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Berlin Pasted 2nd Day in Row

Reds Open New Assault In Ukraine

Nazi Lines Ripped Near Krivoi Rog; Russians in Streets of Tarnopol

A new Soviet breakthrough in the Dnieper Bend along a 105-mile front was announced in Moscow last night as Marshal Gregory Zhukov's armies, 80 miles from the Rumanian border, crossed the upper reaches of the Bug River, tightened their grip on the Odessa-Lwow trunk railroad and fought their way into the junction town of Tarnopol, 42 miles east of the Nazi base at Lwow.

Two hours after Marshal Stalin announced the Dnieper offensive, a second order of the day disclosed that Zhukov's forces had taken the German base at Staro Konstantinov, a road center from which a good highway leads to Proskurov, road and rail junction on the Odessa-Lwow line.

The new Bend offensive, launched by Gen. Rodion Malinovsky's Third Ukrainian armies northwest of Krivoi Rog, won the town of Novi Bug, 42 miles southwest of the recently captured iron-ore center, and cut the north-south railway from Dolinskaya to Nikolaev, the Russians said.

Heavy losses were inflicted on three enemy tank divisions and six infantry divisions, Marshal Stalin announced in an order of the day. He said Malinovsky's forces had cut a hole 18 to 37 miles deep in the German lines along a front of 105 miles.

Astride Direct Line to Nikolaev the breakthrough, smashing strong German defenses on the west bank of the Ingulets River running from Krivoi Rog to the Dnieper near Kherson, put the Russians astride a direct line to the Black Sea port of Nikolaev—less than 60 miles away.

Even as the Red Army opened up a new offensive, Col. Ernst von Hammer, military correspondent of the German News Agency, told of a resumption of Soviet attacks at the Kerch and Perekop gateways to the Crimea, and other Berlin reports admitted powerful non-stop infantry-tank blows west of Kirovograd, 60 miles northwest of Malinovsky's offensive.

Along the Odessa-Lwow line, where Marshal Zhukov now has a firm hold on 45 miles of the 65-mile stretch between Tarnopol and Proskurov, mud and appalling weather again slowed the Soviet advance.

Soviet reporters with the troops said the Russians were achieving miracles of endurance to keep driving ahead in country where vehicles sank to the axles in mud whenever they moved off the roads. In some cases the Russians used half-tracks to haul infantry forward aboard broad-bottomed sledges.

Transfer of Italian Fleet Still Undecided—Churchill

By the Associated Press
Transfer of Italian warships to Russia—which President Roosevelt said had been decided upon—hasn't taken place and the whole question may not be settled until the war's end, Prime Minister Churchill announced yesterday.

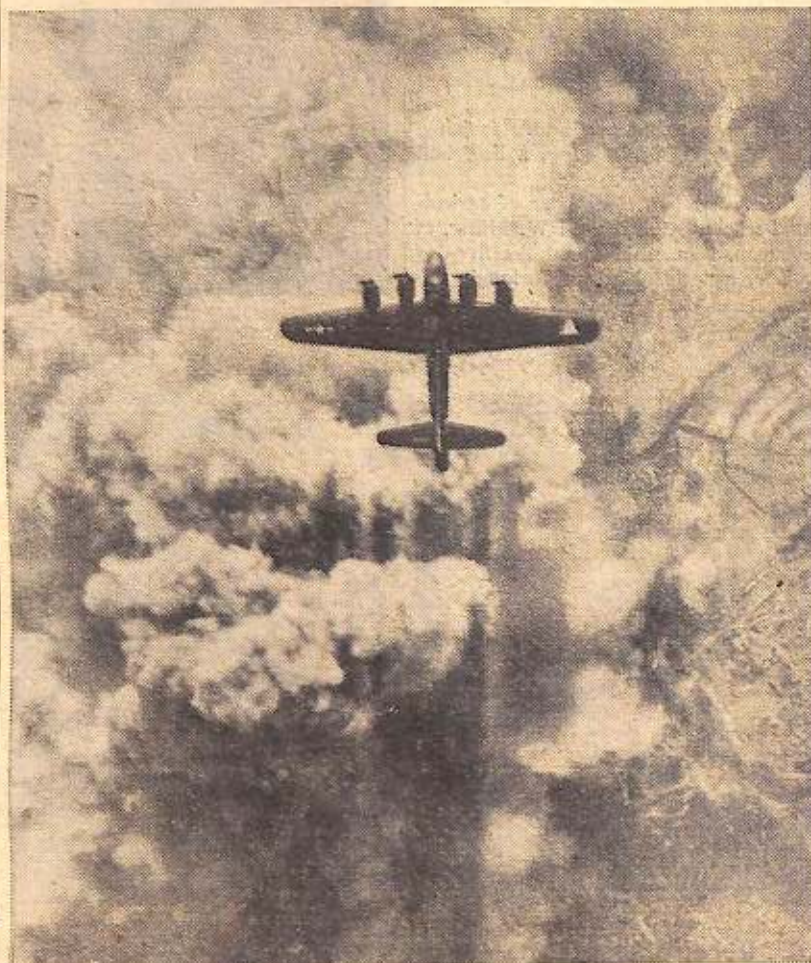
While not directly contradicting the President's assertion that one-third of the surrendered fleet was going to Russia, the Prime Minister told the Commons that "at present no change is contemplated in arrangements" under which Italian ships with their own crews are cooperating in the war against Germany.

Nazis Readying Warsaw For Siege, Poles Say

MOSCOW, Mar. 9 (UP)—Reporting intensive German preparations for the Battle of Poland, the Polish newspaper Wolna-Polska, published in Moscow, said today the Nazis were digging fortifications along the Vistula River and constructing block-houses and firing points in Warsaw and other cities.

Warsaw's population has been ordered to dig air-raid shelters in the parks and squares, the paper said, and the Germans have begun to sink artesian wells in the city.

The VKF Bearing Plant Burns



The VKF aircraft bearing plant, at Erkner, a suburb 15 miles southeast of the center of Berlin, is enshrouded in smoke—some of which may be from smoke pots used by the Germans to conceal targets—as a B17 passes over the target area during Wednesday's attack.

125 Nazis Downed Wednesday; Berlin 'Invasion' Plants Ruined

Two munitions plants—a ball-bearing factory and a torpedo-building works—on whose output the Wehrmacht has been relying to help repel Allied invasion, were smashed in Wednesday's daylight attack by USSTAF heavy bombers, it was revealed last night.

As intelligence officers appraised bomb damage done by the 600-odd Fortresses and Liberators, a recapitulation of Wednesday's combat figures

U.S. Subs Sink 16 More Vessels

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9 (AP)—American submarines have sunk 16 more Japanese vessels in Pacific and Far Eastern waters in a stepped-up undersea offensive which has "seriously crippled" Japan's overworked supply lines, the Navy Department announced.

Although not announced in the communiqué, several of the U.S. subs are known to be operating in the coastal waters of Japan itself.

This latest announcement brought to 627 the number of Jap ships sunk, probably sunk or damaged by sub action alone. Including sinkings by other causes the total now stands at 1,989 Jap vessels of all types.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, U.S. Pacific naval chief, has credited submarines with taking such a huge toll of shipping in the Pacific that Japan probably has been forced to abandon Truk as a naval base.

Four Britons Return Amazed At U.S. Output, Living Standard

Four British war workers home from a two-month tour of U.S. factories have described American production as "staggering," and said Britain had much to learn in that respect, although individual craftsmanship of Britons was superior.

