

## Axis Dunkirk—That Failed



This is a scene 20 miles from the Tunisia coast, as a ship of the Royal Navy picked up German soldiers from rubber dinghies who tried to carry out a "Dunkirk" in a small vessel, which was sunk.

## U.S. Forces Take Attu Airfield, Pursue Japs to Their Last Base

WASHINGTON, May 20—American army forces, which yesterday joined a two-pronged attack against the Japanese on Attu, have captured the partially-completed air base which the Japs were building, and now are driving down against the last enemy defense position at Chicagof Harbor.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson reported today that the American bid to drive the enemy from the island was continuing satisfactorily in face of difficult conditions.

U.S. casualties so far have been light, while the Japanese were reported to have lost two-thirds of their units in one engagement. The admission of Jap losses was made in a Tokyo broadcast, picked up in the U.S., which indicated the Americans were making steady progress.

## Eight-Hour Bombing

The report added that U.S. planes had subjected the Japs to a steady eight-hour bombardment and that the Japs, near exhaustion, were withdrawing with none of their free of wounds.

Berlin radio described the U.S. force as a 100 times greater than the Nipponese defenders and minimized the importance of the Aleutians.

Elsewhere in the Pacific Tenth U.S. air force bombers hammered Japanese communication and supply bases in Burma with well over 100 tons of bombs in a single day.

## Big Lib Attack

Liberators operating in strength dropped 87 tons, the rest were delivered by medium bombers in coordinated attacks.

Japanese ground forces have been probing Allied positions about ten miles north of Buthidaung, northern Burma, with no success.

In the South Pacific Allied air forces carried out small scale air attacks on Jap positions at Timor. Long-range fighters destroyed or damaged three Jap bombers on the ground. Eight Jap fighters were intercepted, three were destroyed and two probably destroyed.

## Jap Hold Air Superiority

WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)—Col. Frederick Smith, chief of staff of the Fifth U.S. Air Force and commander of the Buna air task force, disclosed today that Japanese air strength in New Britain had been practically doubled in the last five months.

He estimated that the enemy now had roughly two to one numerical superiority over the Allies in the Southwest Pacific.

## Report Liberators Raided Dodecanese in Aegean Sea

ANKARA, May 20 (AP)—American planes have carried out a heavy raid lasting more than an hour on the Dodecanese Islands on May 14, it was reported here today from a reliable source.

It was not known how much damage was done, but it was believed that the raiders were Consolidated B24s. Raids on the islands of the Aegean were taken up by most observers in Ankara as a sign of the Allied thrust in the Aegean for which they have been waiting.

## Bombing 'Round The Clock, Round The Map' Promised As Two-Way Air Attacks Mount

## Allies Bag 73 Axis Planes in Blows Off Italy

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, May 20—Allied fighter planes and bombers destroyed 73 Axis aircraft yesterday in a series of dog fights and bombing attacks. It was the greatest blow to the enemy in the Mediterranean since the collapse of Axis ground forces in Tunisia.

Twenty-nine enemy planes were shot down in combat off Italy and Sardinia and 44 others were destroyed on the ground. Only four Allied planes were lost.

The heavy enemy toll indicated that the Axis was increasing its air strength in the Italian sector, striving to wrest air superiority from the Allies.

American Flying Fortresses, escorted by P38 Lightnings, accounted for ten enemy interceptors out of a force of 50 which rose to meet them after they had wrecked 37 grounded planes at Milo airfield, in Sicily.

A report of the operation said the target was "well covered with bomb bursts and fires were started."

Medium bombers, escorted by fighters, attacked four other airfields in Sardinia, shooting down 18 enemy interceptors, while bombs burst among grounded aircraft and in hangars and other buildings.

## Second-String Pilots

The large enemy losses, compared with the comparatively light Allied casualties, may mean that Hitler is making good his assurances to Mussolini by sending him defense squadrons—even if they are second line craft—while keeping his best fighter pilots at home.

The fight involving the American planes which raided Milo started after the bombing runs and as the planes turned back to their bases. It lasted 20 minutes and was fought "everywhere"—from the wave-tops up to 24,000 feet.

Another American force, of Marauders and P40 Warhawks, went to Monserrato airfield and Cagliari, in southern Sardinia. More than 30 interceptors gave battle but were beaten off.

Wednesday's raids were the major developments of the African front, where a trickle of prisoners was still coming in, carrying their own rations and building their own barbed wire stockades under the direction of bored British non-coms.

Tunis was struggling to get back to normal, after the defeat of the Germans and the first few days of almost hysterical celebration on the part of approximately 111,000 French residents.

## 57% in ETO Buy War Bonds

WASHINGTON, May 20 — The number of Army units of the ETO participating 100 per cent in the war bond pay reservation plan is increasing rapidly, the War Department announced today.

Col. J. H. Fulton, war bond officer for the theater, has reported that 57 per cent of the ETO's officers and enlisted men now are participating in the payroll reservation plan.

Col. Fulton's report added that in addition to the men who are buying the bonds directly, many others are purchasing bonds through their relatives at home.

## Searchlight Crew Gets Credit for Nazi Bomber

A searchlight and its RAF crew yesterday were credited with the destruction of a German bomber over the English coast.

The bomber, a Dornier 217, came in low to lay mines. The searchlight crew caught the plane full in the beam of their light. The Dornier swerved so violently in trying to shake off the blinding glare that it dipped one wing into the sea, cart-wheeled and crashed.

The searchlight crew was credited officially with one "confirmed."

## President Asks 72 Billions for Army Next Year

## Budget Request Follows Acclaim of Speech By Churchill

WASHINGTON, May 20—President Roosevelt today asked Congress for the tools to finish the tasks of war now being planned in the staff conferences between the President, Britain's Prime Minister and the staffs of the two powers.

In the wake of Prime Minister Churchill's address to Congress, which laid down the broad format of the war to come in the Far East, the President requested of Congress a huge appropriation for the U.S. Army for the next fiscal year—\$71,898,000,000, an increase of \$1,500,000,000 over January's estimate.

Most of the Army budget, it was explained, would go for 1944 construction of 1,417,000,000 pounds of airplanes, exclusive of engines; this year the construction figures in pounds are 911,000,000.

## Pacific Council Meets

The request for the budget, and the ground it covers, were in line with the plans of war generally outlined in Prime Minister Churchill's speech yesterday. He pledged all-out air war, with Britain aiding the U.S. in smashing Japan's cities and industries.

Meanwhile, Mr. Churchill, the President and the Canadian Prime Minister, Mackenzie King, were meeting with the Pacific War Council.

The three leaders conferred before the meeting, and were expected to hold preliminary talks with the Canadian Defense Minister and the Canadian chiefs of staff.

While the President's budget message was going to Congress, opinion here and in Australia piled up solidly behind the British Premier's declarations to Congress.

President Roosevelt, who listened to Mr. Churchill on the radio, chuckled frequently and obviously was highly delighted with the entire tone and content of the speech. From the halls of Congress, which rang recently with a criticism of Britain's war intentions, there rose a chorus of praise.

New York newspapers splashed such headlines as: "We will raze Japan, vows Churchill," "Churchill Pledges Japanese (Continued on page 4)

## Flood Waters Spread As Berlin Gets 65th Raid

Bombing by night and day, 'round-the-clock and "round-the-map," was promised Germany yesterday.

