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## 1,000 Heavies Give Berlin 8th U.S. Raid

### Broken Dam Floods Area Behind Foe

#### 8th Army Girds for Attack After Allied Aircraft Crack Sluices

NAPLES, May 7—Strong forces of the British Eighth Army massed today south of flooded Pescara, Adriatic end of the main cross-Italy road to Rome, ready to mount a new assault on the town following the dive-bombing of the great Torre dam.

Vast quantities of German military supplies were threatened with submersion beneath hundreds of tons of water sweeping down the Pescara valley as a result of the cracking of the sluice gates.

The dam was smashed by RAF and Australian planes Friday in the most devastating Allied dive-bombing attack of the war, and photographic reconnaissance yesterday showed the dam empty and all the impounded waters gone. The floods were inundating whole areas to the rear of the German front lines.

The Pescara dam, 20 miles from the sea, supplied hydro-electric power to many war factories and electrified railroads. Its destruction, besides menacing German supply lines, cut off power from large areas of German-held north and central Italy.

The Eighth Army's advance on the Adriatic side of Italy has been halted for months, but the Germans reported that British vanguards were ready to launch a massive new attack and that streams of men and supplies had been moving up to the front for days.

On the Anzio beachhead, Allied forces repulsed a sharp enemy attack, supported by tanks and artillery, near the center of the perimeter.

#### Painless (Ha) Extraction

### House Would Cut Income Tax Forms Out for 30 Million

WASHINGTON, May 7—The House, by a unanimous vote of 358 to none, late last week passed a new tax bill which would relieve an estimated 30,000,000 Americans of the annual job of filing tax returns.

It was the first time within the memory of House veterans that a tax measure had passed without a single nay.

Under the bill, which now goes to the Senate, persons earning less than \$5,000 annually would have their full tax liability taken from their wages and salaries at the source by employers. They would be saved filling out income-tax forms.

Another 20,000,000 taxpayers would be provided simpler tax forms than the present long ones.

#### A Few Maggie's Drawers

BOSTON, May 7—America's fighting men received enough .30- and .50-cal. ammunition last year to kill six times the human population of the earth, according to Brig. Gen. Edward E. MacMorland, deputy planning chief of the Army Ordnance Field Service. He said that 13,500,000,000 rounds of small-arms ammunition had been delivered to 70 locations where U.S. troops were fighting in 1943.

### The War Today

**Air War**—Berlin pounded by nearly 1,000 heavy bombers from Britain as widespread cross-Channel attacks resume tempo of pre-invasion blitz; Bucharest hit again as Italy-based bombers renew onslaught on Balkans communications targets.

**Italy**—Eighth Army massing for new offensive after bombing of big Pescara dam floods Germans' rear areas on Adriatic side.

**Pacific**—British announce withdrawal from Buthidaung in southern Burma, satisfactory progress at Kohima; U.S. makes fresh bombing raids on Japs' Pacific islands.

**Russia**—Red Air Force steps up attacks on Sebastopol as Germans report big Soviet infantry assaults on city with very strong air and artillery support; other sectors of front quiet.

#### No Requests Needed, No Fuss--

### Pennsylvania Just Counts Noses, Sends Troops a Ballot

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 7—Pennsylvania's Legislature sitting in special session has approved a "model GI" vote program. Gov. Edward Martin appeared before a joint House-Senate meeting personally to sign the bill into law immediately after its enactment.

Chief feature of the act is that it provides ballots for servicemen without the necessity of a request for them either by soldiers or their families. Members of state civilian-defense units and other organizations will conduct a state-wide canvass to obtain the service addresses of as many as possible of the state's services personnel.

County election boards will mail the ballots directly to all eligible voters in uniform whose names and addresses can be obtained.

Under the law, 105 days are allowed for the distribution and return of the soldier ballots. To finance the program, \$750,000 was appropriated.

### British Lines Are Tightened In So. Burma

#### Buthidaung Is Given Up As Unimportant; Japs' Kohima Positions Hit

KANDY, Ceylon, May 7—A British withdrawal from Buthidaung, on the Arakan front of southern Burma, was announced today in a communique which indicated that this inland terminus of a main supply road which was captured Mar. 12 no longer was important because of the capture of the surrounding hills.

"Having established ourselves on certain features vital to the security of this line," said Lord Louis Mountbatten's communique, "we have carried out a re-

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adjustment of our positions, which has included a withdrawal from Buthidaung without enemy interference."

Northward in the Imphal area of India, more important positions were cleared of the Japanese both north and south of Kohima and heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Southeast Asia HQ reported that the Kohima operations were "progressing satisfactorily." The British are using tanks, dive-bombers and artillery.

Meanwhile, the Japanese reported that U.S. Mitchell medium bombers from China attacked Saigon, big port in the south of French Indo-China.

More bombing raids were made on the Japanese resistance points in the Southwest Pacific islands, including a heavy attack on the Schouten Islands in the Dutch New Guinea area, north and west of the present fighting there.

The Kuriles, north of the Japanese home islands, also were hit again. On this phase of the aerial war, the German Overseas News Agency quote this comment from the Japanese press:

"The Kurile Islands, the northern cornerstone of Japan's defenses, have not yet become the theater of war in a serious degree. But this may change in the near future, as the number of enemy planes appearing over the islands has increased day by day."

### Damage in Millions Left By 5 Days of Texas Floods

DALLAS, Tex., May 7—Storms and floods which swept Texas for five days left nine persons dead and 33 injured and caused crop and property damage estimated at millions of dollars. Floods on the Trinity, Neches, Sabine and Brazos Rivers in east and central Texas spread over an estimated million acres which will have to be replanted.

The Highway Department said that at least \$1,000,000 worth of road repairs would be necessary, with several dozen bridges washed out. High winds and a tornado added to the damage in central Texas.

#### Studio Sues Jennifer Jones

LOS ANGELES, May 7—Jennifer Jones, whose role in "The Song of Bernadette" won her an Academy award, was sued for \$613,000 last week by Twentieth Century-Fox studio, which charged she ignored a call to work on a picture in April, in violation of contract.

#### Bombs Hit Gestapo HQ

Allied bombings have partially destroyed Gestapo headquarters in Berlin, Moscow radio said.

### Berlin Reports Infantry Smash At Sebastopol

#### Penetration of City Wiped Out, They Claim; Local Clashes Elsewhere

Stepped-up Soviet air attacks on Sebastopol's ack-ack defenses and on enemy convoys attempting to escape that Crimean port were accompanied yesterday by German reports of big infantry assaults against the city and by a Berlin radio broadcast that at one point the Russians penetrated into the fortress.

Moscow, as usual when big attacks are in their initial stages, said nothing, but the Germans reported that planes and very strong artillery fire supported the infantry assault.

Col. Ernest von Hammer, German News Agency commentator, claimed the Russians were striking with massed tanks. He added that German and Rumanian counter-attacks wiped out the Red Army's gains.

Only local actions occurred on other fronts. A Moscow communique said the Germans lost 600 dead in a fruitless two-hour battle southeast of Stanislov, in southeast Poland. For the 16th consecutive day the Soviet communique reported no material changes, although the German communique mentioned "minor, unsuccessful Soviet attacks" north of Jassy, in Rumania, east of Polotsk and south of Pskov, in the far north.

Tightening of the Red stranglehold on Sebastopol was indicated by a Moscow bulletin announcing destruction of that port of four more German and Rumanian transport totaling 11,000 tons.

The Germans in turn claimed 140 Soviet planes downed on the Russian front between May 4 and 6.

### U.S. War Output in 1944 Will Exceed 70 Billions

BOSTON, May 7 (UP)—The U.S. will produce more than 70,000,000,000 worth of munitions and war supplies in 1944, according to Donald Davis, WPB vice-chairman.

"There cannot be any substantial readjustment in returning to civilian production as long as our military programs are at their present size and as long as our immediate centers of war production have an acute manpower problem," he said.

### Stassen Urged to Say He's Out; N.Y. Laborites Ask FDR Draft

NEW YORK, May 7—The American Labor Party's state executive committee adopted a platform yesterday urging that President Roosevelt be "drafted, if necessary, for a fourth term."

The committee also proposed: That Congress establish a permanent national planning board representing industry, labor, agriculture and government; a world economic organization "to assist in raising living standards and purchasing power"; and full labor representation at the peace conference.

Other political news: L. J. Lauer, former Republican chairman of the Seventh Minnesota District, made public a personal letter to Lt. Cdr. Harold E. Stassen, former Minnesota governor now in the Navy, urging

### North-South Forces Slug Germans From Channel to Balkans

#### Luftwaffe Shuns Battle as Clouds Shroud Capital; Occupied Countries Blasted; Bucharest Rail Targets Hit Again

Thirty-five hundred American and Allied warplanes struck at targets from Paris to Berlin to the Balkans in daylight yesterday to renew the air offensive against the Continent.

In the wake of a gale which cleared the week-old mass of stormy weather from Channel and Continent, nearly 1,000 Flying Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by almost as many fighters, streaked for Germany at yesterday's dawn, bombed through solid clouds which shrouded the Luftwaffe's interceptor airfields and came home without a single combat with enemy aircraft.

Likewise from bases in Britain, medium Marauders and forces of dive-bombers swept against invasion defense points northeast of Paris and in Belgium.

From the south of Europe, powerful forces of Forts and Libs, with their escorts, slugged again at Balkan transport centers in the fourth day of their non-stop drive.

The day's assaults followed heavy blows by RAF night bombers from Britain and Italy and carried back to pre-invasion blitz intensity the storm of bombs which over the weekend fizzed away to minor although regular forays against Hitler's Atlantic Wall after three weeks of day-in-day-out hammering.

#### Weekend Attacks Sweep S. Europe

NAPLES, May 7—Heavy U.S. bombers blasted vital German railroad lines in the Balkans today after massive blows at oil and aircraft centers over the weekend. It was the fourth straight day of "round-the-clock" raids against the southern side of Hitlerdom with an intensity matching the bombing from the west.

Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by Lightnings and Mustangs, unloaded over battered Bucharest's main rail yards, which include locomotive repair shops and oil-terminal facilities through which one-fifth of Rumania's oil flows to Germany.

At the same time, another formation of Forts, accompanied by Thunderbolts, attacked the 810-foot Belgrade-Pancevo railroad bridge in Yugoslavia which carries the Orient Express line to Sofia, Bulgaria, over the Tamis River.

The raid on Bucharest, the sixth this year, followed a heavy night assault on the Rumanian capital by Halifaxes and Wellingtons of the RAF which concentrated on the factory area in the southwestern section. It was the RAF's second blow there in three nights.

#### Key Rail Lines Pummeled

The previous day American bombers from more than 500 heavies splattered the Germans' supremely important Balkan communications line at Brasov, Pitesti, Craiova, Campina and Turnu Severin. All these points are on the railroads leading out of Bucharest to the north and west; Brasov has the only big aircraft factory in Rumania; and Campina has the third largest oil refinery in Europe.

The Brasov plane plant was left ablaze, and great columns of smoke billowed up from Campina when the bombers turned away. Direct hits were made on oil-storage tanks there, the largest of which hold more than 200,000 gallons.

Campina and Turnu Severin, at the Iron Gates of the Danube, had been hit the night before by the RAF's biggest (Continued on page 2)

#### Blasting Is Back At Blitz Tempo

Nearly 1,000 American heavy bombers, flanked and covered by almost as many fighters, attacked Berlin and targets in western Germany yesterday in a resumption of the heavy air blows which for nearly a month have been opening the way to Allied invasion of the Continent.

Flying through minus-42-degree cold and above a solid mass of storm clouds which blanketed the Luftwaffe, Fortresses flew through 20 miles of a flak wall around Berlin to give the Reich capital its eighth American pounding of the war.

Liberators at the same time tracked the east-bound gale which finally had cleared away the stormy skies above the Straits of Dover and bombed unspecified objectives in western Germany.

Bomber crews and fighter pilots alike came home from the Reich to report not a single combat with interceptors and only a few Nazi fighters sighted in the distance throughout the entire 1,200-mile round-trip.

Eight bombers failed to return, making a loss of one per cent, lowest percentage of the eight raids on the Nazis' chief target. Fighter losses were even lower, five failing to return.

While the big force of heavies and fighters, which was aided by RAF Mustangs, headed into Germany, Ninth Air Force Marauders and Thunderbolt dive-bombers hit railway junctions in France and Belgium, and RAF fighter-bombers kept up the unending assault on the secret military targets of northern France.