All expressed amazement at the high standard of living in America, with its good food, good living conditions, cars, refrigerators and other conveniences considered luxuries here.

They were critical of what they termed "unfounded optimism" that the end of the war was in sight and said they found a large section of the American press was anti-Russian and made little attempt to keep Americans informed about that country.

The four were Patrick J. Carey, an

aircraft-factory shop steward; John H. Jones, a steel worker; John G. Clark, a chemical worker, and James H. Ward, an aircraft worker. They were guests of the American Office of War Information in an interchange of visits by workers of each country.

Carey, who came home amazed at U.S. output, said, "The American people have done a magnificent job."

Jones, a trade-union executive, was particularly impressed by the American way of life.

"The standard of living in the U.S. is better now," he said, "than Britain's in peace-time. We here have a lot to learn about what the worker can enjoy."

The size and number of American newspapers amazed the visitors, used to wartime England's small four- and six-page papers.

3rd Big Raid in 4 Days Made in Dense Cloud; Only 7 Bombers Lost

Luftwaffe Fails to Challenge Heavies' 7th Blow of Month; Not a Single Victory Claim Is Made by U.S. Crews

The fourth American assault in the daylight Battle of Berlin rolled over Hitler's capital yesterday as Fortresses and Liberators went again in force to the heart of the Reich. One formation also hit another industrial target in central Germany.

As the heavies poured down explosives and incendiaries through dense layers of solid cloud, they chalked up their second attack in two days on Berlin, their third in four days and their fourth in the six days since one formation dropped the first U.S. bombs on the Nazi capital last Saturday noon.

Seven heavy bombers and one fighter were reported missing, phenomenally low losses in the face of 68 bombers and 11 fighters missing Monday, 38 and 15 Wednesday. The USSTAF formations of bombers and Lightnings, Mustangs and Thunderbolts reported scarcely an enemy plane all along the 1,200-mile route above endless banks of cloud, but flak over the target was intense.

For the first time, fighters and bomber gunners alike reported not a single claim of enemy aircraft destroyed, in contrast to the 83 shot down Wednesday by the fighters and the 42 by gunners.

The American bombers had been back to their bases only a few hours when German radio stations began to go off the air, and Frankfurt radio broadcast a warning: "Enemy planes are approaching . . . from a westerly direction," an indication that RAF night forces might be following up the U.S. assault.

While bad weather undoubtedly was the factor which grounded the Luftwaffe yesterday, it was becoming apparent that the long string of aerial defeats, coupled with the last two months' day and night hammering of Nazi fighter-plane production, was eating heavily into Luftwaffe strength.

In the seven heavy raids this month—four on Berlin and other targets in the area, one on northwestern Germany, one on southwestern Germany and one on southwestern France—the Nazis have lost some 400 fighters and probably as many severely damaged. In the daylight Battle of Berlin alone, U.S. fighters and bomber gunners have been credited with more than 325 enemy aircraft.

American losses for the month's operations through yesterday totaled 151 bombers and 65 fighters.

As the heavies completed their 184th bombing mission yesterday, radio reports from Hitler's battered capital once again admitted damage to several city districts but insisted no military targets were hit.

The German radio reports also omitted any reference to engagements between Nazi fighters and the U.S. formations, but spoke of heavy flak barrages put up all along the route. The Nazis claimed, as usual, "a large number of enemy planes" destroyed, but admitted that "Berlin has become the front line of the air war."

American crews said that in the flak barrage which encircled Berlin there was a large proportion of rockets which came up and exploded in clusters of four.

While official U.S. announcements have referred only to high explosives and incendiaries dropped by the bombers, German Radio yesterday spoke of leaflets being scattered over the Reich in what was described as "an attempt to mislead the German people."

Yesterday, using the "through-clouds" technique of bombing, the American air crews had no chance to watch the effect of their bombs, but airmen of one division described a column of "oily black smoke" rising through the clouds to some 20,000 feet.

"The only land we saw from the time we left our airbase until we returned to it were the peaks of mountains standing from the clouds south of Berlin," said Col. Don Blakeslee, Mustang group leader. "The clouds were so thick they formed a four-mile-deep floor over the continent."

Some fighter groups cruised over Berlin looking for opposition, but it seemed obvious the Luftwaffe couldn't get off the ground.

Some of the fighter pilots reported (Continued on page 4)

300 Japs Killed Trying to Flee Trap in Burma

Yanks Halt Foe's Attempt To Cross River; Chinese Take Four Villages

Americans lining the bank of the Chindwin River in Northern Burma have mowed down wave after wave of Japanese infantry attempting to escape the trap sprung by U.S. and Chinese forces which have advanced 80 miles into Burma along the Hukawng Valley.

The Japs made a desperate bid to cross the river by a ford near the village of Lagong Ga but were driven back by fierce U.S. machine-gun and rifle fire. Nearly 300 enemy dead were counted by Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell's troops.

Meanwhile, Chinese forces pushing down the valley in the biggest advance of the campaign captured Hpunnye, Shingban, Ninghbuga and Lashu Ga, jungle villages along the valley.

Americans holding Walawhbum and blocking the Jap retreat route from Maingkwang dispersed a small Jap force attempting to pierce the U.S. line.

About 2,400 Japs Killed

Incomplete reports yesterday estimated that about 2,400 Japs had been killed in the Hukawng Valley fighting. In their march through the Naga Hills to take Walawhbum, the Americans killed more than 700 Japs for the loss of only seven U.S. soldiers.

On New Britain, in the Southwest Pacific, Jap troops last night were reported preparing an offensive against the American bridgehead on the Wilaumez Peninsula, only 160 miles from Rabaul. The Japs were said to have moved up reinforcements.

Northwest of New Britain Americans on the Admiralty Island of Los Negros counted several hundred additional enemy dead as they made Momote airfield ready for use as a base from which to strike Jap communications.

On New Guinea the Allied force which landed behind the enemy's line reached Kumisanger, about five miles beyond the original landing.

FBI Nabs 6 Nazi Suspects
CHICAGO, Mar. 9—FBI agents picked up six Germans last night in a general roundup of suspected enemy aliens. An alien hearing board will determine whether they should be interned.

Nothing Can Stop Blitz Of Berlin, Stimson Says

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9—Neither flak, fighter defenses, clouds nor fog can stop the Allied air blitz of Berlin, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson told a press conference today.

"American attacks on the capital clearly indicate to the Nazis that no target is now safe by day or night," he said.

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The Tide Recedes

The Japanese are facing a major disaster all along their line of outer defenses in the Pacific and are suffering enormous losses in men and materials, says Air Vice-Marshal L. M. Isite of the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

The Air Vice-Marshal bases his estimate of the situation on Allied offensives in the Pacific, all of which are developing rapidly and with marked success.

Australian and U.S. troops, for example, are driving up the Rai coast of New Guinea and are now within 15 miles of Madang, the great Japanese New Guinea base. Our forces have also landed at Mindiri, 20 miles ahead of the main Allied force at Saidor, and have extended their lines in two directions reaching Kumisanger.

On New Britain our forces in new landings on the Willaumez Peninsula are now 110 miles nearer to Rabaul and that base can be classed in the future as a military liability.

Recently Allied troops seized Green Island, located between Bougainville and Rabaul, then, by-passing Rabaul, the 1st U.S. Cavalry Division invaded the Admiralty Islands 250 miles from New Guinea and 1,300 miles from the Philippines. Today they hold secure Los Negros Island together with its vital air-drome.