The promise of air attacks "ceaselessly, continuously, hour by hour until the war is won," came from Britain's Foreign Secretary, Anthony Eden, and was punctuated by Allied air action from north and south.

While American bombers and fighters were striking their heaviest aerial blow since the fall of Tunis at the Axis' Mediterranean air strength, RAF bombers penetrated once again to Berlin. But above all, closest to the Germans, towards whom Mr. Eden was aiming his declaration of a policy of total aerial war, were the spreading floods of the Ruhr, unleashed by RAF bombs on key power dams.

Coming only a day after Prime Minister Churchill's "knockout air war" speech before Congress, in Washington, Eden's declaration indicated the "bomb hell out of 'em" strategy, long advocated by RAF and USAAF officers.

"We know what is best for Germany," Eden told a conference of Britain's Conservative Party in London.

## Gathering Strength

"Let me assure Germany, despite what Hitler and Goebbels are saying, that Bomber Command is still gathering strength. As the months pass our enemies will feel its blows ever more heavily."

"I ask Dr. Goebbels to mark that." While he spoke, RAF fighters were shuttling back and forth over the Channel, raiding enemy objectives on the Continent.

Only a few hours earlier Mosquito bombers had punched through to Berlin—the 65th time the Nazi stronghold had been a target. None were lost. In Kiel and Flensburg, wreckage lay in the streets from American raids on Wednesday.

In what may have been an attempt at reprisal, a few enemy fighter-bombers flew over parts of southeast England, Essex and the London area Wednesday night. Bombs were dropped at widely separated points causing some damage and injuries to a small number of people. One enemy plane was shot down.

Germany's greatest industrial wound—a 60-mile track of flood damage in the Ruhr—was lengthening hourly yesterday.

## Flood Damage Mounts

Coiling into the very heart of the Nazi arsenal, waters from the bomb-battered Mohne and Eder dams broke the rail connections between Dortmund and Dusseldorf, 12 miles to the south, washed out a railway embankment at Schwerte and flooded railway yards at Dalhausen, one of the largest in the Ruhr area.

Essen, site of the huge Krupp munitions works and the most important of all German industrial targets, was threatened by the advancing waters. Other towns lying in the path of the advancing floods are the iron and steel centers of Witten and Borkum and the cotton manufacturing towns of Barman and Elberfeld. Dusseldorf itself, often-bombed rail junction point, also will be affected.

Desperately seeking to explain away the Mohne and Eder disasters, the Germans have executed five men at Neheim on charges of "signalling to British planes." Other dispatches to neutral newspapers told of increased anti-aircraft protection at other strategic dams and of the placing of torpedo nets.

Such nets protected the bombed dams but the 19 Lancasters which carried out the raids dropped their mines between the nets and the dams themselves.

A dispatch from Germany to a Stockholm newspaper yesterday said that the Germans were accusing the American pilots who raided Kiel with having dropped "explosive" flashlights and fountain pens.

## War In Europe May End Suddenly, Benes Says

NEW YORK, May 20 (AP)—President Edouard Benes, of Czechoslovakia, said yesterday that the war in Europe may end suddenly and that the United Nations should now prepare the basis for the peace to follow.

"Next year I believe the United Nations will have won their victory on the European battlefield," Benes said. "The end of the war in Europe may be rather a sudden affair. We must be prepared."

## Soviets Open Up On Two Fronts

## Berlin Still Says Drives Are Large-Scale, Moscow Quiet

By the United Press

Two large-scale Russian offensives—on the Izyum sector of the Donetz front and in the Kuban—have been launched according to Berlin, although no confirmation of this report has been received from Moscow.

"The attacks on the Kuban bridgehead are definitely to be regarded as part of the Russian offensive which has been expected on this sector for the past few days," the Berlin report said.

In contrast to the Axis version, Moscow reported that only rifle and artillery fire had taken place on the Lisichanks sector, while in the Kuban a German attack has been frustrated northeast of Novorossiisk.

Another German attack also took place on the lower reaches of the Kuban river, where the Germans temporarily succeeded in penetrating the Russian positions.

On the Smolensk front, where another Russian offensive was reported to be imminent yesterday, Red Army units have killed about 300 Germans. During this operation they destroyed fortifications and silenced artillery batteries.

## The APO Delivers Pvt. X's 10 Bucks

By Arthur W. White

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The last of many thousands of soldiers' letters which were aboard the Yankee Clipper when it crashed at Lisbon last February have been safely delivered, the Postal Division, SOS, ETOUSA, announced yesterday.

The addresses on many of the letters were nearly illegible when they were taken from the wreckage.

That's why it took such a long time to send one soldier—"Private X"—his ten bucks.

All that was readable on the envelope of "Private X's" letter, which had been thoroughly soaked by the waters of the Tagus, was his rank, first name and APO number and the American postmark.

Inside were ten bucks; and he was waiting for them.

Maj. B. J. Humes, of Troy, N.Y., and the Postal Division, went to work. How

many units were served by that particular APO? Fifteen.

How many privates in the 15 units had a first name similar to the one on the envelope? Six.

So far, so good.

Did any of the six live in or near the American postmarked district?

The very first man's record revealed a home town under 50 miles from the town in Ohio where the letter was posted. None of the other five came from that State.

So the letter was sent to the soldier's CO for discreet inquiries.

Right first time. Ten bucks, saved from a water grave, were delivered.

But "Emma's" letter," also saved from the Clipper, still remains a puzzle.

In that case a letter which started "Dear Emma" was returned, after being dried, to the wrong envelope—one addressed to an American soldier—by the British postal authorities.

The soldier sent it back.

"Emma" could be an American nurse, the Postal Division figured.

How many "Emmas" were serving in the ETO? Twelve.

None was the right one, so all the "Emmas" who went to Africa were contacted. Still no luck.

The search continues, and if the right "Emma's" in the ETO the Postal Division will find her.

The chance mention of a woman's name in a "freak" V-mail letter, recently sent to them for inquiries, enabled another soldier in the ETO to be traced.

All that was visible of the address on top of the letter was his APO number. The rank and name had somehow been omitted.

Studying it for clues, officials gathered that the letter was from a girl to her soldier-fiance, named Joe, and in it she mentioned a woman's name.

The implication could be drawn that the woman mentioned was the soldier's mother.

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# Yanks Learned War the Hard Way

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### The Great Speech

Commenting on Prime Minister Winston Churchill's great speech, the New York Herald Tribune said: "The Prime Minister did not tell where or when the new blows will fall; he did not tell how the forces are being apportioned or whether the allotments for one theater or another are being raised or lowered; he did not even tell whether it is with present action or future plans that the leaders are now engrossed. No one could possibly expect him to do so. But he did give not only an inspiring review of the hopeful situation to which we have now arrived; but a vivid salutary picture of what the conduct of a global war implies. He gave some hint of the inordinate complexity of the planning required to select the objectives and effect the movement of great masses of troops. This process is so elaborate and must be put in train so far ahead of time that all the Axis efforts in Tunisia have not in any way delayed the 'unfolding' of the operations next to come. He gave an idea of the true interrelation of all the fronts and theaters, and the extent to which all must be seen as a whole. The bombing of Germany, the U-boat war, Tunisia, the tremendous contributions of the Russians and the necessity for taking more of the weight from their heroic shoulders, the containing of Japan and the ultimate attack upon her... it makes no sense to discuss any of these things save in relation with all the others. He well showed why 'repeated conferences are indispensable' in making all 'the intricate adjustments and arrangements' constantly demanded by the conduct of a global war."

