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Rail Yards In Germany Are Blasted

Ploesti Bombed; Lines Feeding West Wall Hit; Wall Itself Plastered

Freight yards in Germany which feed the Wehrmacht in France and the Low Countries were pounded by 250 to 500 Britain-based Fortresses and Liberators yesterday, while the great Ploesti oilfields in Rumania were dealt another heavy blow by American heavies based in Italy.

The aerial drubbing of the Germans' first-line anti-invasion defenses in northern France went on, meanwhile, unabated.

The Eighth Air Force heavies, winging into Germany for the fifth straight day beneath a protecting umbrella of more than 1,200 fighter planes, stabbed at the crowded rail yards of Hamm, Osnabruck, Schwerte (10 miles southeast of Dortmund) and Soest (15 miles southeast of Hamm).

All funnel supplies to German forces in the occupied countries along the coast, and Hamm is probably the largest distributing point for rail traffic from the Reich to the coast. In addition an air base at Luxuil, 70 miles west of Mulhouse, in France, was pounded.

The giant escort of Eighth and Ninth Air Force Thunderbolts, Lightnings and Mustangs found very few enemy aircraft in the skies and, for a change, moderate flak, according to returning airmen. They said great cloud banks necessitated the use of the scientific bombing-through-cloud methods in some places.

From Italy, Libs and Forts, escorted by P38s and P51s, scored hits on at least one major refinery at Ploesti, and crews reported large columns of smoke visible for miles, obscuring the target and preventing observation of other results. Intense ack-ack and some enemy fighters were encountered.

Ploesti, 30 miles north of Bucharest, capital of Rumania, was bombed four times in April and twice previously in May.

Seine Bridges Hit Again

Continuing their attacks on Seine River bridges for the sixth successive day, Marauders of the Ninth Air Force struck at three important highway bridges between Paris and Rouen at mid-day. One failed to return.

Escorted by Thunderbolts, the Marauders attacked an 840-foot, six-span bridge at Courcelles-sur-Seine, 40 miles northwest of Paris; a 575-foot steel girder bridge at Ouen; and a 450-foot bridge at Bennecourt, 30 miles northwest of Paris. The Rouen highway bridge was left half under water by the first formations of Marauders to attack.

During the night RAF bombers struck military objectives on the French coast and Mosquitoes hit targets in Leverkusen and laid mines. None was lost.

Heavy damage was inflicted on aircraft factories at Halberstadt, Dessau and Oschersleben Tuesday, photographs taken during and after the attacks showed.

At the Halberstadt Ju88 and Ju188 components factories, three workshops were destroyed, two half destroyed, and several other buildings badly damaged. All large hangars at the airfield were seriously damaged.

At Oschersleben two heavy concentra-

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The War Today

Air War—British-based Forts and Libs strike railyards in Germany serving enemy forces in France, Belgium and Holland, while other heavies, based in Italy, pound Ploesti oilfields again. Assault on northern France continues apace, Marauders inflicting more severe damage on Seine River bridges.

Italy—Fifth Army slugs with artillery and tanks along all 25 miles of last Rome defense line where Germans are ordered to hold on at all costs; Eighth Army gains six more towns and pushes trap tighter on Germans in Lepini Mountains.

Asia—Japs breach Chinese Milo River defenses in "rice bowl" drive for Changsha on north-south railroad in Hunan Province and counter-attack against Chinese push toward Burma.

Pacific—In first Pacific tank battle, American armored forces knock out eight Jap tanks as U.S. troops advance on airfield on Bika Island, off New Guinea; Saipan, Marianas island north of Truk, bombed.

Russia—Germans launch strong tank attack north of Jassy, drive slight wedge into Soviet lines at cost of 50 tanks and large numbers of dead.

'Enough Landing Craft For the Second Front'

WASHINGTON, May 31 (Reuter)—Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal told a press conference today that by obtaining a 70 per cent increase in landing-craft production in the last six months the Navy had reached its goal for "a particular deadline on June 1."

He hinted that this might be concerned with the invasion of Europe when, referring to the landing-craft program, he said: "I believe we have met all requirements for the Second Front."

U.S. Plane Total Swelled by One Every 5 Minutes

171,257 Turned Out Since Pearl Harbor; Rate Now Tops Reich's 4 to 1

WASHINGTON, May 31—The U.S. has turned out 171,257 planes since Pearl Harbor and in the first four months of 1944 has averaged one every five minutes except on Sundays, the War Production Board announced today.

The report revealed that from Jan. 1 to April this year plane output totaled 35,009. The figure is expected to rise to 100,000 at a cost of \$31,300,000,000 in the balance of 1944.

Combined aircraft production of the U.S. and the British Empire since 1940 was approximately 300,000. In the same period, Germany's output was estimated at about 110,000 planes, Japan's about 41,000.

The American aircraft-production rate now is four to one greater than Germany's, whereas in 1936 the Nazis turned out five planes for each one the U.S. finished.

WPB estimated that the Nazis today were producing only about 75 per cent of their 1942 output, their peak year, when 27,000 planes were built.

Forty per cent of Germany's fighter production has been knocked out through bombings, the summary said. It put the present Nazi total monthly output of all types at about 1,800.

Japan's output of combat planes was said to be about 13 per cent of the U.S. total, numbering not more than 1,400 a month.

About 77 per cent of the U.S. output now consists of combat planes. Monthly four-engine bomber production was well over the 1,000-mark last January and has risen considerably since.

West Coast Has 1st Alert Since Early Days of War

LOS ANGELES, May 31 (UP)—A 28-minute air-raid alert was sounded in Los Angeles and a 100-mile stretch of the Pacific Coast early today. The entire area was blacked out and radio stations went off the air.

The Fourth Interceptor Command, the air-raid authority in the area, said the alarm was caused by an unidentified plane.

It was the first alert, blackout and radio blotout on the Pacific Coast since the early days of the war.

FDR Offers a New Name For It: The Tyrants' War

WASHINGTON, May 31—The "Tyrants' War" is what President Roosevelt proposes to call this World War II.

The President, who asked some time ago for suggestions as to a name for the war, said the "Tyrants' War" was one title that had been sent in and that he liked it very much.

Fighter-Bombers Now Toting Half a Ton Under Each Wing

Ninth Air Force has doubled the bomb-carrying capacity of Thunderbolts and Lightnings, it was disclosed yesterday, and each now hauls a 1,000-pound bomb under each wing—a load equal to that of light bombers and half as great as medium bombers.

Every Ninth fighter is now a fighter-bomber, it was disclosed at the same time. Planes that once found their principal use as heavy bomber escorts now are themselves bombing Nazi railway yards, bridges, power stations, dumps, trains and trucks.

Airmen said the P38 and P47 pilots had found their increased bomb loads

Allies Hammering at Final Line Before Rome With Tanks, Guns; 8th Pushing Foe Back Into Trap

A Plaque of Gratitude to the ARC



Brig. Gen. Royal B. Lord, ETO deputy chief of staff, presents a plaque to Harvey Gibson, director of the American Red Cross in Great Britain, on completion of two years' service by the ARC here. The plaque, expressing gratitude of U.S. forces, was signed by Gen. Eisenhower.

Gen. Ike, His Army Pay Tribute To Red Cross' 2 Years in ETO

The U.S. armed forces expressed their gratitude to the American Red Cross for two years of service in the ETO at a ceremony in London yesterday, when a plaque inscribed by Gen. Eisenhower was presented to Harvey Gibson, ARC commissioner for Great Britain.

Brig. Gen. Royal B. Lord, ETO deputy chief of staff, presenting the plaque to Gibson at ARC headquarters, said that a "great contribution to morale" had been made by the ARC in the field.

Field directors have assisted soldiers in solving personal problems, service clubs and field clubs have been a "second home" to officers and enlisted men, hospital units have "softened the pain of many lonesome patients," and club-mobles have heartened soldiers by reaching out to them in the most isolated spots, Lord declared.

"There is nothing that could possibly give us greater satisfaction," Gibson replied, "than the knowledge that we have earned the good will of those serving the country's armed forces."

The inscription on the plaque expresses appreciation of enlisted men and officers for "the contribution to their welfare by the workers of the American Red Cross."

The total American personnel in the ARC welfare and recreation program here is now 2,023. In addition, there are 537 in the ARC hospital service. There are nearly 100 American Negro workers.

Ninety "donut dugouts," a recent ARC development, provide auxiliary club or canteen service, and 20 "cinemobiles"—moving picture units—travel throughout the ETO.

Thirty-two of the service clubs are operated for officers. There are two clubs for nurses and WAC officers—one in London, the other at a south coast resort for rest and convalescence—and a club in London for enlisted WACs.

The presentation ceremony yesterday also included a demonstration of club-mobles and a concert by the ETO Headquarters Band.

Churchill Talk in Spring? Slip of Tongue, Says FDR

WASHINGTON, May 31—It was just a slip of the tongue when President Roosevelt remarked last week that he expected to see Prime Minister Churchill in the summer, fall or late spring—leading to conjectures as to whether he was publicly envisioning himself still in office next spring.

Questioned about it at his press conference yesterday, Mr. Roosevelt said he did not mean to be so technical—what he meant was that he expected to meet Mr. Churchill between now and next Jan. 20, which is the date his third term ends.

Germans Attacking Fiercely in Area of Valmontone

NAPLES, May 31—The Fifth Army slugged at the final Rome defense line with guns and tanks all along its 25-mile length today, while the Eighth Army, battling strong rearguards of Nazi troops withdrawing below the line, cleared further stretches of the front.

Reporting fierce resistance along the last-ditch belt from Valmontone to the sea, the Allied communique said it was "now clear that the enemy intends to hold this line at all costs." The defenders apparently were ordered to hang on at least until the Germans streaming back along Highway 6 clear the Valmontone bottleneck.

The crack Hermann Goering Division counter-attacked bitterly in the Valmontone sector, but Allied artillery continued to keep the highway under shellfire below there during the daylight.

Six Towns Fall to Allies

The German forces facing entrapment in the Lepini Mountains continued their withdrawals, and Allied Headquarters announced the occupation of six towns by columns driving toward Frosinone—Alefedena, Fontana, Strangolagalli, Polli, Ceccano and Arpino.

(The Germans announced a withdrawal to positions north of Frosinone, indicating they had evacuated that key road junction on Highway 6 where a secondary road branches northwest across the mountains to Subiaco and Arcoli.)

East of there, New Zealand troops driving on Sora threatened another Nazi escape route via Avezzano. Sherman tanks manned by New Zealanders climbed a 2,000-ft. ridge in a surprise maneuver at one point to blast a pocket of defending German paratroopers into submission.

While the Fifth Army plastered the Valmontone - Campojeimi line with artillery barrages from short range and continuous armored thrusts, British forces near the coast crossed the Moleta River and worked through dense minefields to take the villages of L'Americano on the coast and Ardea, two miles south of Campojeimi. From Ardea, where a secondary road runs up to Rome, they advanced three miles northeastward, coming within 15 miles of the Italian capital.

Food Allocated for Rome

Anticipating the early fall of Rome, as forecast yesterday by Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, the Allied Control Commission announced that food stocks sufficient to tide the civilian population over the first 20 days of occupation already had been allocated.

