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## Allies Open Big Drive at Anzio

### Luftwaffe's Nests Hit by U.S. Fleets

Heavies, Fighters Sweep Europe Looking for a Scrap, but Nazis Refuse

Three thousand American and Allied warplanes stretched an aerial dragnet across the skies of western Europe yesterday, hunting down the German air strength Hitler is saving for invasion day. From the edges of the Biscay provinces eastward to the Reich itself more than 1,000 American fighter craft—greatest fighter force ever sent up on a single mission—escorted some 600 Fortresses and Liberators to six of the Nazis' key air bases, to two rail yards around which central European transport hinges, and to other unspecified targets within western Germany. The big air fleet, which pounded out from British bases at dawn's first light, split into task forces across western Europe as it carried into its fourth day the newest phase of the pre-invasion offensive aimed at destroying the Luftwaffe and neutralizing the German capacity to shift men and material to meet the Allied D-Day.

**1,000 Bomber RAF Raids**  
Nazi sirens had barely quieted after a night in which the RAF, working on the same plan of widespread attack, had despatched more than 1,000 heavy bombers to six targets in Germany and the occupied countries. But where the RAF had flown into bitter combats with night fighters, the big fleet of U.S. daylight heavies and their escorts found almost no resistance, and bomber crews and fighter pilots alike came home with stories of Luftwaffe interceptors which refused to give battle and left their bases to be destroyed without interference.

While the heavies were bombing, and some of the fighters were dropping to hedge-tops to strafe transport and communications targets, the RAF sent out light daylight forces in sweeps over the Low Countries and France, and Channel coast observers described late afternoon formations also heading toward the Continent.

And early yesterday evening German radio announced that "several enemy planes are over western Germany." A small force of Ninth Air Force Marauders, escorted by Thunderbolts, joined in the day's assaults by attacking military objectives in northern France without loss.

As the daylight forces sought in vain to lure the Luftwaffe to combat, the Forts and Libs made virtually unopposed runs over the railway junctions of Epinal and Chaumont, in southeastern France near the Swiss border, and over six of the main German airfields just behind the first-line coastal defenses: Caen, Avord, Orleans-Bricy, Bourges, Chateau d'Un and Etampes-Mondesir, all within a 120-mile arc south and southwest of Paris. More than 1,000 Eighth and Ninth Air Force Thunderbolts, Lightnings and long-range Mustangs flew with the bombers, and when it became obvious the Luftwaffe would not fight went down to earth and strafed locomotives, military trains, airfield hangars and gun emplacements.

Only one bomber group reported interception attempts, and these were beaten off by the escorts, who reported that everywhere the German fighters fled from (Continued on page 4)

### Patsy Gentile Is One Proud Papa



Papa Patsy Gentile proudly stands behind the bar of his tavern as citizens of Piqua, Ohio, drink to his son Capt. Don S. Gentile, Mustang fighter ace home from Britain.

### Ace Don Gentile Comes Home, And All Piqua Goes Plain Nuts

PIQUA, Ohio, May 23—With the city's sirens wide open, practically every one of the 16,000 people in Piqua turned out to welcome home a hero yesterday, and nearly every one of them either touched, kissed, gaped at, or tore a souvenir from, the hero—Capt. Don S. Gentile, Eighth Air Force P51 Mustang fighter ace credited with destroying 23 German planes in the air and seven more on the ground. In a plane furnished personally by Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of the Army Air Forces, Gentile flew from Washington to Columbus, then went by



Don Gentile

auto to Piqua, but before the car was halfway down the main street here, he was stopped and mobbed. When he finally arrived at the little white cottage at the edge of town where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Gentile, and his 19-year-old sister Edith live, he was minus sections of his uniform, his captain's bars and his hat, and he bore smudges of lipstick. Mr. and Mrs. Gentile beamed with delight; sister Edith cried. "I want that every mother and father should be as happy as Patsy Gentile today," said the Italian-born father who runs Patsy's Tavern. Sister Edith said: "I've read about it in books, I've seen it in the movies, but I never thought it could happen to me." Papa Gentile opened his tavern for business that night, but there were no drinks on the house. "Not until all the boys come back," said Patsy.

### Rails in France A Mess—Nazis U.S. Blacklists Swedish Firms

**Paris Radio Blames Allied Bombings, Saboteurs; Says Food Is Scarce**

A Nazi radio commentator said yesterday that "the French railroad system is in complete chaos" as a result of Allied bombings and attacks by saboteurs. And another Nazi broadcaster asserted that Gen. Eisenhower had 3,250,000 troops in southern England "ready for the invasion jump." This was the largest Axis estimate to date of the strength of Allied forces in Britain.

"The Allies have successfully pulverized into rubble whole marshalling yards, they have destroyed countless locomotives and have made scores of railway stations unusable," said Robert De Beauplan on the Paris radio. Beauplan said saboteurs also had put out of action the entire hydro-electric system in France, forcing cuts in electricity consumption. Rivers and canals no longer can be used for transport because saboteurs have blown up locks and other facilities, he added.

What prompted Beauplan to broadcast these dour assertions was a puzzle, but he may have been attempting to stir up resentment against the Allied bombings, incite Frenchmen against the patriots and whitewash the Germans, some sources declared.

**38 Named; SKF Bearings Omitted, Leading to Rumors of Deal**

WASHINGTON, May 23 (Reuter)—The State Department today issued a list of 38 Swedish firms which are to be placed on the blacklist in keeping with the new U.S. foreign policy of applying pressure on firms in neutral countries which have helped the enemy through unusual trade.

SKF, the giant Swedish ball-bearing firm, was not on the list, which led to the belief that current negotiations to stop bearings shipments to Germany from Sweden might have succeeded.

(It was announced last week here that Stanton Griffis, a special representative of the Foreign Economic Administration, had arrived in Stockholm to seek an agreement with SKF on control of bearings shipments.)

(Reliable reports later said that Griffis was authorized to spend up to \$30,000,000 to buy all of SKF's output to keep it from Germany.)

### Cut Medical Discharges, Army Orders Unit COs

WASHINGTON, May 23—The War Department issued regulations today ordering Army unit commanders to seek a reduction in medical discharges of enlisted men.

The new regulations prohibit the discharge of a man physically unfit for one job without careful study of the possibility of using him in duty less demanding. The order also forbids the return to the U.S. from overseas of men who have defects or diseases which can be remedied in war theaters.

### Air Blows Precede Smash to Break Out Of Bridgehead Area

Yanks, British Thrust in Two Directions, Toward Rome, Toward Main Front; Eighth Army in All-Out Push

NAPLES, May 23—The Allied troops massed in the Anzio area exploded a big offensive today in both directions from the beachhead in which they have been cooped up for four months.

Their long-awaited push was preceded by a devastating aerial attack in which more than 500 Flying Fortresses and Liberators joined smaller bombers in tactical raids against German troop concentrations and other targets in the area and by an intense dawn artillery barrage.

At the same time, the Eighth Army opened an all-out assault on what remained of the Hitler Line in the Liri Valley. Allied Headquarters, announcing the twin attacks, said that "the battle in Italy has started upon a new phase."

