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## Berlin Blasted as Air Offensive Resumes

### Yanks Land At Two New Guinea Sites

#### Push Front 100 Miles West By Seizing Wadke; Japs Say Sourabaya Raided

American troops have made two fresh landings in the Pacific—advancing the front 100 miles to the west by invading Wadke island, off the Northern New Guinea coast, and Toem village on the mainland, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced yesterday.

Both invasions were made virtually unopposed with little enemy resistance arising until the Americans had moved well on to landing strips at both points. Late yesterday it was reported that Jap opposition which remained "was not great in strength."

Seizure of Wadke will give the Allies a coral-surfaced airfield, recently completed by the Japs, from which to attack Palau island, 700 miles away, the last remaining enemy stronghold between New Guinea and the Philippines. At Toem, the goal likewise is an airfield.

#### Four-Day Air Assault

Wadke was invaded after a four-day air assault in which 800 tons of bombs were dropped. Shock troops swamped what Jap defenders there were, and within three hours of the first landing artillery units and heavy guns were being rushed ashore.

American casualties were negligible, the first two days' operations costing the invaders only four dead and 32 wounded. Meanwhile, the Japs were reported to have lost 30 killed.

Wadke has been of increased importance to the Japanese since they lost Hollandia and Aitape during the last three weeks. Plans had been made to make the island an important supply base for both their army and air forces in the Southwest Pacific.

#### Sees All New Guinea Won

"The success of this operation pre-figures the reconquest of the entire province (New Guinea)," Gen. MacArthur said in announcing the landings.

With the landings in Wadke, the enemy's rear positions in New Guinea, already disrupted and dislocated by the Hollandia seizure, were thrown into further confusion.

Meantime, Japanese-controlled radio from Batavia reported that Sourabaya, main Japanese naval base in the East Indies, was heavily bombed Wednesday—its sixth attack this year.

The announcement said that 50 Allied bombers and fighters flew over Java from the Indian Ocean, ten of them reaching Sourabaya, where "they dropped bombs blindly on the suburbs."

"The enemy raiders apparently were part of a task force from aircraft carriers still lurking in the Indian Ocean," the radio added.

Other American bombers sank a tanker and medium cargo ship in Truk harbor, attacked Wake Island, hit a phosphate plant on Nauru, which lies to the west of the Gilberts, and blasted installations on Ponape Island and in the Marshalls.

### The War Today

**Air War**—Strong forces of U.S. Fortresses and Liberators attack Berlin and Brunswick in Germany to renew aerial offensive from Britain; German radio tells of bitter sky battles, and preliminary reports indicate U.S. forces took heavy toll of Luftwaffe.

**Italy**—Allies attack all along Hitler Line; Eighth Army mile and a quarter from Piedimonte, upper bastion behind Cassino; Americans advance along coast; French take more important hills in center.

**Asia**—Merrill's Marauders, with air-borne reinforcements, reach outskirts of Myitkyina in south while other troops attack from north; fall of important Japanese center in northern Burma believed imminent.

**Russia**—Correspondents find Crimean beach where Germans made last stand littered with corpses, shattered equipment, burned boats; lull on front continues.

**Pacific**—Americans push New Guinea land front 100 miles farther west with new landings at Wadke Island, off Dutch New Guinea, and at Toem, on the mainland; Japs report heavy raid on naval base of Sourabaya, Netherlands East Indies; Allied planes continue assaults on other Pacific targets.

### Freed Captives Fight a War of Words

#### Axis Is Howled to Its Knees In Battle of Catcall and Insult

By Charles Foltz

Associated Press Correspondent

BARCELONA, May 19—A ship-to-ship battle of songs and catcalls, lasting 30 minutes, took place yesterday when the Italian exchange vessel Gradisca sailed for Marseilles—its decks lined with 1,000 repatriated Germans—and passed within 50 yards of the Swedish transport Gripsholm, loaded with home-bound Americans and Britons.

It was Allies vs. Axis. To the German "Horst Wessel," the British replied with "There'll Always Be an England" and "Tipperary."

Then the battle got rough. Out came the British war prisoners' song, "Six Germans and One Piece of Bread," sung in German for the benefit of the Nazis. There were shouts of "Where is the Afrika Korps now?" and "see you in Berlin."

For the first ten minutes, the Germans held their own with mass singing and marching songs. However, it was a different story when the Allies started firing individual cracks.

For the last 20 minutes the Nazis hugged the rails in silence, listening glumly to the hoots and howls and songs and phrases in German from the freed Allied war prisoners.

Wednesday night, at the dock, a blond young German officer rushed into the dockmaster's office. "Anybody here speak English?" he asked eagerly.

He had been a prisoner in Africa and said he wanted to call a woman he knew living in Barcelona. I helped him get the number.

"Yes," he told her, "I must go back to Germany. I cannot stay here. We can't go on much longer. It must end soon."

Later, at the door, he halted and turned to me, asking: "American?"

"Yes," I replied.

"Well, good luck and thank you," he said.

The Gripsholm was expected to sail today. It will dock in Belfast, Northern Ireland, to unload British repatriates, and then proceed to New York with the Americans.

### Allies Pushing Up Rome Roads; 8th, French Inside Hitler Line

NAPLES, May 19—Victorious Allied forces advanced up the two main roads to Rome today, the Eighth Army pushing the Germans back to Piedimonte, upper bastion of the Hitler Line four miles behind Cassino, and the Americans on the coast driving up the Appian Way supported by the big guns of warships offshore.

Unofficial Allied reports said that the Americans had reached the outskirts of Itri. (Unconfirmed Axis reports said the Yanks were pushing toward Fondi, seven miles beyond Itri and only 25 miles from the Anzio beachhead perimeter. This might indicate that Itri already has been left behind. However, Nazi propagandists might be setting the stage for a false claim of a successful "counter-attack," as they have done previously on occasion.)

Both the Eighth Army, pressing on from Cassino to within a mile and a quarter of Piedimonte in the north, and the French Colonials, who captured additional hill features in the center, were battling inside the Hitler Line.

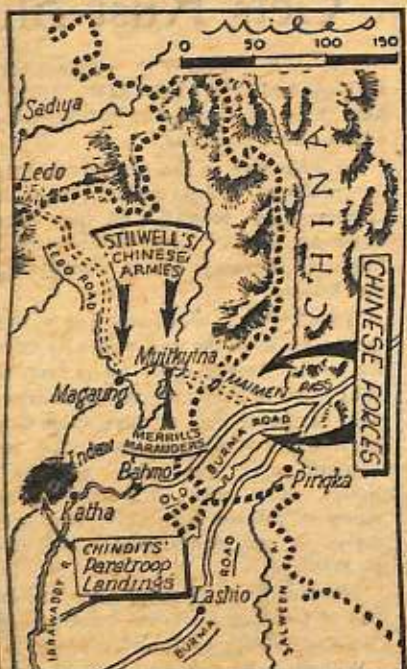
Southwest of Esperia, a French force took 4,260-foot-high Monte Fagetto, just a mile and a half from the Itri-Pico lateral road behind the Hitler Line, while northwest of Esperia other French troops captured Monte D'Oro and pushed up the road to San Oliva and Pontecorvo to take Montecelli, where the road from Esperia joins that from the coast.