Tactical aircraft again were active in support of the offensive. One spectacular raid was made when pilots spotted a German traffic jam on a mountain road near Subiaco, east of Rome. There were 200 vehicles jammed three abreast for about 1,000 yards. Dive-bombers cratered the road behind and ahead of the column, penning in the vehicles, and got a direct hit in the center.

Then Kittyhawks and Mustangs went to work on the mass and by the time they were through, 97 had been destroyed and scores of others severely damaged.

389 More WACs Arrive

NAPLES, May 31 (AP)—The greatest shipload of WACs ever sent to the Mediterranean Theater—32 officers and 357 enlisted women—has arrived in Naples direct from the U.S.

More than half are scheduled to go to the Middle East later. WAC strength in the Mediterranean now is nearly 3,000.

Marseilles Strike Follows Nazi Rumors of Invasion

ZURICH, Switzerland, May 31 (Reuter)—Reports reaching here from Marseilles today said that a general strike broke out Saturday due to rumors spread by the Nazis by leaflets and agents that Allied troops were about to land there from Corsica.

More than 500 strikers were arrested and the strike mercilessly suppressed, it was said. Workers were reported to have sabotaged many machines when they discovered they had been duped.

500 U.S. Fliers in Sweden

STOCKHOLM, May 31 (AP)—The eight American heavy bombers which landed in Sweden Monday brought the number of American fliers interned in Sweden to over 500.

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Transport Bombing

PRE-INVASION bombing of the enemy took on a new aspect when the Air Ministry News Service intimated that the canal system in north-west Europe is being subjected to the same careful working over by our planes...

For days the air forces have been striking at railroads, destroying engines and entire trains, making a shambles of rail junctions, cutting holes in trunk motor roads, and strafing and bombing all types of marshalling areas.

The result has been to drive the enemy onto secondary routes of transport, and the Air Ministry says: "Faced with these road and rail problems, it would appear that the Germans have decided to make still more use of their canal system, a network of waterways which is by no means invulnerable to air attack."

Rerouting of rail traffic alone would cause endless snarls in the movement of men and material, but when the motor roads and canals as well are disrupted, then the situation approaches a condition bordering on the hopeless.

Even with the published facts known, it is easily seen what this situation means in terms of the broader picture of invasion itself.

To touch on just one element of transportation attacks, take a look at what has happened to truck convoys. The Germans have had to shift their convoys from the main roads to the secondary and even tertiary traffic lanes. This results in a consequent lengthening of convoys and a slower rate of movement.

That's duck soup to our planes sighting convoys of 100 and 200 vehicles, some stretching for as much as three miles along the highway.

In the mountains near Subiaco, east of Rome, we sighted a string of 200 German vehicles bumper to bumper. First a bomb cratered the road to the rear and another punched a hole in front of the convoy. In the resulting jam, Kittyhawks and Mustangs worked from tail to nose and back again. When the show was over, 97 vehicles were destroyed and scores of others damaged.

And that incident is just one item in the air war.

Synthetic Quinine

AMERICAN chemists have announced development of a synthetic quinine which duplicates in every respect the drug obtained from the bark of the cinchona tree.

Since the Japanese over-ran the Netherlands East Indies the major source of supply for the drug used in malaria control has been denied to the United Nations. As a substitute we are using atabrine, a synthetic that took some 12 years to bring to its present point of perfection.

Quinine, of course, is better than atabrine, but the new synthetic may replace the original product.

The question raised in the minds of chemists is whether this new synthetic can be brought into mass production and distributed widely enough during the war to meet the needs resulting from the shortage of natural quinine.

But in any event, we have here a practical demonstration of the ingenuity of man in the face of what was once thought to be a damaging blow to medical science.

"Q" Quandary

IN the stress and strain of life in the ETO, we are prone to forget the civilians, too, have their problems. But they do, and as an example we cite the case of Professor J. P. LeMaster of Clemson College, South Carolina. He is suffering from "Q" trouble, not to be confused with the local brand of queue entanglements.

The trouble started back in 1928 when LeMaster, of the school's dairy department, began a system of alphabetical naming of the cows in the college herd—the names of all cows born during the same year to begin with the same letter. About 200 calves are born at Clemson each year, natural progression through the alphabet has put the college in its present quandary and an SOS for 200 names beginning with "Q" has been sent out.

So, GI Joe, here is a chance to boost civilian morale. Jot down all the suitable "Q" names you can think of, put 'em on a V-mail and send to Clemson College, Clemson, S.C. While you are at it, you might make the post-war problem a little easier by adding a few names beginning with "X" and "Z."

Hash Marks

For WACs only: Two of the girls were discussing a hut-mate. "Gee," said one, "She's a blonde one week, a red-head the next. I wish she'd let her hair take it's natural course." "Yeah," replied her chum, "it would certainly be a 'course of another color.'"

Fun on the Home Front. When an Iowa resident came home and found his mother-in-law had arrived unexpectedly



for a three-months stay, he hit her with a potted geranium plant he had bought as a wedding anniversary gift for his wife.

Dads are being drafted so fast it looks like Fathers' Day, 1944, will be a strictly GI affair.

A company censor called in a GI and asked, "Why do you always insist on double-spacing your letters and making them overweight?" Replied the GI naively, "That, sir, is to allow for reading between the lines."

Street Scene. A Corporal was standing on the corner waiting for a bus. Two British kids strolled by, looked him over from head to foot and began whispering to each other. Finally one of the lads came over and asked, "Say, soldier, what are you? Are you a 'G-One' or a 'G-Eye'?" "I'm a GI," replied the Corporal tolerantly. The kid dashed over to his pal, screaming, "See, what did I tell you! You owe me a bob."

Once upon a time Goering, Goebbels and the rest of the rats gave a banquet for Hitler. It was a very special blow-out and they brought a French chef from



his native land to Berlin to prepare the feast. The party got under way; Goering got up and proposed a toast: "To our beloved Fuehrer, who sees all, knows all and whose intuition is infallible." The chef nudged a waiter and said slyly, "I bet he doesn't know yet that I put castor oil in his soup."

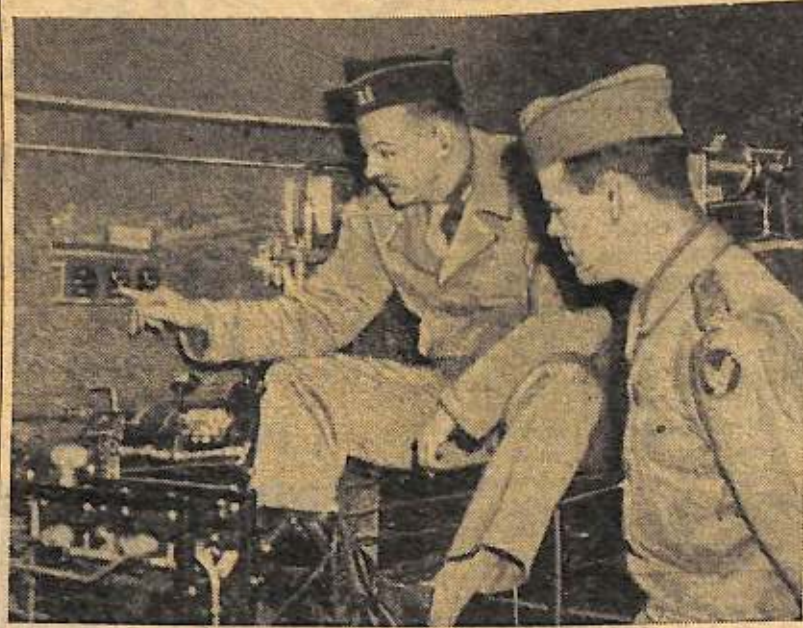
And then there was the Pfc who nicknamed his gal "Checkers." Every time he makes a bad move she jumps.

Overheard—one female in uniform talking about another—"She weighs about 12 stones, and big ones, too!"

We understand the Yanks in the Fifth Army are now asking themselves, "And what the heck DO the Romans do when they're in Rome, anyway?"

J. C. W.

Mobile Schools Giving Fliers Technical Review



An outdoor classroom of the Mobile Training Unit with a mock-up of the entire Liberator bomber hydraulic system.

Making the rounds of combat air bases in the ETO are groups of hand-picked, highly skilled instructors who give technical guidance to the men who service and man American warplanes.

In their vans, called GI schoolhouses on wheels, these mobile training units travel from one base to another, holding classes and visiting maintenance shops to discover and solve technical problems.

Equipped with working models of aircraft-component systems, cutaways, charts and movies, a unit is ready only two hours after its arrival at a base to open classes in the van, in the dispersal area, on the line or in actual flight.

The bombardier re-learns his bombsight, the gunner his guns, and the pilot, co-pilot and navigator re-check their skills. Each man reviews his equipment in an interchange of maintenance and repair methods.

A typical MTU is composed of 14 non-commissioned officers and a liaison officer. The men are picked instructors from the various Air Forces technical schools—engineers and armament and communications men.

Not only are these men experts in their specialties, but they must be thoroughly familiar with a specific type of ship. The average unit is prepared to give instruction on the plane in general—props, instruments, electrical systems, superchargers, hydraulics, bombsight, automatic pilot, sights and turrets.

It is through these men that methods found practicable in one theater are applied in another. Periodically, they are sent home to carry to the men still in training the experience they gathered in combat zones, to learn improvements made in their absence. Then they return to combat zones to teach the improvements.

There are about 70 MTUs operating in the U.S. and abroad. In the scattered regions of India and China they travel in C-47s. ETO units are commanded by Lt. Col. T. E. O'Connell.

Developed under the command of Maj. Gen. John F. Curry, the MTUs have grown from a small number of B17 units to a large organization offering instruction in nearly every type of USAAF combat or cargo plane.

Careless and Misleading Letters Cause of Most Domestic Upsets

By Dudley Harmon, United Press Correspondent

Misleading letters from careless friends and relatives have caused more domestic upsets among Yanks in Britain than has faithfulness of wives at home, according to a Red Cross official who handles an average of 16,000 queries a month.

"Folks at home can best help the Second Front by avoiding generalities in letters," Joseph Beckman, of Cincinnati, assistant Red Cross field director, told me. Through his office clear problems which soldiers here asked the Red Cross to check for them back home.

Endless trouble is being caused by vague statements such as "it's amazing how some war widows behave," or "I haven't seen your wife for quite a while."

As an example, Beckman cited the case of a parish priest who wrote a soldier here and used both these sentences in unrelated paragraphs of the same letter. The boy immediately cabled his parents demanding a divorce. The Red Cross

chapter in his home town checked and found the wife was working nights in a war factory and spending days with her children. The priest was horrified at the upset he unintentionally caused.

The longer soldiers are away from home the more apt they are to read between the lines, according to Beckman. One corporal was distressed at a letter which said, "See your wife at lots of dances." A check showed she was only working at a servicemen's club to help the war effort.

"Faithless wives cause only a small proportion of soldiers' problems here," Beckman said. "In 1943 we had 2,300 family problems brought to us from soldiers stationed in London. Of these 798 referred to health of relatives and 210 had to do with financial problems. Less than a score were concerned with marriage."

Relatively few divorce problems coming up among Yanks in the ETO are actually founded in fact, according to the Red Cross. Most are found on investigation to be attributed to idle or malicious statements on the part of relatives and friends.