#### Anzio Eyewitness' Story:

### The Doughboy Charges Out in Wake of Tanks

By Daniel Deluce  
Associated Press Correspondent

ANZIO BEACHHEAD, May 23—American tanks and doughboys smashed at the smoke-shrouded German line guarding the Apian Way today in the beachhead's greatest attack since the Allies landed Jan. 22.

Under the eyes of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, thousands of veteran U.S. infantrymen began their attack an hour after dawn, when massed artillery loosed a 30-minute barrage and light bombers rained destruction on enemy forward targets.

Supported by the fire of American warships offshore, British Tommies stormed into German positions along Moletta Creek in a simultaneous action on the northwestern extremity of the beachhead.

Trained specially with tanks for the last month, infantry swarmed across the flat, green No Man's Land in the wake of scores of Shermans, their guns blasting into German foxholes at point-blank range.

With heavy advantages in armor and artillery, the troops went into battle vowing they would fight through to Rome. Thick in dust, a mile-long column of tanks appeared over a ridge and clanked ahead to a dispersal field close to our old outpost.

At H Hour, with tanks lumbering ahead along the white-taped tracks marked by sappers, doughboys charged. Many had their belts hung with grenades and riflemen ran with bayonets fixed. Heavy-weapon squads kept close at their heels.

This was the day of destiny for the beachhead.

### Navy Cuts Fighter Output, Brewster Loses Contract

WASHINGTON, May 23—The Navy Department announced today it was terminating its contract with Brewster Aeronautical Corp. as part of an overall reduction in fighter-plane production.

The department said the reduction "in the immediate future" would be applied chiefly to Corsair planes.

Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of the Fifth Army, went to Anzio in person yesterday and set up an advanced command post in the beachhead. No official details of the day's fighting there were issued immediately.

(A Reuter dispatch direct from Anzio said that a British attack on the left sector of the beachhead launched at 8.30 last night led the all-out drive.)

#### Report Two-Pronged Drive

(The German High Command, which gave the first word of the offensive, indicated that the push was from both sides of the beachhead—northwestward toward Rome and eastward toward other Fifth Army forces battling through the central Italy defenses some 20 miles away. After reporting the intense Allied artillery barrage, the Nazi communique said:

"With the support of battleplanes and with strong infantry and tank forces, the enemy then went over to the attack southwest and west of Aprilia (on the northern flank) and in the Cisterna-Littoria (eastern) sector. Fighting is in full swing."

A correspondent at the front, quoted by German radio, called it a "decisive offensive" and said that "the battle rages like hell under a scorching sun." He reported that the Allies used parachutists and had the support of warships offshore, but claimed that the German lines remained intact.)

Before the drive opened, Gen. Von Mackensen had reshuffled his German Tenth Army troops around the beachhead under a dense smoke-screen.

The Eighth Army attack, with several hundred guns firing a heavy preliminary barrage, was hurled at dawn against a sector of the Hitler Line between Pontecorvo and Aquino. Late in the day, Pontecorvo, southern strongpoint of what is left of the line, was wreathed in smoke.

#### Fierce Battle at Piedimonte

At the northern end of the line, the Germans pushed out of Cassino sought to make a "little Cassino" out of Piedimonte, six miles back. Polish and British troops almost cleared the town at one stage of the three-day battle there, but the Germans infiltrated back by night and clung to a massive ancient structure with stone walls in the west end. There was grim hand-to-hand fighting for the shattered houses, and the ground changed hands several times.

Fifth Army troops to the south captured more important hill features and battled farther into the Germans' "switch line." (In this sector the Germans announced the evacuation of Pico, northern bastion of the switch line six miles west of Pontecorvo, after the Allies had outflanked it.) American troops farther south began a rapid advance toward Monte Croce, important height overlooking the coastal town of Terracina, from which their patrols were (Continued on page 4)

### The War Today

**Italy**—Anzio beachhead troops open big offensive; Eighth Army launches all-out drive against last of Hitler Line.

**Air War**—U.S. heavies and fighters blast key airfields and rail yards in France; Luftwaffe refuses combat; blows follow RAF's big night attacks on France and Germany.

**Asia**—Chinese seize Chefang to cut old Burma road 24 miles from Burma border as savage fighting for Myitkyina continues.

**Pacific**—Navy Department still silent on enemy-reported carrier raid on the Marcus Islands, 550 miles from Jap mainland.

**Russia**—Eastern Front lull enters second month with Moscow silent on operations.

### Back Rations for ONE Week May Be Issued by Your PX

Yes, you CAN get back rations from your PX—one week's worth. If the local Post Exchange officer refuses you, it's either because he hasn't got the supplies—or for some other reason.

You may also obtain rations one week in advance, if you have a good excuse for doing so.

In response to requests from GIs puzzled about the ration problem, a check was made yesterday with Army Exchange headquarters. It was learned that Par. 7D, Admin. Cir. No. 53, dated May 17, quoting a two-month-old Theater directive, gave the following ruling on back and advance rations:

"Purchases from unit exchanges of ration allowances for advanced periods in excess of one week are not authorized. Purchases of unused rations for the week immediately preceding the current week are authorized."

### Anzio Yanks are Big, Plenty Tough—Berlin

STOCKHOLM, May 23 (Reuter)—A Berlin military spokesman quoted by Svenska Dagbladet today paid this compliment to American troops at Nettuno and Anzio:

"They are mostly farmers from Texas and Alabama, broad-shouldered and strong. They have good weapons and know how to use them. They can fight well, particularly in hand-to-hand battles."

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## Hash Marks

Fun on the Home Front. Two bobbysocked teen-age girls were passing a newsstand when they spied the day's headlines, "British Bomb Sumatra." One girl sighed to her chum, "My goodness, why can't they quit picking on poor Frankie?"

Hollywood Marches On! Remember that movie, "A Yank at Eton"? Well, a GI went down to Eton to see the famous



school and spent several hours listening to a guide lecture on tradition, now old the school was, how everything was being done today just as it had been done for decades. Quite impressed, the GI walked out into the courtyard just in time to hear an older student reprimanding a younger chap. When the older lad finished his reprimand, the little chap said tartly in self-defense, "Well, that's the way Mickey Rooney did it!"

Men at a troop carrier command base were desperately in need of a barber. They combed their ranks and discovered that Sgt. Phil Boose, of the mess hall crew, was handy with the clippers. The first flood of customers got excellent haircuts, but they were baffled by Boose's technique. Instead of sitting them in a chair, he made them lie on a bunk, turn to the right, turn to the left and then lie on their stomach. Finally some guy found the answer—Boose used to work for his father, a successful undertaker!

And ETO-Happy lad sends us this One-Act play. The scene is any orderly room in the UK:  
 GI: "I want a pass."  
 1/Sgt.: "You can't have a pass."  
 GI: "But I want one—bad."  
 1/Sgt.: "Can't have one."  
 CO: "I'll give you a pass."  
 GI: "My hero."  
 1/Sgt.: "Curses, foiled again."

Lt. Budie, an ordnance officer at a Liberator station, says a red-headed woman is like an anti-withdrawal fuse—dangerous to take out.

Latest secret weapon report: Lt. Frank Stinch vouches for the fact that there's a second lieutenant over here who always



carries a bean-shooter (pea-shooter, to some) in his left hip pocket. We understand he used to use the weapon effectively back in college days to pop his professors. Now he takes it to lectures or briefings and takes pot shots at any likely target en route.

