

Cape Bon Is Taken; FDR, Churchill Meet

First Enlisted WAACs Arrive Here

Soldiers Cheer Five 'Joes' and Six Officers

The advance detail of the WAACs is here—11 American girls in ODS, six officers and five EMs (enrolled members, not men).

There was no official welcoming ceremony at the London railway station. Capt. Anna Wilson, of Studio City, Cal., the WAAC commanding officer of this theater, and her assistant, 1/Lt. Selma Herbert, of New York, were there, but the real welcome came from the RTO—not the usual one or two RTO soldiers, but all the boys on duty and some who "happened to be there."

T/4 Thomas J. Sexton, of Birmingham, Ala., gave the first cry. "Any of you from Alabama?"

"No, but ahm from Georgia," answered blonde Sgt. Claudia M. Couch, of Atlanta.

Southern accents ran like melting butter. "Am ah glad to see yuh!" declared Sexton.

Girls who for months had been learning to tote around barracks bags and 40-pound packs were swamped with offers to "Carry your bag, sergeant?" Grins a mile wide accompanied salutes to the six women officers as they disembarked from the first-class coaches.

"There's a coupla admirals or sumpin on the train, but what the hell! These



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Two T/4s—Claudia M. Couch, of Atlanta, and Tommy Sexton, of Birmingham, Ala.—meet at a London railway station on the arrival of the first contingent of WAAC enlisted members for duty in the ETO.

Decorations Already

The WAACs were received yesterday afternoon by Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, new ETO commanding general. Later they were formally presented with the multi-colored ETO ribbon, designating service in the European Theater of Operations.

are the girls we want to meet," said an anonymous member of the ETO.

As the news spread, soldiers swarmed to see the vanguard of the WAAC invasion.

Invitations to club dances began to pour in. T/3 William L. Blair Jr., of Kona, Ken., who is attached to RTO, but was not officially on duty, got in first. He invited them to the Liberty Club dance last night while in the bus on the way to their temporary quarters.

The WAAC EMs, who are entitled to use the ARC clubs, lunched at the Rainbow Corner, where their presence in the dining room caused stiff necks to a crowded roomful of soldiers.

It is anticipated that the WAACs now here, and those that follow them, will take over military noncombatant duties in order to release fighting men for combat, as has been done in the United States.

They are the second group sent overseas. The first group arrived in North Africa last January.

Restrictions applying in the United States are applicable here, and EMs of the WAACs are not allowed to walk out with Army commissioned ranks.

Although rank is shown by hooks and bars as in the army, and army titles generally are used to distinguish them, this is incorrect. The WAACs' table of rank, with comparative army ranks:

Director	Colonel
Asst. Director ..	Lt. Col.
Field Director ..	Major
1st Officer	Captain
2nd Officer	1/Lt.
3rd Officer	2/Lt.
Chief Leader .. .	M/Sgt.
First Leader .. .	1/Sgt.
Tech. Leader .. .	T/Sgt.
Staff Leader .. .	S/Sgt.
Leader	Sgt.
Technician, 4 gd. .	T/4
Jr. Leader	Corporal
Technician, 5 gd. .	T/5
Aux., 1 cl. .. .	Pfc
Auxiliary	Pvt.

Others in the detail were 1/Lts. Jane Mauerhan, San Francisco; Henriette Horak, San Francisco; Dorothy A. Smith, Staten Island, N.Y.; Helen I. Glenn, Macon, Ga., and Joan A. Geherin, Auburn, N.Y.; 2/Lt. Thelma G. Belford, Portland, Ore.; Sgts. Evelyn J. Tubbs, Wyoming, Del., and Violet Bachman, Long Island, N.Y., and Pfc's Helen D. Rafferty, Norristown, Pa., and Joy E. Dunlop, Detroit.

Reds Want More Lend-Lease

WASHINGTON, May 12—Lend-lease officials today disclosed that Russia was asking for increased quantities of food and industrial materials and equipment.

White House Council Maps Allied Strategy; Von Arnim Captured

Wavell, Beaverbrook Among Conferees; Revolt Rising Throughout Europe; Prisoners May Total 150,000

Developments on the war fronts yesterday:

The Battle of Tunisia had virtually reached its conclusion yesterday as Allied troops gained complete control of the Cape Bon peninsula and continued to mop up the few remaining resistance pockets. Evacuation was impossible for Axis troops, and nearly 150,000—six out of seven of them Germans—were reported to have surrendered. Capture of the Nazi Commander-in-chief, Von Arnim, was announced last night.

As complete victory in Africa loomed, Prime Minister Churchill arrived in Washington to confer with President Roosevelt on the United Nations' next move against the Axis. With him were military and naval leaders in the India theater, including Field-Marshal Wavell.

The Axis debacle in Africa prompted rising revolt throughout occupied countries as hopes were raised anew that the day of liberation was in sight. The Gestapo arrested numerous Dutch patriots and seized 150 Frenchmen for an alleged plot to overthrow the Laval government.

Russia, timing her moves more and more to coincide with Allied victories, continued an ever-increasing aerial assault against Nazi bases and communication lines on the central front, and all along the line the front showed new signs of life.

Churchill Brings India Theater CO's

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP)—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill were in the midst of another historic council of war today while the trumpets of the Tunisian victory were sounding and the Allies were poised for even more intensified warfare against the Axis in both Europe and the Pacific.

Mr. Churchill arrived in Washington yesterday, accompanied by Lord Beaverbrook, British Minister of Aircraft Production; Field Marshal Sir Archibald Wavell, British commander in India; Adm. Sir James Somerville, commander of the eastern fleet based at Ceylon, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Perise.

Presence of the important leaders from the Indian theater of operations provided indications that the conferees might place much emphasis on strategy against Japan.

The Prime Minister's swift trip to the United States after the sudden collapse of Axis armies in Tunisia led to the conjecture that he had come for a final review of plans for hammering open a new front on the European continent, and perhaps to project Allied strategy even beyond that point.

White House officials naturally were unable to give specific details of the exact purpose of the fifth Churchill-Roosevelt talk to take place during the last 21 months, and the fourth since the United States came into the war.

Their meeting gave added significance (Continued on page 4)

Cape Bon Circled, Escape Impossible

Allied troops circled the whole of Cape Bon in Tunisia yesterday, wiping out all but the last center of Axis resistance in North Africa.

Nazi Gen. von Arnim, who succeeded Marshal Erwin Rommel in command of the Afrika Korps, has been captured by the Allies, Algiers radio said last night. The announcer said the capture of von Arnim had been officially announced by Allied Headquarters in North Africa. No details were given.

Prisoners were pouring in—driving their own trucks down the dusty, bomb-pocked roads. Already more than 100,000 have been taken and the total probably will exceed 150,000.

