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U.S. and British War Chiefs Meet With FDR, Churchill



President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, with their war chiefs, attending White House conferences. British leaders (left to right): Field Marshal Sir John Dill, chief military representative to the U.S.; Lt. Gen. Hastings Ismay, Chief of Staff to Churchill; Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Portal, RAF; Gen. Sir Alan Brooke, head of Imperial General Staff, and Adm. Sir Dudley Pound, First Sea Lord. U.S. leaders (left to right): Adm. William Leahy, President's Chief of Staff; Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff; Adm. Ernest J. King, Naval Chief of Staff, and Lt. Gen. Joseph McNarney, deputy Army Chief of Staff. Photo radioed here yesterday.

Germans Admit Havoc Is Great In Bomed Area

Not One Resident Escaped Some Loss in Four Industrial Cities

The official German press admitted yesterday that there is not a single German in Essen, Duisberg, Dusseldorf, Dortmund and the surrounding territory who has not suffered personally, or sustained the loss of property, as a result of RAF bombings of the Nazi industrial area.

Printed by the Voelkischer Beobachter, the statement was one of the very few Nazi admissions of the extent of the havoc created by the Allied bombings of western Germany.

Reports from Switzerland said the Dortmund attack Sunday caught the Nazi ARP services with one-quarter of their force working miles away from the city on the scene of floods caused by the destruction of the Mohne dam, and that the sirens in Dortmund were not sounded until several minutes after the attack had started. There is no official estimate yet on the raid dead in Dortmund but 37,000 people are reported homeless.

Swedish dispatches, quoting the German paper, also told of growing disaffection among Nazi troops in Norway. The recent sinkings of two ships and an oil barge in Oslo harbor, Norwegian reports to Stockholm said, may have resulted from acts of sabotage on the part of German marines stationed there.

It is known, Stockholm said, that a number of marines had been arrested and that police duties have been taken over by the Army.

Nazis Shoot Officer

German troops stationed at Kristiansund, Norway, are reported to be particularly demoralized. Recently, it was reported through Norwegian underground channels, an officer was shot and killed in a cafe by four marines whom he had rebuffed for drinking brandy.

Norwegians reported that at least 1,600 German deserters have been imprisoned in Norway.

The Germans were said to be hurrying defense preparations in Norway, including the placing of torpedo-nets in the Moesvatn and Skarsfoss dams.

Inside Germany itself, the Gestapo chief for Central Europe has been ordered to the bombed and flooded Ruhr district, Algiers radio reported yesterday. The broadcaster said the move followed disorders at Kassel, described as a "movement of rebellion."

Four Nazis Destroyed In Day Raid on Coast

A dozen German fighter-bombers attacked an English southeast coast town in daylight yesterday, causing deaths and casualties with bombs and cannon fire.

Anti-aircraft fire destroyed three FW190s and a Typhoon interceptor shot down one more of the same type.

RAF intruders were over the Continent the preceding night, but there was no heavy bombing.

War Conferences Reach Crucial Word Expected From President

WASHINGTON, May 25—The world waited anxiously tonight for an expected statement from President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill on the result of their conferences on the future conduct of the war.

For two weeks, the two chiefs of state have been holding almost daily talks. At the same time conferences of the utmost importance have been going on between their aides.

The highest naval and military chiefs of the two nations, as well as specialists in various types of warfare, have been checking, conferring and planning.

Today the President and Mr. Churchill lunched with 60 chiefs of the various staffs, and their subordinates, and it was expected that a statement—which may be very bit as important as was the Atlantic Charter declaration—would be made within a matter of hours.

Sunday night the two British and American leaders were closeted in a White House study from 11 PM to 2.30 AM. Presumably they reviewed the whole progress of their two-weeks' conferences, probably with special consideration of the part Russia will play.

There had been no official reaction from Moscow, where former Ambassador Joseph Davies has just presented a letter from the President to Prime Minister Josef Stalin.

It is known here, however, that among the subjects the President and Mr. Churchill would like to take up with Premier Stalin are the following:

1—An understanding on the treatment to be accorded Germany after her defeat.

2—The extent to which Russia will participate in a post-war United Nations' security system to maintain peace.

3—Russia's attitude toward the Pacific after the defeat of Germany.

There seemed good reason to believe that both the President and the Prime Minister are firmly agreed that Germany must be knocked out of the war before the all-out attack is launched on Japan.

FDR May Visit Canada

OTTAWA, May 25 (UP)—Premier Mackenzie King, on his return here yesterday from the Washington conferences, said President Roosevelt was anxious to visit Canada and would do so as soon as he could leave U.S. domestic problems.

Every Man Expected to Have \$10,000 in Insurance by Aug. 9

Every American soldier in the European Theater of Operations is expected to have a \$10,000 policy in National Service Life Insurance by Aug. 9, it was made clear yesterday by Headquarters, SOS, ETOUSA.

Soldiers who, for some reason, prefer not to take out the maximum amount allowed will be required to sign a statement which will be filed with their permanent Army records.

Headquarters pointed out that soldiers still have 76 days in which to take out or increase insurance without having to undergo medical examinations and without medical history statements. On Apr. 12 the War Department announced that regulations for taking out insurance would be relaxed for 120 days, during which time no examinations or medical statements would be required. The deadline is Aug. 9.

Up to that time insurance may be taken

out even by men now hospitalized or men who have previously been rejected for any reason whatever, headquarters said. Even men hospitalized for mental disorders will have applications submitted for them.

The War Department urgently desires all men—both officers and EMs—to take advantage of the offer, SOS officers said. They added that the opportunity to acquire protection, without regard to the customary rules of insurability, is probably without parallel in insurance history.

The \$10,000 policy costs from \$6.40 a month for 18-year-olds to \$12.70 for men of 50. Rates above 50 are proportionately higher. Premiums are deducted from pay, and the policy cannot lapse no matter where its holder is sent.

After one year the policy can be converted to one of three permanent forms—ordinary life, 20-pay life, or 30-pay life.

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Sardinia Hammered By 300 U.S. Planes; Air Defense Fading

Italians Warned Allies Can Pick Landing Spots

Italians were warned last night that the Allies would land wherever they chose.

Algiers radio said: "The last battle is approaching. It will be felt from the toe to the top of Italy. What has happened in one day in Pantellaria will happen all over Italy. Ask the population of Sicily, Sardinia and Naples. Your industries will be completely razed if they continue to work for Germany. Only you people can stop the ruin."

"The Italian soldiers who have died on the battlefield have not died for Italy—they have died for Germany."

Ferry Ports in Sicily Also Hard Hit in Growing Assault

The steadily growing might of Allied air power in the Mediterranean was turned against Sardinia yesterday, when more than 300 American planes attacked nine important enemy defense targets on the large Italian island.

Bomb-ravaged Pantellaria also was raided twice by American fighter-bombers in a continuous air offensive against the Axis southern front. Many planes were destroyed on the ground, the number of which has not officially been ascertained. The total number of Axis aircraft destroyed in the last two days is now 317.

