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U.S. Strikes Biggest Air Blow at Reich

Ships Shell Pantellaria, Sicily Is Hit

War Taken Across Sea As Resistance Ends In Tunisia

The Allies carried the Mediterranean war to Italy by sea and by air yesterday as the last vestige of Axis resistance in North Africa faded.

A British naval force hurled 20 broadsides of high explosive into the harbor area of Pantellaria, Italian island southwest of the tip of Sicily, as RAF and U.S. planes dumped tons of bombs on Axis port installations and airfields at Cagliari, Sardinia; Augusta, Sicily, and Naples. Widespread damage among ships, oil tanks, harbor facilities and airfields were reported.

In Tunisia all resistance had ended—a fact which the German High Command finally admitted in a communique early yesterday.

Not a single Axis soldier remained free in Tunisia, according to Algiers radio, following a mass surrender that left Allied officers open-mouthed in astonishment.

Algiers radio said the total of Axis prisoners had passed the 175,000 mark. The last troops holding out surrendered at 11.45 Thursday morning.

The cessation of resistance and the new softening-up blows at Italy came as Gen. Eisenhower sent a message to Prime

Prisoners to U.S.—FDR

WASHINGTON, May 14 (UP)—President Roosevelt said today he assumed large numbers of the prisoners taken in Tunisia would be taken to the United States as well as other parts of the world.

The question, he added, was being discussed in the current talks with Mr. Churchill.

Minister Churchill, now in Washington, promising that "this army will continue to pound until Hitlerism is exterminated from the earth."

The raids on Sicily showed a new intensity of aerial warfare across the Mediterranean. Flying Fortresses hit Cagliari in the biggest blow since the record smashing of Maddalena, also in Sicily, two weeks ago. Fires visible for miles were left burning.

Wellingtons attacking Naples bombed munitions dumps, oil deposits and an arsenal. Liberators of the Ninth Air Force hit the naval base at Augusta, planting bombs among 20 ships in the harbor and starting fires among the oil wharves and harbor installations. Mitchells, Marauders and Kittyhawks raided Palermo.

The mass surrender of the Axis troops, after they discovered escape impossible because of the lack of boats, was described by correspondents at the front as fantastic. Axis troops had surrendered by the thousands to handfuls of British Tommies, had paid 5d. each to be ferried across a river to give themselves up, had waited their turn in line to surrender.

They left intact millions of gallons of fuel, thousands of weapons and thousands of vehicles.

Roads were jammed with German and Italian vehicles, driven by their own men and carrying capacity loads of troops on

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5lb. Package a Week Is New GI Mail Rule

Here is the latest dope on what packages you can get from home.

Before Thursday, when the War Department relaxed the restrictions, only eight-ounce packages could be sent without the CO's approval.

Now, if the folks back home can show the postmaster a letter asking for the stuff, and also the envelope it came in, bearing the soldier's APO cancellation, they can send one parcel a week weighing up to five pounds, and the CO's approval is unnecessary.

But the package must not exceed 15 inches in length, or 36 inches in length and girth combined, and articles which can be purchased locally by soldiers should not be asked for.

Corsairs Bag 15 Zeros In Solomon Air Battle

The Navy's new Corsair fighter planes took a heavy toll of Jap Zero fighter planes Thursday in fierce dog-fights in the Solomons, the Navy Department announced yesterday.

Sixteen out of 25 Zeros were definitely destroyed by U.S. fighters—Corsairs getting the credit for 15 of them. Five U.S. planes were lost.

The 2,000-horsepower Corsair, called the F4U, made its initial appearance in the Solomons early in March, and is rated among the fastest high-altitude ships in the world.

Soldiers in ETO Can Send Home V-Mail Photos

Sensitized Letter Forms Carry Picture to U.S. for 3s. 9d.

By Arthur W. White
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

American soldiers in the ETO now can send home personal photographs by V-mail.

Photographs must be taken by a special process on a sensitized V-mail blank. Ordinary photos attached to or pasted on a V-mail letter cannot be accepted.

Lt. Col. E. E. Schroeder, Theater Postal Officer, SOS, ETOUSA, explained that at present only two offices are open for taking the V-mail photos—one at Selfridges, Oxford St., London, W1, and the other at Bentall's, Clarence St., Kingston, Surrey. Twenty more offices are scheduled to open soon in large cities throughout Britain.

The offices are for British as well as American customers, but it is hoped soon to open an office in London exclusively for Americans.

The service is a private enterprise run by Dufay-Chromex Ltd., color photographic manufacturers, who developed a process by which photos can be printed on sensitized forms practicable for micro-filming.

Cost is 3s. 9d.

Three poses are allowed, from which the photographer selects one for printing, 4 1/2 inches by 3 1/2 inches, in the bottom right-hand corner of a specially-sensitized V-mail form.

When the soldier receives the V-form bearing the photograph, he writes his letter on the rest of the sheet and hands it in just as an ordinary V-mail letter.

The letter with the photo is then filmed, sent to the States, and when it is processed there the photo is reduced in the delivered letter to approximately 2 1/2 inches by 1 1/2 inches.

In addition to the print for the V-mail letter, one ordinary print of each pose, 3 inches by 2 1/2 inches, is given the purchaser.

From four to six days usually are required between the date of the sitting and delivery of the photographs on the V-mail form.

Americans who come to London on pass or furlough and go back to their units before the photos are ready must leave a stamped addressed envelope.

Soldiers cannot simply paste a photo on a V-mail form and have it filmed, because the extra thickness of paper and

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U.S. Troops Land on Attu In Aleutians

Tokyo Says Yank Force 'Numerically Superior; Fighting Fierce'

United States forces have outflanked the eastern-most Japanese outpost at Kiska, in the Aleutians, and have attacked Attu Island, big Jap supply base 195 miles to the west, the Navy Department announced today.

The landing took place on May 11, the Navy said, and declined to go beyond the limits of this bare statement until the situation clarifies itself.

The Jap communique stated today that a "numerically-superior" American force had landed on May 12 under cover of a thick fog which at present is covering the whole area near the island. Operation began when U.S. warships shelled the Jap base together with a heavy air bombardment. Fierce fighting is in progress, Tokyo said.

The landing took place as conferences began in Washington, which gave evidence that the Allied leaders were dealing with future operations in the Pacific.

Bomb Kiska

Liberators and Warhawks bombed the Jap camp area at Kiska yesterday, but results were not observed due to poor visibility, probably fog.

The Japanese occupied Attu island, which is the most westerly of the Aleutians group, in June last year when they swooped on the Aleutian chain and landed at various points.

After occupying the island the Japanese apparently abandoned it, but last November the Navy Department revealed that it had been reoccupied and that U.S. planes had renewed air attacks.

The island is rough and mountainous and military opinion has been that it would not be of very great use to either side, but the Japanese managed to build a bomber field and concentrated their work on the runways. It was probably on the basis of the construction of this field that the Japanese made threats to bomb the U.S., claiming they were in a position to do so.

The position of Attu would give the Americans a base with which to sandwich the Japanese at Kiska between Attu and the easterly island of the Aleutians, in which is situated the important U.S. naval base of Dutch Harbor.

Recently it was disclosed that the Americans had occupied an island in the Rat Island group, placing them within fighter range of the Japanese base at Kiska, which the enemy has been allowed to build up only under as heavy an air offensive as the almost continually bad weather of the Aleutians permits.