It was believed the Axis started the final campaign with 180,000 troops, of which about 100,000 already have been captured, more than 40,000 are casualties, 30,000 are believed trapped in the pocket north of Enfidaville, and the rest scattered over Cape Bon peninsula, rapidly being rounded up.

British armored vehicles controlled every road on the cape and the air force had been called off the job. There were no more enemy concentrations left for the planes to attack.

Only in one small area was there any Axis attempt to carry on the hopeless fight. That was in a constantly narrowing zone, on the mainland, north and a little east of Zaghouan. Fighting French of Gen. Henri Giraud's North African Forces, attacked from the south during the afternoon and exacted partial revenge for the 1940 defeat of France by forcing acceptance of "unconditional surrender" terms on 10,000 exhausted Nazis.

Among their prisoners were members of the German Army's crack 10th Panzer Division, the outfit which pierced the Allied line at Sedan, in France, in 1940.

Prisoners in the whole Tunisian zone now include eight German generals.

A small number of German prisoners already have been sent to the United States, the United Press reported. Their departure started a rumor that all the prisoners were to go to America—news which spurred the dejected Nazis into the only show of animation most of them have made since they came in. The (Continued on page 4)

Allied Fighters Attack Nazi Transport Across Channel

Allied fighters attacked Nazi transport across the English Channel yesterday as planes of the British Army Cooperation Command carried out offensive sweeps over the French coast. One enemy fighter was destroyed with no Allied losses reported.

German bombers were over the east coast of England Tuesday night, losing two planes, and again yesterday morning, when one raider was shot down by anti-aircraft fire.

In an East Anglian town, rescue parties dug for hours in the debris of a bombed hostel and recovered more than a score of bodies of ATS servicewomen killed in a daylight raid the day before. German radio said the town was Great Yarmouth.

'Derry Marines Mark 1st Year Invasion-Nervous Nazis Rush Defenses As Revolt Reports Soar

Pipe Band Leads March To Guild Hall Ceremony

LONDONDERRY, May 12—American Marines, led by their own bag-pipe band, marched through Londonderry today on the first anniversary of their landing in Northern Ireland. The landing was made at Belfast a year ago and was followed by the establishment of the Marine Barracks here.

Leathernecks in full battle dress started their parade at Rock Road and the Strand and marched to the Guild Hall where commemoration ceremonies were held. They passed in review before Brig. Gen. Edmund C. Hill. At the reviewing stand the band halted and piped two old Irish tunes, "Garryowen" and "The Minstrel Boy."

On the stand with Gen. Hill were the Duke of Abercorn, Governor-General of Northern Ireland; Senator F. J. Simmons, mayor of Londonderry; Col. Lucian W. Burnham, commanding officer of Marine Barracks; Lt. Col. James J. Dugan, Quincy, Mass.; Maj. John M. Bathum, Chicago; Capt. J. A. Logan, Charleston, S.C., commandant of USNOB, and Capt. John S. Hudson, Washington. Lt. Col. Dugan introduced Col. Burn-

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Report U.S. Division Chief In Cyprus With His Staff

STOCKHOLM, May 12 (AP)—An American Army division commander and staff recently arrived in Cyprus, according to a dispatch to a Swedish newspaper from Sofia today.

The report said that U.S. troops were among the Allied units massing on the island, which may be a jumping off point for invading the Balkans.

1944 Plane Production To Be One-Third Higher

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP)—Estimating American plane output by a new method, President Roosevelt said today that the 1944 total output was expected to be 1,417,000,000 pounds of airplanes of all types. The estimate is an increase of 560,000,000 pounds over the 1943 figure.

By the Associated Press

The impact of the Axis debacle in Tunisia was reflected yesterday in reports of soaring revolt in Europe and of mounting German difficulties in coping with the double-barrelled problem of keeping order and rushing invasion defenses in the occupied countries.

From one end of the Continent to the other came reports of rising unrest in the conquered lands where hopes of deliverance are reaching their highest pitch since the start of the war.

One continental dispatch told of the execution of 26 Dutch patriots in one day and the imposition of the death sentence on ten more—all of whom were sentenced the day after martial law went into effect in the Netherlands, less than two weeks ago.

French 'Plotters' Seized

A dispatch from Berne, Switzerland, yesterday said that 150 Frenchmen, most of them members of the Vichy Government, had been arrested charged with plotting to overthrow the collaborationist government of Premier Pierre Laval.

The arrests were carried out by the French police and German Gestapo men, the Berne dispatches said, after a letter from Hitler to Marshal Henri Pétain warning of the plot and demanding that persons unfriendly to Germany be ousted from the Vichy councils.

(The United Press said a state of siege had been declared in Clermont-Ferrand, in Southern France, after the murder of a German major there.)

Anti-Fascist and anti-war posters and (Continued on page 4)

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It's Over Over There

It's all over in North Africa. With Allied troops at the extreme tip of Cape Bon, and with enemy forces surrendering en masse, only small pockets of resistance remain to be cleared in order to complete the North African campaign.

Any assessment of gains and losses at this time would be premature; but the most accurate reports from Tunisia indicate that a total of 150,000 prisoners will be in the bag when the entire group is rounded up and the official count revealed.

The loss to the enemy, however, does not stop with the count of prisoners of war. Guns, tanks, ships, planes, vehicles and tons and tons of war supplies are also in our hands. Much of this equipment has been damaged beyond repair; but all of it is lost to the Axis.

More important than this booty is the command of the sea lanes to the Middle East and India. The long haul around Africa has extended Allied shipping lines of communication. This supply line can now be shortened, releasing valuable ship tonnage for use on other fronts.

The Axis have lost heavily on the propaganda front. Neutrals will reassess their position. Belligerent neutrals may change sides, unrest in occupied countries will grow, sabotage will increase and Axis morale on the home front will slip nearer the cracking point.

Today Germany is faced by the danger of a three-front war and knows it. A half million troops, victorious veterans of the North African fight, are ready for the next campaign. In the British Isles other troops are ready and eager for the day when they can invade the Continent. In Russia the Red Army is more than holding its own. Now that it's over over there we can confidently expect it will soon start over here.

Propaganda Line

As German armies fall back on every front, a very definite plan is clearly emerging from the German propaganda mill, a plan to split the United Nations by engendering within the democratic nations hatred one for the other.

To achieve this goal every old sore is rubbed open, every type of irritating rumor released, and new suspicions are spread by every means available to an able and dangerous enemy.

Examples of recent German propaganda are openly published here for your careful examination.

By radio the German propaganda mill broadcast: "Over and above everything stands the numerous conditions of the Lend-Lease Act, which gives the Yankees the whip-hand and which has a tremendous effect on British domestic trade and what is left of her export commerce."

