just roll on through and ignore them.

There is almost no evidence of the reputed German arrogance among these farmers and burghers and bewilderment would seem to have taken its place. Many express gratitude that they are beaten and that at least they will no longer face

Allied air bombardment.
There is no apparent dismay as the

# Tokyo Won't Rush Russia

While Allied world opinion welcomed Russia's denunciation of the five-year Soviet-Japanese neutrality pact, the Japanese News Agency broadcast yesterday a statement that Tokyo would endeavor to "make the greatest possible effort to maintain" the one year of neutrality remaining.

"But," the agency added, "it goes without saying that the Japanese government is fully prepared to cope with any and all situations that might arise."

Meanwhile, Reuter reported from Mos-While Allied world opinion welcomed

Meanwhile, Reuter reported from Moscow that the Soviet action did not come as a complete surprise to Russian citizens, but that its bluntness, particularly in reference to Japan's help to Germany,

The British press hailed Russia's move as preluding an earlier end to the Far Eastern conflict. The Daily Mail said it "may quickly prove to be a mortal blow

If Russia does go to war with Japan will throw into the mystery-shrouded Far Eastern theater at least two Red Siberian armies, Henry Cassidy, Asso-ciated Press correspondent formerly stationed in Moscow wrote yesterday from Washington.

The Russians had three armies in the Far East, Cassidy said. One army was reported to have moved west during the Battle of Moscow. It has probably returned. Brief dispatches from Khabor-It has probably ovsk disclosed that the two Red Armies now in the Far East have the finest modern military equipment.

Say Nazi Ship Torpedoed MALMOE, Sweden, Apr. 6 (AP)-The German cruised Leipzig, carrying 1,000 wounded German soldiers, arrived at Aarhus, Jutland, in a crippled condition, a reliable source reported today. The warship was said to have had three engines ed when struck by torpedoes in the Baltic.

tankers and doughs come in with be-draggled German prisoners. In many cases the reaction is one of amusement at their plight.

There have been no reports thus far of German civilians sniping at passing American troops.

American troops.

The young girls—plenty of them blonde and pretty—for the most part smile tentatively at passing troops. Few of them seem unhappy to have the Americans invade their country.

And as for the German kids—the little children, especially—they react just as kids all over the world do. Most of them are so fascinated at what's going on that they just stand there wide-eyed. The horse-drawn German columns were The horse-drawn German columns were never like these.

"Doesn't anyone walk in the American "Doesn't anyone walk in the American Army?" they ask, and when the fascination dies away most of them wave just as happily at the American uniforms as they would at the Germans.

Most of the soldiers, though, are still wary about making a final decision and wonder, "What will the Germans be like when they get over their surprise?"

## **CoalWageTalks** Break Down

WASHINGTON, Apr. 6 (AP)-Wage negotiations between soft coal operators and John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers, collapsed today with producers announcing they would report a stalemate to the War Labor Board.

Earlier, Fuel Administrator Harold L Ickes urged the Government to take over soft coal mines immediately and stop production losses resulting from spreading wildcat strikes in Pennsylvania.

Japs Asked For It

WASHINGTON, Apr. 6 (ANS)-A wASHINGTON, Apr. 6 (ANS)—A summary of Japanese losses since Pearl Harbor based on official estimates today showed 773,000 fighting men killed, 2,928 ships sunk, and 12 island groups bypassed or neutralized. In addition, there is the mounting damage to Japanese war industry and cities inflicted by American bombers. bombers.

Japan's ship losses have included 525 warships sunk, 73 probably sunk and 488

## 100th Mission Just 'Milk Run'

By Sid Schapiro Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

390TH BOMB GROUP, Apr. 6-M/Sgt. Hewitt T. (Buck) Dunn, enlisted bombardier and gunner from Norforlk, Va., returned today from "just another mission" over Germany to establish himself as the 8th Air Force's heavy bomber "iron man"—completing 100 missions in the ETO.

"I was a little nervous at briefing when I learned Leipzig

was the target," Dunn said. "But, it turned out to be just another mission—a milk run."

Upon hopping
out of "The Great
McGinty," a Fortress piloted by Lt.
Mel N. Meyers of
New Rochelle, N.Y., Dunn up on their shoulders and carried him around. His crew mates said

they like flying with Dunn, having no qualms about the law of averages.

Dunn has been over every major target in the Reich during his 16 months of operations, flying 26 times as a tail gunner, twice as a too turner end. gunner, twice as a top turret gunner, and the balance of his missions as a "tog-

The 24-year-old airman has completed

The 24-year-old airman has completed three straight tours of operations with his veteran outfit, turning down all opportunities to return to the U.S. on leave.

Upon finishing his first tour in April, 1944, Dunn commented, "I am sticking around until D-Day." I don't want to miss out on the greatest event in history." Ironically, Dunn did not fly on D-Day—because he wasn't on the "loading list."

Dunn, who is the father of a one-year-old baby girl he has yet to see, still has no intentions of returning to the States—even now.

## Tito's Military Mission Arrives at Ike's HO

PARIS, Apr. 6 (Reuter)—The first Yugoslav military mission appointed by Marshal Tito's Government to Gen. Eisenhower's HQ has arrived here. Headed by 34-year-old Gen. I. V. Rukavina, the youngest general in Tito's army, the mission arrived straight from the Yugoslav front, where for four years Rukavina was a divisional commander.

# **Fruth Returns to Frankfurt**

By Peter Furst

FRANKFURT-ON-MAIN, Apr. 3 (Delayed)—Tens of thousands of German civilians flocked to the debris-sur-rounded Frankfurt Anzeiger building today to receive the first authentic printed news since the great liberal Frankfurter Zeitung was put out of business by the Nazis.

It didn't matter that the newspaper handed them by two American civilians and a British sergeant wasn't printed in Frankfurt or that the news it contained was no longer new. The power has been off in Frankfurt and no one can hear the radio. There is no paper, so any news

The American civilians were Gordon Cole, formerly of the Washington bureau of the New York newspaper PM, and Max Klieber, a New York printer. The illusioned Frankfur British soldier was Sgt. Leopold Lister, feel about Nazism.

ot London, who was born in Frankfurt but left here years ago because of Nazi persecution.

Three men distributed 10,000 papers— one per representative family—but the supply ran out early and thousands turned away disappointed.

away disappointed.

The paper was called simply Mitteilungen (news) and contained world news as well as an article signed by Gen. Eisenhower to the effect that all Nazi leaders would be punished. Lister and Cole said everyone looked first at the Eisenhower piece and their comment invariably was—often merely whispered—"Good, then Bonzen-Schweine too will learn what war has meant to us."

The word bonzen means Nazi pasture.

The word bonzen means Nazi party bosses and the word schweine means pigs and the expression seems to typify what the average demoralized, beaten, and disillusioned Frankfurt citizen appears to

Terry and the Pirates

I HEARD!



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MEANWHILE, THE LANDING STEP NEAR PAT RYANS RADIO TRANSMITTER MAS BEEN CLEARED...

By Milton Caniff

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