190,000 Canadian Troops Now Serving in Britain

OTTAWA, May 14 (AP)—Beginning a general review of the Canadian Army and its activities, the Canadian Defense Minister told the Commons today that Canada now had 190,000 men in the United Kingdom.

In the fiscal year which ended on Mar. 31, more than 125,000 had been enlisted in Canada, and a further 60,000 had been enrolled through conscription.

Air Crews Tell of 'Fiercest Battles'

American heavy and medium bombers, some of them unescorted, ran into what a general who accompanied them called "the heaviest fighter opposition I have seen" yesterday in raids on four targets in Germany and Nazi-occupied Europe.

The commanding general of a medium bomber wing flew as an observer on a bomber piloted by Capt. F. F. Rezbek, of Chicago.

"They laid the bombs right in there," the General said. "The mission was very well planned and executed. The crews acted like veterans."

Another member of the plane's crew was co-pilot 1/Lt. J. P. Ryan, of Idaho Falls, Idaho. "We were flying so low we damned near hit a chimney of the plant," he related.

Sgt. Walter Perry, of Burlington, N.C., tail gunner on the Tondoleo, said that "farmers stopped their plowing and looked up and waved, just like they do here in England."
"The bombing was damned good,"

commented 2/Lt. Frank D. Slough, of Cleveland, Ohio, formerly with the RCAF. "We must have blown Kiel off the map."

1/Lt. H. Lindley, of Gatesville, Tex., a bombardier in a Fortress that went over Kiel, said:

"I don't think those factory buildings are there any more. We were the last group over and all I could see was smoke."

"I dropped our bombs right through it."

"There were more enemy fighters than I'd ever seen before," reported T/Sgt. Russell Warren, of Santa Fe, N. Mex., veteran radio gunner. "But we knocked the target right off the map."

Capt. Irl Baldwin, of Yakima, Wash., veteran of 25 missions, said:

"The consensus of my crew is that we won't have to go back to Kiel again."

The commanding general of a Fortress wing, who accompanied the bombers

Medium Bombers Take Part in Raids; Blitz Hits 48 Hours

Most U.S. Planes Used in One Day Batter Airfields, Arms Plants, Naval Base; RAF Disrupts Axis Transport

American bombers struck their heaviest blow of the air war over Europe yesterday, penetrated farther than ever before into Germany itself and carried the newest Allied offensive through its 48th hour.

The four-engined U.S. planes struck four targets—in Holland, Belgium and Germany—in daylight attacks which followed RAF raids in "very great strength" Thursday night on the Ruhr, Berlin and Czechoslovakia.

For the first time, American medium bombers were announced in action as they shared a portion of what headquarters, Eighth Air Force, described as its "largest single day's offensive."

Germans Riot Seeking News Of Afrika Korps

SS Called to Disperse Crowds; New Invasion Fears Mount

Rioting occurred in Berlin and other German cities as parents and relatives seeking news of men in the Afrika Korps massed in front of Army information centers, it was disclosed yesterday in dispatches to Swedish newspapers from inside Germany.

SS troops were called and fighting broke out as the crowds refused to obey police orders to disperse. There was no firing, however. Information on casualties and prisoners would be issued "at the proper time," the police said.

Yesterday was a day of uncertainty in Germany, whose people were totally unprepared for news of the debacle in Tunisia. The gloom of the people was made even more intense by a German broadcast which frankly warned that "huge British and American army reserves, enough to form not one but several armies," are massed in Algiers and Morocco.

Invasion in Two Weeks?

Berlin warned that the Allies might be ready to attack the European mainland at any time within the next two weeks. In the occupied countries, partisans and guerrillas did not need the German broadcasts to tip them off.

Holland seethed with revolt, despite more than two score executions, and German patrols were engaging in skirmishes in the streets of several Dutch cities.

Meanwhile the mounting revolt in the Netherlands, which followed the Nazi decree of martial law throughout that country, spread into Belgium and gave indications of being the most serious the Germans have yet had to encounter.

The Germans were reported to be moving additional troops into the Low Countries, both to suppress civilian disorders and to prepare for invasion.

Belgian revolters, it was reported yesterday, killed 14 German guards at an army garage in Ghent, then wrecked 11 trucks with hand grenades.

The sirens which for 48 hours have been wailing all across Nazi-bound Europe were sounded at Antwerp and Courtrai, in Belgium; at the naval base of Kiel, in Germany, and at Velsen, Holland, as the white-starred bombers roared across the Channel and North Sea.

Russians Hammer Warsaw

While British and American bombers of all types were building the most crushing series of air blows yet from bases in Britain, the Russian Air Force pitched in from the east and hammered Warsaw, it was announced in Moscow.

Earlier round-the-clock bombings have gone as much as 140 hours, but never before the last two days have the Allies been able to mount as many four-engined sorties—as well as medium and light bomber and fighter forays—against Nazi targets in France, the Low Countries, the Reich itself, and even the occupied lands still farther east.

Yesterday, while the RAF's fires were still flaming in the Ruhr and Czechoslovakia and while Axis radio stations were urging their people to "be calm," the Eighth Air Force touched its highest peak yet.

With the new P47 Thunderbolts and Allied fighters as escorts, the heavies struck at Antwerp and Courtrai, in Belgium. Airfields were the target at Courtrai, the General Motors works at Antwerp.

The medium bombers—their type was not revealed—hit 150 miles across the North Sea to Ijmuiden, Holland, to blast the strategic power plant there.

Went Unescorted

Unescorted, heavy bombers carried the U.S. attack to the naval base and ship-building yards at Kiel, in Germany, itself, where all through the war have been concentrated perhaps the largest number of anti-aircraft emplacements in Axis-held territory.

The day's work cost 11 U.S. bombers and four of the escorting fighters. No medium bombers were lost, it was announced.

Yesterday's communique told the story:

"It is announced by the Air Ministry and Headquarters, ETOUSA, that a large force of Eighth Air Force bombers made four separate attacks on vital enemy targets."
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No Let-up, Says New ETO Chief

"War in the European Theater soon will be intensified with one end in view—total destruction of the Axis powers," Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, Commanding General of the ETO, said yesterday in a broadcast to America.

"Our American troops, ground, air and Navy, played an important part in the great African victory," the General said. "Air power has proven itself. As I have said, annihilation of the Axis must come from the air, sea and on the land. In this theater there will be no let-up in the policies established by my predecessor, Gen. Andrews, who was a personal friend, great soldier and foremost among our air officers."

"I think we should remember," the General continued, "that since June, 1940—for nearly three years—the people of the British Isles have been upon the battle-front, and for more than a year of that time they stood alone against the most ruthless forces the world has known. Their courage has been an inspiration to the civilized world."

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Tails You Lose

Six lectures are compulsory in the United States Army; but instruction disregarded is wasted and "wise guys" who know better are slowing the war effort.

Veneral disease has increased rapidly in the British Isles during the present war. In fact 70 per cent during the past twelve months. Such an increase is a "red light" that can be seen in any black-out.

To preach on this subject would be to repeat what has already been told, and every soldier knows that V.D. victims do not win wars but do keep other good men off the firing line as they work to care for the transgressors.

It's a poor soldier who fails to take the advice of a trained leader on the field of battle and it's a fool who fails to heed the warning of medical officers charged with the protection of the army from the menace of a dangerous contagion.