To the United States this message was broadcast: "Lend-Lease has raised taxation and brought the USA near to ruin."

Quoting well-known newspapers to give authenticity to a propaganda trick is a well-established German custom. Here are two of their examples. Said the German radio to Britain: "The Washington Post expresses the opinion that it would be impossible to hold the Continent against an invasion. I can very well understand that the Yankees should consider it good policy to egg on the British to undertake a venture which would lead to a smashing catastrophe for the attackers."

To America Germany broadcast: "The Times said on April 2: 'No one has any doubt that, when the time comes to carry the fight into the enemy's country, Canadian soldiers will be in the front line.' The English paper forgot to say that while the Canadians and Americans are fighting, English soldiers will be hiding in their cellars in Britain."

Territorial claims are not overlooked as a means of creating suspicions among the Allies. Said German radio to the British: "Roosevelt aims at including the whole African Continent in the U.S. sphere of influence and exploiting its raw material wealth for the benefit of Jewish-U.S. Capitalism."

To America German radio beamed this gem: "England wants to finish the war stronger than ever before, and nothing will stop her annexing French North Africa after the war."

Mark well these lies, soldier, and next time you hear them repeated with the changes that occur in retelling peg them for what they are worth. . . LIES from the Goebbels propaganda mill, designed to spit the United Nations and deny to us the fruits of a victory we will most surely win.

Hash Marks

We were pleased to hear a British officer say that his bank had never bothered to remove a printed sentence from their letterheads which reads, "Our Paris branch awaits your convenience."

Potassium cyanide and strychnine, poison to most people, has a tonic effect on Lulu, six-year-old bear at an Illinois zoo.



Lulu emerged from hibernation in a mean mood, was fed cyanide by zoo officials who hoped to quiet her down. She begged for more, was given seven cubes of strychnine—enough to kill seven ordinary men. She lapped it up and since then has displayed her usual sunny disposition.

A Miami housewife whose husband is a corporal in the Army asked the Miami Herald service editor if he would "take my son's picture to use in your column for babies whose fathers are overseas." The editor thought that it was a nice idea, suggested that the child be brought in and photographed. The housewife looked embarrassed, said she hadn't counted on his agreeing so quickly. "You see, he won't be born until July," she said.

GI Philosophy: There's not much future in being an officer in the German army.

One of those little tales which is too "perfect" to be true has it that a Jap Zero plane, captured intact and brought to the west coast, was flown all the way from California to Washington, D.C., and not a single aircraft spotter along the way reported an "invasion" by an enemy craft. Possibly they missed the Japanese accent of its engine.

Out in Carson City, Nevada, where men are men and determined, a sheriff finally won a nine-year battle for a law giving him six per cent of the license fees he collected—then found out he had been entitled to the cut all along.

Our nomination for the Unhappiest GI of the week is Sgt. Henry J. Andrews of Eighth Air Force Service Command. In



today's mail, Andrews, former sports writer for the Cleveland Press, received his 1943 Baseball Writers' Association pass, admitting him for free to any baseball game in the American, National, International and Pacific Coast leagues and the American association. Even the sudden death of a "grandmother" won't work on a CO; so the unhappy Andrews is moping over his pass and hoping to get back for the World Series (of 1947).

J. C. W.

They're Feminine—But Soldiers

First WAAC EMs Do Lipstick Drill Before Work

Your old pal, The Stars and Stripes, doesn't just run a beat-up old Help Wanted department and sit back on its laurels. No, sir, when there's something that ought to be looked into for Joe's sake, The Stars and Stripes looks into it. With that in mind, Staff Writer Philip Bucknell (a Pfc himself) muscled his way into the railroad sleeping car bringing the first enlisted WAACs to London. Herewith his report.

By Philip Bucknell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Eleven American girls looked out of their sleeping car windows on the grey morning landscape of the English countryside. They yawned, rubbed fingers through tousled hair. One of them said, "Isn't England cute," and fell to lipstick and powder drill. The advance detail of the WAACs was on its way to London.

Five EMs—enrolled members, not men—and six officers donned issue blouses that at first sight could be taken for men's ODs, fumbled with their 40-pound packs and prepared to leave the train.

The WAACs are soldiers, and some folks have declared that army training would make them unfeminine. Yanks long in the ETO have been fearful. Well, everything's okay.

The girls, from first looys to pfcs, are the same kind of American girls they knew back home.

"Who said we weren't feminine?" asked Sgt. Claudia M. Couch, of Atlanta, Ga. "Why, we are more feminine than ever we were."

The sergeant, who was swinging a shapely leg from an upper berth, is a Southern blonde. Just eight months ago at this time of morning she was walking along Peach Tree St., Atlanta, on her way to work as a shipping clerk. Now she has the three stripes and a T on her arm, and can stand out in front of a company and take it in close order drill—but she is still very feminine. She is still a Georgia Peach.

The girls all did their 13 weeks of basic training, even as any other soldier, apart from Manual of Arms. They had the same details and camp routine. Yet their approach is that of any American girl.

"In training we got up earlier than the men did," said Pfc Helen D. Rafferty, of Norristown, Pa., "because it took us longer to clean up the barracks. We did it more thoroughly than the GIs knew how."

Same Pfc Trouble

Pfc Helen, though, has an army approach to some of the army problems. She does not wear her single hook. Until just better than five months ago, the Pfc was a telephone operator for a business firm. After she got over the aches and pains of the hup-two-three-four stages she was put on to personnel work.

Already the girls have run up against one of the more prevalent problems of Americans in England. The railroad car attendant asked them if they wanted a nice cup of tea. The girls did not want



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Harris and Ewing Photo

Barking out orders that will send hundreds of WAACs overseas is Duty Sgt. Anne Bradley (right) at an embarkation port in the States. And in London, 2/Officer (1/Lt.) Henriette Horak, of San Francisco, loaded with bed roll, steel helmet and other equipment heads for officers' quarters shortly after her arrival in London.

a nice cup of tea. They wanted some coffee.

Pfc Joy E Dunlop solved the problem. She opened her canteen, and said "Tea? I'd rather have water."

The brunette Pfc, who comes from Detroit, was not thinking over highly of England on this train journey. She had a cold, she was cold, and she thought England was cold.

"I imagine you could get to like this country after a time," she said dubiously.

One of her qualifications for the rank of private first class is that she holds an Army driving license, and before she went to sleep again she studied the British cars driving on the wrong side of the road.

"Gee! That's going to be tough to remember," murmured Pfc Dunlop.

'Good Bunch,' The Sarge Says

The senior noncom is Sgt. Evelyn J. Tubbs, of Wyoming, Del. A former student of Black Mountain College, N.C., she was later a secretary and statistical clerk. The sergeant is short-haired and serious but refuses to suggest that the responsibility of being topkick was the reason for her seriousness. "They are a good bunch of girls, and don't cause trouble," she declared.