Quotable Quotes. A fighting man once told columnist Ernie Pyle, "A letter is like a five-minute furlough."  
 J. C. W.

# To Veterans of Pacific, ETO's OK

## Havoc Fliers Have Seen Other Fronts Plenty Tough

By Bud Hutton  
 Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A HAVOC BASE, May 23—Veterans of half the battlefronts of the world at war are flying with this pioneer Ninth Air Force light-bomber group, and as far as most of them are concerned, the combination of German flak, Spam and the ETO climate (?) isn't half as bad as it might be.

The ones who like their Spam, can stand the climate (?) and feel there are worse things than the flak the Nazis use to roof Europe are veteran gunners of the Far East and the South Pacific who fought the Japs from Java to the Battle of the Bismarck Sea and later.

They admit there can't be any flak half as tough as that they find over occupied Europe, they're cold most of the time in the ETO climate (?), and even as you and I they know a lot of dishes they prefer to Spam. But they figure they've seen worse:

They flew in A20 Bostons, B25 Mitchells and the A24 version of the Navy's SBD dive-bomber through the Zero-infested skies of the early war in the Pacific and they never saw an escort fighter. (They prefer European flak.)

They flew from jungle airdromes with the temperature 130 or better and the humidity worse, and not a single beautiful native gal in sight. (They prefer the heavy mist (?) and an occasional crack at London.)

They lived on a diet not of just plain mutton, which is a kind of elderly sheep or something, but on mutton dehydrated. (They're nuts about Spam.)

### With 1st U.S. Group

Scattered elsewhere through this group, first to fly the Havocs against the enemy here, are a couple of men who flew with the first American bomber group in the ETO—the A20 Boston unit which staged the first USAAF-RAF raid on July 4, 1942, when the Yanks flew RAF Bostons bearing the now-familiar white star of the U.S. Air Forces.

With the group, too, are veterans of the fighting in Africa and the Mediterranean, the icy bombing patrols of the northwest Pacific campaign to take Aitua and Kiska and the anti-submarine flights of the early war in the Caribbean Sea.

The group, commanded by Col. Harold L. Mace, of Jacksonville, Fla., is just rounding the 50-mission mark after a scant two months of operations which included one stretch of 14 hauls in seven days, which is a lot of business for any outfit, but the veterans of the war on other fronts still hold it's a soft touch, comparatively.

When the Japanese struck on Dec. 7, 1941, the Air Forces rushed to the Pacific all they could lay their hands on, which included a bunch of Regular Army gunners such as S. P. Newell, Orlando, Fla.; H. A. Marion, Ryderwood, Wash.; James N. Hume, York Village, Me.; Holley Perkins, Texarkana, Ark.; and W. L. Kidd, Noedsha, Kan. They all were staff sergeants.

Already in the Pacific were a few such as S/Sgt. Doyle Simpson, Salt Lake City; T/Sgt. Felix Larronde, Bishop, Cal.; and S/Sgt. H. C. Worden, Salmon, Idaho. While the majority of the gunners went



Veteran air gunners from the South Pacific try to get nostalgic about tropic days by tying a grass skirt (made out of an ETO straw stack) on S/Sgt. H. C. Worden, of Salmon, Idaho, at their A20 Havoc base.

to the Philippines in January, 1942, Simpson and Larronde were ordered straight to Java, where the Dutch already were being forced back. In the old A24s—Army type of the Navy's two-man Douglas dive-bomber, they flew 16 hauls there, starting the campaign against Jap shipping which eventually was to cripple and halt the Japs' offensive into the southwest.

"The big fields all were bombed out," Simpson recalls, "so mostly we flew from little runways on mountains. Targets? Well, we got credit for getting five ships with seven planes the last of that February, off Bali. We lost two planes, but we got two cruisers and three transports, intelligence said. I don't know for sure; I was busy. We didn't have any escort."

Simpson and Larronde say there is no flak in the whole Pacific such as a gunner will see of a morning over St. Omer, but on the other hand there is no disappointment from the native inhabitants such as they found when they put in at the island of Bali to refuel. Just as everyone else, they'd read of Bali's climatic charms in tourist ads, and they'd seen travelogue pictures of Balinese maidens doing very fine strip-tease dances, only without any teasing.

### 'Worse than Zeroes'

"What a disappointment!" Simpson says. "Worse than fighting Zeroes. It was a lovely climate, Bali, but those temple maidens. Beat up of gals from somebody's circus sideshow, just drooping all over the place."

While Simpson and Larronde were flying out of Java, the air force moved Perkins, Hume, Newell, Marion and the others to Australia, from which they flew in B25 Mitchells against the Jap invasion fleets. They were in on the discovery of skip-bombing, the installation of 75-mm. cannon in the noses of Mitchells, batteries of 50-cal. machine-guns in the noses of Bostons.

"Pappy" Hume, with 68 hauls, one Zero and one-fifth of a four-engine Jap flying boat to his credit, is high man of the outfit. Perkins got two Zeroes but neither ever was confirmed, and Newell has one Zero confirmed and a Zero and a bomber unconfirmed in 50 missions.

The gunners fought at the Battle of the Coral Sea, helped push the Japs back

from Port Moresby and went on to the high spot of the campaign for most of them—the Battle of the Bismarck Sea, Mar. 3, 1943, which ended the Japs' ability to invade. In that battle Larronde flew with ten other bombers which got nine enemy ships without losing a plane—four destroyers and five transports—and they worked out a technique which permitted the B25s to go in at deck level, skip-bombing, and the heavies to drop from high altitude at the same time, dividing the enemy fleet's ack-ack.

### 1st Skip Bombing

The gunners, incidentally, revealed that the first skip-bombing was done by B17E Flying Fortresses, off Rabaul, and then taken up by the mediums. Figuring what the Japanese have done to captured Americans, the Pacific war is a no-quarter war, the gunners said, and if you go down you're lucky to get the kind of a break that fell to Perkins in April of 1942, when he and his pilot in their SBD ran out of gas and crash-landed in a bay off northern New Guinea, just out of reach of the Japs, and were rescued by British missionaries.

Through the ranks of this Havoc group there are other veteran airmen, such as S/Sgt. Vince Sherry, of Rochester, N.Y., who flew as gunner in the A24s of the 11th Air Force in the North Pacific, bombing and strafing the Japs who grabbed a foothold in Attu and Kiska. He finds more flak, same amount of Spam, but swears this is a better climate (?).

Group bombardier is 2/Lt. Max A. Pape, of Seattle, who joined the RCAF early in the war, flew against Europe from British bases, then went down to Africa for the campaign against Rommel and helped bomb Pantellaria into submission.

There are several veterans of the Africa campaigns, among them S/Sgt. Charles Norton, of Nantucket, Mass., Maj. Harold A. Radetsky, of Denver, group training officer who was a pilot with the original A20 squadron which operated in the U.K. in July, 1942, and S/Sgt. Robert Riley, of Elkland, Pa., who missed the joint USAAF-RAF raid of July 4, 1942, but who flew on the first all-American haul three weeks later to Le Havre.

He put in three A20 Boston missions here, then went to Africa for 23 more, took part in the African invasion in November, 1942, collected a DFC, went home and now is back where he started from.