Despite two years of separation in many cases, domestic problems of Yanks in Britain are definitely in the minority. Most of their requests for aid are related to allotment questions or the health of their families.



Chinese Romance
Nice night in June,
Stars shine, big moon
In park, on bench,
With girl in clench.
Me say me love,
She coo like dove,
Me smart, me fast,
Never let chance pass.
Get hitched, me say
O KAY, she say
Wedding bells ring ring,
Honeymoon, everything,
Settle down, happy man.

Another nite in June,
Stars shine, big moon,
Ain't happy any more,
Carry baby, walk floor.
Wife mad, she fuss,
Me mad, me cuss,
Life one big spat,
Nagging wife, brawling brat.
Me learn, at last,
Me too darn fast.

Anon.



"Oh, captain, this is my wife!"

This Is The Army

A NEGRO field artillery unit startles even the cows along winding English country lanes when S/Sgt. Charles W. Mack, of Paris, Ky., puts the battery through close-order drill. The commands, all to the tune of "Whats you know, Joe?", were worked out shortly before the unit came over from the U.S. The sergeant sings out with, "Whats you know, Joe?" and the battery responds with "It's a military secret. A slip of the lip might sink a ship."

Several hundred English sheep are now assigned to "mowing the grass" at a general hospital. 1/Lt. Fred L. Hart, of Moultrie, Ga., detachment commander at the hospital, thought up the idea and arranged this ETO brand of planned economy with a near-by farmer. In exchange for a few sheep-hours of grass cutting each day the sheep get a rich meal.

S/SGT. John P. Kellner, of Saugus, Mass., a medical technician, is one of those inventive GIs who don't let shortages cramp the Army style. The ordnance depot where he is stationed ran out of stencil correction fluid, but he prepared a substitute from chemicals available in his laboratory.

They are brothers, they were executives for the same company and neighbors in Jackson, Tenn., they're now both lieutenant colonels in the same infantry outfit here, but Lt. Col. Walter L. Frankland and Lt. Col. Robert M. Frankland have such different duties that they seldom see each other.

A BRITISH rifle shell and an American jeep got involved in "a rather unusual incident" recently, according to 2/Lt. John J. Dellaverson. He and a corporal were driving in a jeep when they heard a shot and thought a tire had blown out. They stopped and looked the tires over, but everything seemed to be OK and they drove on to their base two miles away. Then, checking the tires again, they found a British rifle shell in the rear left tire. The tire was taken apart and inside the tube were pieces of the burst cartridge.

Notes from the Air Force

THREE hundred bucks was the price paid for a single bottle of whisky the other night by American soldiers in England.

No, don't start making like Donald Duck or raving about the way the GI gets it in the neck—it was all in a good cause. Occasion was a raffle at a party held at the Flying Fortress base commanded by Col. Harold W. Bowman.

Proceeds from the raffle go into the Prisoner-of-War Fund at the base. This fund has been set up by the Fortress men in an effort to provide gift boxes for their buddies who are now guests of the Nazis.

A British staff car pulled up in front of a Nissen hut last week at a Liberator station. A red-capped British brigadier piled out and went into the enlisted men's barracks for a chat with S/Sgt. Irving Levine, of Danbury, Conn.

The story was that Levine and Brig. H. G. Smith had met last winter at one of those Allied quick courses for soldiers. The two struck up a friendship which lasted on the basis of their mutual interest in the law business. Levine studied at Yale and Harvard Law School before the Army got him and put him to work in a bombsight maintenance shop. After the sergeant and the brigadier had looked around the station together they got into the brigadier's staff car and went to dinner together.

THE following letter was received from a bomber base:

"We, the boys of a B24, wish to express our thanks to two P51 fighter pilots who escorted us back from our raid over Brunswick on May 8 in our somewhat beat-up ship, better known as Her-Man.

"The best we can say is that one fighter was named Corky Ann; the other will have to remain an unknown to us as he had no name on his ship.

"Fighter pilots, thanks again." It was signed by S/Sgts. James H. Roberts, Martin S. Sagala, Max A. Martin, Curtis E. O'Neal, and T/Sgts. John J. Doyle and David G. Roberts.

The boys at a Mustang base commanded by Col. Avelin P. Tacon came through with a new wrinkle the other day when they employed a trick pin-up girl to promote War Bond sales.

As bond sales progressed toward the \$1,200 goal the skirt of a voluptuously-drawn nude was raised correspondingly. At the last report, sales had mounted to \$1,241.25.

THERE is one Yank in the ETO who learned to swim in two seconds flat. Lt. Harold R. Riggenberg, of Turlock, Cal., couldn't swim a stroke. The other day he had to bail out of his Ninth Air Force Mustang over the North Sea and on the way down he lost his collapsible dinghy and his Mae West life belt. He hit the water, sank, and when he rose to the surface, there was the life belt 20 yards away. That's when he learned to swim.

He reached the belt, inflated it and 10 minutes later was picked up by a fishing boat.

Warweek

Booby Trap Death—Don't Touch It
'Achtung!' Means Get on the Ball.
Don't Worry About Wounds, Say Vets

Thursday, June 1, 1944

Hey!—These Things Can Kill a Man!

Jerry's the Berries at Dealing Out Low Blows With Mines, Booby Traps; You Can Lick Them If You're Smart

By Hamilton Whitman
Warweek Staff Writer

HIDDEN death—booby trap death—will be lying in wait for every American soldier the moment he sets foot on the shores of the Continent. If he's smart, he'll live. If he's the curious kind of a guy who is always picking things up, opening doors or trying out abandoned enemy equipment—well, Mom and Pop will doubtless enjoy that \$10,000. Hitler will enjoy the laugh, too.

Basically, practically every known type of booby trap depends on one thing:

It goes off when somebody moves something.

The exception is the delayed action anti-personnel mine which is fired by a timing device. This is a complicated job, uncertain in its action and unless a very large quantity of explosive is used, it will probably be ineffective. This type of mine is encountered in captured towns but it is not particularly the concern of the individual soldier.

little gadgets which the Germans are very fond of leaving in the most unsuspecting places. Most of the booby trap firing devices are of one of three varieties.

The pressure type, which fires when one element is forced into or against another;

the release type, which fires when



NAZI MURDER CAN is what this U.S. Paratrooper examines, somewhere in Italy. Detonator prongs of deadly German S-type anti-personnel mine are easily seen. Yanks push on despite Nazi nuisance.



BOOBY TRAP did this. American soldier, killed by hidden German charge, lies in Italian street. Comrades (right) hunt others. Sign: "We will win."



CIVILIANS point out trip-wire to American patrol, near Liri, Italy. Paths had to be cleared before Allies started big push—and boy, how they pushed!

pressure, holding elements in place, is released; and the pull type in which a trip-wire, or some other device of the same nature, is employed.

The best safety rule, then, is in three parts:

- 1—Don't step, or sit, or press on anything that could move.
- 2—Don't lift, or move, or open anything.
- 3—Watch where you're walking, all the time, under all circumstances with all the care and concentration you can muster.

During the last war American troops had the reputation of being demon

souvenir hunters. Those neat, well-balanced 9-mm. German Luger pistols were the highest prize in the one-man salvage game. The Germans haven't forgotten that.

Leave Junk—Keep Going

If you ever prowl into a wrecked and abandoned house, in some village on the Continent, and find a nice, shiny Luger lying carelessly on the table—stop and think.

It may have been forgotten by some Jerry shave tail on the lam. It is much more likely, however, to be just about as safe to handle as a feed-sack full of diamond-back rattlers. If you really know what you're doing, it is possible to pass a thin-bladed knife or a wire probe under and around the suspected object. If it meets an obstruction where there shouldn't be anything, then look out—it's hot!

Remember those pistols, they are a favorite bait. So are German officers' field glasses. They are always suspicious and should invariably be regarded as guilty until proved innocent—preferably by somebody else.

Everything is Dangerous

The possibilities of booby traps are almost endless, so any attempt to list them would be useless. A few examples may be described, however, and the information will be helpful to the soldier who remembers that it only scratches the surface. The best protection is care, more care and a damned suspicious nature.

Look out for everything in captured territory. Anything may be a mine, everything is dangerous—and a man only makes one mistake.

This business of killing unsuspecting men behind their own lines is dirty pool

—but it is a German specialty which they have developed with typical German thoroughness. The booby traps the enemy leaves behind him have been cleverly planned to take advantage of the perfectly natural actions of a normal man who believes he is safe, at least for the moment. That is why they are so dangerous. That is why the utmost care must always be used.

One new wrinkle the Germans have been using is a smoke canister, rigged as a booby trap. Left behind by retiring troops, these smoke pots don't hurt anybody. They don't even scare a man. But when one of them goes off it does reveal to German machine-gun or artillery spotters exactly where advancing troops are located. They are trip-wire jobs and extreme care is the best protection against them.

One-Way Mine

Another ingenious stunt, worked out by the Jerries, depends on two trees or heavy stakes and a "T" shaped trip wire arrangement. The cross line of the "T" parallels the German front, with each end firmly tied to a tree trunk or stake.

From the center of this wire another runs straight ahead, toward the direction from which Jerry expects us to advance. At the end is the mine, with a pull-firing mechanism attached to the wire.

If a German soldier, advancing toward the front, trips over the wire, the mine is not exploded since the trees take the shock and the slack in the wire to the mine itself is increased instead of being taken up.

If, on the other hand, an advancing Allied soldier trips over the wire between the trees, whatever slack there is in it

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TELEPHONE WIRE, tied to buried mine, was one German trick. Canadian backs to safe distance before pulling wire to explode charge.



ACHTUNG!

When Hitler's Invasion Lookouts Flash Warning of Allied Landings on D-Day, 'Achtung' Becomes the Signal for Yanks to Pay More Attention to Details, to Training Lessons and to the Task Ahead



ACHTUNG! Enemy planes . . . "Achtung! Achtung! Achtung! . . ."

That's the German word for "attention." It is the broadest warning that our planes are over the Reich. It is the word which flashes across thousands of miles of German-occupied Europe as our landing craft creep into the shore, out of the sea mists, of D-Day.

In its English form—"attention"—the word is just as important to us. Attention to details, attention to all the lessons of our training. Attention to orders, attention to the task ahead. Attention. . .

The German troops who flash the word to the rest of Hitler's armies are probably members of what our G-2 calls "static divisions." They are the men who garrison the coastal defenses of



... an eager beaver.

Europe. They have relatively little motor transport; their assignment is to stand where they are and fight it out.

Hitler's "static" divisions have been sitting along the coast for two years. They can be counted on to fight hard, if for no other reason than that they are behind the eight-ball.

If you think Herman the GI German is just a goose-stepping automaton you're in for a rude awakening—if you awake in time. Herman has been in the army longer than you. By nature he's an eager beaver, extremely anxious to be a good soldier.

Jerry's coast defenses, where they exist, are good. First come long-range guns, which our bombers will knock out. Next, medium guns—against which we have more planes, battleships and cruisers. Finally, beach obstacles—barbed wire and pillboxes.

Don't worry about the pillboxes. At first a "pill" seems like a good idea to



... behind the 8-ball.

the guy inside, but when it is surrounded by rifles, BARs, grenades, satchel charges of TNT and flame throwers it becomes a coffin.