And while these operations are impressive they constitute only a part of the combined operation against Japan. In Burma our GIs working with Chinese troops have driven a wedge half way across Northern Burma. Men trained to trade bullets with the Japs in the South Pacific are moving through the Naga hills and have cut ahead of the Japanese 18th Division blocking their retreat on two sides as the Chinese move frontally against them.

These victories, together with those won by our air and sea units operating in the Pacific and with our air units operating in China, point the trend that military operations against the Japs can be expected to take throughout the balance of the present year.

The Tide in the Pacific... has turned.

Jap Surprise Package

While Japan's fleet plays possum in the Pacific, her propagandists proclaim that "great surprises await the American task forces who are advancing into a carefully prepared trap which will bring about their destruction."

And, for once, there is a "particle" of truth in a Japanese communique. The advancing Americans are meeting with "great surprises."

First there was Truk. Mighty Truk, hailed as the Japanese Pearl Harbor, turned out to be nothing like the fortress the Allies imagined. American raiders discovered the base lacks a battleship drydock and other first class naval facilities.

The next big surprise awaited American troops who stormed ashore on Majoro Atoll, 150 miles south of Wotje in the Marshall Islands. Though the atoll enclosed a lagoon large enough to shelter a battle fleet, the invaders found only four Japanese, of whom three were traders and the fourth a shipwrecked petty officer.

But they also found a brand-new base complete with air strips, a hangar, two hospitals and equipment including six small locomotives and rail supplies—all conveniently abandoned by the enemy.

A few more "surprises" like this and it will be the residents of Tokyo who will receive a surprise they will never forget.

The Woes of War

The full horror of war is coming home to those heretofore glib artists who air the news and their views over the radio. Commenting on this fact, the Tacoma News Tribune remarks that: "With some hesitancy they mastered the place names of the South Pacific theater; they even tripped lightly behind the armies of Eisenhower and Montgomery through Bizerte, Wadi Zem Zem and Tunis. Sicily was a happy hunting ground, with its euphonious names, and Italy just as easy. Russia presented its difficulties, but by the time the commentators had mastered Dnepropetrovsk it seemed their worries must be over. Now it develops they have been living in a fool's paradise. The war is moving into Poland."

"If we ever were tempted to trade a typewriter for a microphone the time is past. One glance at a map and what lies ahead of the onrushing Red armies is enough to chill the blood of any would-be news caster. Perhaps the radio boys will be able to pronounce Wlodzimierz when the Russians get there, though it will be worth tuning in to hear their efforts. But if they master that place name there are a hundred others waiting to tangle their tonsils. Kamiencic Litewski and Kopyczyn, for example, and Szczuczyn. If that last one doesn't throw Raymond Gram Swing and H. V. Kaltenborn they're better men than we think they are."

Army Forces Network, please note.

Hash Marks

It pays to keep your mouth shut, buddy. A GI and his girl friend were strolling through a country lane near a quaint English village when a figure loomed out of the darkness. Thinking it would be nice to have the lane to himself the GI called out, "Hey, bud, how about making a noise like a bee—and buzz off!" The shadow turned out to be an MP, and it was the GI Romeo who buzzed off—the guardhouse for not having a pass.

Last Straw Department. Pilferers cleaned out a Chicago clothing emporium, taking 40 overcoats, 120 suits and 220



pairs of slacks. The owner ran for the telephone to call police—the pilferers had taken that too.

Capt. Carlisle Crutcher, public relations officer for a Liberator group, vouches for this yarn. The Group recently opened a new servicemen's club, complete with one of the longest bars in England. A neighboring farmer dropped in for the christening party, had a few stiff snorts and stalked out muttering, "That's the trouble nowadays. Every time you find a good pub it's full of Americans."

For our money, some of the slickest verses written in the ETO have been turned out by T/S Sylvan Gerber. Here's one of his short niftys in a lighter vein: He wore a lock upon his heart And she the key pursued— He gave to her the key to keep, And then—the keeper sued.

Hooray, hooray, the Pfc's have chalked up another victory. As the fates of romance would have it a one-striper and a second lieutenant, stationed at the same air base, were dating the same girl. Finally the looney got fed up and demanded a showdown. He asked the girl, "Who do you want, me or the GI?" She charmingly replied, "He's a Pfc, isn't he? Well, that stands for my 'Personal First Choice!'" (PS—The looney don't get around much any more.)

GI Philosophy. Some wives leave their husbands and take everything. Others take everything but don't leave. Things like this happen these days. A war worker was driving home one day and discovered that his car was on fire.

Immediately he got out, jacked up the car and removed all four tires in order to save them—apparently not giving a damn whether the car burned up or not. It did.

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considered "better than London" by 1/Lt. Herbert O. Mann, of Longmont, Colo., and Capt. Floyd W. Koebel, of Canal Winchester, Ohio.

Devon itself seemed to cast quite a spell over the soldiers. Setting out by bus each morning from this city, they traveled through red soil and green pastureland, rich farming country. Devon weather was mostly clear and sunny. Devon hospitality, as extended by citizens, including the Lord Lieutenant of Devon County and the owner of a small dairy farm, dazzled even the southern members of the group.

Not long after the Bishop of Exeter told the soldiers—"Devon rhymes with heaven, and sometimes it seems very close to it"—the soldiers were inclined to feel that the bishop had something there.

Devon farmers and the former American farmers got together at the end of each day and reviewed the outdoor curriculum in discussions that amounted to "a thorough turnover" in Anglo-American farming ideas, according to Capt. Arthur F. Sander, of Caliente, Nev. The soldiers exchanged other ideas with members of the Women's Land Army at a couple of dances. Billeting was in Devon homes, where the soldiers got feather beds (or reasonable facsimiles thereof compared to Army cots) and genuine fresh eggs.

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"And we hawled him out for bothering us with crazy ideas!"

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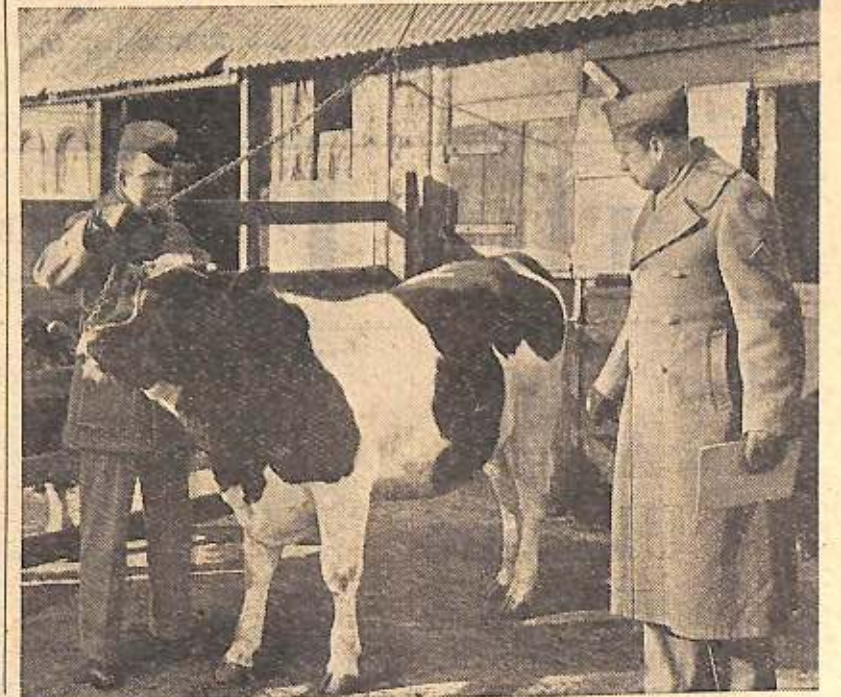
GIs Take 'Paradise' Course Featured By Devon Eggs

By Richard Wilbur Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

EXETER, Mar. 9—Fresh eggs for breakfast every morning, feather beds every night, plenty of cider during the day, and a Devon outdoor course in farming combined to make an ideal furlough here for 24 enlisted men and officers, who used to be farmers and agricultural officials back home.

