

## Ruhr Smashed in War's Heaviest Raid

### Italy's Isles Get No Rest From Raids

#### U.S. Fighters, Bombers Hit Pantelleria 3 Times In 5 Hours

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, May 24 (AP)—Pantelleria, Italy's island between Tunisia and Sicily, was blasted with unabated fury by the Northwestern African Air Forces yesterday and last night, when American fighters and bombers attacked three times within five hours.

U.S. P40 Warhawk fighter bombers began the onslaught. After them came B25 Mitchells, which blasted the harbor and set a medium-sized supply ship on fire.

The daylight attacks ended with another raid by B25 Mitchells escorted by Warhawks.

RAF Wellingtons dropped two-ton "block-busters" on the harbor area and airdiel and started a large fire.

#### Rome Admits Damage

(Rome radio admitted Pantelleria, Messina and Lampedusa were raided by Allied planes and that heavy damage was inflicted in Messina's residential area. It also said Bizerta had been raided by Axis bombers with good result. It was stated the damage and casualties in the Allied poundings on Italy had not been determined.)

Two daylight raids were also made yesterday by P38 Lightnings on airfields in Sardinia. Enemy aircraft which had been notably active in attempting to oppose the Allied attacks on the previous days failed to appear yesterday, but during the preceding night an RAF Beaufighter of Coastal Command destroyed two Italian Savoia Marchetti 79s.

The day's reports disclosed that ten enemy medium bombers were destroyed on the ground when B26 Marauders raided Decimomannu airfield May 21. These, which are in addition to other scores on that day, brought the total of enemy planes destroyed in the air and on the ground in five days and nights to 305.

#### Only Two Planes Lost

Only two Allied aircraft were lost in operations yesterday and last night. The Allied bombs showered on Pantelleria, 35 miles off the Tunisian coast and only slightly more than 60 miles from Sicily, followed a well-laid pattern with fighters and bombers carrying out their missions with precision.

A recapitulation of the island's blitz is as follows:

1—In the early morning Warhawks made their first score, attacking gun emplacements on the coast.

2—Close on the heels of the Warhawks came a formation of American Mitchells which dropped their loads of high explosives on the docks in a bombing pattern which was officially described as "excellent." Hits were reported on a medium-sized supply ship and four small craft, one of which exploded.

### U.S. Fliers Win British Awards

Twelve Eighth Air Force fliers have been awarded British war decorations by Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder of the RAF. They are the first U.S. airmen to receive British decorations for achievements in action with the USAAF.

The awards, nine British DFCs and three DFMs, were presented at a recent "Bomber Night" ceremony at Eighth Air Force Bomber Command Headquarters in the presence of Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETO chief, and Maj. Gen. Follett Bradley, inspector general of the USAAF.

Awarded the British DFC were: Brig. Gen. Frank A. Armstrong, Nashville, N.C.; Col. Curtis E. Lemay, Columbus, Ohio; Col. James H. Wallace, Washington; Col. Stanley T. Wray, Birmingham, Ala.; Col. Claude E. Putnam, Jacksboro, Tex.; Maj. Robert B. Keck, Allentown, Pa.; Capt. W. T. Holmes, Denton, Tex.; 1/Lt. George J. Oxrider, Dayton, Ohio, and 1/Lt. Anthony C. Yenelavage, Kingston, Pa.

The British DFM was awarded to S/Sgt. Conrad Kicklighter, Alma., Ga.; T/Sgt. C. P. Fehr, Madill, Okla., and T/Sgt. J. E. Hall, Dallas, Tex.

### ETO Transport Wing Set Up To Handle Flood of Warplanes

#### Ferrying Crews Deliver Aircraft 'Ready for Battles'

A European wing of the USAAF's Air Transport Command has been set up in this theater to handle the ever-swelling stream of American warplanes—fighters, transports and bombers—arriving here ready for combat this year.

Operation of the wing was revealed yesterday by Col. Paul E. Burrows, its commanding officer, who has been organizing the formation since his arrival in the British Isles three months ago.

The function of the ATC wing here, Col. Burrows said, is to see that planes arrive in the ETO from the factories in condition "for immediate use in air battles over Europe."

In describing the work performed by the ATC, Col. Burrows said, "Our ferrying operations include the movement of all types of tactical aircraft—heavy, medium and light bombers, as well as fighter planes. We will have our ground crews and mechanics to check the aircraft before they are turned over to the Air Force units to which they are assigned. We will do everything to see that they are delivered in first-class condition.

"Strategic materials will be carried in our planes. They may include gun parts, airplane parts or medical supplies—anything needed urgently in the prosecution of the war.

"Passengers include, first of all, ferrying crews who will bring over more planes and persons whose business is connected with the conduct of the war."

The Air Transport Command was formed in June, 1942, taking over the duties of several organizations which had been carrying passengers, mail and critical cargo, and absorbing the Ferry



Planet Photo

#### Col. Paul E. Burrows

Command, which had been flying planes to England.

Since then bases and repair facilities have been established all over the world to speed aircraft and supplies wherever they are needed on the battlefronts.

Col. Burrows, 47, entered the USAAF in 1917. He helped organize the First Bombardment Wing and later served as post adjutant under Gen. (then Lt. Col.) H. H. Arnold, now USAAF commander. In 1941 he was assigned to the Ferrying Command, where he was decorated by the British Government for his work as liaison officer to the RAF in Canada. He served as commander of the Caribbean Wing, ATC, for a year before coming here.

### American Fliers Lost in Wilds Lived on Snakes and Alligators

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, May 24 (UP)—Living on dead fish and animals they found in the wild bush country of Northern Australia, four crew-members of a Liberator bomber which crashed last December survived a 141-day ordeal which killed their officers.

The story was told at Allied HQ today by S/Sgt. Grady Gaston, of Alabama, who watched his three officers die before his eyes. When rescued he weighed less than 100 pounds.

### Italy Is Unable To Equip Army

#### Umberto Tells Infantry of Nation's Shortages; Radio Plea for Revolt

An admission that Italy was unable to equip her soldiers properly owing to lack of raw materials was made today by Crown Prince Umberto in an address to the Italian infantry.

It was the second warning of the day that the Italians had received. A few hours earlier the Italian freedom station, "Radio Milano-Liberta" had warned Sicilians that their cities would be wiped out, one by one, by the Allied air forces, if they continued to be used as bases by the Germans.

Prince Umberto, after claiming that the battles in Libya, Abyssinia, Tunisia and Greece had shown the great qualities of the Italian soldier, continued:

"Modern war demands new weapons, specialization and a complex industrial system. Unfortunately, Italy, in spite of her gigantic technical and industrial efforts, has been unable to make as many arms as other countries as she lacks the raw mineral resources needed.

"This fact, which prevents the Italian people from living in security, is, quite

### Moscow Order Will Not Affect U.S. Communists

NEW YORK, May 24—Leaders of the Communist Party in America said today the dissolution of the Comintern will not affect the American Communist Party as it has not been associated with the International since 1940.

Earl Browder, general secretary of the party in the United States, said he was surprised, but hastened to add it would not affect the American organization. Other party leaders disclaimed any intention of disbanding the organization here.

### 2,000 Tons of Bombs, 10 Pounds a Person, Batter Munitions City

#### Hey, Remember Japan, Berlin Hints to Allies

STOCKHOLM, May 24 (AP)—With the Allied offensive mounting against Europe, German newspapers are taking the propaganda line that the Allies are ignoring the threat of Japan in adopting their "Hitler first" strategy, the Berlin correspondent of the Svenska Dagbladet reported today.

The German press is carrying lengthy articles saying the situation in China is bad and the strength of Japan is growing.

While all references to Japan are laudatory, the correspondent indicated that the implication was that the Allies should direct their attentions to Hitler's far eastern partner instead of proceeding with the European offensive.