The Prime Minister asked from everyone "the utmost good will and readiness to think for the common cause," but only after he had unreservedly pledged his people and himself to the destruction of Japan as well as Germany, and had repudiated the slightest suspicion that Great Britain would not "employ every man, gun and airplane that can be used in such an effort."

Mr. Churchill assumed he would find an equal faith and steadfastness in the United States. It was a fair assumption and it will not be denied him, for he himself has provided the example and breadth of view, the mutual trust and the singleness of purpose which will insure a United Nations victory.

### China's Development

Following a meeting held in Chungking recently of China's leading industrial experts and executives a Chinese Industrial Federation was formed. At the inauguration of the Federation, which is representative of more than a hundred of China's principal industrial enterprises, Dr. H. H. Kung, Finance Minister, stressed the double task of increasing war production and of developing industry as an indispensable part of nation building.

At the inaugural meeting a report made to the industrialists stressed the progress of China's industry under war conditions. It was disclosed that in some parts of free China coal output had shown a 300 per cent increase over pre-war figures, while other basic industries had made corresponding strides.

The Chinese government, it was disclosed, has appropriated more than one hundred million dollars to stimulate the manufacture of machinery previously imported from abroad. By this means industrialists are being assisted in their task of increasing the flow of domestically manufactured war material.

China it appears will come out of this war much stronger industrially than when she was first attacked by the Japanese. With the coming of peace, this industrial strength can be turned to the gigantic task of building the new and better China for China's teeming millions. This will be her next great task, and under her present able leadership this dream should be realized within the lifetime of many of us who have watched the gallant struggle she has waged against the common enemy.

## Hash Marks

A police dog... and this shouldn't happen to a dog even... disappeared for four foodless days into the Elkhart, Indiana, cornfields, after his 12-year-old mistress had decorated his front paws with red nail polish.

Iona Fiddle, of St. Paul, was recently accepted by the WAACS. No doubt they're planning to start an orchestra, no doubt.

We recently heard the story of a young lady who had just been hired by one of the larger ARC Service Clubs in town. GIs



used to come and ask her how to get to the Pool Room. It wasn't until after two months of directing the fellows to the wrong place that she found out what a pool room really is and realized then that the men were not asking for the Men's Room.

When a U-boat wrecked a ship and the survivors landed in South Ireland, two Civic Guards discussed the problem. "We ought to intern them," said one. "And why, I'm askin'?" "Why? Because we're neutral." "Sure, an' we are that. But who are we neutral against?"

Izzy Goldberg was a dope... he was just plain stupid. All thru school his report card showed nothing but zeros. When the war broke Izzy was drafted and sent to gunnery school. Later, his old man got a letter from the Navy about Izzy who was now in the Pacific. Fearing the worst, he opened it and read: "Your son, Izzy Goldberg, got three Zeros today." "Ach, dot dumbkoph," said Pop, "even in the Navy he gets zeros!"

Has anybody heard anything of the astrologers who predicted the downfall of Hitler in 1942?

Then there was the girl who wore only a cluster of strawberries to a fancy dress ball and got herself into a helluva jam.

"I wish we'd get a few shipwrecked sailors washed ashore," said the cannibal chief. "What I need now is a good dose of salts."

Have you heard of the recruit GI who thought the Morning Report was the reveille cannon?

Private Norman Bailey, Duluth, telephoned his HQ, and reported: "The wax just arrived." Word spread quickly.



Officers and men flocked to the barracks, combed their hair, polished their brass, shined their shoes, and put on some foot-fool. On arrival they learned it was floor polish... not WAACS... that arrived.

H. A. H.

## Lessons Under Fire Taught Green U.S. Troops to Fight

In the last tumultuous rush to victory in Tunisia, some of the earlier disappointments and lessons are apt to be overlooked. Alan Moorehead, Daily Express reporter, who was on the scene, here gives a candid summary of how the fighting forces of three peoples were welded into a team of war; and he backs up his analysis with the semi-official appraisal of the American troops as seen by the Germans they eventually defeated.

By Alan Moorehead

There were three utterly different kinds of soldier—French, British and American—fighting on our side in Tunisia, and only a well-meaning but deluded fool is going to suggest that there were not quarrels, disappointments and misunderstandings.

There were two quite separate armies—the First and the Eighth—and it is eye-



Smiling Yanks in a reconnaissance car (top) pull up beside a soldier of the Eighth Army shortly after the American and British soldiers joined on the road from Gabes to Gafsa on April 9—the first step to destroy Axis forces then fleeing to new defense positions in the Tunisia tip. At left, a puzzled Yank uses sign language to try to make a puzzled French soldier understand how to use some new U.S. equipment for the French forces.

of starting, and because they were asked to tackle the most difficult country without as much training as ourselves.

Can I repeat here that only about 15 or 20 per cent of a modern army actually fights? All the rest is used in getting supplies up to that fine cutting edge in the vanguard.

The Americans at this stage were almost as slow as we used to be during the first two years of the war in getting their stuff forward.

Although every lorry had a machine-gun, and the men would have felt rough better firing these guns, the Americans were told to abandon their vehicles every time an aircraft appeared in the sky. This caused hours of delay along the supply routes every day, because there were quite a few aircraft about, ours as well as the enemy's.

But look what has happened since. They have swept through the Green and Bald Hills, and country twice as bad as in the south, at three times the speed. I saw a little of them in action in both sectors, and the difference was extraordinary.

### Veterans in 3 Weeks

As Gen. Anderson said: "They became veterans in three weeks."

They are at this moment probably the best equipped army in the world.

A Russian correspondent on this front wrote during the end of the battle: "The pupils are ready to become the masters."

For the Colonial French you will find almost unqualified admiration among the British troops here.

There is a nuggety toughness about the best French infantry. They seem to be less affected by shell-fire than almost anyone. By our standards, their sudden and irregular maneuvers in this battle have seemed a little unorthodox.

At any rate, the French have got their weapons now, and the chief question—will the French revive after three years of armistice?—is answered. They will. They have.

You will note that in the final stages all three forces, French, British, American, took separate sectors. That was Alexander's idea, and it seems to have answered the problem of whether the three Allies can fight together.

In our experience here the Allies fight best when grouped under one command. But each field commander must be allowed to carry out his general orders in his own way.

wash to say that they were full of light-hearted admiration for one another. Somehow, at the end, those two armies were welded into a single striking force, and most of the rivalry died away.

Somehow, those three nationalities got into harness together and finished up in a dead-heat on the coast. Somehow, Eisenhower's joint command turned out to be a brilliant success.

Let the Germans, who ought to be unbiased, speak first about the Americans.