No textbooks or lectures were used during the five-day course. The soldiers learned first-hand by watching different kinds of Devon wartime farming in operation, such as dairy and arable farming, stock raising, cider making, a beef bull sale and horticulture.

"It's worth half a semester of agricultural school," Cpl. Russell W. Miller, of Lebanon, Kan., said about the five-day course, and this kind of furlough was



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos

Farmers once in civilian life, some enlisted men and officers got back in the swing of things for a week when they took a course in Devon war-time farming. They inspected Friesian cattle, above, and helped feed a flock of chickens, left, on their tour of farms as guests of the Devon War Agriculture Committee.



learn to overcome, such as "being frightened of sitting under a cow," and dodging jeeps in the country roads.

The colonel and the lady joined in a bit of Land Army training for the soldiers' benefit. She held up a canvas udder—used by Land Army recruits before they venture to tackle a cow in the flesh—and Col. Lintner took a few tries on the rubber teats.

Before going inside the hostel for tea, which included Devonshire cream, the soldiers watched 135 pigs having their own tea—concentrated swill, most of which had been collected from U.S. Army camps.

Land Army girls and the soldiers listened later to a round-up discussion on Devon wartime farming, which has increased in production nearly 150 per cent since the war began. An Anglo-American argument on the yeas and nays of cross-breeding cattle had several American yeas, including one from Sgt. Charles N. Yenkey, of Pauline, Kan. Two Devon farmers held a debate and pulled no punches, especially when one of the farmers accused the other of being an expert—in the following terms:

Definition of 'Expert'

"An expert is someone who knows less about running your business than you do and gets paid more than you do just for telling you the way he thinks you ought to run it instead of helping you to do it your way—the right way."

Soldiers taking the Devon course included Pfc Allen R. Bryant, Morgantown, W. Va.; 1/Lt. Hatto M. Berg, Fredericksburg, Tex.; Capt. M. A. Bouknight, Irmo, S.C.; Capt. Oral B. Elliott, Tyler, Tex.; Cpl. Alvan R. Grant, Mumfords, N.Y.; T/Sgt. Frank A. Kerrick, Paris, Ill.; 2/Lt. O'Donald Mays, Louisville, Ga.; 2/Lt. H. C. Millard, Oregon; T/Sgt. Hugh C. Sandlin, Jacksonville, N.C.; Pvt. William J. Scotland, Cochituate, Mass.; and Capt. F. M. Whitlock, North Carolina.

The course was arranged through cooperation of the educational branch of the Army special service section, the British Council, and the Devon War Agricultural Committee.

Special courses scheduled for soldiers by the educational branch and the British Council in the future include: social and political science, Mar. 13-18, at Christ Hospital and Charterhouse (two public schools), and Mar. 20-25, at the University of Birmingham; administrative law, Mar. 13-18, University of Edinburgh; architecture, Mar. 20-24, University of Liverpool; British sports and games, Mar. 30-Apr. 2, University of Birmingham; British history and government, Apr. 1-6, University of Bristol, and veterinary science, Apr. 17-22, Royal Veterinary College, Streatley.

Any soldier can apply for admission to these courses by writing a letter—endorsed by his CO to indicate that he has a furlough or leave coming up—to the Chief of Special Service, ETOUSA, APO 887, U.S. Army. Cost of each course is £1 12s. for enlisted men and £3 12s. for officers.

program, but maybe hereafter remembered chiefly as "Cider Day"—the soldiers started out in the morning examining the stock and cellar of a cider-making farm, and had a few samples. They ate a packed lunch, which included fresh egg sandwiches, at a poultry farm that provided them with more cider, from either bottles or barrels, and with bottles of beer.

Cider by the barrel was favored first by 1/Lt. William L. Abernathy, of Clemson College, S.C., who was soon seconded by everyone else. No one went for beer. Surveying the by-passed bottles of beer, Cpl. William W. Bishop, of Stillwater, Minn., said:

"That's some sight—full bottles of beer and a bunch of soldiers."

Knee-deep in Bog

Rounding up a few reminiscences on major and minor lessons learned during the course, the soldiers recalled how Capt. Sam H. Williams, of Florida, Ala., discovered an English swamp the hard way—he was walking across a piece of pastureland when he suddenly went knee-deep in bog.

Two glider men—Abernathy and 1/Lt. Joseph M. O'Brian, of Oxford, N.C.—agreed that seeing farming in operation again "brought back things you'd forgot." O'Brian, whose peacetime work was in tobacco farming, figured he could take up his trade right now where he'd left off without losing much.

Friesian and Ayrshire cattle on two adjoining farms, which the soldiers visited after lunch, were right up the farming alley of 2/Lt. Walter R. Harvey, of El Reno, Okla., who got a B.S. degree in dairy production and animal husbandry just before he entered the army. Looking over the black and white Ayrshires, T/Sgt. Raymond J. Hesprich, of Lomira, Wis., gave Devon farmers an idea of the black and white cattle situation back in the States.

At a cider factory, described by its owner as the largest in England and probably in the world, the soldiers looked inside huge cider vats—each with more than 5,000 gallons capacity. Abernathy came in for a leading question from Lt. Col. J. H. Lintner, of Fredericksburg, Ohio, when the owner said his factory had a total capacity of 2,000,000 gallons of cider.

"Hey, Abernathy—what are you going to do about that?" asked Lintner. "Guess I'll stick around here a couple of days," said Abernathy.

There's Profit in Cider

Restricted in wartime even as to size of its labels, the cider factory gave a peacetime idea to Pfc Luther E. Marsh, of Alton, N.H., who figured that you could make money starting a cider factory on the same scale back in the States, where cider is manufactured mainly in local mills.

A milkmaid training school and Women's Land Army hostel was the last stop this day for the soldiers. There they saw Land Army girls, most of whom had previously lived in industrial centers, sweating over rustic labors, and heard Lady Molesworth St. Aubyn, chairman of the Devonshire Women's Land Army, describe occupational hazards the girls



"Ah, we got tired of building Nissen huts."

Angott Drops NBA Lightweight Crown to Zurita

Experts Back Proposed Mills, Thompson Bout

Freddie's Speed Expected To Balance Weight Disadvantage

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

While U.S. Army authorities awaited the elusive "white paper" requesting permission for Cpl. Tommy Thompson, Negro battler from Gary, Ind., to match punches with RAF Sgt. Freddie Mills, British light heavy champion and leading contender for the vacant heavyweight throne, London fight fans and experts and American soldiers here yesterday voiced enthusiasm for the bout.

"Mills hopes eventually to take on Joe Louis," one of the leading Fleet Street sports writers pointed out, "and the Thompson bout should give us a line on Freddie's chances against Louis. It would do a lot for the fight game here."

The Londoner scoffed at the implication Mills might be troubled by Thompson's 40-pound weight advantage. "Freddie is slated to fight Jack London for the heavyweight title this summer and London will outweigh him by more than 50 pounds. What he lacks in beef Freddie makes up for in speed and durability."

Wally May, trainer of Len Harvey, retired British Empire heavyweight king and cruiserweight (light heavy) champ until he was kayoed by Mills in the second round, called the Thompson-Mills bout "a sensational fight," and sounded the praises of Tommy, whom he has seen in action at Rainbow Corner.