Leaving "right and wrong" completely out of the picture it can still plainly be seen that any disease reducing the fighting strength of the American Army in this war is a menace threatening victory. Only through victory will we be able to return to our homes and loved ones, and the man who through his own carelessness prolongs that day for the rest of us... is contemptible.

Hope Deferred

For two and a half years the Axis troops fought well in North Africa, says the Kansas City Times.

Nor were they simply fair weather fighters. Some of their best combat performances were turned in during periods of crisis and retreat.

The question is, why, after rallying vigorously from at least two major defeats earlier in Libya, did the enemy collapse so suddenly and completely in Tunisia? Admit that the odds against them were heavier than on either previous occasion. They were no heavier than both the British and Russians had faced without thought of surrender, or that confronted their comrades of the German Sixth Army in the last days near Stalingrad, when they were dying by the tens of thousands rather than give up.

The answer is evident. Although ordered to conduct a delaying action, the Axis Army in Tunisia surrendered when the outlook became hopeless on the same theory that induced the Germans to capitulate 25 years ago in France. The German theory of warfare is to avoid useless sacrifice. When you see there is absolutely no prospect of success, you surrender, not so much through fear of death, as to conserve your manpower for another war later on.

Stalingrad was the exception and perhaps even there the Germans fought on in the belief they would be rescued. No such expectation prevailed at the end in Tunisia. And this, not Stalingrad, is the pattern of what may eventually be looked for from Germany herself. More than 100,000 Germans by the last count have lived to fight another day, when we of the victorious United Nations shall again permit ourselves to be divided and their country rearmed for aggression.

What every American needs to guard against, as a result of the African campaign, is not over-confidence; but the assumption that surrender to a German means abandoning his cherished dream of world conquest. A master race cannot accept final defeat. To it a war lost is merely a hope deferred.

Your Photograph

It is well over a year since some of you arrived in this theater and it is well over two years since many of you said farewell to loved ones at home. Since that last sad parting all have changed, some more than others.

To those at home a new portrait photo from the "soldier overseas" would be a priceless treasure. The home folks are anxious to see how much you have changed, and no gift could be more dear to their hearts than a new picture of yourself.

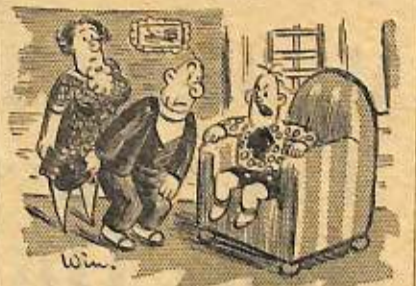
To provide this gift, in the future, will be an easy and inexpensive matter. Sensitized paper, V-Mail in form, is now being manufactured so that your photograph can be developed on a sensitized V-Mail sheet. This in turn can be processed and transmitted to America, re-developed there and forwarded to your home in the form of an actual photograph.

With commercial stations for this service now operating in the British Isles and with others soon to open, we recommend it to you, knowing the pleasure it will give your loved ones and friends when used to send them your picture, V-Mail.

Hash Marks

Back in Regal Park, Long Island, live a proud papa and mam who must have had a hunch that their son would some day be a soldier—they gave him the initials "G. I." The soldier in question is G. I. Kenny, now serving with Special Service over here, and he's the only soldier we've heard of whose initials are the real McCoy.

A minister making a call on a home back in the States was quite fascinated by the family off-spring—a handsome,



chubby three-year-old youngster. Stepping up to the little chap, the parson patted him on the head, then pinched his leg, saying, "And who's got pretty, chubby legs?" "Betty Grable," snapped the precocious youngster, scampering off to his playroom.

Assuming that Italian prisoners are safe and docile, this story still amuses us. A Tommy detailed to watch over a bunch of Italians assigned to work on farms wasn't satisfied with the way they went about it. Turning to one of the prisoners he shouted, "Here, hold my rifle. I'll show you how it's done!" And, grabbing a shovel, he did his stuff while a startled Italian nervously fingered the lethal weapon suddenly thrust upon him.

Another sad man is Yeoman Second Class Jean Bradnick. While many of his mates were out watching the now-famous football game in London last weekend, Bradnick was assigned to hold down the Navy press room. And in so doing had to play, of all things, "society editor." The wedding of Lt. Russell, of the Navy, to Lady Sarah Churchill is in the offing, and a woman reporter showed up at the press room wanting full details. Our hero answered all questions gamely, but balked when he was asked to find out what Lady Churchill was going to wear—but he did.

With the invasion of the U.S. Army the Arabs in Tunisia began to pick up some strange costumes and customs.



They made battles look like baseball games by running through the front lines selling eggs and souvenirs. Our N. African spy reports that the oddest bit of dress he saw was a tall, skinny Arab whose costume consisted of a turban, a pair of GI long-handles and pants made by cutting two holes in a barracks bag, pulling up the bag and tying the cord tight at the waist. On the Arab's back-sides were stenciled the words, "Hodenfield, 133rd Inf."

From Elma Ernst of the ARC comes our favorite little moron story. It's about the little moron who threw his cow over the cliff so he could watch the Jersey Bounce.

J. C. W.

It Was a Dunkirk—Without Boats



Escape Out, Axis Troops by Thousands Drove or Walked to Give Selves Up; No Cages—Prisoners Meekly Wait

By Alan Moorehead
Daily Express War Correspondent

HAMMAMET, May 12 (delayed)—Yes, it turned out to be a Dunkirk—without boats. The enemy was entirely broken and bewildered, and the vast majority of them did not even try to get away, because there were no ships. Their famous embarkation ports like Hammamet and Nabeul were a myth.

I never really succeeded in getting to the front line today because, at the last, there just wasn't a front line.

At one moment there would be fighting in the hills to our right, then in the valley to our left, and sometimes smoke bursts flowered up right round the horizon.

At Soliman a staff officer told me: "It seems that there were no Germans in the peninsula before April 25. They only began to prepare dumps and emplacements here at the end of April, and that was too late."

We stood there talking beside the high road under a cactus hedge with the brilliant sunlit Gulf of Tunis at our back, and before us the German and Italian army flowing down the road in retreat.

It really was fantastic. Germans and Italians for the past 24 hours had been simply jumping into their trucks and driving back towards Tunis until they could find someone to whom they could surrender.

Endless Line

For hours I drove in the dust in a long line of German vehicles driven by Germans crammed full of Germans, and practically nobody was looking after them.

We jostled past two panzer colonels driving a Volkswagen (people's car), ran past 30 ten-ton Lancia trucks each with about 40 Italians aboard, and then came on Germans again—an endless line of them travelling in big-tracked troop-carriers, civilian cars, workshop trucks, and command vehicles.

In the first hour I suppose we passed about 300 of these vehicles, and then coming through places like Grombalia, about 20 miles north of here, we really got into the thick of it.

A ring of German tanks was still burning in an orchard to the right of the road. On the other side, about 5,000 prisoners were lounging about, waiting for transport.

It has gone far beyond having prisoners' cages any more—the enemy just sits around waiting to be taken off. Never since the Wavell campaigns have

we had a victory like this, such huge numbers of prisoners, such utter chaos among the enemy.

And the booty! I could have helped myself to 50 staff cars and to any number of radio sets, ration dumps, tents, bedding, medical equipment, and firearms ranging by the thousand from pocket pistols to mammoth field guns.