The Marauders, facing their first severe fighter attack since Feb. 25, beat off a pack of Me109s and FW190s for the loss of one B26 after hitting rail junctions at Mezieres, in their deepest-yet penetration. (Continued on page 2)

### Boar Keeps the Job Of Guarding FDR From Being a Bore

WASHINGTON, May 7—A dangerous wild boar roamed a South Carolina plantation where President Roosevelt was spending a month's vacation, it was disclosed today with the President's return—but the boar roams no more.

The animal created a problem for Marines who patrolled the estate, owned by Bernard M. Baruch at Georgetown, S.C., until one night a sentry heard sounds on his beat, challenged: "Halt! Who goes there?" and got no reply. He opened fire with his tommy gun—and found he had killed the boar.

Mr. Roosevelt's physician said the President was "in excellent shape" after his month's sojourn in the South.

"We have gained everything we expected from the four weeks' rest and I am perfectly satisfied with the President's physical condition," said his physician, Vice-Adm. Ross T. McIntire.

Mr. Roosevelt, who suffered an attack of bronchitis in March, told reporters himself that he was feeling a great deal better. He looked tanned and fit.



# House Orders Probe of Ward Seizure, 300-60

## Firm Claims NLRB Vote Is Barred to Employees As U.S. Workers

WASHINGTON, May 7—Investigation of the government's right to seize the Chicago plant of Montgomery Ward and Co. has been authorized by the House of Representatives by a 300-60 vote.

A committee of seven was created to make the inquiry independent of the Senate, which already had authorized its Judiciary Committee to broaden a current investigation and look into the use of troops in the forcible removal from his office of Sewell Avery, Montgomery Ward president, as well as the firm's labor relations prior to seizure of the plant.

The House action followed an hour of acrimonious debate in which Democrats charged the move was an attempt to undermine public confidence in President Roosevelt and Republicans declared the President had exceeded his powers.

At Chicago, counsel for Montgomery Ward told Federal Judge William Holly "there is a question about the validity" of Tuesday's scheduled NLRB election among the company's workers. The attorney contended that the plant would still be under federal control and that the 6,000 employees might be considered "federal employees whom the National Labor Relations Act specifically excludes from its operations."

Judge Holly extended until Wednesday his order restraining company officials from interfering with government control of the mail-order firm's Chicago plant and said it was not his business to decide who had the right to vote in the plant election. NLRB Regional Director George Bott said the election would proceed as scheduled.

Holly will rule Wednesday on the company's motion to dissolve the temporary injunction and on the government's plea to have it replaced by a permanent order.

At Springfield, Ill., the Hummer Manufacturing Co., a subsidiary of Montgomery Ward engaged chiefly in war production, reported labor trouble. The Hummer plant manager, John Saxer, said some 450 workers had been idle since Friday and that production was halted. He added that only about 100 clerical and supervisory workers remained on the job.

The plant's AFL union employees voted to ask President Roosevelt to intervene in their contract dispute with the company.

J. T. Farr, representative of the International Association of Machinists (IAM), said union workers stood firm on their previous declaration not to work until the company signed a new contract "or until the federal government takes over the plant." Farr said the work stoppage followed "company refusal to comply with a WLB directive to sign a new contract."

## First Year of Liberation Is Celebrated by Tunis

British, American and French troops took part yesterday in Tunis celebrations marking the first anniversary of Allied liberation of the city. Morocco radio said 25,000 persons, including soldiers and civilians, paraded. Gen. Charles de Gaulle attended.

Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, Allied commander-in-chief in Italy, sent a telegram paying tribute to the "magnificent part played by French troops under my command in the final victory," and regretted that "operations in progress" prevented him from attending.

### Lessons Misapplied

GARY, Ind., May 7—Given a medical discharge by the Army, Rex Williams, 18, made the most of what he learned from Uncle Sam. He confessed robbing 15 men by means of jiu-jitsu learned while a GI. His haul amounted to \$500.

### Robot Temperament

IRVINGTON, N.J., May 7—Carl Lehrhoff swore softly when his car refused to run and decided to park it in the street outside his home. Next morning it was missing; an automobile thief had had no trouble starting it during the night.

### 48-Hour Work Week Ordered

WASHINGTON, May 7 (UP)—The War Manpower Commission has ordered all cotton textile plants to boost their work week to 48 hours beginning next Sunday as part of a drive to stimulate production of both yarn and cloth.

## Lib's Bombs KO Burst Of Flak and Save Ship

And now comes the story of bombs that saved a Liberator from destruction by flak.

2/Lt. Thomas Brown, of Anderson, S.C., pilot of the Liberator Yours Truly, says it happened on a recent mission. Immediately after bombs away, a burst of flak caught Yours Truly's bombs just as they left the ship.

"They were incendiaries and burned like hell," Brown said, "but they served as a flak vest for the ship."

## But We'd Trade a London Shelter for It Any Day



It's just as tough to find a place to sleep in New York as it is in London or the other big cities in the ETO. Proof above: servicemen headed back for camp try to get some shut-eye on stairs and escalators at Pennsylvania Station

## Generals Watch Glider Practice

### Leigh-Mallory Tells Crews They're One of Modern War's Main Cogs

A NINTH TROOP CARRIER COMMAND STATION, May 7—A large-scale demonstration of the use of gliders was viewed here by Air Chief Marshal Trafford Leigh-Mallory, AEAF commander; Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, Ninth AF commander; Maj. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, AEAF deputy commander, and Brig. Gen. Paul L. Williams, Ninth Troop Carrier Command chief.

Before the flight, Leigh-Mallory told glider and tow-plane crews that "recent operations in Burma, and the ones you will soon carry out yourselves, show that airborne forces are one of the most powerful weapons in modern warfare. And they will become increasingly important with each new operation."

The C47s then towed the WACO gliders into the air, launching them over a designated landing strip to glide silently down into "enemy territory."

## U.S. Warned to Ignore Axis Invasion Reports

WASHINGTON, May 7—Announcement of the invasion of Europe will come only from the Allied Command in London, Elmer Davis, OWI chief, asserted in warning Americans to ignore Axis-inspired reports of Second Front operations.

"I hope the American people remember that Joe Goebbels is in business for his own health and not for theirs," Davis said. He warned that there probably would be many bogus Axis invasion reports and recalled Prime Minister Churchill's statement that many feints would precede the real operation.

### Dose of Own Medicine

SANDERSVILLE, Ga., May 7—Members of the Washington County draft board have decided to take the physical and mental tests given to inductees at Fort McPherson. All are over draft age, but they want to learn first-hand how the hundreds of men they have sent to the induction center are "run through the mill."

### Lowell Bennett Recaptured

International News Service said it had received word from Lowell Bennett, correspondent, that he was back in a German prison camp. Letters from the 24-year-old U.S. reporter some time ago, datelined "inside occupied Europe," described his escape from the camp to which he was sent after parachuting from an RAF plane on a Berlin raid.

## Pilot Gets Riddled Fort Home To Save Crew, Dies in Crash

A FORTRESS BASE, May 7—1/Lt. William H. Johnson, of South Minneapolis, Minn., who despite wounds piloted his flak-riddled B17 back from Germany on one engine, held it aloft long enough for the rest of his crew to bail out over England and then died as the ship crashed in flames, has been recommended for a posthumous award of the Distinguished Service Cross.

How Johnson sacrificed his life to save his crew in the Apr. 13 raid on Augsburg was told by survivors today after censorship withheld the story until the flier's family had been notified of his death.

T/Sgt. Frank J. Hazzard, top turret gunner from Chicago, who also has been recommended for the DSC, credited Johnson and the navigator, 1/Lt. William S. Saneber, of Walton, N.Y., with bringing the crew back safely.

One of the many flak bursts that struck the ill-fated Fort tore a great hole in the ship's nose, wounding Johnson. Saneber, 2/Lt. Harold S. Whitely, of Limerick, Me., co-pilot, and 1/Lt. George H. Nye, bombardier from Compton, Cal. Hazzard gave first aid to Saneber while the navigator charted the homeward

## Hitler Recently Hurt? Neutrals Hear Rumors

BERNE, Switzerland, May 7 (UP)—Rumors have been circulating in Switzerland that Adolf Hitler was injured shortly after his meeting with Mussolini, which the Germans said took place Apr. 22 and 23.

One story was that time bombs were planted in their trains.

STOCKHOLM, May 7 (UP)—Rumors that Adolf Hitler had been injured started to circulate shortly after his reported meeting with Mussolini.

Their basis was uncertain, but they were connected in some way with the death of Gen. Hans Hube, who was buried in Berlin Apr. 26 after being killed some time earlier in a plane crash.

## U.S. Priest Finds Stalin Friendly Toward Catholics

MOSCOW, May 7—The Rev. Stanislaw Orlemanski, Polish-born Springfield (Mass.) priest who is here to investigate the Polish question at Russia's request and has no official status under the U.S. Government, told reporters before flying home he had had another conference with Marshal Stalin and Vyacheslav Molotov with results "beyond all expectations."

"I will make this historic statement," he declared, "that future events will prove that he (Stalin) is very friendly disposed towards the Roman Catholic Church." Fr. Orlemanski said Stalin wanted a strong and independent friendly Poland, had no intention of meddling in her internal affairs, and would not tolerate transgressions in Poland's religion, which shall be the "religion of our forefathers."

The priest's unofficial status was emphasized in a letter from Secretary of State Cordell Hull made public yesterday in Washington by Rep. John Lesinski (D., Mich.).

### People in Glass Houses

CHICAGO, May 7—Henry Rosenthal, on OPA investigator, lost his job because he left the motor of his car running. "OPA people are no more privileged than any one else," said R. E. Walters, OPA regional administrator, who dismissed Rosenthal for wasting gasoline.

### 64 Transfusions, but Child Dies

BOSTON, May 7—Despite 64 blood transfusions since Wednesday, eight-year-old Florence Ward died Friday night in Boston City Hospital of second and third-degree burns suffered when a container of fingernail polish fell from a stove and enveloped her in flames.

## 1,000 Heavies Smack Berlin

### North-South Blows Slug Nazis From Channel To the Balkans

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tion of France, and at Matines, France, and Aerscht, Belgium. The Thunderbolts hit trains, bridges and a factory near Rennes.

The resurgent day attacks followed a heavy night assault on rail points and ammunition dumps in France by RAF heavies.

Bombardiers on all the Forts and Libs yesterday used the "through clouds" technique and bombing was unobserved, although some crews reported a few breaks in scattered parts of the overcast.

German broadcasts, which began early in the morning to warn of large formations heading for the Reich, were reporting major forces over various parts of greater Germany for some six hours, and Berlin dispatches to Stockholm said that American raiders were storming against the capital in three waves over a period of more than an hour. The Germans complained in their broadcasts that bad weather had hampered their defenses—a frequent complaint as their fighter strength dwindles—and described the blow at Berlin as "a terror raid."

The official Germany News Agency admitted damage and casualties and said residential districts had been hit.

Scarcely were the heavies home from Berlin than a new "Achtung!" series of broadcasts at 7 PM heralded the approach of other formations to the borders of western Germany.

"Flak was the heaviest in my five trips to Berlin," reported 1/Lt. L. A. Hoover, B17 bombardier from Nixon, Tex.

Other airmen reported that the belt of flak around Berlin died away as the pattern of bombs burst below the clouds, and some formations arriving toward the end of the attack said flak was not extreme.

### Using the Weather

The low losses yesterday were, however, no accurate index of the Luftwaffe's capacity to put up the sort of opposition which eight days before claimed 63 U.S. heavies in the previous Berlin attack. It was obvious that the Allied air command had used accurate weather predictions to send the forces into the Reich at a time that the storm conditions, which in the last few days had limited and almost entirely smothered the air offensive, were shrouding the Nazi fighter fields and making take-offs virtually impossible.

Some indication of last week's comparative letup in the aerial big push was seen in the weekly review issued by the Eighth Air Force, which reported heavy bombers out on every day of the seven through Saturday, but only for a total of 1,700 sorties, scarcely equal to two days of major operations. About 2,100 fighter sorties were flown in the same week, with five bombers and ten fighters lost for the destruction of 42 enemy aircraft in air combat.

The week's summary also showed damage chiefly to transport centers and Luftwaffe depots in France, Holland and Belgium.