Things may be pretty tough on the shores, but you will be moving fast. We can assemble in a short time (and only in amphibious operations is this possible) a greater concentration of men and equipment in one area than any coastline defender can possibly match.

Just because you are on the Continent to chase the Germans out of the countries they have invaded, it isn't safe to figure that every native civilian is a friend. Remember your security training and turn all suspicious strangers over to a guard or an MP—politely, but firmly. The



... suspicious strangers.

Germans are sharp operators and they have agents among the population of every country in which you might find yourself. Don't let these "tourists" wander around loose, looking and listening. If you make a mistake and turn over a patriotic mayor to the MPs—they'll find out who he is.

The thing that bogs down military operations is often what Napoleon called "the friction of war." In other words, things don't work out exactly as planned because outfits get lost or traffic gets tied up or what is a bridge on the map turns out to be a nice big hole in the road when you get to it. The way to beat that

taking care of themselves. Along with your big mission of killing Germans you must constantly keep yourself in condition for that time when a big push will call for endurance above and beyond that of a puddler in a steel mill. Watch your feet; eat, don't waste, your food; take care of your rifle. Continental Europe is a very old place. The soil is loaded with germs and a slight wound improperly cared for might give



Infantry-Artillery combination.

you lockjaw. Have the medics fix up small scratches and cuts immediately. European water is often a sort of germ soup. If you can't get water from a distributing center, purify it by using one "halazone tablet" per canteenful—or drink the local wine. Your medical officer will tell you all about it; heed his advice. A soldier is no better than his feet. Get properly fitted shoes now. Wash and dry your feet at least once a day. If you



... the way to beat SNAFU is teamwork.

SNAFU stuff is to use the oldest secret weapon of the lot—teamwork. The best example of Army teamwork is in the infantry-artillery combination, and to work successfully every man, from a full chicken colonel down to the lowliest yard-bird, has to be everlastingly on the ball.

The infantry commander, who asks for supporting fire, has a very important job and a responsible decision to make. The Pfc who carries his request message is just as important. If it doesn't get through, the executive officer who is firing the supporting battery can't put his shells where they are needed. He can't do it if he does get the message—but finds that the man driving his ammunition truck isn't where he should be.

In our modern, streamlined field artillery set-up, every man is important and one weak sister slows down the whole team. So far, our artillery has been one of the outstanding successes. German prisoners in Italy all said that our "magic" artillery fire was the weapon they feared most.

This is a Sergeants' war and it is up to the three-stripe non-coms to keep their men moving all the time. It only takes the Germans a matter of minutes to



Army teamwork.

start laying fire on troops who have been pinned down. From there on it gets worse as more and more guns, firing heavier and heavier shells, range on the area where men have halted.

If you are moving—fast—you're a bad artillery target and about the only thing that will work on you is stuff you can take out in your own right, machine-guns and mortars.

If you do run into unexpected trouble with a well-emplaced machine-gun or field artillery fire blocking the path don't hesitate to ask for help. Your own guns will fire as fast for a non-com as they will for an officer. Just give 'em a target and they'll go to town.

Yanks fighting on every front have learned one thing—the importance of



... keep moving in attack.

repeated too often. One of the dangers which confronts an outfit which has never been in battle is that it may bog down under fire.

If you stop and dig in when you are under fire, enemy artillery, mortars and machine-guns can range in on you. That's where you die.

If, on the other hand, you keep moving, no matter how slowly, going forward as a team, the enemy dies.

This is a serious problem of leadership. Keep moving in the attack—dig in when you are on the defensive or in the rear.

This is a sergeant's war. The private in North Africa, New Guinea and Italy announced, and quickly, that he wanted hard-boiled noncoms who knew their minds, who were leaders, who could make decisions, who could tell their men what their job was, who could carry through.

Your lieutenant must be the same way, but more so. In a great many cases he was once a sergeant. He has a tough job and must be a tough man. Give him your loyalty.

Things can get mighty confused when

After you have found the answers to these questions, do this:

- 1—Tell your men all they need to know about enemy and friendly forces in the vicinity.
- 2—Tell them the job of the team as a whole.
- 3—Tell each man what his individual job will be.
- 4—Direct any issue of ammunition or tools.
- 5—Tell everyone where you, the leader, can be found during the fight.

After issuing your orders, you personally must push the fight and win. Keep your superior officer informed of the situation as it progresses.



No tourniquet for head wounds.

of years or more kept right on going. That's what you will do, even if some good friend gets hit alongside of you. The Medics will be right behind you and it is their job to take care of wounded.

If you get hit yourself there are a few simple rules to remember. Get a bandage over the injury to stop bleeding. Take the eight sulfa tablets which have been issued to you, according to the directions on the packet.

If you are bleeding in spurts, an artery has been severed and you may need a tourniquet to stop it. Use your belt, the rope from a shelter half, or anything which can be looped around an arm or leg and twisted tight. Don't leave it on

bullets and shells start singing around you, sergeant. You've got your squad to a certain point; you've lost men; you've done a lot of fighting and used a lot of ammunition; there's so-and-so over there hammering at you with a machine-gun; and you have a wild feeling, "My God, what do I do now?"

This, sergeant, is the time to put your throbbing head in your moist palms and think.

Here is a simple little formula or check list worth memorizing:

- 1—What is your job here and now in the military team?
- 2—What and where is the enemy or



... if you get hit ...

too long. Do these few necessary things, and then KEEP STILL. That's the way to conserve your strength and ward off shock.

They don't give any marksmanship badges on battlefields—the prize for good shooting is just this:



"BY GOD THAT'S WHAT I SHOULD'D DONE!"

Too late to think now, Sergeant!

- 3—Is there a friendly force near enough to help? What men and tools have you to do the job?
- 4—In what different ways can you get the job done, quickly and thoroughly, with least loss of men and equipment? What is the best way?

If you hit what you want to hit, when you want to hit it, you stay healthy. Maggie's Drawers pays off with a \$10,000 booby prize—only you don't get it, your estate does. The same rules apply for a battle bull as did on training camp ranges:

Position, sight picture, trigger squeeze.



... Maggie's Drawers pays off with a \$10,000 booby prize ...

'Bullet Hits Don't Hurt,' Wounded Say

Battle Casualties Tell What To Do: Don't Hamper Advance of Pals—Lie Still, Wait for Rescue by Aid Men



A WOUND looks like this. It isn't pretty, but the Italian soldier, being attended by U.S. Medic, doesn't seem to be suffering. Battle casualties said most wounds don't hurt.

By **Ralph Harwood**
Warweek Staff Writer

BATTLE wounds don't hurt—they are more of a surprise than anything else. That's the collective opinion of nearly a score of battle wounded American soldiers, interviewed by Warweek in an effort to get straight answers to questions which every man in the ETO has asked at least once.

Along with answers to the specific questions he asked, this reporter picked up some additional information. One fact was that the sulfa first-aid treatment works like magic, another was that the first aid men are right on the heels of the infantry, and when a man gets hit "they get to you in a matter of minutes."

Piecing together the individual stories, it becomes clear that men who have been actually wounded themselves know that it isn't as bad as they thought it would be and that they realize how vitally important it is for wounded men to keep still, bandage their wounds quickly and then lie quietly waiting for the aid men to arrive.

Here are the questions this reporter asked: "What does it feel like to be wounded in battle? Does it hurt? Are you helpless? Who helps you? What happens then?"

They Tell What Happened
Here are the straight accounts of men who have been wounded. They tell exactly what it is like to get caught in a spray from the fast-firing Nazi machine-gun, to stop a hatful of 88 shell splinters or some mortar shrapnel. They give an idea what happens when you look a Nazi grenade squarely in the face—at the wrong moment.

S/Sgt. Jesse W. Brantley, of Honeygrove, Texas, is a member of a famous infantry division which fought through the North African and Sicilian campaigns. He has the Silver Star and Cluster, awarded for bravery in Sicily.

a machine-gun and they were sending plenty of stuff back at us.

"All at once something hit my right thigh hard enough to knock me over onto my back. I thought at first a bullet had hit a rock next to me and the rock had hit me. That's how it felt. There was no pain; just a numbness in my leg. I rolled back over and went on firing.

Took Sulfa Pills
"When I realized the bullet had actually hit me, as I did when I brought my hand away from my hip with blood on it. I got out my sulfa pills and took them. I worked the leg around to get some feeling into it, and after about 30 minutes was able to walk on it.

Then I started back to the aid station. It was five or six miles, and after walking two or two and a-half miles I got a ride in a jeep the rest of the way. The leg didn't start to hurt until about an hour and a half after I was hit."

When Sgt. Brantley got back to the aid station they fixed him up and sent him to the base hospital. There he was laid up for a month, unable to walk, but after two and a half months he was back with his outfit, as good as ever.

"Ninety-nine times out of a hundred," he said, "the aid men get to you in a matter of minutes, if not sooner. They're able to tell pretty quickly whether you can navigate or not."

Private Robert L. Gearling, a rifleman from Barnsville, Ohio, went through the Sicilian campaign from Gela right up to August 3, 1943, when he encountered some trouble in the shape of a machine-gun slug and mortar shrapnel.

"Our company was supposed to take a hill outside of Troina," he recalled. "We had marched about 12 miles toward our objective, when we suddenly came under fire.

Took Pills—Kept Firing
"About that time a machine-gun that was hidden opened up on us. We were in a crouched position in order to fire. Two of us got hit. Mine was a ricochet in the left shoulder.

"I yelled that I was hit, and the lieutenant yelled back, asking how bad it was. I said I could move the arm, so I

guessed it wasn't so bad. I took my wound pills, like we had been told, and went on firing.

"That was about 0800 hours," Gearling continued, "and we held the place we had taken until noon. Then Jerry counter-attacked, and we had to get the hell out of there. They were right on our tail with mortars all the way, those big six-barreled, 210-mm. jobs.

"I was running down a gully when one of those shells hit fifteen yards or so to the left, and I went for a loop. I jumped up and ran about 40 or 50 steps farther when my knee started to catch on me. Then I realized I had been hit by shrapnel.

"The knee started burning and stinging some. That shrapnel is hot. A couple of guys helped me on out and took me to an aid station.

"They cleaned up my knee there, and sent me on to a Canadian field hospital, where the machine-gun slug was removed from my shoulder. It never had hurt very much."

Pvt. Charles Scott, of Williamson, West Virginia, was wounded shortly after the battle of El Guettar in North Africa, while laying a communication line.

Hit Under Left Eye

"We had jumped between some rocks to get away from mortar fire. We didn't know there was a machine-gun nest right above where we had ducked. These Jerries spotted us and lobbed a concussion grenade down about two feet in front of where I was lying on my belly.

"My head still aches when I think of what happened then. The thing went off like a terrific firecracker, and a piece of the container hit me under the left eye. I was plenty groggy, but I remember worrying about whether the eye was gone or not. I thought it was.

"When the general numbness began to wear off a little my head began to ache something awful. After about 15 minutes the aid men sent me to the aid station, about two miles back. I took another man with me who was shot in the leg.

"After about two hours the sight began to return to my eye. They kept me there at the aid station a couple of days and

continued to treat the eye. It got O.K. and the cut under the eye was not too bad. I was back with my outfit shortly afterward."