Waves of Flying Fortresses, Marauders, Mitchells, Lightnings and Warhawks rolled over Sardinia, where German troops were recently announced to have landed, and unleashed a merciless storm of bombs.

The Fortresses dealt the heaviest blows at Sardinia, the Axis base west of the Italian mainland. Docks, shipping and airfields suffered heavily. One supply ship blew up, four small vessels were sunk and seven others were damaged by bomb hits. The Americans lost three planes.

Sicilian Ferry Ports Hit

Although Sardinia was the principal target of the growing offensive, the Sicilian ferry ports of Reggio di Calabria and San Giovanni—the only real links between the mainland and the island—also were plastered by heavy bombers.

Liberators of the Ninth U.S. Air Force, based in the Middle East, attacked the ports in daylight Monday. Two large ammunition supply depots were demolished and ferry installations and shipping heavily damaged by 150 tons of American bombs.

At Reggio di Calabria, aerial photographs taken during the raid showed sheets of flame shooting thousands of feet into the air and billowing black clouds of smoke. An observer said the ground in the vicinity seemed to be swallowed up in the explosions.

From Cagliari, the capital of Sardinia, and many other towns in Italy's toe and islands, refugees were streaming north to escape the Allied bombardment, said a report from Zurich, Switzerland. Rome already has received thousands.

Duce Desperate?

The appointment of Prince Umberto to commander-in-chief of Italian infantry is regarded as Mussolini's desperate step to prevent further demoralization of the Italian army, which has recently assumed threatening proportions, said a Tass (Russian) report from Geneva.

Although DNB (German news agency) reported yesterday that German troops were sent to reinforce the defenders of Sardinia, Allied pilots reported that Axis air squadrons had vanished from the Italian outpost islands on Sunday, and only three planes were reported lost yesterday out of "large formations" swarming over Sardinian ports and airfields.

Meanwhile the Italians were told by radio from Algiers that the bombing raids on Italian towns so far are child's play compared with what is being prepared for them.

"The Allies will deliver much harder blows at Italian airdromes, ports and inland."

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DSC Pilots Died To Save Crew

Two USAAF pilots who sacrificed their own chance of escaping from a bomber forced down in the North Sea in order to help save fellow-crew members, have been posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Headquarters, ETOUSA, announced yesterday.

The pilots were 1/Lt. Allen Brill, of Sedalia, Mo., and his co-pilot 1/Lt. Allen W. Lowry, of Richmond, Cal.

The citation says that while on a bombing mission over enemy-occupied continental Europe their bomber was attacked by enemy fighters, and after a "long and gallant fight" went into the sea.

"In utter disregard for their own safety, Lts. Brill and Lowry remained at their posts and aided other crew members to leave the plane. In so doing they sacrificed their own chance of escape."

Eden Watches Opening Fights For ETO Titles

18 Servicemen Advance Through First Round At Rainbow Club

Eighteen U.S. servicemen yesterday advanced through the first round of The Stars and Stripes ETO boxing championships.

Anthony Eden, British Foreign Minister, was a ringside spectator in the evening bouts.

As expected, the favorites came through without too much difficulty. All the Division entries made the grade.

There were three knockouts on the afternoon card and four in the evening.

Yesterday's bouts were the first in the four-day tourney to determine the fist championship of the ETO in eight weight divisions. Winners will form an 11-man team to meet the British Army champions, June 10, at Royal Albert Hall.

More Fights Today

Two more sets of bouts will be held at the Rainbow Corner this afternoon and tonight.

Pvt. John Robinson, of Kansas City, Kan., and Pfc Harold Alle, of North St. Paul, Minn., welterweights, opened the tournament, with Robinson beating out a hard-earned decision over Alle. It was a contest of left hands most of the way, with Robinson's jab making Alle miss his powerful hooks. Robinson also showed a little more stamina and finished fresh. It was his fifth victory at the Rainbow Corner.

Pfc John Shikolak, lightweight, from Whitehouse, N.J., scored the first knockout of the afternoon, when S/Sgt. Harold Cross, of Chicago, was counted out on one knee in 1:52 of the second round. Shikolak's aggressiveness gave him a slight edge in the first round, but in the second he began to connect with his two-fisted attack, putting Cross down for nine and again for no count before the final knockout.

Spontak Batters Silverman

Pvt. Mike Silverman, East Chicago, Ill., lightweight, never had a chance in his fight with Cpl. George Spontak, of Pittsburgh, Pa., but he was the crowd's favorite as he took everything Spontak could throw and came back for more.

Hopelessly outclassed and so short that his feet didn't touch the floor as he sat on his stool, he kept wading into his tough opponent while the audience shouted to have the fight stopped. The referee sent

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German Admits U-Boats Having A Tougher Time

STOCKHOLM, May 25 (UP)—Allied counter-measures are successfully thwarting the German U-boat campaign against merchant ships, a spokesman for the German Government admitted, according to Swedish newspaper correspondents.

The spokesman said "the present low level of our sinking figures" can be explained by the fact that, "just as in every other form of warfare, experience leads to the adoption of new methods and to counter-measures. We know very well that the enemy merchant navy is protected by an ever-increasing fleet of naval units and aircraft."

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10,000 Bucks For You

Among the many casualties of modern war are the widows, parents and children of men in the armed forces who did not have the protection afforded by insurance.

As a soldier in the Army of a nation engaged in global warfare you are apt to be sent any place, at any time, without a fore-knowledge or warning.

National life insurance is designed to provide the protection your family needs. It protects them and you against your death and from any cause, including the risks of war, by providing a monthly income for the beneficiary you name.

Premium rates are so low that every soldier can afford to carry a policy. Payments are deducted from monthly pay, and no matter where you may be sent you may be sure your policy cannot lapse.

Deductions are automatic, and you are certain of constant insurance protection for the folks at home while you're on the fighting front.

After a year you may convert your policy to an Ordinary Life, 20 Payment Life or 30 Payment Life Insurance policy. Your government stands behind these policies. You may continue your insurance when you return to civilian life; and eventually it will be worth ten thousand bucks to you.

Europe's Postern Gate

At the height of the Spring season a quisling addressing a meeting of peasants in Serbia said: "It is difficult to feed the urban population because you will not deliver the quantities of foodstuffs which it is your duty to deliver. I am afraid that you have allowed yourselves to be deceived."

Earlier this year a German newspaper rejoiced that weather conditions had been very favorable for the sugar beet crop of Croatia. But transport of the beet proved "irregular," and there was a "shortage of labor."

This irregularity of transport indicates that Yugoslav resistance is still a vital factor in the Balkans, for transport shortages alone do not account completely for the inability of Axis agencies to secure sufficient sugar to meet the demands of a country that used to export this commodity.

Yugoslav soil appears to remain hostile to all Axis sowing, for it has been found necessary to import potatoes into Croatia from Germany, and Croatia used to be a supreme potato-producing area.

The answer is found in the fact that fully 50 per cent of the land has been deliberately put out of cultivation and only a quarter of the livestock and horses remain. The Yugoslav people feel that guns are not the only weapon that can be used against a conqueror. They feel that by weakening the foundation on which the Axis hoped to build a stable puppet state they have opened the "postern gate" to Hitler's European Fortress.

