

## Allies Push Deeper Into New Guinea

### Japs Fleeing Into the Hills; 101 Enemy Planes KO'd In Landing Thrusts

Allied forces were pushing deeper inland against negligible resistance yesterday after their triple invasion of the northern New Guinea coast.

A communique from Gen. MacArthur reported excellent progress in all three sectors of the landings, which occurred at Aitape, in western British New Guinea, at Hollandia, just across the line in Dutch New Guinea, and in the Tanahmerah Bay area 20 miles west of Hollandia.

Allied forces had driven six miles inland in the Tanahmerah Bay area and were within five miles of the main Hollandia airfield. Farther south, units which landed at Hollandia had seized the town itself and a near-by village and were advancing on Tami airfield to the southeast.

Tadji airfield, seized in the Aitape landing, already was in use after a rush job by Australian air force engineers, and ground troops were advancing on the village of Aitape, where the Japs had a large base and stores.

**Japs Fleeing to Hills**  
The Japs, taken by surprise as the greatest invading Allied force of the Pacific war cut off an estimated 60,000 Nipponese—remnants of the army once bent on invading Australia—apparently were fleeing into the dense jungle hills inland which fringe the coast.

Meanwhile nearly 300 miles to the southeast along the coast Australian troops penetrated to within a few miles of the important Japanese base at Madang, which with Wewak had been bypassed and isolated by MacArthur's landings.

Some indication of the strength of the naval force supporting the surprise landings Saturday came in a communique from Adm. Chester W. Nimitz revealing that 101 Japanese planes were destroyed in the operation, with another 17 damaged. Most of the enemy aircraft were caught on the ground and never had a chance to interfere with the landings.

Allied planes continued to range mercilessly over the entire Guinea coast in support of the ground operations, and the new thrusts brought no let-up of continued Allied raiding in widespread areas of the Pacific.

In addition to blows in the Hansa Bay, Geelvink and Wewak areas of New Guinea, Allied bombers ranged over the Carolines islands of Satawan, Woleai and Puluwat—the latter only 50 miles west of Truk—while other forces bombed Rabaul, the battered New Britain base, and Kavieng, New Ireland.

#### Dutch Flag Flies Again

HOLLANDIA, Dutch New Guinea, Apr. 22 (delayed)—Ninety-three Netherlands civil administrators and native policemen carried the Netherlands flag ashore today in the first reconquest of Dutch territory since Germany and Japan started their territorial grab.

The proud little group comprised the first opening unit of the Netherlands Indies Civil Administration—NICA—organized to handle the civil affairs of Hollandia and all other parts of Dutch New Guinea and the East Indies as fast as they are liberated.

#### 'Work-or-Draft' Bill Up

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25 (Reuter)—A "work-or-be-drafted" bill was introduced in the Senate today. The measure would authorize call-up of physically unfit or deferred men in non-essential industries who refuse to enter war plants.

## The War Today

**Air War**—USAAF sends out fleets of heavy, medium and light bombers, fighter-bombers and fighters in blows at German air and transport targets in France, Germany and Belgium in eleventh day of pre-invasion blitz; days blows follow heavy night attacks on German transport by RAF.

**Russia**—Battle for Sebastopol nearing climax; lull continues on other Russian fronts, but Soviet bombers attack important German base at Lwow, in Poland.

**Pacific**—Allies pushing deeper inland after triple landings on north New Guinea coast; airfield seized near Aitape already in operation; invaders five miles from main Hollandia airfield; Jap resistance weak; bombers range over widespread areas.

**Invasion**—Adolf Hitler comes back to France for first time since 1940 to inspect invasion defenses.

### When We Say Fleet, Tojo, We Mean Fleet

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25 (AP)—First indication of the numerically overwhelming naval power the U.S. threw against the Japs recently in seizing key islands in the Marshalls appeared in an aerial photograph released today by the Navy Department.

Covering a vast expanse of lagoon, the picture showed nine aircraft-carriers, 12 battleships and many smaller supporting vessels, including cruisers and destroyers—more than 40 ships in all. The official caption described this as "part" of the task force.

## Battle Nearing Its Final Stage At Sebastopol

### Lull Continues on Other Fronts; Soviet Bombers Hammer at Lwow

With waves of Soviet dive-bombers and fighters pounding Sebastopol and the sea lines to Rumania, the battle for that last Nazi bridgehead in the Crimea was reported in its final stages last night, although elsewhere the Eastern Front lull continued, and no important changes were reported.

There was sharp fighting on numerous other sectors, but these engagements were described as local actions and the principal Soviet activity was in the air.

Besides tightening its blockade of Sebastopol and bombing an enemy-held airfield near that port, the Red Air Force carried out a strong attack with long-range bombers on military traffic at the Nazis' Polish base at Lwow.

Moscow press reports said the German command had begun evacuating the Rumanian port of Constanza 180 miles southwest of Odessa in favor of Varna in Bulgaria, 80 miles farther southwest. Dispatches from the Bulgarian capital at Sofia to the Swiss press said there were strong fears of Russian landings at Varna, which would prevent its use as the Nazis' main Black Sea base.