Sgt. William K. Cole, of Memphis, Tennessee, jumped with an airborne division in Italy. His battalion was pushing northward towards the Voltorno when they ran into German 88 fire. They took cover, and Cole, an aid man, jumped into a tank trap.

"I thought I was the safest man in Italy," he said. "Something hit me across the legs just below the knees.

"I jumped up instinctively, took about three steps and collapsed. Then I could see that my leg was broken. I was scared for a moment, and then I started cussing. It didn't hurt, it was just numb. I cut away my pants leg, and saw it was a

compound fracture. Then I took the sulfa pills, and by that time two other aid men got to me.

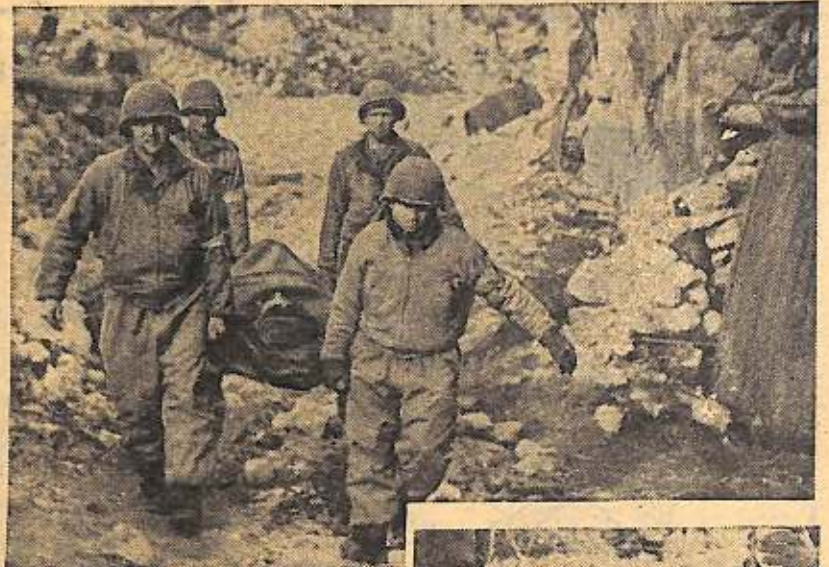
"I shouldn't have jumped up when I felt the stuff hit me," Cole concluded. "That's the worst thing a man can do."

There you have it, soldier. Getting hit in battle isn't nearly as rough a proposition in the big majority of cases as you might imagine. There are just three things a person must remember:

First, apply the compress from your first-aid packet to the wound, being careful not to get the inside surface of the thing dirty when you undo it. This pad, if held in place firmly, is enough to stop a pretty healthy flow of blood, and is a lot safer than a tourniquet.

Second, take your sulfa wound pills. They give your body extra strength against infection.

Third, remain as quiet as you can for the short time until the aid men get to you. Moving around increases bleeding and the chance of infection. Just lie flat and take it easy. If other soldiers want to stop to try to help you, tell them to get to hell on about their business, and to get one for you while they're at it.



STRETCHER BEARERS carry wounded Yank where he'll get treatment. All but a tiny fraction of battle wounded survive their hurts.



TRANSFUSION of blood plasma, as soon as possible after a man is wounded, is one of the ways in which wound deaths have been cut to a tiny figure. Victim here is German prisoner, captured in Italy.



AFTER TREATMENT at advanced station, wounded men are lifted aboard LCVP and taken to hospital ships. This happened at Salerno. Speedy handling saves lives.

Parley-Voo For Busy GIs—

In One Easy Lesson, Including Papa!



1. Haltel (hait)



2. Venez ici (vuh NAYZ ee-SEE)



3. Je suis Americain (juh SWEEZ ah-may-ree-KANG)



4. Ou sont les Allemands? (oo swanz lays al-mahng?)



5. Ou est Paris? (oo ay Paire?)



6. Montrez moi, s'il vous plait (mawn-tray-MWA, seel voo PLAY)



7. Je ne comprends pas (juh nuh KAWM-prahng PA)



8. J'ai fam... soif (jhay fahm... swaf)



9. Oui? ... Non? (wee... nohng)



10. Aidez-moi, s'il vous plait (ay-day MWA, seel voo PLAY)

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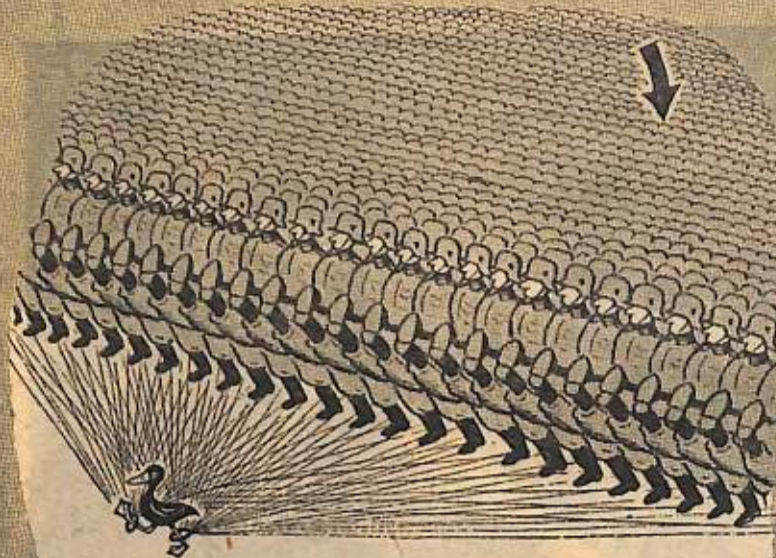


Lt. Dave Breger Britain



PRIVATE KOCKENHÄUSEN, THIS MEMBER OF THE DEGENERATE DEMOCRACIES CAN NOT BE ALLOWED TO OUT DO US! I COMMAND YOU TO LEAP FROM OUR HIGHEST CLIFF AND SOAR ABOUT FOR TWO HOURS!

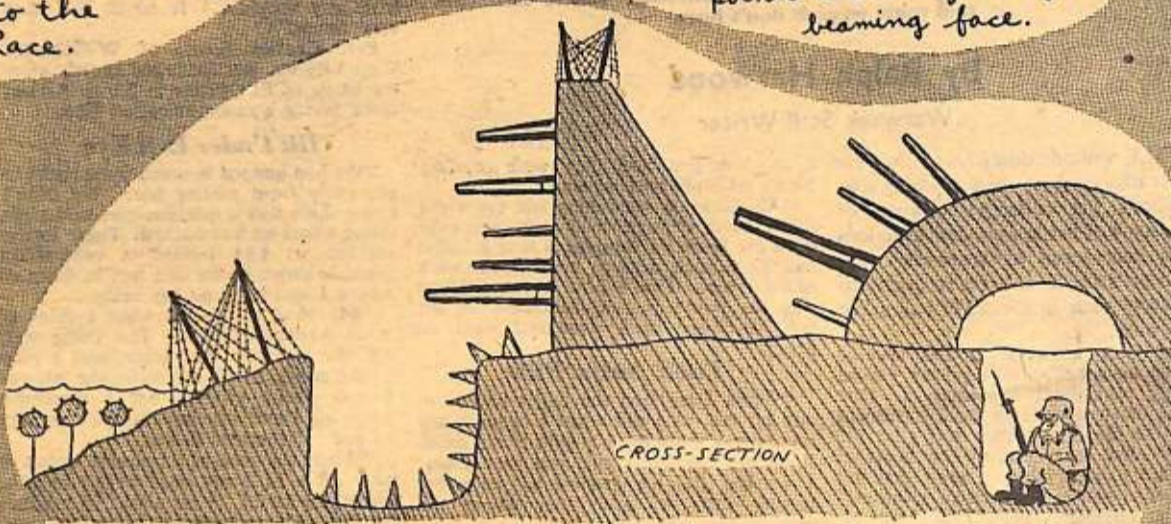
INTRODUCING Private Ludwig Kockenhäusen, (known to us as GJ Jerry). His C.O. is about to demonstrate that they both belong to the Master Race.



Basic training days! Ludwig is filled with joy for he is to be a soldier of the Master Race. Such honor! Arrow points to Ludwig's boyish beaming face.



Advancing westward from the Russian front is the Fünften Kompanie, 384 Infanterie. Ludwig belongs to this unit—if he can catch it.



Ludwig's present station is on the French coast where he is awaiting the weak, cowardly and spineless Americans and British.

More About Booby Traps



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is taken up, the detonator is pulled and the mine explodes—well behind him but probably in the midst of men following the patrol leader.

Beware of Phone Wires

Broken telephone wires have been found attached to buried mines, apparently with the idea that Signal Corps repairmen would try to pull the wire out of the earth.

That's the kind of thing men will have to avoid from the moment they land on the European coast until they march through the streets of Berlin.

Any discussion of booby traps invariably gets to mines, sooner or later. As a matter of fact there is only a technical difference between them. It might be stated this way:

A booby trap is a mine which is BAITED. It depends on a stage setting designed to make you DO SOMETHING which will explode the deadly charge in its cleverly concealed hiding place.

A true mine, on the other hand, is an un-baited trap and, like a piano-wire snare set in a rabbit runway, depends on the victim blundering into it without seeing it.

Civilians Can Help

In either case the best protection is constant watchfulness and an extreme lack of the souvenir-hunter's weakness.

Civilians can and will be willing to give you valuable information about enemy mines or booby traps. Question them whenever you can.

It is a safe bet that any building occupied by Jerry will have been booby-trapped before he left—if he had time. So be sure and find out which buildings he used and which he did not. Don't take anybody's word for it that a place is safe—but if a civilian can tell you that the

enemy had been occupying a certain house in a village, for instance, mark it down as a place almost certain to be dangerous.

Ask about any unexplained "work" the enemy had been seen doing around roads, parking areas or bridges. They are all favorite spots for mines.

Always remember that the German booby trap expert is a very smart guy. A lot of the "science" of detecting traps is "hunch," but an informed hunch is a lot better than a wild guess. Put yourself in his place. When you look into a room, say to yourself:

"If I was booby-trapping this place before pulling out, where would I put 'em?"

Be Smart and Live

Then look there. If you see some attractive souvenir, you're right and you've outsmarted him—and probably saved your own life. Always remember that there will be the obvious place for a booby trap, and then a secondary one. The secondary one is usually the more dangerous of the two. Here's an example:

Almost any man would know that opening doors in an evacuated building is dangerous. But that chair, carelessly placed to half-block an open door, is probably even more dangerous than the door itself. It is more dangerous because it is natural.

The most effective booby trap is the one which looks exactly the way it ought

to look. There won't be any mysterious wires or strings to give you the tip-off—there'll just be some perfectly natural thing which you will want to move. If you do you may not get killed—but lots of men have been.

Traps for Suckers

When you get right down to it, these booby traps are strictly for suckers. Any guy who goes fooling around in a former German CP, picking up stuff, opening doors, finding out whether the radio works or getting set to V-mail his girl on a Heinie typewriter—before the joint has been deloused by a booby trap expert from the Engineers—is just asking for trouble.

When he gets it, it's big trouble, trouble with a capital "T"—\$10,000 trouble.