Battling the weekend's bad weather beyond the Straits of Dover before yesterday's attack on Berlin and western Germany were small formations of Allied bombers and dive-bombers which concentrated on targets in northern and north-central France.

Daylight activity from Friday to Sunday morning "was not on a large scale," a joint RAF-USAAF communique announced, with Thunderbolts dive-bombing an airfield near Rennes, Mitchells and Mosquitoes of the Second Tactical Air Force striking through lowering skies to more military objectives in northern France and fighters sweeping the occupied coastlines.

### South England Raided

British authorities announced yesterday that "slight enemy activity over southern England" took place Saturday night, small number of casualties but no damage has been reported.

"Slight enemy activity over northeast Scotland on Friday night" also was officially reported. No bombs were said to have been dropped there.

# \$3,450,570,000 Increase Asked In Lend-Lease

## FDR's Request Follows Demand in Senate for Settlement Policy

WASHINGTON, May 7—Request for \$3,450,570,000 additional Lend-Lease money went to Congress yesterday a few hours after Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D.-La.) had called for a fixed policy on lend-lease settlements.

In asking the appropriation, President Roosevelt also requested that Congress make available for spending during the next fiscal year the unexpended balances of previous lend-lease appropriations, estimated at \$7,188,893,000.

Ellender said he thought Congress should lay down a lend-lease settlement policy immediately. "Unless we do," he said, "we may find ourselves owing our Allies at the end of the war instead of their owing us."

The White House message said the appropriation was for industrial products required for manufacture of planes, tanks, guns and other war supplies in Allied countries, food and other agricultural products needed to maintain the rations of their soldiers and war workers and related services.

Ellender asserted he wasn't opposing continuance of lend-lease but that "Congress and the people are entitled to more facts than they have been getting about the extent and nature of reverse aid to us."

Noting that the appropriations report credited Britain with slightly more than \$2,000,000,000 total reciprocal aid and Russia \$1,000,000, Ellender said:

"I don't want to be critical of Russia because she has had her hands full, and I have faith that Russia will come through and compensate us to some extent, possibly through her great oil reserves. But with Great Britain it is different."

Ellender said he had turned over to the Senate's Truman Committee "information" he had received to the effect that Britain had charged up to reverse lend-lease the cost of rehabilitating "a lot of old castles" occupied by American troops.

"The whole reverse lend-lease picture is beclouded," he said. "We ought to establish a definite policy now."

## French Committee to Open Airlines in Africa, Europe

ALGIERS, May 7 (UP)—French airlines soon will be opened between Algiers and many points in Africa and Europe, including Moscow, M. Grenier, air commissioner of the French Committee of National Liberation, announced recently. "Some transports will be delivered shortly to supplement the aged machines we have now," he said.

Grenier said the French Air Force now had 50,000 men, including factory staffs, with fighter groups in Britain, Russia, North Africa, the Middle East, and bomber groups in Britain. Parachutists were being trained, he disclosed.

### Gandhi Freed

NEW DELHI, May 7—The Mahatma Gandhi, released from prison yesterday, "remains much the same," his doctor said today, reporting his blood pressure showed marked fluctuation.

## Balkan Raids

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bombers, which also made a new raid on the great oil fields of Ploesti. The U.S. attacks were the first on Pitesti and Craiova.

In these raids the Germans claimed that 21 four-engine U.S. bombers were shot down by Nazi and Rumanian fighters. Today's Bucharest raiders also met fighter resistance.

On the air war over Italy itself, Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, head of the Mediterranean air forces, and Maj. Gen. Cannon, head of one of the tactical air forces there, reported at a joint conference that every railroad yard south of Florence had been knocked out.

"The Allies not only have air superiority but air supremacy as well," Gen. Cannon said. "Our losses were below 0.29 per cent—less than 63 planes out of more than 21,800 sorties by tactical air-

## KOs Nazi Plane, Brings Part of It Back as Proof

A THUNDERBOLT BASE, May 7—Fighter pilots usually rely upon their gun cameras to bear out the evidence of their success, but that proof was hardly necessary the day Capt. Harold A. Ogden, of New York, went hunting for Jerry. Ogden not only brought home the camera evidence of a destroyed plane but a German first-aid kit as well.

As he flew his P47 over the grounded plane to which he had just put the finishing touches, the ship exploded. Large fragments shot into the air, and among the debris was a first-aid kit, complete with German inscriptions, which lodged snugly between the two lower cylinders of Ogden's engine.



# Mobile Labs Will Reclaim Captured Oil

## Army Sets Up Traveling Experts for an Expected Big Job in Invasion

A U.S. ARMY BASE, England, May 7—Mobile laboratories, whose invasion function will be to identify quickly any petroleum products captured from the enemy—and also such Allied products whose identity may have been lost in the shuffle—have been set up by the U.S. Army.

Twenty-five per cent of the petroleum products the Allies will take with them will lose their identity some time in the fighting, according to 1/Lt. Morris Hughes, a former petroleum expert from Kansas City, Mo., who commands one such laboratory.

It will be the task of his outfit and others like it to check all doubtful containers, both Allied and enemy, for gum, corrosion and impurities, and to type them. These tests can be run in minutes.

Allied invasion plans are not dependent on the amount of enemy petroleum products captured—but such gifts are not to be overlooked.

"The speed with which the Allies moved into Sicily following the Axis collapse in Tunisia," Hughes said, "can be traced right back to the speed with which enemy petroleum stores were tested and typed."

When these laboratories were activated the first call was for men with practical petroleum experience. The second call was for graduate chemists. Men were brought in from all types of units, and much of the first equipment was hand-made.

Each laboratory company will include two laboratories, one semi-permanent and one mobile. The semi-permanent labs will be set up near big Allied supply dumps, while the mobile labs will move from one sector to the other, wherever most needed.

# \$129,000 Fumble Scatters Fortune Over Countryside

MARYSVILLE, Cal., May 7—Because a railway mail clerk made an error, \$129,000 was scattered over a mile and a half of countryside.

The story was told after all but \$3,000 of it had been recovered. The money, representing the Camp Beale payroll, was lost when the clerk opened the door of his speeding mail car to throw out a mail pouch and the money pouch fell out with it.

The bills scattered for a mile and a half before the train was stopped and a search begun by 100 soldiers, civilian passengers and townspeople.

Railway officials suggested the missing \$3,000 in bills was ground up under the train wheels.

# Deny U.S. Envoy's Trip Is Linked to Finn Rupture

STOCKHOLM, May 7—The U.S. legation has disclosed that Edmund I. Gullion, U.S. charge d'affaires in Helsinki, would come to the Swedish capital tomorrow "to renew contacts and have talks" but he emphasized the visit in no way indicated a break in relations between the U.S. and Finland.

Previously, London dispatches speculated that Gullion's departure might be a preliminary to a diplomatic rupture.

# Sergeant Buys \$3,000 Bonds

AIR SERVICE COMMAND DEPOT, May 7—Sgt. Ernie E. Anderson, of Evanston, Ill., a mess sergeant, bought \$3,000 worth of War Bonds as part of a drive at this depot to reach a \$114,000 total. The money, now two-thirds pledged, will be earmarked for the purchase of two Mustangs, one to be called "Too Bad" and the other to be named by the winner of a special drawing.

# AFN Radio Program

- On Your Dial  
1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.  
218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.
- Monday, May 8
- 1100—Spotlight on Mal Hallett.
  - 1115—Personal Album with Bing Crosby.
  - 1130—Novatime.
  - 1145—Someth'ng Slightly Syncopated—with Ruby Duncan.
  - 1200—Noon Edition.
  - 1205—Barracks Bag.
  - 1300—World News (BBC).
  - 1310—Melody Roundup.
  - 1330—Dinah Shore (Return Engagement).
  - 1400—News Headlines—BBC Scottish Orchestra.
  - 1410—Visiting Hour.
  - 1500—Music While You Work (BBC).
  - 1530—Off the Record.
  - 1630—Family Hour—with Gladys Swarthout and Al Goodman's Orchestra.
  - 1700—Rainbow Rhythm.
  - 1725—Quiet Moment.
  - 1730—BBC Northern Orchestra.
  - 1755—Resume.
  - 1800—World News (BBC).
  - 1815—GI Sapper Club.
  - 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
  - 1905—Red Skelton—with Harriet Hilliard and Ozzie Nelson's Orchestra.
  - 1930—Command Performance.
  - 2000—News from Home.
  - 2010—Fred Waring Program.
  - 2025—This Week in Science.
  - 2030—Contented Hour—Josephine Antoine, Chorus and Percy Faith Orchestra.
  - 2100—World News (BBC).
  - 2115—Front Line Theatre—"What this country needs" with Rosalind Russell, and Wally Myer.
  - 2145—Ranch House.
  - 2200—Village Store—with Joan Davis and Jack Haley.
  - 2225—One Night Stand with Les Brown.
  - 2255—Final Edition.
  - 2300—Sign off until Tuesday, May 9 at 1100 hours.

# GI Frails Are Proving to Be Anything but Frail GIs

## Nurses Toughen Up For Big Job With Invasion Troops

By Tom Hoge  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A U.S. HOSPITAL TRAINING AREA, Wales, May 7—It's really something to see several hundred members of the "weaker sex" clear a three-foot wall and hit the dirt with the rugged proficiency of an infantryman.

It's also something to see one of these frail damsels pick up a 185-pound man and toss him over her shoulder like a sack of meal. Hundreds of American nurses are going through this sort of field training in Wales to toughen them for the task ahead when they go across with the invasion armies.

From morning to night, with the exception of a couple of hours of classroom, the fatigue-clad nurses go through an intensified version of GI basic training—10-mile speed marches, jujitsu sessions, life-saving classes in icy waters, all form part of the curriculum.

Largely responsible for the physical-training end of the program is Capt. John Latimer, former Columbia University track star who later served on the Columbia medical teaching staff.

### Some Gripes—at First

"The girls gripe a little the first couple of days," he said, "but they get used to it quickly and really show a fine spirit about everything."

The girls are proud of their proficiency at close-order drill (they are considerably better than men) and like to put on exhibitions with mass commands and oblique formations.

And when it comes to drill commands, the girls are willing to pit Lt. Lois Dickinson, of Flagstaff, Ariz., against any GI sergeant when it comes to shouting commands.

A large per cent of the girls are from



Lt. Louise Ermen, of Mena, Ark., demonstrates that weight and size aren't everything as she throws 185-pound Maj. John Strom, of Rochester, Minn., during a jujitsu class where nurses are taught self-defense. Several of Lt. Ermen's sister nurses witness the action.

the Mayo Clinic unit under command of Col. Charles L. Kirkpatrick, of Lebanon, Tenn. Upon completion of their course, they will be absorbed into hospital units that will follow the invasion armies.

A large part of the credit for founding the school is due Lt. Mabel Gardiner, who came to Wales several months ago and arranged for billets and a program of classes. Lt. Gardiner is leaving for a higher headquarters, and her post will be filled by Lt. Ella Miller.

"Heretofore the Army nurse has been institutionalized but not regimented,"

said Lt. Miller. "The purpose of this school is to accentuate the latter. The girls are drilled in military courtesy, precision and neatness. Several times a week they are personally inspected, and at least once a week we make a check of their billets. If they are not up to snuff, we confine them to quarters. I can truthfully say that only in a couple of instances have we had to confine anyone."

The girls, billeted in private homes, have made a big hit with the Welsh folk by whipping up some high-grade cookies in their spare time.

Col. Fenton Jacobs, commanding



Army nurses don their celophane covers to protect against sprayed gas. The activity is part of a toughening-up course for the invasion.

officer of Western Base Section, recently paid high tribute to the ANC.

"The Army nurses," he said, "represent a cross section of the finest in American womanhood. In my years of Army life, I have found the Nurse Corps to have the highest standards. I've watched them work and I've watched them play. Theirs is a hard and often thankless job. They must care for men shattered by battle, men who are apt to show their worst side, mentally and spiritually."

"The Army nurse serves a vital part at this crucial time, bridging a gap between a man and his home."

# Seamen Plead For Invasion Job

## Sailors Slated for States Even Jumping Ship to Get In on Action

A large number of American merchant seamen, assigned to homeward-bound ships, have been besieging the War Shipping Administration office in London daily for permission to transfer to ships scheduled for the invasion—and some have been jumping ship to remain here for a chance of taking part in the great assault—according to WSA officials.