## Battles Ahead

PRESIDENT Roosevelt, in a letter to Congress on lease-lend, has given the nation its latest and clearest picture of what lies ahead on the world's battlefields.

"United Nations forces are now about to strike new and mightier blows at Nazi-occupied Europe from offensive bases in the west, the south, and the east," said Mr. Roosevelt.

Those who have wondered about "where the next blow will fall" have their question answered as well as the limits of military security permit.

"The fighting men of many nations have been banded together in combined operations. They are armed with the most powerful weapons that the combined resources and ingenuity of the United Nations can produce. They are ready to bring to bear their strength to continue the crushing process against the Nazi and the German war machine."

The President then stressed the Allied nature of the offensive to come and pointed to the dual nature of the enemy within Germany.

Turning to the Pacific theater, Mr. Roosevelt said: "In the Far East and the Pacific our offensives in New Guinea, in Burma, and against the Japanese fortress islands in the central Pacific are proof that the battle for Japan is not waiting upon the successful conclusion of the battle against Nazi Germany."

We are able, and we have proved it, that we can carry forward several major operations on a gigantic scale. The time is gone when the question could be raised whether we would finish off Germany and then turn our full resources to the Pacific. We are, in the President's own words, doing both at the same time.

Firmly the President added: "Decisive battles are ahead."

## The Army Talks

THERE is a valuable little pamphlet kicking around your headquarters right now. It is called "Army Talks." Maybe you have seen it. If you have not had the chance yet, then grab it—and use it.

Since last October the Orientation Branch of the Special Service Division has been publishing this weekly guide for discussions of military and current affairs among units, preferably platoons. Scores of topics have been covered, all the way from "What Are We Fighting For?" to "Lend Lease."

The two most popular numbers have proved to be "The War in the Mediterranean" and "The Soldier and His Mail." Nobody in SSD figured out why these particular two items should create so much interest, but both of them are sell-outs. Soldiers still ask for them although they were issued some time ago.

Some of the subjects were duds. Which brings up the old Army thought that a guy cannot be right all of the time. But the batting average has been exceptionally high throughout.

The main idea is to present the booklets as the basis for discussion of the topics outlined. A lot has depended on the platoon leader. If the platoon leader is dull, then the discussion is dull. On the other hand, many a brilliant platoon leader has made the weekly discussion period based on "Army Talks" one of the most popular features of Army training life.

Now new pep has been put into "Army Talks." This week, starting at 11 AM Friday, "Army Talks" goes on the air over the American Forces Network with a dramatization of "How Russians Kill Germans." They do it with, among other things, a vintovka and a shtik. And a Russian soldier with a shtik is nothing less than mean.

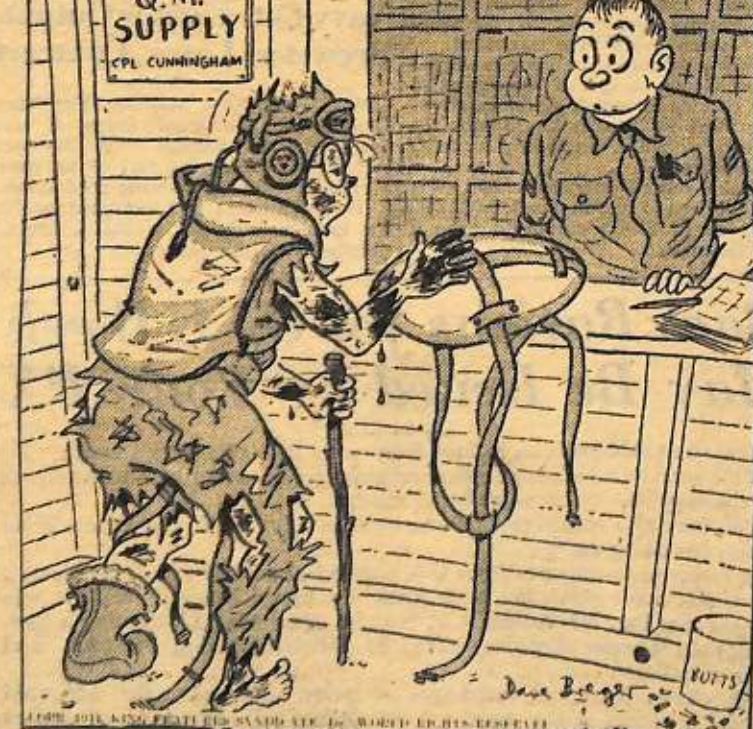
## Women's Revolt

FROM Paris comes word that women are in revolt against the horde of Nazi bureaucrats, soldiers and hangers-on infesting the city that once was the world's fashion center.

The revolt, according to the news report, takes the form of wearing elaborate and fantastic hats. The Nazis are annoyed. The women are happy.

We remember the dear days of peace when we used to watch New York's Easter parade of fashion and remark with scorn on the hats that women liked to wear. Masculine annoyance at women's hats, a reaction that cannot be defined to the satisfaction of a woman, rises within us, and we cannot, in this case, but help having a feeling of pity for the Nazis.

## PRIVATE BREGER



"I'd like to exchange this parachute!"

## ARMY POETS

**The Long Hack Home**

On the long hack homeward  
 Stumble weary legs, tired as any hound,  
 With hot hooves pressing close the cooling ground.  
 The scarlet coats are shadowed by the tall elm trees,  
 As moon-streams flicker and melt upon the dees,  
 The night mists settle softly o'er the brush and brake,  
 Falling like a dream, slowly, smoothly, careful not to wake.  
 Whip-thongs hang still while legs are quiet,  
 Voiceless the horn and gone the riot.

A grey coat dappled by scars of heavy going,  
 Thick fur matted stiff, nostrils tight from blowing,  
 A bar-bit thrown, the eerie glint of steel,  
 The glow of English leather and the spur upon the heel,  
 Memories crowding of a great day gone,  
 Of the scarlet and the buff beyond the madding throng,  
 As with Nimrod and Surtees the day stood full girth  
 In the best of good riding and keen Irish mirth;  
 From the Big Woods east to the Nation's Road,  
 A counter and double to Ainslie's abode,  
 Yet never a falter o'er Aiken of double,  
 Smooth sailing through ploughland, heath or stubble,  
 A great heart, and spirit not easy to break,  
 The strength of true courage to give and to take,  
 When through woodland and shire he leads us a line,  
 With the pack well on him in company fine,  
 Giving tongue to their hearts, oh, sweetest of sound,  
 That nowhere your equal may ever be found,  
 As in quest of this music we part and we roam,  
 Far, far afield from both moorland and home.

Thus thoughts of the meet, the chase and the rest,  
 Fill heads to bursting and strong is the test  
 Till the warm faint glimmer of the old stable light  
 Shall soften the darkness to our tired sight,  
 Till the welcoming sounds of home once again  
 Shall quicken our heel and tauten our rein,  
 And the stable doors wide open are flung,  
 For the song of the horn for today has been sung.

Romaine Solbert.

# Yankees' Power at Plate Stymied Bid to Oust Them



The parents of Emil Verban, the rookie sensation the Cards have at second base, were born in Yugoslavia, but are now St. Louis Partisans.