### More Than 500 Planes Drown Defenses in One-Hour Blow

Royal Air Force bombers early yesterday smashed the industrial city of Dortmund, heart of Germany's Ruhr Basin, in the heaviest air raid in history.

More than 2,000 tons of high explosives and incendiaries were heaped upon the city—an average of nearly ten pounds for every one of the half-million or so inhabitants, whose chief task is to make munitions for the Wehrmacht.

"Considerably more" than 500 planes, most of them four-engined Lancasters, Stirlings or Halifaxes, smothered ground defenses in the heavily defended Ruhr to swell the devastation already spread across the mills and mines of the valley by bomb and fire and flood.

Dortmund is scarcely 30 miles west of the Mohne river dam smashed last week by the RAF, and about 35 miles east of Duisberg, which has been virtually levelled by night after night of blast and fire.

#### 38 Planes Lost

The attack, which cost 38 planes, was the 41st on Dortmund, but only the second mass raid. On May 4, at a cost of 30 planes, the RAF dumped more than 1,000 tons of explosives on to the city.

Yesterday morning's attack was the first big RAF operation since Prime Minister Churchill's declaration that it was worth trying to bomb Germany out of the war.

In one hour—from 1 to 2 AM—the vast fleet of bombers concentrated more tons of bombs on a target than in any raid anywhere before, and while doing that they let go the 100,000th ton of RAF bombs to hit Germany in this war.

So numerous were the attacking bombers that vapor trails began to build up a cloud screen above the area and below, flames roared through the big steel mills, gasoline refineries and chemical plants, sending great mushroom clouds of smoke flecked with fire up to 15,000 feet.

#### Flak Died Down

As the last bombers arrived over Dortmund the heaviest concentration of aerial defenses in the world had dwindled to such an extent that bombardiers said they "weren't troubled" in making their bombing runs.

Crew after crew returned to their bases with reports that the sky over the Ruhr was so filled with attacking bombers that planes continually were just missing each other as they levelled away for a shot at the target.

Next to Essen, the Krupp's home which already has been hammered and smashed by raiders numbering almost as many as hit the target early yesterday, Dortmund is the largest of the cities of the Ruhr.

Beyond its industrial sites Dortmund is chiefly important because it is one terminus of the Dortmund-Ems canal, where, at the eastern end of the Ruhr, the arteries of canal, rail and highway transport bottleneck into its warehouses and sidings.

In Dortmund the Nazis have centered much of their synthetic oil, gasoline and rubber industries, vital to the war machine cut off from most natural sources of those products.

In the Hoersch works alone, 75,000 tons of benzene are produced every year.

### 'Simultaneous Bombings To Crack Foe'—Bradley

"When adequate forces are available to hit Germany in six or eight places at once, the war will be brought to a speedy conclusion," according to Maj. Gen. Follett Bradley, Inspector General of the U.S. Army Air Force, who accompanied the Forts over Wilhelmshaven Friday.

Gen. Bradley praised the fighting spirit and high morale of the Eighth Air Force combat crewmen and said the mission was extremely well planned.

He rode in the "Wham Bam" piloted by Capt. Russell Schlech, of San Francisco. He went along to observe tactics at high altitudes and to study results of daytime bombing.

### 105 Servicemen Will Fight for ETO Ring Titles

#### Four-Day Boxing Tourney Opens Today at Rainbow Club

After five months of training and preliminary fights at the Rainbow Corner and in other rings throughout Great Britain, 105 leather throwers will battle it out, starting today, in four days of bouts, to determine the fistic champions of the ETO in eight weight divisions.

These titlists, including the runner-ups in the lightweight, welterweight and middleweight classes, will form the 11-man team which will meet the champions of the British Army at Royal Albert Hall, London, on June 10.

The four-day swing carnival, with 90 bouts scheduled, will be held at the Rainbow Corner and Seymour Hall. The first eliminations will be held this afternoon, tonight, tomorrow afternoon and tomorrow night at the Rainbow Corner. The semi-finals will come off at the Corner Thursday afternoon and Thursday night, with the finale at Seymour Hall Friday.

#### No Admission Charge

There will be no tickets for the program, no charge for admission and no seats reserved. It will be for first come, first served, both for the Rainbow Corner scraps and the finals Friday night.

The first fight of the eliminations, which pits Pvt. Johnny Robinson, of Kansas City, Kan., against Pvt. Harold Alle, of N. St. Paul, Minn., both welterweights, starts at 2 PM today. Tonight's card begins at 7.30 with the other afternoon and evening programs starting at the same times.

This is the third ETO championship competition to be sponsored by The Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee within

### Figure It Out Yourself

A T/5 named Joe staggered into The Stars and Stripes office yesterday, fumbled around in his field bag and came up with a sheet of paper. "Look, fellers," he said, "I been doin' some figgerin', see, and the way I look at it. . . Well, see, Roosevelt was born in 1882, an' he got elected in 1933, an' he's held office ten years, and he's 61 years old.

"That all adds up to 3,886. "And if you divide it by two, waddya get?—1943. "Does it mean anything?"

The Stars and Stripes dug out some reference books and decided to pass this table along to you fellows:

	Roosevelt	Churchill	Stalin	Hitler	Mussolini
Born . . . . .	1882	1874	1879	1889	1883
Took office . . . . .	1933	1940	1924	1933	1922
Years in office . . . . .	10	3	19	10	21
Age this year . . . . .	61	69	64	54	60
Total . . . . .	3886	3886	3886	3886	3886

Mmm! Does it mean 1943 is THE YEAR? Or can you figure out an explanation?

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G-Two-ing Disease

The water in an open irrigation ditch may look mighty cool and refreshing to GIs in Iran, especially on a hot day; but Joe won't drink it.

Lettuce in a market in North Africa may tempt the mess officer to buy; but he'll pass it up.

Milk in another foreign country might look clean and temptingly rich, but no soldier will drink it, for the Army's Medical Corps has told every soldier, no matter where he is stationed, how to protect himself against the unseen enemy disease.

Disease can prove as effective as the gun-toting enemy in spelling disaster for a military operation. Foods eaten raw in many a U.S. military theater would result in amoebic dysentery.

Long before United States troops arrived overseas officers of the Medical Division of Medical Intelligence, a unit of the Preventive Medicine Section, were at work gathering information on the health and sanitary conditions of the areas.

If the findings showed that diseases were transmitted by a particular specimen of mosquito, lice, fly, flea, rodent, snake or other pest, Medical Intelligence determined in advance the most effective method of combating the danger.

In some areas existing public health departments were well organized and in other spots non-existent. Where hospital facilities did not exist they were provided and where sanitary facilities did not exist they were constructed.

This advance preparation has resulted in an army remarkably free from epidemics which in past wars have killed and disabled thousands of our finest troops. The continued cooperation of the individual soldier, supported by the splendid work done by the medical corps, will insure the establishment of new medical records that will speed the day of final victory.

Alcan Men Honored

Army units engaged in construction of the Alcan Highway from March to October, 1942, have been cited for meritorious conduct.

The citation states that the units "were charged with the task of constructing a 1,600-mile highway from Fort St. John, British Columbia, Canada, to Slana, Alaska, with all speed within the physical capacity of the troops." This route lay across vast areas of almost impenetrable wilderness, vaguely mapped and but little known.

"Commencing with the spring thaw and continuing on through the summer floods, the troops overcame the difficulties imposed by mountainous terrain, deep muskies, torrential streams, heavy forests and an ever-lengthening supply line. By virtue of remarkable engineering ability, ingenious improvisations and unsurpassed devotion to duty the units assigned to the highway construction completed their mission in one short working season and thereby opened a supply road to Alaska that is of inestimable strategic value to the war effort of their country."

The speed with which United States troops completed the construction of the Alaska Highway will go down in history as one of the great achievements of man. Wars are not always won on the battlefield, and we feel no soldier will begrudge the citation won by the men of Alcan.