Sgt. Tubbs is one of the veterans of the WAACs (if veteran is a permissible term for a WAAC). She joined the corps last August and has held her rank for several months.

Another veteran is Sgt. Violet Bachman, who joined a few days after Sgt. Tubbs. Before the WAACs started she was a clerk-typist and secretary in Long Island, N.Y. "Now," she declares, "I would not change it for anything else as long as this war lasts."

The girls are proud of two things. One is that the job they are doing releases fighting men for combat duty. The other is that, with one exception, they had the same treatment as the troops.

That exception is that they were allowed to have shades over their windows. In this country, of course, normal blackout will provide the necessary seclusion.

Boy Friends in Forces

In the United States they have been a success—with the army and with the men. Most of them have boy friends in the forces. The pictures of their boy friends stuck up over their bunks were known as "cheeseecake."

With the Army authorities they have established confidence. When the Corps was first mooted, 25,000 was named as the establishment. It is already over 50,000 in strength and preparations are in hand for training 150,000.

It is calculated that the WAACs will relieve the equivalent of 10 divisions of men for combat.

The officer organization is on the same lines as in the army. In the first months selected girls were taken straight in with commissions. Now OCS courses are open to girls who have proved ability during their basic training.

Five of the six officers on the train

yesterday came in early with commissions, but 2/Lt. Thelma G. Belford, of Portland, Ore., went in as an auxiliary and made the gold bar the hard way.

Officers are treated and saluted as in the Army, but an officer has been overheard calling a sergeant "dear." Another unusual item in most army circles was the sight of two officers embracing on the platform of the London station when they met. Otherwise they look, and act, just about like first looys and second looys always act, but nicer.

The 1/Lts. are Henriette Horak, San Francisco; Dorothy A. Smith, Staten Island, N.Y.; Helen I. Glenn, Macon, Ga., and Joan A. Geherin, of Auburn, N.Y.

Uniforms are similar to GI, but the blouses of both EMs and officers have slit pockets, and the buttons are plastic. They wear skirts, of course, and cotton stockings (so as not to make the English girls envious). They are issued with five shirts, specially fitted. Underwear, silk jersey slips and panties are olive drab so that, it is said, "if a WAAC falls over, all you see is one color."



A Charge of Quarters' Dream

Sleepily, I raised from bed; I fumbled for the light. Then from the clock up on the wall I got a ghastly fright.

My gosh, thought I, 'tis four o'clock, An hour too much I've slept. Then to the barracks of the cooks With woeful heart I crept.

Their rage was wild, oh wild and mean; Their threats were of the worst. Yes, there stood I with bended head And listened while they cursed.

"Because of you we are most late "So breakfast will be poor. "Thus, you alone will be to blame"— With this, they said no more.

This is a major crime, thought I, Alas, and woe is me. No doubt all this will soon come out In a stern and bold decree.

At reveille we all fell out, My head I hid in shame. If only I could have a chance To prove I'm not to blame.

The CO read with raucous tone, My knees in terror shook. For at me they had plotted To throw the whole rule book.

Yes, I've got to die at sunrise, I'm lined against the wall. The CO raises up his hand; I hear the bolts then fall.

But wait—what is that ringing? This seems so vague to me. It's all been nothing but a dream, Thank God, it's only "Three."

Alfred G. Hawkins.

PRIVATE O'SHAUGHNESSY



C.D. SWAN

Bishop Romps To Victory In 440-Yard Dash



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos

Cpl. Dick Bishop, of Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (left), romps home 15 yards ahead of the field to win the 440-yard dash in :56.2. Bishop also won the 220 in :25.2 to help Service Command win second place with 43 points in the Eighth Air Force track meet. That's Sgt. Clarence Lay, of Los Angeles and Bomber Command, going over the bar at five feet six inches to win the high jump. Bomber Command won the meet with 56 points.

Boxing Booms All Over U.S.

Madison Square Garden Hub of Fistic Popularity

PATERSON, N.J., May 12—Abe Greene, president of the National Boxing Association, said here yesterday that he couldn't "remember when professional boxing enjoyed as much prosperity throughout the nation as it does now. The New England boom is particularly notable and new clubs are opening in North Dakota and Kansas. Then the shows at many military posts are doing a grand job raising service funds."

A United Press survey of the country upholds Greene's statement with professional boxing booming in many areas with Madison Square Garden setting the pace. The Garden has staged 11 cards this year. There wasn't a title scrap in the bunch nor one involving heavyweights, yet they drew a total of \$635,772 and 180,544 cash customers—an average of \$56,888 and 16,413 fans. This amazed even Mike Jacobs.

Cleveland has blossomed magnificently as the country's second-ranking boxing city as far as class and talent are concerned, due to the matchmaking ability of Larry Atkins and the ring prowess of Jimmy Bivins.

Three Exceptions

Philadelphia has reported an upswing with the big shows averaging an increase of 1,500 customers. Beakbusting has become so popular in Washington that two clubs instead of one are now operating. Similarly, New Orleans reports two clubs instead of one staging weekly shows after May 17.

Cauliflowers are thriving in Detroit under Nick Londes' care and pro boxing has returned to Oklahoma City after five years' absence. Boston is active with two promoters staging big shows whenever they can corner the talent. The Pacific Coast is pugilistically prosperous with San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego and Portland enjoying an upswing.

Three important exceptions are noted in the boxing renaissance: Chicago, Pittsburgh and Wisconsin, while Richmond, Va., reports a fadeout. Fifty per cent less clubs are operating in Wisconsin now than before the war, but the crowds generally have doubled at the surviving clubs. Only one club is operating in Pittsburgh—Cpl. Bill Conn and Fritzie Zivic's home town.

Of the nine indoor shows staged in Pittsburgh last Winter only two were profitable, while another broke even. Chicago is staggering along as usual, but Lee Savold's recent popularity may cause a flurry there soon.

Medics Edge Canadians, 8-7

—GENERAL HOSPITAL, May 12—Before a crowd of 2,000 spectators the General Hospital softball team took a close game from a Royal Canadian Ordnance team, 8-7, in a benefit for a Midlands town's Wings for Victory campaign. Both teams capitalized on all the pain. Two teams totalled breaks in the game. Two teams totalled only 11 hits. Leading player for the Yanks, who drove out a homer and a single. Weaver and Garwick were the winning battery.

Singh, Ex-Orange Star, Missing After Crash

EAST TAWAS, Mich., May 12—Wilmet Sidat Singh, ex-football and basketball star at Syracuse University, has been reported missing after his single seat pursuit ship crashed into Lake Huron. Selfridge Field headquarters, at which Singh was stationed, said that witnesses saw him bale out, but he was not found.