Old Toe Blake, captain of the Montreal Canadiens who swept to the Stanley Cup title with four straight over Chicago, set a new series record with 18 points in the scoring column.

Coast Guardsman Lou Ambers has been quoted as saying that he could make a fortune fighting the ringmen who are in the dough these days. Lou isn't trying a comeback as the C.G. isn't too hot on its men battling on the outside, and anyway Lou now tips the scale at 162.



Rogers Hornsby

Gene Sarazen, after 25 years as a top pro, is applying for reinstatement as an amateur. Rogers Hornsby, the former National League swat king who has just resigned as manager of the Vera Cruz Mexican league team, is still out of luck in trying to get a baseball job in the States, according to the word going around. The Rajah is a good man and had pretty fair success as a manager, but he's out because he bets on the horses.

With all the screams going on about the take in horse racing in the U.S., someone came up with the information that the owners of the tote machines used in English dog racing received a six per cent cut of the \$200,000,000 handle last year.

Numerology bettors had a field day on the fifth day of the Jamaica meeting. No fewer than six horses racing out of number five post position came home with the bacon.

Barney Ross went to the track on the day after he was discharged as a Marine and made two or three \$2 bets, winding up fourteen bucks ahead. He then admitted to reporters that he had once dropped \$160,000 in one year on the ponies and that bookies and tote machines had gotten most of the quarter million he had when he quit fighting.

Bob Miste, rookie Chicago White Sox twirler, is playing on a six-day-a-week basis. Bob doesn't believe in playing ball on Sunday, and the White Sox have allowed him to stay out of uniform during the Sabbath bills.

Capt. Walter Baran, tackle at Manhattan three years ago, has been cited for leading a group of fighter planes that routed a gang of Jap bombers in the South Pacific, when the Nips were getting set to unload on some of our installations.

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**Entomologists' Reunion**  
AMERICAN collectors in the U.K. interested in meeting British specialists at a dinner at Mosley Club, Tuesday, May 30, 7.15 P.M., contact Cpl. T. M. Teloch.

## Victories Over Brownies Gave Champs Margin For Western Trip

NEW YORK, May 23—Selective Service notwithstanding, Joe McCarthy's world champion Yankees proved during their home-stay which ended Sunday that the cunning system of batting down prospective challengers still is a Bomber formula.

The Yanks survived the western invasion by taking eight of 14 games and sending the Browns back home badly bent and two and a half games off the American League pace. The same Brownies invaded the east with grandiose designs on increasing their league lead, but the Ruppert Rifles indulged in their favorite habit, much to the chagrin of Manager Luke Sewell and his charges.

Sewell thought a visit to Yankee Stadium was just what his club needed; now he knows better. The White Sox had dumped the champs three straight and when the Browns captured the series opener Sewell started dreaming about pennant money. The Yanks, however, belted the Brownies three times running.

**Came Through With Chips Down**  
Slapping down contenders is old stuff for the McCarthy-men. They started Apr. 30 by climbing from fifth to second place after trouncing the Senators. Then the Indians arrived in New York feeling red hot, but the Yanks cooled them off with three successive triumphs. These series with the chips down informed other teams in the circuit that the New Yorkers again are primed for a winning season.

An even split in 14 games was the best Ossie Bluege's Senators could get against western visitors. The Tigers, meanwhile, emerged from their lethargy to win ten and lose four on the road and they climbed from the cellar to fourth place. Of the western teams, the White Sox stumbled into the most trouble, suffering nine losses in their 14 contests and skidding into eighth place.

Six victories in 14 games shoved the Indians within a game and a half of the Chisox. The Athletics and Red Sox advanced from a sixth place deadlock to a tie for the fifth slot.

In the National League, the Cardinals treated eastern travelers rudely by winning eight of 12 tussles and now the Redbirds are heading eastward with a three and a half-game margin over the Pirates.

None of the eastern teams, incidentally, boasts better than a .500 average, and they wouldn't be that high except for the Cubs' disastrous 13-game losing streak which permitted them to get fat.



Dixie Walker

Despite the excellent stick work of Dixie Walker, currently leading both leagues in hitting, and Howard Schultz, tops in runs batted in, the Dodgers kicked away ten games on the road and won just four to nosedive from fifth to seventh place. The Bucs, Giants and Braves advanced slightly during the week, while the Bums and Phils faltered.

**Pitchers Dominate Play**  
A glance at the record books shows the pitchers are dominating play more than usual this year with two six-game winners—Max Lanier of the Cards and Bucky Walters of the Reds—and a quintet has won five. Last year there were no six-game winners at this stage of the race and only Cleveland's Jim Bagby and Jess Flores of the Athletics had won five.

The only batter in the majors maintaining his early spurge is Walker, who was hitting .421 two weeks ago with 24 hits in 57 tries. He duplicated the figures exactly on the road and still is clubbing .421. Nick Etten of the Yanks was checked with 12 hits in 50 times at bat against western pitchers to drop 128 points in the averages, but he remains among the leaders with .348.

Thurman Tucker of the White Sox and Bobby Doerr of the Red Sox were not among the five leaders two weeks ago, but they turned on the steam and now Tucker heads the league with .395 and Doerr soared 40 points to .333.

The loudest bat in both leagues belongs to Schultz, the Brooks' first sacker, who has six home runs and 33 runs driven in. His RBI mark is far above the rest, and he shares the homer lead with Pat Seery, Cleveland rookie outfielder.

## Never Lay Down and Never Will—Baer

# Bomber's Firepower Stopped Maxie

Special to The Stars and Stripes  
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 23—Maxie Baer, the erstwhile clown prince of heavy-weight boxing annals whose only previous comment after fans said he quit against Joe Louis when he was kayoed in the fourth round Sept. 24, 1935, was "I'm no dummy; I'll quit this game with all my marbles," today had plenty to say about the fight.

Speaking from his bed in the ASC station hospital here where he is getting a routine physical check-up of old ring injuries which still trouble him, Maxie said he was glad to hear Louis called him his toughest opponent. (The Bomber listed his all-time team of opponents in an exclusive interview for The Stars and Stripes.)

"If I had wanted to lay down that night against Joe, I'm a good enough ham actor to have made it look good," Maxie declared. "I could have quit and been a hero, 'a game loser,' but nobody ever saw Max Baer fall on his back in the ring—and they never will."

### Dropped Title to Braddock

The former champion, who put Primo Carnera to sleep in the 11th round June 14, 1934, at New York to win the crown and dropped a 15-round verdict to Jimmy Braddock a year later to lose it, made



Associated Press Photo  
Max Baer

his statement to refute public opinion that he was more interested in protecting his handsome features inside the ring than in winning fights.

Maxie expressed satisfaction in Louis' judgment because Joe said he had to pitch 13 haymakers while Baer was helpless before he sagged to a sitting position, the famous "unconscious crouch" out of which fans thought he could have straightened out. Baer admitted he didn't stand a chance against the Brown Bomber, but said he wasn't scared.

### Easy for Fans

"That night I fought Louis my job was like that of a soldier with blanks going against an enemy armed with real bullets," Baer asserted. "It's easy for a fan at the ringside or in the gallery, who doesn't feel a single punch, to yell for the kill, but boxing is supposed to be a sport, not legalized murder."