History may yet prove they were right.

We Volunteer

Considerable dispute seems to be developing over which WAAC is the "most perfect" WAAC. Fort Worth, Texas, was the first to enter a claim that WAAC Jane A. Whiteman has just about everything. But according to the papers and Col. I. M. Madison (Minneapolis, Minn.) a counter-attack has been staged with Lt. Vera Joy Hooven leading the assault. The colonel claims Vera has physical measurements that make her the most perfect, and her perfection is quite visible to the eye.

One of the first lessons every soldier soon learns is never to volunteer for anything. But this matter of the most perfect WAAC sounds serious and needs to be settled. If the Army will properly assemble all entries at a given spot we offer to hobble up on our crutches and give 'em all the once over.

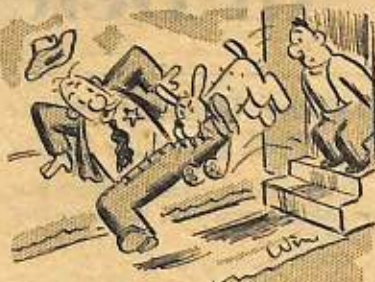
"Well, who wouldn't?" asks Our Army.

Hash Marks

Children have the knack of making up more practical and expressive names for things than their unimaginative adults. A captain from Bethlehem, Pa., reading of the latest antics of his 20-month-old daughter, learns that the young miss now calls all safety pins "ouch"—she got stuck by one the other day.

Mrs. John Watson, of Elgin, Ill., chased a dog from her garden repeatedly, thinking he was digging for a bone. But he was a persistent pooch and finally got what he was digging for—a pound carton of butter. Now poochie is the family pet!

Fun on the home front: In Idaho a sheriff served a summons on a man whose



dog was accused of being mean. The man vigorously denied the complaint. As the sheriff left the pooch bit him.

Next time you cry in your beer shed a few tears for the members of the Pontiac, Mich., fire department. After years of promoting they finally got an appropriation for a super-duper \$17,000 fire engine—a nice shiny new red one. They proudly backed the big-red job into the station and found to their chagrin that it was four feet too long for the building.

GI definition: Security is getting hold of a fact that the enemy already knows and keeping it from your friends.

Lt. William Throop, on duty in these beautiful isles, is a sad man. Before he left the States he bought one of these automatic "wind-as-you-walk" watches. The other day he forgot and took it off and the timepiece stopped for an hour and five minutes. The watch can't be set except by the factory, and Lt. Throop can't convince his superiors that getting leave to go to the States just to get a watch set is a good idea. So he's walking around now getting quite adept at adding 65 minutes to the dial reading every time he wants to know what time it is.

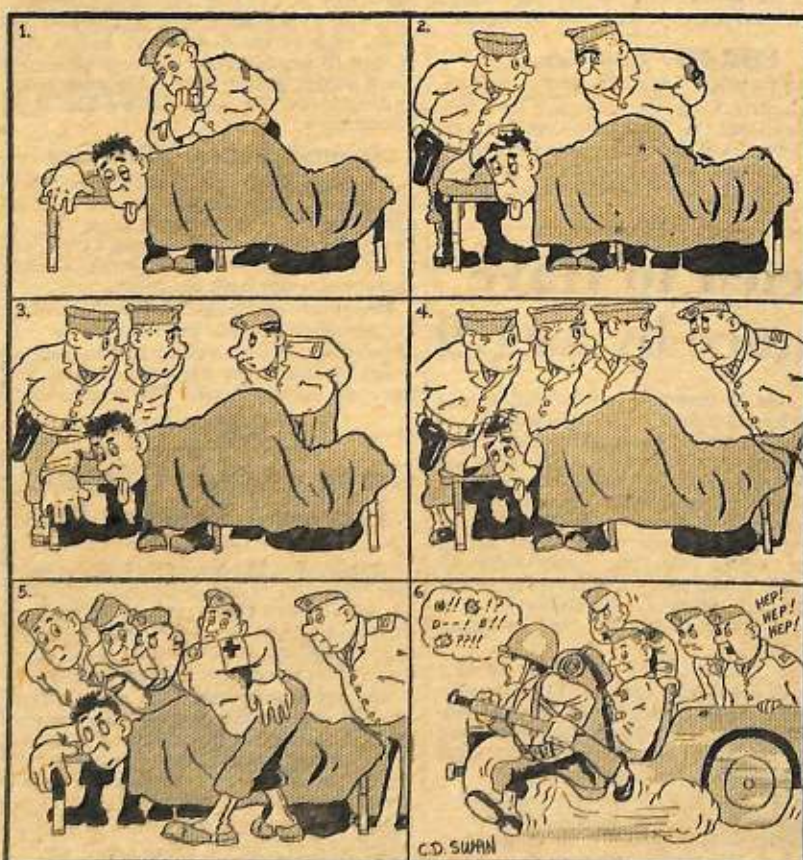
An enterprising book store proprietor back in the States recently stuck this sign in his window: "Read Mein Kampf before it's too late."

WAAC headquarters over here bagged its first curiosity seeker the other day. A



Medical Corps lieutenant showed up in front of the glass-enclosed WAAC office, shaded his eyes carefully and peered inside at 2/Lt. Selma Herbert, of New York. Then he opened the door, poked his head in for a second and remarked, "Excuse me, I'm on furlough and I just wanted to see what a WAAC looks like." As an afterthought he added, "You're a big improvement on GIs," then slipped away. J. C. W.

PRIVATE O'SHAUGHNESSY



The Diary of an American Ranger

More Speed Marches As First Phase of Training Ends

Herewith the last 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

SIXTH DAY—The "miraculous" weather is over, temporarily at least. Rain during the night soaks tents, occupants and equipment. But it stops long enough for the Commandant to make his inspection at parade. Result: Six men run the "Black Mile" tonight for trying to get by without shaving or polishing boots.

Rope climbing, another phase of the training, is introduced with Sgt. Roy Ringer, Commando PT instructor and ex-wrestler, showing how it's done. Ropes are strung between five trees at a 25-foot height. All you have to do is pull yourself along on your stomach. There's nothing below to break a fall if you slip.

All week you have been listening to men from other sections tell of their experiences in mountain climbing. Now it's our turn, and from the base of the cliff it doesn't look difficult. But wait.

S/Sgt. Jerry Miller, Lt. Shelton Clemmer and Capt. Morris Ernst lead the way and appear to get up without much trouble. Then Tom Shelton, Oklahoma City boy, starts climbing. He doesn't get very far before he decides to postpone his ascent. He confesses his knees are shaking like a shimmy dancer's. On the way up you remember the instructor's advice not to use your knees and to stand well out from the rocks. He didn't say, however, that the footholds and handholds would be about a half-inch deep in some places.

And It Starts to Rain

While you're stranded half way up, and stretched upright like a bear rug on a wall, it starts to rain. There's no point in backing down because chances are you'd topple 100 feet to the bottom if you did. Capt. Ernst sticks his head around the top and wants to know what the trouble is. You attempt a feeble grin, swallow hard and try it again. The dead root of a tree sticks through the rock and helps lift you to a point where you can struggle to the top. A cigarette never tasted as good as it does now.