Singh was graduated from an Army flying school last March. As a Syracuse back fielder, he threw three passes in the last three minutes in the 1938 game against Cornell, accounting for Syracuse's defeat of Cornell, 19-17.

Softball Hurler Fans 14 In 4-0 No Hit Victory

AN AIR FORCE STATION, May 12—Sgt. Frankie Peters, of Cleveland, sandlot star, carved for himself a niche in the ETO softball Hall of Fame by twirling a no hit game against the Phillies at the Cubs triumphed, 4-0, at the station athletic field. Peters fanned 14 in hanging up his second league win in as many starts to bring his strikeout total up to 25.

Cpl. Orlie "Wabash" Parker, Cubs' first sacker, led the hitting assault with a triple and double, driving in two runs. Parker's bat was the big factor in the Cubs' 10-4 victory over the Cardinals. His home run and triple accounted for five of the team's runs.

Behind the one hit pitching of Cpl. Gene Thompson, the Reds defeated the Braves, 5-0. Thompson, who struck out 11 batters, pitched hitless ball until the fifth inning, when Sgt. Szakielo, Braves' lead-off hitter, looped a Texas leaguer over second to mar a perfect performance. Bishop, the losers' pitcher, gave up six hits.

The Reds are now tied with the Cubs for the league lead with two wins and no losses.

Huizar Scores 25-Second Kayo Over RAF Fighter

AN AIR FORCE STATION, May 12—In 25 seconds of the first round, Joe Huizar, civilian technician from San Antonio, Texas, knocked out Cpl. Harry Timmons, of the RAF, in an amateur bout in a benefit for the Free French. Huizar, 145, scored the second fastest knockout since American forces have been boxing here. Timmons weighed 146.

In another bout, Cadet Arthur C. House, RAF, bantamweight champ of North Ireland, won a close decision over Manuel Yglesias, 129, a civilian technician from San Antonio, Texas. House tipped the scales at 128. RAF Flight Lieutenant "Ted" Ticehurst refereed.

Blondie



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

by Chic Young

Haegg Sails From Sweden To Race Against Greg Rice

STOCKHOLM, May 12—Gunder Haegg, Swedish track ace, has sailed from Gothenburg aboard the tanker Saturnus en route to the United States for a series of races with American runners. The vessel has been granted safe conduct and is expected to arrive at Galveston, Texas, about June 9.

The long journey is believed not to allow Haegg to keep in fine enough condition to compete in the National AAU championships in New York on June 19 and 20. Originally Haegg expected to fly to the United States.

Sunburned, and in high spirits, Haegg however, was pessimistic regarding his chances against Greg Rice, who has been undefeated in 65 straight races, but he promised "I'll run as I haven't run before." Last September Haegg made track

history by establishing a world mile record of four minutes, four and six-tenths seconds. Previously he had set world standards at 1,500, 2,000, 3,000 and 5,000 meters as well as at the two and three-mile distances.

Haegg said, "Please tell the American sports followers that I am ready to start in all competitions in which Americans wish to see me, and they can be for whatever purpose desired. Naturally I am glad to put myself at the disposal of charity competitions."

The tanker Saturnus has a 150-yard straight stretch whereon he can work out, but sports experts are worried that Haegg will be far off form upon his arrival. However, he will be in the United States until September, and should be in excellent condition long before the outdoor season ends.



American League

Tuesday's Games							
No games scheduled.							
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
New York	13	5	.722	St. Louis	7	7	.500
Cleveland	10	6	.625	Philadelphia	8	11	.421
Detroit	8	7	.533	Boston	6	12	.333
Washington	10	9	.526	Chicago	5	10	.333

Wednesday's Schedule			
Washington at Cleveland			
Philadelphia at Detroit			
New York at Chicago			
Boston at St. Louis			

National League

Tuesday's Games							
No games scheduled.							
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Brooklyn	12	6	.667	Boston	7	7	.500
St. Louis	8	6	.571	Philadelphia	7	8	.467
Cincinnati	9	8	.521	Chicago	7	10	.412
Pittsburgh	7	7	.500	New York	6	11	.353

Wednesday's Schedule			
Pittsburgh at Brooklyn			
Cincinnati at Philadelphia			
Chicago at New York			
St. Louis at Boston			

Leading Batters

American League					
G	AB	R	H	Pct.	
Stephens, St. Louis	14	51	8	20	.392
Hockett, Cleveland	13	50	9	18	.360
Higgins, Detroit	15	51	5	18	.353
Radcliff, Detroit	10	32	0	11	.344
Lindell, New York	18	63	6	21	.333

National League

G	AB	R	H	Pct.	
Frey, Cincinnati	17	68	11	27	.397
Hack, Chicago	17	67	11	25	.373
McCormick, Cincinnati	17	68	7	24	.353
Litwhiler, Philadelphia	15	53	10	18	.340
Dahlgren, Philadelphia	13	47	6	16	.340

Home Run Hitters

American League—Keller, New York, 3; 13 tied with 1.
National League—Maynard, New York, 4; Litwhiler, Philadelphia, 3; Gordon, New York, 2; Camilli, Brooklyn, 2; Wasdell, Philadelphia, 2; Ross, Boston, 2.

Runs Batted In

American League—Spence, Washington, 16; Johnson, New York, 14; Gordon, New York, 13; Stephens, St. Louis, 13; Johnson, Washington, 13.
National League—Vaughan, Brooklyn, 14; Owen, Brooklyn, 12; Walker, Brooklyn, 12.

Braves Sign Wally Fletcher

BOSTON, May 12—The Boston Braves have announced the signing of Wallace Fletcher, 23, of Philadelphia, recent graduate of Temple University, as shortstop.

Seven Fights At Belfast Club

BELFAST, May 12—Seven bouts are scheduled for the second Stars and Stripes fight show at the Red Cross club here tonight.

Feature event of the evening will pit Pvt. Joseph Domier, 147-pound Marine from Bethlehem, Pa., and 1/Sgt. Sam Coggins, of Asheville, N.C. This will be the second meeting for the two welterweights, Domier having won the first scrap on Apr. 22 when he took a referee's decision in the first round after Coggins' eye was so badly hurt that the fight was stopped. Coggins is Army ex-lightweight champ of the Canal Zone.

The opener of the night threatens to be a repetition of the slug-fest of the first card, when Pvt. Walter Wordarski, of Erie, Pa., 148, edged out a close decision over Pfc Ernest Carrol, of West Warwick, Ohio, USMC.

Pvt. Cloyd Hamm, of Washington, USMC, 145, will be shooting for his second victory at the club when he takes on Young Boley, Irish scrapper from the 'Derry Boxing Club.