As these threats to the whole length of the Hitler Line developed, the German forces' radio broadcast a call to the troops to battle to the end, and said significantly: "One German now fights a company, one German company fights a division."

Around the Anzio beachhead the Germans displayed increasing nervousness as the Americans to the southeast pushed even nearer. They brought up giant searchlights with which they swept the front all night, and their machine-guns pulled their triggers at every slightest sign of activity in the Allied lines.

Heavy air support of the offensive was continued, with the Mediterranean Allied

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troops flown in from Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's divisions to the north, penetrated into the outskirts of Myitkyina itself.

Another force took the village of Nawraw Sakan, west of there, and threw a block across the vital road running westward 25 miles from Myitkyina to Mogaung, strong Japanese base toward which Stilwell's men are driving down both sides of the Mogaung River.

At the same time Stilwell sent other troops of his command to thrust from the north toward Myitkyina (which, incidentally, is pronounced "Mitchena").

The air-borne Allied jungle fighters called Chindits who have been raiding enemy communications lines and supply bases in the hills to the south announced during the day that they have now estab-

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### Brunswick Also Hit; Heavy Battles With Luftwaffe Indicated

#### Germans Tell of Fierce Aerial Fighting; Early Reports Hint U.S. Planes Took Big Toll of Nazis

Strong forces of Fortresses and Liberators, striking a double-barrelled blow to renew the Allied air offensive on Hitler's Europe, bombed the Berlin and Brunswick areas in daylight yesterday.

The bombers, escorted by swarms of fighters, met fierce opposition, according to German radio. Preliminary reports here indicated that the Luftwaffe was dealt a heavy blow.

In their first mission in four days and their first major operation since last Saturday, the heavies stormed over Berlin to give the capital, last hit Tuesday night by Mosquitoes, its tenth American raid.

Announcing violent battles over its

### 47 Fliers Shot By Germany in Try at Escape

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden disclosed yesterday in the House of Commons that 47 officers of the RAF, Dominion and Allied air forces had been shot and killed by the Germans during a mass escape by 76 from a prisoner-of-war camp near Dresden.

The list includes 25 Britons, six Canadians, four Poles, three Australians, three South Africans, two New Zealanders, two Norwegians, one Frenchman and one Greek.

The international incident, as sensational in Britain as the Japanese execution of the Tokyo raiders was in America, occurred Mar. 22. It was reported by the Switzerland protective power after its representative was informed by the Germans in a routine visit to the camp Apr. 17, Eden said.

Of those involved in the escape from the camp—Stalag Luft No. 3, one of the largest P/W camps for airmen in Germany—15 were recaptured, 14 are still at large and 47 were shot resisting arrest and in the course of new attempts to escape after capture, Eden said.

He declared that "the government was shocked by the news" and had requested, through Switzerland, both the details of the case and an explanation of why Germany had not informed Switzerland immediately. He emphasized that the German government would be held accountable for any breach of international law involved.

### Possible Quick Victory In Europe Seen by Smuts

BIRMINGHAM, England, May 19 (AP)—Premier Jan Christian Smuts, of South Africa, said in a speech here today that assaults from the west, east and south may bring about the "final decision in Europe much earlier than pessimists forecast today."

Discussing the Pacific war, Smuts said he was "inclined to be more optimistic than many others about the duration of the Japanese war after Hitler has been finished."

### Hitler Picks Rundstedt to Beat Invasion; Rommel in No. 2 Slot

Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt, who planned the German invasion of Czechoslovakia and Poland, will command the Nazi anti-invasion troops, it was announced yesterday by the German Overseas News Agency, which confirmed reports that Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, whose famed Afrika Korps was disastrously defeated by the Allies in Africa, would have only a secondary role in the defense of Festung Europa.

In the first authoritative announcement from Berlin on Germany's invasion command lineup, von Rundstedt was named commander-in-chief, topping Rommel and Field Marshal Johannes Blaskowitz, who for the first time was mentioned as holding the rank of field marshal.

With von Rundstedt as "commander-in-chief in the west," Rommel and Blaskowitz will be "supreme commanders of the army groups," Field Marshal Hugo

Sperrle will lead the Luftwaffe in western Europe.

Von Rundstedt, at 69, is the oldest of the German high command. In the army since he was 17, von Rundstedt led the Nazi troops which invaded the Sudetenland in 1938, planned the first moves in Poland, commanded an army group in the defeat of France, and occupied Kiev in the first German campaign in Russia.

Meanwhile, in an invasion warning to the German people, Dr. Harold Jansen, in a Berlin radio broadcast, described the ports of England as "bristling, positively filled to the bursting point with all the invasion equipment which will have to be ferried across to the Continent overnight in a matter of a few hours—munitions, food, artillery, tanks, trucks, field kitchens and flame throwers."

"British invasion headquarters," he said, "has been able to erect on these quaysides alone the foundations for the bridge which is to be thrown across to Europe."

Returning B24 crews reported intense flak and fighter opposition in the Brunswick area.

"Between 150 and 200 fighters attacked us," Sgt. Howard S. Murphy, of Dorchester, Mass., gunner on the B24, Little Shepherd, reported. "Plenty of those were shot down, though," he added.

S/Sgt. John C. Pershing, of Uxbridge, Mass., said, "Flak came up constantly while we were in the target area and fighter attacks against our Liberator formation were ferocious. Our bombers and fighters shot down quite a few German fighters."

One interesting report came from Capt. Harold W. Flaton, of Portland, Ala.

"I saw four P47s strafe 35 Me109s," Flaton said. "We had wonderful protection from our fighters, although I did see one bomber in another formation blow up."

As Germany was being warned of approaching raiders, the Allied Expeditionary Air Force sent small formations of Mosquitoes and Typhoon fighter-bombers over northern France.

The alarm that "an enemy formation is approaching northwest Germany" was given just after noon by Luxembourg radio. Shortly after, Munster radio reported the bombers across the Reich border. Just after 2 PM the raiders were located over Berlin. It was not until 4:30 PM that Luxembourg radio gave the all clear.

At 7:30 last night Vichy radio faded from the air, indicating that Allied aircraft might still be sweeping over the Continent.

German radio again gave signs of breaking down under the strain of the raids. At 3:30 PM German News Agency was still sending out the previous day's messages, breaking off each one after a few sentences and then starting all over again. Several weeks ago, after a heavy daylight raid, the agency exhibited the same erratic behavior.

In the only operation from Britain Thursday, the Second Tactical Air Force swept roads in north France and Belgium.

One Allied plane was lost as Typhoons, Mustangs and Spitfires strafed trucks and also hit rail sidings at Folligny, junction of the Granville-Paris and Anranches-Cherbourg railways.

### 'Achtung! U.S. Raiders Have Been Here Again'

Battered Berlin was told yesterday by the commander of the city's anti-aircraft defenses that it was impossible to prevent American daylight raids.

Explaining why bombs sometimes dropped even before the Nazi achtung warning system had begun to function, the commentator said the alarms could not keep pace with the speed of the U.S. raiders.