Russian guns hammered Sebastopol and started new fires in the port. A special Soviet air communique reported that seven enemy transports totaling 16,000 tons, carrying troops being evacuated from Sebastopol, were sunk by Red planes in the Black Sea and 36 enemy planes were destroyed in the Sebastopol area during the day.

Northwest of Lwow, a German attack took two villages near Dubno, but a Russian counter-attack recaptured them.

### Reveal U.S. Occupation Of Aleutian Isle of Shemya

ALASKAN DEPARTMENT HQ, Apr. 24 (delayed) (AP)—U.S. occupation and fortification of the small but important island of Shemya in the far-western Aleutians was revealed today.

The announcement said the five-square-mile island now is one of the most important bastions in the Aleutians.

Troops went ashore in May, 1943. They met no resistance, although reconnaissance showed Japanese had been there and had surveyed the island, probably with a view to constructing military installations.

## To a Slighted AA Battery, We Plead: 1-Innocent; 2-Don't Shoot

By Joe Fleming

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A U.S. ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERY, Apr. 25—When yesterday's edition of The Stars and Stripes arrived at this gun site, Capt. Eugene Teddick, of Binghamton, N.Y., hid them, informing his men that the paper had been held up by censorship.

He explained today that he was afraid his crack ack-ack outfit—said to be the oldest in the Army—would convert to field artillery and shell the ETO's daily newspaper.

For yesterday, publishing a report released by the Office of British Military Affairs, The Stars and Stripes, in a story headed "U.S. Ack-Ack Gunners Get 1st Raider," credited a battery in the Dover area with being the first American outfit to share in the destruction of an enemy plane since American AA gunners became operational in Britain in January.

No mention was made of this battery, operating in a London suburb, which with British help sent a Ju188 screaming to the earth last Wednesday—the same day on which the Dover unit scored its German bomber.

Actually, a check revealed today, Capt.

# Air, Transport Targets Again Hit In 11th Day of Pre-Invasion Blitz; Blows Follow Big RAF Assault

## Ninth's Fighters Will Become 'Infantry Invaders' Air Force

### Quesada Reveals Unit's Job Will Be Support Of Ground Troops

By Andy Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Ninth Fighter Command will be "the Infantry's air force," Brig. Gen. Elwood R. Quesada, 39-year-old Ninth Fighter chief, said yesterday when he announced that his command would support the spearhead of U.S. ground forces which make the first invasion thrust.

The Army will have air force liaison officers assigned to it so that the air command can most effectively help the ground forces.

Equipped in large numbers with the three most successful types of U.S. fighter planes, P38s, P47s and P51s, the tactical air force is prepared to give support to the ground forces in the actual invasion and to move into captured airfields in enemy territory soon after.

Squadrons of ground and flying personnel living in tents in England are prepared to move, at a few hours' notice, with their mobile headquarters, communications and emergency airfield equipment, into captured air bases soon after airborne units have secured the airfields.

All three types of fighters are equipped to give dive-bombing support to the offensive troops as well as providing defensive cover from Luftwaffe fighters and fighter-bombers. The P38s and P51s



Brig. Gen. Elwood R. Quesada

also will be used in photo reconnaissance work.

Quesada, one of the Air Forces' most popular young generals, who for three

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### Wailing on the West Wall

## 4 Years After Biggest Hour, Hitler Comes Back to France

Hitler now is personally making a secret inspection of Germany's west-wall defenses, the Associated Press reported last night, in his first visit to France since the 1940 collapse.

Accompanying Hitler on his tour are Adm. Doenitz, Gen. Korten, Luftwaffe chief of staff, and Prof. Tann, inventor of the flak towers which are an important part of the west wall's anti-aircraft defenses, the AP said,

attributing its information to "a London source with close connections with the European underground."

Meanwhile, Nazi propaganda efforts to allay apparent apprehension over invasion among the German people reached a fresh frenzy following Britain's abrupt ban on all travel from this country "except for business of urgent national importance which cannot be postponed."

The Germans in turn cut off all travel between occupied Denmark and neutral Sweden. Telephone communications, too, were cut for a time, but later were restored under censorship. Nazi Minister Best explained frankly that Denmark was "swarming" with saboteurs and "underground elements" and that the Germans were cracking down.

The German radio broadcast anti-invasion reassurances from everybody from Marshal Rommel himself down to an obscure artillery commander who promised that "wherever the Anglo-American invasion armies land in western Europe they will be confronted by devastating fire."

Rommel, the anti-invasion chief, was reported to have inspected the same area his Fuhrer was said to be touring, called by the Germans the "invasion coast" of France, and to have remarked that "every foot of ground here bristles with surprises." Rommel was further quoted as saying that a defense system against airborne troops had been organized in France "to the smallest detail."