Charles A. Hogan, U.K. representative of the WSA recruiting and manning organization, said that in addition to some jumping ship, others had pretended to be sick at sailing time.

Requests to be in on "invasion shipping" are hard to fill, it was explained, because seamen can't be told which ships are earmarked for the invasion, and men are needed to take empty ships home for more supplies.

### Sail Battered Ship to U.K.

A WEST COAST BRITISH PORT, May 7—Thirty-three American seamen, who passed up a chance to return to the U.S. as passengers, have brought a bomb-scarred Liberty ship here from the Mediterranean Theater. Most of the men are survivors of enemy action.

They volunteered to bring the battered ship—aboard which 72 American seamen and U.S. Navy men were killed when it was bombed at anchor off Salerno—to Britain.

# U.S. Indicts Woman, 50, As a Spy for the Japanese

NEW YORK, May 7 (AP)—Miss Velva Dickinson, 50, proprietor of a New York doll shop, has been indicted by a federal grand jury on a charge of conspiring with Japanese agents. Trial was set for June 5. The death penalty is possible.

Weighing only 95 pounds and five feet one inch tall, she scratched and bit FBI agents when first arrested Jan. 21. She was charged with sending code letters to an unidentified correspondent in Argentina, giving information about the movement and repair of battleships after Pearl Harbor.

# Jugular Cut, Bombardier Grips End of Vein, Bombs the Target

A FORTRESS BASE, May 7—Holding his severed jugular vein with one hand and adjusting his instruments with the other, the bombardier on the Flying Fortress Messy Bessie foosed his lethal load on the target and then was saved from death by a fellow crewman.

The story of the bombardier's heroism was brought to light when the plane landed here and physicians relieved Lt. David Shoss, of Houston, Tex., navigator of Messy Bessie, who had held the severed vein all the way back from the target. The bombardier's name was not disclosed.

# Sgt. Sweet Hopes Actor Sweet Is a Hit in New British Film

Sgt. John Sweet, lanky 28-year-old Army clerk from Granville, Ohio—the ETO's only "lease-lend actor"—makes his film debut next Friday at London's Odeon Theater, Leicester Sq. He takes one of the leading roles—the Army loaned him to a British studio for five months for the purpose—in "A Canterbury Tale," portraying a soft-spoken Oregonian on leave in the old city.

Although Friday is the two-hour film's official world premiere, the producers are letting the press take a look at it tomorrow, and there also will be a special pre-premiere showing for the people of Canterbury, where the movie was made.

Sweet, a former schoolteacher who got his big chance after British director Michael Powell saw him in the U.S. Army's production of "The Eve of St. Mark" in London last summer, returned to his billet and GI job as soon as the movie job was completed.

Although his film role was glamorous and strictly business as far as the Army

was concerned, a lot of people—especially his GI workmates in London—will attend the premiere especially to see how Sweet stacks up in professional British company. Star of the movie is Eric Portman.

Sweet himself is going with buttons polished and fingers crossed. "I'm going down tomorrow and hope like hell that everybody likes the film," he said yesterday. "The Army told me to be an actor—so I was an actor. Guess that's all there is to it right now. Later I'll take my chances on the market with the rest of the guys."

Sweet wants to attend the University of Chicago after the war and get a master's degree in political science. Insurance, he calls it. He figures that if he sees a fifty-fifty chance of getting a good movie role, as a result of "A Canterbury Tale," he'll grab it. If he flops he'll go back to schoolteaching.

Right now he's fighting the word "star" and trying to stay the same kind of guy he was when he came over.

# Navy's 'Tars and Spars' Opens Run on Broadway

NEW YORK, May 7—The first professional naval show in the nation's history, the U.S. Coast Guard's musical production "Tars and Spars," opened Saturday for a three-week run on Broadway with its chief attraction the movies' "beautiful hunk of man," Chief Boat-swain's Mate Victor Mature. He's known in the show as a "beautiful hunk of junk."

### London Pool Open

American service men and women may now use the indoor swimming pool at the Marshall St. Baths, off Oxford Circus, London, any Sunday between 1 and 6 P.M. At this time the pool is reserved for Americans, both WACs and enlisted men. No charge is made, but swim suits and towels must be brought by the swimmers. Some bathing trunks are available at Rainbow Corner.

### Students Strike for Coach

FORT LEE, N.J., May 7—More than 500 of the 700 students enrolled at Fort Lee High School went on strike because their baseball and basketball coach, Lloyd Spence, had been refused a \$300 pay increase.

# CIO Politics Fund, Eyed by Congress, Gets Biddle's OK

WASHINGTON, May 7—The CIO Political Action Committee, target of Senate and House inquiries, was given a clean bill of health by Attorney General Francis Biddle on its raising of campaign funds.

Rep. Howard Smith (D-Va.) had asked Biddle to seek an indictment of the committee on the ground that by raising an initial campaign fund of \$700,000 it was unlawfully aiming to "influence, if not control" national elections this fall. Biddle refused, and the Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee investigated the refusal.

It was to this group that Biddle reported "no evidence whatsoever" of violation of any laws governing election contributions by labor units.

# Allied Experts to Suggest Post-War Oil Study Group

WASHINGTON, May 7—British and American oil experts meeting here since Apr. 16 have ended their discussions and will recommend to London and Washington the creation of a permanent Anglo-American advisory commission to study world petroleum problems, a participant disclosed.

### It's Contagious

A LIBERATOR BASE, May 7—A war orphan sponsored by a Liberator squadron through The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund made such a big hit at a party held in her honor here two weeks ago that the squadron, commanded by Capt. Robert J. Lennhausen, of Peoria, Ill., now has raised another £100 to sponsor a second orphan.

### Brenner Rail Link Wrecked

The main Brenner line—vital rail link between Germany and north Italy—has been damaged seriously by Italian patriots, according to neutral reports quoted by Algiers radio.

# Speak German Out of School

## Civil Affairs EMs Going All Out to Be Ready For Job 'Over There'

By Richard Wilbur  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A EUROPEAN CIVIL AFFAIRS UNIT, May 7—It's strictly OK when you hear some GIs muttering in German as they police up an area here. Not Germans in disguise, they're Civil Affairs soldiers drilling each other, out of class, on the lingo they'll need in policing up Hitler's Homeland.

German is part of the language training given to CA enlisted men so that when they find themselves on a corner somewhere in Germany—wanting to get something done by civilian labor, or wanting to get somewhere—they won't just stand and look at a guy, as a soldier here put it.

European lingo is taught by "slam-banging it" into the students, a teacher said. No textbook terminology goes. Grammar is kept at a minimum.

Simple conversation among students is the main aim. "Let Them Talk!" a written instruction insists. Before they can do much talking, though, the students have to do some mass chanting of phrases—pronunciation drill.

The German course covers three weeks—nine hours a week—and involves a mild form of homework. Teachers have to prepare for each class, and students are supposed to review their vocabulary some time each day.

CA enlisted men here are getting an opportunity which CA enlisted men didn't have before the invasion of Italy.

"In Italy men went in with no language training whatever," said 1/Lt. Kirby Low, of Carmel, Cal., who helped to organize the language classes. "Even a GI born in Sicily found he couldn't speak the same dialect as Italians on the mainland."

Ten sentences a day—selected as basic European lingo that will be necessary in their work on the continent—are drilled into the students.

"Finding your Way" and "Asking Help" are two subjects stressed, along with "Time" and "Food and Drink." Other subjects considered essential: Payment, commands and warnings, services wanted, location and terrain, lodging, burying and personal services, important signs, roads and transportation, medical attention, tools and supplies.

Foreign customs are explained. "Bring out the different way of life," Lt. Low tells the EM teachers, "so the men will feel they're sitting in Europe while they're sitting on the grass under that tree out there."

# Chew on This if You're About to Be Discharged

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky., May 7—A discharged veteran is walking around minus his teeth because a rookie was excessively efficient. A private was assigned to reclaim all GI articles from troops about to be discharged.

One soldier, turning in his equipment, mentioned that he also had a set of GI false teeth. The private took them, too. Authorities are hunting the veteran to return them.



# Yanks Threaten Browns' Lead; Reds Climb to First

## Bosox Drop 2 To New York; Nats Blast A's

### Cullenbine's Blow in Ninth Gives Tribe 3-2 Margin Over St. Louis

NEW YORK, May 7—The noise of baseballs Friday and yesterday told the customers in Yankee Stadium that newcomers to the Yankee lineup are willing and able to torment American League rivals just as Joe McCarthy's talented veterans did before Uncle Sam grabbed them.

The Yanks dumped Joe Cronin's Red Sox twice, 11-7 Friday, and 4-3 yesterday, to tighten their hold on second place and threaten the front-running Browns.

The champs trail St. Louis by a game and a half and head Washington by two full games.

The Yanks blasted Tex Hughson and Joe Wood Jr. for 15 hits Friday, including three each by Nick Etten, the league's leading batsman who boosted his average to .476, and Catcher Rollie Hemsley. Etten's three blows included a homer with a mate aboard, while Hemsley's three singles drove in four runs.

Atley Donald started for the Yanks but vacated in the fifth when George Metkovich homered to give the Bosox a one-run lead. Emerson Roser took over to gain his first major league triumph.

**Three-Run Spurge in Eighth**  
A three-run spurge in the eighth inning, climaxed by Bud Metheny's single off Cronin's glove which drove in two runs, settled the issue yesterday. Emmett O'Neill lasted until the Bombers launched their belated assault, then departed in favor of Mike Ryba, who was tagged with the defeat. Joe Page pitched eight innings for the Yanks, with Walter Dubiel hurling the ninth and being credited with the victory.

The Senators victimized the Athletics in Philadelphia, 11-8 Friday, and 5-0 yesterday, ninth inning four-baggers by Stan Spence and Joe Kubel clinching the slugfest and Mickey Heafner's four-hit performance resulting in the shutout.

The A's opened a five-run margin against Early Wynn Friday, but the Nats suddenly found the range to hammer Jesse Flores in the eighth to tie the score at 5-5 and continued against his successor, Joe Berry, in the ninth for a total of 17 blows. The A's, meanwhile, reached Wynn, Milo Candini and Joe Carrasquel, the winner, for 16 safeties.

Spence's fifth inning round-tripper, his fourth of the season, with two men on made Heafner's stint easy yesterday. The A's were helpless at the plate, while the Nats belted Don Black and Russ Christopher for 11 hits. Black, who allowed all five runs, was charged with his second setback.

**Kleine Wins for Cleveland**  
Roy Cullenbine's ninth inning home run shattered a 2-2 deadlock and handed the Indians a 3-2 verdict over the Browns yesterday for the league leader's fourth reversal of the campaign. Bob Muncie started for the Browns and went seven innings before giving way to Sigmund Jakucki, who threw the home run ball and suffered the loss. Harold Kleine scattered eight hits along the route to win.

The White Sox unleashed a four-run barrage against Stubby Overmire and Dizzy Trout in the ninth to subdue the Tigers, 4-2, at Detroit yesterday. Overmire engaged Orval Grove in a tight pitching duel for eight innings. Then two singles, a walk and a hit batsman set the stage for Roy Schalk's double that cleared the bases.

Although Trout served up Schalk's two-bagger, Overmire, who had loaded the bases before departing, was charged with the defeat.



Rollie Hemsley

## Tami on the Mend



Tami Mauriello is recuperating in the Parkchester Hospital, the Bronx, from an attack of pneumonia. Lucille Milazzo, his wife-to-be, is his bedside visitor.

## Grimm Signs to Manage Cubs; Stengel Is New Brewer Boss

CHICAGO, May 7—The Windy City's favorite clubhouse banjo player and comedian was welcomed back into the fold today when Charlie Grimm agreed to manage the Chicago Cubs after a telephone conversation with Owner Phil Wrigley.

Grimm, 44, will be making his second managerial stay with the Bruins. One of the most popular and successful managers in Chicago history, he was fired July 20, 1938, after leading the club to two National League pennants during his six-year term.

He has been manager and part owner of the Milwaukee Brewers, Cub farm in the American Association, for the past three years, leading the team to its first championship since 1938 last year. The Milwaukee vacancy will be filled by Casey Stengel, who resigned as manager of the Boston Braves last winter.

"The Cubs have plenty of promising material," Grimm said, "and I'm sure the team will start to click one of these days. I'm glad to return to Chicago and intend to do something about that losing streak (the Cubs won their opener, then lost ten straight) in a hurry."