"There can be no doubt about the fact that it is absolutely impossible for us to prevent an air attack," he said. "We cannot do it."



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Monte Cassino Abbey

THE Germans said they were not using ancient Monte Cassino Abbey for military purposes. They swore it was just another old monument to them. They publicly, with tears mixed in their propaganda ink, proclaimed that the Allies were attacking a completely non-military target.

But what does the record show after the fall of Cassino when our troops entered the Abbey? Milton Bracker in a special story from the Italian front said the Abbey "is reduced to a ghostly memory encased in stone," gutted and cracked with only one corner in the northeast remaining intact perpendicular.

Bracker continued: "But in the caves it has many basement rooms intact. The chapel of St. Benedict itself is one of them. It was used as a dayroom by the Nazis.

"They had pictures on the walls, too—as all allied soldiers do in all billets up front—pictures of pretty girls. On one wall there is an unmarred mural of St. Benedict with a long beard and grave mien, and on another wall hangs the photo of a bathing girl with an arm waving above her head."

That is part of the picture that Bracker wrote in his graphic story of the Abbey today. No claims are made from this observation as to whether or how the Nazis used this shrine. Every soldier can judge himself whether the loudly proclaimed Nazi propaganda assertions were true or false.

A Pocket Piece

AMERICAN soldiers, in their quest for souvenirs, have apparently started a run on the Bank of England and the Royal Mint, for they have cleaned them out of five-shilling pieces.

Special five-shilling coins were struck in 1937, the Coronation year of George VI, and in 1935, the Silver Jubilee of George V. They immediately were in great demand as curiosities.

It was not long, however, before the novelty wore off. Everyone had seen the new coins; they were too big to carry around comfortably.

Gradually the coins came back to the banks, where they were stacked up beside other coins, just another pile of cash to count. Nobody wanted them.

Then came the American soldier. He wanted the five-shilling coin as a souvenir, and proudly showed his somewhat rare find to every friend, sent them home to the folks and tucked them away among other bits and pieces as mementoes of army life.

Demand on the banks grew. The banks in turn called on the Bank of England and the Royal Mint. They sent out all they had. Now they haven't any more. The cupboard is bare. None was struck last year, and at least for the time being the Mint won't make any more.

Maybe someday the Mint will make some more of these GI Bucks for the boys. Meanwhile, if any soldier feels slighted at not being able to get a special pocket piece, we would like to recommend that neat little Bank of England job printed on thin white paper and available at all banks from £5 upward.

Pretty Wacy

THE War Department has followed its announcement of a change in the officers' uniform with one that WACs will soon be blossoming out in new GI dresses. The "off-duty" dress of military beige is made of washable crease-resistant rayon shantung (if you know what in hell that means).

Both officer and enlisted WAC personnel will wear the same model—a fly-front, short-sleeved job with long sleeves that may be cut off at the elbows if the WAC desires. The new dress is for recreation hours, on or off the post. With cap to match it costs less than ten bucks.

The trim of the off-duty dress consists of the regulation gold-colored buttons with eagle. Accessories are brown handbag and shoes with closed toe and heel of military height, and cotton chamois gloves.

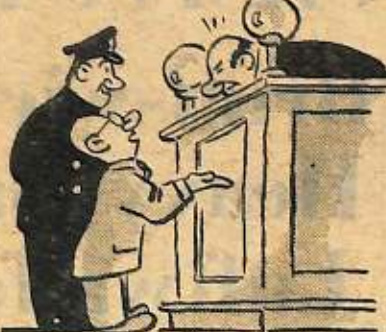
For winter off-duty wear, the WACs will have a similar dress in thin wool, but slightly deeper in tone. Another bit of dash soon will be seen on WAC officers in the form of a neck scarf and glove set of lemon yellow.

All in all a Pretty Wacy outfit.

Hash Marks

Two nurses got off a train at a small English village, strolled nervously around the station platform and finally asked a porter, "Do you have a ladies' waiting-room?" "No, ma'am," was the prompt reply, "but we have a room for ladies who can't wait."

Our nomination for the man who got the roughest deal of this decade is Hughbert Williamson, of Grand Rapids, Mich.,



who in 1941 was fined \$8.75 for calling Hitler a "nasty name." Williamson is making a comeback, though, by asking the judge for a rebate. His argument, "You should realize by now that I was right about the guy!"

GI Philosophy. A wedding is like a tourniquet. It stops your circulation.

Those kids are at it again! This time the victim was Cpl. Brewster, 9th Troop Carrier Command. He said "No" to the pleas for gum and candy, but when they asked for pennies, Brewster looked at the youngsters apologetically and said, "Sorry, all I've got is a half-crown."

Polite Prevarications: "It's not the stripes I'm thinking of—it's the pay."

GI Ingenuity. It doesn't hail much in Assam, but when it does the soldier boys take full advantage of the situation. During a recent heavy hailstorm, the Yanks gathered up the glistening hailstones to cool their beer and cokes.

"Appropriate Name for the Job" Department. We understand there's a WAC over here named Helen Zawacki.

All ball-bearing troubles aren't confined to Sweden. Police Sgt. Bert Luckey was lindy-hopping around the floor at



the annual policeman's dance in Kankakee when suddenly his wooden leg, which is equipped with ball bearings at the joints, fell off and rolled across the ballroom. Four women fainted.

This advertisement was posted on a GI theater near Naples. Tonight Only! First Showing in Italy! "Birth of a Nation."

J. C. W.

Port Men Truly Sweat Out Invasion

Army's Stevedores Clear Masses of Arriving Arms

By Allan M. Morrison  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A BRITISH PORT, May 19—Some of the hardest and most dangerous work being done on this side of the fighting lines is performed by the U.S. Army's Transportation Corps stevedores who make up the port battalions toiling on the docks and in the warehouses of the great ports of the British Isles.

Here, where piers and quays jut out for miles and ships of the United Nations merchant navies move in and out with their cargoes for waging war, the port units are recognized as very important agencies.

This port receives not only a part of the nation's food supplies but also vast quantities of modern war materials. Right now there doesn't seem to be any stopping of the feverish inflow of the goods and gear of war and the consequent intense unloading activity by civilian and Army dockers.

Assault barges and bombs, jeeps and tanks, lumber and steel, machine tools and Spam. These are only a few of the pieces that make up the impedimenta of an invasion. They represent but a fragment of the cargoes that come here closely packed into the holds of Liberty ships and Allied freighters.

Induces Homesickness

Quite often a certain type of cargo can bring on a spell of intense homesickness. Like the time Pfc Charles Broach and Charles Gooch, both former cotton workers from Mississippi, went down into the hold of a Liberty ship to find the place white with bales of cotton from the familiar Delta region of the U.S.

"Just like the warehouse back home," they sighed.

Enthusiasm goes up when the cargo being taken off smacks loudly of the battlefield. Virtually all of the men prefer unloading military equipment with high priority, such as Thunderbolts and blockbusters, to foodstuffs and other articles.

