

## Stalin Lauds Allied Aid in Soviet Drive

### Cites Italy, Bombing as Big Help in Successes; Lull in Fighting Continues

Cheered by Marshal Stalin's confident assertion that "Germany has lost the war," Russia celebrated its happiest May day yesterday since 1941.

Though the traditional demonstration in Moscow's Red Square was lacking, the capital was bedecked with flags, banners and slogans.

On the fighting fronts, the ground lull continued, but in the air Red bombers heavily attacked Idritsa, 45 miles northwest of Nevel and 23 miles from the Latvian border in what obviously was softening-up for offensives to come.

Stalin, recounting the Red Army's "outstanding successes" in "a practically incessant offensive" since Stalingrad, told his people "a considerable contribution to these successes has been made by our great allies, the U.S. and Great Britain, who are holding the front in Italy against the Germans and diverting a considerable part of the German troops from us."

### Cites Value of Bombings

He said Russia's Anglo-American partners were "supplying us with very valuable strategic raw materials and armaments, and by systematic bombing of military objectives in Germany are undermining the latter's military might."

In his closest reference to a second front, he warned, however, that Germany could be completely crushed only by a synchronized blow "from the east by our armies and from the west by the armies of our allies."

Little change was reported in the situation at Sabastopol, where artillery duels were continuing.

The Luftwaffe claimed to have struck heavy blows at a rail junction south of Rovno and on Russian infantry and tank concentrations southwest of Kovel, also on the Lwow front. Minor German attacks were reported southeast of Stanislavov along the Carpathians and north of Jassy in Bessarabia.

## Soviet, Czechs Approve Pact

MOSCOW, May 1 (AP)—The Soviet government announced today it had approved a draft of a nine-point agreement with Czechoslovakia which gives the Czechs control over liberated areas as quickly as they cease to become military zones.

Vice Commissar for Foreign Affairs Vishinsky said the plan was approved by U.S. government Apr. 21 but that no reply had yet been received from Great Britain.

Under the agreement, National Front committees under the direction of the Czechoslovak government will take over administration of liberated Czech territory in conjunction with the Russian commander.

### New Atlantic Flight Record

NEW YORK, May 1—A new record for the New York-to-Foynes (Eire) Atlantic crossing was claimed today by American Export Airlines, which said one of its planes, fully loaded, made the trip in 15 hours 30 minutes, knocking 21 minutes off the previous record.

### New Prisoner Exchange

WASHINGTON, May 1—The liner Gripsholm will leave New York tomorrow for Barcelona to repatriate sick and wounded prisoners from Germany, the State Department announced.

## The War Today

### Air War

Dawn-to-sunset raids by U.S. planes hammer Pas de Calais defenses and railway yards in Belgium and France, following RAF blow at Munitions dump southwest of Paris.

### Russia

Marshal Stalin credits Allies' bombing offensive and campaign in Italy with big part in recent successes of the Red Army, but warns Germany can only be crushed with blows from east and west; lull continues in land fighting in Russia, with Soviet bombers in softening-up operations near Nevel, 23 miles from Latvian border.

### Pacific

New landings foreseen as Allied warships join planes in hammering Wakde Island off New Guinea coast far to west of Hollandia invasion area; planes continue widespread raiding.

## Air Reserves Hoarded By Nazis, Stimson Says

WASHINGTON, May 1 (Reuter)—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said the Germans probably were hoarding some air reserves for extreme emergency. "The pipeline from their factories to their operating units now carries only a small flow of reserves," he asserted.

Stimson pointed out that American losses lately had been consistently less than on previous raids, although the bombers were more numerous.

## New Landings In New Guinea Are Foreseen

### Significance Is Seen in Sea And Air Attack on Isle West of Latest Invasion

Speculation on the possibility of fresh Allied landings arose last night following announcement that warships had joined with planes in battering at Wakde Island, off the north coast of Dutch New Guinea and about 110 miles west of the scene of the week-old invasion in the Hollandia sector of the Guinea coast.