Likewise, Gen. Von Falkenhorst, commander-in-chief in Norway, was reported by the radio to have inspected his bailiwick and "satisfied himself of the defensive readiness of the deeply-echeloned defensive system."

Lisbon heard that the Germans also were hurriedly putting up fresh fortifications along the French Mediterranean coast.

There was the usual crop of invasion guesses by German spokesmen, including a statement by Karl Zeppelin that "flying conditions will be the decisive factor for the landings."

But the day's honors in this line were taken by the Berlin newspaper Voelkischer Beobachter, which said:

"When will the great invasion start? Nobody knows, not even the invasion commander-in-chief himself."

## France, Reich Swept By Heavies, Lights And Mediums

The pre-invasion air offensive thundered through its eleventh day yesterday as the USAAF threw almost every type of plane it has into more trip-hammer blows at German air power and transport facilities in Europe.

The day-long attacks came after the RAF again had sent out a major night force of bombers which left fires blazing in railroad centers from Paris to southwestern Germany.

Switching the pattern of attack from dense concentrations of bombers over one major area, the USSTAF sent a total force of more than 500 Liberators and Fortresses to pound military objectives in the Pas de Calais, three airfields in France and other targets in southwestern Germany.

#### B26s, Havocs Out Again

The air command likewise called out the Marauders and the Havocs for their 11th attack in eight days, and they joined the B24s in maintaining a rain of bombs on military objectives in the Pas de Calais area.

While some 800 fighters of the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces and the RAF were escorting the bombers and sweeping against airfields all across western Europe, other fighters toted high explosives to France and Belgium and dive-bombed Luftwaffe installations in blows co-ordinated with the day-and-night strategy of driving the Luftwaffe from the air before invasion begins.

From the day-long attacks, which kept sirens screaming alerts from Brittany to Switzerland, seven heavy bombers, two fighters and one medium bomber were reported missing.

Airmen back from the diverse missions to the Reich and Nazi-held countries reported slight opposition from Nazi fighter defenses which have been stretched and strained by 11 days of battering. The Forts and Libs attacked on only six of those days, but medium and dive-bomber blows and fighter sweeps, grown in the last month to attacks of major weight, have kept the aerial prelude to invasion at high pitch.

#### Luftwaffe Stays Down

Eighth and Ninth Air Force fighters scored five victories in dogfights yesterday and the RAF got five. With the Luftwaffe obviously offering little opposition, partly due to heavy cloud over Europe, the fighters went down on the deck and fattened their scores with some two dozen more aircraft destroyed or damaged on airfields.

While the unspecified military targets in the Pas de Calais were taking their regular beating yesterday, most of the varied forces which flew out from British bases hit at Nazi airfields. Fortresses attacked the Luftwaffe installations at Nancy, Metz and Dijon, reporting good results; Thunderbolt fighter-bombers of the Ninth Air Force hit airfields in western Belgium and near Ypres without loss, and P38 Lightning fighter-bombers of the Eighth Air Force, escorted by other Lightnings, attacked an airfield in northern France.

One formation of Liberators, escorted by long-range fighters, bombed industrial targets in the southwest of Germany. (Continued on page 4)

## Yanks Score Two Gains In Anzio Area Fighting

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Apr. 25 (Reuter)—American troops in the Anzio beachhead improved their positions for the second time in four days yesterday by capturing two points a mile and a half west of Carano, on the western rim of the central bulge, and occupying some woods two miles south of Cisterna, on the bulge's eastern rim.

Normal exchanges of heavy gunfire took place inside shattered Cassino, dozens of patrol actions were fought along the 100-mile trans-Appennine front, and MAAF medium bombers once more concentrated on Florence-Rome rail lines.

## Swedish Stand on Exports 'Not Satisfactory'—Hull

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25—Secretary of State Cordell Hull told his press conference today that Sweden's rejection of the Allies' request that she cease exporting ball bearings to Germany was "not satisfactory."

THE STARS AND STRIPES

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The Soldiers' Vote Bill

The next Presidential election is some six months off, but the War Department has just announced that it is already issuing a circular explaining the new Soldier Vote Bill and outlining the responsibilities for the program.

According to Col. Robert Cutler, the Secretary of War's co-ordinator for soldier voting, the Army must send a postcard application to each soldier and to certain attached civilians before the general election in November.

In a special section for commanders, the circular explains that all soldiers will be given opportunity to vote in any election in which they are eligible to participate, providing the voting doesn't interfere with military duties.

More detailed instructions as to when and how a GI can obtain the absentee ballot of any particular state will be contained in other circulars to be issued later.

All of which again proves the strength of the representative form of government, for it is strong enough to stand the strain of a national political campaign conducted within the ranks of its armed forces while facing the strain of war.

The Value of News

At long last the value of news in building morale has been realized by the Queen of Services and the Infantry will in the future have its own corps of special correspondents who will dig up the news in the battle zone as they dig in along the firing-line.

Fourteen experienced newspapermen have just been assigned to the new Ground Force News Corps and others will be added. These men, like "leg-men" on a big city newspaper, will scout around infantry battle-lines for news.