"We'd much rather work on war materials than anything else," explained Sgt. James Ford, of Tallahassee, Florida, a "gang chief." "Then we feel we are contributing to the fighting out there in a way that's easy to see. When we are taking out tanks, guns and planes, we get that feeling."

Lt. George T. Vaux, of Waterdown, S.D., supervises several sections of hatch and quay workers. He underlined Ford's statement when he said, "When the men handle military equipment they realize more forcefully that their work is of great importance to the preparations for the Second Front."

"This is a tremendously important place," the port commander stated. "We can't reveal even an approximate figure on the tonnage of shipping that comes in here, but it's terrific. Through this port comes a large part of those vital supplies



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Down in the hold of an American freighter three members of a Negro Port Battalion on duty at a British port tie up a sling of bombs to be hoisted onto the dock. They prefer to handle cargo headed for enemy territory than foodstuffs and other supplies.

without which the big things we are expecting soon to happen might not occur." He was talking about the invasion equipment now pouring into U.K. ports like this one and being rushed out to depots without delay.

Broken arms, smashed fingers and legs and numerous other injuries speak for the hazardous nature of the work. Often a steel cable snaps and the broken strand swings wickedly down, slashing anything in its path.

Sometimes the little tow trucks which cart the cargo from wharf to warehouse topple over the side of the quay, driver and all. Recently a gang worker was smashed against a truck and seriously hurt when a two-ton "sling" of sugar bags swung out and hit him.

Knotty Problems

Workers in the hatch hold are always running into knotty problems connected with extracting an article located in an awkward spot. There are four of these men on the starboard side and another four working on port side. They are among the Army's most expert knot makers. With their thick Manila ropes they tie up the boxes and crates using knots known to marine men by such names as "cat's paw" and "bowline on a bight."

Dogged work is needed before the cargo can be made ready for hoisting out. Sugar and raw rubber are always tough. In transit, the heat melts the cargo, then it hardens, the bags sticking together in a way that calls for hellish labor.

Many of the riggers—the men who splice the ropes and arrange cables, blocks and tackles—have shown remarkable ingenuity. The rigger must size up

a hoisting problem and quickly figure out the simplest and safest way to get the piece out. These GI riggers quickly decide on the right method for a particular job, and when there is none in the books, devise one. Rigging cargo is the kind of work that brings sore muscles and strained expressions. One stevedore-intellectual described the rugged yet delicate art of rigging as "the heart of hard work."

Win Britons' Praise

Some of the Army's outstanding riggers have earned the praise of veteran British dock workers, who appreciate the fine points of the game.

A glance at the T/O is proof sufficient that Army stevedore units are composed mainly of technicians. There are, in addition to expert loaders, winch operators, blacksmiths, welders, carpenters, copper-smiths and a host of mechanics.

Bomb shipments are removed with real fervor. They are taken out of the holds in "slings" of four and set down gently on the wharf. Before starting to roll a bomb to the rail head, many a stevedore will chalk on messages for the Nazis.

"When they get feeling good they'll roll those bombs around like they were marbles," said 1/Sgt. James W. Wanza, of Tallahassee, Fla., top-kick of a crack Negro port company.

The role of port battalions in the coming great battle for the liberation of Europe is being planned by those charged with directing operations. Certain port units are receiving training for amphibious operations. Making extensive use of amphibious trucks, they will provide supplies for the men who establish the beachheads.

Red Tape Attending Blue Eagles Gets Rust Slightly Color-Blind

AN AIR SERVICE COMMAND REPLACEMENT CONTROL DEPOT, May 19—Capt. Bryan Rust, of Detroit, is a man with a headache.

No other CO in the Air Forces faces the problems which confront him as "commanding general" of the "Blue Eagle Air Force," that strange organization of American airmen who fly with the British.

When higher headquarters first realized that hundreds of the men who were flocking to the American air force from the RAF, the RCAF and the Czechoslovakian Air Force were of more value flying night missions with the men they were "crewed up" with, they planned a liaison office with three officers and scores of enlisted men. Like most good things in the Army, the T/O never materialized.

The Blue Eagle Detachment of the Air Service Command started business with only one officer—Capt. Rust.

Without even a desk to call his own, he was soon swamped with work—from higher headquarters, which demanded voluminous reports; from the British, who had some sticklers caused by having Americans living and fighting with their men; from the men themselves, who wanted their mail, pay, promised promotions, PX rations, awards, and a lot of other things.

First addition to the headquarters staff was Sgt. Noble D. Sappenfield, of Memphis, Tenn. He was asked to type a letter one day and has been chief assistant to Capt. Rust ever since.

Soon after, T/Sgt. George Ferrell, of Newark, N.J., the first American to be decorated by the King of England in this war, wandered into the "office"—which

had acquired an overgrown closet outfit with two desks and as many file cabinets. He has been on duty there ever since. He describes himself as a "permanent casual."

Cpl. Anthony H. Scerbo, of New York, rounds out the headquarters staff.

This tiny group combines all the functions of an American embassy, an Army headquarters and John J. Anthony's "Goodwill Hour." Since they are the Blue Eagles' only link with the American Air Force, they take care of all the men's Army records as well as hundreds of little personal things the men are too busy to do themselves.

A few weeks ago Capt. Rust had to get out of bed at 2 AM to bail one of his pilots out of the guard-house. The MPs had stopped the flight officer for a pass and since the RAF doesn't issue passes, he didn't have one. When he topped that off with the statement he was a Lancaster pilot, they booked him for being drunk, even though they couldn't smell any liquor on his breath.

British stations are puzzled constantly over how to handle the Americans. Not long ago a squadron leader whose outfit included an American just promoted to flight officer from technical sergeant, wired the Blue Eagles' office: "What the hell is a Flight Officer?"

In another instance, a Royal Canadian Air Force station answered that question as best they could—and found themselves in an embarrassing spot. In the WAAF a flight officer is the equivalent of captain, so when the station was informed an American flight officer was coming, they reserved a room in the WAAF officers' quarters for him. After they found out their mistake, they had a hard job persuading the grinning officer to move.



"When they close a pub—they really close!"



# Service Command Takes 8 Berths on 9th AF Team



Leo Culberson, the Red Sox rookie outfielder of last year, set some kind of a first-year mark in stealing 13 bases in 13 attempts.

Gene Sarazen has been quoted as saying that Jug McSpaden and Byron Nelson are very lucky that Sam Snead and Ben Hogan aren't around to challenge the hold they have on the winter circuit of goldfom.

Though George Case and Wally Moses, who ranked one-two in base stealing in the American League last year, are back in the race again this season, ball fans and players think that Snuffy Stinweiss, Yankee rookie, will give them both a rough run for the title this year.



George Stinweiss

Jim Lookabaugh, Oklahoma Aggie football coach, figures that there will be only about 60 high school football prospects worthy of the name in the state who will qualify as eligible civilians.

Service clubs in Maryland and Illinois have banded together to form active leagues in both states and are operating a regular baseball schedule.

Jockeys at Chicago's Sportsman's Park race track will have an added incentive to win this season. The first four riders of the meet will win prizes in War Bonds, with the first ranking man getting \$750.

Mac Carey, the former outfield star and later a manager, is now a judge at Miami's greyhound track. He must prefer the dogs to the wolves.