Grimm succeeds Jimmy Wilson, who resigned Monday and later signed with the Cincinnati Reds as a coach. He became general manager of the Breweries Jan. 28 when Bill Veeck Jr., executive head of the club, enlisted in the Marines.

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## Cincinnati Tied In Games, Leads On Percentage

### Walters Blanks Cards, 2-0; Braves Clout Giants; Dodgers Split

NEW YORK, May 7—The Reds climbed into first place in the National League on percentage points, although they are tied with the Cardinals for the lead according to games won and lost, by stopping the Cards, 2-0, yesterday behind the air-tight four-hit pitching of Bucky Walters.

Bucky fashioned his second shutout of the season against the champs, while George Munger, who limited the Reds to seven hits, was the loser. Cincinnati shoved across one run in the third when Dain Clay singled, advanced to third on two infield outs and scored on Frank McCormick's single. The second counter came in the sixth when Eric Tipton scored on Walker Cooper's passed ball.

The luckless Giants ran their losing streak to six straight by bowing to the Braves, 3-2, in 11 innings Friday and 4-1 yesterday.

### Ace Adams the Loser

The New Yorkers sent Friday's tilt into overtime by clustering three singles for one run in the ninth after the Braves had assumed a 2-1 margin in the eighth on three hits and a walk. Doubles by Steve Shemo and Damon Phillips broke up the ball game in the 11th, handing Ace Adams, who relieved Cliff Melton in the eighth, his first defeat. Ira Hutchinson, who replaced Al Javery in the ninth, was the victor.

Charlie Barrett shackled the Giants with four hits yesterday as the Braves pounded on Bill Voiselle and Harry Feldman for nine. Boston broke a 1-1 tie in the fourth when Butch Nieman doubled and Clyde Klutz singled, then clinched the game with two more in the eighth when Charlie Workman slammed a two-bagger, Klutz and Connie Ryan walked to fill the bases and George Hausmann's error and another walk sent two runners across the plate. Voiselle was charged with the defeat.

The Dodgers split a pair with the Phillies, losing 3-1 Friday and winning 10-1 yesterday. The Phils enjoyed a temporary visit to second place after Friday's triumph, but slipped back to third when the Durocher men copped yesterday's tilt.

### Raffensberger Handcuffs Brooks

Ron Northey's homer with one man on in the fifth inning settled a pitching duel between Lefty Ken Raffensberger and Curt Davis, veteran Brooklyn right-hander. Raffensberger handcuffed the Dodgers with four hits, one being a triple by Frenchy Bordagaray that scored Mickey Owen with the team's lone run, as he notched his third success of the season.

The Bums recovered to win easily yesterday as Hal Gregg's delivery baffled the Phillies. Gregg, who was working on a no-hitter until the sixth, yielded a total of four hits in gaining his third victory.

The Dodgers clubbed four Philadelphia pitchers, starting with Dick Barrett, for 14 hits of assorted size. Howie Schultz drove in three runs with two singles and Louie Olmo drove in two with a double and single. After Barrett, the loser, went to the showers in the fourth inning, the Dodgers continued their assault on Dale Matthewson, Jack Donahue and Barney Mussill.

The downtrodden Cubs, in the throes of a ten-game losing streak, had no opportunity to change their luck as rain kept the Cubs and Pirates indoors Friday and yesterday.

## Mickey Cochrane's Nine Whips Columbus Redbirds

GREAT LAKES, Ill., May 7—Lt. Cmdr. Mickey Cochrane's Great Lakes Naval Training Station baseball team opened its season with an 8-1 victory over Columbus of the American Association.

Composed of former major leaguers, the Bluejackets sparkled in the batting and hurling departments. Merrill May, former Phillie third sacker, clipped three singles and drove in two runs, while Whitley Platt, owned by the Cubs, added a triple to the sailors' attack and Clyde McCullough, former Cub catcher, also swatted in two runs.

By Milton Caniff

## Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate



Another no-hitter features ETO softball activity, this one being turned in by T/S Orin Scalon, of Peoria, Ill., as his T/S team blanked the — MPs, 4-0. The whitewash victim was T/S Bill Farkas, of Toledo, Ohio, a former professional hurler. . . . The AG squad is unbeaten, having won four straight.

Behind the three-hit twirling of Sgt. Bill Gyorth, the USSTAF Engineers won their third straight of the season, tripping the USSTAF Headquarters, 5-3. . . . The CBS softball tourney opened with a bang as civilians returned to their favorite diamonds to watch 60 games. . . . After a hectic week of warfare, 17 teams still boast unblemished slates.

By outspeeding a field of two Americans and four English civilians, Pfc Frank H. Deuel, of Bakersfield, Cal., became the first American to win a national roller skating title in the ETO. . . . Deuel notched his triumph in the finals of the annual Bronze Medal skating championships at Manchester's Birch Park Rink. . . . His appearance in the half-mile grind was the Californian's first taste of competitive skating, although he is no stranger to the greased wheels. . . . Deuel works in an aircraft repair depot of the Air Service Command.



Frank Deuel

Pfc "King Tut" Tabor, of Oakland, Cal., registered his 13th straight ring victory over here to headline a four-bout anniversary card at an Eighth AAF Bomber base. . . . Tabor was awarded a TKO verdict over Sgt. George Nippert, of Colorado Springs, Colo., when Nippert was unable to answer the bell for the second round. . . . King Tut is Eighth AAF middleweight champion. . . . In other tiffs on the slate, T/Sgt. Howard Quain, Detroit 161-pounder, TKOed Pfc Edward Harris, of Baltimore, 173, in 1:12 of the second; Pfc Willie Reed, Durante, Okla., 145, TKOed Cpl. Harry Trester, Bridgeport, Conn., 173, in 1:46 of the second, and Cpl. Rudolph Ochoa, Hollywood, Cal., 137, outpointed Pvt. Leroy Royal, Portsmouth, Ohio, 145.

Joe "Louis," the heavyweight champ, refereed three of seven bouts at an Artillery camp last week. . . . Winners on the slate were Pvt. Ishmael Agosto, Brooklyn; Pvt. Walter Monaco, East Haven, Conn.; Pvt. Robert Stoker, Courtland, N.Y.; S/Sgt. James Hanson, Biron, S. Dak.; Pvt. Val Odell, Nampa, Idaho; Pvt. Edward Munch, New Orleans, and Pvt. Charles Bassett, Detroit.

A GI fight show last week turned up with "one for the books." . . . It happened during a tiff between Cpl. Robert Mebbam, 172-pounder from Los Angeles, and T/S Kenneth Bundy, Pennfield, Pa., 175. . . . After a furious first round, the sluggers increased the tempo in the second and tore into each other with assorted haymakers. . . . Suddenly they shifted near the ropes—and punched each other out of the ring! . . . The verdict was "no decision."

Sgt. Rhoten Shetley, former Brooklyn Dodger grid star now at a replacement depot in the ETO, was corraled by a PRO the other day. . . . "Would you rather carry the ball than block for the other runners?" the interrogator queried. . . . "Hell no," Shetley replied. "When you carry the ball there are 11 men chasing you. In a blocking job, you're chasing one man."

Fifteen teams playing in seven leagues emerged from the second week of softball in and around London with unblemished records. . . . Even the brackets for-brassed-only have a few clubs that know how to win. . . . Unbeaten teams in the officers' league are Abbott's Anchors, the Gorkeys, and the Independents. . . . The Gorkeys, piloted by S/Sgt. Harold Heath, of Whitehall, Wis., head the "major league" for EMs with four straight victories.

His buddies are claiming a softball record for T/Sgt. Chet Wnek after his spectacular pitching last week in a Signal Depot league. . . . Wnek gave up four hits and struck out 43 batters as his team battled to a scoreless 20-inning tie with another Signal squad. . . . In his only previous start this year Wnek allowed two hits and fanned 16 as he won, 1-0. . . . Two home runs made it easy for Pfc Harold Cristo, of New York, to rack up a 12-3 verdict for his Ninth Fighter softball club over a QM All-Star aggregation. . . . Sgt. George Dunser homered in the third with two on and Sgt. Bill Walker scored behind Sgt. Bill Ward on another in the sixth.

## DePaul Signs Ray Meyer As Athletic Director, Coach

CHICAGO, May 7—Ray Meyer, chosen by Chicago basketball writers as "the coach of the year," has signed a new three-year contract as athletic director and head basketball coach of DePaul University.

## Ken Keltner, Now I-A, Faces Draft Exam Today

CLEVELAND, May 7—Ken Keltner, who holds down the hot corner for the Indians, has announced that the Milwaukee draft board has called him for his physical tomorrow. He recently was re-classified I-A.

MADAME SINGH: GERMANY AND JAPAN HAVE TOO MUCH AT STAKE IN THIS EXCELLENT LANDING STRIP TO HAVE IT THREATENED BY THE PRESENCE OF A SINGLE YANKEE PILOT!

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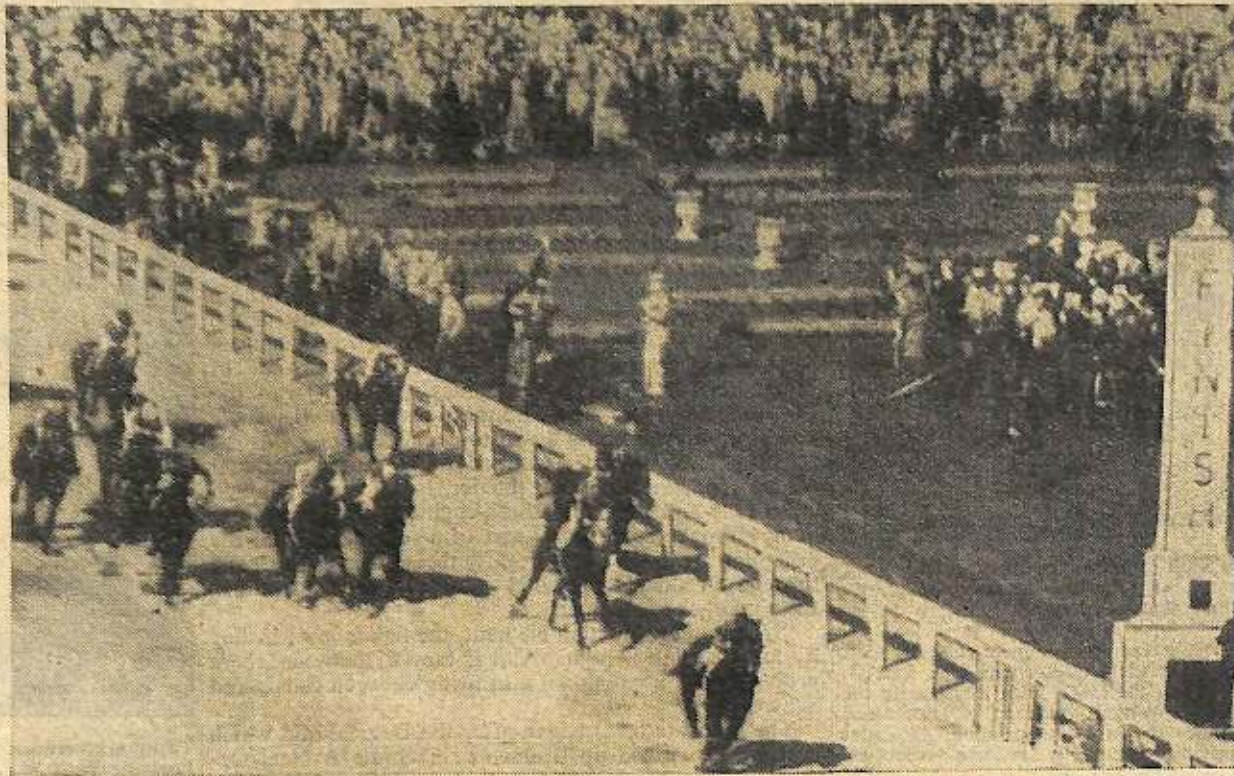
MR. SINGH, PERHAPS YOU HAD BETTER CHECK ON FLIGHT OFFICER LEE'S GUARDS. WE CAN'T HAVE HIM WANDERING OUT AND FINDING THE MAJOR'S PLANE.