And, of course, now the final break-up has come, the stories of individual men are almost past believing.

One British major-general, blitzing ahead of his division in a jeep, captured

Germans Paid 5d. Each For A Surrender Ride

In the chaos of mass surrender in Tunisia, 600 German troops at one point paid 5d. a head to give themselves up.

The troops sighted a British patrol across the Millane River. The stream couldn't be forded by British reconnaissance cars and was too wide and swift for the exhausted Nazis to swim.

An Arab boatman solved the difficulty—ferrying the war-weary Nazis across at what was the equivalent of 5d. each.

an enemy stronghold near Menzel Bou Zelfa single-handed.

The men who entered Tunis said that in the centre of the town they drove up to an open-air cafe where about 1,000 Germans and their girl friends were taking coffee and drinks.

The Germans just got up and stared incredulously at the solitary British vehicle, and did nothing until they were rounded up.

At a hairdressing saloon half a dozen German officers were having hair-cuts and shaves. They rose with the white cloths still tucked into their collars and the lather still on their faces and surrendered.

When I arrived at Hammamet the place was pretty much as the Germans had left it three hours before. Motor-cycles were lying in irrigation channels, a full convoy of heavy trucks was on the road outside the village, and the local Arabs were looting.

Tommies in Nazi Cars

By this time it was frankly impossible to tell whose army one was travelling with. There were Tommies in Afrika Korps staff cars, Tommies on Italian motor-cycles, Tommies manning German guns, French Goumiers on Italian horses, German colonels strolling about at the head of a prisoners' line four deep and half a mile long.

Half the British vehicles were decorated with souvenirs of some sort. One man would have an Italian general's cap on his car radiator, another would have a couple of Nazi flags and an enemy helmet, a third would have his waistband festooned with German field-glasses and revolvers.

And as far as I could see there were far more of the enemy than our own troops.

Strangely, this mass of prisoners did not look as depressed as you might have supposed. An Italian in one truck was leading community singing. Another sat on a car roof with a concertina.

Even the Germans were animated, and



Smiling Italians led a group of Axis soldiers to prison areas (left) down a winding road near Tunis. Scenes like this were duplicated as the German and Italian forces gave up their arms and surrendered. Some were happy, some were depressed, like the Germans in the pictures above who were taken near Medjez El Bab.

everyone seemed to have a good fat pack of clothes and spare boots with him.

I suppose that a great number must be convinced now that they are going to lose the war, and in a way are glad to escape the degradation and hunger that they see is about to fall on Europe.

Many have said that they don't expect to be in captivity for more than a year at the most. They all stare with wonder at the great array of British weapons.

Although you can see fires on remote heights at nights, the Germans do not appear to be destroying much of their stuff. Nearly everything I have seen today has been captured intact.

Around Tunis trains are running again. The litter of smashed German aircraft is being cleared up, though many of their bomb dumps still lie around the edges of fields.

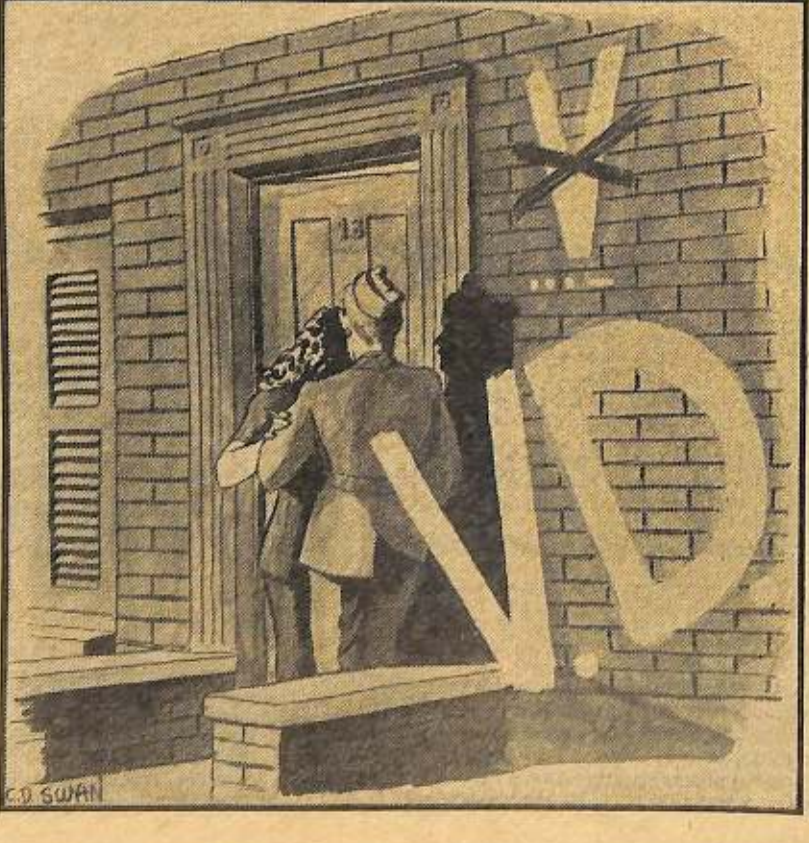
Everyone who has a uniform is putting it on, whether he is a Boy Scout, a tram conductor or a pensioner.



The Battle

We may all be crazy
Or just partly insane;
The Lord high above us
Knows who is to blame.
For you look down a road
Where roses once grew
And see the dead body
Of a buddy you knew.
Comes a lump to your throat
And you grip hard your gun,
And you tighten your belt,
Swearing death to the Hun.
You pray to your Maker
To give you more guts,
As cursing and swearing
You stumble through ruts,
Or lie in a fox-hole
Praying hard for the dawn,
Wondering inside you,
"Lord, how can I go on?"
Comes the roar of the guns,
The drone of the planes,
But you don't give an inch
Of the ground you have gained.
For that very same ground
Beneath your sore feet
Keeps pushing you forward,
It won't let you retreat.
Then cries from the wounded,
Midst bursting of shells,
Mingle high in the Heaven
With creatures from Hell.
Our fighters take off
With a roar from the field,
For not even the skies
For a moment we'll yield.
Long hours this great battle
Like thunder rolls on...
Till finally we've won.
We are safe, they have gone.
The all clear is sounded
And we bandage our wounds,
Then pick up our dead,
By the light of the moon.

Pfc Meredith Gilman.



ETO Track Champions to Be Crowned Today

Six-Run Rally In Ninth Wins For Giants, 7-4

Medwick's Pinch Single Gives Flock Victory Over Pirates

By Collie Small
United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, May 14—The mad borough of Brooklyn welcomed the Dodgers home yesterday, and the Bums responded by engaging in a typical Flatbush free-for-all. Ducky Medwick hit a ninth-inning pinch single to give the Dodgers a crucial 5-4 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Rip Sewell started for the Pirates, but went to the club house with Manager Frankie Frisch and First Baseman Elbie Fletcher after a prolonged and heated argument over a close play at first base in the eighth. The Dodgers started Bobo Newsom, but Les Webber relieved Bobo, pitching the last two innings to gain the victory. Brooklyn was out, 13-11.

The New York Giants opened a home stand with a story-book 7-4 victory over the Chicago Cubs. Dick Bartell knocked out a pinch hit homer in the ninth to climax a six-run Giant splurge. Ancient Carl Hubbell tried to attain his 250th major league win, but was removed in the seventh. Ace Adams was credited with the victory. The Cubs outthit the Giants, 13-10. Cubs' Hurler Hank Wyse, who relieved Claude Passeau in the ninth, took the loss.