Army Speeds Mail

The Army is making every effort to speed up the delivery of mail to soldiers overseas. Many of the delays in overseas mail movements concerning which complaints have been received are the direct result of measures necessary for the safety of the soldier addressees. This was particularly true with respect to mail addressed to troops involved in the invasion of North Africa. At that time and for a period thereafter it was necessary for security reasons to withhold at certain points mail shipments both to and from American soldiers in that theater.

Now a greater use of V-Mail is doing much to expedite overseas mail delivery, for transportation and cargo space are still the chief factors in delays that still occur. While ordinary mail has been lost through ship sinkings, V-Mail assures delivery of letters at their overseas destinations.

Some 40,000,000 V-Mail letters have already been handled without the loss of a single letter. This is made possible by holding the original letter at the port of embarkation until the microfilm reproduction has arrived overseas.

The Army Postal Service would be the last to claim perfection in the distribution of mail; but those who have watched this organization function all unite in paying tribute where tribute is due for a splendid job well done.

Hash Marks

War or no war, linotype operators can still happily make mistakes that cause a city editor to tear his hair. Here's one of the latest gems. "John Fort was taken to Mercy Hospital this morning suffering from high blood pressure." Wheeeeee!

A psychologist has come through with the remarkable observation that if you



spank a girl who is over 13 years old it does absolutely no good—BUT it's lots of fun.

The other day we chanced to meet a second lieutenant who was without doubt the happiest looking individual we have seen over here. He was beaming and smiling and apparently just on the verge of doing a couple of hand springs. We asked him, "wotthehell?" and he proudly showed us a fortune card which he had just gotten out of a penny weighing machine. The last line of the fabulous prediction read, "You will see much of this country and then you will pay a visit to America."

For sheer nonchalance we give you Joe H. Fountaine. Fountaine rolled up to the gate of the Rhode Island state prison in a taxi, rang the bell and informed the guard, "I'm back. I've just been on a 36-hour leave." He had.

A brand new shavetail (infantry variety) got off to a good start the other day when he reported for duty. Told to report to one battalion, he got mixed up and arrived at another outfit just in time to accompany a platoon on a 20-mile hike. He discovered his error on the way back to camp, rushed over to his correct outfit and dashed up just in time to fall-in for a 15-mile jaunt.

Hoarders can't win! A Limerick, Me., housewife stored away 100 bags of sugar and two bags of flour for a "rainy day." When she went to look for them they were missing. She learned her husband had swapped them for home brew.

We are no longer worried over any secret weapons that the Axis may pull out



of the hat; we have just seen the latest weapon to come from the USA. The latest women workers of the American Red Cross to reach these shores are equipped with GIRL Scout knives—so help us!

J. C. W.

The Diary of an American Ranger

Rangers Lend a Hand To Commandos in Slugfest

Herewith the third instalment of the Diary of an American Ranger, by a Stars and Stripes staff writer who went through part of the "GI assembly line" which turns out experts in destruction.

By Charles F. Kiley Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

THIRD DAY—The best news of the day is that tomorrow is half-holiday. It takes some of the stiffness out of your muscles—but not much—when you get off the floor at 6.15 AM. Gastello, the Spaniard from California, says he thought six men were sitting on his chest when he woke up.

Today's schedule calls for close-order drill, two hours of fieldcraft, map reading, weapons training, landings with assault craft, physical training and—No. 1 assault course. These courses are three in all, one tougher than the other.

No. 1 course is a nightmare while it lasts. You "walk" around it first, while Commando instructors, officers and sergeants point out the route and obstacles. Then you run it, starting up hill at a 45-degree angle for about 50 yards, climb a dead tree, scale rocks and dash to a man-made barrier. From four steps up a log ladder you jump 10 feet—up to your hips in mud—to clear a barbed-wire apron. Up hill again, twisting and turning for 50 yards, and a 50-foot descent by rope into a gully. You slip on a bald rock and feel a bruise on your hip.

Chris Koskinas, ex-drummer who gave up a soft touch as personal waiter to his commanding general to join the Rangers, staggers across a strip of swamp, sprawls headlong and searches for something new in profanity.

Near the finish the instructor snarls, "Keep moving... c'mon there, get cracking. Don't stop or you'll run it again." You feel Anglo-American relations are going to split wide open any minute.

That's just the first trip over the course. There's plenty more to come. They say a Ranger holds the record for it—six minutes! Average time today is about nine, but one of the boys, Heline, does it in six and a half.

'Gave Him up for Dead'

During the day you meet some of the Commandos who have been on a couple of raids. The lieutenant at the boat-house, minus an eye lost on a sortie to Norway, jokes about breaking his glass eye. He has a picture taken when they brought him back, lying on a stretcher, covered with blood and given up for dead.

"I really don't remember much after I was shot," he says. "The bullet went through my eye and came out of my neck. I had a Tommy gun and kept firing, not able to see. They told me afterwards I killed 11 Huns."

He got a DSO for the job; rare decoration for a subaltern.

A lance corporal in the mess hall wears his "Purple Heart" all over the left side of his face, badly burned at Dieppe. He'll be leaving soon for a plastic surgery operation, he says.

In the NAAFI, a 35-year-old Commando trainee, call him Ben, says he's been in the Army only three weeks.

He wasn't forced into service but thought his experience as a poacher would be useful to the Commando. The training is harder on him than most of his mates, but he's sticking it out. His first speed march left his feet raw and bleeding,



Keystone Photos

These Rangers in the mud are playing with each other just for fun—imagine what they are like when they play for keeps. They are taught to start from scratch with no weapon and turn the tables on a heavily-armed opponent.

sick for two days. His wife, a script writer for a British film company, worked with Noel Coward on "In Which We Serve."

Reports come in on the first Ranger casualties. A broken ankle sustained on the assault course and a gash in the head of a man who tumbled into the rock-bedded stream.

Wrapped up in his blankets and shelter half in the tent, Sprouse says he's writing "Amen" after each day on the schedule.

FOURTH DAY—Today is a holiday as far as we are concerned—care and cleaning of equipment until afternoon and then the once-a-week trip to town. It is also the day for the weekly bath. No one, it appears, braved the icy stream except Red Sheehan, who won £4 on a bet that he wouldn't go in. The rest—well, even their best friends won't tell them.

'Miraculous' Weather

The weather, unusually good during the last couple of days when the sun came out for more than 15 seconds at a time, is said by the oldest inhabitant to be miraculous.

The trip to town gave those who went a chance to meet their neighbors. And, it didn't take the neighbors long to discover the Rangers were around these parts again.

It all started when a Commando and Royal Marine boiled over in a pub. The Marines were in the majority and it occurred to the Rangers present that this wasn't cricket. After all, they said, the Rangers and Commandos must stick together. At the height of the excitement someone called the Commando Depot. The reported answer was, "If there aren't enough Commandos and Rangers there to take care of themselves we'll send in some more."

Not everybody went to town. Cpl. Howard Rohrer, took advantage of the break in weather and spent a busman's holiday hiking for five hours to one of the mountain tops.

FIFTH DAY—The results of yesterday's fisticuffs are noticeable when the battalion lines up for morning parade. The Commandant, during inspection, asks Charlie Herlihy, the pint-sized company clerk who toyed with guns in the Springfield Armory as a civvie, what happened to his eye. "I forgot to duck, sir," is the embarrassed reply.

Training is resumed with rope climbing, running the bayonet assault course, landing operations, fieldcraft and weapons. This sounds like ordinary Army routine

but when the tempo of it is accelerated to Ranger training it becomes extra-ordinary.

Fieldcraft, for example, not only includes instruction in cover and concealment by men who can advance 200 yards to a point 10 yards away and defy detection, but they make you apply their methods in crawling through mud, thistle and gorse until you can do it almost as well as they can.