Better Than Baer

"For a big man, Thompson moves like a cat," May declared. "He's the best heavyweight I've seen in recent years, more agile than Max Baer and a much better performer than Max's brother Buddie. But don't sell short on Freddie—he's a hard hitter and has more experience than Thompson."

Capt. Steve Hamas, USAAF Special Service officer and once a serious contender for the world title, refused to make any prediction as to the winner if the bout is sanctioned, because he hasn't seen either puncher in action. "However, from what I've heard, they're both good, tough boys and should provide plenty of action," he remarked yesterday. "Thompson isn't too experienced, but his record against strong men is good."

American soldiers professed little interest in who might win the fight, but men approached yesterday were unanimous in their desire to see the match. In fact, everybody in London, it seems, wants a ringside seat.

"I certainly wouldn't miss the event if I could buy a ticket," asserted August Meyer, USAAF staff sergeant from Carlisle, Ill. "It would be a solid idea to have the winner fight Joe Louis, if and when Joe arrives."

Winner Meet Louis?

Ironically, Meyer's suggestion about Louis coincides with consensus here, although there is no assurance that the Brown Bomber has the ETO on his overseas itinerary. Many fans already are discussing the chances local favorites—British and American—would have in the ring against the world champion.

Even GIs who seldom have attended boxing matches here or in the States are eager to see the Thompson-Mills ring duel. "I can't remember the last time I bothered to go to a fight," T/Sgt. Nathaniel Roos, of University City, Mo., declared, "but this is one I won't miss, if."

The "if" still dangling in mid air is a big one, however. Preliminary obstacles were overcome when Ted Broadribb, Mills' manager, accepted the challenge issued on behalf of Thompson by 1/Sgt. Lamar Mobley, Tommy's trainer and manager, but final plans must mark time until approval or disapproval is handed down by U.S. Army officials.

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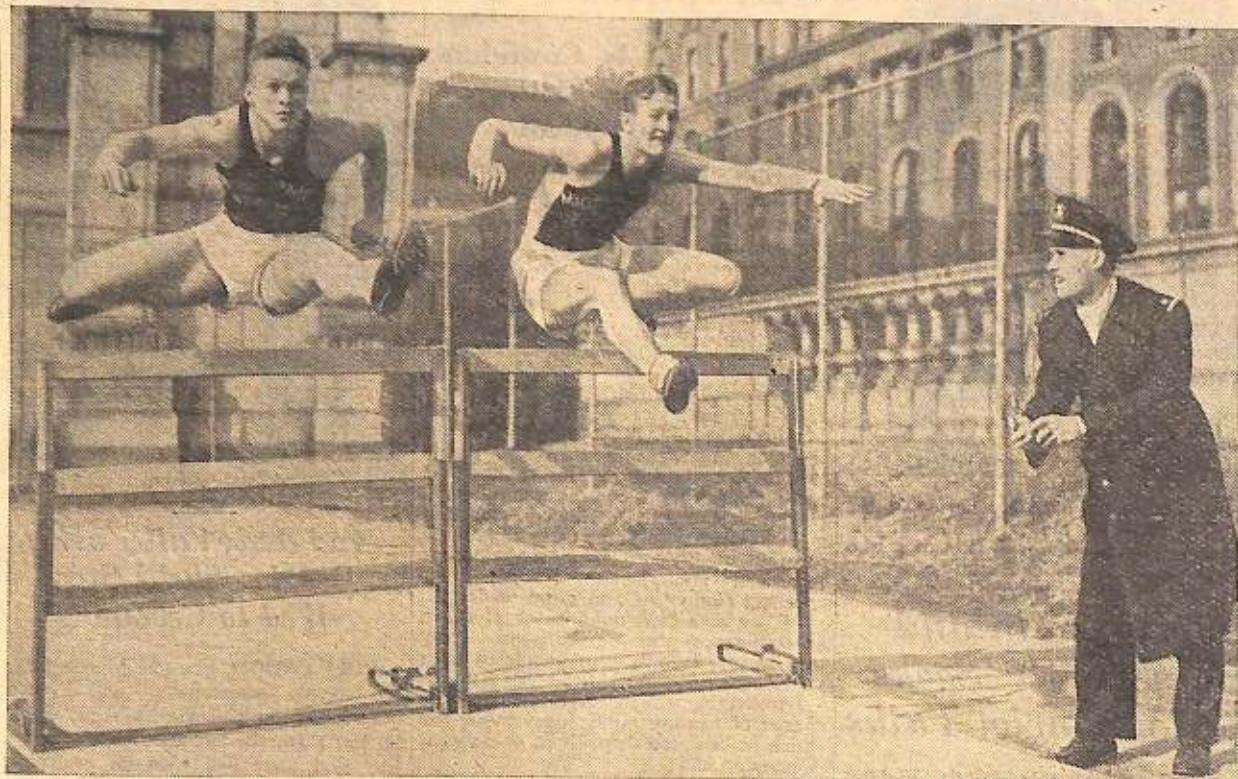
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JOHN and William Cuesta, San Antonio, Tex.; Ensign Virginia A. Daves, NNC; Pvt. Louis DeFlores, Youngstown, Ohio; Pvt. Claude W. Davis, West Union, W. Va.; Cpl. Charles A. Disken, Cincinnati, Ohio; Cpl. Robert Farron, Scranton, Pa.; Sgt. Henry Fischer, Burlington, Vt.; David Golnick, Scranton, Pa.; Pvt. Julio Gomez, New Bedford, Mass.; Pvt. F. W. Griffin, Sharon, Pa.; T/Sgt. John P. Hager, Racine, Harrington, Belding, Mich.; T/Sgt. R. E. Harvey, Donald Hatch, S.W. Washington, D.C.; S/Sgt. Donald Hottensen, Opaok, Ill.; Roy Hudson, Carrollton, Mo.; Pvt. "Hank" Jaros, Garfield, N.J.

Lost

PENCIL, Eversharp, joined to soldier at ARC Information Desk, Oxford, marked "Remember Tacoma-Seattle Mountain Road."—Sgt. James W. Dahl.
BAG, Flying Personnel type B-4, containing clothes, etc., at Liverpool St. Station, Feb. 27, marked "F. R. Hauser 19174065." Reward.
S/Sgt. J. E. McGahay.
WALLET, brown leather, containing papers and money, on 53a bus going to Oxford Circus, Mar. 2.—Pvt. Richard G. Brooks.
WRIST watch, 21-jewel, "Swiss," on train between Northampton and Oundle. £10 reward.—Sgt. Humphrey J. Lynch.

Former Irish Star Now a Competitor-Coach



Ollie Hunter, star athlete while at Notre Dame, is shown with two timber-topping Naval trainees at Columbia University. In addition to being track coach to the trainees, Hunter is continuing his own track career. Hurdlers are Bob Hodgell, formerly of the University of Wisconsin, and Ray Ramsey, ex-Bradley Tech ace.

St. John's and NYU Defeat City Rivals in Garden Games

NEW YORK, Mar. 9—St. John's and NYU ended the regular basketball season at Madison Square Garden last night with substantial victories over local rivals.

In the opening game, St. John's drubbed Brooklyn College, 55-42, and NYU outplayed CCNY, 56-46 in the second fray.

Winning its 15th game in 19 starts, St. John's, assured of the city championship, pulled away in the final period after a ding-dong battle in the first half, during which the score was tied six times before the Redmen left the floor with a 33-27 halftime edge.