Wnek gave up four hits and struck out 43 batters as his team battled to a scoreless 20-inning tie with another Signal squad. . . . In his only previous start this year Wnek allowed two hits and fanned 16 as he won, 1-0. . . . Two home runs made it easy for Pfc Harold Cristo, of New York, to rack up a 12-3 verdict for his Ninth Fighter softball club over a QM All-Star aggregation. . . . Sgt. George Dunser homered in the third with two on and Sgt. Bill Walker scored behind Sgt. Bill Ward on another in the sixth.



# Pensive Drives in Stretch to Win Kentucky Derby

## Derby Winner Leads Field to the Wire



Pensive crosses the finish line four lengths ahead of Broadcloth to win the Kentucky Derby. Stir Up is third, Shut Up fourth and Brief Sigh fifth.

### Bartolo Defeats Phil Terranova To Retain Title

#### Bostonian Is Successful In First Defense of NBA Feather Crown

BOSTON, May 7—Sal Bartolo, of Boston, defended his NBA featherweight title for the first time Friday night, grabbing a split-decision over Phil Terranova, former champion from New York, in a 15-round bout.

Bartolo captured the crown from Terranova three months ago. This time both judges cast their ballots for Sal, while the referee voted for Terranova.

The bout was slow and listless at the start but developed into a fierce brawl with Bartolo striving desperately—and almost successfully—for a knockout.

#### Better at Close Range

The New Yorker had the better of the battle at close range early in the bout, using his head and shoulders to good advantage, but Bartolo fought him at his own game and flayed punishing leather as the fight progressed.

Terranova's eyes were badly swollen by the seventh round, while the champ suffered a cut about his left eye in the same round. Phil rallied sharply in the 11th in a desperate kayo bid, but it failed to materialize and Bartolo was in command until the final bell.

After Terranova's momentary assault, he sagged noticeably and absorbed plenty of punishment as Bartolo unleashed a whirlwind two-fisted attack against the wild-swinging challenger.

### All-Allied Ring Show on Friday

The best Allied boxers in Britain will don the leather mittens next Friday to participate in an outdoor United Nations charity show which is expected to lure some 10,000 customers to the Surbiton Football Grounds. Civilians will be admitted to the field by purchasing War Savings Certificates.

The American team has not as yet been named, but at least three GIs will be on the card. Other fighters are anticipated from among British, Canadian, Belgian, Czech, French and Polish forces stationed here.

The Poles will have a strong contender in Sgt. Melinewski, former welterweight champion of the Balkans. The French team will be headed by Rene Sene, amateur middleweight titlist of his country, and Antoine Tortora, lightweight king.

### No Travel Favors For Major League Players, ODT Says

WASHINGTON, May 7—The Office of Defense Transportation has announced that baseball players must continue taking chances for Pullman reservations and train seats.

Henry McCarthy, assistant ODT director, said that Will Harridge, American League proxy, and Ford Frick, boss of the National League, have agreed to operate in 1944 under the same travel restrictions adopted last year.

The clubs now refrain from arranging to board trains ahead of other customers. Clubs wait until the day before departure before making sleeping car reservations.

### Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, 37, Upper Brook St., London, W.1. Telephone, ETOUSA, Ext. 2131. Unless otherwise stated in the ad, direct all correspondence c/o Help Wanted.

**APOs Wanted**  
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**Camera Exchange**  
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35-MM. with at least F3.5 lens wanted.—S/Sgt. Walter J. Staab, 35287544.  
**College Reunion**  
A REUNION dinner for the West Point class of 1941 will be held at the No. 3 Grosvenor Club, London, Tuesday, May 16, at 6.30 PM. Send reservations to Capt. R. H. Rosen, c/o The Stars and Stripes College Registration Service, 38, Upper Brook Street, London, W.1. No reservations accepted after May 13.

### 15-Man Track and Field Team Chosen for Triangular Meet

CAMBRIDGE, May 7—The track and field meet preliminaries held at Fenner Field here today produced a 15-man team to represent the Americans in a triangular affair with athletes from the RAF and Cambridge University May 14.

Eight AF color-bearers captured eight titles and seven second places; the Ninth AF bagged two first prizes and four seconds, and SOS participants emerged with two firsts and two seconds.

Cpl. Roy "Jug" Tatum, of Coffeyville, Kan., and Pfc Charles West Jr., a Negro from Boston, each took two titles and finished second in another event.

An Eighth AF Service squadron entrant, Tatum, won the javelin and discus throws and was runner-up in the shot put, with distances of 168 feet two inches; 107½ feet; and 36 feet four inches respectively; while West, from the QM, grabbed the 100-yard dash in :11, starred in the broad jump with a leap of 19 feet 7½ inches, and tied for second place in the high jump with a jump of five feet two.

**In other events:**  
220-YARD DASH—T/Sgt. Joe Houston, Brewer, Me. (Eighth AF), first; Elson, second. Time—:24.9.  
440-YARD DASH—Houston, first; Cpl. Bernard Childers, Yates City, Ill. (Eighth AF), second. Time—:56.4.  
880-YARD RUN—Pfc Oscar Gallego, Los Angeles (Ninth AF), first; Pfc Bob Webster, Taylor, Tex. (SOS), second. Time—2:31.  
MILE—1/Lt. Joe Baldwin, Austin, Tex. (Eighth AF), first; Cpl. Steven Herrera, Cochiti, N. Mex. (Eighth AF), second. Time—5:43.1.  
THREE-MILE—2/Lt. Bill Melton, Hollywood Cal. (Ninth AF), first; Herrera, second. Time—19:41.6.  
SHOT PUT—1/Lt. Leo Baum, Milwaukee (Eighth AF), first; Tatum, second. Distance—37 feet, three inches.  
HIGH JUMP—Capt. Elmer H. Kelley, Evergreen, Ala. (Eighth AF), first. Height—Five feet, four inches.  
120-YARD HIGH HURDLES—Kelley, first; Gallego, second. Time—:20.5.  
220-YARD LOW HURDLES—(Not run)—Elson and Cpl. Ken Huff, Pottsville, Pa. (Ninth AF), only entrants, automatically qualify.

**In other bouts:**  
Pvt. Caesar Romero, Los Angeles, 153, outpointed Pvt. Pete Mead, Little Rock, Ark., 157.  
Pvt. Tony Coussans, Newark, N.J., 134, outpointed Pvt. Ralph Cann, Providence, R.I., 133.  
Pfc Isaac Esley, Washington, D.C., 176, kayoed Pvt. Tony Pontarella, New York, 169, in 1:30 of the second.

**Menchaca Goes 3 With Wilson**  
A FIELD FORCE HQ, May 7—Dick Menchaca, popular Rainbow Corner scrapper from Port Arthur, Tex., staged a three-round exhibition with Sgt. Jackie "California" Wilson, of the Joe Louis troupe, while Louis went three rounds with sparring partner Bob Smith in a show staged here yesterday. The exhibitions preceded a four-bout card.

Pvt. Elmo Barnes, 165-pound Negro, two-time Golden Glove winner from Detroit drew an easy decision over clowning Pvt. Benny Droll, 162-pounder from Peoria, Ill., in the feature bout. Elmo landed a hard one to the stomach midway of the first that put Benny off and drew blood from both his nose and mouth in the second and third.

**Bossing Yanks Holds No Lure For Veteran Coach Fletcher**  
NEW YORK, May 7—Arthur Fletcher, the Yankees' third base coach since 1927, refused the late Col. Jacob Ruppert's offer to manage the club when Miller Huggins died in 1929—and he still feels the same way about the job.

The lantern-jawed traffic cop of the diamond, who cut ten World Series melons with the champs, got a belly full managing the Phillies in the '20s, and that was enough for him.

Even now, while running the Yankees during Manager Joe McCarthy's illness, Fletcher refuses to enter the office marked "Manager" in the Stadium dressing-room.

"I haven't moved in and I never will," Fletch tells questioners. "Managers look good when they win and bad when they lose. That's not for me."

Whether he likes it or not, Fletcher has fallen heir to a whole headful of aches. McCarthy had many decisions pending when he was stricken with influenza shortly before the season opened and the nation's draft boards are providing plenty of others for the leading citizen of Collinsville, Ill.

Some of Fletcher's critics used to say about him: "He gets about \$12,000 for waving base runners home and umpires get about \$9,000 for calling 'em out.'" Which, incidentally, suits Fletcher fine.

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### Minor League Results

**International League**  
Friday's Games  
Rochester 6, Syracuse 5  
Newark 3, Montreal 0  
Other games postponed, min.  
Saturday's Games  
Montreal 11, Newark 10  
Other games postponed.

**Eastern League**  
Friday's Games  
Elmira 6, Williamsport 2  
Wilkes-Barre 7, Scranton 3  
Utica 7, Binghamton 6  
Albany 11, Hartford 5  
Saturday's Games  
Wilkes-Barre 6, Scranton 1  
Binghamton 7, Utica 5  
Only games scheduled.

**American Association**  
Friday's Games  
Minneapolis at St. Paul postponed, cold.  
Other teams not scheduled.  
Saturday's Games  
Milwaukee 6, Columbus 4  
Kansas City 3, Toledo 2  
Minneapolis 7, Louisville 4  
St. Paul 5, Indianapolis 3

**Southern Association**  
Friday's Games  
Birmingham 5, Memphis 4 (first game)  
Birmingham 6, Memphis 5 (second game)  
Little Rock 19, New Orleans 3 (first game)  
Little Rock 6, New Orleans 3 (second game)  
Atlanta at Chattanooga, Nashville at Knoxville postponed.

**Pacific Coast League**  
Friday's Games  
San Francisco 4, Los Angeles 3  
Hollywood 8, Oakland 8  
Portland 4, Sacramento 3 (11 innings)  
Seattle 6, San Diego 0 (first game)  
Seattle 7, San Diego 3 (second game)  
Saturday's Games  
Los Angeles 4, San Francisco 2  
San Diego 3, Seattle 0  
Sacramento 9, Portland 4 (10 innings)

**Record Purse**  
With 16 starters, the race had a gross value of \$86,700, and Pensive earned a record purse of \$65,200. Broadcloth picked up \$8,000, Stir Up \$3,000 and Shut Up \$1,000. The biggest previous gross was \$86,250 in 1942.

A day of sunshine dried out the effects of 36 hours of rain and the track was "good" when the field paraded to the post. The off-track condition was expected to favor mudders like Sky Tracer and Alorter, but neither was within striking distance of the leaders from the time they left the barrier.

The field of 19 horses was shortened by the unexpected withdrawal of Autocrat, Comanche Peak and Peace Bells, the only filly entered. Autocrat, conceded an outside chance, developed high fever yesterday morning and was too ill to enter the battle of roses.

Shut Up was the best finisher among six field horses which went to the post at equivalent odds of \$7.70. Gay Bit was the longest priced horse in the affair at 26-1; Gramps Image was 20-1; Broadcloth was third choice at \$7.40-1, and Pensive was second at \$7.10-1.

**Wright's Sun Again Cops Dixie Handicap**  
BALTIMORE, May 7—The Calumet Farms added another bundle of cash to Pensive's Derby earnings yesterday when Sun Again, veteran five-year-old, captured the 40th running of the Dixie Handicap before 19,000 horse players at Pimlico.

Sun Again emulated his stablemate's stretch sprint to charge through ahead of the others—an even-money favorite, the Warren Wright entrant earned \$25,700 and paid off \$4, \$2.90 and \$2.30 in the mutuels. Rounders trailed the winner under the wire and Alquest finished third.

**Crosby Wants Some Dates**  
LOS ANGELES, May 7—Crooner Bing Crosby has protested to Governor Earl Warren and the State Racing Commission for the board's failure to grant dates for his Del Mar Turf Club next fall. Dates were awarded to Hollywood Park and Bay Meadows, but Del Mar was ignored.

**Stir Up Lacked Stamina to Stay**  
Broadcloth, under restraint while maintaining a contending position, took the lead at the three-quarter mark but was unable to draw clear of the field and failed to withstand Pensive's closing drive. Arcaro broke Stir Up fifth and worked steadily forward until he was second by a head to Broadcloth entering the stretch, but Mrs. Payne Whitney's colt didn't have the stamina to stay there.

Shut Up, with Bob Eccard aboard, started slowly, opened the throttle at the half-mile pole and closed with a rush that almost nipped Stir Up. The rest of the field crossed the finish line in this order: Brief Sigh, Gay Bit, Bell Buzzer, Gramps Image, Sky Tracer, Challenge Me, Alorter, Comenow, Valley Flares, Diavolaw, Rockwood Boy and American Eagle.