The bayonet course isn't much different than ones you've seen in camp but you can't let up for a second here or you have a Limey sergeant, as tough as a 15 cent steak, climbing all over your frame. You find it's easier to hustle. These instructors are shot, hung and quartered a thousand times a day in the minds of the men but they are respected as much as any man can be.

This is the only place you have seen an enlisted man, in the person of a Commando instructor, bark at an officer and get away with it. Ranger officers are held on the same level as the enlisted men in training, with the exception that an order might carry, "Get off the sky line and take cover before somebody takes a shot at your butt... sir."

Commandant Gets Tough

The Commandant got tough today. Boots haven't been shined as well as they could be, and some of the men look like they aren't putting blades in their razors, he says. Tomorrow he makes a personal inspection at parade. If he looks cock-eyed at you it's the "Black Mile" after hours. The "Black Mile," by the way, is not one but five miles on a speed march around camp. You get an hour to do it. All part of strict disciplinary training.

Highlight of the day, or week, for that matter, is the appearance of fresh eggs at tea-time. You hadn't paid much attention to the food up to now because mutton tastes like steak and porridge like ice cream when you're hungry. That is, except to Tennessee Ratliffe.

Making his customary round of the mess hall at noon, a British officer posed the usual question, "Everything all right?"

"Sun," replied Tennessee, with a pained expression, "Ah'm so gawdam hungry Ah'm a-hurtin' all over. If I don't get some solid vittles pretty soon Ah'll fall away to a shadder."

So, when the eggs showed up Tennessee let out a whoop that could be heard from Memphis to St. Joe.

(The fourth instalment of the Diary of an American Ranger will appear Wednesday.)

ARMY POETS

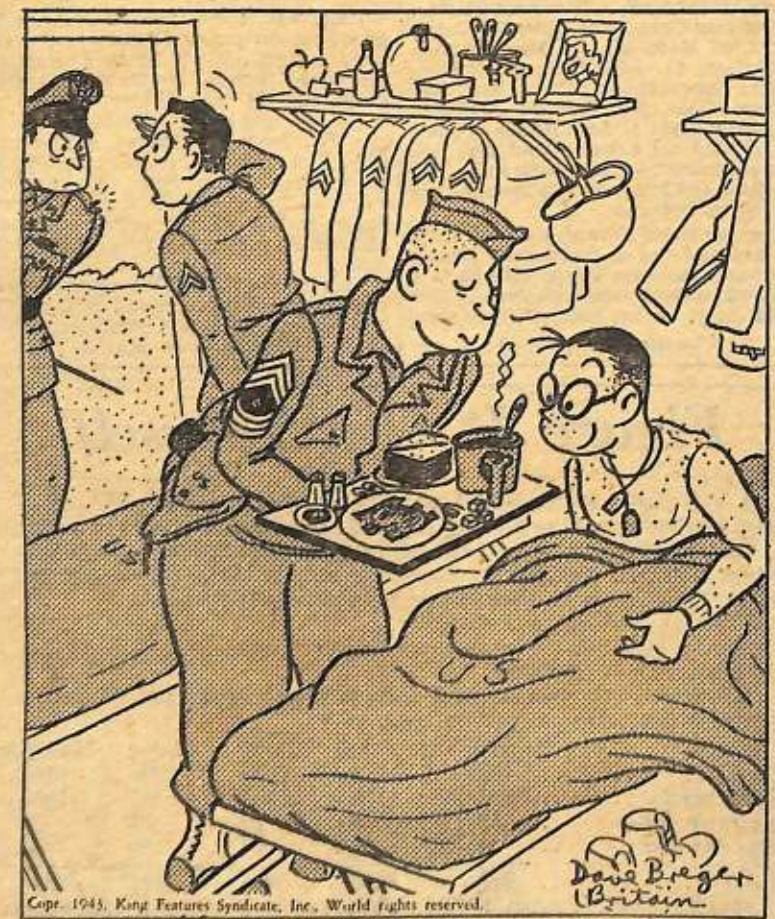
To Flanders Fields

To Flanders Fields, soft breezes, blow This message, that the dead may know— "The Eagle of the New World flies, And screams defiance from the skies, Takes up your quarrel with the foe. We are your kinsmen, well we know The debt to freedom that we owe, And all America replies To Flanders Fields. The torch is blazing high, and no Base tyranny will overthrow The faith your last breath bade us prize, That faith your deaths immortalize— Sleep on, brave hearts, our pledges go To Flanders Fields." Nemo Nomolos, Veteran, AEF.

Sunday Impressions

Chimes of Saint Martin's ringing, Pigeons over Trafalgar winging; Balloons float lazily in the sky, Soldiers and sweethearts passing by. Yankees playing in the park, Youth out looking for a lark, Maiden lady from Park Lane Exercising her Great Dane. Soap box orators loudly speak, Sidewalk artists on the street; Thousands up for "buses queue, 'Trams' and 'Tubes' loaded too, Hack driver in his white frock coat, Gliding peacefully along the moat Life now is sweet Ours victory—not defeat. 1st Lt. Otto L. Culbert.

PRIVATE BREGER



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"Sir, is it possible for one man to bewitch another?"

# Division Champions Have Edge in Tournament

## Indians Scalp Yanks, 3-1, 5-2, Lead League

### Dodgers Trample Reds In Twin Bill; Phillies Split

**By Collie Small**  
United Press Sports Writer  
NEW YORK, May 24—The Cleveland Indians, playing on their home grounds yesterday, gave a possible indication of things to come in the American League by defeating the New York Yankees twice and tumbling the Bombers out of first place for the first time this year.

The Tribe scalped the Yankees, 3-1 and 5-2, winding up the New Yorker's disastrous Western trip on a sour note. The Yankees scraped through the tour with only one victory in six starts. When the smoke cleared, the Indians were perched on top of the circuit with a record of 16 victories against 11 defeats, while the Yankees sagged to second with 14 and 11. Southpaw Al Smith and Chubby Dean authored the twin triumphs, each chalking up their third straight.

Smith allowed five hits in the opener, including Joe Gordon's double and Johnny Lindell's single which accounted for the only Yank tally. The Indians also garnered five blows, but bunched them for three runs off Ernie Bonham in the third inning. Dean gave the Yankees ten hits in the nightcap, but scattered them enough, except in the first and sixth, when the Bronxites tallied once in each. Spud Chandler hurled hitless ball for the Yankees in the first five innings, but was kayoed in the sixth when the Indians got four runs and four hits.

### Nats Blank Chisox, 11-0

At Detroit, opportunity knocked, but the Tigers failed to answer, just missing a chance to tie for second place, bowing to Boston, 3-2, in ten innings in the nightcap after capturing the opener, 4-3. Tony Lupien's single sent the Tigers down to disaster and gave Oscar Judd, third Boston hurler, his third victory. Hal White took over for the Bengals in the seventh and was charged with his fourth loss. Tommy Bridges gave up seven hits for his second triumph in the opener, although Hank Gorsica came in and put out the last man. Pinky Higgins' two-run homer in the eighth provided the winning margin.

The Washington Senators sent Chicago's Buck Ross to the showers in the first inning at Chicago with a seven-run barrage, then continued their attack on Joe Haynes to rout the White Sox, 11-0, in the opener of a scheduled twin bill. The Nats collected 13 hits while Early Wynn held Chicago to six hits. The second game was not played.

The St. Louis Browns, also playing at home, divided a double header with the Philadelphia Athletics. Denny Galehouse held the Mackmen to four hits, pitching the Browns to a 9-1 triumph in the opener, while Jess Flores, with the aid of Roger Woolf, won his sixth straight triumph in the nightcap, 3-2. Harland Clift paced the Browns in the first game, hitting a triple and a single to bring in three runs. The Browns, blanked by Flores for seven innings in the clincher, knocked him out with a two-run rally in the eighth, but Woolf wiped out the threat.