Rounding out the program are the following bouts:

Cpl. Daniel Jones, USMC, 158, vs. Pfc William Reece, USMC, 150; James Goring, USMC, 200, vs. Kayo Duffy, 'Derry Boxing Club, 190; Pvt. Thomas Delehante, USMC, 147, vs. Willie Rogers, 'Derry Boxing Club, 143, and Spider Kelly, 'Derry Boxing Club, 145, against Fat Keagan, 'Derry Boxing Club, 145.

Bulldozers, Led by Rickart, Triumph Over MPs, 32-14

BELFAST, May 12—Sgt. Louis Rickart, of Summitville, Pa., scored 18 of 32 points for the Bulldozers as they won their basketball match at the Red Cross club here over the Flying MPs, 32-14.

Second round of the handball doubles will be played at 8 PM today at the Red Cross. Table tennis championship singles will be played there at 7.30 PM Friday.

Bomber Team Favored in ETO Cinder Finals

220-Yard Dash Draws Most Entries for Saturday's Meet

By G. K. Hodenfield
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

More than 150 entries, representing the cream of American track and field crop now serving in the British Isles, have been received for the ETO championships to be held at Polytechnic Stadium, Chiswick, Saturday.

The 15-event program starts at 9 AM with preliminaries and finals in the discus and preliminaries in the 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, 440-yard dash, half-mile run, high jump and broad jump. The afternoon session is scheduled to get under way at 2 PM.

Only four teams have entered the meet, with the Eighth Air Force leading with 30 men. Southern Base Command has entered 20, Northern Ireland has entered seven and Western Base Command has entered five.

On the basis of the entries and their performances turned in Tuesday in the pre-work championship meet, the airman rule as heavy favorites to take the silver trophy to be presented the winning team.

Bishop Rated Favorite

The 220-yard dash, with 22 entries, is the most popular event from a competitor's standpoint, and the javelin and 120-yard high hurdles, with only four entries each, are the least favored. There are 21 entries in the 100-yard dash, 18 in the 440-yard dash, 12 in the half-mile, mile and discus, and ten in the shot put.

Although many of the men entered in the various events have been champions and stars in their specialties in pre-war civilian life, past performances are not expected to play too big a part in a meet where little time has been had for training and workouts.

Among the competitors who rate the dubious honor of being classified pre-meet favorites, Cpl. Richard Bishop, of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., looks to be outstanding in the 200-yard and 440-yard dash events.

Bishop won both events in the Eighth Air Force meet Tuesday with times of :25.2 and :56.2, finishing as he liked in both races. With the competition expected Saturday, Bishop probably will lower both those marks considerably.

Lt. Harrison Kohl, of Western Base Command and Mason City, Ia., ranks as a favorite in the mile and half-mile. Kohl was Missouri Valley champion in both distances while attending Drake University.

Officials Asked to Meet

The high jump may resolve itself into a private duel between two Eighth Air Force representatives—Sgt. Clarence Lay, of Los Angeles, and Cpl. Phil O'Brien, of Madison, Kan. Lay won Tuesday with a leap of five feet ten inches, and probably could have gone higher had he so needed. O'Brien had a mark of six feet six inches in civvy days.

Not all the track stars at the meet will be there as competitors. Among the officials are Lt. (jg) Kenneth D. Clapp, chief track judge, former IC-4A and AAU champion middle-distance runner; 1/Lt. William Craig, assistant field judge, former University of Wisconsin star, and Maj. John W. Kelly, assistant timer, former Michigan State college star.

Competition will be scored on a 5-4-3-2-1 basis and, in addition to the team trophy, medals will be awarded the first three place winners in each event, including the two relays.

All coaches and officials for the meet are requested to attend a meeting at the Rainbow Corner Red Cross club, Shaftesbury Ave., London, Friday at 8 PM.

Minor Leagues

International League

Tuesday's Games							
No games played.							
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Toronto	10	3	.769	Rochester	7	7	.500
Newark	7	6	.538	Jersey City	7	9	.438
Montreal	8	7	.533	Buffalo	4	8	.333
Baltimore	8	8	.500	Syracuse	3	6	.333

Eastern League

Tuesday's Games							
No games played.							
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Hartford	6	1	.857	Elmira	2	3	.400
Albany	3	1	.750	Wilkes-Barre	2	3	.400
Scranton	3	2	.600	Utica	1	3	.250
Binghamton	3	2	.600	Springfield	1	6	.143

American Association

Tuesday's Games							
No other games played.							
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Columbus	5	2	.714	Milwaukee	6	5	.545
Minneapolis	7	4	.636	Louisville	4	5	.444
Kansas City	5	3	.625	Toledo	2	5	.286
Indianapolis	4	3	.571	St. Paul	3	9	.250

Southern Association

Tuesday's Games							
Birmingham 4, Little Rock 3; Chattanooga 6, Atlanta 5; New Orleans 3, Memphis 2; Other teams not scheduled.							
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Birmingham	11	6	.647	New Orleans	9	8	.529
Nashville	9	6	.600	Atlanta	8	9	.471
Chattanooga	9	6	.600	Knoxville	4	9	.308
Little Rock	8	7	.533	Memphis	4	11	.267

Pacific Coast League

Tuesday's Games							
Oakland 5, San Diego 4; Portland 1, San Francisco 0; Hollywood 8, Sacramento 3; Los Angeles 13, Seattle 0							
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Los Angeles	18	3	.857	Hollywood	10	12	.455
San Diego	13	10	.565	Portland	9	13	.409
Oakland	12	11	.522	Seattle	8	13	.381
San Francisco	11	11	.500	Sacramento	7	15	.318

Cape Bon Taken Allies Capture Gen. Von Arnim

Prisoners Streaming In May Total 150,000; Resistance Ending

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Italians were over-joyed at such a prospect, however remote.

Meanwhile, Allied planes continued their terrific pounding of Sicily, Pantellaria and points on the tip of the Italian peninsula.

The sixth raid on Pantellaria, tiny island in the Sicilian Channel, started fires in the already smashed docks and sunk additional craft in the harbor.

Catania, a seaplane base in eastern Sicily, was the target for 50 heavy American bombers, escorted by RAF Spitfires. They dropped more than 100 tons of bombs, hitting an ammunition ship, setting a tanker on fire, damaging several smaller ships and playing havoc with moles and docks. One mole, where three ships were moored, was blown to bits and the whole area reduced to a sea of flames.

A mixed formation of enemy fighters rose to meet the attack but was cut to pieces by the Spits. One bomber was lost.

Marsala, nearest Italian base to the Tunisian coast and another seaplane nest, was also a target. Heavy and medium bombers, escorted by fighters, bombed the harbor, railway yards, warehouses and the seaplane base. Heavy defense fire rose to meet the attack and Axis planes took off to intercept the bombers. Fifteen of them were shot down in aerial combats.