Herman Hickman, the massive West Point line coach, has one of the strangest hobbies among grid greats. Herman memorizes classic poems.

# Marquez TKOs Broderick In Highlight of Finals Of 2-Day Show

By Gene Graff

Stats and Stripes Staff Writer  
NINTH AF HQ, May 19—The Ninth AF ring entourage for next week's three-day USSTAF punching party emerged from last night's warfare here as seven champions were crowned to ring down the curtain on two days of elimination bouts.

The seven titlists, their victims in the finals and Sgt. Holland Upchurch, middleweight from Muncie, Ind., will comprise the Ninth's squad for the USSTAF finals May 23, 24 and 25 on the Kingstonian Football Grounds, Kingston. Upchurch was included, although he failed to reach the finals, dropping a bitterly contested and unpopular decision to Pvt. Lorin Mini, 155-pounder from Vallejo, Cal., yesterday afternoon.

Suffering an unexpected series of reversals, Fighter units succeeded in capturing only four positions on the team. Service Command gloves collected eight berths, with one each from Bomber, Troop Carrier and QM units completing the roster.

The welterweight finale provided most of the fireworks as Cpl. Trinidad Marquez, whirlwind punching veteran from El Paso, Tex., finished off his third tourney foe before the final bell. Victor via the kayo route in two previous tests, Marquez swarmed all over Pfc Jimmy Broderick, 142-pound Service slugger from Lynn, Mass., and Referee Joe Triner, former Illinois boxing commissioner, stopped the brawl at :15 of the third round.

Mini Bows to McCarron  
In the semi-windup, Mini showed the ill effects of his afternoon stint against Upchurch by bowing to Cpl. Stanley McCarron, 150-pound Service hope from Bellville, Ill. Mini was willing to mix with his rested rival, but his punches lacked their customary sting and his timing was woefully off.

A pair of Service punchers turned on the steam for one round in the heavy-weight brawl, then tired badly and S/Sgt. Aubrey Martin, of Melford, Tex., 198, drew the judges' nod over Pvt. Walter Horlick, of Westfall, Conn., 195. Both fighters were battered after a torrid opening frame, and Martin was the winner only because of a momentary spurt in the second before his weary arms ended the kayo bid.

The crowd voiced its disapproval for several minutes after Pvt. Murry Cohen, 178-pound Brooklyn scrapper wearing the QM colors, was given the verdict over Cpl. Robert Meapham, Fighter entrant from Granitesville, S.C., 169. The decision could have gone either way as both contestants were durable and crafty enough to brush off long-range hay-makers with ease.

In other bouts:  
Pvt. Sam Rebaldo, New Orleans (Fighter), 128, outpointed Pfc Joe Hazy, Philadelphia (Service), 126.  
T/S John Zilka, Pittsburgh (Service), 168, outpointed Pvt. Albert George, Ithaca, N.Y. (Service), 161.  
Cpl. Matthew Perfelti, New Amsterdam, N.Y. (Bomber), 135, outpointed Pvt. Robert Long, Richmond, Ky. (Fighter), 131.

# Griffs Push Yankees for Lead

Lucky Luke

By Pap



AP Features

# 'Jittery Joe' Berry, at 38, Is Mack's Prize Mound Rookie

PHILADELPHIA, May 19—Connie Mack, the 81-year-old dean of major league managers, is currently trying to piece together another American League championship team and much of the success his Athletics enjoy this summer will depend on the relief twirling of a gent named Jonas Arthur "Jittery Joe" Berry.

Relief pitching, as the patriarch will tell you, is an important, although unheralded, assignment in the business of winning baseball games.

Berry's introduction to Mack was as surprising as the assortment of curves and fast balls he is now breezing past enemy batters. He strode into the A's training camp at Frederick, Md., this spring a complete stranger—but not for long. With the temperatures hovering just above freezing, he bundled up well, threw a couple of soft pitches, then let loose with a sharp-breaking curve that astonished his catcher.

Mack, taking a gander at his freshmen pitchers, was equally as surprised, but recovered quickly and exclaimed: "There's my relief pitcher. He'll mean the difference between the cellar and the first division."

How correct Connie was is evident in the pitching averages. Berry has won four and lost one, which hardly begins to tell the story. In his four victories, Berry pitched hitless ball for eight innings; he saved one for Don Black when he cooled off the Yanks with one hit in two innings, and only looked bad in absorbing his lone setback when the Senators rapped him for six runs in two frames.

Jittery Joe, a resident of Huntsville, Ark., confesses to 38 years and has been knocking around the minors for 17 years. He had a trial with the Cubs after the 1942 season when he won 18 games for Tulsa, but the notorious bad-guessing Bruins shipped him to Milwaukee, where he won 18 last year. Mack bought him during the winter.

His herky-jerky motions, which resulted in his nickname, apparently baffle rival batters because they haven't seen anything like it. Whatever it may be, however, Mack is sold on Berry and that, in itself, is a testimonial to the rookie's ability.



Joe Berry



HOW THEY STAND.

**American League**

Chicago 8	New York 4	(10 innings)
Boston 12	St. Louis 1	
Detroit 1	Philadelphia 0	
Washington 4	Cleveland 2	(night)
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	
New York 14 9 .609	Chicago 13 13 .500	
Washington 15 10 .600	Cleveland 11 16 .407	
St. Louis 16 12 .571	Detroit 13 16 .447	
Philadelphia 13 12 .520	Boston 10 15 .400	
St. Louis at New York		
Chicago at Boston		
Boston at Washington (night)		
Detroit at Philadelphia		

**National League**

Pittsburgh 4	Brooklyn 3	
Philadelphia 2	Cincinnati 0	(night)
St. Louis 2	Boston 0	(night)
New York at Chicago, postponed.		
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	
St. Louis 19 7 .731	New York 12 13 .480	
Philadelphia 13 10 .565	Boston 13 15 .464	
Cincinnati 14 11 .560	Brooklyn 12 14 .462	
Pittsburgh 12 10 .545	Chicago 4 18 .182	
New York at Chicago		
Boston at St. Louis		
Philadelphia at Cincinnati		
Brooklyn at Pittsburgh		

**Leading Hitters**

**American League**

	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Tucker, Chicago	17	70	14	28	.400
Swift, Detroit	18	58	2	21	.362
Etten, New York	23	79	13	28	.354
Johnson, Boston	25	74	21	26	.351
Hostetler, Detroit	23	63	8	22	.349

**National League**

	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Walker, Brooklyn	25	98	17	40	.408
Medwick, New York	21	85	16	31	.365
Weintraub, New York	25	88	17	31	.352
Wassell, Philadelphia	23	84	8	30	.347
Litwhiler, St. Louis	27	95	7	32	.337
Mussial, St. Louis	27	92	16	31	.337

**Home Run Hitters**

**American League**—Spence, Washington, Trosky, Chicago, and Hayes, Philadelphia, 5.  
**National League**—Schultz, Brooklyn, 5; Litwhiler, St. Louis, and Northey, Philadelphia, 4.