In the National League, at Brooklyn, the Dodgers trampled the Cincinnati Reds, 3-0 and 3-1. Ed Head pitched a four-hit shutout in the first game and Whitlow Wyatt collaborated with Johnny Allen to defeat Johnny VanderMeer in the nightcap. Augie Galan accounted for the runs that whipped Ray Starr in the opener. His single in the first inning became a run and he tripled home two more in the second. The Flock collected six hits, but was helped by nine walks from VanderMeer in the second game.

### Three-Run Homer for Cooper

The Chicago Cubs snapped out of a nine-game doldrum by beating the Braves at Boston, 2-1 and 1-0, in ten innings. The double setback snapped Boston's winning streak at seven. Al-Boston's winning streak gave up only three hits in the opener, all three were bunched in the second inning for Chicago's two runs. Dom Dallessandro's long, pinch runs. Dom Dallessandro's long, pinch runs in hit fly brought home the winning run in the nightcap as Hi Bithorn held Boston to two hits.

A crowd of 37,176, largest ever to witness a National League game in Philadelphia, watched the Phillies divide with the Pirates. Rip Sewell pitched five-hit Pittsburgh. Rip Sewell pitched five-hit Pittsburgh. Rip Sewell pitched five-hit Pittsburgh.

St. Louis slapped down the Giants twice at the Polo Grounds, 6-5 and 4-2. Whitey Kurowski hit safely for 4-2. Whitey Kurowski hit safely for 4-2. Whitey Kurowski hit safely for 4-2.

In the second game Howie Pollet held the Giants to five hits with Lou Klein's two-run homer a deciding factor in the nightcap. Mickey Witek also homered.

## Sports Quiz Answers

- 1—Bob Fitzsimmons weighed 168 when he held the world heavyweight title, while Primo Carnera weighed 276 when he was champion.
- 2—Gene Tunney made \$1,000,000 in the second Dempsey-Tunney fight in 1927.
- 3—Grantland Rice named the Galloping Ghost, the Four Horsemen and the Georgia Peach.
- 4—The Army-Navy game of 1926 drew 120,000 fans.
- 5—Amateur Bobby Jones won the U.S. and British Opens in 1926 and '30, while professional Gene Sarazen took both crowns in 1932.

## Ordnance Wins Fourth Straight

### Neshimka Twirls 3-Hit Ball as Hq. Loses, 2-0, In Depot Tilt

— ORDNANCE DEPOT, May 24—With Mike Neshimka twirling three-hit ball and receiving good support, the Cardinals (Ordnance) defeated the Giants (Hq., Ord.), 2-0, for their fourth successive win in this station's softball competition. The victory enabled them to keep right on the heels of the league-leading Dodgers (Co. C), who beat the Pirates (Ordnance), 9-1, in the only other National League game played.

Outstanding for the losers were Sabo, who allowed but five hits, and Albertson, who started at second base. The Dodger victory was practically donated to them by nine bases on balls by Holley, the Pirate pitcher. They scored twice in the second on four free tickets and a single by Momany.

In the only American League game played, the second place White Sox (Hq. and Hq. Co.) beat the fifth-place Yankees (Co. A) in an extra inning affair, 10-5. The winners crossed the plate six times in the first of the eighth on seven hits, one of which was a double by King, LeVangie, who did a good job on the mound, received good hitting support. Supik got three hits, one a double, and McAdoo knocked out a single and a two-bagger.

## Minor Leagues

### International League

#### Sunday's Games

Newark 2, Jersey City 0 (first game)					
Jersey City 3, Newark 1 (second game)					
Buffalo 2, Rochester 0 (first game)					
Buffalo 3, Rochester 1 (second game)					
Baltimore 6, Syracuse 3 (first game)					
Syracuse 11, Baltimore 0 (second game)					
Toronto 2, Montreal 1 (first game)					
Toronto 4, Toronto 3 (second game)					
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Toronto .. 20 8 .714	Baltimore .. 12 13 .480	Buffalo .. 10 9 .526	Buffalo .. 10 9 .455	Montreal .. 12 12 .500	Jersey City 11 15 .423
Syracuse .. 10 12 .455	Jersey City 11 15 .423	Montreal .. 12 12 .500	Rochester 8 15 .348		

### Eastern League

#### Sunday's Games

Elmira 2, Utica 1 (first game)					
Utica 3, Binghamton 2 (first game, 12 innings)					
Binghamton 3, Binghamton 2 (first game, 12 innings)					
Albany 3, Albany 0 (second game)					
Wilkes-Barre 3, Hartford 2 (first game)					
Wilkes-Barre 8, Hartford 0 (second game)					
Scranton 6, Springfield 0 (first game)					
Scranton 4, Springfield 0 (second game)					
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Scranton .. 13 3 .813	Elmira .. 7 8 .467	Albany .. 12 4 .750	Albany .. 9 18 .333	Binghamton 10 5 .667	Springfield 3 13 .188
Wilkes-Barre 12 4 .750	Springfield 3 13 .188	Binghamton 10 5 .667	Utica .. 2 11 .154	Hartford .. 9 9 .500	Utica .. 2 11 .154

### American Association

#### Sunday's Games

Indianapolis 6, St. Paul 1 (first game)					
Indianapolis 11, St. Paul 4 (second game)					
Milwaukee 8, Columbus 2 (first game)					
Milwaukee 9, Columbus 1 (second game)					
Minneapolis 4, Louisville 2 (first game)					
Louisville 8, Minneapolis 1 (second game)					
Toledo 5, Kansas City 2 (second game)					
Toledo 4, Kansas City 2 (second game)					
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Indianapolis 10 5 .667	Milwaukee .. 10 9 .526	Minneapolis 11 9 .550	Kansas City 9 9 .500	Toledo .. 9 8 .529	Louisville .. 9 12 .429
Minneapolis 11 9 .550	Kansas City 9 9 .500	Toledo .. 9 8 .529	Louisville .. 9 12 .429	Columbus .. 10 9 .526	St. Paul .. 8 15 .348

### Southern Association

#### Sunday's Games

Nashville 1, New Orleans 0 (first game)					
New Orleans 5, Nashville 3 (second game)					
Birmingham 6, Knoxville 4 (first game)					
Knoxville 1, Birmingham 0 (second game)					
No other games played.					
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Nashville .. 19 10 .655	New Orleans 14 17 .452	Birmingham 20 11 .645	Atlanta .. 12 16 .429	Little Rock 16 11 .593	Knoxville .. 9 18 .333
Birmingham 20 11 .645	Atlanta .. 12 16 .429	Little Rock 16 11 .593	Knoxville .. 9 18 .333	Chattanooga 15 11 .577	Mempis .. 8 19 .296

### Pacific Coast League

#### Sunday's Games

Los Angeles 5, Hollywood 1 (first game)					
Hollywood 6, Los Angeles 4 (second game)					
Portland 4, Seattle 0 (first game)					
Portland 4, Seattle 0 (second game)					
Seattle 1, Portland 0 (first game)					
San Diego 6, Sacramento 0 (first game)					
San Diego 2, Sacramento 0 (second game)					
Oakland 5, San Francisco 4 (first game)					
Oakland 4, San Francisco 4 (second game)					
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Los Angeles 29 5 .851	Hollywood 16 19 .457	San Francisco 20 14 .588	Portland .. 12 22 .353	San Francisco 20 14 .588	Seattle .. 12 22 .353
San Francisco 20 14 .588	Seattle .. 12 22 .353	Oakland .. 19 17 .528	Sacramento 12 23 .343	San Diego .. 19 17 .528	Sacramento 12 23 .343

## Phillies' Head

By Jack Sords



## Bombers Down Fighters, 7-5

NORWICH, May 24—In a closely played softball game here the Bomb Wing Headquarters triumphed over the Fighter Group, 7-5. The game was an exhibition in conjunction with opening ceremonies for the "Wings for Victory" campaign.