Remember These Tips, Stay Alive in Battle

If you want to stay alive in battle (and who the hell doesn't) remember these seven commandments, prepared by an officer who has seen plenty of front-line combat:

- 1—Keep to the high ground as much as possible.
- 2—Arrange simple signals between the men in your squad to maintain contact and indicate positions.
- 3—When you mop up a dugout be sure to throw your grenades fully inside. There may be an inner wall to give additional protection.
- 4—On sentry duty, work in groups of three. One challenges while the other two silently protect from the shadows on the flank.
- 5—Keep silent when on guard, and remain motionless. Shooting the shinola with other sentries or sneaking a smoke on the sly will result in additional work for the graves registration people.
- 6—Give the password in a low voice.
- 7—Watch out for "dead" Jerries. They may throw grenades and shoot you in the back.

Parley-Voo Answers

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| 1—Stop! | 6—Please show me. |
| 2—Come here. | 7—I don't understand. |
| 3—I am an American. | 8—I am hungry . . . thirsty. |
| 4—Where are the Germans? | 9—Yes? . . . No! |
| 5—Where is Paris? | 10—Please help me. |

The Sergeant's Corner

WATER is a great help in cleaning a rifle—if you use it properly. Here's how:

Get hold of a small can, a cup or a drinking glass. Put not more than two or three inches of hot water in the bottom. Place the muzzle of the rifle in the water, resting on the bottom of the cup or can. Then run a cleaning rod with a loose



patch from the breech all the day down into the water. Pump the hot water up and down in the barrel five or six times. Lift the muzzle out of the water, push the patch all the way through and remove it from the rod at the muzzle. Dry the barrel at once with clean patches and then oil it lightly. All the water does is dissolve and wash away the salt left by the explosion of the primer (cap), BUT THAT'S WHAT CAUSES RUST.

You can't do it that way with an M1—a short tube is necessary and a quart of boiling water should be poured through the barrel from the breech. Don't forget to dry the gas chamber of an M1 as well as the inside of the barrel.

Pull-through hint: Whenever you use your field cleaning outfit, be sure the cord or thong isn't



chafed where it is tied and is ready to let go. Better carry an extra piece of cord to replace one which becomes rotted from oil.

Your rifle or carbine is an offensive weapon—a long-range precision instrument which can kill Germans neatly and quickly. It isn't a spear or a club except in sudden emergencies.

When you get into combat keep your piece loaded and keep the sight-setting correct. When you locate a target frame that field gray uniform in the correct sight picture. Then squeeze, squeeze, squeeze.

One warning: Beware of becoming trigger-happy, gat-goofy, gun-crazy or whatever you may call it. Veterans of the fighting fronts report that one problem

among green troops is wild-eyed shooting at nothing.

Some men fire at random because they are scared, while others just seem to shoot to keep the party going. Anyway, gat-goofiness is dangerous and has resulted in casualties among our own men and allies.

Hold your shots until you have a real target. Then fire at will.

The weather is something you can never depend on. You may not want to take long-john drawers into the field with you, but the woolen undershirt and cotton shorts make a pretty good combination. Remember, it gets cold at night in a lot of places.

When you get into the field of battle don't remove personal possessions from the bodies of our dead or the enemy



dead, even though you may have the best intentions. It may be somebody you think a lot of and you plan to send the things back to his family.

However, there is always the chance that you may be knocked off yourself. If that happened, the graves registration people, whose job it is to identify the dead and to send personal possessions back home, would have no way of knowing which things belonged to you and which belonged to someone else.

Lay off stiff Jerries, too. We expect them to respect our dead, and we should respect theirs.

Tip for your field kit: Don't carry toilet articles—tooth paste and shaving cream—in tubes unless you have a hard case to put them in. Best bet, though, is to use tooth powder or a shaving



stick; tube stuff is always apt to get squashed. Even if you aren't a Betsy Ross, needle and thread can come in pretty handy for mending torn clothing. Toss a compact sewing kit into your field pack.

Browns Annex Twin Bill as Yanks Drop Two

Bombers' Lead Only Half Game Over St. Louis

Bengals Jump to Third; Chisox, Indians Sweep Double-headers

NEW YORK, May 31—A twin defeat at the hands of Detroit, 2-1 and 4-1, dropped the Yankees within half a game of the second place Browns, who thumped the Senators twice, 6-4 and 4-2, to highlight yesterday's eight-game American League Memorial Day festivities.

It was a banner day for western hosts as the Browns, Tigers, White Sox and Indians swept their double-headers from eastern invaders. By virtue of their victories, the Tigers climbed from sixth place to a third place tie with the Nats and Athletics.

The champion Bombers blew their first double header of the season, Detroit pitching stopping them cold in both games. Dizzy Trout checked the Yanks with seven hits in the opener and won his own game with a homer in the ninth off Ernie Bonham. The other Bengal tally came in the fifth when Rudy York's single drove in Joe Hoover. Nick Etten averted a shutout for the Yanks when he clouted a four-bagger in the fourth.

Newhouse Victor

Hal Newhouse duplicated Trout's performance in the nightcap, beating Bill Zuber, who exited in the eighth after yielding two runs. Jim Turner finished for the McCarthymen and allowed two hits and two runs.



Chet Laabs

The Browns shattered a 3-3 deadlock in the first game with three runs in the seventh, clustering a walk, George McQuinn's triple, Vern Stephen's outfield fly and a homer by Chet Laabs, the Browns' weekend outfielder - w a r -

worker. Nelson Potter lasted until the eighth to earn credit for the win, while Mickey Haefner was the loser. In the windup, the Browns collected only six hits off Early Wynn but they bunched them for three runs in the fourth and one in the seventh to dump the Nats. Al Shirley hurled eight innings and gave Washington seven hits, including George Case's homer in the sixth with the bases empty, to triumph.

Snapping their three-game losing streak, the White Sox bowled over the Athletics twice, 5-1 and 2-1, before 15,000 fans in Chicago. Bobo Newsom chucked the early tilt for the A's and allowed only six hits, but the Dykesmen pooled four in the fourth for three runs and two in the eighth for another pair. Bill Dietrich had his troublesome moments, giving up 11 hits, but he settled down to strand 12 Mackmen.

Grove Yields Six Hits

Eddie Garnett, Chicago first baseman, batted in both runs in the finale. His single in the second registered Ralph Hodgins, who had doubled, and his single in the eighth scored Thurman Tucker, who had singled and advanced to third on Hodgins' one-bagger. Ford Garrison's homer in the eighth was the only run off Orval Grove, who twirled a six-hitter. Luman Harris allowed ten blows in losing.

More than 12,000 Cleveland rooters saw the Tribe turn back the Red Sox, 9-3 and 4-3. The Indians settled the opener with a six-run uprising in the sixth that chased Emmett O'Neill. Until the clinching rally, it was a see-saw affair, the hometowners going ahead in the first inning on Roy Cullenbine's homer, Boston moving to the front in the second when Jim Tabor homered with one on, Cleveland getting two in the third and the Bosov knotting the count with one in the fourth. Mel Harder was the winner with a nine-hitter.

Allie Reynolds pitched his first complete game of the season and won his fourth in the nightcap. He limited the Red Sox to seven hits while the Tribe reached Yank Terry for eight. Terry forced the winning run across in the seventh when he walked three straight hitters after Cullentine singled.

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Ott Poles 3 Homers as Giants Slap Cubs

Freshman Find

By Pap



HE WON NINE GAMES LAST SEASON AND LOST THE SAME NUMBER

KLEINE—THE CLEVELAND ROCKIE SOUTH-PAW MADE THE BIG JUMP FROM WILKES-BARRE OF THE EASTERN LEAGUE

HAL EARNED A STARTING ASSIGNMENT BY HIS FINE RELIEF KURLING AGAINST THE BROWNS

Another Sunflower?

Ideaman Dumont Threatens To Seek Election in Kansas

WICHITA, Kan., May 31—Ray Dumont, the invention-minded president of the National Semi-pro Baseball Congress, is ready to toss his oversized fedora into the state political wars unless the legislature repeals a statute which forbids baseball on Sunday.

"I definitely intend to do something drastic unless the next session of the State legislature takes some action," Dumont threatened. "If they don't strike the law from the books I'll run for the Senate and take care of the matter personally."

Jim Crowley Back in U.S. After 18 Mo. in S. Pacific

NEW YORK, May 31—Lt. Cmdr. James "Sleep Jim" Crowley, former grid mentor of the Fordham Rams and one of Notre Dame's "Four Horsemen" of the Twenties, has arrived home after nearly 18 months on duty in the South Pacific.

Crowley will report to the Sampson Naval Training Station, Sampson, N.Y., where he will be in charge of athletics, a post previously held by Lt. Cmdr. Mal Stevens, ex-NYU coach. Crowley is slated to coach the Boston Yankees, newly-organized pro eleven, after the war.

Whether Dumont would be elected is something which apparently escaped his immediate attention. He did point out, however, that baseball is being discriminated against because the present law does not forbid the playing of other athletic events on the Sabbath.

The fiery semi-pro mogul is widely known for his baseball innovations. Among other devices, he introduced the pneumatic home plate duster calculated to spare the umpire the task of stooping down to brush off the plate, and "planted" a field microphone which pops out of the ground so the customers in the stands can listen to arguments between umpires and players.

Minor League Results

International League					
Jersey City	1	Newark	0	(first game)	
Jersey City	5	Newark	4	(second game)	
Baltimore	8	Syracuse	5	(first game)	
Baltimore	8	Syracuse	2	(second game)	
Montreal	1	Buffalo	0	(first game)	
Buffalo	8	Montreal	7	(second game)	
Rochester	6	Toronto	4	(first game)	
Rochester	10	Toronto	7	(second game)	
W L Pct.	W L Pct.				
Jersey City	19 14	.576	Montreal	17 17	.500
Buffalo	19 15	.559	Baltimore	15 15	.500
Rochester	20 17	.541	Syracuse	13 16	.453
Toronto	17 15	.531	Newark	10 21	.323
Eastern League					
Albany	9	Hartford	2	(first game)	
Albany	4	Hartford	3	(second game)	
Wilkes-Barre	4	Scranton	1	(first game)	
Wilkes-Barre	7	Scranton	4	(second game)	
Binghamton	6	Utica	0	(first game)	
Utica	16	Binghamton	5	(second game)	
Elmira	2	Williamsport	1	(first game)	
Williamsport	14	Elmira	4	(second game)	
W L Pct.	W L Pct.				
Albany	16 8	.667	Williamsport	11 14	.440
Hartford	16 9	.640	Binghamton	10 14	.417
Wilkes-Barre	16 12	.571	Scranton	10 16	.385
Utica	13 11	.500	Elmira	9 15	.375
American Association					
Minneapolis	5	St. Paul	2	(first game)	
St. Paul	12	Minneapolis	8	(second game)	
Milwaukee	7	Kansas City	6	(first game)	
Milwaukee	6	Kansas City	5	(second game)	
Pacific Coast League					
Sacramento	5	San Diego	1	(first game)	
San Diego	2	Sacramento	0	(second game)	
Los Angeles	5	San Francisco	1	(first game)	
Los Angeles	5	San Francisco	4	(second game)	
Hollywood	7	Oakland	2	(first game)	
Oakland	1	Hollywood	0	(second game)	
Seattle	2	Portland	1	(first game)	
Seattle	10	Portland	3	(second game)	
W L Pct.	W L Pct.				
Seattle	31 23	.574	San Diego	28 27	.509
Portland	30 23	.566	Los Angeles	26 26	.500
San Francisco	28 24	.538	Oakland	23 29	.442
Hollywood	28 25	.528	Sacramento	16 33	.327

Li'l Abner



Goodie, Goodie—Rosen Is Returning to Flatbush

BROOKLYN, May 31—Outfielder Goodwin Rosen, who was so popular with Flatbush rooters in 1938 that they carried banners reading "We Want Goodie" whenever he was benched, is coming back to town.