Leaflets With Bombs

In the Marsala bombardment the bombers dropped leaflets along with their bombs, which said, "You can bring these bombardments to an end, firstly by praying for peace, secondly by demanding peace, thirdly by demonstrating for peace."

Inside the Allied ring at Zaghuan, on the mainland, the Axis force still holding out against the French was estimated at about 30,000 men, half of them Italians.

All Monday night fires were reported inside the 15-by-18-mile area, presumably started by troops burning the equipment they feared would fall into Allied hands with a surrender.

The last 24 hours of fighting has reduced their ammunition supply to the point where they are barely able to offer serious opposition to Allied attacks. That was proved by the surrenders to the French and by the fact that British troops, inching in on them from the north and northeast, are not meeting more than delaying action opposition.

It seemed only a matter of hours before they joined the processions of prisoners like that which moved through Tunis all Tuesday night.

French and native-born Italians and Arabs stared open-mouthed at the procession as it wound through the city, every house of which flew the tricolor of France.

FDR's Son Gets Air Medal
ALLIED HQ, Africa, May 12 (AP)—The Air Medal has been awarded to Col. Elliott Roosevelt for "meritorious achievement while participating in five operational sorties against the enemy."

Warrington Red Cross Plans 2 Variety Shows

WARRINGTON, May 12—Variety programs are planned Friday and Saturday at the American Red Cross Club here. Saturday's show is scheduled for 8.30 PM, and swimming at 8.45 PM.

Sunday's program features bicycle tours at 1.30 PM, followed by dancing from 3 to 6 PM; classical recordings, 5 to 6 PM; movies at 7.30 PM, and swimming at 8.45 PM.

8,200,000-Man Army

CHICAGO, May 12—Maj. Gen. Henry S. Aurand, commanding the Sixth Service Command here, said today that inductions in the Chicago area had begun to "level off." From Washington came immediate word that the Army's goal is still 8,200,000 men, 700,000 of them officers.

Food Prices Cut by OPA

WASHINGTON, May 12—The Office of Price Administration reduced grocers' profit margins today on cabbage, onions, some poultry, and salt cod. Another part of the order enlarged last year's allowance of sugar for home canning purposes to 25 pounds.

Painless French Class On Red Cross Program

CHELTHENHAM, May 12—A side-walk cafe . . . waiters speaking French . . . gay umbrellas . . . American soldiers trying to make themselves understood . . . girl friends admiring—maybe—their linguistic abilities. France next year? No, sir, Cheltenham next month.

To popularize the French classes the Red Cross club here proposes to set up a side-walk cafe with French-speaking waitresses and waiters, and if the soldier wants some tea and cake he will have to ask in French—no parlez, no tea, see. Stubbing at the menu with a forefinger won't do either.

Girl friends will be allowed—they don't have to know French.

Reds Battering Nazis From Air

Spring Over, New Signs Of Heavy Fighting On The Way

By the United Press

Nazi troops and springboard bases along the Russian front were getting their worst and most sustained air hammering of the campaign yesterday as the Red Air Force intensified its blows to cripple enemy preparations for the spring offensive.

Heavy and more widespread attacks on enemy-occupied railway junctions, through which the Nazis are keeping up a steady flow of reinforcements and supplies to the front, were reported by Moscow yesterday.

All along the Russian front today, from Leningrad to Rostov, there were signs that the spring lull was over and that heavy fighting was on the way.

Both sides were hammering at supply bases and lines of communication from the air, and the Germans have launched a thrust toward Leningrad. This was the first big spring attack on the Leningrad front, but the Germans ran into a concentration of Russian artillery and were forced back, leaving 700 killed on the battlefield.

A second German thrust in the Donetz Basin attempted to rectify positions following the successful Russian push last week, but the Germans were held there too.

In the Kuban the hail of Russian shells falling on the main German positions round Novorossiisk went on without ceasing. The steady pounding of the German line destroyed 17 German dug-outs and blockhouses and four guns.

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slogans have appeared in Italy, Algiers radio said yesterday. In Venice one poster was discovered, which said: "People of Italy, wake up. Soon the banner of liberty will again fly over Italy."

Mussolini was trying to brace up his faltering people, now in deadly fear of an invasion by the victorious North African Allied armies. A statement over Il Duce's signature, broadcast by the German radio after it was printed in a Rome newspaper, told Italians that: "A British and American landing in Italy will not prove so easy as bombing Italian towns."

Algiers radio said last night German authorities in Greece and Rumania had published several new decrees to strengthen their grip on the civilian population. The authorities considered that these territories might be the first step in an Allied invasion.

There have been more anti-German demonstrations in Alsace-Lorraine, it was reported in Zurich, and in Norway German troops have been ordered not to appear in restaurants because of the hostility of the population.

(A big factory in Oslo has been burned by saboteurs, the United Press reported from Stockholm.)

Germans, fleeing from towns under attack by Allied bombers, are reported to have flooded Vienna, raising the city's population from 1,800,000 to about 4,000,000, and causing an acute food shortage there.

Hjalmar Schacht, Nazi economist, is reported to have been expelled from the party in January.

NEWS FROM HOME

U.S. Airline Asks To Build 'Hotels' Across Atlantic

'Seadrome' Construction To Start as Soon as Steel Available

WASHINGTON, May 12—Pennsylvania Central Airlines and associated organizations formally filed application with civil aeronautics board for permission to establish "seadromes" between the U.S. and Britain in order to provide America with vitally needed bases in Atlantic and shortest, fastest, and most economic airway route between the two countries.

Company officials say construction will begin as soon as steel is available, which presumably means after the war.

They would be stationed at intervals of some 800 miles across the Atlantic and would provide regular stopping places for an Atlantic air service. Each would cost about \$10,000,000, and would be self-propelled at eight knots.

Each seadrome would provide complete airport facilities and hotel facilities so that passengers could vacation at sea.

Approve Anti-Strike Bill

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP)—The House Military Affairs Committee approved legislation yesterday which would prohibit strikes in Government-owned industries and would strengthen the authority of the War Labor Board in enforcing orders. Labor organizations would be required to file financial reports, under the terms of the new bill.

Open Glider School

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 12—The first training of glider pilots in combat operations has started at Bowman Field, U.S. Army Air Force installation here. Welcoming the students, Col. George P. Johnson, commandant of the field, told them they'd be the best all-round fighters in the Army at the end of the course. Instruction will cover formation flying, spot landing, infantry tactics and all the tricks of the commandos.

More WAACs Coming

FORT OGELTHORPE, Ga., May 12—Ninety per cent of the WAAC recruits, getting their basic training here, have asked for overseas service, Lt. Col. Leland (Larry) McPhail, former president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, declared today. He is in charge of the WAAC training center.