Preceding the game the crowd watched a parade of various British military units. Capt. Harold Balfour, British Under-Secretary of State for Air, the opening day speaker, the commanding general of a USAAF bomb wing, and high-ranking officers of the RAF, British Army and Navy, reviewed the parade from the steps of the City Hall.

Winning team was: M/Sgt. D. Moyer, third base; T/Sgt. B. Ovens, second base; Pvt. H. A. Biller, shortstop; T/Sgt. R. Montague, left fielder; S/Sgt. C. Klatte, center field; Sgt. S. Maravich, short center; Pvt. A. Panella, first base; S/Sgt. T. Barrett, right field; Pfc H. T. Price, catcher; Sgt. H. Baum, right field; Pvt. C. F. Simmons, pitcher; S/Sgt. W. Hardin.

Losers were: T/Sgt. M. Horreck, catcher; Cpl. C. D. Dingsess, pitcher; Cpl. J. Weidner, right field; Lt. J. B. Eaves, short field; Lt. "Tex" Terdal, second base; Lt. R. N. Stulz, left field; Sgt. Flannagan, shortstop; Sgt. C. Kendrick, center field; Cpl. J. Hall, pitcher; Lt. T. Bowie, first base, and Lt. R. Mason, third base.

## ETO Tourney Starts Today

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two months. First was the basketball tourney at Albert Hall, then, two weeks ago, the ETO track and field meet. The committee, formed last November, is a coordinated effort of the Army's Special Service section, the American Red Cross and the Stars and Stripes, to give the troops in this theater the best athletic program possible.

Both the four-day intra-American competition and the bouts with the British will be held under Olympic boxing rules. These provide for three judges—instead of the usual two—with the referee rendering no decision.

Each bout will be of three-rounds duration, with three-minute rounds and one-minute intervals between rounds. Past fights have gone three stanzas, but they have been two-minute rounds.

If a fighter is injured during his bout, final say as to whether he will be able to continue will rest with a doctor who will be present at the ringside.

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



## Ruby, Webber, Kozak Favored To Take Titles

### Tightest Competition Seen In Welterweight and Lightweight Classes

By Mark E. Senigo

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor  
Pay day may be just around the other side of the orderly room, but we're not making any bets on who is going to beat who and why in The Stars and Stripes fight show at the Rainbow Corner. However, that doesn't stop us from taking a gander at the boys who will be in there swinging and trying to get a line on how they will finish at the final bouts.

In the flyweight class the boy who seems to have the edge is Pvt. Eddie LaBorde, aggressive 112-pounder from Gretna, La. Eddie has made four appearances at the Corner and has come through with a top score every time. He has beaten Cpl. Frank Barbieri, of Philadelphia, another entrant, three times running. He even spotted eight pounds to Pvt. Toni Deri and trounced him. Neither of the other two contestants—Pvt. Salvatore Scurto and T/Sgt. Frank Shields—have fought at the Corner, so their abilities are unknown.

Sgt. Chester Ruby, Division champion from Baltimore, is the lone bantamweight who has fought at the Corner, losing to Cpl. Andy McGinty. However, he gave McGinty six pounds and still looked good in the first two rounds.

### Ulster Dark Horses

Also a division titlist, Pvt. Donald Webber, of Roanoke, Va., leads the small group of featherweights. His nearest rival would seem to be Pfc Charles Wohlwend, of Superior, Wis., Eighth Air Force champion.

Class of the league is in the lightweight and welterweight brackets. On his record, Pvt. Frankie Missella has an edge over the rest of the field among the lightweights. Frankie, a Cleveland, has taken five victories in seven starts at the Corner. Both his losses—to Pvt. Charlie Schnappauf and Pvt. Jim Yonkers—were close and to opponents who outweighed him.

Dark horses are two Northern Ireland lightweight entries—Sgt. Walter Wodarski, of Erie, Pa., and 1/Sgt. Sam Coggins, of Ashville, N.C.

Among the welterweights there are five or six who have a good chance to go the limit. Pvt. Johnny Robinson, of Kansas City, Kan., who meets Pvt. Harold Alle, of N. St. Paul, Minn., in the opener this afternoon, has scored two kayoes, one TKO and two decisions. His only losses have been close to heavier opponents.

### Light Heavies a Tossup

Pfc Bill Garrett, three-time Pittsburgh Golden Glove titlist, looked good in his lone appearance at the Corner, outpointing Pvt. Rand Daviss. Pvt. Glen McCormick, of Richmond, Mo., and Pvt. Ted Leight, of Philadelphia, should get through the first eliminations. Marines Pvt. Joseph Domiter, of Bethlehem, Pa., and Pfc Cloyd Hamm, of Washington, will be showing their wares after building up good reputations in Northern Ireland.

Among the middleweights, undefeated Cpl. Bill Eck, of Allentown, Pa., has the best chance to finish on top. Most likely to make the going tough for him are Pfc William Ciffo, Woonsocket, R.I.; Pfc James Grantham, Pulaski, Va., and Pvt. Chester Marcinkiewicz, Kulpmont, Pa.

There is little to choose from among the light-heavies. Cpl. Bill Bradshaw, of Fredricksburg, Va.; T/5 Paul Dalio, of Houston, Texas, and Pvt. Tom "Bucky" Walbert, of Washington, outdistance the rest of the entries.

Pvt. Vincent Kozak, of Hazelton, Pa., — Division titleholder, stands head and shoulders above the other dreadnoughts. Nearest competitors are Sgt. Bill Dircks, of Cumerland, Md., runner-up to Kozak in the — Division, and Cpl. Harold Raskin, of Chicago, Eighth Air Force champion.

## Novikoff, Cub Outfielder, No Longer a Holdout

CHICAGO, May 24—Lou Novikoff, Chicago Cub outfielder, has ended his holdout. On arriving here yesterday and asked why he had held out so long, Novikoff replied, "Well, I've always been told that baseball is big business—so I'm making it big business."

"My brothers, Al, Paul and Jack, are in the Army and there is no one to support my mother and the two kids but me, and I've got a wife and two kids of my own to look out for. I just held out for the money I thought I needed. I expect to hit over .300 for the Cubs."

## Hurls First Perfect Game In Eastern League History

SCRANTON, Pa., May 24—Southpaw Chet Covington pitched the first perfect game in the Eastern League history yesterday as the Scranton Miners blanked the Springfield Rifles, 6-0, in the opener of a twin bill.

Only 27 batters faced Covington and none reached first base. Only four balls were hit to the outfield and Covington struck out five.

## HOW THEY STAND.

### American League

#### Sunday's Games

Cleveland 3, New York 1 (first game)					
Cleveland 5, New York 2 (second game)					
Detroit 4, Boston 3 (first game)					
Boston 3, Detroit 2 (second game, ten innings)					
Washington 11, Chicago 0					
St. Louis 9, Philadelphia 1 (first game)					
Philadelphia 3, St. Louis 2 (second game)					
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Cleveland .. 16 11 .593	Philadelphia 14 15 .483	New York .. 14 11 .560	Chicago .. 10 12 .455	Washington 15 13 .536	St. Louis .. 10 12 .455
Detroit .. 14 10 .583	New York 11 18 .379	St. Louis 13 12 .520	Boston .. 11 17 .393		

### Yesterday's Schedule

No games scheduled.

### National League

#### Sunday's Games

Brooklyn 3, Cincinnati 0 (first game)					
Brooklyn 3, Cincinnati 1 (second game)					
Chicago 2, Boston 1 (first game)					
Chicago 1, Boston 0 (second game, ten innings)					
Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 1 (first game)					
Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 2 (second game)					
Philadelphia 5, New York 5 (first game)					
St. Louis 4, New York 2 (second game)					
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Brooklyn 21 9 .700	Cincinnati 12 16 .429	St. Louis .. 11 10 .526	Pittsburgh 10 15 .400	Boston .. 14 10 .583	New York 11 18 .379
St. Louis .. 11 10 .526	Pittsburgh 10 15 .400	Boston .. 14 10 .583	New York 11 18 .379	Philadelphia 15 12 .556	Chicago .. 9 19 .321

### Yesterday's Schedule

No games scheduled.