Most fight experts in the States still contend Maxie had the physical weapons to make him a great champion, but lacked the killer instinct to finish off a battered foe. Louis' statement that Baer was his toughest opponent, however, should end once and for all theories that Maxie decided to "sit it out" as soon as Joe uncorked his lethal assortment of lefts and rights. If Maxie quit, Louis would like to know about it.

## Changes in Football Rule Code Opposed by Bingham of NCAA

NEW YORK, May 23—Open warfare over rule changes is expected to set the sparks flying when Big Ten coaches convene for a two-day meeting in Chicago next week and eastern mentors meet in New York.

There has been considerable agitation among eastern and midwestern coaches lately for several rule changes. The eastern session has been called by Lt. Cmdr. Marty Bell of the Navy and president of the association especially for that purpose, while the Big Ten waited for its annual confab which gets under way Sunday.

Coaches want code changes particularly regarding kickoffs, passing behind the scrimmage lines and fumbles. Others tending to create a more spectacular game also are expected to be discussed.

Lt. Col. Bill Bingham, athletic director at Harvard and chairman of the NCAA rules committee, is opposed to rule changes for the duration and went so far as to say, "If they change the rules, they must change their chairman first."

Technically, coaches' decisions at the two meetings are not binding. It is likely, however, that the Big Ten will make a gentlemen's agreement among themselves to abide by whatever changes are sanctioned by their representatives.

Lou Little, chairman of the coaches' rules committee, wants to penalize teams for out-of-bounds kickoffs and wants to make passing legal from any position behind the scrimmage line, as the pros do now.

"We don't want to fight the NCAA committee," Little said, "but are only trying to do what's best for college football. It's simply a clash of honest opinions."

## 9th AF Swimmers Compete Monday in Flier Tourney

Ninth AF swimmers will compete in a large-scale tank meet next Monday at the Slough Municipal pool, the first venture of its kind here since the 1943 ETO championships held in London. The meet will start at 7 P.M.

In addition to nine races and the diving event for Ninth contestants, two special races for WACs will be staged. The GI Janes will battle over the 25-yard free style and 25-yard breast stroke distances. Entries in all events are still being accepted by Ninth AF HQ.

## Armstrong TKOs Perry In Sixth at Washington

WASHINGTON, May 23—Hammerin' Henry Armstrong, former triple champion, TKOed Aaron Perry, local welterweight, in the sixth round of a scheduled ten-rounder that lured a near-record throng of 15,000 fans to Griffith Stadium here last night.

The old master of perpetual motion tore his 18-year-old foe to pieces with long, looping lefts and slashing rights, toppling Perry to the canvas five times in two rounds before the referee intervened.

### Wright Scores Over Daniels

BALTIMORE, May 23—Chalky Wright, ancient featherweight, chased nimble-footed Sammy Daniels all over the ring for eight rounds before finally connecting with a short right chop to Sammy's jaw, crumbling him to the canvas for the count here last night.

## Minor League Results

| International League       |             |      | Other games postponed. |               |      |
|----------------------------|-------------|------|------------------------|---------------|------|
| W                          | L           | Pct. | W                      | L             | Pct. |
| Toronto 4                  | Buffalo 3   |      | Little Rock 15         | 9             | .625 |
| Rochester 13               | Montreal 11 |      | Memphis 15             | 10            | .600 |
| Other teams not scheduled. |             |      | Birmingham 14          | 10            | .583 |
|                            |             |      | Nashville 13           | 10            | .565 |
|                            |             |      | New Orleans 7          | 16            | .304 |
|                            |             |      | American Association   |               |      |
|                            |             |      | Columbus 8             | Kansas City 5 |      |
|                            |             |      | Other games postponed. |               |      |
|                            |             |      | W                      | L             | Pct. |
|                            |             |      | Milwaukee 21           | 8             | .724 |
|                            |             |      | Columbus 21            | 9             | .700 |
|                            |             |      | St. Paul 13            | 8             | .619 |
|                            |             |      | Toledo 13              | 14            | .481 |
|                            |             |      | Pacific Coast League   |               |      |
|                            |             |      | No games scheduled.    |               |      |
|                            |             |      | W                      | L             | Pct. |
|                            |             |      | Portland 28            | 16            | .636 |
|                            |             |      | S. Francisco 25        | 18            | .581 |
|                            |             |      | Seattle 25             | 20            | .556 |
|                            |             |      | San Diego 23           | 23            | .500 |

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By Al Capp

# Old Burma Rd. Cut by Chinese Near Frontier

## Enemy Base Left Isolated; Savage Battling for Myitkyina Continues

CHUNGKING, May 23—While savage street fighting for Myitkyina continued today in north Burma, Chinese forces striking westward to a junction with Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell there drove within 100 airline miles of their goal by cutting the old Burma Road at Chelang, 24 miles from the Burma border.

The Japanese garrison of 200 at Chelang was encircled and wiped out, a communique announced. This victory isolated the enemy's main Burma Road base at Lungling, 35 miles to the southeast, cutting the supply route from Mandalay.

Heavy monsoon rains again hampered operations of Stilwell's American and Chinese at Myitkyina, principal Jap communications center of north Burma. The Chinese High Command reported "no substantial change" from yesterday's position.

Front-line reports told of telling support by U.S. dive-bombers operating, despite the rains, from a new base hacked out of the virgin jungle in 12 days by some of the American engineers who have been building the Ledo Road from India behind Stilwell's northern front.

In central Honan Province, Chinese forces recaptured four towns in the area of the vital north-south railroad from Peiping to Hankow. They retook Changko, on the railroad, and Weichan, 30 miles to the east. Farther south they recaptured Lushan, important communications center south of Loyang, and Sungtien.

(The Japanese News Agency claimed the capture of Lushi in Honan Province, describing it as "an American air force base.")

# Navy Still Silent On Marcus Raid

The Navy Department was still silent last night about enemy reports of an American carrier raid on the Marcus Islands, 600 miles from the Jap mainland, but Tokyo radio, giving more details of the reported operation, said the carriers were escorted only by a fleet of submarines and fast destroyers.

The Tokyo announcement also said the raid was carried out by 134 planes, instead of the 94 reported in the original statement.

In the Southwest Pacific, meanwhile, Fifth Air Force fighter planes flew from the newly captured airfield on Wadke Island for the first time in operations supporting ground troops on Dutch New Guinea only a few miles away.

# Italy - - - -

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driven out yesterday by panzer troops rushed up as reinforcements.

Meanwhile, northern Italy, where the Germans have long been fearful of new Allied landings, came significantly into the news. Gen. Sir Harold Alexander's headquarters here began issuing communique for the Italian Patriot Committee, and the official radio in Naples warned the anti-Nazi Patriots to "prepare for the day of action."

The communique reported that the Italian patriots were collaborating closely with the French Maquis in controlling important passes and other sectors of the mountainous Franco-Italian frontier. They also are pinning down several divisions which Field Marshal Albert Kesselring would like to send south.

German-controlled Vichy Radio said that "German reconnaissance has revealed large concentrations of troops on Corsica. It is possible that these portend an attack on the Italian coast opposite the island."