Rain turns to hail as you double over to the bayonet assault course. After lunch it turns to rain again to make two hours of fieldcraft wet and uncomfortable.

However, these things are forgotten when the gang gathers in the NAAFI at night.

Bob Thompson, ex-paratrooper from Philadelphia, sums up the attitude of the men. "More than once since I've been here I felt as though I wanted to chuck the whole thing," he says. "It's not easy to take a beating like you get here. Still, it isn't going to last for ever. And we did ask for it. In the long run, if you stretch your guts a little here and there, it isn't so bad."

Thompson and Sgt. Bill Myers have been together for quite a while. They met in the Regular Army, transferred to the paratroopers, were forced out by injuries and back to the same Infantry Division and are now Rangers.

Tonight marks one of the few times



Stars and Stripes photo by Richard Koenig

Cliff climbing over slippery rocks with slits just large enough for the finger-tips to grasp is part of the rigid Ranger training course. Here S/Sgt. John Troncatti, of Philadelphia; S/Sgt. Jerry Miller, of Baltimore; Sgt. William Myers, of Washington; Sgt. Jess Miltier, of Norfolk, Va., and Sgt. James Sprouse, of Charlottesville, Va., climb a cliff with aid of toggle ropes.

that soldiers here get entertainment. An ENSA show gives them a chance to look at women again. Aside from a few girls in the NAAFI there are no females at Commando Depot.

SEVENTH DAY—Another gray day and the prospect of a six-mile speed march and a trip over the assault course doesn't throw any bright light on the picture.

Getting up this morning you find sore muscles and stiff backs are loosening up. At breakfast there's lighter spirit among the men. They are accepting the hardships and rigid training without half as much complaint as they did a few days ago.

After parade Lt. Kither, former OCTU instructor in the British Army, who admits he just about had enough in him to last through his Commando training, observes that the Rangers are starting to get that "lean, hungry look" that comes to soldiers fighting fit.

"Every man who lasts through this course is at an unsurpassed physical peak," he says. "It's impossible to maintain that peak when they leave, but their training with Ranger and Commando units is such that men are never far from that peak."

The six-mile speed march starts off well enough. The first two miles fly past. Your legs tire and your chest aches on the third. The fourth and fifth are murderous. One man drops out on the last leg but the rest struggle in. Time: 50 minutes.

Can't Take It Easy

Fifteen minutes later you pound over the No. 1 assault course. You try to take it easy—thinking the speed march was enough for one day—but the instructor has other ideas.

"The first man who slows down runs this bloody course ten times," he says. "And, if you think I'm joking, try it."

When the last man is over the course everybody gets ready to walk a half-mile to camp. The instructor also has ideas on this and shouts, "On the double!" You wonder how much he charges to slit a baby's throat with a trench knife. You knew a guy like him once but somebody straightened him out with a "mickie."

The afternoon calls for range work with the M1. It rains like hell but using live ammo for the first time here has its good points and it's better than a speed march.

One of the range officers is a British lieutenant who did three speed marches in succession this morning and he looks ready to do three more. What's more he claims he smokes over a pack of cigarettes a day.

"Just a matter of getting used to it," he says. "Once your body is conditioned for this work it's no trouble at all."

A dubious Ranger asks, "Are you kiddin' sir?"

So ends one phase of Ranger training. There are a few casualties, not many. Capt. Marr notes those who may not be able to finish the course, but he'll give them all the time he can.

But on the whole these boys make good Rangers. Before they are finished they'll do speed marches of nine miles in an hour and 15 minutes, 12 in 1:50 and 15 in about 2:35.

They will be thoroughly schooled in every weapon they use—rifles, automatics, tommy-guns, mortars, grenades. They will know all the answers in demolition, attack on strong points and opposed landings. There will be night problems, cross-country marches, 36-hour schemes over snow and ice without shelter and just about enough food to keep them upright.

Everything will be done to discourage them. Officers and instructors will snap and snarl at them when the going is toughest. They'll remember the summer nights on Mary's porch back home, the corner coke shop and the weekends at the lake, curse war and all that it brings with it.

But they'll come through. Lt. Harvey Swisher, of Evanston, Ill., will probably laugh through it all. He's always laughing—when his men are so worn and tired they want to cry. Then they'll laugh with him.

Adolph Birgel, of Baltimore, Md., will tell his father, a private in the Engineers, what it feels like to be a Ranger. The Medics—Art Caniglia, Max Waseleski and Ray Holland—will be fighting pill pushers instead of non-combatants.

When these Rangers are fully trained they will be ready to hit the enemy with their quick, paralyzing assaults that are perfectly geared to their hard-hitting spirit.

And that'll be any day now.



The Quartermaster Song

When there is trouble brewing At the front And trucks are rumbling up the road, The men who bear the stormy Battle's brunt Know who is there to share the load.

They know who'll go through fiery Shot and shell To bring supplies for men and gun's As well. You can be sure the QM's coming out, For you can hear the soldiers shout.

We're the gang that keeps things Moving at the front, And post to post. When a soldier has tough going, We're the guys he needs the most. From the day he joins the army Till the time he's home once more, If he should have to shoot or ride, The guy who's fighting at his side Will be from the Quartermaster Corps.

Eddie Fox. Compliments Brig. Gen. Littlejohn and Colonel Zwickler.

MRUs, Gophers Tied for First In SOS League

Rebels Head Churchill Loop, Score 31 Runs In Two Games

By M. M. Robins

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

SOS HEADQUARTERS, May 25— Going into the second month of play of the — Special Service Unit's softball season, the Gophers and the MRUs are again tied for first place in the Roosevelt League, the undefeated Rebels are two and a half games in the lead in the Churchill loop, and the high riding Bumble Bees are ahead in the Stalin League. The Rebels and the Bumble Bees remain undefeated.

The powerhouse Rebels scored 31 runs in two games against their opponents' four to gain their seventh and eighth straight wins. They stopped the Royal Aces, 12-3, and the Diamonds, 19-1. Hoffman was nipped by the Aces for five hits, and his mates collected only two more off the slants of Wessel. But ten errors committed by the losers made the victory an easy one for the Rebels. Coe of the Rebels and McQuerry of the Aces each garnered two hits.

The Rebels' Pfc R. J. Henry, of Fort Worth, Texas, had little trouble in subduing the Diamonds. He limited them to seven scattered blows and was greatly aided by the potent bat of Deeds and Helstrom.

Bombers Climb to Third

The Royal Aces came back in their next game to shade the rejuvenated Wolves, 9-8, in an extra-inning battle. The slugging of Hird and Ploskonka helped Wessel to win the contest. For the Wolves, Marozsin and Williamson played nice ball. The fourth place Spartans were beaten by the Wolves next day, 9-2. It was the initial win for the Wolves. Capt. A. T. Hingle, of San Antonio, Texas, was the winning hurler, besting Foley of the Spartans. Neenan, Law and Worsinski hit hard for the victors.