### How Nazis Viewed Us

The day after we got into Tunis I picked up in the Luftwaffe mess a German magazine which gave a semi-official report on the Tunisian battlefront. It said:

"The Americans have taken this war far too lightly. Their soldiers in Tunisia have shown themselves unprepared for the seriousness and grimness of modern war. But while they are inferior to the British at present, they will probably learn much more quickly."

That was written before our offensive began in April. It was written after the actions at Kasserine and Fondouk, when the Americans were having a particularly rough time. I do not suppose now that you will find one responsible officer in Tunisia who will not speak with admiration of the final American drive to Bizerta, and especially of the American

### Allied Line Endangered

The whole operation involved only a few thousand troops, but it very critically endangered the whole Allied line.

At Fondouk, Apr. 8, British infantry were to take the northern line of hills leading to the Pass, the Americans the southern line, while British armor attacked up the centre of the valley.

It was essential to break through at once to reach Kairouan and prevent any more Germans escaping northward from Gabes. The British infantry on the north took all their objectives, but the Americans on the south failed to arrive in time at their starting line.

The British commander, therefore, decided to sacrifice his tanks on the Fondouk minefield and break through without waiting for the Americans to silence the enemy guns on the southern hills. This was done, and, one day behind schedule, we arrived at Kairouan. It was a very small action.

The Americans failed to arrive on time because of some confusion about the hour

### PRIVATE O'SHAUGHNESSY



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## World's Largest Airfield Is Busy Ferry Base from U.S. to Britain

The largest airfield in the world, built on a vast sand plateau in Labrador, is being used by the U.S. Air Transport Command and the RAF Transport Command for delivery of military aircraft and materials to Britain, it was revealed yesterday.

Built at a cost of approximately \$12,000,000 to date, the field is one of the busiest air stations in North America. In one 24-hour period, it serviced more than 100 airplanes, fed the crews, and dispatched them to Britain. In a year of active operation, it has overhauled and refueled more airplanes than go through any other ferry base on the North Atlantic seaboard.

The U.S. Air Transport Command alone has arranged to accommodate this year twice the number of airplanes which went through in 1942, it is officially stated.

The present runways of the airfield, on a plateau towering 70 feet above a wilderness of swamp and muskeg, are more than a mile long, sufficient for fully-loaded bombers like Liberators and Fortresses.

Besides being on the great circle air route to Europe, the airfield is in an area which has good weather practically the whole year round.

The only women on the station are a few American nurses, the RAF mess officer, four RAF nurses and 14 local girls in the laundry.

Financing of the enterprise is assessed under an international agreement which will remain secret for the war period. It is handled by the Canadian transport department, which apportions it among the Canadian Army garrisoning the outpost, the USAAF, the RCAF and the RAF Transport Command.

The isolation of the station and the long sub-Arctic nights have not chilled the spirit of the men, many of whom are from semi-tropical states. "We have as good morale here as at any place in the world," says the commanding officer.

Many difficulties were encountered in building the huge airport, which is not yet complete. Construction costs in Labrador are said to be twice what they would be outside. All materials must be hauled by water or flown. Labor in Labrador ranks with the highest paid in the world.

Since Labradorians have never before worked under a boss and resent anything that sounds like an order, foremen have to be extremely tactful. The Labradorians have proved to be good workers.

# Braves Subdue Bucs, Now One Game from Lead

## Double Victory, Coupled With Card Triumph, Pares Bums' Lead

By Collie Small  
United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, May 20—The harried Dodgers lost in two parks yesterday, stripping their gears at home on the Cardinals while the second-place Boston Braves were taking another hungry bite from the Dodger lead by beating Pittsburgh in both games of a double header in Boston.

Trying to keep their eye on both parks, the Dodgers got so badly out of focus that the St. Louis speedboys ran them into the ground with a 3-2 victory, shaving the tottering lead to only one game over the Braves, who blew hot enough to record their sixth and seventh consecutive victories.

The Cards hooked up Outfielder Harry Walker and Catcher Walker Cooper's hits in the first inning for a run, then went to a 3-0 lead in the sixth when Outfielder Coaker Triplett homered off Southpaw Max Macon, also scoring Cooper who previously had drawn a walk. For the second straight day, Rookie Harry Brecheen put out the Brooklyn fire, relieving Max Lanier in the seventh. The Cards, now a scant two games behind the Bums, hammered out nine hits off Macon and Les Webber, while the Dodgers, who were distressed for the third straight day by St. Louis pitching, managed to get only six, all off Lanier.

### Ott's Homer Wins For Giants

The Braves maintained their dizzy surge by dint of an 11-inning first game struggle with Pittsburgh, winding up with a 2-1 victory when Shortstop Whitey Witelman singled scoring First Baseman Johnny McCarthy after the latter singled and stole second. Nate Andrews allowed five hits to win his fourth pitching triumph, outduelling Xavier Rescigno. In the nightcap, the Braves opened with four ringing hits in a row in the first inning, going on to a 5-3 victory after staving off a two-run Pirate rally in the ninth. George Jeffcoat held the Pirates to five hits while the Braves were obtaining nine off four Buc hurlers—Gornicki, Lanning, Hallett and Butcher.

At New York, Master Melvin Ott poked out a two-run homer in the fourth inning which broke Cincinnati's back and swept the Giants into a 3-2 decision although they were out-hit, 12-5. Ace Red southpaw, Johnny VanderMeer, left the game in the fourth, failing to go the distance for the first time this year. Giants' Bill Lohrman blanked Cincinnati until the ninth when a rally drove him to the showers. Van Lingle Mungo saved the game, halting the Reds one run short of a deadlock.

### Pauley, Courier Advance To Ulster Handball Final

BELFAST, May 20—In the semi-final round of the doubles handball tournament here, P. G. Courier, of Glendale, Cal., and Ray Pauley, of Madison, Wis., won a hard-played match from Robie Robinson, of the Bronx, N.Y., and George Vindewald, of Roselle, N.J., 21-13, 21-19.

Cpl. Aaron Eidex, of Birmingham, Ala., and Cpl. Charles Engelhard, of Washington, defeated Creighton Hart, of Los Angeles, and Nick Henneberry, of Yonkers, N.Y., 21-13, 21-9, to complete the round. The winners will play May 26 with Pauley and Courier favored to take the crown.

### Two Teams Undefeated In Port Softball League

—PORT HEADQUARTERS, May 20—Two teams are still undefeated in this camp's softball league as the first round draws to a close—Operations No. 2 and Headquarters Company.

Leading moundsmen for the clubs are Sgt. Joe Nairn, of Minneapolis, Minn., for Operations No. 2, and T/5 Richard Phare, of Akron, Ohio, for Headquarters.

The individual batting champion will be awarded a special two-day pass at the close of play.

### Washington Club Blanked

The London Red Cross Hans Crescent club table tennis team defeated the Washington club, 5-0, on the former's tables, Wednesday night. Hans Crescent—Pvt. Art Rothenberg, N.Y.; T/Sgt. William Welter, Gary, Ind.; Miss Mid Eberle (ARC), Providence, R.I.; S/Sgt. Edward Walltanski, Philadelphia, and Cpl. Bill Gayo, Baltimore, Md. Washington—T/5 Paul Jim Swim, Belmont, Mass.; T/Sgt. Paul Swartz, Newark, N.J.; Sgt. Hale Jones, North Wilkesboro, N.C., and Sgt. Joe Sala and Pfc John Sala, Detroit.