### Leading Batters

#### American League

Stephens, St. Louis .. 18 68 11 25 .368					
Higgins, Detroit .. 25 95 11 34 .358					
Lindell, New York .. 25 90 8 29 .322					
Wakfield, Detroit .. 25 113 14 36 .319					
Hockett, Cleveland .. 21 82 12 26 .317					

#### National League

Herman, Brooklyn .. 30 145 15 37 .356					
Frey, Cincinnati .. 27 110 14 39 .355					
Musial, St. Louis .. 28 119 22 41 .345					
Dahlgren, Philadelphia 25 88 9 30 .341					
Kurovski, St. Louis .. 26 103 16 35 .340					

### Home Run Hitters

American League—Keller, New York, 5; Gordon, New York, and Laabs, Chartak and McQuinn, St. Louis, 2.					
National League—Ott and Maynard, New York, and Litwiler, Philadelphia, 4.					

### Runs Batted In

American League—Bill Bloodworth, Detroit, and Spence and Johnson, Washington, 18.					
National League—Herman, Brooklyn, 23; Stanky, Chicago, and Elliot and DiMaggio, Pittsburgh, 16.					

### Needlers Drop Goldbricks

#### — GENERAL HOSPITAL, May 24—

Playing an exhibition softball game in a Midlands town, the "Needlers" took an easy 12-1 victory from the "Goldbricks," both teams from this station. The victors put on a slug fest in the ninth that netted them eight of their tallies. Weaver and Monetta were the winning battery.

by Chic Young

# Middle Western Floods Damage Six Farm States

## Army Amphibian Jeeps Used in Rescue Work, 15,000 Homeless

NEW YORK, May 24 (UP)—New areas of the Middle West were swept by great floods today, inundating thousands of acres of fertile farmland and causing damage to the extent of millions of dollars.

The Mississippi river has now burst its banks at a dozen points, causing the collapse of a concrete levee costing \$8,000,000. Here, army amphibian "jeeps" were attempting to rescue the isolated. The Mississippi is higher now than at any time during the past 40 years and is still rising.

Ten thousand war workers, cooperating with troops, are using 10,000,000 sandbags to build up the breached banks of the swollen Illinois river near Peoria.

More than 5,000 people had to be moved from one town when the Illinois burst over a 27-foot sea wall.

The number of people rendered homeless by the floods, in six states, has now reached 15,000.

Added to the terrors of the floods is the increasing danger of typhoid fever, and in one Arkansas town more than 40,000 inhabitants have been inoculated.

The Wabash and Missouri rivers have also burst their banks. Near St. Louis, where the Missouri joins the Mississippi, 10,000 acres are now under water.

# Italy Is Unable To Equip Army

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rightly, one of the reasons for her entry into the war."

Bombed and wavering Italy was on the brink of an internal political upheaval yesterday in which 80-year-old Marshal Enrico Caviglia may emerge as the new Italian "strong man," reports reaching London from neutral countries indicated.

Never a supporter of Mussolini's Fascist regime, Marshal Caviglia could win the support of the Army, the Royal Family and a large part of the Italian people, it is believed.

Many Italians believe he would be a good man to deal with the Allies when Italy is ready to seek peace terms.

The reports accompanied stories of increasing disquiet within Hitler's southern Axis partner. Mussolini was said to have demanded that the Germans transfer heavy coastal artillery to likely invasion points in southern Italy.

Another report said the Italians planned to declare Florence an "open city" in order to preserve its art treasures from Allied bombing.

Italian nerves, already shaken by the knowledge that Sicily and Sardinia are being systematically pounded into piles of rubble, got a further jolt yesterday in a broadcast from the "free" Italian radio station "Milano-Liberta."

The broadcast said:

"Save Sicily! Chase the Fascists away and open the gates of your island to the Democratic powers, to freedom! News reaching us from Sicily becomes ever more grave. Sicilian refugees begin to arrive on the mainland. In their eyes is terror, in their souls and in their speech is hate; not hate against the British and Americans, but against the Germans above all, and against the Fascists bosses. This is what has come out of the influx into Sicily of the German airmen.

"Today Catania lies in ruins. Devastation in the towns is terrible. Palermo, Messina, Trapani and Marsala are unrecognizable. All Sicilian towns will be doomed to destruction unless Mussolini is chased from power."

## Disturbances in France

ZURICH, Switzerland, May 24 (AP)—Two German officers and five soldiers were killed and 30 injured in Lyons, France, last week during a series of attacks by French patriots. At Marseilles a high-ranking Italian officer, a Gestapo agent in plain clothes and several Italian soldiers were killed.

## Plan Phi Gamma Dinner

Members of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity planning to attend the meeting at Oddenino's restaurant at 7:30 PM, May 29, may contact Cmdr. George M. Lyon, office of the Naval Attache, American Embassy, London, or Lt. Col. Roy O. Hawthorne, Hq., EBS.

# FDR Visits Kentucky Tank School



President Roosevelt studies a model of a tank presented to him by armored corps troops at Fort Knox, Ky., during a 7,652-mile tour of inspection of war factories and army camps by F. D. R. Seated with the President is Gov. Keen Johnson, of Kentucky.

# 'Society' Night ARC Feature

## Evening In Imitation Night Club for GIs, Girl Friends

CHELTENHAM, May 24—An innovation in club entertainment will be featured by the American Red Cross club here Thursday, when soldiers and their dates will impersonate playboys and girls of New York's cafe society in the "Stork Club" ballroom, which is decorated with caricatures of New York celebrities.

Details of the party were arranged by Sgt. John Murphy and Sgt. Arnold Falk, both of New York. The Essex Troop orchestra will provide dance music.

The weekly program:  
Tuesday—American-British club, 7 PM; tango class, 7:45 PM; movie, 8 PM.  
Wednesday—Square dance club, 7:45 PM; French class dinner, 6:15 PM.  
Thursday—Stork club cabaret, 8:30 PM.  
Friday—Quiz program, elimination contest, 8 PM.  
Saturday—Movie, 8 PM.  
Sunday—Ramblers club hike; dance, 8 to 11:30 PM.

## Nurses' Club

A District of Columbia night is scheduled for the nurses' ARC club at 10 Charles St., Saturday night, followed by a dinner-dance. Here's the rest of the program:  
Tuesday—Movies, 8 PM.  
Wednesday—Ping-pong tournament, 8 PM.  
Thursday—Dinner-dance and cabaret, 7-11 PM.

## Norwich Club

NORWICH, May 23—The program at the Norwich Red Cross club this week:  
Tuesday, 7:30 PM, New York State night, and meeting of soldier council; Wednesday, 8:30 PM, Ping-pong tournament.

## Peterborough Club

PETERBOROUGH, May 23—The weekly schedule of the Peterborough Red Cross club:  
Tuesday: Games, Wednesday, 8:15 PM; Dance.

# Vacationing Yank Joins Army on 18th Birthday

Robert Boreas Beeching, who came to England for a vacation from his home at Berkeley, Cal., just before Britain declared war, was sworn into the USAAF in London on his 18th birthday.

For six months he had been trying to get into the army. The answer always was the same. He was too young.

"Come back when you're grown up, sonny," a soldier told him.

Now, according to American law, he is "grown up," as far as getting into the army was concerned.

Chief W/O. C. W. Williams, of San Antonio, Tex., the recruiting officer, cooperated, and Beeching became a private in the USAAF.