Rosen is being shipped back to the Dodgers from the Syracuse Chiefs of the International League in exchange for Pitchers Freddie Ostermueller and Bill Lohrman. In 22 games with the Chiefs this year, Rosen is clubbing .309.

Aletern First In Suburban

Sun Again Fails in Stretch Bid, Finishes Second Ahead of Alquest

NEW YORK, May 31—Aletern, a five-year-old chocolate colored colt from the stable of A. C. Ernst, scampered the mile and a quarter in 2:01.2 to win the 58th running of Suburban Handicap at Belmont Park yesterday as attendance and betting marks were shattered.

With Jockey Herb Lindberg in the saddle, Aletern nosed under the finish line half a length ahead of Warren Wright's Sun Again, which closed with a fine burst of speed. Aletern earned \$39,000, and stablemate Alquest, which ran third, added another \$5,000 to the Ernst bankroll.

Sun Again, carrying 128 pounds and giving 20 away to Aletern, made a great bid in the stretch, but Jockey Conn McCreary had waited too long. Aletern was fourth a quarter of a mile from the finish and then moved out, with just enough speed to stave off Sun Again's belated rush.



American League

W L Pct.	W L Pct.						
Chicago 5	Philadelphia 1 (first game)						
Chicago 2	Philadelphia 1 (second game)						
Cleveland 9	Boston 3 (first game)						
Cleveland 4	Boston 3 (second game)						
Detroit 2	New York 1 (first game)						
Detroit 4	New York 1 (second game)						
St. Louis 6	Washington 4 (first game)						
St. Louis 4	Washington 2 (second game)						
New York 20	Philadelphia 19	19	.500				
St. Louis 23	Boston	18	.20	.474			
Detroit	20	20	.500	Cleveland	18	22	.450
Washington	19	19	.500	Chicago	16	21	.432

New York at Detroit
Boston at Cleveland
Philadelphia at Chicago
Washington at St. Louis (night)

National League

W L Pct.	W L Pct.						
New York 6	Chicago 5 (first game)						
New York 5	Chicago 4 (second game)						
Brooklyn 9	Pittsburgh 3 (first game)						
Brooklyn 4	Pittsburgh 3 (second game)						
Boston 1	St. Louis 0 (first game)						
St. Louis 13	Boston 3 (second game)						
Cincinnati 4	Philadelphia 3 (first game)						
Cincinnati 7	Philadelphia 3 (second game)						
W L Pct. <td>W L Pct.</td>	W L Pct.						
St. Louis 25	12	.676	Brooklyn	17	20	.459	
Cincinnati 22	14	.611	Boston	18	22	.450	
Pittsburgh	19	14	.576	Philadelphia	14	19	.424
New York	17	20	.459	Chicago	11	22	.333

Chicago at New York
St. Louis at Boston
Cincinnati at Philadelphia
Pittsburgh at Brooklyn (night)

Leading Hitters

Americian League	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Tucker, Chicago	22	60	16	36	.400
Hostetter, Detroit	35	95	11	33	.347
Hockett, Cleveland	30	105	8	36	.343
Johnson, Boston	32	103	29	35	.340
Etten, New York	34	119	19	39	.328

National League

Americian League	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Walker, Brooklyn	37	144	22	62	.431
Musial, St. Louis	38	135	27	50	.370
Phillips, Boston	28	86	9	31	.360
Bordagaray, Brooklyn	35	142	34	51	.359
Holmes, Boston	41	170	22	58	.341

Home Run Hitters

American League	Secoy, Cleveland,	and	Hayes, Philadelphia	6;	Trosky, Chicago,	Cullenbine, Cleveland	and	Snence, Washington,	5.
National League	Ott, New York,	10;	Kurovski, St. Louis,	8;	Schultz, Brooklyn,	6.			

Runs Batted In

American League	Tabor, Boston,	and	Hayes, Philadelphia,	26;	York, Detroit,	25.
National League	Schultz, Brooklyn,	35;	Kurovski, St. Louis,	28;	Weintraub, New York,	27.

Reds, Dodgers Take Holiday Double Features

Cards Blanked by Braves, 1-0, But Come Back To Win, 13-3

NEW YORK, May 31—Manager Mel Ott's three home runs captured the National League spotlight yesterday as the Giants, Dodgers and Reds took both ends of their holiday double-headers and the front-running Cardinals settled for an even break with the Braves.



MEL OTT

Ott increased his total to ten by poling two four-baggers in the opener and one in the finale as the Giants victimized the Cubs, 6-5 and 5-4, before 21,000 at the Polo Grounds. Bill Nicholson swatted one for the Bruins in the second inning of the inaugural and Lou Novikoff followed suit in the sixth, but other Chicagoans were helpless against Harry Feldman. Paul Derringer toiled six frames for the Cubs to absorb the reversal.

Pyle Chased in Ninth

A homer by Andy Palko in the second provided the Cubs with a brief margin in the windup, but the Giants erased their deficit with single runs in the fourth and fifth. Ott's third circuit blow of the day headed a three-run assault in the sixth which shagged Hank Wyse and sewed up the decision. Ewald Pyle pitched until the ninth, when a three-run Cub splurge sent him to the showers, Ace Adams finishing and saving Pyle's victory.

Four-hit pitching by Nate Andrews and Tommy Holmes' circuit smash gave the Braves a 1-0 success over the Cardinals in the first game, but the Redbirds blasted three Boston pitchers for 13 bingles to grab the nightcap, 13-3, before 20,000 fans, the largest crowd of the season in Boston. Andrews was hooked up in a torrid pitching duel with Harry Gumbert until the eighth, when Holmes capitalized on his club's recent renovation of the field which moved the right field fence 20 feet nearer to the plate to slap his homer.

Galan Clubs Three-Run Homer

The beloved Bums of Flatbush defeated the Pirates, 9-3 and 4-3, before 23,000 Brooklyn partisans, with home runs playing a major role on each victory. Auggie Galan's three-run drive in the second inning of the curtain raiser proved to be the ultimate margin of victory for Wes Flowers over Max Butcher. Babe Dahlgren and Jim Russell homered for the Bucs; but the bases were vacant both times.

Home runs by Dixie Walker and Frenchy Bordagaray cushioned the way for Hal Gregg in the second game as Xavier Rescigno suffered the defeat. The Bucs threatened with one run in the eighth and two in the ninth, but Curt Davis relieved Gregg and stifled the outburst.

The Reds secured their grasp on second place by shading the Phillies, 4-3 and 7-3, to the chagrin of 22,000 Philadelphia fans. Ed Heusser's relief pitching saved the opener for Arnold Carter, who departed in the ninth with two on and one away, while Bill Lee was tagged with the setback. Heusser hit the first batter, loading the bags, then retired the side.

Handcuffing the Phils with seven hits over the route, Clyde Shoun eluded serious trouble in taking the second decision over Al Gerheuser. Frank McCormick's second homer of the season in the third shoved the Reds to the front and they increased their lead by routing Gerheuser with four runs in the fifth.

By Al Capp

By Courtesy of United Features



Sharp Attacks By Nazis End Lull in Russia

Slight Wedge Pierces Red Lines in Rumania; Scope Of Drive a Question

Sharp German tanks attacks north of the former Nazi GHQ city of Jassy in Rumania—which Moscow said had driven "an insignificant wedge" into Soviet positions—ended a six-week lull on the Eastern Front yesterday.

In the absence of front-line reports, the full scope of the Nazi thrust was not apparent. An Associated Press dispatch from Moscow said the attacks "appear to be aimed at upsetting Red Army concentrations rather than the beginning of a Nazi Rumanian offensive—but it is too early to tell definitely."

The Soviet communiqué, first in 38 days to report operations on the mainland, said that in spite of the Germans' "great numerical superiority" they suffered heavy losses in fierce fighting. It added that 50 Nazi tanks were knocked out.

The Russians reported the capture of an important hill southeast of Vitebsk, the German bastion on the central front, after several days' local fighting.

German accounts described the Jassy fighting as a "local offensive" and said it was broken off with the capture of a dominating height.

Russian bombers caught and sank three German trawlers, a landing barge and a patrol cutter in Narva Bay.

The enemy reported heavy-bomber attacks on Soviet rear communications at Fastov and Kasatin, 40 and 90 miles southwest of Kiev respectively.

Pop Who Joined Up To Avenge Slain Son Is the 'Father of '44'

NEW YORK, May 31—Maj. Fred D. Conderman, of New Bern, N.C., who entered the Marine Corps after his son, 2/Lt. Robert J. Conderman, was killed at Wake Island in December, 1941, was designated yesterday as "fighting father of the year" by the National Father's Day Committee.

When offered a commission, the senior Conderman replied:

"I'll take it on two conditions: I want to be sent to the Pacific war zone, and do I get a rifle?"

He went ashore in one of the first landing craft at Guadalcanal, and although assigned to the Marine post office found time to participate in several attacks on the Japanese. He is now mail officer at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Nazi Arrests Bare Plot To Dope Mideast Natives

CAIRO, May 31 (AP)—A Nazi plot to peddle narcotic drugs among the natives of the Middle East, as the Japanese have been doing for years in Manchuria and occupied China, was revealed today by the arrest in Egypt, Palestine and Syria of 53 members of a Nazi-sponsored gang of international drug runners.

Police declared that arrangements for catering to the drug habit among North Africans and Levantines as part of the German plan of conquest dated from the time of the Nazi advance to Alamein, where drugs were found on men of Rommel's army.

It's Maj. Bob Johnson Now AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION, May 31—Robert S. Johnson, of Lawton, Okla., who destroyed 27 German planes in the air to become the top U.S. fighter pilot in the European theater, has been promoted from captain to major, it was announced.

The 24-year-old P47 pilot holds the DSC, Silver Star, Purple Heart, DFC with six oak leaf clusters and the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

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 - 1810—GI Supper Club.
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 - 2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.
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 - 2030—Bing Crosby Music Hall.
 - 2100—World News (BBC).
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 - 2145—USO in the ETO.
 - 2145—Comedy Casavan—with Jimmy "Schmozie" Durante and Gary Moore.
 - 2200—Comedy Stand with Joe Reichman.
 - 2225—One Night Stand with Joe Reichman.
 - 2255—Final Edition.
 - 2300—Sign off until 1100 hours, Friday, June 2.

Japanese Loudspeaker 'Jammed' by Bren Gun

KANDY, Ceylon, May 31 (UP)—"I am British officer. I come to Japanese because better is their pay," blared out a Japanese loudspeaker on the Kohima front.

From the British side came the reply:

"And I am No. 2 on Bren."

Then a hail of bullets swept over in the direction of the enemy loudspeaker. The Japs closed down.