Although Ray Wertis led St. John's in the first, the Kingsmen solved him in the second half. However, they let Ivy Summer and Tom Larkin break loose to score 14 points each. Al Leder's eight points paced Brooklyn.

NYU's triumph over its traditional city rival was its 16th victory in 30 attempts. Frank Mangiapane and Gus Derderian led the Violets in a desperate first-half fight to stay ahead of the Beavers. Sid Tanenbaum and Dick O'Brien sank long shots near the end of the first half, giving the Violets a 29-25 margin.

City scored seven straight shortly after the second period opened and, starting with two by Sid Trubowitz, went ahead, 36-34. But NYU, with Tanenbaum hitting twice, took a 42-38 lead with 15 minutes gone and kept the heat on until the period ended.

Tanenbaum had a hot night with 17 points on six goals and five free throws, while Trubowitz led the losers with 13 points on four goals and five fouls.

Graham Makes Big Ten Quintet

CHICAGO, Mar. 9—Despite the fact that he played only seven conference games before being transferred to Colgate for further Marine training, Otton Graham, Northwestern's All-American football and basketball star, has been chosen for the All-Big Ten basketball team by conference coaches in an Associated Press poll.

Graham and Dave Danner, Iowa freshman, forwards; Center Arnold Risen, of Ohio State, and Guards Don Grote, of Ohio State, and Paul Hoffman, of Purdue, comprise the squad.

Phillies Get Bird, But Protest Fails To Stir Carpenter

BALTIMORE, Md., Mar. 9—Johns Hopkins University students are steamed up at the Phillies for appropriating the nickname Blue Jays. The university student council and "News-Letter" dispatched a resolution to the Philadelphia club demanding "suitable satisfaction," neglecting, however, to define suitable satisfaction.

Johns Hopkins teams have been known as the Blue Jays for 68 years, and use of the name by the Phils was described as "A reprehensible act which brought disgrace and dishonor to the good name of the Johns Hopkins University."

The agitated scholars declared that the Phillies had finished more often in the National League cellar than any other team—15 times. They also declared that the Phillies had lost 100 or more games 12 times. As a contrast, Johns Hopkins' lacrosse team was famous throughout the world and the fencing, track and wrestling teams won championships despite the curtailed sports program.

Bob Carpenter Jr., president of the Philadelphia club, expressed surprise at the protest.

"Why they haven't won a ballgame in 20 years, have they?" Carpenter asked. "I saw their football team once. Boy, what a ragged outfit."

Li'l Abner



Iowa, Missouri In NCAA Play

Eastern Bracket Filled With Acceptance by Catholic U.

MANHATTAN, Kan., Mar. 9—Unsuccessful in attempts to lure Iowa State and Oklahoma, Big Six co-champs, into the Western tournament at Kansas City, Mar. 24-25, NCAA officials have invited the third-place Missouri team.

The co-champs gave as reason for the refusal the fact that they had many service men on the squads. Missouri is all-civilian.

Pepperdine College, of Los Angeles, Arkansas and Iowa University already have accepted bids and the position offered Missouri was the only one remaining open. The Iowa invitation was extended when the Rocky Mountain District failed to send a team this year and marked the first time two teams have been invited from the same conference.

The Eastern bracket was completed late yesterday with the announcement that Catholic University will participate against Temple, Dartmouth and the Big Ten champs, Ohio State, for the right to meet the eventual Western winner.

Swope Cites Contribution By Turf to War Effort

NEW YORK, Mar. 9—Herbert Bayard Swope, chairman of the Turf Committee of America, recently announced that horse racing had contributed \$8,520,980 to the war effort in the past two years, of which \$5,326,292 was raised in '43 and the balance in 1942.

Fireball Frankie Faces Army Pre-Induction Exam

ATLANTA, Mar. 9—Fireball Frankie Sinkwich, Detroit Lion backfield star and ex-Georgia All-American who was given a medical discharge from the Marines last summer, has been ordered to report to Fort McPherson, Ga., for an Army pre-induction physical.

Sinkwich, one of the outstanding performers in the National Football League last season, joined the Marine Reserve in 1942 and was called to active duty shortly thereafter. He was sent to Parris Island for boot training preparatory to OCS, but was discharged when determined "physically unfit for officer candidate class."

Hockey Leaders

G	A	Pts.	G	A	Pts.		
Cain, Boston	34	37	71	Liscombe, Det.	32	33	65
D. B'ley, C'go	34	34	68	Cowley, B'ton	25	38	63
M's'ko, C'go	29	36	65	Luch, M'treal	18	44	62
C. Smith, C'go	22	43	65	A. F'ks'n, B't'n	24	36	60
Carr, Tor'o	30	33	63	Carveth, Det.	21	35	56

By Courtesy of United Features

Champ Upset In Dull Bout At Hollywood

Victory by Mexican Further Upsets Lightweight Title Picture

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Mar. 9—Just when it appeared that Mike Jacobs was getting some semblance of order in the lightweight division, National Boxing Association champion Sammy Angott bumped into unexpected trouble and now the class is wide open once again.

Angott, who was slated to meet Negro Bob Montgomery, New York-Pennsylvania titlist after whipping Beau Jack last week, in Madison Square Garden Mar. 31, lost his title here last night, dropping a dull 15-round contest to Juan Zurita, of Mexico City. The Angott-Montgomery tiff would have produced a world champion, but now Angott, Jack, Zurita, Montgomery and a few others are clamoring for title consideration.

Sammy a 4-1 Favorite

Angott, who entered the ring a 4-1 favorite, looked like anything but a champion as he suffered his first lightweight defeat. He was expected to triumph with ease, but his usual clinching tactics failed to puzzle the whirlwind puncher from south of the border.

Zurita's southpaw style troubled Angott throughout and Sammy generally was beaten to the punch—when a blow landed. Both battlers were lethargic with very few solid punches being struck by either man.

Angott, never a popular champion because of his clinching, was sadly off form and most of the 15,000 customers who jammed the Hollywood Baseball Park voiced their disapproval almost immediately after the opening bell. And they never were given enough action to change the mood.

Fans Storm Ring

Zurita's Mexican admirers were so certain of the judges' verdict they stormed into the ring to congratulate their hero before the decision was announced. Referee Mushy Callahan and Judges Bill Kirshner and Charley Randolph voted unanimously for Zurita.

Although not an artistic success, Angott's bankroll was increased by \$17,500 after the night's work, while Zurita settled for a percentage of the gate.

The ex-champ is, of course, clamoring for a return match and probably will face Zurita again in the Garden before he gets a crack at Montgomery.

Baugh Quitting For Duration

ABILENE, Texas, Mar. 9—Slingin' Sammy Baugh, All-American passing ace with TCU and later gridiron sensation of the Washington professional Redskins, believes he is through with football for the duration.

Attending the annual spring Hereford sales here, Baugh said he probably would remain on his 3,000-acre ranch near Sweetwater, producing beef instead of headaches for Redskins opponents.

As a rancher, Baugh is eligible for draft deferment. He is married and the father of two children.

Jim Bagby Asks to Be Retired; Tribe Is Making Him 'Goat'

ATLANTA, Mar. 9—Jim Bagby, Cleveland moundsman, has written to Judge Landis, baseball's high commissioner, asking for assignment to the voluntary retired list, and took advantage of the opportunity to slam the Indians again.

"I don't think I've made unreasonable demands on the club," wrote the right-hander who won 17 games last year. "I think I deserved a raise. The club was sarcastic in reply to my request for more money and I have no intention of being made a goat."