Eventually every Infantry division will have at least one trained leg-man to gather the facts on each battle, and since these men must dig in and fight as well as gather news they will be combat trained.

Ever since the early days of the war the Marine Corps has had its own special combat correspondents, and news headlines have screamed that the Marines have landed and have the situation well in hand.

And it pays to advertize!

Prison Without Walls

The German soldiers and sailors who are stationed in Norway and Northern Finland now find they have imprisoned themselves in a concentration camp of their own construction. This prison in the far North has many walls, though they are not built of barbed wire or stone.

In such circumstances soldiers can become casualties as surely as on the field of battle. Complete apathy develops in some while in others the symptoms are a quick irritation over trifles.

The cure, of course, is a simple one—a furlough home. But Sweden's safe transport facilities are denied to the German army and Allied air and sea power blocks the movement of all but a limited number of troops.

Only the future holds the answer, and in the meantime German units in the Far North are paying a heavy price for their inaction, as they react physically to the prison atmosphere of their own creation.

Hash Marks

Help Wanted! S/Sgt. Joe Verno, the Tannoy announcer at a P-51 Mustang base, wishes some bright GI would help him rephrase the worst tongue-twister in his routine.

GIs of a certain Service Group are stopping the kids in their area cold with



this snappy comeback: When the little one queries, "Any gum, chum?" Joe flips right back, "Got a sister, mister!"

It's truly a mechanized world. 'Tis rumored that wolves in the ETO have zippers on their sheep's clothing.

From Cpl. Irwin M. Levin comes our choice for the cleverest parody of the week.

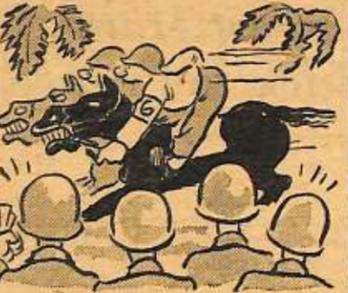
Cooks knead dough and I need dough And little chefs need ovens; I need a fl' oven too, How about you!

And speaking of ETO-Happy doings and stuff, this actually happened at a bomber base. A captain walked into the finance office, planked down \$3,000 to be sent home—then turned to the sergeant and asked for a partial payment.

Daffynition. Military Wedding. "A ceremony where a near-deceased GI smells the flowers and hears his own Taps."

A Cpl. in a chemical processing company over here has found another way to beat the "Any gum, chum?" racket. He used to be a button manufacturer in civilian life and he recently received a large box of various colors, sizes and shapes.

You can't stop the Yanks! Pfc M. Brown of the ETO just got a letter from a pal somewhere in New Guinea. The



pal reports that when his outfit took over an island that had been occupied by the Jap they found a goodly number of horses that the enemy had left behind. The dogfaces quickly set up a track and now go to the races every day.

We don't think the British would accuse us of territorial aspirations, but the American flag used in a subway poster advertising the hit play "Something For the Boys" has at least 53 stars in it!

Civil Affairs EMs Train For a Big Job in Europe

By Richard Wilbur Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A EUROPEAN CIVIL AFFAIRS UNIT, Apr. 25—Soldiers in the European civil affairs unit of the Army, whose main duty will be to ensure that European civilians and their problems do not block operations of Allied tactical units after the invasion, are being specially trained here in the heart of Britain.

This unique set-up has been kept secret until now, when Army censorship permitted release of some unusual details.

These CA enlisted men—chosen from every branch of the service—are studying European languages and the basic facts of civil affairs, besides taking a strict military course that includes range training with carbines, pistols and tommy-guns.

Lawyers and college professors are among these EMs, who comprise everything from a museum curator to an Apache Indian formerly with the forestry service. Approximately 70 per cent of them had top intelligence ratings in the Army classification test at induction.

Many of these EMs are first-generation Americans, whose parents were born in Europe.

These soldiers, billeted and quartered among working-class British people, study in pubs and movie theaters turned over to them as classrooms for the day. In these amusement places one of the foreign language topics strongly emphasized to them is:

"These Words May Save a Life."

The EMs are organized into civil affairs companies. Officers of detachments—the basic CA units which will operate in the field—join them here.

The set-up of the European civil affairs unit was established and functioning within three weeks.

Vehicles, as well as side arms, field kitchens, compasses, field safes and typewriters have been authorized the unit to make its personnel independent of tactical units.

Expert Linguists Expert linguists among enlisted men here are teaching other EMs at least a working knowledge of French, German, and other languages—enough savvy so they can get things done in a European country.

When the EMs with a command of European languages teach German, they make it basic. "Do not scare the student by using grammar terminology," they were told in a written instruction. So a verb is not called a verb; it's pointed out as a word that will get something done.

Pronunciation drill—with all GIs in the class repeating a foreign phrase together like a cheering section—is given. Everyday happenings and customs in European countries are pointed out, so GIs will have an idea of what goes on in foreign surroundings.