Japanese positions on Wakde were hit with 75 tons of shells, while planes rained down 51 tons of bombs on the island's airfield.

Meanwhile, the Tokyo correspondent of the German News Agency admitted that the landings in the Hollandia had "interfered" with Japanese plans. Conceding that Jap communications in the Madang-Wewak area were threatened the correspondent said that the landings were "to prepare the ground for a northwestern drive toward the western Carolines. . . . If the Americans can establish air bases in Dutch New Guinea, the position of the whole of the Carolines and the Philippines will be very materially affected."

There was little doubt as to the possibility of new bases being established. A number of seized airdromes in the Hollandia and Aitape sectors already were being used by the Allies, who were continuing their pounding of enemy positions elsewhere in New Guinea, as well as attacks on much-pounded other Pacific targets.

The Schouten Islands north of Geelvink Bay in northeastern New Guinea were bombed, and Wewak, situated between Australian ground forces driving west and the Allied landing troops farther west, received another heavy attack.

Other victims of the far-ranging bombers were Truk atoll, Ponape, objectives in the Marshalls, and Rabaul.

### Allies Mass for Burma Attack

Allied forces were reported massing last night in north Burma for a final assault against Japanese troops which have been thrown back after their futile attempt to capture Kohima. At several points in the Kohima district, Allied units were said to be attacking outer Jap parties in preparation for the final big drive.

### OK Landing Craft Bill

WASHINGTON, May 1—The House Naval Committee today approved unanimously legislation authorizing construction of \$1,800,000,000 worth of additional landing craft.

### 5 Million Bombed Out

STOCKHOLM, May 1—There are now 5,000,000 bombed-out people in the whole of Germany, the Berne correspondent of Aftonbladet estimated today.

## Blind Vet, Bride Fly Home As Officials Slash Red Tape

Military and civil red tapes were swept aside to speed a blinded American veteran of the North African campaign and his British bride toward America before travel from Britain was banned, it was revealed yesterday with the announcement that Otto Huttenen and his 35-year-old wife Ruby May had left for the United States.

Huttenen, a 39-year-old private from Warren, Ohio, who was blinded in both eyes and lost his left hand and the index finger of his right hand in a mine explosion in Africa, met Ruby, a British Red Cross nurse, at St. Dunstan's, where he was taken for treatment. They fell in love and were married in March.

His plan to take her back home with him ran into a snag when he tried to arrange transportation for her, for the pre-invasion ban on travel from England was scheduled to become effective at midnight last Thursday.

Both the U.S. Army and the British

# Heavies Blast France, Belgium In New 'Double Header' Attacks Marking 17th Day of Aerial Blitz

## Lib Gunner With Six Missions Is Being Retired—He's Only 16

### Fibbed to Enlist at 14, Sergeant Is Veteran Of 1st Berlin Raid

A LIBERATOR BASE, May 1 (AP)—Sgt. DeSales A. Glover, of Pittsburgh, Pa., a Liberator gunner, is being retired from the U.S. Army Air Forces—at the ripe old age of 16.

Glover, who recently was awarded an Air Medal, was grounded recently after completing six missions when officers at this base discovered that the gunner was under age. Probably he will be sent home with an honorable discharge from the Army, according to administrative officials here.

By fibbing about his age, Glover enlisted in the Army Oct. 14, 1942, when he was only 14.

"I hate to have to quit the Army and give up flying," he said, "but when I'm old enough I hope to re-enlist for pilot's training."

A veteran of the first American raid on Berlin and in the more recent heavy battle over Brunswick, Glover has one probable enemy fighter to his credit.

Glover's family didn't like the idea, but the kid was determined to get into the Air Corps, and the family did not try to stop him. He was at gunnery school at Tyndall Field, Fla., in the same class with Capt. Clark Gable.

As a Lib gunner Glover had been



Associated Press Photo

Sgt. DeSales A. Glover

holding up his end in missions over Germany, and though the crew knew he was very young, he was large enough for his age to get by. But after the going got tough on some of the rougher ones over central Germany his crewmates agreed it was no place for a kid.