Pensive, never out of the money in his two-year racing career, was the third Derby winner for Calumet Farms, the others having been Twenty Grand in 1931 and Whirlaway in 1941. It also was Trainer Ben Jones' third, the veteran handler having saddled Lawrin in '38 and Whirlaway.

**By Al Capp**

THE OFFICE OF O.W. UPROAR, THE DE-RUMBLE-IZING TYCOON—  
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THE STARS AND STRIPES

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Hash Marks

The boys in a certain headquarters company were very happy lads the other day—the bugler lost his bugle. But the reveille man, Pvt. Dan Kronmeyer, is no slouch!

Fun on the Home Front. A California woman won her divorce but lost a



petition to bar her ex-husband from their home. Hubby told the court he had no other place to sleep.

While reading his hometown newspaper, the Bakersfield Californian, Cpl. Earl G. Green of the ETO, spied this gem in the Help Wanted section:

Kiddlevee too? What we're driving at is maybe that certain nonsensical song is getting us all down.

There's an officer over here who shudders every time he hears mail call. He has just heard—and we do mean "HEARD"—about a letter written to him by an English "friend."

This could happen only in the U.S.A. At Mitchell Field two sergeants were seated in the gym locker-room when they



were approached by a recent inductee. "May I come in?" he asked meekly.

In a one-man war against mild and bitter, S/Sgt. E. Gregorek plugs his favorite "back home" beverage with this slogan, "Be wise and ciderize."

56 Missions, Not a Loss—Sh-h!

Record Streak Has Everyone's Knuckles Sore—They're Knocking on Wood

By Bud Hutton

A FORTRESS BASE; May 7—Sore knuckles are a dime a dozen in operations and cheaper still in the Nissen huts: This squadron has done (knock on wood) 56 missions without (knock on wood) losing a plane.

Charter unit in the veteran "Can Do" group, whose founders were bombing St. Nazaire before most of the rest of the air force reached the ETO, this squadron, commanded by Lt. Col. Charles G. Y. Normand, of Manchester, N.H., has been slugging it out with the Luftwaffe since Dec. 22 without (knock on wood) a single one of its aircraft going down to enemy action.

The streak, which is claimed to be an operational record for heavies in this theater, has included enough close calls and two- and three-engine returns from Germany to make some other sort of a record, yet with the exception of individual aircraft, the squadron has gone through an amazing period; summed up by operations from another squadron:

"If those guys fly high element, the flak is low; if they fly low, the flak is high. And if they fly between, there probably isn't a gawddam gun firing between Calais and Schweinfurt."

The streak (k.o.w.) began after the Dec. 20 raid which pretty well washed up Bremen as a Grade A Nazi seaport; the squadron lost two that day. Two days later they went with the group and the veteran division in which they fly to Osnabruck, came home without loss and (k.o.w.) have been doing the same thing ever since from Berlin, Kiel, Frankfurt and the Pas de Calais.

What may be their secret of success—aside from the obvious certain measure of luck in being where the flak and fighters aren't—is a two-fold measure: New pilots and new co-pilots always fly two or three hauls with veteran outfits before hauling their own crews (but that's common elsewhere and in the other squadrons of the group), and the propensity of a second loonie, Vince Stotko, bombardier from Montrose, Minn., for watching the rose-like flashes of flak batteries on the ground.

Spots Flak Areas

Stotko, who flies usually with 1/Lt. D. W. Hartman, of Atwood, Kan., pilot, watches the ground when they're leading. As they enter flak areas, he picks out the crimson blotches five miles down that mark the firing of flak. Over the horn he tells Hartman "a little left" or "a little right," and they swing the squadron just a bit out of course. Other crewmen in the outfit say there have been plenty of times that flak neatly boxed the air in which they should have been flying.

In a business where faith in the other guy is some 50 per cent of going there and getting back, the air crews of this squadron love their ground crews maybe better than brothers; they think so much of them they don't even have to remember to credit the line crews for their work in speaking of (k.o.w.) the outfit's record.

Harry Kelly, the master sergeant in chief from Robstown, Tex.; Capt. Robert Thompson, of Columbus, Ohio, engineering officer; M/Sgt. Norman Grimm, crew chief from Evansville, Ind., whose planes have come through 80 missions with only one abortion, and the rest of the people on the line automatically are included when the air crews say, "We've done (k.o.w.) 54 without losing one."

A couple of crews in the outfit repeatedly have come close to spoiling the record, but have managed to kick up the boost on their two or three remaining engines and get home to keep the record clean. Once the squadron loaned a crew



Teamwork between Pilot Herb Drake, of West Kingston, R.I., and Engineer Walt Skiba, of Camden, N.J., has helped to keep the B17 Lady Liberty flying and maintain their squadron's phenomenal record of 56 straight missions without a loss.

What, No Mud!

Scientists, those wonderful fellows, now can eliminate mud. They've invented a soil-waterproofing agent called Stabinol, and the Army is using the preparation effectively on roads, earth dams and air-fields.

But don't expect to rush out of your Nissen hut one morning to find your base transformed into a goo-less paradise, because, unfortunately, Stabinol won't work on soil where General Mud already has taken over.

There's a pretty good chance, though, that future bases will be better because of this remarkable substance derived from pine sap. This powder is spread on the soil, harrowed in six inches deep, and then the earth is packed. A road thus treated stays firm even when covered with water.

And as you wearily continue to scrape mud from your shoes, you might boost your morale by considering the post-war possibilities of Stabinol. It won't stop mud-slinging in your local political campaigns, but it will do wonders for your tennis court and, applied to athletic fields, will mean fewer games called on account of rain. So, to those days, we raise a silent toast, "Here's no more mud in your eye!"

Second Guessing

Mrs. Mark Clark reveals she only once offered her husband, the U.S. Fifth Army Commander, advice in military matters, and she does not intend to repeat the experience. "I wrote to him," she said, "saying I wished he would not visit the front lines and received the reply, 'You turn your lamb chops over on the stove and I'll run the Army.'"

As we see it, this story contains a moral for the largest group of "experts" ever to mushroom into existence over so short a period of time—the "Second Front Guessers." Speculations, rumors and predictions—optimistic and otherwise—about the big event are circulating freely. Every man who spends his time participating in this game only adds to the general confusion.

The soldier who indulges in this pastime, wastes his time, other people's time and exposes himself to a needless chance of letting slip some pertinent bit of information which he has learned through his job. This isolated bit of information, harmless in itself perhaps, may give the enemy one more fragment to plug in the vast picture puzzle he is trying to compare with feverish desperation.

All the details and possibilities of this tremendous enterprise are known only to a handful of Allied leaders; so, whatever your job is, "keep turning your lamb chops over on the stove"—let them run the invasion.

Air Cannon Studied

New heavy caliber Army ordnance aircraft cannon soon will pump their shells over the world's shortest and coldest firing range. The new 22-foot range is located at Elgin Field, Florida, where Ordnance and Army Air Force engineers will test the effectiveness of big invasion guns in a man-made stratosphere 70 degrees below zero.

Through the use of such a stratosphere chamber, Ordnance and Army Air Force designers will soon be able to study conditions which ordinarily could be observed only in actual combat. Designers must know more about the effect that lack of oxygen and sub-zero weather have on detonation and projectile speed if they are to win in the contest to equip high-flying invasion bombers with larger and more deadly cannon and machine-guns.

America has led the field in war as in peace in the development of the tools needed for success. One reason for this leadership has been the encouragement of science possible only in a democracy where enterprise receives proper encouragement.

European Situation Clarified

From Collier's column "Any Week" we gleaned this brief gem which accurately clarifies the political picture in Europe. "Out of the poisonous ambient of Berlin-Vienna-Budapest, the capitals of political entities of unbalanced ethnographic admixtures resulting in an anomalous alloy of pathological predispositions for excesses, distorted perceptions and hideous designs, a steady stream of infiltration spreads all over the world."

We pass this on to you in the interests of clearing up any confusion you may have had about the global situation in general, for it couldn't have been more precisely stated in a military memorandum.

Of course we're still confused.

HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"Now when I give her the gun, you guys shove like hell."



1/Lt. Dick Wolff, of Lima, Pa., pilot of Liberty Belle, brought home a flak-damaged ship on every haul except last of his tour, never aborted until final haul.

they started flying Nov. 17, 1942. They've lost a total of 17 planes in that time.

2/Lt. Charles Storer, of Osborne, Kan., the gunner officer who flew 28 hauls as an enlisted man with one of the ETO's oldest outfits, and Capt. B. M. Davey, of Atlanta, squadron operations officer, claim the low number of enemy aircraft confirmed simply proves their gunners are "as good as any in the business. They fire early enough to keep 'em off, and good enough to get the ones that break through, or else we wouldn't have the record." High gunner in the squadron is Lowry, with three confirmed.

The entire outfit passes the buck as to credit for the string (knock on wood). Dick Campbell, of Pittsburgh, comes back from Berlin alone after bombing on three engines and says, "Hell, remember when Ken Kuhn (1/Lt. from St. Paul) in Duffy's Tavern bombed on one engine and flew home alone with flak all the way?" and then both of them tell you about Drake—again—who came home from the last Berlin haul alone on three engines.

Then all three of them knock on wood and rub their knuckles.



"I'm sorry, but you will have to wait—right now the S-2 is engaged in a secret telephone conversation!"

to another outfit and four of its members were lost in a crash landing, but otherwise the worst entry in the log boils down to "close." None of the close ones is as bad as most of the close ones that squadrons all over the ETO turn in every day.

1/Lt. Herb Drake, of West Kingston, R.I., started right out on the first day of what was to become the streak by losing an engine going in to Osnabruck and being chased halfway across Europe by a Me109 who finally ventured close enough for T/Sgt. Walt Skiba, top turret man from Camden, N.J., to get a confirmed.

A couple of weeks later, 20 minutes from Kiel, 1/Lt. W. C. Johnson, of Lewis Chapel, Tenn., ran into a freak accident which almost busted the record before it was really started. Flying Boeing's Best, Johnson suddenly felt a terrific thump and saw a bomb bay tank, dropped by a higher plane, smash No. 2 engine, bounce, rip open the top turret, but leave T/Sgt. R. D. Cavanaugh, of San Antonio, Tex., unhurt, and then crash into the fin. Boeing's Best was knocked out of formation, but the crew wouldn't quit. They went on alone to Kiel, bombed the target on three engines and started home alone. A dozen fighters jumped them, but Tail Gunner S/Sgt. John Lowry, of Dayton, Ohio, got two and a damaged and they limped home overdue, alone and battered—but home.

Six days later was the Eighth AF's tough day over the Reich—the Jan. 11 Battle of Central Germany—which cost 60 planes. For this squadron it was just another raid, although Drake and his crew managed to lose an engine again, get chased all the way out alone and land safely.

Just Made It

It was Johnson again on Feb. 8, when the string was beginning to get pretty good, and he scared hell out of the rest of the outfit when flak caught his No. 1 and No. 2 engines at the same time, just at the IP going in to Frankfurt. On two engines, he bombed, but it looked bad for crew and lossless record. So S/Sgt. Dave Cameron, the gunner from Boothwin, Pa., climbed out of his ball turret and they jetisoned it, then threw overboard everything they could spare, went down to 11,000 feet and hid in the clouds until a couple of escort fighters picked them up and brought them all the way home despite "the efforts of every flak gunner on the route."

The squadron's log is full of close ones in which the crews have struggled, fought and schemed to get home, which is not unnatural in any outfit. It is full of freak luck and incidents of guts you have to dig for such as the Feb. 25 haul to Augsburg, when the co-pilot in Dick Wolff's Liberty Belle got hit in the right leg with two pieces of flak just as they passed Strasbourg at 11 AM. For seven hours and 20 minutes he did his job despite the wounds and finally landed. He's still in the hospital.

For freaks, there's Wolff's string of a whole tour of ops, up to the last one, without a single abortion but with flak every time. He had to turn back from Hamm, finally, but finished up the next trip at Pas de Calais where, for the first time in his ETO life, his ship wasn't hit by flak.

Mostly, it's an average squadron, with ships named Miss Donna Mae and Mona's Hell Cat, Yo Yo and Stripped for Action. There's one ship—The Sheriff's Posse—named for a former operations officer who used to be the sheriff of Lewis County, Wash. He left the unit to be CO of a squadron next door and went down on his first haul with them, but the boys are "kind of keeping him around with the ship's name."