**Runs Batted In**

**American League**—Stephens, St. Louis, 22; Tabor, Boston, 19; Seery, Cleveland, and Myatt, Washington, 17.  
**National League**—Schultz, Brooklyn, 29; Weintraub, New York, 22; Lombardi, New York, 18.

**McKever Gets Tarheel Bid**  
CHAPEL HILL, N.C., May 19—North Carolina University authorities nominated Gene McKever of Davidson College as their candidate to coach the Tarheel football squad this fall and sent their recommendation to the board of trustees for final action.

**Crowe New Irish Cage Mentor**  
SOUTH BEND, Ind., May 19—Clem Crowe, a member of the famous Crowe family of Notre Dame athletes, has been appointed head basketball coach at Notre Dame for the duration, taking the place of Ed "Moose" Krause, who recently joined the Marines.

# Nats 9 Points Off Pace After Subduing Tribe

Chisox Slap Bombers, 8-4; Cards Blank Braves; Dodgers Lose

NEW YORK, May 19—The night-owl Senators climbed within nine percentage points of the American League leading Yankees by swatting the Indians, 4-2, under the arc lights in Washington last night after the champions had suffered their third straight daylight setback to the White Sox in New York, 8-4, in ten innings.

Although the Yanks and Nats are tied for the lead according to games won and lost, the percentage discrepancy is attributed to the fact the Nats have played two games more than the McCarthymen.

Dutch Leonard scattered eight Cleveland hits last night while his mates exploded with four runs off Hal Kleine and Ed Kleiman in the sixth inning to clinch the decision. Jake Powell opened the uprising with a single and raced home on George Myatt's double. Myatt and Bobby Ortiz, who walked, scored on Stan Spence's single, and Spence tallied the fourth run on an error, infield out and long fly. Kleine was the loser.

Once again Ernie Bonham, McCarthy's ace, failed to finish a game, although he escaped the defeat by heading for the showers in the ninth after Wally Moses had tied the score at 4-4 with a home run. Johnny Johnson finished the inning, then gave way to Emerson Roser, who twirled the tenth and delivered a base-clearing triple to Thurman Tucker which tagged Roser with the defeat and permitted the Chisox to sweep the three-game series.

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# Minor League Results

**International League**

Baltimore 11	Montreal 9
Buffalo 13	Rochester 3
Newark at Syracuse, postponed	
Others teams not scheduled.	
W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Rochester 14 7 .667	Montreal 9 10 .474
Toledo 10 7 .588	Jersey City 9 10 .474
Syracuse 10 7 .588	Baltimore 7 10 .412
Buffalo 10 9 .526	Newark 6 15 .286

**Eastern League**

Hartford 6	Elmira 2
Williamsport 9	Albany 6
Other games postponed.	
W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Wilkes-Barre 10 5 .667	Utica 7 7 .500
Hartford 10 5 .667	Williamsport 6 8 .429
Elmira 8 6 .571	Scranton 5 11 .311
Albany 7 6 .538	Binghamton 4 9 .308

**American Association**

Columbus 5	Milwaukee 4
Louisville 12	Minneapolis 0
St. Paul 6	Indianapolis 1
Kansas City at Toledo, postponed.	
W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Milwaukee 20 5 .800	Minneapolis 10 13 .435
Columbus 16 9 .640	Kansas City 8 12 .400
St. Paul 10 7 .588	Louisville 9 14 .391
Toledo 11 12 .478	Indianapolis 6 18 .250

**Southern Association**

Little Rock 14	Atlanta 11
Memphis 8	Chattanooga 5
Knoxville 8	New Orleans 2
Nashville 8	Birmingham 2
W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Little Rock 12 7 .632	Atlanta 10 9 .526
Birmingham 13 8 .619	Knoxville 10 9 .526
Memphis 13 9 .591	New Orleans 5 14 .263
Nashville 11 8 .579	Chattanooga 5 15 .250

**Pacific Coast League**

Sacramento 1	Seattle 0
Hollywood 4	San Francisco 0
Los Angeles 9	Oakland 3
San Diego 10	Portland 2
W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Portland 25 15 .625	Los Angeles 21 19 .525
San Francisco 23 16 .589	Hollywood 19 21 .475
Seattle 22 18 .550	Oakland 15 24 .385
San Diego 22 20 .524	Sacramento 11 24 .314

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

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**OSARY**, silver and jet; in the Forces Club, Blue Schools, Wigan, Lancs, May 4.—Pic. J. Holding, W/266729 (ATS), c/o Hoxridge A, Woodford, Bury, Lancs.  
**PHOTOGRAPHS**, nine, taken on a farm; one picture shows five pigs; another a white truck apparently being used to power some piece of farm machinery.—Sgt. Herman Crow.  
**Camera wanted**  
35-mm. camera wanted, preferably Kodak 35 or Argus C 2.—L. A. Hogerson.  
**Texas Aggies**  
THE initial regular monthly meeting of Texas Aggies will be held at the No. 3 Grosvenor Square Club, London, at 7 PM, Saturday, May 27. Send reservations to Capt. Lawrence M. Hovey, c/o The Stars and Stripes College Registration Service, 38 Upper Brook St., London, W.1. Deadline for reservations: May 25.  
**Harvard University Reunion**  
A REUNION dinner for Harvard men will be held at the No. 3 Grosvenor Square Club, Wednesday, May 24, 6.30 PM. Send reservations to Lt. Col. John L. Donovan Jr., 24, c/o The Stars and Stripes College Registration Service, 38 Upper Brook St., London, W.1. Reservation deadline: May 22.

# Li'l Abner



By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp



# Nazi Sub Packs Badly Smashed In Arctic Battle

## Largest Convoy Yet Sent To Russia Intact After Twelve-Day Fight

WITH BRITISH HOME FLEET (Delayed) (Reuter)—U-boat packs hunting in the Arctic received one of the worst hammerings of the war when they tried to interfere with the passage of an Allied convoy bound for Russia.

Two U-boats were sunk, two more probably sunk and many more probably damaged and forced to limp home much the worse for wear after a ding-dong 12-day battle.

The convoy—the largest yet sent to Russia—fought its way round the North Cape without the loss of a single merchant ship.

One British destroyer, the Mahratta, was torpedoed and lost. Her captain and all officers perished and only a handful of sailors, about 17, were saved.

More than a quarter of a million tons of vital war material—tanks, guns, munitions, aircraft and food—were delivered to the Russians in spite of appalling weather—snow, blinding rainstorms and high seas.

The convoy, numbering British, American and Dutch merchant ships, was led by Vice Adm. Irvine G. Glennie aboard the new cruiser Black Prince. With typical naval understatement, he told a Reuter correspondent that Russian convoys are "always a very difficult problem."

"In the Atlantic you have sea space but on the North Russian run we are under observation the whole way. We've got to fight it out."

Except for the attack made on the Tirpitz on Apr. 3, it was the first time American-built fighters had operated well above the Arctic circle. Ice, sleet and bitter weather made flying very difficult, but they stood up to the job magnificently.

# GOP Outpolled In California

WASHINGTON, May 19—Additional California primary returns today showed that Democratic delegates pledged to President Roosevelt polled 673,240 votes, while a Republican group pledged nominally to Gov. Earl Warren received 495,377.