Big Fires Started On Rabaul Base

WASHINGTON, May 12—Allied heavy bombers battered the Bunakanau airdrome at Rabaul, New Britain, in a pre-dawn attack yesterday, leaving big fires visible for 60 miles, today's official communique reports.

Despite adverse weather conditions, the American-built planes dumped their bombs on the target and started additional small fires, believed to be from burning Jap aircraft caught on the ground.

Ground fighting in New Guinea flared up again yesterday with intensified clashes in the Greenhill area, near Salamaua, between advanced elements. No mention of the results was mentioned in the communique. Yesterday Allied forces repulsed small Jap attacks in the same area.

Nine Jap bombers raided the town area at Merauke, Dutch New Guinea, causing some damage and casualties.

Early yesterday morning a group of Flying Fortresses heavily bombed Jap installations at Kabilia, on Bougainville Island, and at Shortland Island.

Japanese forces are now reported to have reached the border of India for the first time, German radio overseas service said today, quoting a Tokyo report.

Duchess Club Program

The weekend program at the American Red Cross Duchess Services club, 1 Duchess St., W1, includes a tea dance Saturday and a "Quiet Hour" of musical selections and reading from 11 AM to noon Sunday. A musical tea hour is listed from 4.30 to 5.30 PM Sunday.

Lewis Silent on Contract

NEW YORK, May 12 (AP)—John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers' president, has postponed indefinitely his scheduled statement on the coal wage contract for 416,000 miners, a spokesman at his office said today. There was no explanation.

FDR and Churchill in 5th Meeting



President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill head for the White House to carry on war talks in the fifth meeting of the two Allied chiefs since the war began. Photo radioed to London from New York yesterday.

FDR, Churchill, War Chiefs Hold Council in Washington

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to the secret letter which President Roosevelt has entrusted to Joseph Davies, former American Ambassador to Russia, to deliver to Premier Josef Stalin in Moscow.

Contents of that letter were not revealed, and there was no definite indication that Stalin might join the talks here or even that he was invited.

Nor was there any indication whether the conversations would continue long enough for Stalin to reach Washington in time to take part. In any case, it was considered likely that Stalin and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek would be kept advised of the meeting, as was the case with the Casablanca conference.

(The Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm Svensk Dagbladet said yesterday the Germans were speculating whether the letter Davies is carrying to Stalin asks Russia to declare war on the Japanese and provide air bases for American planes in Soviet territory. American planes could strike the Japanese best from Russian soil.)

Possible China Moves

Presence of the leaders from the India theater lent weight to the possibility Great Britain and the United States might be charting new moves to assist China, perhaps by attempting to pry open the vital Burma Road. President Roosevelt has promised that China will be used as a base for attacks on Japan.

It was possible some sort of joint land, sea and air offensive might be opened against the Japanese, but there was nothing to indicate whether that step might be the dominant major move contemplated.

Lt. Gen. Joseph Stillwell, commanding troops in India, China and Burma, and Brig. Gen. Claire Chennault, commanding the 14th U.S. Air Force in China, also are in Washington, it was learned tonight. They previously were reported en route back to their commands after conferences here.

The accepted pattern heretofore has appeared to call first for a supreme attempt to crack Hitler's European fortress wide open and, second, for an offensive against Japan, employing the most powerful forces yet thrown into the Pacific fighting.

Military circles emphasized that the cleaning up of North Africa was a major contribution to projected operations in the Pacific as well as Europe.

The reaction of the average American to the announcement of the visit was: "They are making plans for the invasion of Europe." The man in the street welcomed the visit more than any previous one because the feeling of certain victory—and victory sooner than was expected—is in the air.

Brooke, Pound, Portal Present

Other key advisers with Mr. Churchill included General Sir Alan Brooke, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Dudley Pound, Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Portal, Lord Leathers, Minister of War Transport, Lord Cherwell, who is Mr. Churchill's statistical officer, Lieutenant General Sir Hastings Ismay, chief staff officer to Mr. Churchill, and Brigadier E. I. C. Jacob, a member of the War Cabinet.

President Roosevelt had at hand America's top Army and Navy men, including, probably, Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, and Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of the air forces.

The President's secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, said that Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt had a long talk last night, and their meetings would be almost constant, as would be those between their staffs.

Benes in Washington

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP)—President Edouard Benes, of Czechoslovakia, arrived in the United States for conferences with President Roosevelt starting today.

Rhode Islanders At Mostyn Club

Hoosiers from the State of Indiana will meet tonight at the Red Cross Mostyn Club, 16 Portman St, London.

A small group of U.S. service men from Rhode Island attended their "State Night" meeting at the club. M/Sgt. Paul Viens and Cpl. Ernest J. Letendre met for the first time in nearly three years. They last saw each other at the bowling alley in Central Falls, T/5 James A. Taylor and Cpl. Arthur Trainer, both of West Warwick, met after a year and a half separation. Sgt. Rolland Gardner ran into Clayton Adamson, a civilian technician.

Others present were: F/O Ray Lacombe, Sgt. Sydney Lander, Cpl. James Juskalian, S/Sgt. Joseph M. Borejko, all from Providence; Cpl. Oscar Denault and Cpl. Thomas Farrell, of Central Falls; T/5 Adolph Giglio, of Bristol; Pfc Arnida Dubre, of Woonsocket, and Pfc Franklin J. O'Neill, of Newport.

Marines - - -

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ham, who presented the North Ireland officials with a brass plaque reading: "In commemoration of the 1st Provincial Marine Battalion arriving in Londonderry on 12 May 1942, Col. L. W. Burnham, commanding. Presented by Marines as a token of everlasting friendship 12 May 1943. Semper Fidelis."

At the close of the ceremonies, the Marines, in mass formation, led by Pvt. Hal Darnell, of New York, sang the Marine Hymn.

In presenting the plaque, Col. Burnham said:

"This ceremony today commemorates the arrival one year ago of a force of U.S. Marines in Londonderry and the establishment of the Marine Barracks, U.S. Naval Operating Base, North Ireland. As marines we can claim the distinction of having been the first U.S. marines to add North Ireland to that long list of places and times where our flag has been unfurled. Today marks the passage of one year. Men of this command have done well the job given them to do. I am proud indeed of the record you have made and I want to thank each and every one of you for your never-failing loyalty and devotion to duty.

"A year ago we were strangers in a strange land. Today the land is not strange and we are no longer strangers; Londonderry has been kindly, friendly and hospitable to us and we have found that we share with the people of Londonderry, of North Ireland and of the British Isles a common language, a common heritage, a common purpose and a common hope for the future."

A telegram was read from Lt. Gen. Thomas H. Holcomb, chief of the Marine Corps, extending best wishes.