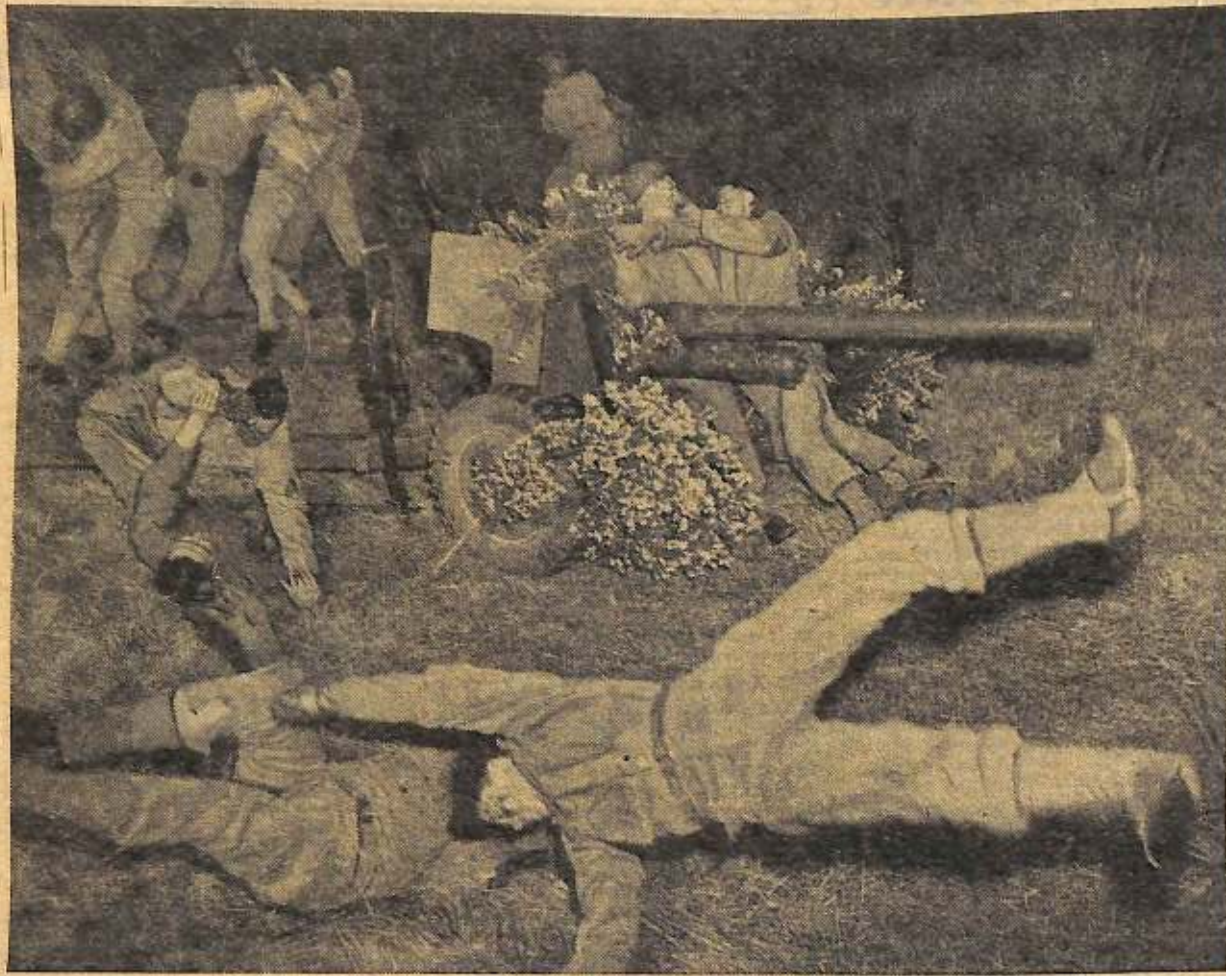
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## Wednesday, May 24

- 1100—Spotlight on Frankie Masters.
- 1115—Personal Album with Nora Martin.
- 1130—Great Music—Walter Houson introduces the classics.
- 1145—Handwagon.
- 1200—Noon Edition.
- 1205—Barracks Bar.
- 1300—World News (BBC).
- 1310—Melody Roundup.
- 1330—Andre Kostelanetz (Return Engagement).
- 1400—News Headlines—Eric Winston and his Orchestra.
- 1410—Walking Hour.
- 1500—Music While You Work (BBC).
- 1530—Off the Record.
- 1630—Lone Ranger—Hi Ho Silver!
- 1700—Tommy Dorsey Program.
- 1725—Quiet Moment.
- 1730—BBC Scottish Orchestra and Program Resume.
- 1800—World News (BBC).
- 1810—GI Supper Club.
- 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
- 1905—Rhapsody in Khaki (SBS Command).
- 1935—McGee and Molly.
- 2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.
- 2010—Fred Waring Program.
- 2025—Calling APOs.
- 2030—Kay Kyser.
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2115—Bob Hope Show—with Frances Langford, Vera Vague and Jerry Colonna.
- 2145—Showtime with Dinah Shore.
- 2200—United States Army Band.
- 2230—One Night Stand with Freddy Martin.
- 2255—Final Edition.
- 2300—Sign off until 1100 hours Thursday, May 25.

# The Footslogger Acquires Polish in the Art of Killing



In practice so realistic it looks like the real thing, U.S. infantrymen are shown here giving the works to an "enemy" gun crew on a Ranger training course in Northern Ireland. They are trained to steal across enemy lines quickly and quietly in the dark to annihilate the gunners.

## Score 300 for 3 in 10 Weeks

# P51s, 38s Not Only Dominate Burma Skies, They Own 'Em

KANDY, Ceylon, May 23—Repeatedly coming up with new combat methods with startling success, long-range Mustangs and Lightnings of the U.S. Third Tactical Air Force destroyed or damaged more than 300 Japanese planes in Burma within the last ten weeks—at a cost of just three fighters.

Southeast Asia headquarters announced today that 213 Japanese planes were destroyed in combat by the All-American attacks against Burmese airfields, and 135 on the ground. In addition, the U.S. planes probably destroyed 31 others and damaged 58 more.

(This was the first report of any extensive use of the long-range Mustang fighter in the Far Eastern theaters. It appeared to indicate that American production of this new ship now was sufficiently high to supply the Far Eastern forces as well as those in the ETO.)

The only explanation of how the American fighters could maintain their lopsided victory ratio of better than 100

to one was contained in the words of an official spokesman that "the Jap has varied his defensive tactics, but we've always gone one better. Ten weeks after the start of the offensive we can still destroy 16 aircraft in a day. The enemy has yet to find the answer to this completely new phase of the air war in Burma."

The attacks on the Jap airfields in Burma were started Mar. 8 by Col. Philip Cochran's air commandos, who destroyed 32 out of 33 grounded planes with fighters and then the same day wiped out a dozen more in B25 attacks set up by fighter reconnaissance.

When Cochran's pilots later turned their full attention to supporting the Chindits, two other U.S. squadrons took over the blitz against the airfields. One of these this week sent its own score of Jap planes destroyed over the 100 mark.

In addition to the Jap planes destroyed in the airfield battles, many more have been downed elsewhere in Burma by other U.S. squadrons and the RAF.