# Grew Sees New Jap War In '70 if Defeat Incomplete

BETHANY, W. Va., May 24 (AP)—Joseph E. Grew, former American Ambassador to Japan, warned that Japanese military leaders, when they realized defeat was certain, "may attempt a little jujitsu" to bring the war to a quick conclusion by admitting defeat.

But if the American people are "too happy to get out of the war" and agree to any proposal short of unconditional surrender "we will have the whole thing over again in 1970," Grew warned.

# P38s Get 5 Jap Planes Over Attu

## Ground Forces Wipe Out Last Enemy Pockets Of Resistance

WASHINGTON, May 24—As U.S. ground troops yesterday were wiping out last Japanese pockets of resistance on Attu Island, six P38 fighters destroyed five of 16 enemy bombers which appeared over the eastern part of the island from an unknown base, the Navy Department announced today.

One U.S. fighter is missing. Another was shot down but its pilot was rescued, the report added.

The trapped Japanese forces isolated in three groups on the peninsula by Chicago harbor are steadily being worn down by the U.S. Army units despite cold weather.

Elsewhere in the Pacific bombers of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's command raided Jap installations at Gasmata, Ubuli and Awawe, in New Britain; and Salamaua, New Guinea, where 40 barges or canoes were machine-gunned on the beach.

## Lie Still, Mr. Milton

BROOKLYN, May 24—The Brooklyn Public Library announced it has had more requests for Milton's "Paradise Lost" during May than in any other month in the library's history. Officials said it defies explanation.

# American Fliers Lost in Wilds Lived on Snakes and Alligators

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forced to eat a dead swordfish which they found washed up on the beach.

On Christmas Eve three Liberators flew over them at low altitude and they tried frantically to signal the airmen above them. The Liberators flew on without seeing them. This was the first of the heart-breaking disappointments they suffered during their attempts to reach safety.

They tried to cross a flooded river and Grimes died and was washed out to sea.

By this time the airmen were badly weakened by their ordeal. They had had little to eat, in spite of occasional successes in finding food, and since they had baled out a month before they had lived in the jungle in the middle of Australia's summer without shelter of any sort almost all the time, their clothes and shoes were torn and full of holes.

Finally the airmen found a hut and left Speltz there, dying. They pushed on but a few days later they gave up and decided to go back to the shack to die with him.

On their way back they found the body of Grimes. It had been washed ashore. The party reached Speltz and, after living at the shack for several days, found their strength was reviving. They decided to push on again. They recrossed the swollen river where Grimes had drowned. The current caught them but they managed to scramble on to a sand-bar.

They went back to the shack to wait for the final day. Their food now consisted of dead fish and snakes. Once they found a dead wallaby, which gave them their best meal for weeks.

# Bulk of American Navy In Pacific, U.S. Reveals

WASHINGTON, May 24 (UP)—Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox told the Press that the bulk of the American Navy is concentrated in the Pacific. He said he could not disclose whether the bulk of all American forces are there, but he added that the statements to that effect by Mr. Churchill and the President applied to his department—the Navy—anyway.

"The Japs are strengthening their bases all over the Pacific as fast as they can, but we do not know whether it is for defense or offense," Col. Knox said.

# Guerrilla War Worrying Axis

## Yugoslav Town Captured By Patriots; 38 Bands Operate in Albania

Increased guerrilla fighting was reported from three different points in the Balkans yesterday, tying down more Axis troops and increasing the woes of Hitler and Mussolini in their already troublesome southeast corner.

Even Berlin admitted that engagements of considerable importance were taking place in Croatia, where many separate guerrilla groups were operating.

In Yugoslavia patriots captured the town of Bihac, 50 miles from the Adriatic coast and 100 miles southeast of the Italian base at Fiume, causing 700 Italian casualties.

Thirty-eight separate guerrilla bands are reported to be operating in the mountains of Albania, harrying Italian garrisons and communications there.

In parts of Rumania deserters from the Rumanian army have joined with anti-Hitler civilians to form armed units, Moscow radio reported. The Rumanian government has sent several punitive expeditions against them, but without success.

## McNair Back on Duty

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Leslie McNair has recovered completely from the wounds he received in Tunisia last month and has returned to his duties as Commanding General of the U.S. Army Ground Forces, the War Department announced today.

## E-Boats Attacked

Six Nazi E-boats were attacked by naval aircraft operating with RAF Fighter Command yesterday morning in the English Channel, and two of the boats were severely damaged, the Air Ministry announced.

# NEWS FROM HOME

# Strikes End In Nine Major U.S. Factories

## Thousands of Employees Back on Job; Board To Reopen Cases

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)—Nine of the 11 major war production plants which were on strike over the week-end have resumed operations today. The union officials said the employees immediately voted to return to their jobs when it was learned the War Labor Board had decided to reconsider its ruling on wage limitations recently handed down. It was this ruling, according to the union, which brought about the walkout.

All seven of the Chrysler Corporation plants were again operating in Detroit as were the plants of the General Tire and Rubber Company and Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Akron.

The strike at the Chrysler plants involved 25,000 workers, while in the one in the four rubber plants in Akron 40,000 workers had left their jobs.

Meanwhile about 31,000 persons were idle in Akron when the large Firestone and Goodrich factories failed to reopen.

## Train Wreck Kills 18

DECLAIR, N.J., May 24 (UP)—At least 18 persons were killed and 50 injured here yesterday when a fast Pennsylvania Railway train was derailed. State police said the death toll may mount as the wreckage is cleared.

## Another Cut in Driving

NEW YORK, May 24—The Defense Transportation Office here has further restricted the use of gasoline-consuming vehicles in this territory. It has ordered trucks, taxis and buses to cut mileage 40 per cent and has also sharply curtailed mileage of cars used in deliveries of beer, liquor, ice cream, soft drinks, flowers and other unessential commodities.

## Edith Rogers Dahl Remarries

CHICKASHA, Okla., May 24—Mrs. Edith Rogers Dahl, actress, who talked Gen. Franco out of shooting her aviator husband during the Spanish civil war, was remarried here yesterday. She took time out between appearances of a USO show to marry Phil Kaye, her tour manager. The Dahls were divorced after Dahl's return from Spain and he later became an instructor in the RCAF and married a Canadian.

# Reds Continue Feeler Attacks

Russian forces continued their feeler attacks along the central front yesterday, where a reconnaissance unit, supported by artillery, wiped out two battalions of German infantry as they moved up to the front.

Near Smolensk a column of German trucks was wrecked by a Russian detachment. Another unit penetrated the German lines and engaged a German engineer outfit. Scores of the enemy were killed and a large amount of equipment destroyed. Eight pillboxes were blown up.

Russian communiques also claimed small successes in the area northeast of Novorossisk, in the south. German troop concentrations were shot up by Red artillery and two companies subjected to heavy casualties.

Last night's German communique claimed that a large-scale Russian attack had been beaten off near Veliki Luki, with the action still continuing.

## Greater Trust, Says Hull

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)—Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, said today the Moscow announcement of the dissolution of the Communist International would promote greater trust among the Allies and contribute greatly to the cooperation needed for winning the war and for post-war undertakings.

## WBS Language Classes

A PORT HEADQUARTERS, WBS, May 24—Foreign language classes in French, German and Spanish are being started here. Instructors will be Maj. Elmer W. Siler, 1/Lt. Joseph Forch, 2/Lt. Larry Ropes and T/3 Ray Thiebold.

## Tamworth Club Opened

TAMWORTH, May 24—A new American Red Cross day club has been opened here for U.S. servicemen.

# Raids - - - -

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and the same firm is reported to have completed construction of a synthetic gasoline plant.

German radio last night admitted "considerable material damage" to the "Rhine-Westphalia industrial region," and claimed 31 bombers, "most of them four-engined," were shot down by ack-ack defenses alone.

While Dortmund was being blitzed, enemy aircraft were over northeast England and damage and casualties were reported from one coastal community. One German raider was shot down.