A Pfc born in Berlin is one of the instructors. Another is Pfc Jean N. Kirch, of Boston, who was a first lieutenant with the Chasseurs Alpins of the French Army Reserve before he changed his citizenship from Lorraine to the U.S.

Pfc Ben Reagan, of Riverside, Ill., who lived in France, Switzerland, and Italy for three years, and T/4 Churchill Phyle,

PRIVATE BREGER



"He's training to be a bombardier."

This Is The Army

ADD Legion of Merit awards: To S/Sgt. Joseph T. Beckett, of Gloucester, N.J., "for services as chief surgical technician in North Africa and Sicily, where he efficiently cared for casualties while subjected to enemy fire"; to Cpl. Richard W. Wullert, of Bandon-by-the-Sea, Ore., member of an Engineer topographic unit, for "remaining continuously on duty for 113 hours to design and build a mechanism which accelerated and work on a special military project"; to S/Sgt. Franklin D. Stiffler, of Selma, Ind., "for duty as a platoon commander for five months and efficient work ordinarily done by a commissioned officer"; to T/Sgt. Lawrence Hady, of Dundee, Miss., for "untiring service with his Engineer unit and mastering equipment assigned to it, despite the fact he had no previous experience with the equipment."

Facts and Figures Dept., Washington, says that since Pearl Harbor the Army Dental Corps has furnished to personnel more than 1,075,000 new dentures, filled more than 31 million teeth and supplied more than 56,000 bridges, a quarter of a million denture repairs and three and a quarter million prophylactic and pyorrhea treatments. According to the War Department 30 per cent more teeth were replaced by dentures and bridges than were extracted. Have you brushed your teeth this morning?

THE Army classified T/5 George P. Fallon, of Pittsburg, properly. Now regimental mail clerk in an ETO infantry division, Fallon two years ago wrote a song called "Soldier, Let Me Read Your Letter."

Fallon's song-writing talent came to light when he and three other men of the mail section were commended by the division commanding general. Others cited were T/4 Hugh C. Veirs, Washington; T/5 Mark P. Caughlin, Silver Springs, Md., and Pvt. Ernest O. Marano, Philadelphia.

Latest candidate in the Shortest-Soldier-in-the-ETO contest is T/4 R. B. Parkins, of headquarters command, ETOUSA. Parkins is four feet nine, weighs 100 pounds and wears a 3D shoe.

FRENCH is the most popular language at Southern Base Section, where many soldiers are devoting their spare time to the formal study of foreign languages.

There are 29 French classes at SBS, 14 Spanish, 13 German and two Italian. All of the classes were organized voluntarily. They are held in the men's own time in day rooms, mess halls and barracks. Textbooks, linguaphone record sets and phonographs are furnished by Special Service.

Notes from the Air Force

2/Lt. Roland Pacello, of Spokane, and S/Sgt. Edward Abbott, of Pasadena, Cal., respectively pilot and left waist gunner on the Fortress Zoot, figure as long as their excess clothing will take care of flak they'll continue to shed that clothing.

On a recent mission to Southern Germany Pacello removed his garrison hat and threw it behind him; just at that moment a flak shell burst near the Zoot, tearing through the side of the ship and carrying away part of the hat. The same burst ruined the GI shoes which Abbott had taken off some time before.

Two enlisted air crewmen who have completed their operational tours at the station commanded by Col. Elliott Vandevanter Jr. have been commissioned second lieutenants.

William Sweeney, of Syracuse, N.Y., formerly tail gunner on the Fortress Yank, will be gunnery officer at a heavy-bomb group, and David S. Dennis, of Chicago, formerly radio gunner on Souse Family, will be a communications officer at a bomber station.

PILOTS at a Lightning base were having a class in aircraft recognition. Aircraft were being flashed on the screen and quickly identified; then suddenly there was a blank slide.

For a moment there was silence. Then from the back of the room a voice piped up: "Must have been a P38... went by too fast for us to see it."

1/Lt. William H. Burgin, engineering officer at a Liberator station, says Paul Wessling (the fellow who rose from corporal to master sergeant in six months) couldn't hold a candle to two men in his department.

One, Matthew Borsuk, of Perth Amboy, N.J., Liberator crew chief, went from private to master sergeant in four months, and another, Joseph Novack, of Wyoming, Pa., inspector, rose from two stripes to six in just under four months.

THREE ground crewmen at a P47 station claimed a new engine-change record when they removed the old one, then began testing the new engine on their Thunderbolt—all in under five hours.

The engine-change trio includes T/Sgt. John Meder, of Cleveland; Everett Lillick, of Desher, Neb., and S/Sgt. Richard Rahnenfuhrer, of Hillside, N.J.

TWO Red Cross field directors of Ninth Fighter groups met recently. "I'm Abe Lincoln," said one. "Glad to meet you," was the reply, "I'm Daniel Boone." Lincoln is from Telahoma, Tenn., Boone from West View, Pa.