### Bomb Wing Ahead, 18-7

—BOMB WING, May 20—Sgt. Jimmy Marlowe, of Cairo, Ill., knocked out five doubles in five trips to the plate to lead the Bomb Wing's softball team to an 18-7 triumph over the Bomb Group here yesterday. Pfc Ernie Graebner, of New Ulm, Minn., was the winning moundsman.

# Budge Learns How to Place His Shots



Keystone Photo

Ex-tennis champion Don Budge learns a new kind of volley as he undergoes his 41 days of combat schooling at the Air Corps basic training center at Sheppard Field. Always a hot shot with a racket, Don should become quite adept at lead slinging. Budge enlisted in the Army Air Forces recently.

## Trackmen Selected to Compete Against RAF, Oxford, May 29

Eighteen men have been selected by The Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee to participate in the triangular track meet against the Oxford University team and the RAF squad at Oxford on Saturday, May 29.

The squad is made up exclusively of the men who captured first or second in last week's ETO title cinder meet at Polytechnic Stadium, Chiswick. As in that competition, top honors go to the Eighth Air Force, which will have six men on the squad.

Outstanding performer probably will be Cpl. John Murray, of Buffalo, N.Y., 100-yard dash specialist. Running for Southern Base Section on Saturday he did the century in nine and eight-tenths seconds.

Others on the squad, with the events in which they will compete, are:

- 100-yard dash—Sgt. C. C. Johnson, Milledgeville, Ga. (AF).
- 440-yard dash—Pfc William Slack, Bloomfield, N.J. (SBS).
- 880-yard dash—Lt. Harrison D. Kohl, Mason City, Iowa (WBS), and Cpl. Angelo Tarantola, Brooklyn (WBS).
- 1 mile—Sgt. Wade Barton, Pheba, Miss. (AF), and Pfc Fred Emmanuelli, New York (USN).
- 3-mile—Pvt. Ben Cohen, New York.
- High hurdles—Sgt. John Benford, Mt. Pleasant, Mich. (AF).
- High jump—Sgt. Ken Kenney, Lexington, Ky. (SBS), and S/Sgt. Don Etinger, Independence, Mo. (CBS).
- Broad jump—Cpl. John Murray, Buffalo, N.Y. (SBS), and Sgt. Kenney.
- Shot put—Lt. Howard Mendel, Deal, N.J. (unattached) and Sgt. Joe Cullen, Meadville, Pa. (AF).
- Discus—Sgt. Sylvester Heinberg and Sgt. John Dickinson, both of Los Angeles (AF).
- Javelin—Sgts. Kenney and Dickinson.
- Medley relay—Sgt. Leonard Juppson, Edgemont, S.D. (unattached); Lt. Robert Tappan, Maplewood, N.J. (unattached); Cpl. Marvin Smith, Cherokee, Iowa (AF), and Lt. Kohl.

The entire team will be billeted at the Red Cross hostel at Oxford Thursday and Friday nights, giving them an opportunity to work out before the meet. All expenses will be paid by The Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee.

The nightcap, scheduled for 3 PM, will feature the Pill Rollers, Medic nine, and the Agitators, — Inf. team.

### Phelps Sale Off

PITTSBURGH, May 20—The Pirates have announced that they must postpone the sale of Babe Phelps to the Phillies because of a technicality. Phelps was placed on the ineligible list when he failed to report within the required time, but later it was decided his category was in the voluntary retired list since he is engaged in a war job. He must remain on the retired list 60 days and meanwhile cannot be sold.

## Two-Ton Tony Galento Gets More Than the Usual Berry

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 20—Tony Galento, slim as ever—he's tipping the scale at 250—lumbered through a couple of two-round exhibition bouts with Benny Scott, New York Negro, and Lenny Fort, Oklahoma City heavyweight, here last night.

All in all, Tony did not have a happy time. Not only did Two-Ton have to dodge his opponents' punches, but also two ripe tomatoes which hit the center of the ring and splattered all over the ring-siders.

The crowd of 3,500 was definitely anti-

### Boston Braves Release Pitcher Lefty Gomez

BOSTON, May 20—The Boston Braves, second place in the National League, have unconditionally released Pitcher Lefty Gomez. Gomez, who is 32, was signed by the Braves last winter after the New York Yankees had cut him adrift.

During his brief stay with the Braves, Gomez was regarded as an effective morale builder on a previously consistent seventh place club which is now battling the Dodgers for the lead in the National League. Many Brave pitchers especially credited their surprising improvement to advice and encouragement given by Gomez.

## Ex-Opponents Pick Beau Jack

### Rico, Armstrong Say Titlist Is Too Tricky for Montgomery

NEW YORK, May 20—Two fellows who ought to know pick lightweight champ Beau Jack to retain his title over Philadelphia Bob Montgomery in their 15-round match at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night.

Chester Rico, Bronx battler who lost to Montgomery and fought two close fights with Jack, one of which went to a draw, says "Beau Jack is too fast. Jack is much harder to hit. He'll outmaneuver Montgomery all the way. Fifteen rounds will not make any difference." Rico pointed out that he was leading on points in his bout with Montgomery until a cut eye forced him out. Previously to that, he said, he found it easy to move out and around Bob and outbox him.

Old boxing master Henry Armstrong likes Jack to retain his title. "They're both friends of mine and I hate to favor one or the other, but Bob is too mechanical a fighter to beat the Beau," Hammering Henry remarked. "From my bout with him I know that Jack is a fast and tricky boxer. It took me quite a few rounds to get hep to him. I don't think Montgomery knows enough to do it, even in 15."

## Twin Bill Opens N. Ireland Loop

BELFAST, May 20—Two diamond contests are scheduled for Ravenhill rugby park here Saturday afternoon as the new Ulster baseball league gets underway. Col. I. S. Dirking, SOS head in Northern Ireland, will throw out the first ball, with Commander Thomas Keane, USNR, receiving.

The first game, starting at 1:30, will pit the Dodgers, an Air Force nine, against a Navy team. S/Sgt. Aaron Lutz, of Amery, Wis., will start on the mound for the Dodgers, with Pfc Joseph Thompson, of Washington, behind the plate. John Kinney, PHM3c, of Erie, Pa., will start for the sailors, with Tom Kaufmann, PHM3c, of Humanville, Mo., catching.

The nightcap, scheduled for 3 PM, will feature the Pill Rollers, Medic nine, and the Agitators, — Inf. team.

### Golfer Johnny Burke Dies

NEWPORT, R.I., May 20—2/Lt. John P. Burke, one of the nation's best amateur golfers, has been reported dead in Central Africa. Burke was intercollegiate golf champion in '38 and runner-up in the National Amateur championship in 1941, when he represented Georgetown.

## Olympic Rules To Be Used in ETO Tourney

### Vidmer, Gilstrap, Radam To Referee Bouts Next Week

By Mark E. Senigo  
Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

Next week's Stars and Stripes ETO championship boxing tournament at the Rainbow Corner and Seymour Hall will be fought under Olympic rules instead of the intercollegiate rules used during the weekly bouts at the Corner.