Phillies Split With Reds

At Philadelphia, the Phillies played before 7,541 fans, the largest weekday crowd in years, as they split a doubleheader with Cincinnati. The Phillies took the opener, 2-1, when Babe Dahlgren singled in the ninth, scoring Ron Northey. It was a 1-1 pitching battle between the Reds' Ray Starr and the Phillies' Si Johnson after the Reds' Bert Haas and Phillies' Earl Naylor both homered in the second. Johnson gave up only four hits.

The Reds won the nightcap, 3-1, with Elmer Riddle the winning pitcher. Both clubs had ten hits.

The St. Louis Cardinals stayed hard on the heels of the Brooklyn Dodgers, exploding five runs in the seventh for a 5-0 triumph over the Boston Braves. Ernie White handcuffed the Braves with four hits of which two came in the ninth while the Reds were pasting Red Barrett for ten.

Nats Edge Indians, 3-2

In the American League, the program consisted entirely of extra-inning games highlighted by the Philadelphia Athletics who went into overtime for the second straight day to dispose of the Detroit Tigers, 2-1, in 13 frames. The A's sensational Rookie Jess Flores took the mound in the tenth, relieving Rush Christopher, and won his fourth consecutive victory. The Bengals banged out 12 hits while four Tiger hurlers—Newhouse, Gorsica, Henshaw and Trout—allowed only eight.

The Washington Senators came up with two runs in the 12th on Gene Moore's pinch hit double to defeat the Cleveland Indians, 3-2, at Cleveland. Nats' southpaw Ewald Pyle allowed seven hits, winning his third victory while the Indians' Al Smith and Ray Poat permitted only five. Alex Carrasquel relieved Pyle after the first two Indians singled in the 12th, halting the rally.

At St. Louis, the Boston Red Sox counted twice in the first half of the 12th to whip the St. Louis Browns, 6-4. Mike Ryba, who relieved Tex Hughson in ninth after the bases were loaded with none away, was credited with his second victory of the season. The fourth Brownie hurler, Bob Muncief, was named the loser. Mike Chartak and George McQuinn contributed to the Browns' 12-hit total with homers. The Sox collected 11.

Cianci Named to Train Air Force Station Boxers

AN AIR FORCE STATION, May 14—A full Summer boxing program is being planned for men near here under the supervision of Dick Nelson, American Red Cross representative, and Special Service officers of nearby camps.

Matchmaking and training will be handled by Cpl. Mickey Cianci, senior welterweight champ of the Eighth Air Service Command, and Harry Trader, civilian technician. Cianci, native of Philadelphia, was former trainer and bodyguard for Robert Taylor and other movie celebrities. Trader's home is Chicago, Ill. Training facilities have been set up and the first bouts are being arranged.

Mostyn Edges Hans Crescent

The Mostyn club table tennis team edged the Hans Crescent club, 3-2, Wednesday night. Members of the winning team were Cpl. Morris Kratenstein and team were Cpl. Morris Kratenstein and T/4 Pvt. Harry Nicholson, Brooklyn; T/4 Harold Stieber, Detroit; T/4 Morris Weinberg, Elizabeth, N.J., and Cpl. William McFarland, Tulsa, Okla.

Thunderbolts Win Volleyball

BELFAST, May 14—The Thunderbolts edged the Flashes, 2-1, in a volleyball contest at the Red Cross club here last night. Amertex forfeited to Pill Rollers.

A Real Champ By Pap



Survey Shows Most Schools Will Play Football This Fall

NEW YORK, May 14—More than 75 schools are said to be planning to carry through a football schedule this Fall, indicating that there will be plenty of football, according to a survey made by the New York World-Telegram of 110 major colleges and universities. The survey was made to determine the general attitude toward football considering the draft, service schools and the general unsettled situation in intercollegiate sports.

HOW THEY STAND.

American League			
Thursday's Games			
Philadelphia 2, Detroit 1 (13 innings)	Washington 3, Cleveland 2 (12 innings)	Boston 6, St. Louis 4 (12 innings)	New York at Chicago postponed.
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
New York 13 6 .684	St. Louis 8 8 .500	Cleveland 11 7 .611	Philadelphia 9 12 .429
Detroit 9 8 .529	Chicago 6 10 .375	Washington 11 10 .524	Boston 7 13 .350
Yesterday's Schedule			
New York at Chicago	Philadelphia at Detroit	Washington at Cleveland	Boston at St. Louis
National League			
Thursday's Games			
Brooklyn 5, Pittsburgh 4	New York 7, Chicago 4	Philadelphia 2, Cincinnati 1 (first game)	Cincinnati 3, Philadelphia 1 (second game)
St. Louis 5, Boston 0	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Brooklyn 13 6 .684	Pittsburgh 7 8 .467	St. Louis 9 6 .600	Boston 7 8 .467
Cincinnati 10 9 .526	New York 7 11 .389	Philadelphia 8 9 .471	Chicago 7 11 .389
Yesterday's Schedule			
Chicago at New York	Pittsburgh at Brooklyn	St. Louis at Boston	Cincinnati at Philadelphia
Leading Batters			
American League			
Stephens, St. Louis	16	60	10 .383
Higgins, Detroit	17	63	5 .23
Radcliff, Detroit	12	44	0 .15
Hockett, Cleveland	15	59	11 .20
Lindell, New York	19	67	6 .22
National League			
P. Waner, Brooklyn	10	30	4 .44
O'Dea, St. Louis	10	33	3 .42
Frey, Cincinnati	19	77	11 .29
F. McCormick, Cincin.	19	76	7 .27
Hack, Chicago	18	72	11 .25
Home Run Hitters			
American League—Keller, New York, 3; Laabs, St. Louis, 2; McQuinn, St. Louis, 2.	National League—Maynard, New York, 4; Little, Philadelphia, 3; Naylor, Philadelphia, 3.	Runs Batted In	American League—Spence, Washington, 16; Johnson, New York, 14; Stephens, St. Louis, 14; Johnson, Washington, 14.
National League—Vaughan, Brooklyn, 14; Walker, Brooklyn, 12; Owen, Brooklyn, 12.			

Georgetown Abandons Football for Duration

WASHINGTON, May 14—Georgetown University has announced the abandonment of varsity football for the duration after 45 consecutive seasons.

Next season's basketball schedule also has been threatened by increased war activities. Most of the school's undergraduate facilities have been turned over to the Army's Specialized Training Corps.

Georgetown has not appointed a head football coach after Jack Hagerty joined the Navy at the close of the '42 season.

Babe Ruth Thinks Dead Ball Is Alibi for Inferior Players

NEW YORK, May 14—Something in the first shipment of the new baseballs may have made them dead, but Babe Ruth does not believe much in dead ball theories.

The Babe snorted, "I've had experience with dead balls. I hit a dead ball for 27 homers in my early days. Next year I almost doubled that record and immediately everyone started saying it was a lively ball. But it wasn't—it was the same ball. The only trouble was that everyone else was a choke hitter. I was swinging from the end of the bat. You know what happened the following year? Everybody started swinging from the end of the bat and you should have seen the ball sail."