Among other things, the squadron thinks it may have set a new record for the number of men who have finished tours in any given period: Twenty-six officers and 28 EMOs of the combat crews have wound up safely since Dec. 22.

Claims of enemy fighters are indicative of some of the unit's good fortune, only nine enemy aircraft destroyed since Dec. 22, although they've gotten 67 in all since



### NEWS FROM HOME Veterans' Bill Stirs Clash on States' Rights

#### House Fight Is Foreseen As Educational Leaders Assail Measure

WASHINGTON, May 7—A new states' rights fight is expected over the educational provisions of the Omnibus Veterans Benefit Bill, slated for House consideration this week.

Educational leaders called the school features of the measure a "serious threat" to freedom of education and asked support of a substitute bill.

However, Rep. John E. Rankin (D-Miss.), chairman of the Veterans Committee, said the bill, often referred to as the "GI Bill of Rights," safeguarded states' rights to the "fullest extent."

Written into the measure by the Veterans' Committee was a provision that "no federal agencies shall exercise any control whatsoever" over any school and that private schools shall not be controlled by any state agency in respect to veterans' education.

Both the Omnibus Bill and the substitute measure favored by the educators provide the same subsistence allowances of \$50 monthly for a veteran without dependants, \$75 with dependants and a maximum of \$500 yearly for tuition and other fees.

#### No Spectator, He

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., May 7—The court probably appreciated Herbert Krueger's patriotism, but nevertheless fined him \$25. Krueger rushed to the rescue of a band of Soviet guerrillas who were walking into a Nazi machine-gun trap. Only drawback was that his heroic act was performed in a Grand Junction motion-picture theater. He dashed down the middle aisle and joined in the violent film battle until the screen collapsed.

#### Taft 'Clears' Isolationists

CLEVELAND, May 7—It's not "the so-called isolationists" who are to blame for the delay in organizing post-war plans, Sen. Robert A. Taft told the War Veterans' Republican Club of Ohio, but rather it is "the demands of England and Russia and the failures in the United States' own current foreign policy" that are the "stumbling blocks" in the formation of a peace organization.

#### Siamese Twins Die

PHOENIXVILLE, Pa., May 7 (AP)—Siamese twins born last Sunday to Mrs. Mary Stierly, 24, of Audubon, died yesterday.

Deaths were almost simultaneous, although Phoenixville hospital's chief physician said Joyce, the larger of the twins, may have died a few minutes before Sandra. Pneumonia was the immediate cause of the deaths.

#### U.S. 'Talks' to Sweden

WASHINGTON, May 7—A special U.S. Government representative has left for Sweden to make another attempt to cut down Sweden's trade with Germany, Foreign Economic Administrator Leo T. Crowley disclosed yesterday.

#### Fortune in Rare Books Found by 5th Army Trio

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, May 7 (Reuter)—A collection of 15th and 16th Century books, manuscripts, pamphlets and drawings estimated to be worth hundreds of thousands of dollars has been found in a ruined, shell-battered church in the front-line town of Minturno.

The discovery was made by three Americans, Capt. Allen F. Oppenheim, of San Francisco; 1/Lt. Vincent H. Naramore, of Orwell, Vt., and Sgt. Calvin Timmons, of Dearborn, Mich.

#### Danish King Asks Iceland To Delay Break in Union

STOCKHOLM, May 7 (AP)—King Christian of Denmark has appealed to Iceland not to sever itself from Denmark while the two countries are occupied, because "it would not be fortunate for good brotherly relations."

The King's message has been sent through Iceland's legation in Copenhagen, according to the Swedish Telegraph Agency.

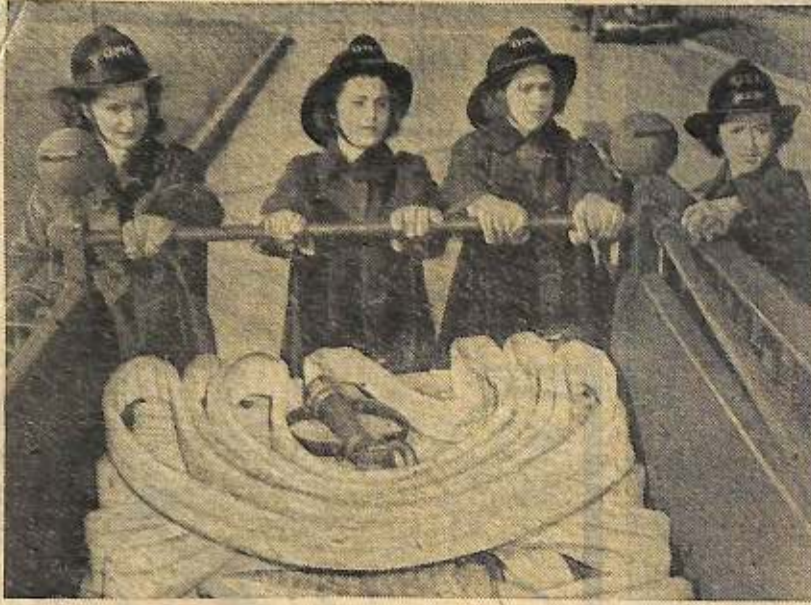
The Icelandic people will vote in June on the Iceland Parliament's resolution to cancel the nation's union with Denmark.

#### Dodger Rookie Lives Up to Zany Tradition

BROOKLYN, May 7—Howard "Vanilla" Wafer, Dodger rookie pitcher, learned Thursday he has been walking around with a broken jaw for a month. Wafer was struck by a wild pitch during a spring training workout, but didn't know the extent of the damage until the Dodgers underwent a routine dental examination.

His jaw was wired, and Wafer will be out of action for a month.

### Four Cool Ladies on a Hot Job



These four lassies clinging to a speeding fire truck aren't joy-riding, they're performing their duty. All are full-fledged fire fighters at Scott Field, Ill. Left to right, Elsie E. Hollenkamp and Evelyn Peters, both of Trenton, Ill., Arline L. Bressel, Lebanon, Ill., and Mrs. Leona M. Sprehn, Belleville, Ill.

### MacArthur's Son Can't Accept Gift of Goat, Army Rules

SYDNEY, Australia, May 7 (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur's young son Arthur will not receive the gift of billy-goat and cart promised him by Justice Brennan of Australia.

When the judge sought to hand the goat over to the American Army for young MacArthur, an American colonel declined to accept it.

"Stop," he said. "You can't keep a goat in a bedroom and you can't tie it up in a hotel lounge."

Said the judge: "Am I to give up my position on the bench for the duration to stand about holding a goat on the end of a string? The American Army can take Hollandia; don't tell me it can't take a goat. The whole thing is getting my goat."

The goat is now homeless and may have to be destroyed.

### Method of Making Quinine In Laboratory Is Claimed

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 7—Two 26-year-old scientists announced that after 14 months' research they had developed a chemical method for duplicating quinine that had been sought for nearly a century.

Dr. Robert Woodward, chemistry instructor at Harvard, and Dr. William Doering, of Fort Worth, Tex., said their synthetic could not be distinguished from the natural anti-malarial product.

### Farm-Land Prices Up 25 to 58 Pct. in Land-Hungry U.S.

OMAHA, Neb., May 7 (UP)—Prices of U.S. farms have risen an average of 25 per cent over the entire country. In some places the increase has gone up to as high as 58 per cent.

Rising values are the natural accompaniment of the increase in the prices of farm products. As produce prices go up the land is deemed to have a greater value.

Numbers of prospective farm owners also have risen. People who have long dreamed of owning their own farms now have enough money to gratify their desire.

### U.S. Shifts Its Program To Faster Cargo Vessels

WASHINGTON, May 7 (Reuter)—A shift in the American shipbuilding program toward the construction of faster vessels was announced Tuesday by the Maritime Commission. It said that 1944 tonnage would have a ratio of 11 fast new Victory ships to eight of the slower types. Of 154 ships delivered in April, only ten were of the new Victory type.

### Pyle Hoosier of the Year

DANA, Ind., May 7—One of Dana's leading citizens, Correspondent Ernie Pyle, who earlier this week won a Pulitzer prize for reporting, has been chosen as the outstanding Hoosier of the year by the Sons of Indiana of New York.

### Terrible Jake Becomes Fainting Jake in Court

NEW YORK, May 7 (UP)—For years Jake (Gurrah) Shapiro was a little king of New York gangdom.

He plotted with Louis (Lepke) Buchalter, the recently executed head of Murder, Inc., and made his name feared from one end of New York to the other.

Yesterday Gurrah heard a judge sentence him to 15 years' imprisonment for extortion. He promptly fainted.

When he came to, tears streamed down his cheeks and his whole body trembled. A doctor had to give him sedative pills before officers could get him from the courtroom.

### Methodist Conference Ends

KANSAS CITY, May 7—The fastest working General Conference in Methodist history has adjourned after finishing in ten days a job that normally takes at least 21. The final session voted unanimously in favor of war-time prohibition, but refused to go on record as opposed to the conscription of civilian labor.

### U.S. Blacklists 38 Eire Firms

#### Sanctions Mark Reaction To Decision Against Ousting of Axis Agents

WASHINGTON, May 7 (AP)—The U.S., blacklisting 38 Irish firms accused of aiding the enemy, today expressed through economic measures its disapproval of Eire's decision not to evict Axis officials, and at the same time indicated the blacklist policy would be vigorously applied from now on.

Never before has any Irish firm been blacklisted, although concerns in many other neutral countries have been put in the record, which now totals approximately 15,000 names.

The listing means that government officials consider they have adequate evidence that concerns are cooperating with the enemy to support the enemy's war machine.

The sanctions applied range from a denial of all facilities for such firms in this country to a threat of post-war penalties which would place those firms at a competitive disadvantage.



"I, Pvt. Rodney Smythe—of the Park Avenue Smythes—always dress for supper!"

### Diane



By Jean Baird

### Male Call



By Milton Caniff

### Blondie



By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate Inc.

By Chic Young



Daddy's Good Luck Charm



S/Sgt. Lou Marks, Fortress gunner back from a raid on targets in France, displays the luck charms that go with him on every mission—the baby shoes of his 17-month-old son. The Hampton, Va., flier is engineer of the B17 Stardust.

Prayer On a Wing



From a fighter plane wing, Chaplain Solon Cole, Beaumont, Tex., conducts services at 9th AF depot.

New China Route Allies' Burma Goal



A Dip—A Summertime Tip

Pair of Aces



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo  
Lt. Francis X. Shields, 1938 Davis Cup team captain, serves to Cpl. Charles E. Hare, ex-captain of British Davis Cuppers, in recent ETO exhibition. Shields won, 2-1.



Actress Esther Williams, former swimming star, finds the weather right for a dip.

Guests of the Lord Mayo



"T.ny" Day, signing visitors' book, and Del Ohrell (second from right) of "U.S.A. Calling," were received by the Lord Mayor of Nottingham when their U.S.O. show played in that area.

The Burma front, 1,000 miles of savage jungle and mountain, has three principal sectors:

1—In the north, two American-trained Chinese divisions, plus an American contingent, all led by Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell, are fighting to open a new route into China from India now that the Japs block the Burma Road, which ran from Mandalay to Chungking.

The communication lines (roads, rivers and railways) do not run at right angles to the front, as communication lines usually do, but parallel to the fronts, north and south through the high mountain ranges.

To raid Jap lines, Col. Philip Cochran and his glider pilots (ONE SHOWN IN ARROW) flew a big force of airborne troops into the country around Katha. These troops, called Chindits, are killing Japs, blocking roads, wrecking railways, blowing up supply bases and doing other damage.

2—In the south, in the Arakan district along the coast, the British established themselves in February and are pinning down

about three-fourths of the Japanese troops in Burma, taking some pressure off Stilwell.

3—The Japs, who lack our superb transport aviation, pushed through the mountains into India hoping to capture the Imphal Plain, only flat ground in the region, where they could establish an airfield and troop base and strike at Gen. Stilwell's communication lines, but the British defeated them at Kohima, 60 miles north of Imphal.

Another factor in Burma is the monsoon season, due May 15. This will bring continuous heavy tropical downpours and probably stop most activity until fall. But Gen. Stilwell seems determined to take Myitkyina rain or no rain and push on to the east.

The Japanese made much propaganda of their foray into India. But the terrain of the long front being what it is, patrols from either side can easily cross the border into the other's territory at many places without its meaning a thing from a military standpoint.