Main difference in the rules concerns the judges, there being three instead of the usual two. Furthermore, although the referee works in the ring, he does not render a decision.

Each fighter will be allowed two seconds, but only one second will be allowed to work in the ring. The other may work on the platform outside the ropes.

Names of all the entries received to date will be published in tomorrow's Stars and Stripes. The drawings for the preliminaries will be made Sunday afternoon and will be published in Monday's edition. Fighters will weigh in the first day they are scheduled to fight and that weight will stand for the duration of the tournament. If a man weighs in above the weight for which he has entered, he will be allowed to fight in the next bracket providing it does not cause undue shuffling in the drawings.

### Other Officials Named

Any fighter who does not appear in the ring two minutes after his name has been announced at the time of his bout will forfeit the bout and will be out of the tournament.

Those taking part in the competition will be billeted at the American Red Cross Liberty Club, Upper Woburn Place, five minutes' walk from Euston Station. All expenses will be paid by The Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee.

The committee has released the names of the 13 officials who will work during the tournament. The three referees are: Lt. Col. Richard Vidmer, former New York Herald Tribune sports columnist who has officiated at most of the weekly fight shows at the Rainbow Corner; Maj. Lee Gilstrap, of Claiborne, Okla., for eight years chairman of the boxing committee of the AAU, and Capt. Sol Radam, of Akron, Ohio, former University of Akron athletic star.

### Doctor to Have Final Say

Judges for the four-day competition will be: Fred Corcoran, Boston, tournament manager for the PGA; Tex Blaisdell, Chicago, ARC; Lt. Joseph McNamara, USNR, Boston; Lt. Thomas DuKehart, Baltimore, Special Service officer, — Division; Fred Yetter, ARC; Frank Kammerlohr, Great Falls, Mon., ARC; Hugh Foster, Los Angeles, ARC; Capt. Harry Harchar, Bethlehem, Pa., and Lt. G. K. Hodenfield, Glenwood, Iowa, of The Stars and Stripes.

Capt. Stanley Bach, of Lexington, Ky., Special Service athletic officer, ETO, will be the official timekeeper.

There will be a doctor on hand during all the contests. If a man is hurt during a bout, the final decision as to whether he is able to continue will rest with the doctor.

Officials have been requested by The Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee to meet at the Rainbow Corner Monday night at 8 PM.

### Minor Leagues

International League			
Wednesday's Games			
Jersey City 6, Toronto 3 (first game)			
Toronto 6, Jersey City 3 (second game)			
No other games.			
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Toronto .. 18 6 .750	Jersey City 11 12 .458	Newark .. 11 9 .550	Baltimore .. 9 12 .429
Montreal .. 10 10 .500	Buffalo .. 7 10 .412	Syracuse .. 7 8 .467	Rochester .. 7 12 .368

Eastern League			
Wednesday's Games			
No games played.			
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Scranton .. 9 3 .750	Albany .. 5 6 .455	Binghamton 7 3 .700	Elmira .. 4 7 .364
Hartford .. 9 4 .692	Springfield 3 9 .250	Wilkes-Barre 4 6 .636	Utica .. 1 8 .111

American Association			
Wednesday's Games			
No games played.			
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Indianapolis 7 4 .636	Kansas City 6 6 .500	Columbus 7 6 .538	Toledo .. 6 6 .500
Milwaukee 8 7 .533	Louisville .. 7 8 .467	Minneapolis 8 7 .533	St. Paul .. 6 11 .353

Southern Association			
Wednesday's Games			
Birmingham 9, Memphis 8			
Knoxville 6, Atlanta 1			
No other games scheduled.			
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Nashville .. 16 8 .667	N. Orleans 12 14 .462	Birmingham 17 9 .654	Atlanta .. 10 15 .400
Chattanooga 14 9 .609	Knoxville .. 7 15 .318	Little Rock 14 10 .583	Memphis .. 7 17 .292

Pacific Coast League			
Wednesday's Games			
Los Angeles 10, Hollywood 4 (first game)			
Los Angeles 4, Hollywood 1 (second game)			
San Francisco 7, Oakland 6 (15 innings)			
Sacramento 3, San Diego 2			
Seattle 2, Portland 1			
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Los Angeles 26 3 .897	Hollywood 14 16 .467	San Francisco 17 12 .586	Portland 10 19 .345
Oakland .. 17 14 .543	Sacramento 10 20 .333	San Diego 15 15 .516	Seattle .. 9 20 .310

### Brownie Shortstop Out

ST. LOUIS, May 20—The St. Louis Browns will have to do without the services of their star shortstop, Vern Stephens, for six weeks or two months. Stephens fractured the patella in his left knee sliding into second base in a recent game with the Yankees.

### Blondie



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

by Chic Young

# Spring Floods Cause Damage In Five States

## 50 Mines Close as Water Hits Power Supply; Few Casualties

ST. LOUIS, May 20—Spring floods in the Mississippi and its tributaries had inundated an estimated 1,000,000 acres of farmland in Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, Indiana and Oklahoma today—driving 12,000 persons from their homes in Indiana alone and causing eight known deaths.

More than 60,000 people living in seven towns below the Grand River dam in northeast Oklahoma were warned to leave after the manager of the great hydro-electric project reported the level was less than a foot below the top of the dam and that the flood gates were being opened.

Fifty lead and zinc mines, important to the nation's defense program, were shut down, either by flooding of the shafts or through the lack of power because of flooded electric power stations.

### Mississippi Overflows

Here, the Mississippi was slightly over its banks.

The Spring River, in southwestern Kansas, was over its banks. Baxter Springs, Kan., reported the highest flood stage in 71 years, with the city's power plants out of commission.

Army units were cooperating with the Coast Guard and Red Cross in strengthening the levees which still held, rescue work and caring for the homeless. Property damage was estimated at "several million dollars."

Swirling flood waters, racing down the river valleys, had spread over the cornlands of the great mid-western farming area just as the new crops were only a few inches high. There was some danger that the loss would seriously affect the nation's farm output for the year, but increased acreage would, in part, offset the loss.

In the flooded areas the Red Cross set up food distribution centers and every available building on high ground was being used as a relief center for the homeless.

# Rebuilt Garage Now GI Theater

A U.S. ARMY STATION HOSPITAL, N.J., May 20—"The Green Hut," a theater remodelled from a storage garage, opened here this afternoon with the presentation of a variety show, "Out and About."

Five non-coms and a Pfc, who did the work, earned the thanks of the entire station.

The men who hammered all lumber, fixed wiring and lights and cleaned the place up were Sgt. Bill Webster, of Buffalo, N.Y., Special Service; T/4 Calvin Daigle, New Orleans, movie operator; T/4 Harold Potter, Faulkton, N.D., hospital electrician; T/5 Jerome Loberg, of St. Paul, Minn.; Cpl. Harry Harfield, of St. Paul, Minn., carpenter, and Pfc Mike Moritz, of Bertha, Miss., carpenter.

Three movies a week and regular ENSA shows will be features of the theater. A grand opening, with a BBC broadcast to the United States, is scheduled for about two weeks hence.

# Churchill

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ruin." "Churchill Pledges Fight to Finish off Japs." The press in Australia, with the loss of the hospital ship Centaur still fresh in mind, added its plaudits to the speech.