Ruth thinks the quality of players today is much inferior to the players of other years. "They just haven't got it," he says. Ruth swears the dead ball trouble is caused by the batters themselves. He said, "Charlie Keller has hit four homers so far this season. If Keller can do it, why can't the rest of the hitters? You just can't get away from it—the brand of ballplayers is not as good as formerly. Besides, when I was hitting the dead ball I was driving them farther than when I broke the homer and batting records."

Blondie



Bus and Tube Routes To Polytechnic Stadium

Polytechnic Stadium, Chiswick, scene of today's Stars and Stripes ETO championship track and field meet, can be reached by either bus or tube. By tube from Piccadilly, on the Piccadilly Line, change at Hammer-smith for District Line to Chiswick. District Line trains from Charing Cross go direct to Chiswick.

By bus, take a number 9 at Piccadilly or a 73 at Marble Arch and change at High Street, Kensington, for a number 27, which goes to Chiswick.

Swope Predicts 'Czar' for Sports

Coordinator Would Learn Nation's Attitude on Pro Sports

NEW YORK, May 14 (UP)—The sports world eagerly awaited official Washington reaction to Herbert Bayard Swope's surprise prediction that a national sports coordinator will be appointed soon. Swope, chairman of the New York State Racing Commission and War Department consultant, made the forecast at Wednesday night's dinner of the National Association of Racing Commissioners.

He said, "I don't know who's going to get the job. Several men are being discussed." He later said that U.S. Senator James Mead, of Buffalo, N.Y., seemed the leading candidate. Mead is an important stockholder in the Buffalo baseball club of the International League.

Swope emphasized that "certain administrators in Washington heartily favor the appointment of a coordinator to obtain the utmost cooperation of professional sports in the war effort without interfering with the rationing of rubber, gasoline and other transportation facilities."

Clearing House Needed

He added that a coordinator could do sports a lot of good because the coordinator could forestall mistakes and achieve a unity of action among sports leaders which, in some instances, has been missing since Pearl Harbor.

"A clearing house is needed in Washington," Swope declared. "The way it is now, the man doing a good job in San Francisco, for example, may not have heard of Coney Island. Many sports have not taken their problems to Washington thus far and, as a result, have suffered."

When asked how much authority the coordinator would have, he replied, "Actually, I doubt that the appointment will be clothed in much authority. But it will have moral authority in obtaining sports coordination with the war effort. One of the coordinator's first jobs will be to learn the national attitude toward professional sports and arrange a sports program to conform with war regulations."

Boston Diamond Curfew Lifted

BOSTON, May 14—The Massachusetts Senate has passed a measure allowing the playing of Sunday baseball double headers after the 6 PM curfew. The only stipulation is that the second game must start by 4.30 PM.

Golf Match for Hans Crescent

The Hans Crescent club golf team plays the Metropolitan Police team tomorrow.

4 Teams Enter 15-Event Meet; Fliers Favored

Winners Will Form Squad To Compete Against RAF and Oxford

By G. K. Hodenfield
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The ETO track and field championships, second title event sponsored by The Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee this year—the basketball tourney six weeks ago was the first—will get underway at 9.30 AM today at Polytechnic Stadium, Chiswick, with preliminaries in four events.

More than 150 men have entered the meet, and there will be four teams competing for the team trophy—Eighth Air Force, Southern Base Command, Northern Ireland and Western Base Command.

The men who fly proved Tuesday, in their own meet, that they can run, jump and throw with equal ease, and they are pre-meet favorites to take home the silver loving cup.

90 Unattached

The distribution of the medals for first, second and third place winners will be much more general for, aside from the team entries, there are 90 men running unattached.

The program calls for 15 events, including two relays. They are 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, 440-yard dash, half mile, mile, 120-yard high hurdles, 220-yard low hurdles, shot put, pole vault, javelin, broad jump, high jump, discus, 880-yard sprint relay and mile medley relay.

The preliminaries in the morning will include discus, 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash and 440-yard dash. The finals in the discus will also be held in the morning session.

Points will be scored on a 5-4-3-2-1 basis for all events.

The meet is more than just a championship affair to determine the ETO winners. From this meet will be picked the men who will compete against the RAF and Oxford University in a triangular meet May 29 and in the Inter-Allied Olympiads later in the summer.

33 States and D.C.

Entries in the meet represent 33 states and the District of Columbia. Many of the participants are former high school, college and AAU stars. Among those entered are: Cpl. Richard Bishop, of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., who has a time of :49.9 in the 440; Lt. Harrison Kohl, of Mason City, Ia., former Missouri Valley conference half mile and mile champion; Sgt. Mark Collins, of Bristol, Okl., former AAU half mile star who has run against Cunningham, Fenske and Venke in Madison Square Garden races; and Cpl. Phil O'Brien, of Madison, Kan., who has a high jump mark of six feet, six inches.

The afternoon schedule is as follows:

2.00—Pole vault, shot put, 100-yard dash.
2.10—Mile run.
2.30—Javelin, 120-yard high hurdles.
2.35—Medley relay.
2.40—High jump, 220-yard dash.
2.50—Broad jump, 880-yard run.
3.10—220-yard low hurdles.
3.30—440-yard dash.
4.00—880-yard sprint relay.

Minor Leagues International League

Thursday's Games			
Jersey City 1, Rochester 0	Toronto 2, Newark 0 (first game)	Montreal 6, Syracuse 2	Other teams not scheduled.
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Toronto 13 3 .813	Rochester 7 8 .467	Montreal 9 7 .563	Baltimore 8 10 .440
Newark 8 7 .533	Buffalo 4 6 .400	Jersey City 8 9 .471	Syracuse 3 7 .300

Eastern League

Thursday's Games			
Binghamton 4, Hartford 3 (first game)	Hartford 4, Binghamton 3 (second game)	No other games played.	
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Hartford 7 2 .778	Elmira 2 3 .400	Albany 3 1 .750	Wilkes-Barre 2 3 .400
Scranton 3 2 .600	Utica 1 3 .250	Binghamton 4 3 .571	Springfield 1 6 .143

American Association

Thursday's Games			
St. Paul 3, Minneapolis 1 (first game)	Columbus 6, Toledo 0 (second game)	Toledo 2, Columbus 1 (second game)	No other games played.
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Kansas City 5 3 .625	Milwaukee 6 5 .545	Indianapolis 5 3 .625	Louisville 4 6 .400
Columbus 6 4 .600	Toledo 4 6 .400	Minneapolis 7 6 .538	St. Paul 5 9 .357

Southern Association

Thursday's Games			
Chattanooga 5, Atlanta 4	New Orleans 6, Memphis 4	Little Rock 6, Birmingham 3	Other teams not scheduled.
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Nashville 11 6 .647	N. Orleans 10 9 .526	Chattanooga 11 6 .647	Atlanta 8 11 .421
Chattanooga 12 8 .600	Memphis 5 12 .294	San Francisco 10 8 .556	Knoxville 4 11 .267

Pacific Coast League

Thursday's Games			
San Francisco 2, Portland 1	San Diego 2, Oakland 1	Sacramento 6, Hollywood 2	Other teams not scheduled.
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Los Angeles 19 3 .864	Hollywood 11 13 .458	San Diego 14 11 .560	Portland 9 15 .375
San Francisco 13 11 .542	Seattle 8 14 .364	Oakland 10 8 .556	Sacramento 8 16 .333

Monarchs Play Sunday

The Monarchs, undefeated Signal baseball nine, will play the Car Company at Harringay Stadium, Harringay Park, London, at 2.30 PM on Sunday. The Monarchs are leading the London International league.