The Flaming Bombers climbed into third place by virtue of a close win over the Ramblers, 6-5. Their five runs in the third frame provided the margin of victory. Cowin took credit for the win and was well backed up by Croft's batting. In the Stalin circuit, the Bumble Bees swarmed over the Pubs, 19-1, and the SSUs, 6-3, to remain undefeated with a record of six victories and no losses. Martin's fast ball baffled the Pubs, who got two hits, one each by Doderer and Sandberg. Gilmore and Cortez slammed over eight hits between themselves. In a tight game, the second place SSUs lost out in the eighth inning after knotting the contest in the sixth with one run.

The Pubs lost another game to the rising Medics Aces, who went into a tie for second with this 4-2 triumph. The winning hurler, T/3 William L. Tetlow, of Cincinnati, rationed the Pubs to five hits, one more than his team received from the twirling of T/5 Henry G. Murray, of Waynesboro, Ga.

Socks Blank Gang, 1-0

The Sad Socks played the Inkspots twice and came out even. They won the first, 8-7, and lost the second, 4-3. Lehman won the first match with the support of Gerhard and Wadinger. Pitcher Pfc William F. Dye, of Madison, Wis., had more stuff on the ball than his rival, T/5 Paul Stafford, of Zanesville, Ohio, thus enabling the Inkspots to slide into fourth place in the standings. The Socks' 1-0 decision over the luckless Chain Gang put them into third place only half a game out of second.

The Gophers and the MRUs each won and lost a game to remain tied for first place in the Roosevelt League. The two leaders tangled in a hot contest with the Gophers, emerging victorious, 4-0. The outstanding play of Grasso, Cox and Bryans helped Parker in his shutout.

The MRUs salvaged a game by beating the Kings in a slugfest duel, 11-10. Timmons, Skradalyk and Wakeham stood out for their nines. The Gophers were nipped by the Jr. Commandos, 6-5. The Commandos have won two of their last three games and are now half a game from the first division. T/Sgt. Orville Lindquist, of Rockfort, Ill., was the winning hurler. Krenzke and Lyle bolstered the Commandos' game. The Commandos came from behind to beat the Knockout team from behind to beat the Knockout team, 3-1, in their next game. Lind-Drops, 3-1, in their next game. Lind-Drops pitched a one-hitter, but the Drops had revenge in clipping the Aces, 5-3, in an overtime contest.

The Sad Socks smothered the Kings, 22-6, but lost to the Mobs, 10-9, and drop down to fifth place. Krcmar and Anderson were outstanding for the Sacks.

The league standings:

Team	W	L	Pct.	Churchill	W	L	Pct.
Gophers	5	2	.714	Rebels	4	1	.800
MRUs	5	2	.714	Rangers	4	2	.667
Aces	3	3	.625	Sparks	5	4	.555
KO Drops	4	3	.571	Royal Aces	4	4	.500
Jr. Com'dos	4	4	.500	Kings	1	5	.142
Sad Sacks	3	5	.375	Diamonds	1	5	.133
Mobs	2	6	.250	Wolves	1	7	.125
Knights	1	6	.166	Wolves	1	7	.125

Team	W	L	Pct.	Stalin	W	L	Pct.
Bumble B's	3	0	1.000	Inkspots	2	3	.400
SSUs	2	0	1.000	Pubs	3	4	.285
Medics Aces	2	2	.500	Chain Gang	0	4	.000
Sad Socks	5	3	.625	Gus H. G's	0	4	.000

No Games in Majors

NEW YORK, May 25—No games were played in the major leagues yesterday.

ETO Servicemen Favor Baseball For Duration

In a poll taken at ten Red Cross clubs in the London area at the request of The Stars and Stripes, servicemen in this theater overwhelmingly voted that major league baseball should be continued in America for the duration.

Of 1,501 GIs polled, 1,422 said that they thought the big leaguers should go on playing, while only 79 voted the other way.

Shapiro Stopped By Armstrong

Floors New Yorker Twice Before Contest Is Ended in 7th

PHILADELPHIA, May 25—Hammering Henry Armstrong, former triple titleholder, halted New Yorker Maxie Shapiro in the seventh round of their scheduled ten-rounder here before 11,000 spectators.

Referee Matt Angie intervened in the contest after Armstrong floored Shapiro for the count of nine. Shapiro previously had been floored for the same count in the sixth. Armstrong weighed 140½, Shapiro 135. It was Armstrong's 19th victory in 22 fights during his comeback career.

Henry paved the way for the knock-downs with a blistering attack which swept his opponent off his feet almost from the outset. Shapiro, who holds a decision over newly-crowned lightweight champion Bob Montgomery, began to wilt under the onslaught in the second and third rounds, which Armstrong took by a wide margin. Shapiro was so helpless at times during the bout that he was content just to defend himself against the charging perpetual motion man Armstrong.

Air Depot 'Yanks' Edge 'Giants' at Southport, 4-1

SOUTHPORT, May 25—Before a crowd of 8,000 enthusiastic Englishmen, most of them seeing their first baseball game, and a handful of GIs, the Air Depot "Yanks" took the — Repair Squadron "Giants," 4-1, here for their fifth win out of six games.

Each team scored one run in the first on errors, but the Yanks went to town in the second and third for two more. Final run was earned by Irv Smith, Yank center fielder, who knocked one over the stands for a homer in the eighth.

Individual star of the game was Frank Guidotti, Yank pitcher, who held the Giants to six hits, struck out nine, and got two of the Yanks' eight hits of the game. Frank Sklodowski, Giant second baseman, knocked one into the right field stands, but got only a double out of it through pre-arranged ground rules.

Minor League Results

League	Game	Score
International League	Newark 2, Jersey City 0	
	Toronto 9, Montreal 8 (first game, 12 innings)	
	Montreal 3, Toronto 0 (second game)	
	Syracuse 4, Baltimore 1	
Eastern League	Wilkes-Barre 7, Binghamton 3	
	Albany 7, Hartford 3	
	Utica 6, Springfield 2	
	Scranton 13, Elmira 7	
American Association	Indianapolis 10, Milwaukee 5	
	Minneapolis 11, Kansas City 9	
	Toledo 9, Louisville 8	
	Columbus 10, St. Paul 8	
Southern Association	Knoxville 7, New Orleans 5	
	Nashville 19, Atlanta 10	
	Birmingham 20, Knoxville 18	
	Little Rock 16, Memphis 8	
Pacific Coast League	Los Angeles 29, Hollywood 16	
	San Francisco 20, Portland 12	
	Oakland 19, Seattle 12	
	San Diego 19, Sacramento 12	

Missella Wins ETO Tourney Battle



Although it looks as though Pvt. Frank Missella, Cleveland lightweight, is taking a left to the head, he has just jarred Pvt. Alex Salazar, of Denver, Col., with a right hook to the jaw. Missella went on to win in the first round eliminations of The Stars and Stripes fight championships.