# ETO Shifting To Red-Border V-Mail Form

### Present Type Will Continue In Use Only Until the Supply Is Exhausted

Soldiers in the ETO soon will be writing their V-mail letters on the red-bordered folding-sealing type of form used by the folks back home, and use of the old black-and-white form is to be discontinued here as soon as stocks are used up, the Postal Division at ETOUSA headquarters announced yesterday.

Supplies of the red forms already have been issued to some APOs, and it is expected they will be in full use by the middle of next month. However, V-mail letters written on the old form will be accepted until stocks are exhausted.

Postal officials said introduction of the new type, which will be printed in the States and shipped over, will ease the paper shortage in the U.K. The black ones were printed here by the British.

They stressed that the new form required two addresses—the usual one above the message and one on the outside of the letter. After letters are uncensored they will be sealed by censors and sent to the processing station, where they will be cut open by machines.

The new form is more convenient to carry around under field conditions, and less likely to be damaged. In addition, if any address is found to be too small or the letter is otherwise unsuitable for filing, the V-mail can be re-sealed and sent as an ordinary letter.

The new form also will allow for separation by states in APOs here before being sent to the V-mail station. Letters then will be filed in State bundles, so that when they reach receiving stations in the U.S. they will be ready for immediate dispatch.

# Washington's Plea For His Men at Last Gets to the British

BANBURY, Oxfordshire, Apr. 25—A letter written to his commander-in-chief in 1757 by George Washington, then a colonel in the British Army campaigning against the French and Indians in what is now Pennsylvania, has been acquired by Sulgrave Manor here, where Washington's family originated.

The letter, protesting against the treatment of Washington's troops, was addressed to Robert Dinwiddie, lieutenant governor of Virginia, but was apparently never sent, another version (now preserved in the Library of Congress), toned down by a council of his officers, being dispatched instead.

The original said, "We cannot conceive that being Americans should deprive us of the benefits of British subjects, nor lessen our claim to preferment, and we are very certain that no body of regular troops ever served three bloody campaigns without attracting royal notice. . . . We are defending the King's dominion, and although the inhabitants of Great Britain are far from this danger they are equally with us concerned and interested in the fate of the country. . . ."

# Archbishop Will Conduct Service for U.S. Chaplains

A devotional day for U.S. Army Air Forces chaplains will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury Friday in St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Sq., London. Seventy-five chaplains will attend.

"Spiritual Rearmament" will be the theme of the service, beginning at 11.30 AM. The U.S. contingent will be headed by Arthur S. Dodgson, senior USSTAF chaplain; Chaplain Walter A. Dore, of the Eighth Air Force; Chaplain John F. Smeltzer, of the Ninth, and Chaplain Oakley Lee, of the Base Air Depot Area. In charge of arrangements will be Chaplain Walter P. Plumley, who will assist the Archbishop.

### AFN Radio Program

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Wednesday, Apr. 26

- 1100—Spotlight Band.
- 1115—Personal Album.
- 1130—Music in Three-Quarter Time.
- 1150—French Lesson.
- 1200—Noon Edition.
- 1205—Barracks Bug.
- 1300—World News (BBC).
- 1310—Melody Roundup.
- 1330—Andre Kostelanetz.
- 1400—Headlines—Geraldo's Orchestra.
- 1430—Visiting Hour.
- 1500—Music While You Work.
- 1530—Off the Record.
- 1630—Lone Ranger.
- 1700—Tommy Dorsey Program and Program Resume.
- 1730—The London Studio Players.
- 1755—Quiet Moment.
- 1800—World News (BBC).
- 1810—GI Supper Club.
- 1850—Army Talks.
- 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
- 1905—Rhapsody in Khaki (EBS).
- 1935—McGee and Molly.
- 2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.
- 2010—Fred Waring Program.
- 2025—Human Interest in Books.
- 2030—Kay Koser's College of Musical Knowledge.
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2115—Bob Hope Show—with Frances Langford, Vera Vague and Jerry Colonna.
- 2145—Show time.
- 2200—Hall of Fame.
- 2230—One Night Stand.
- 2255—Final Edition.
- 2300—Sign off until 1100 hours Thursday, Apr. 27.

# Off for Another Crack at German Transport System



Thunderbolt dive-bombers headed for rail and road targets at Louvain, Belgium, are being given the go-ahead signal by Lt. H. W. Collins, Atlanta (Ga.) P47 pilot. P47s like these, with swarms of P51s and P38s, will be the infantry's air force when the Second Front is opened. Speeding along at 400 miles per hour, they will blast the way for advancing ground troops, in addition to smashing enemy airfields and communications.

# Stimson Backs Single War Unit

### Urges Consolidation After Victory; Says Battle Has Proved It's Best Way

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson recommended to the House Committee on Post-War Military Policy today the creation of a single department of the armed forces to replace the present War and Navy Departments after the war.

Though opposing any change while the war continued, he urged that consolidation be determined upon for the future "as soon as possible."