Individual congressional comments were likewise overwhelmingly favorable. Former leading isolationist Hamilton Fish, of New York, said: "It was a magnificent address, though it did not promise a land invasion this year." Sen. Edwin Johnson, of Colorado, remarked: "Churchill talks a good Jap war. I hope action will follow."

Diplomatic observers here expressed the opinion that Great Britain and the U.S. might try to prevail upon Stalin to grant the use of Russian air bases for an onslaught on Japan. They said this might well be the purpose of the meeting which Churchill and Roosevelt hope to arrange with Stalin and Chiang Kai-shek.

These opinions were obviously based on the text of the speech when Churchill said the objective bombing of Japan "holds a high place in Allied plans."

# Stella the Fort Goes Back to Work



U.S. Army Air Force Photo

Stella rumbles down a dusty runway built on a grain field in England bound for her home station.

By Sgt. Henry Andrews

Stars and Stripes Special Correspondent

EIGHTH AIR SERVICE HQ, May 20—Stella—the Flying Fortress that was repaired on the spot after making a crash landing in southern England—is back on the job again.

The credit for actually getting Stella into the air goes to Maj. Allen G. Russell, mustached, 43-year-old airman from North Hollywood, Cal., and M/Sgt. Burton Davis, slim, 24-year-old co-pilot-engineer, from Mt. Morris, Ill.

The two flew the plane out of a farmer's field after it had been repaired by a mobile repair unit of the Eighth Air Force Service Command. A temporary runway was constructed by the — Engineers under the direction of Capt. Richard O. Evans, of Chicago.

The dramatic take-off was witnessed by

mechanics of the mobile repair unit, engineers who constructed the runway and English townspeople attracted to the spot as the motors of the Fort were warmed up for the take-off.

Maj. Russell and Sgt. Davis virtually had to thread a needle with the 36,000-pound ship, as the runway was so constructed that a U-shaped cut had to be made in the field. As the ship roared by this cut, at 80 miles an hour, there was a clearance of only a few feet on either side of the outside motors.

"It was a close one," said Maj. Russell, after he had taken the ship to a depot to be fitted with armor, guns and other equipment.

In order to get the ship off the dirt runway, it was necessary to cut its weight as much as possible. Armor plate, guns, ammunition and other equipment were removed.

Maj. Russell and Sgt. Davis, both of

the Eighth Air Force Service Command, teamed up two months ago to take the Werewolf out of a small field under similar circumstances.

It's a hazardous job that these two have, but in flying planes out many months are saved. Otherwise the big Fort would have to be disassembled, hauled to a depot and put together again.

"All it takes to get these off is a good sergeant," explained Maj. Russell, who has flown everything from a kite to the biggest bomber. He has 22 years of aviation experience, and in that time he has been a test pilot and an airline pilot. Just before his entry into the Air Force he was chief pilot in charge of operations for William R. Hearst.

"He's a good pilot, believe me," said Sgt. Davis of the Major. "He gets planes out of tight spots."

If he didn't the sergeant wouldn't have much chance to talk about it later.

# APO Delivers \$10 to Pvt. X

## Last of Mail Salvaged From Lisbon Clipper Delivered Here

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It was only a slim chance, but there was no other lead.

The base post office directory was contacted to see if there was a soldier whose last name was the same as the woman mentioned serving in unit whose APO was the one given in the letter.

There was, and his first name was Joseph. It was the right Joseph. The case of David L. Shaw, American soldier, of Massachusetts, is rather different.

He won 15 shillings a couple of weeks ago in a "Wings for Victory" competition held at Newport, Monmouthshire, but left an incomplete address, and didn't even give his rank.

So the Secretary, Squadron Savings Group, 42 Fields Park Rd., Newport, wrote asking the Postal Division for help in tracing him.

All six men of that name they contacted were honest hombies.

None claimed the money. The next move is your's, David Shaw, and, incidentally, there are ten days before pay-day.

# Musical Teas Planned For Salisbury Red Cross

SALISBURY, May 20—Musical teas will be held Thursday and Saturday afternoons at the American Red Cross Club here. Twelve young hostesses will serve tea and a pianist will put on a "jam session."

These events are a new weekly feature specially designed to entertain men in the area who were casualties in North Africa. A special program for Memorial Day is being planned.

# Nine Baseball Games Scheduled for Warrington

WARRINGTON, May 20—Nine baseball games within a week have been planned by the American Red Cross here. A Wings for Victory charity game will be played at 3 PM Saturday at Stockport. On Sunday, games are scheduled for 3 PM at Manchester Athletic Grounds, Crosfield Recreation Grounds and Rylands Recreation Grounds, and for 7 PM at Warrington Cricket Grounds.

# Kangaroo Craze Sweeps Yanks in Australia

NEW YORK, May 20—The kangaroo craze has swept the American troops in Australia, according to reports brought from there by Miss Helen Hall, Red Cross director of the Southwest Pacific. Scores of GIs have baby kangaroos sleeping in sacks tied to the foot of their beds.

Miss Hall predicted many Americans would remain in Australia after the war, as they have married Australian girls, and will take advantage of the post-war opportunity of colonization development.

# Soldiers of Six States Reunite

## Tennessee, Kentucky Hold Joint State Night at Mostyn Club

Service men from Minneapolis will meet at the American Red Cross Mostyn Club, 17 Portman St., London, W.1, on Monday night, to see old friends and make new acquaintance with others from their home state.

The sons and daughters of Tennessee and Kentucky held a joint "State Night" reunion at the club on Wednesday.

Lt. J. R. Bogart, of Knoxville, Tenn., headed a delegation of men who rode in two trucks to the reunion. Pfc Harold Bishop and Sgt. Leslie Bobb, of Falmouth, Ky., renewed a lifelong friendship, as did Cpl. Clyde Butcher and Cpl. Robert Holmess, of Carrollton, Ky.

### Mountain Music

Entertainment was provided by Pfc Homer Harris, of Knoxville, "The Smiling Cowboy" of radio station WNOX, who sang several songs, and Cpl. Joseph N. Goldman, of Memphis, who whistled some selections. Messages were sent to Gov. Prentiss Cooper, of Tennessee, Gov. Keene Johnson, of Kentucky, and Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, a native of Tennessee.

### Present were:

Tennessee—2/Lt. J. R. Bogart, Pfc William Harris, Pvt. Samuel R. Boatman, Pfc George Hayes, Pfc Clyde Humphreys, Cpl. Bart Hancock, and Maxine Prens (ARC), Knoxville; T/5 William Sipp, Pvt. Toy Bean, Pfc Richard Lyell, and Pfc Ernest G. Jones, Nashville; 1/Sgt. Roscoe S. Edens and T/Sgt. O. Beamer, of Chattanooga; S/Sgt. H. Moore, Eugene C. Harmon, and Pfc William P. Malone, Greenville; Cpl. William M. Callicott and Cpl. Jos. M. Goldman, Memphis; S/Sgt. Francis W. Poole, Pulaski; Pvt. Hollie Lavefer, Cookeville; Pfc Buford Walker, Jefferson City; Pfc George Collier, Pikeville; Pvt. Woodrow Hutton, Savannah; Pfc Hoyt Pylant, Shelbyville; Pfc Willie C. Webb, McMinnville; Pfc Oscar C. Johnson, Tullahoma; S/Sgt. Edward McDaniel, Loudon; 2/Lt. R. L. Bowman, Afton; S/Sgt. Marion H. Hawks, Trenton; and Pvt. Leslie L. Harvill, Centerville.