ETO Boxing Tourney Summaries

Pvt. John Robinson, Kansas City, Kan., — Artillery, outpointed Pfc Harold Alle, N. St. Paul, Minn., — Replacement Depot (welterweight).
Pvt. Gilbert DeGroat, Paterson, N.J., — Replacement Depot, outpointed Pfc Edson Anderson, St. Louis, Mo., — Quartermaster (middleweight).
Pfc John Shkolak, Whitehouse, N.J., — Division, knocked out S/Sgt. Harold Cross, Chicago, — Quartermaster, 1:52 of second round (lightweight).
CMC Frank Loucka, Cleveland, USN, outpointed Pvt. Jerome Cawley, Baltimore, — MPs (middleweight).
Pvt. Frank Missella, Cleveland, — Engineers, outpointed Pvt. Alex Salazar, Denver, — Engineers (lightweight).
Cpl. George Spontak, Pittsburgh, Pa., — Division, scored a TKO over Pfc Mike Silverman, East Chicago, Ill., SBS, 2:00 of third round (lightweight).
T/5 Bat Rossi, Oglesby, Ill., outpointed 1/Sgt. Sam Coe, Asheville, N.C., Port of Embarkation (welterweight).
Pfc Bill Kingsland, Redondo Beach, Cal., — Replacement Depot, knocked out T/5 Warren Waltjen, Cleveland, — Engineers, in 1:38 of first round (light heavyweight).
Pfc Lynwood Craighead, of Roanoke, Va., —

Division, outpointed Pvt. Walter Wodarski, of Erie, Pa., — MPs (lightweight).
Pvt. John Smith, New York, — Quartermaster, outpointed George Soukup, Cicero, Ill., — Replacement Depot (lightweight).
Pvt. C. J. Marcinkiewicz, Kulpmont, Pa., — Division, knocked out Pfc Sherman Porter, Pittsburgh, Quartermaster, :52 seconds, second round (middleweight).
Cpl. T. D. Collins, of Suffern, N.Y., Air Force, knocked out Pfc James W. Masland, Atlantic City, N.J., — Engineers, in 2:50, first round (lightweight).
Cpl. Bill Bradshaw, of Fredericksburg, Va., outpointed Cpl. Walter Cleer, of Pittsburgh (light heavyweight).
Pvt. Thomas Walbert, of Cumberland, Md., outpointed Pvt. Glenn Carpenter, Hooda, Cal. (light-heavyweight).
Sgt. John Mattar, Port Arthur, Tex., SOS, knocked out Pfc Howard Blafkin, Washington, in 1:47, first round (light-heavyweight).
Pvt. Harold Ragsdale, Atlanta, Ga., Quartermaster, outpointed Pvt. Mike Rybak, Chicago (light-heavyweight).
Sgt. William Dircks, of Cumberland, Md., outpointed S/Sgt. Robert Threet, of Lovell, Wyo. (heavyweight).
Pvt. Vincent Kozak, of Hazleten, Pa., knocked out Pvt. Leo McLain, Kansas City, Mo., 1:27 of the second.

Snyder Yields Five Hits As Bulldozers Win, 15-2

BELFAST, May 25—Pfc Ralph E. Snyder, of Mahoningtown, Pa., allowed five hits as the Bulldozers, — Engineers, opened their Northern Ireland baseball league season by rolling over the Thunderbolts, 15-2.

T/5 Abe Hashkowitz, of New York, and Pfc Clinton Reed, of Pinceville, La., got three hits apiece in four trips to the plate. The "Dozers" came up with three fast double plays.

MPs, 15-0—Ordnance, 0

EIGHTH AIR FORCE HQ, May 25— Behind the two-hit pitching of Pfc. Ed Hawkins, of Seneca, S.C., the MPs swamped an Ordnance unit, 15-0, here today. This was the fourth straight triumph for the MPs, who are tied for first place in the Headquarters League with Hq. company.

Ramblers to Play Canadians

PORT HEADQUARTERS, May 25—The undefeated —Port Ramblers will play a Canadian club as a feature of a "Wings for Victory" celebration at Lancaster, May 29.

Goodman's Triple Gives Viking Nine 6-4 Victory

FIGHTER STATION, May 25— The Vikings nosed out the — Service Squadron Vagabonds, 6-4, yesterday, in one of the best games to date in this station's baseball league.

With the score 4-3 against them, the Vikings scored the winning tally in the last of the sixth on a triple by Sgt. Ben Goodman, of Brooklyn, scoring two ahead of him. Goodman then scored on a line single by Sgt. Bill Stephanovich, of Scranton, Pa.

Fine relay plays from the field on the part of Vagabonds Tom Grugan, Philadelphia; Steve Vargo, Memacolin, Pa.; Bill Gilspen, Painsville, Ohio, and Wilfred Dietz, Butler, Pa., cut off potential home runs at the plate. Winning battery was Pvt. Pete Dudeck, of Scranton, Pa., pitcher, and Capt. Dalrymple, of Philadelphia, catcher.

League standings:

Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
Scalders	1	0	1.000	Vagabonds	0	1	.000
Vikings	1	0	1.000	Aircrew	0	1	.000
N. Irelders	1	0	1.000	Stumblebums	0	1	.000

by Chic Young



Floods Cause Gas Shortage In Washington

Traffic May Be Paralyzed Due to Broken Pipeline; Capital Worried

WASHINGTON, May 25—Floods now raging through six Mid-Western states today struck indirectly at the nation's capital when a shortage of gasoline threatened to remove all private and public motor transportation from the city's streets. Considerable anxiety existed in government offices when it was learned if the shortage of motor fuel is not relieved government offices, vital to the war effort, may become understaffed due to the inability of the workers to reach their jobs.

Taxis, already scarce and shared by as many as five persons going in the same general direction, probably will vanish from the streets by the end of the week. To add to the severity of the problem the bursting of a pipeline at Little Rock, Ark., due to the flood, has cut off all hopes of relief to the capital from its usual source of supply. The public bus system, used by thousands of war workers, is in danger of becoming paralyzed.

From other affected areas reports state that 160,000 persons have been left homeless in the flooded states and the material damage in Oklahoma alone is estimated at \$40,000,000.

Despite the efforts of thousands of war workers and cooperating troops, the Mississippi and Illinois rivers continued to rise, and many new breaks in levees were reported. Some 4,500 people were fleeing from the partly isolated city of Cairo, Ill., following the collapse of a five-mile stretch of embankment on Wolf Lake.

At St. Louis the Mississippi had risen above the 38-foot level, the highest level recorded for 100 years. It was estimated that 1,500,000 acres of farm land have been ruined to date, which may have a bad effect on the food situation now facing the United Nations.

\$10,000 Policy Aim for All GIs

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It can be continued indefinitely after the war. Commanding officers, insurance officers and unit personnel officers are being instructed now to interview every serviceman who does not have the maximum policy, headquarters disclosed.

Any man who declines the insurance will be required to sign a statement giving

Here are the monthly premium rates for the \$10,000 maximum insurance: Age 18—\$6.40; 19, 20, 21—\$6.50; 22, 23—\$6.60; 24, 25—\$6.70; 26—\$6.80; 27, 28—\$6.90; 29—\$7.00; 30—\$7.10; 31—\$7.20; 32—\$7.30; 33—\$7.40; 34—\$7.50; 35—\$7.60; 36—\$7.70; 37—\$7.80; 38—\$7.90; 39—\$8.00; 40—\$8.10; 41—\$8.20; 42—\$8.30; 43—\$8.40; 44—\$8.50; 45—\$8.60; 46—\$8.70; 47—\$8.80; 48—\$8.90; 49—\$9.00; 50—\$9.10.