"Our experiences in war have abundantly brought out," he said, "that voluntary co-operation, no matter how successful, cannot under any conditions of war and particularly under conditions of tripartite warfare be as effective in the handling of great military problems as some form of combined and concentrated authority at the level of staff planning and supervision."

# 9th Photo Recon Group Cited by Gen. Brereton

NINTH AIR FORCE HQ, Apr. 25—The photo reconnaissance group commanded by Lt. Col. George W. Peck, of Detroit, Mich., has been officially commended by Maj. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton for "aerial skill and technical proficiency" on almost 1,000 operational missions, it has been announced. Eight of the group's pilots also have received a total of 39 decorations.

1/Lt. Edwin J. Rackham, of Ann Arbor, Mich., who flew on 25 missions during March, led the group in the number of awards by receiving the Air Medal and six clusters. Others decorated were: Col. Peck, Maj. Peter J. Markham, Detroit; Capt. Robert B. Jones, Fairfield, Idaho; E. B. Travis, Boat Creek, Tex.; John F. Chagnon, Portland, Me.; and Gideon B. Saunders, Westfield, N.Y.; 1/Lts. Warren G. Harding, Sycamore, Ill.; Michael Kormuta, Bedford, Ohio; Alberto A. Nido, Arroyo, Puerto Rico; Edgar L. Cook, Tullo, La.; and George D. James, Congress, N.Y., and F/O John F. Vestal, St. Joseph, Mo.

# Farsighted Foresight

NEW YORK, Apr. 25—A hotel has received a letter from Mrs. J. T. Russell, of Newton, Kan., reserving a room for the Armistice Day celebration, whenever it occurs. The letter is being kept on file.

# Ninth's Fighters Will Become 'Infantry Invaders' Air Force

(Continued from page 1) years held the Army record for highest number of flying hours, explained that his headquarters would be side by side with the ground forces' commander and that the high commands would work in complete co-operation to provide ground troops with a long-range artillery air arm, as well as a protective fighter screen.

The task of Ninth Fighter Command in the invasion and in the following offensive drive will be threefold: (1) To take the offensive ahead of moving ground forces, dive-bombing enemy troop concentrations, gun positions, supply convoys, communications lines, fuel stores and bomb dumps; (2) to provide aerial cover for protection from enemy tactical air forces attempting to strafe or bomb Allied men and positions, and (3) to provide detailed photographs of terrain and enemy positions.

# Terry and the Pirates



# Eleanor Says U-Boats Were Out to Get Her

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25 (AP)—Two U-boats were on the lookout for Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt in the Caribbean in March when she was touring the U.S. bases, but the submarines "never got to the surface to do any harm because they were watched too carefully" by vigilant American forces, she told a luncheon meeting of the Women's National Democratic Club yesterday.

# British Purse Gets A Break: No Tax Increases Coming

For the first time since the war began Britons will be called upon to pay no new taxes next fiscal year, nor higher rates on present levies.

Sir John Anderson, chancellor of the exchequer, presented to the Commons yesterday an invasion-year budget of \$23,748,000,000, some \$3,124,000,000 more than last year's, but said it could be met without new imposts because the yield from present taxes far exceeded estimates. Present taxes average \$300 for every man, woman and child and are now estimated to meet 52 per cent of proposed expenditures; the remainder will be met by borrowing.

The direct taxes on beer alone yielded around \$1,080,000,000, more than \$72,000,000 over the budget estimate. Reduced to sixpences, one of which is about the tax on a pint of beer, the beer tax yield was roughly 600,000,000 sixpences.

# Plane Crash in Montreal Wrecks Two Tenements

MONTREAL, Apr. 25—At least nine persons were killed today when an airplane variously described as twin-engined and four-engined crashed in the commercial district of Montreal, wrecked two tenements and damaged a dozen other dwellings.

Parts of wings and engines landed in a block near the Canadian National Railway's old Benaventure station. One witness said a member of the crew bailed out and landed badly injured.

# Invasion Blitz Passes 11th Day

### Heavies, Lights, Mediums Sweep France, Reich After RAF Blow

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German radio broadcasts said the Liberators were "in weak force."

The first attackers of the day were over the Channel with dawn, and with timetable regularity Allied air power flowed out from British bases through the rest of the day. The German radio warning system was busy straight through the morning after one of its most hectic nights. The attack, in very great strength, by RAF bombers on Munich and Karlsruhe—together with other blows at the rail center of Chambly, just north of Paris, and at Dusseldorf—had started the broadcast "Achtungs!" about midnight, but the Luftwaffe High Command apparently could not decide where the blows were going to fall. From northern Germany down to the Swiss border Germans were warned every few minutes that the raiders were heading their way. The massed force of night bombers started huge fires in Munich and came home with a loss of 29 aircraft despite severe icing conditions over Europe.