Helen Gahagan, former actress and now the wife of Melvyn Douglas, actor, won the Democratic congressional nomination in the 14th District, downtown Los Angeles. Her Republican opponent will be William D. Campbell, an attorney.

A Republican state convention in Illinois yesterday elected nine delegates-at-large to the national convention and adopted a platform favoring American retention of island military outposts after the war. Fifty district delegates were chosen in the April primary. The entire delegation of 59 is uninstructed and so far uncommitted.

# American Forces Network

The complete play-by-play account of major league baseball games will begin this Sunday at 10.30 AM on the American Forces Network. On successive Sundays, atmospheric conditions permitting, the baseball broadcasts will be picked up by short-wave from major league ball parks and relayed to troops in this theater.

This week's "Take The Air" program, heard tonight at 8.10, will feature recorded interviews with two U.S. Eighth Air Force Group commanders. They are Col. Don Blakeslee, Fairport Harbor, Ohio, a P51 fighter commander, as interviewed by NBC, and Col. Hunter Harris Jr., Athens, Georgia, who appeared on a special WBSB, Atlanta, Ga., broadcast.

This week's Your Town, on the AFN Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, will feature newsletters of South Bend, Terre Haute and Indianapolis, Indiana.

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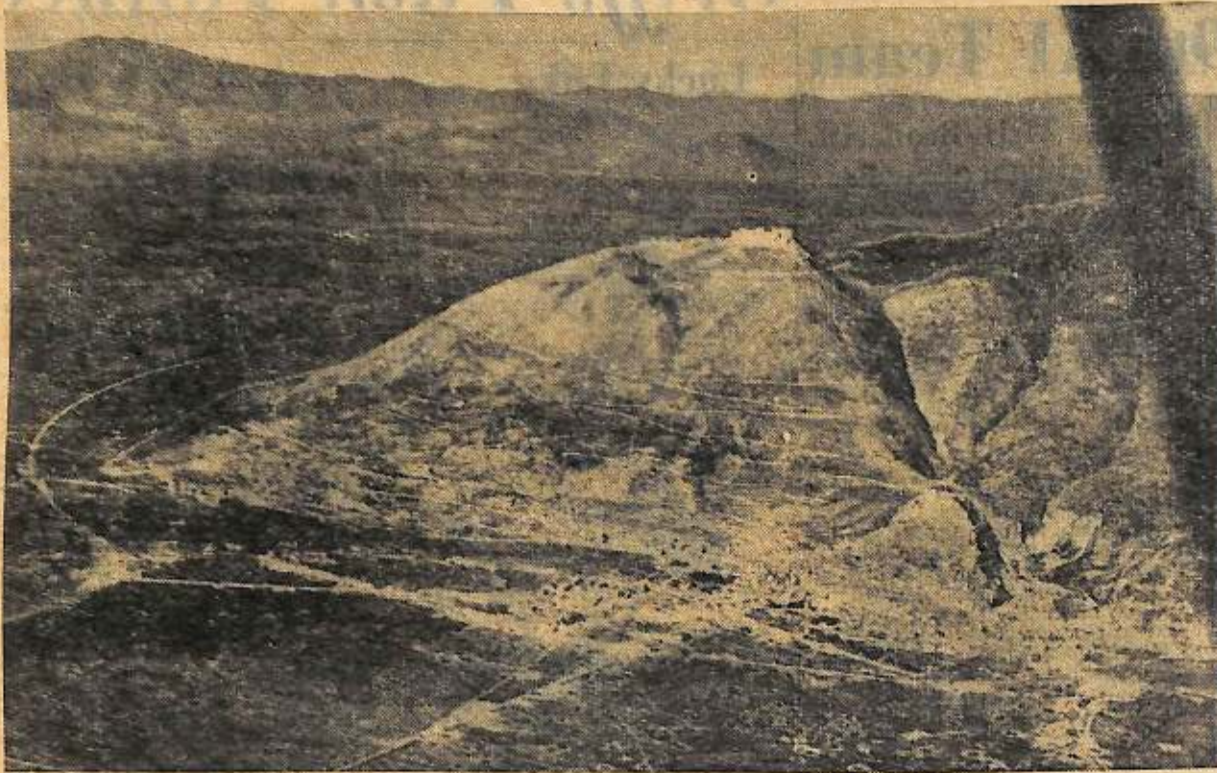
Saturday, May 20

- 1100—Sign On—Spotlight on Jan Garber.
- 1115—Personal Album with Connie Haines.
- 1130—Yanks Radio Weekly.
- 1200—Noon Edition.
- 1205—Barracks Bag.
- 1300—World News (BBC).
- 1310—Melody Roundup.
- 1330—Crosby Music Hall (Return Engagement).
- 1400—News Headlines and Downbeat.
- 1440—Hello India, China and Burma.
- 1500—Music While You Work (BBC).
- 1530—Off the Record.
- 1615—Army Talks.
- 1630—BBC Symphony.
- 1725—French Lesson.
- 1730—Waltz Time with Abe Lyman's Orchestra and Frank Munn—Program Resume.
- 1800—World News (BBC).
- 1810—Raymond Scott Orchestra.
- 1830—Atlantic Spotlight (NBC and BBC Exchange Talent).
- 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
- 1905—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street.
- 1930—Dinah Shore Program.
- 2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.
- 2010—Take the Air.
- 2030—GI Journal.
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2115—All Time Hit Parade.
- 2145—The Music Man.
- 2180—Navier Custard Show.
- 2230—One Night Stand with Lenny Conn.
- 2255—Final Edition.
- 2300—Sign off until 0800 hours, Sunday, May 21.

Sunday, May 21

0800—Sign On—Mormon Tabernacle Choir—Program Resume

# Cassino—a Fallen Symbol of German Resistance



This striking RAF picture of Cassino, taken just before the Allied offensive which captured it, shows the grim height capped by the ruined monastery and the town beneath it.

# No Chute, but He Didn't Lose the Axe Flier Dangling From Bomber Pulls Self Back In With 1 Hand

A LIBERATOR BASE, May 19 (AP)—Without a parachute, Lt. Edward M. Gibbens, of Mountain Home, Idaho, hung precariously by one hand in the open belly of a bomber high over the Channel for almost five minutes, then pulled himself back to safety.

Gibbens, bombardier on the Liberator Sweating It Out, fell out on the way home from a recent raid, after "chopping" bombs off the damaged racks with an axe.

The bomber ran into terrific flak over a French airfield, and was shot up so badly that the bombs wouldn't go down. It had 87 flak holes in the framework, all four engines were damaged, and the hydraulic system was shot out, meaning no brakes and an inevitable explosion in the event of a crash-landing.

While the pilot, Lt. Robert T. Hall, of Waynetown, Ind., struggled to keep the plane up, Gibbens shed his parachute, took the crash axe and squeezed into the narrow catwalk to knock the bombs loose. The first one burst the bomb bay doors wide.