Bagby said remarks of club officials reflected on him personally, citing the

\$100 fine for a "personal" matter by Manager Lou Boudreau when word got around that Bagby was out of shape. Bagby added that when the public hears of ball players being out of shape they assume that it is drinking. Bagby claimed the fine was purely personal and he couldn't afford to donate money to the club that way.

The son of oldtimer Jim Bagby, Jim started his career with the Boston Red Sox and was traded to the Indians after a battle with Joe Cronin, Sox boss. He recently applied for admission to the Merchant Marine, but doesn't know the results of his physical yet. He is married and the father of two children.

By Al Capp



Nelson Warns Output Change Must Be Slow

He Denounces Pressure For Reconversion, Says Balance Must Be Kept

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.—Warning that for the remainder of the war the nation would find it more difficult to maintain the proper balance between military and civilian production than it has in the last two years, Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, declared that the period of reconversion which would follow the collapse of Germany was still a long way off.

Armed forces' needs must be paramount, Nelson said, in spite of "pressure" to permit some plants to utilize temporary manpower surpluses for production of civilian consumer goods.

"In the period that lies ahead we dare not allow the American economy to become unbalanced even temporarily," he said.

"The facts are plain. Reserves of certain types of war materials are already making it possible to close down some war factories. In certain local industries there will be facilities and materials available. Right now pressure is being felt to permit plants to use resources in making products that our civilian consumers want.

"The economy must be kept in balance. The economic balance demands that at this time any expansion of the civilian economy be gradual, with the needs of the armed forces paramount."

American Casualties Now Total 121,458; 20,592 Dead

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9 (AP)—The War Department announced yesterday that American casualties up to Feb. 23 were 20,592 killed, 47,318 wounded, 26,326 missing and 27,222 prisoners of war for a total of 121,458.

Of the wounded, the announcement said, 25,291 have been returned to duty or released from hospitals, and 1,673 of those taken prisoner have been reported dead of disease by the enemy. The War Department said that most of the captives died in Japanese-occupied territory, adding that such casualties were probably much greater than reported by the Japs.

Continue Merchant Marine After War, Land Demands

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9 (AP)—Adm. Emory S. Land, Maritime Commission chief, told the House Foreign Affairs Committee yesterday that the U.S. Merchant Marine should be preserved after the war even if some of the ships have to lie idle.

Speaking in favor of an extension of the Lend-Lease Act for another year, Land said that the Merchant Marine was bearing the bulk of shipping responsibilities in the war.

Quiz Program In AFN Debut

The first in a new weekly series of quiz programs called "Combined Operation," featuring American and British servicemen, makes its debut on the American Forces Network at 7.05 PM today.

Handled along the lines of "Information, Please," the new series will quiz Americans about the British Isles.

Questions are invited from the listening audience. Anybody sending in a question that cannot be answered by "Combined Operation" personalities is to be awarded cigarettes donated by the American Red Cross.

The American team for tonight will feature Sgt. Marc Blitzstein, of New York; T/Sgt. Bill Richardson, of North Carolina, and Sgt. Jimmie Dugan, of Pennsylvania.

At 8.25 PM, Capt. Milton Marx, of New York, will be interviewed on "This Is the Army" by Cpl. Johnny Vrotsos. Capt. Marx is one of the contributors in the current Ninth Air Force art exhibition.

On Your Dial

- 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc. 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.
- Friday, Mar. 10**
- 1100—Sign on—News Headlines—Personal Album with Jimmy O'Brien.
- 1115—Great Music.
- 1130—Bandwagon.
- 1201—World News (BBC).
- 1210—Barracks Bag.
- 1255—Quiet Moment.
- 1300—World News (BBC).
- 1310—Cheers from the Navy (Return Engagement).
- 1315—Miss Parade.
- 1400—Visiting Hour.
- 1430—Sign off until 1700 hours.
- 1700—Sign on—BBC Northern Orchestra.
- 1730—Program Resume and South American Way.
- 1800—World News (BBC).
- 1810—GI Supper Club.
- 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
- 1905—Combined Operation.
- 1930—Burns and Allen.
- 2000—News From Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.
- 2010—Fred Warine Program.
- 2025—This Is the Army—Ninth Air Force Art Exhibit.
- 2030—Kate Smith.
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2120—Charlie McCarthy Show—with Edgar Bergen, Dale Evans and Ray Noble's Orchestra.
- 2145—Melody Roundup.
- 2200—One Night Stand.
- 2230—One Night Stand with Harry Owens.
- 2255—Supper.
- 2255—Final Edition.
- 2300—Sign off until 1100 hours, Saturday, Mar. 11.

Nurses' New CO



New commander of Army nurses in the ETO is Lt. Col. Ida W. Danielson. She succeeds Lt. Col. Margaret E. Aaron, who has returned to America because of illness.

Reply by Finland Reportedly Seeks More Soviet Talks

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 9 (AP)—Finland has made a forthright reply to the Russian armistice demands, seeking further explanation and a more precise statement of terms as a preliminary to further negotiations, it was strongly indicated today in this neutral capital.

The reply originally was prepared for delivery last Friday, but apparently because of its sharp tone it was held back for revision and modification, and the final draft transmitted to the Russians Tuesday, it was reliably reported.

The Stockholm Aftonbladet reported that modification of the reply was the result of objections raised in "certain Swedish circles" which persuaded the Finns to adopt a milder tone.

As first drafted, latest reports said, the Finnish reply rejected Soviet demands for internment of the seven Nazi divisions in Finland and withdrawal of Finnish troops to the 1940 boundary, and partially rejected the demand for repatriation of some prisoners.

Presumably this attitude of flat rejection has now been modified to leave the way open for the Russians and Finns to get together and iron out difficulties.

Damage - - -

(Continued from page 1) bearings needed for Nazi air engines following destruction of the big plants at Schweinturt.

In the Wildau district of Berlin, the Berliner Maschinenbau factory was hit by explosives and fire bombs, and three important buildings set afire, according to evidence in the strike pictures. The plant, which before the war specialized in locomotive production, was reported to be turning out components for torpedoes.

Damage there, and to the VKF works, was calculated to put a crimp in the Nazis' efforts to stave off invasion, since torpedoes used against convoys bringing invasion supplies to England comprise their real first line of defense. German fighter-plane engine production may well have been further reduced by damage to one of the chief sources of bearings on which Luftwaffe propeller shafts turn.

At the same time, reconnaissance photos of the Marauder raids which helped clear the way for the heavies to go to Berlin showed extensive damage to two big Luftwaffe airdromes in occupied Holland—Soesterberg and Volkel. Hangars, runways, fuel stores and dispersal areas were hard hit.

Photos of the Amiens-Longeau rail yards in northern France, attacked on Mar. 2 by Marauders, showed rail transport there still at a virtual standstill, with salvage details trying to clear up the twisted junction points and battered sidings. The Amiens yards are a bottleneck through which the Nazis pour supplies to Channel ports.

Tossed a \$10,000 Bone

NEW YORK, Mar. 9—A pet chow dog gets \$10,000 in the will of Edith Grinnell Bowdoin, daughter of a J. P. Morgan partner. Her estate amounts to \$2,000,000.

Terry and the Pirates



Anzio Position 'Much Better,' Alexander Says

Allied Chief Is Confident Of 5th Army Victory At Bridgehead

WITH ALLIED BRIDGEHEAD FORCES, Anzio, Mar. 4 (delayed) (Reuter)—Gen. Sir Harold V. Alexander, Allied commander in Italy, declared after another inspection tour of the bridgehead today that "things are much better than when I was here last, three weeks ago. Then I said I was confident we would pull off this new landing behind the enemy's main front."