Only respite for the Nazis and the over-worked German interceptor pilots was in the south, where the Mediterranean Air Forces failed to report any follow-up blows to Monday's assault which left fires in Ploesti, Belgrade and Bucharest. Monday's heavy assaults on Friedrichshafen and airfields in the Munich area, as well as the 15th AAF blunts at the Balkans, took a heavy toll of the Luftwaffe, belated intelligence reports showed. Fortress and Liberator gunners from the ETO destroyed 37 enemy planes and the U.S. fighters got 66, for the loss of 38 bombers and 17 fighters, while the 15th AAF shot down 27 enemy craft for the total loss of 14 U.S. planes.

While most of Monday's fighter escorts racked up good scores, Capt. Robert E. Woody, of Roanoke, Va., turned in one of the ETO's best performances with four victories and one shared in smashing a Nazi attempt to ambush a bomber unit.

More than a dozen of the American bombers lost in attacking Friedrichshafen and the Munich area managed to limp over the Swiss border and make crash landings on neutral territory, dispatches from Geneva reported, and late last night there were more reports that at least four of the Liberators hitting southwestern Germany had come down in Switzerland.

Swiss towns, as a matter of fact, had gone through almost as many alerts as had towns in the neighboring areas of the Reich from Monday morning to last night, and Swiss defenses shot down at least one crippled Fortress which apparently had not obeyed an order to land after Monday's attack. One crew member was quoted by Reuters News Agency as saying that the plane was so crippled it was mechanically unable to comply with a Swiss fighter's demands.

While the attacks aimed at pushing the Luftwaffe right on through the wall to which it has backed up were going on, headquarters of the U.S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe issued a report itemizing damage to one of the Nazis' last remaining sources of essential ball bearings.

In the bomber attack of Mar. 6 on the VKF bearings works in the Erkner suburbs of Berlin, four large machine shops, two small shops, offices and sheds were damaged, reconnaissance photos show, and a plastics factory near by was badly damaged by fire. A chemical works within the target area also was partially gutted by fire, and the adjacent railway station caught direct hits.

# NEWS FROM HOME U-Boat Is Sunk In Two Minutes By U.S. Planes

### Carrier-Based Aircraft Press Home Kill Despite Barrage From Sub

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25 (AP)—Destruction of a German submarine in two minutes of concentrated action by American carrier-based planes was reported by the Navy Department today.

The submarine was sighted far out in the Atlantic by a U.S. plane which made two bombing runs on the enemy despite anti-aircraft fire but which, because of evasive action, failed to score a direct hit.

The plane circled over the U-boat for 20 minutes until other planes arrived from an aircraft carrier 70 miles away. One bomb scored a perfect hit and another struck close by.

The stern of the submarine rose high out of the water, and the U-boat sank within two minutes of the beginning of the attack.

# Urges Women to Join Unions

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25 (UP)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt urged yesterday that women workers join unions as a safeguard against any attempt to use them as levers to reduce wages after the war. "Even though many women are working now for purely patriotic reasons," she said, "they should demand equal pay for equal work. It is unfair to themselves or to workers as a group if they don't."

# Plan Rooftop Airports

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25 (Reuter)—New York merchants plan a conference in June with helicopter builders and designers to ascertain how post-war buildings can be made to serve as helicopter airports, according to the American Aviation Daily, which said merchants hoped to encourage out-of-town customers to use helicopter "taxicabs" to jump over street traffic and land on store roofs.

# Mountain Comes to Mahomet

CALDWELL, Idaho, Apr. 25—Members of the Rod and Gun Club can't get gasoline to go fishing, so they worked out a novel plan. They stocked the city park pond with 25,000 trout. In August they expect to move the fish to irrigation ditches which criss-cross the town. Then they can cast from their front lawns.

# Pistol Packin', Insult Addin'

LONOKE, Ark., Apr. 25—The Rev. C. D. Marston reported to Sheriff Noble V. Miller that four schoolgirls with pistols held him up on a highway and took his wallet containing \$7. When they learned he was a preacher they detained him a half hour while they told him dirty jokes.

# Pink Pantie Mystery

CHICAGO, Apr. 25—Police are baffled by the continued disappearance of women's pink panties from clothes lines in the Chatham Park section. More than 50 have been stolen in a week by a thief who leaves the clothes pins on the ground. A posse of husbands has been formed to hunt the thief.

# That's Not Fare

CHICAGO, Apr. 25—The American Transit Association has complained to the OPA that ration tokens instead of dimes are being slipped into bus fare registers. Complaints also have been made from other cities.

# Oklahoma Gets in Tune

OKLAHOMA CITY, Apr. 25—With the backing of Gov. Robert S. Kerr, a resolution is being prepared to adopt the title song of the Broadway stage hit "Oklahoma" as the state's official song.

# London ARC Set to Open Its New Mayflower Club

The Mayflower Club, Edgware Rd., London (near the Columbia Club), latest and most ambitious addition to ARC facilities in the city, will be opened tomorrow.

Formerly a department store, the five-story club has lounges, dormitories, a large snack-bar, dining room, information and cleaning facilities, and the barber's shop boasts genuine American barber's chairs. Director is Hugo Otopalik, of Ames, Ia.

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