Bracing himself against a 100-mile gale, Gibbens hacked the rest free one by one. As the last came free, Gibbens slipped on the catwalk, slippery with hydraulic fluid. He grabbed the bomb rack with one hand, holding the axe in the other. One slip of his fingers meant he'd go hurtling thousands of feet to death in the Channel.

Slowly he pulled himself back up where he could regain his footing.

Realizing he'd accomplished the feat with just one hand, Gibbens' first words were, "And I didn't lose the axe."

# Duke to Quit in Bahamas, Become a Yank—Report

NEW YORK, May 19 (AP)—The New York Post, in a Washington dispatch from Cornelius Vanderbilt, quoting "an unimpeachable source," said today the Duke of Windsor had tendered his resignation as governor of the Bahamas and would seek to become an American citizen as soon as it was accepted.

# 20,000 Axis Planes Wrecked by USAAF Since Pearl Harbor

WASHINGTON, May 19—More than 20,000 enemy planes have been destroyed in combat and on the ground and another 12,000 damaged or probably destroyed by the USAAF in all theaters since the war began, Gen. Henry H. Arnold revealed today.

Arnold said American losses from enemy action amounted to 6,000 planes while flying 746,353 sorties. The USAAF dropped 468,391 tons of bombs—263,455 to date this year—the general added.

He said the German air force has dipped into reserves to maintain front-line strength.

# U.S. Aid to Australia Is Lauded by Churchill

Prime Minister Churchill, speaking at a luncheon in honor of John Curtin, Australian Prime Minister, said he was "sure the Australian people will never forget the immense services rendered to Australia by the armed forces and government of the U.S."

"We divided spheres of responsibility with the U.S. at the beginning of 1942," Churchill said. "We had our part in the Atlantic and they undertook, with their strong arm, to ward off the menace of Japan and to aid Australia to develop her full strength."

# More Landing Craft Voted

WASHINGTON, May 19—The House, without a dissenting vote, today authorized the Navy to build an additional 1,000,000 tons of landing craft, mainly for the Pacific. The program would cost \$1,800,000,000.

# Rout in Crimea Beat Dunkirk's

## Allied Newsmen See Beach Strewn With Nazi Bodies, Shattered Boats

By Eddy Gilmore

Associated Press War Correspondent

SEBASTOPOL, May 17 (delayed)—Seven miles from here, on the ancient Kherones cape, lie the smoldering remains of one of Adolf Hitler's most disastrous military operations, viewed for the first time today by war correspondents.

The demoralized German Army of the Crimea—once 200,000 strong—fell back here for the promised evacuation to Rumania after the Red Army cracked the defenses of Sebastopol.

A German infantry colonel taken prisoner described the scenes of the last days of the German stand as "immeasurably worse than Dunkirk."

This is the scene as I see it now: We are standing on a rock about 35 feet high overlooking the Black Sea. Behind lies the still-smoking city of Sebastopol, where delayed-action bombs and mines are exploding constantly.

Somewhere over the horizon is Rumania. Just below is the waterline, strewn with German corpses. Sprawled helter-skelter on the beach among the dead are rafts—pitiful, home-made craft on which the Germans hoped to make their escape to Rumania.

Fifty feet to my right lies a burned-out landing barge crammed with dead troops. But how many of them did get away? "About 30,000," said Gen. Biriurov, "but remember, they had 200,000."

# Local Fighting on Eastern Front

Both sides on the Russian front appeared to be probing each other's positions yesterday, seeking to find weak spots before the summer offensive begins. Six hundred Germans were killed in small-scale counter attacks northwest of Tiraspol on the lower Dniester, and other local fighting was reported south-east of Stanislavov in the Carpathian foothills.

# Asia - - - - -

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lished a series of strongholds over an area 240 miles wide, some even east of the Irrawaddy River between Myitkyina and Mandalay. They have killed at least 2,000 Japs and are preventing the enemy from bringing up supplies from the south.

The Chinese reported further progress in their westward advance from the Sino-Burma border to join forces with Stilwell and open up the Ledo road from India to China but admitted that to the north-east the Japanese now have completely cut off the important railroad center of Loyang, although the Chinese garrison is still holding out.

# NEWS FROM HOME Detroit Drivers Decide Against Truck Walkout

## Union Rescinds Strike Call Involving 45,000 In AFL-CIO Showdown

DETROIT, May 19—A threatened strike by 45,000 members of an AFL Truck Drivers' Union, which would have crippled transportation here, has been called off, Bert Brennan, union leader, announced today.

Brennan threatened a walkout last night in an attempt to force a showdown in a jurisdictional dispute between the AFL and CIO involving the delivery of soft drinks.

The Chrysler works, which shut down earlier in the week as a result of the argument, was expected to reopen over the weekend with the return of 3,000 workers.

# Behind It Now

VAN NUYS, Cal., May 19—Mrs. John D. Spreckles III, a descendant of California's wealthy sugar family, told police that she went to a pool hall Wednesday with two friends to talk to the owner. While waiting for her friends, two men offered to teach her how to play "8-ball." After the game, Mrs. Spreckles picked up her bag to find jewelry worth \$6,100 was missing; and so were her two teachers.

# 'Dottie' in Hospital

HOLLYWOOD, May 19 (AP)—Dorothy Lamour, who went into a hospital Wednesday to undergo a minor operation, was said today to be "resting comfortably."

# Crash Kills 13 Marines

NORFOLK, Va., May 19 (Reuter)—Thirteen U.S. Marines were killed today in a plane crash, Navy headquarters announced here.

# Forrestal Sworn In

WASHINGTON, May 19 (AP)—James V. Forrestal was sworn in today as Secretary of the Navy.

# Snoozing GI Wakes To Help MP Grab A German Airman

A SOUTHWEST TOWN, England—A Yank MP walking his post just outside this town captured his first German prisoner recently, an airman who bailed out of his flak-riddled plane before it crashed a short distance away.

Pfc Leon B. Cole, of Augusta, Ga., was walking near a road junction when his attention was attracted by the sound of hobbled boots.

In response to his challenge came the guttural reply: "German, German, German."

Meanwhile, Pvt. David Fogel, of Philadelphia, Pa., off duty at the time and asleep in a near-by clump of bushes, came out to investigate. While Cole covered the airman with his rifle Fogel disarmed him and they took him back to their headquarters.

# Italy - - - - -

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Air Forces flying 2,200 sorties in 24 hours. Meanwhile, the Polish flag and the British Union Jack flew side by side over the ruins of Monte Cassino monastery, but the Poles, who took it yesterday, sent for American, French, Canadian, New Zealand and Indian flags as well to hoist over the fallen Nazi stronghold in symbol of the unity of arms which brought about the victory.

The town itself was so completely devastated that British troops who have known it for many months could not distinguish the Hotel des Roses and the Hotel Continental, two of the more fiercely-contested strongpoints, from the mass of rubble.

The Poles who finally took the ancient Benedictine monastery, veterans of the 1939 invasion of their homeland, suffered heavy casualties along with their foe. One Polish company had only six men left alive when it was relieved. Not a single able-bodied prisoner was taken by either side there—only the wounded were captured. And reports told of one instance where a wounded Pole and a wounded German, fighting on to the end, choked each other to death.

# Terry and the Pirates

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