Biggest USAAF Offensive Hits Three Countries

American, British, Soviet Raids Lash Reich For 48 Hours

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gets in Germany, Northern Holland and Belgium in daylight today.

"In number of aircraft employed, today's operations constitute the largest single day's offensive by the Eighth Air Force.

"American medium bombers, operating for the first time from Britain, made a successful low-level attack on industrial targets in Velsen, Northern Holland, without loss.

"Heavy bombers attacked in force the U-boat and ship-building yards at Kiel, Germany, while other heavy bomber formations were attacking the General Electric plant at Antwerp, which serves enemy motor transport, and the large fighter airfield and repair depot at Courtrai, in Belgium.

"Bombing results in all four attacks were good.

"RAF, USAAF, Dominion and Allied fighter squadrons supported the heavy bomber attacks on Antwerp and Courtrai. On the Kiel raid they were unescorted.

"The Spits and P47s had many encounters and destroyed 12 enemy fighters.

"One formation of heavy bombers had many fights with enemy fighters and destroyed a considerable number of them.

"Eleven bombers failed to return, and four fighters are missing."

The Eighth Air Force raid in daylight Thursday on Meaulte and St. Omer cost three bombers and five of the escorting fighters, it was announced.

At Meaulte the prime target was the German airplane frame factory, which also is a main repair base for Nazi combat aircraft operating in the west. It was the fourth U.S. blow at the plant. The last raid was Oct. 2, and since that time the factory had been rebuilt into a key position in the Nazi armaments program.

The St. Omer airfields—there are several grouped in the area—are principally occupied by fighter craft and have been the target for continued Allied low-level and high-level attacks. Forts and Libs had hit the fields twice before.

The P47s which, with Canadian RAF and other Allied squadrons, accompanied the forts were "a comforting sight," bomber crews reported. Returning bombardiers told of hits on the factory and many fires in the buildings. Visibility was excellent.

While the U.S. bombers were out Thursday reconnaissance reports told of particularly heavy damage to communications and factories in Duisburg by the RAF raiders the night before.

The German defenses were getting no respite.

The new string of raids began with Allied fighter missions against Nazi transport in daylight Wednesday. A few hours later the RAF sent a huge force of four-engined bombers winging to the Rhine Valley along Germany's West Wall and struck Duisburg with the war's heaviest air blow.

The fires were still burning in Duisburg Thursday morning when American-built Mitchells of Bomber Command picked up the assault on the enemy's transport, striking the rail yards at Boulogne, in France. Their fighter escort and the bomber guns shot down six enemy interceptors for the loss of one Mitchell and two fighters.

Later Thursday, Typhoon bombers, escorted by another type of Typhoon as fighters, attacked the Abbeville airfield in France, while Bostons were hitting Cherbourg harbor, all without loss.

The big blow in daylight Thursday, of course, was the Eighth Air Force's double mission to Meaulte and St. Omer.

The dust had scarcely settled on Abbeville when RAF Fighter Command sent swarms of light bombers in night raids over wide areas of occupied territory. Some even crossed the German border in search of military transport. Whirlwinds, Bostons and Mosquitoes struck railroad trains, enemy shipping off the coast and Nazi airfields.

While the lighter craft were crisscrossing Axis skies Thursday night, RAF Bomber Command went out in what the Air Ministry described as "very great strength" for its second night running of devastating attack and hit targets in the central Ruhr, Czechoslovakia and Berlin itself.

With never a pause, Allied fighters and medium bombers swung into action with daylight yesterday.

Father Gets His Stars from His Son



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo
Brig. Gen. Oscar B. Abbott, G1 ETO headquarters, gets his general's stars pinned on by his son, Maj. Leonard J. Abbott, who also works at the ETO headquarters in London. Both came from San Antonio, Tex.

Fliers Describe Fiercest Fights

Won't Have to Bomb Kiel Again Is Opinion Of One Crew

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at first—and then straight down. He leveled off, but starting falling again, and all at once he seemed to burst all to pieces."

He said he saw at least three members of the crew bail out.

Machine-gun bullets punched a cluster of holes three feet from the head of 1/Lt. Joseph C. Sanders, of Shreveport, La., who has completed more missions than anyone at his station.

"It was the narrowest escape I've had," he said.

S/Sgt. Floyd C. Hoover, a tail gunner from Green River, Wyo., said that as far as his ship was concerned, the raid was "just another ride."

His words were all but echoed by 2/Lt. F. H. Mannee, of Essex, Conn., navigator of the "Louise." "It was easy in and easy out," Lt. Mannee declared.

Brig. Gen. Hayward S. Hansell, ETO Headquarters Air Officer, accompanied the bombers as an observer. He rode in the famous "Dry Martini," piloted by Capt. Allen V. Martini, of San Francisco.

Col. Alfred A. Kessler, of Delaware, N.J., leader of a group which bombed the St. Omer airfields, praised the fighter cover.

"Our fighters kept the enemy out of range," he said, "and permitted the bombers to make good runs. I thought it went damn well and, personally, I was right proud of those kids."

New Staff Chief For Navy Here

Rear Adm. George Wilson Takes Over as Aide To Adm. Stark

By Tom Bernard
Stars and Stripes Navy Editor

Rear Adm. George Barry Wilson has assumed the duties of chief of staff to Adm. Harold R. Stark, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe, it was announced yesterday at London headquarters.

Adm. Wilson fills the vacancy left by the departure of Rear Adm. Alan G. Kirk, who returned to the United States Feb. 13.

A veteran battleship officer, Adm. Wilson was graduated from Annapolis in 1914 and first served aboard the USS Delaware, a unit of the Sixth Battle Squadron of the British Home Fleet during the last war.

Prior to his present assignment Adm. Wilson commanded a battleship. He is a native of Norfolk, Va.

Also serving of Adm. Stark's staff is Capt. Paul H. Bastedo, who took over Adm. Kirk's duties as naval attache. He also will act as assistant chief of staff.

V-Mail - - -

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the paste dislocate the delicate adjustment of the recording machines.

The risk of photos being lost or destroyed under the new scheme is practically negligible, officials say, because even if a plane carrying a shipment were lost the whole batch could be refiled and sent off again.

A new scheme to speed up delivery of V-mail to ten western states in the U.S. went into effect Apr. 13, it also was announced by the Postal Division, SOS.

Before that date all V-mail from the ETO was sent to New York, there developed, and then sent to each state.

Now the film for the ten western states goes directly to San Francisco, is developed there and then sent out, saving one to three days.

The states are California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico and Arizona.

Assistant War Secretary Here

Robert A. Lovett, U.S. Assistant Secretary of War, arrived in London yesterday. He was expected to begin conferences immediately with British government and U.S. Air Force officials.

Hitler Neurotic in 1918, Psychiatrist Reports

NEW YORK, May 14—Evidence that Adolf Hitler was a war neurotic after 1918, suffering from hysterical blindness, was offered today to the American Psychiatric Association by Dr. Victor Gonda, Loyola University School of Medicine, Chicago.

Gonda said that a German physician, Otrid Foerster, found in the records of the German War Office this statement: "Cpl. Hitler suffered from hysterical amblyopia." Amblyopia means blindness.