# U.S. Airmen Hit Luftwaffe Nests

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battle. One bomber and three fighters were reported missing out of the big force, as compared with Monday's losses at Kiel and over France of five bombers and eight fighters.

Weather was mixed over the Continent, with cloud layers over some targets forcing the bombers to seek out alternative objectives, and these may have contributed to keeping the Luftwaffe on the ground, but it seemed likely that the reason for the lack of defense was in the husbanding policy which for weeks has limited large-scale interceptions to those occasions when weather favored defense and the target was of prime importance to the Nazis.

The RAF's night attacks, which picked up where Marauders had left off Monday evening with their second sortie of the day, centered on Dortmund and Brunswick, in Germany, and Orleans and Le Mans, in France. Mosquitoes went to Ludwigshaven and an airfield in Belgium, and the pre-invasion minelaying aimed at restricting German coastal defenses continued—all for the loss of 35 aircraft, the Air Ministry reported.

While the Allied command was continuing the aerial prelude to invasion the Luftwaffe made another series of reconnaissances in force Monday night against British coastal districts, putting orbits of swift spy planes over southern England, East Anglia and even the eastern coast of Scotland. Authorities reported casualties and damage at localities in southern England, but none in Scotland, and claimed at least four enemy planes destroyed. The German radio version of the night attacks claimed a blow "in considerable strength" at Portsmouth, and said large fires had been started.

## Forts' AI Records Win Crew Chiefs Bronze Star

AN EIGHTH BOMBER STATION, May 23—Eleven crew chiefs—all master sergeants whose Forts have completed at least 32 flights without aborting—have been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement. Col. Harry P. Leber Jr., of New York, group commander, announced today.

The awards went to: Elmer R. Beard, Revere, Mo., 61 flights; William G. Hooper, Cincinnati, 54; Robert M. Stafford, Midvale, Ohio, 52; Joseph J. Kohler, Cleveland, 50; John E. Fitzgerald, Manitowish, Wis., 51; Harry J. Gerberding, Corbin, Kan., 44; Clarence T. Wooley, Temple, Tex., 51; R. L. Helmert, Alix, Ark., 32; Harold L. Davis, Brighton, Mich., 34; John F. Shanahan, Grandville, Mich., 41, and Robert H. Jurgensen, Chicago, 58.

# 9 Years After Death, Will Rogers Comes Home to Claremore

CLAREMORE, Okla., May 23 (Reuter)—Nine years after his tragic death in a plane crash in Alaska, the body of Will Rogers was brought home to Claremore last night from Glendale, Cal., and buried on the hillside overlooking the cattle ranges of his boyhood.

After a brief secret ceremony at Glendale cemetery, the body was taken to Claremore and lowered into a stone crypt on the terrace beside the Will Rogers Memorial Museum.

Rogers was killed in 1935. The State of Oklahoma built a tomb for him in 1940.

# Oxygen Out, Pilot Flies 90 Minutes With Mind a Blank

AN EIGHTH MUSTANG BASE, May 23—For an hour and a half, 1/Lt. William B. Overstreet Jr., a P51 pilot from Clifton Forge, Va., flew his Mustang fighter over enemy territory and didn't know a thing about it, his mind a perfect blank.

Flying into France, Overstreet's oxygen system failed at 22,000 feet. His plane dropped out of formation and his squadron leader couldn't reach him over the radio. For 90 minutes the Virginian, subconscious from lack of oxygen, apparently flew his plane by reflex action alone and only regained his senses when the ship slipped into a spin, the denser air at 7,000 feet reviving him in time to recover and fly home.

At the hospital, where flight surgeons said he was all right for combat again, it was explained that Overstreet must have dropped from 22,000 feet for his 90 minutes of blank flying, because he probably would have died in the rarified atmosphere of that altitude without oxygen.

# U.S. Cruiser Given Reds? Senator Asks About It

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—Sen. Styles Bridges (R-N.H.) told the Senate today he had heard reports that an American cruiser had been transferred to Russia and demanded to know if the transfer had been made "as part of our patchwork policy of appeasing Russia."

# Terry and the Pirates



# NEWS FROM HOME Torrents Add To Storm Toll In Iowa Areas

## 12 Counties Are Hard Hit By Tornadoes, Floods; Damage \$2,000,000

DES MOINES, Iowa, May 23—Flood and tornado damage in 12 Iowa counties rose to more than \$2,000,000 yesterday as more torrential rains followed up two days' high winds, inundating thousands of acres of farm land in the central part of the state.

Hardest-hit vicinity was near Odebolt, in Sac County, where several farms were stripped of their buildings. Marshall County, where much of Iowa's best corn is grown, escaped serious damage, although located in the center of the stricken area.

An \$8,000 turkey farm, 40 miles northeast of Des Moines, was left a shambles. Northeast of Ames, a Rock Island passenger train was derailed, injuring two people.

## 12 Million in Flood Relief

WASHINGTON, May 23—President Roosevelt signed a resolution today authorizing expenditure of \$12,000,000 for the relief of farmers in flood-damaged areas of the upper Mississippi, Missouri and Illinois Rivers.

## Death Rides the Throttle

PERKASIE, Pa., May 23—The Philadelphia-Bethlehem Express of the Reading Railroad ran for four miles yesterday with a dead engineer at the throttle. The fireman stopped the train with the emergency air brakes. It was believed that the engineer, Charles Kruse, of Philadelphia, was killed when he stuck his head out of the cab while going through a tunnel near here.

## Three States See Meteor

TUCUMCARI, N.M., May 23—A brilliant meteor was visible over New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas for more than an hour Sunday. Eye-witnesses, who watched it flash across the sky and explode near Amarillo, Tex., described it as a "red ball of fire which left white smoke in the air for more than an hour after it exploded."

## Aussie Brides Released

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23—Two Australian brides were freed yesterday of a charge of illegally entering the U.S. and were allowed to join the husbands they met in the Southwest Pacific. The two girls had stowed away on a merchant ship at Sydney and were detained upon arrival at a West Coast port several weeks ago.

## Floods in Wyoming

MONARCH, Wyo., May 23—One hundred miners and their families fled their homes yesterday when the Tongue River overflowed after a cloudburst in the north-central part of the state. The residential districts of Manchester, Dietz and Sheridan also were flooded as the Goose and Little Goose Creeks overflowed in a dozen places.

## Chrysler Strike Off

DETROIT, May 23—A strike involving nearly 12,000 Chrysler Corp. employees was called off today, a week after violence between union leaders and company supervisors forced closing of one plant.

## Soviet Silent, Nazis Cite New Red Concentrations

Moscow maintained an almost airtight silence on operations yesterday as the lull on the Eastern Front went into its second month, but from Berlin, increasingly nervous about an expected Soviet offensive, came new reports of Red Army concentrations in the Kovel area 90 miles north of the Axis base at Lwow in Poland.

Red Star, the Russian Army paper, foreshadowed an early resumption of the drive in Poland and Rumania, reporting that "the day is near when Soviet tanks, guns and infantry will move westward again and will strike at the enemy with renewed force."

## 50,000 Nazi Tires Burned

French patriots in Alsace-Lorraine recently destroyed 50,000 German tires by fire, Algiers radio said yesterday. They burned for two days.

## By Milton Caniff

By Courtesy of News Syndicate