A \$10,000 policy would pay the beneficiary: If under 30 years of age, a monthly income for 20 years of \$55.10; if 30 years old, a monthly income for life of \$39.70; if 40 years old, \$45 a month for life; if 50 years old, \$53.90 a month for life, and if 60 years old, \$68.10 a month for life. There are increased benefits for higher ages.

his reasons. This will be filed with his records so that it will be available if dependents ever file claims for the insurance, charging that he had applied for it. Already, headquarters explained, too many dependents who have lost husbands or sons and are receiving only small insurance benefits—or none at all—have wondered why neighbors receive larger payments.

AFL Rejects England Visits

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP)—A suggestion by the White House that William Green, president of the AF of L, and Philip Murray, president of the CIO, undertake a joint fraternal visit to England has been turned down, it was announced today. The executive committee of the AF of L refused to permit it.

Mate Wants Pass



Lana Turner

FORT MACARTHUR, Cal., May 25—Pvt. Steve Crane, husband of Lana Turner, walked up to Sgt. Nettel and asked for a 24-hour pass.

"What," asked the sergeant, "d'yuh want a pass for?"

Replied Pvt. Crane: "Are you kidding?"

41 U.S. Fliers Transfer Here

Yanks Trained in RCAF And Polish Air Force Join USAAF

Forty-one American fliers transferred to the USAAF from the RCAF and Polish Air Force in London yesterday.

Most of them were sergeant pilots who joined up in Canada before Pearl Harbor. Only a couple have been on ops., the majority recently having completed their training.

More Americans serving in the RCAF are scheduled to transfer today.

RCAF transferees: Sgt. Pilots G. J. Wallis, Houston, Tex.; J. R. S. Morgan, Detroit; J. L. Slaughter, Indianapolis, Ind.; Bernard McGrattan, Utica, N.Y.; Bernard Martin, Elburn, Ill.; E. M. Herr, Barberton, Ohio; Kelly R. Moutray, Steelville, Mo.; Warren D. Goodwin, Wakefield, Mass.; J. J. Conrad, Marble Hill, Mo.; L. E. Sadler, Hollywood, Cal.; G. R. Hall, Portland, Ore.; W. Richards, Dallas, Tex.; A. F. Browne, Webster Groves, Mo.; H. J. Wilson, Warren, Ohio; H. A. Hammett, Rowley, Mass.; R. H. Clacy, St. Charles, Ill.; Raymond W. Doyle, Parkman, Wyoming; George P. DeVol, Marietta, Ohio; Russell E. Dunham, Kansas City; Edward A. Trybala, Chicago; Louis L. Dorris, Jacksonville, Tex.; Preston H. Lawrence, Long Island, N.Y.; Gordon W. Swain, Winston Salem, N.C.; Edmund J. White, Bremerton, Wash.; Stanley E. Golon, Holyoke, Mass.; Daniel J. Blewitt, Newark, N.J.; Flt. Sgts. Carl L. Morton, Berkeley, Cal., and William F. Carroll, Greenfield, Mass.

Polish Air Force: Sgt. Pilots J. W. Beranko, Irvington, N.J.; Willard W. Davis, Weirton, W. Va.; Victor L. Wojtkowski, Syracuse, N.Y.; Sigmond E. Hausner, Linden, N.J.; Stanley C. Holda, Joseph Brudnicki, and Frank J. Stockton, Chicago; Stanley J. Kutak, New Haven, Conn.; Alphonse Stramoski, Bridgeport, Conn.; and Steve Baran, Phoenix, Ill.; Sgt. Navigators Stan A. Stewart, Detroit, and John Saladiak, Pittsburgh; and Sgt. Henry Dziulickowski, Milwaukee, Wis.

Start Work on Eagle Club

Engineers from the Ministry of Works made final plans for remodeling the Eagle Club, 28 Charing Cross Rd., yesterday, and work is expected to begin in a few days. The club, oldest American Red Cross unit in the British Isles, was closed May 5 "for alterations."

Grim Hoax by Polish Patriots Makes Germans' Faces Red

A grim joke played on the Germans by the Polish underground system was revealed here yesterday by Polish circles. The hoax took the form of a notice, printed in official German style and with a forged signature, criticizing the primitive way the Poles were killed in the alleged Katyn massacre. It then added:

"In view of this, the German propaganda department is organizing popular excursions to German concentration camps at Oswiecim, Majdenek, Treblinka

NEWS FROM HOME Back-to-Work Order Ignored In Rubber Strike

Three Big Plants Remain Shut as 49,000 Reject Labor Board Edict

AKRON, O., May 25 (AP)—The War Department's demand for the resumption of production at the three major rubber companies factories remained unanswered today as 49,000 CIO employees of the plants continued their strike in protest against a decision of the War Labor Board.

The three concerns normally produce gas masks, barrage balloons, life-belts, airplane de-icers, tank treads, ack-ack guns and machine-gun clips, civilian and combat tires and other war materials.

The workers walked out last week when the board awarded them a wage increase of three cents per hour instead of the eight cents requested.

Coal Production Up

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP)—The largest Saturday production of bituminous coal since the adoption of the six-day work week was announced today by Harold L. Ickes, Solid Fuels Administrator.

Edsel Ford Ill

DETROIT, May 25 (AP)—Edsel Ford, president of the Ford Motor Co., is gravely ill at his home, a company spokesman said today.

Lt. Wood in Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, May 25 (AP)—Lt. Richard Wood, youngest son of Lord Halifax, arrived by plane yesterday to be fitted with artificial legs to replace his own, which were lost following an Axis bombing raid on Libya. He was accompanied by his father.

Chaplin Wins Suit

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25 (AP)—Charlie Chaplin's contention that he had overpaid his 1935 income-tax by \$24,938 was upheld here yesterday by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeal.

Minnesotans Attend Reunion

Servicemen from Minnesota sent greetings to governor Edward J. Thye from their reunion night at the Mostyn Club, 17 Portman St.

Two Minnesotans in the same outfit here and neighbors back home met for the first time on this side of the water. They were Pvt. John Leaman and Sgt. Robert Pommerville, of Duluth.