People at home, Alexander said, "have rather strange ideas about amphibious landings, as though you only have to make a landing and then get things ashore, like so many packing cases. It is really a much more complicated affair."

Outlining reasons for his confidence in a Fifth Army victory, the General pointed to the quality of his "magnificent" American and British troops; their excellent equipment and good leaders.

"If we have these qualities—and above all confidence—then we shall win. I say this because I don't want people to have mistaken ideas," he said.

Exonerating war correspondents of the charge of causing public uneasiness, for which he censured them three weeks ago, Alexander said:

"We are full of admiration for your work. I would not ask you to report anything you didn't want to or did not see."

"The only thing I would say to you is that you should always try to strike a confident note. I say this for the sake of the brothers, wives, soldiers and people at home who see the war through you."

Allied Planes Active In Italy; Lull on Land

Allied fighters and fighter-bombers were busy over the Anzio beachhead and ahead of the main Fifth Army front yesterday, and railway communications in and around the Rome area also were bombed. Aside from two small-scale German attacks of the beachhead southeast of Carroceto, however, both of which were smashed by U.S. forces, ground activity on all three Italian fronts was limited to patrolling and artillery fire.

Marauders attacked the port of Stefano, 60 miles north of Rome. Montalto-di-Castro, on the coast road 20 miles south of San Stefano, also was attacked.

Other Marauders raided the Tiburtina railway yards in the eastern suburbs of Rome, while Mitchells bombed the railway at Orte, a junction on the main Florence line 40 miles north of Rome.

Spitfires and Kittyhawks attacked road traffic in the Rome area, RAF Baltimore bombers bombed supply dumps at Zagarolo, northwest of Lake Albano, and gun positions were hit near Gaeta Point, on the coast north of the main Fifth Army front.

Lt. Gen. Holcomb May Get Post as U.S. Ambassador

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9—A number of major diplomatic appointments were sent to the Senate today by President Roosevelt, one recommending that Lt. Gen. Thomas Holcomb, former commander of the Marine Corps, be appointed minister to South Africa.

Berlin Pasted 2nd Day in Row; Only Seven Bombers Are Lost

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sighting not a single enemy plane, while others told of only a few enemy craft in the distance "who wouldn't mix it."

One tail gunner, T/Sgt. Henry C. Cordery, of Boston, member of one of the ETO's oldest groups, made his 23rd, 24th and 25th missions to Berlin, and said that Monday's was the toughest. The last two were easy, he reported, "but I wouldn't say the Luftwaffe is whipped. The Germans either couldn't get off the ground or they are saving themselves for something."

On the other hand, in the same group 2/Lt. Ralph B. Malson, Milwaukee pilot, made his first three missions to the Nazi capital.

In their first crossing of the actual center of Berlin, some crews found room to navigate freely within the flak belt around the city, although over the actual

Wants a Divorce



Myrna Loy And Rudy Vallee's Wife Decides She'll Stay Wed to Crooner

HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 9—Myrna Loy, the screen's "perfect wife," will divorce her wealthy businessman-husband, John D. Hertz Jr., she has announced. Miss Loy said there had been an amicable separation and that she planned to make another movie in the "Thin Man" series after the divorce.

Bettejane Greer, 19, who had announced she had separated from Rudy Vallee, 41-year-old erstwhile crooner and presently Coast Guard band leader, said it was all a mistake and that their marriage would continue despite the one-day rupture. Vallee commented: "She's still my favorite pin-up girl."

Chaplin Must Stand Trial In Joan's Paternity Suit

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 9—New woes piled up for Charlie Chaplin today after a court ordered him to stand trial in Joan Barry's paternity suit in addition to facing a criminal indictment charging violation of the Mann Act.

A motion by Chaplin's counsel to dismiss the 22-year-old actress's suit against the comedian was denied yesterday, the court declaring it was convinced "the ends of justice will best be served by a full and fair trial of the issues."

The actress said the comedian was the father of her daughter Carole Ann, born last October, but blood tests taken in February cleared Chaplin. Counsel previously had agreed to dismissal of the suit if the tests showed Chaplin could not have been the father.

Bond-Drive Goal Topped, Morgenthau Notifies Army

ETO headquarters made public last night a cable from Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau Jr. asking theater commanders to notify men in their commands that "the Home Front has responded to the call . . . to support the fighting fronts" by oversubscribing the Fourth War Loan drive by \$2,730,000,000. The goal was \$14,000,000,000.

NEWS FROM HOME Housing Plans Up to Private Interests—FDR

President Limits Federal Responsibility but Urges Start on Program Now

CHICAGO, Mar. 9—President Roosevelt told the National Conference on Post-War Housing today that provision of decent homes for all was "primarily a job for private enterprise" and that the government should take responsibility "for doing only that part of the job which private enterprise is unable to do itself."

In a letter to the conference, the President recommended that the nation begin now to "consider various objectives to be sought in establishing security and happiness in our land after the war." He said this could be done "without stopping for a moment our struggle to bring about the unconditional surrender of our enemies."

"We must plan now," Mr. Roosevelt said, "to employ the men and women who will be released from war industry when victory is won—at a wage which provides decent standards of living. One of the most important of these standards of living is a decent home—whether it be owned or rented."

He recommended that the government "continue to lend appropriate assistance to private enterprise in this undertaking."

Schooldays

DETROIT, Mar. 9—A 13-year-old bride is back in the seventh grade, and her husband, Pvt. Howard Wayne Wilson, 20, of East Louis, Ill., is back in the guardhouse. Wilson broke out to go to Georgia and marry Dianne Moore the second time. He was put in the guardhouse after their first marriage Feb. 18. They are cousins. The legality of the first marriage was questioned because of the blood relationship and because both parties falsified their ages.

Report on the Stars

HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 9—Twenty-nine film stars gave 540 performances for troops overseas in February, the Hollywood Victory Committee reported. Audiences varied from 20,000 men to a six-man gun emplacement.

Old Stuff to Grandpop

EL PASO, Tex., Mar. 9—T/5 Norman M. Roberts, of Crafton, Pa., was notified he was a grandfather, but the news didn't excite him. The 45-year-old member of an anti-aircraft outfit had heard the same news five times before.

Hanging in Kansas to Be State's First in 75 Years

LANSING, Kan., Mar. 9—Barring an unforeseen reprieve, Kansas will invoke the death penalty tomorrow for the first time in 75 years.

Ernest Heefgen, 31, convicted of slaying a hitch-hiking college student, was to be hanged at 1 AM at Kansas State Prison.

The execution, first since the State Legislature legalized capital punishment in 1935, was delayed because Warden M. F. Amrine resigned rather than carry out the sentence.

5-Year Probe Decides The Heirs to \$4,000,000

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 9—A five-year investigation into the claims of 400 people to the \$4,000,000 fortune of the late Michael F. O'Dea, of Los Angeles, ended this week—after a 16-month jury trial—with award of most of it to cousins in Ireland.

The money will go to Mrs. Mary McCarthy, 85, of Limerick, Mrs. Bridget Woulfe, 87, of County Clare, and to three sons of a third cousin, the late James Lynch, also of County Clare.

GIs in Britain Hailed For Kindness to Kiddies

BOSTON, Mar. 9—American soldiers in England "have won the hearts of the British people by their kindness and generosity to British children," the Rev. Cecil Northcott, home secretary of the London Missionary Society, asserted in a visit here.

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By Milton Caniff