Bitter Fighting In Kuban Area

Reds Smash at German Defense Lines With New Fury

The Russian Army, attacking behind heavy artillery bombardment and medium tank charges, smashed with new fury at the German defense line in the lower reaches of the Kuban, northeast of Novorossisk, front lines dispatches reported today.

The Russians, using flat-bottomed motor-barges, have landed many contingents of troops on the mud-flats of the lagoon area along Temruk Bay, north and west of the Taman Peninsula.

The Germans are organizing a mobile defense of shallow boats and cutters to fend off the Russian attacks, and in the creeks and gullies of the flat marshlands, now in flood. The Soviets and Germans are meeting in ruthless man-to-man clashes.

Russian infiltration towards the Taman neck is part of the whole Kuban offensive, now being pressed forward under strong air protection by the Russians.

The Germans have brought up more planes in an effort to break the air superiority which the Russians have established over the forward approaches to Novorossisk and there are constant dog-fights over the battle area, while along the whole arc of the German defenses, there is the roar of artillery as Russian battery after battery pounds the enemy positions.

Heavy fighting is still taking place on the Lisichansk sector of the Donetz front.

Pacific Appears Topic of Talks

WASHINGTON, May 14 (UP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill and his military and naval advisors continued their talks with President Roosevelt and representatives of the War and Navy Departments today.

There was no official indication of the subjects discussed, but semi-official Washington was more convinced than ever that operations in the Pacific were under study. It was revealed that the Prime Minister came to the United States by ship.

A member of his party, it was learned today, is Brig. Minden Whyte-Melville MacLeod, of the British Army's combined operations staff, a representative of Lord Louis Mountbatten, commando chief.

Today's talks were highlighted by a dispatch from Cairo, telling of the arrival there of Joseph E. Davies, former Ambassador to Moscow. He is carrying a message from President Roosevelt to Premier Stalin—perhaps asking a three-cornered meeting between the President, the Prime Minister and Stalin.

Air Force Actors Give Variety Show Tonight

AIR DEPOT GROUP, England, May 14—Seventeen soldier performers from this base will give the 18th performance of "Victory Varieties," a two-hour musical show, in the city auditorium of a nearby town tomorrow night. The show has been touring the East Anglia area for the last three months.

Tomorrow night's performance will be a part of the city's "Wings for Victory" program, and its proceeds will be turned over to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund.

Fifteen acts, including comedy teams, imitators, female impersonators, comedy skits, singers, a dance team, male quartet, an organist playing a tiny organ, comedians, and ending with an old-fashioned American square dance, comprise the program. In addition, a 5-piece band accompanies the group.

Yanks To Lead Home Guards

Thirty Americans will lead 6,000 Home Guards in a London parade Sunday afternoon. The leading group is made up of American citizens who had been engaged in business in England for years before the war. High government and military officials will review the guards.

The procession will move from Marble Arch down the East Drive inside Hyde Park to the gate, then to Piccadilly, Shaftesbury Avenue, Oxford St., and back to the starting point. It is scheduled to start at 3:08 PM.

The parade is in connection with the celebration of the Guards' third anniversary which was marked at Buckingham Palace yesterday when Home Guardsmen took over the palace guard for a day.

Churchill Lauds Home Guard

WASHINGTON, May 14 (AP)—"Until Hitler and Hitlerism are beaten into unconditional surrender the danger of invasion will never pass away," Winston Churchill told the Home Guard of Great Britain in a broadcast tonight.

Lewis Aide Flays Strikes

NEW YORK, May 14—Van Bittner, official of the United Steel Workers of America and a member of the War Labor Board, told a convention of textile workers that he would "rather crawl through hell on my belly than call a strike in a war industry during this war."

Bittner was formerly an associate of John L. Lewis, in the United Mine Workers.

NEWS FROM HOME Seek 29 Billion For More U.S. Naval Strength

House Report, Detailing Sea Warfare Changes, Supports Carriers

WASHINGTON, May 14 (AP)—A \$29,463,687,198 naval appropriation measure—the largest in the history of the United States—was sent to the floor of the House of Representatives today with the message that "the country may have every confidence in the achievement of unconditional victory across both oceans if the home front continues to do its part."

The assurance came from the House Appropriations Committee, as it published a bulky transcript of testimony from the chiefs of the United States sea fighting forces.

The appropriation is for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Vice-Adm. F. J. Horne, vice-chief of naval operations, told the committee: "Fortunately the initial plans and appropriations for America's two-ocean navy were made in the summer of 1940.

"The day of the battleship is far extended. The aircraft-carrier has become the backbone of the fleet. We are going to need carriers, and in quantity.

"As far as naval shipbuilding is concerned, the United States will reach its peak about July."

The measure authorizes construction of a million tons of small naval craft for amphibious warfare, approximately 70 per cent of it in landing craft. Rear Adm. E. L. Cochrane estimated the loss of landing craft in establishing invasion bridgeheads "in some cases" would run to well over 50 per cent.

"The losses of boats at the first real show we had—Guadalcanal, where the landing was substantially unopposed and the weather fair—were not bad," he said. "The losses in the North African landing were very heavy. Though they were not violently opposed, the weather was not good. The second day's loss of boats was extremely heavy."

He emphasized the need for landing craft as the prime requisite for amphibious operations, asserting "since any United Nations offensive must initially be predicated upon this type of warfare their importance was readily to be seen."

He also expressed the belief that "the naval battle, as such—battleship against battleship, and big fleet against big fleet—was out of the picture for the future" and he declared "the missions of modern warfare are generally accomplished by task forces."

Windsors Visit Canteen

NEW YORK, May 14 (AP)—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor visited the Stage Door Canteen in the theatrical district here and spent more time in the kitchen discussing the problems of running a canteen than they did at their table. The Duchess is in charge of a canteen in the Bahamas.

Ten More Ships Launched

WASHINGTON, May 14—The Maritime Commission announced the launching of ten more U.S. merchant ships today. They consisted of eight Liberty ships, one long range vessel and a special ship of unannounced tonnage. This brings the total launchings since Pearl Harbor to 1,414 vessels.

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their way to surrender. They were not only docile, many were cheerful; they had made little attempt to destroy ammunition, gasoline, equipment or supplies; at Hammam Lif 1,000,000 gallons of gasoline were captured intact, at another place a dump of 12,000 tons of ammunition. Mere handfuls of British Tommies were all that were needed to guard bodies of troops numbering in the thousands, meekly awaiting the construction of prisoners' cages or transfer to other areas.

'Wait Your Turn'

One captain, assisted by a few lieutenants and non-coms., saw the 1,000 prisoners they were told to guard swell gradually to 10,000. When a motorcyclist informed him 65 truckloads of Germans and Italians had just surrendered to him, the captain cursed and said: "They'll have to wait their turn."

Thousands of Germans came in without escort. A United Press reporter even got a lift from a German staff car full of officers inquiring the way to Grombalia to surrender.

A British commander held off an Italian brigadier-general, two colonels and several other officers while he directed his troops in a new advance, then turned and said: "Excuse me, gentlemen; I've been busy." Then he accepted their surrender.

Every group of troops, every vehicle carried a white flag. Staff cars, with white sheets over their hoods or roofs, rolled past, gloomy officers in the rear seats. Occasionally pompous Italian officers, on foot along the road, signalled to trucks carrying German troops to stop. The drivers paid no heed, and the occupants laughed heartily.