Present were: M/Sgt. Harry Gordon, T/Sgt. Magnus J. Kusler, 2/LL B. E. Fukes, Technician, D. B. Beckman, Pfc. Elgin E. Smith, Sgt. Melvin W. Shaw, T/5 Al Ostrowsky, 2/LL William Bergmann, S/Sgt. Don Nordberg, T/5 Clark Dahlman, T/Sgt. Abe Naitich, Pfc. Melvin Franke, Sgt. J. J. O'Connell, Pvt. Bernie Kalgraf and M/Sgt. Chas. Smith, Minneapolis; S/Sgt. Howard Smolik, Sgt. James Gates, Sgt. Homer Carlson, Sgt. James Kos, and T/5 John Goff, St. Paul; S/Sgt. George Schmitt, Pvt. John Leaman, S/Sgt. Robert Fitzgerald and Sgt. Robert Pommerville, Duluth; S/Sgt. Archie Matson and Lova Wakefield, Willmar; Sgt. Duane Tenney, Mora; T/5 Elmer C. Bester, South St. Paul; T/4 Ernest Heise, Robbinsdale; T/4 Alphonse Di Giovanni, Aitkin; Sgt. Edward W. Dahl, Eveleth; Pfc. Gordon Pylkas, Menasha; T/Sgt. Malcolm A. Magnuson, Thief River Falls; T/4 George M. Bauer, Amboy; Col. George C. Selby (M.C.), Mankato; M/Sgt. Otto C. Schildknecht, Winona; Col. Arthur Watson, Wilkerson; Sgt. Arnold J. Haagen, Frazee; S/Sgt. David Eichten, Wanda; Pvt. Kenneth Brown, Shakopee; Pvt. Elmer J. Mattson, Chisholm; Pvt. Maurice Freeman, Walker; T/5 Rolf Wollan, Glenwood; T/Sgt. Donald Deyoe, Excelsior; Lt. Clifford P. Trossen, St. Cloud; Pvt. Ernest H. Norberg, Riverside; Sgt. Art Miller, Watertown; Pvt. Arthur Olson, Gonic; Cpl. Francis Van Ann, Elkworth; 2/LL Robert Hegney, Pine City; and T/Sgt. Henry J. McCanney, Morris.

Former Fort Navigator Marries London Girl by Proxy in Miami

Sergeant Was First Yank War Worker Bride Met

A former Flying Fortress navigator in the ETO married a 21-year-old London factory worker by proxy in Miami, Fla., Saturday, it was revealed here yesterday.

The ex-navigator-groom is M/Sgt. George Kalins, of Chicago, who is in Miami training for a commission. Here in London, 4,000 miles away, Miss Joan Churchman, of Muswell Hill, London, N.10, received a cable 48 hours after the ceremony notifying her that now she is Mrs. George Kalins.

Announcement of the marriage was held up by Army authorities until the cable confirmed the proxy marriage. In his message 26-year-old Kalins told his long-distance bride to arrange with the American consul in London for transportation to the U.S.

Kalins met Miss Churchman at a dance in London several months ago, and in March they decided to be married. Kalins was transferred to Miami before the end of the 90-day waiting period required before a U.S. soldier overseas can get married. Once there, however, Kalins arranged for a marriage by proxy.

The bride said here yesterday that Sgt. Kalins was the first American she met,



Planet Photo

Mrs. Joan Churchman Kalins

and that after the war they will live in Chicago, where Kalins once was employed as an airways company clerk.

'Dortmund Just Start,' Says U.S.

German People Warned To Expect 4,000-Ton Raids Soon

NEW YORK, May 25—Germany was warned in a radio broadcast from America last night that the heavy bombing of Dortmund was only the beginning and that 4,000-ton raids could be expected. Bombing of German cities on an ever-increasing basis until Hitler is forced into unconditional surrender was promised.

"The raid on Dortmund," the speaker said, "has to date been the most violent raid of the war. This is just the beginning, because Hitler has lost his offensive striking power in air warfare and is impotent in defense."

"The nights to come may well seal the fate of other German industrial cities where 3,000 and 4,000 tons of bombs will establish new records until Hitler is compelled to give up."

"The 'Fortress of Europe' is like a house without a roof and cannot prevent bombing records. Goebbels has been speaking about the serene calm of the German people, sitting in a safe shelter. He, too, will soon lose his peace of mind."

The 2,000-ton raid on Dortmund is being hailed here as a pre-invasion "softener." It is regarded as a sample of the intensified air onslaught foreshadowed by Winston Churchill last week when he said the experiment of trying to bomb Germany into collapse was well worth trying.

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dustrial works," the radio said. "Mussolini and the Fascist regime have sold these Italian airdromes, ports and industrial works to Germany, and this is the only reason why Allied planes are hammering Italy."

The pattern of the assault on the islands was plain—to wipe out all Axis air bases in the two islands and to cut off Sicily and Sardinia from the mainland.

The Fortresses did their biggest job on the naval bases and harbors of Maddalena and Terranova, where they hit ships, warehouses, docks and munition dumps and left explosions and fires behind them.

Marauders attacked the airfields at Alghero, while Mitchells in force raided Olbia-Venafiorita airdrome in northern Sardinia, blasting aircraft parked on the ground. It was here the greatest air opposition was met, but the Mitchells shot down one enemy fighter and their Lightning escort accounted for three more.

Alghero airdrome was left pock-marked with bombs, while the hangars were shattered and a fuel dump set on fire.

Berlin Reports Reds on Move

Suggests Pincer Attack On Southern Front As Objective

Large Soviet troop movements were described in German communiques yesterday, indicating the lull of the last two months may soon be ended. The announcements gave no indication of where the Red Army movements were being made, but Berlin radio admitted that a gigantic Russian pincer attack on the southern front might already be in preparation.

"The present calm," it said, "cannot conceal the fact that both sides are preparing for a great effort in the near future."

Moscow radio said Russian guerrillas, operating in the Crimea, have wrecked a German train of 11 coaches between Alma and Bichchisaray. It also reported two German transports were sunk by Russian planes in one action in the Black Sea and that six troop-carrying barges had been sent to the bottom in another. As to German air activities over Russia, the communique said that Nazi planes had made raids in various sectors from the Arctic to the Kuban and the Russian people were warned the breaking of the ground lull was not far off.

GI Variety Show Aids Wings for Victory Drive

AIR DEPOT GROUP, May 25—Victory Varieties, a GI variety show which has been touring in the East Anglia area the last four months, presented its 19th performance tonight in a Wings for Victory Week program.

The show, designed to portray to the English the type of stage work in America, has been given at British military hospitals, army bases, civilian theaters and in various city auditoriums.

Proceeds from tonight's show go to The Stars-and-Stripes War Orphan Fund.

Liverpool Show Friday

LIVERPOOL, May 25—Jack Buchanan, Elsie Randolph and Fred Emney, stars of the musical show "It's Time to Dance," will give a special performance for soldiers and sailors and their girl friends at the New Terrace room of the Mount Pleasant Red Cross Club here Friday at 8.30 PM. Buchanan and Emney both were on the stage in the States for several years prior to the war.

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36 hours, during which they were without food or fuel, at one spot in Sarana Pass before U.S. mortar fire knocked out the enemy.

The stretcher bearers have names for the individual Japanese snipers, especially for one particularly eagle-eyed sniper whom they have christened "Ichimot," and who has so far successfully withstood all American attacks.

Elsewhere in the Pacific fires were visible 100 miles away after Allied heavy bombers had dropped 16 tons of bombs on three airdromes and a seaplane base at Rabaul, the key Japanese base in New Britain. Fires were started among aircraft on the ground.

Strong formations of Liberators and Flying Fortresses heavily attacked Japanese positions in the Shortland Island area and at Munda in the Central Solomons.

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