Chinese Lines Broken by Japs

Foe Reaches 2nd Defense Belt Along Rail Line; Fighting Is Severe

CHUNGKING, May 31—Japanese troops driving southward down the trackless stretch of the Hankow-Canton railroad have reached the northern shore of the Milo River, the Chinese second line of defense, the Chinese High Command disclosed today.

The Milo River defenses already are breached west of the railroad and the Japs were poised for an attempt at crossing east of the roadway. Northwest of Tungting Lake, the Japanese captured Kungan.

Severe fighting in the "rice bowl" of southeastern Hunan Province raged north, northeast and northwest of Changsha, important town on the north-south rail line, from which the Japs were only 45 miles at one point. A Chinese spokesman said the Japanese drive was designed not only to capture the railroad but also to wrest air bases from the U.S. and Chinese forces.

Meanwhile, Chinese troops driving toward Burma met new Japanese attacks in the Mamien Pass area of the border mountains and lost the village of Chiaotou. Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's forces continued their battle for Myitkyina.

First Pacific Tank Clash Occurs in Biak Drive

The first tank battle in the Southwest Pacific Theater was reported yesterday, with American armored units knocking out eight Jap tanks and inflicting heavy casualties as U.S. troops made slight headway in their advance on Mokmer airfield on Biak Island off northwest Dutch New Guinea. Both the Yanks and the Japs have had tanks in action before, but not against opposing armor.

Meantime, American bombers struck 638 miles north of Truk and within 1,200 miles of Tokyo when they pounded Saipan Island, strong enemy base in the Marianas Island group. Other heavies blasted Jap strongholds in the Kuriles.

Marriage of Today Called Just Primitive Sex Union

BOSTON, May 31 (UP)—A reversion to "the primitive type of sex union" is taking place in the U.S., according to the Rev. James H. Gillis, of New York.

He told the annual diocesan congress of the League of Catholic Women that Hollywood weddings, Reno divorces, jitters and obscenity literature were driving civilization "back to the jungle."

Condemning "casual, on-again, off-again marriages, the vogue symbolized by Hollywood weddings and Reno divorces," Mr. Gillis described modern marriage as "sexual promiscuity, slightly disguised with hypocrisy."

Midair Crash of 2 Planes Fatal to 12 Navy Fliers

SAN DIEGO, Cal., May 31 (Reuter)—Eleven Navy fliers aboard a Liberator and the pilot of a Navy Wildcat fighter were killed today when the planes collided over Palomar Mountain.

The planes crashed at points 20 miles apart and the wrecked bomber caused a 12-acre brush fire.

Danielle Darrieux Robbed

Danielle Darrieux, French film actress who has been denounced by the underground as a Nazi collaborator, was robbed at her home in Upper Savoy recently of undisclosed valuables, German News Agency reported.

Terry and the Pirates



IN THE TUNNEL UNDER THE TOWN WHERE TERRY IS TRYING TO PROVE SINGH-SINGH AND HIS WIFE TO BE AXIS COLLABORATORS

THIS AIN'T FUN...TERRY TOLD ME HOW TO SEND AN SOS ON THIS LIFE RAFT BUZZER—BUT ALL I GET IS TRED...IF I KNEW I HAD A LISTENER I MIGHT TRY FOR A SPONSOR...

Worst Mississippi Flood at St. Louis



View of the highway from the east approach of Rocks Bridge, in the St. Louis flood belt, after the levee at Chouteau Island broke early in May, loosing Mississippi waters upon thousands of acres. It was called the worst Mississippi flood in 100 years, destroying millions of dollars worth of crops and washing out many homes.

FDR Action Ends 'Stay-In' Strike of Brewster Workers

NEW YORK, May 31—President Roosevelt's active intervention to obtain new government contracts for Brewster Aeronautical Corp.—to replace Navy orders canceled effective July 1—brought an end today to a two-day "stay-in" demonstration of 8,000 employees.

Shortly after the President told his press conference that he had asked government agencies to see what contracts could be given Brewster, the workers wound up their card games, halted their dancing and began leaving the plant.

They had remained in the factory all day Monday and Memorial day, staying at their jobs without pay as a protest against the manner in which the contract for Corsair fighters was ended.

Enough food to last five days was ordered and the workers were all set to round out the week completing unfinished Corsairs.

Richard Frankenstein, vice-president of the United Auto Workers (CIO), which represents the Brewster workers, told a Senate committee in Washington the Navy's termination of the contracts was "a prime example of anarchy in the procurement program."

After 18 Yrs., They Learn There's a Ceremony, Too

CICERO, Ill., May 31—Joseph Jankowski and Anna Bublus produced a marriage license issued in 1926 and asked Magistrate Edward Marvin Capouch to wed them in a hurry. To the puzzled magistrate, Jankowski explained:

"We got this license 18 years ago and thought that was all there was to it. But yesterday they asked us for our marriage license in a real-estate deal, and then told us we weren't legally married."

Chaplin Says Joan Sued Hoping He'd Make a Deal

LOS ANGELES, May 31 (AP)—Charlie Chaplin alleged Friday that the pending paternity suit brought against him by actress Joan Barry was instituted because she figured he would settle for cash, rather than stand trial.

In papers filed in Superior Court, Chaplin denied the allegations, declaring "Joan Barry well knew, and she knows now, that the defendant herein is not, and could not, be the father of her infant."

First WACs in New Guinea

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, May 31—The first contingent of U.S. WACs is now serving in New Guinea. They include bakers, censors and postal workers.

Marshall's Stepson Killed

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP)—Lt. Allen Tupper Brown, whose mother is the wife of Gen. George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, was killed Monday in a tank action near Campolone, Italy, the War Department has announced.

Airline Expansion Of a Million Miles Foreseen by CAB

WASHINGTON, May 31—Judging by applications flooding its office, the Civil Aeronautics Board estimates an expansion of at least one million miles in American and foreign routes will be necessary to take care of all persons interested in capitalizing on post-war aviation.

The CAB added that only 377 American cities now were airline stops. If all applications were granted air service would be available to 5,000 cities over a distance of 655,000 miles.

Opportunity-conscious individuals chiefly want to operate flying schools and helicopter routes. The Greyhound Corp. plans to provide helicopter air-bus service over a 50,000-mile area.

One applicant, an undertaker, seeks permission to conduct flying funerals. Another wants to establish helicopter service up and down the Grand Canyon.

U.S. Air Crews Now Can Time Bombs to 1/10,000 of a Second

A new kind of bomb which explodes 9/10,000 of a second after impact is being used with great success by American airmen bombing the Reich, the ordnance section of the Air Service Command in Britain disclosed.

American fliers now can control the explosion down to a ten-thousandth part of a second.

A bomb intended to destroy machinery inside a factory can be timed to explode in the center of the plant after it has penetrated the roof, but before it has passed through the building and buried itself in the ground. A mistake of a ten-thousandth part of a second in fuse-setting could be the difference between factory destruction and merely tearing up a few yards of its roof, the ordnance section said.

Raids - - - -

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tions fell on the FW190 plant, almost completely destroying the machine shop, the largest unit, and hitting two assembly shops and the component erecting shop.

At Dessau fires and explosions were noted in the Junkers factory. Three machine shops and two workshops were destroyed, two other workshops, three assembly shops, and other buildings were severely damaged. Railway yards at Troyes and Reims in France were well hit, and five air parks and 'dromes were badly damaged.

Balkans Bombing Summed Up

ISTANBUL, May 31 (AP)—Allied bombing of the Balkans in May resulted in "serious damage to the production of aviation gasoline in the Ploesti area" and affected four main rail centers at Bucharest, Brasov, Plovidiv and Budapest, according to reliable sources here.

NEWS FROM HOME Plan Is Drafted For Post-War Security Body

Initial Blueprint Is Being Submitted to Allies, Roosevelt Reveals

WASHINGTON, May 31—The first draft of a plan for a definite post-war security organization has been worked out by the U.S. and is now being submitted to Britain, Russia and China, President Roosevelt disclosed yesterday.

His press conference statement followed Secretary of State Cordell Hull's announcement that the success of his foreign-policy conferences with a Senate advisory committee had encouraged him to begin immediate informal talks of post-war security with the principal United Nations.

Mr. Roosevelt emphasized that America's blueprint for a peace organization was still only in the first-draft stage and undoubtedly would be modified. He said there were no immediate plans for a formal conference with the major Allies.

The objective, he said, was to establish some machinery for talking things over with other nations without affecting the integrity and independence of the U.S. If one nation or combination of nations started to run amok and invade other nations, it was hoped the proposed world organization could muster sufficient unanimity of opinion, he said, to halt the belligerents before they really got started.

Hull already has invited Britain, Russia and China to begin discussions on post-war security as soon as possible in Washington.

Opposes Kimmel Trial

WASHINGTON, May 31—Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal said today that he personally opposed a court-martial at this time of Adm. Husband E. Kimmel on the negligence charges made against the former Pearl Harbor Navy commander. Forrestal indicated that he feared a hearing might disclose information of value to the enemy.

'Don't Tell the Ladies'

WASHINGTON, May 31—Servicemen shouldn't divulge military information even to their wives and sisters, Mrs. James H. Doolittle told a luncheon group here. They might let the secrets accidentally slip, she said.

Through Before the Start

SIMMS, Tex., May 31—This community of 100 became the first to hit its quota in the fifth war loan drive which opens June 12. The citizens subscribed \$18,135.

Gloria's Spouse Discharged

NEW YORK, May 31—Lt. Pat DiCicco, husband of the former Gloria Vanderbilt, has been discharged from the Army because of a physical disability, officials at Mitchel Field announced.

Official Indorsement

BOSTON, May 31—Michael Hurley, 6, has received permission to name his dog "General MacArthur." Authority came from the general himself.

Gobs of Smiths

WASHINGTON, May 31—There are 16,000 men in the U.S. Navy named Smith, the Office of War Information disclosed. About 300 of them have the same first name and middle initial.

Farm Injunction Voided, Philly Gets Air Service

ALLENTOWN, Pa., May 31—The Allentown-Bethlehem airport will be re-opened next week, thus restoring commercial airline service to Philadelphia.

The field has been closed since April, when Frank and Mary Dlugos, owners of a farm adjoining the field, obtained an injunction against low-flying planes, contending they interfered with their farming.

In a modified ruling this week, the court bars low-flying planes only ten days a year to allow the Dlugos to work their land, which touches the airport. Prior to April, United Airlines had maintained a shuttle service from the airport to Philadelphia, the Municipal Airport in Philadelphia having been closed by a Civil Aeronautics Board order last winter.

By Milton Caniff



GET IT, CAROOCHEE? AN SOS...FAINT, BUT DISTINCT...IT'S MECHANICAL—LIKE THOSE GIBSON GIRL TRANSMITTERS IN THE LIFE RAFTS...

IT'S A CINCH NO SHIP HAS BEEN DITCHED AROUND HERE

WE JUST SCoured THE TOWN—NOT A SENDING SET IN THE BURD... I'LL PUT OUR RADIO DIRECTION FINDER ON IT...

I COULDN'T TWIST THAT THING ANOTHER TIME—IF THE LAST ONE GAVE OUT DRIP GRIND COFFEE... I GUESS IF TERRY WANTS TO FIND ME HE'LL HAVE TO START AT THE UNSEALED END OF THIS TUNNEL... WHICH IS PROBABLY SOMEWHERE IN KENTUCKY...