Kentucky—Pfc Harold Bishop, and Sgt. Leslie Bobb, Falmouth; G.M.3 Andrew Kimplin and Sgt. Ralph Bush, Louisville; Cpl. Clyde Butcher and Cpl. Robert Holmess, Carrollton; Pfc Floyd Gilliam, West Liberty; S/Sgt. Wm. Otto, Ft. Thomas; T/4 Curtis Howard, Lancaster; T/5 William Coughan, Maysville; Cpl. Paul T. Bricking, Bellevue; S/Sgt. Harris Bush, Cadiz; T/4 James C. Woodall, Marion; Pfc William H. Higgins, Hopkinsville; Pfc Jerry Bellomy, Paintsville; Pvt. Otis Maggard, Cumberland; S/Sgt. Denny R. Estes, Kings Mountain; Sgt. Everett Purvis, Pikeville; Sgt. Willard Scarbrough, Russellville; S/Sgt. John Glasscock, Lebanon; T/5 William H. Petrus, Crab Orchard; T/3 William L. Blair Jr., Koss; Sgt. Mauris Dodson, Barlow; S/Sgt. E. L. Stinnett, Fulton, and Emily Rea (ARC), Frankfort.

# Lovett Inspects Medium Field

A MEDIUM BOMBER STATION, May 20—Robert Lovett, U.S. Secretary of War for Air, inspected this airfield today.

He was especially interested in a bomber which had returned from a trip over German occupied territory with more than 300 flak holes. Lovett talked with the pilot of the machine, 1/Lt. George H. Watson, of Homet, Cal., and the co-pilot, 1/Lt. John H. Statts, of Wayne, Pa.

The assistant secretary, who was accompanied by Brig. Gen. Newton D. Longfellow, Chief of Eighth Bomber Command, was met on his arrival by the commanding officer of the medium bombardment wing, Brig. Gen. Francis M. Brady, and Lt. Col. Glenn C. Nye, commander of the bombardment group. Other officers in the party were: Col. H. Q. Huglin, Col. Millard Lewis, Lt. Col. George B. Emmons, Lt. Col. Aaron H. Hoeffeditz and Col. Cecil C. McFarland.

# Air Force Schedules Six Shows for Troops

CAMP GRIFFISS, May 20—Four performances for American troops are scheduled here May 28 by Maurice Winnick and his 22-piece orchestra, Special Service Section, Headquarters Eighth Air Force announced yesterday.

The GI Commando show, Skirts, now on tour, will appear June 20 at Eighth Bomber Command HQ, and the London Windmill Theater company will present their "Revueville" show June 27 at the Fighter Group.

# NEWS FROM HOME

# Mine Workers Approach AFL On Rejoining

## Green Names Committee To Confer With Lewis Men

WASHINGTON, May 20 (UP)—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, has applied for the reaffiliation of his union with the American Federation of Labor, it was announced yesterday.

The announcement was made by the AFL executive council and William Green, AFL president, immediately appointed a committee to meet with representatives of the miners' union.

Green, who was surprised by the application, said all unions in his organization were expected to follow its general policies, but have considerable autonomy to handle their own individual problems.

### Miners Beat Strike Gun

PITTSBURGH, May 20 (UP)—More than 3,000 soft coal miners in the Pittsburgh area were out on a "wildcat" strike today—protesting against the course taken by the negotiations for a new contract. John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, and their own local presidents were trying to get the men back to work.

### Confer In Blackout

HOT SPRINGS, Va., May 20 (AP)—The United Nations' Food conference groped in the darkness of an air raid test blackout here Wednesday night, but kept on working. A press conference was held in pitch darkness amid the howls of air raid sirens.

### Favor Agreement Extension

WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)—The senate finance committee reported favorably today on a resolution for extending the reciprocal trade agreement law for two years with an amendment which Chairman Senator George declared would be adopted by congress. The amendment, written in a vote of 11 to 10, would empower congress by a joint resolution, or the President by a proclamation, to terminate six months after the war any agreements made from this time on.

### Transport Planes for Britain

NEW YORK, May 20 (AP)—Juan Trippe, the president of Pan American Airways, proposed that American transoceanic transport planes should be made available to Great Britain and other United Nations after the war, in the interest of fair play and future peace.

# Plans Outlined For New Shows

USAAF TROOP CARRIER BASE, England, May 20—Plans are being laid here for a series of stage productions, following the success of the variety show "Things and Stuff," produced by Pvt. Noel R. Seim, of Wausau, Wis.

Four skits, "Charge of Quarters," "If Men Played Cards as Women Do," "Three Old Maids" and "The Still Alarm," formed the dramatic part of the show, while 1/Lt. R. E. Chapman, of Los Angeles, and Cpl. George Doll, of Chicago, each of whom played two of his own compositions, starred in the musical portions.

### The cast of the show include:

Pvt. Robert McClelland, Butler, Pa., and Dale Peterson, Palm Beach, Fla.; Pfc J. R. May, Knoxville, Tenn.; Michael McDonald, Boston; E. F. Hinderman, Brooklyn; Herman P. Stanley, Moness, Pa., and Walter E. Merrick, Watertown, N.Y.; Cpls. Sidney Baruch, New York; R. B. Hatch, Whitman, Mass.; George Doll, Chicago; Dean L. Gringsby, Oakland, Cal.; and Leslie Hopwood, Manchester, England; Sgt. Paul Andrews, Dover, Del.; T/Sgt. J. D. Davis, Philadelphia; AC/1 Sydney Lacey, London; IACs John G. Burns, Epsom, Surrey, and Don Stopps, Mansfield, Notts; 1/Lt. R. E. Chapman, Los Angeles, and Capt. Joseph Schulman, West New York, N.J.

# Ballet, Baseball Game, Dance at Bournemouth

BOURNEMOUTH, May 20—Leading ballerinas of Jan Cobel's Anglo-Polish Ballet will entertain with dances and songs at the American Red Cross Club, Marsham Court, here at 9 PM Friday.

An inter-Allied baseball game, Americans vs. Canadians, will be held for the benefit of the British Red Cross at 3.15 PM Saturday at Dean Court. Two dances will be held at Marsham Court—at 8 PM Saturday and Tuesday.

# Two Weekend Dances Planned at Warrington

WARRINGTON, May 20—Two dances will be given by the American Red Cross here this weekend. One dance will be held at 8 PM Friday in Co-op Hall, and the other at 3 PM Sunday in Bell Hall.

On Saturday "GI Night" will begin at 8 PM, and there will be swimming from 9 to 10 PM in Legh St. Pool. Red Cross activities Sunday will include a bicycle tour at 1.30 PM, classical recordings at 5 PM, and a movie at 7.30 PM. Dancing classes will be held at 8 PM Thursday and next Wednesday. Conversational French classes will be held at 7.30 PM Monday.