## Five Primaries On This Week

### 34 Congressional Seats And 135 Convention Delegates at Stake

WASHINGTON, May 1—Voters in five states hold the center of the nation's political stage this week with primary elections in Alabama, Florida, Indiana, Maryland and South Dakota nominating candidates for 34 Congressional seats as well as 135 delegates to the Democratic and Republican conventions.

Maryland launched the political week today when Democratic Sen. Millard Tydings sought renomination against four opponents and Rives Matthews the Republican nomination against two rivals. Also up for election were candidates for six Congressional seats.

Alabama, Florida and South Dakota prepared to go to the polls tomorrow, with Indiana following later in the week. Chief interest in Florida surrounded the gubernatorial nominees and Administration supporter Sen. Claude E. Pepper's quest for Democratic renomination against four opponents.

Other senators whose renominations are being contested are Lister Hill (D.-Ala.) and Chan Gurney (R.-S.D.). South Dakota's primary also will select gubernatorial nominees in addition to Congressional nominees and delegates.

## 'Monty' Dispute Near an Accord

### Mail-Order Firm, Union Agree to an Election; Seizure Probe Shaped

CHICAGO, May 1—The issue which led to government seizure of the Montgomery Ward and Co. Chicago plant moved a step nearer settlement today with both company and CIO union agreeing to a collective bargaining election to determine union representation.

The government took over the plant four days ago after President Sewell Avery refused to comply with a War Labor Board directive to extend the company's contract with the union until the question could be settled.

At an NLRB hearing, company and union stipulated that an election be held on or before June 7 if the NLRB required it. The hearing will continue tomorrow on the question of whether the employees shall vote as a unit or in several divisions.

Avery's refusal to continue the contract was based on his contention that the union no longer represented a majority of the Chicago plant's 5,500 employees.

Meanwhile, seizure of the plant, bitterly condemned by a coalition of Republicans and anti-Administration Democrats as a violation of civil rights, promised to become one of the year's hottest political issues, according to the United Press.

Chairman Pat McCarran (D.-Nev.) said the Senate Judiciary Committee would convene tomorrow or Wednesday to consider a report by a special investigator sent to Chicago. He said he expected the investigation—first phase of an inquiry into legal authority behind some 3,000 executive orders—to be completed in three weeks.

Seizure of the plant was ordered by the President under powers accorded him to insure uninterrupted war production. Opponents of the move contended that such powers did not extend to non-war industries, and insisted that Montgomery Ward and Co. fell into the latter category.

## Knox Buried at Arlington; Admirals, Generals Attend

WASHINGTON, May 1—Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, who died Friday, was buried today with military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt represented the President.

Cabinet officers, admirals, generals and many enlisted men and women were among those who attended the funeral service at Mt. Pleasant Congregational Church.

## Calais, Rail Targets Hit After RAF's Paris-Area Raid

American air armadas, winging across the Channel from dawn until sunset, hurled ton upon ton of explosives yesterday on the Nazi Pas de Calais invasion defenses and on the railways in Belgium and northern France that serve the German armies defending the coast.

For the third time in less than a week two major operations of heavy bombers—each involving 250 to 500 Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by a like number of fighters—were carried out in one day by the Eighth. The Ninth likewise sent formations of escorted Marauders and Havocs to plaster the enemy's railway yards. The Ninth lost one plane.

The first task force of Forts and Libs roared out over the Channel so early yesterday that many coastal residents thought the invasion had started. The bombers hammered military installations in the Pas de Calais area and returned without loss, having met no enemy air opposition and only moderate flak.

### 2nd Force Out in Afternoon

The second force took off in late afternoon to blast railroad yards at Brussels, in Belgium, and four points in France—Rheims, Troyes, Metz and Sarreguemines.

A few hours before sunrise heralded the opening of the 17th straight day of the pre-invasion aerial offensive, RAF heavy bombers in their fifth straight night attack exploded a Nazi ammunition dump southwest of Paris and hit two more rail targets in France.

Some of the heavy-bomber crews participated in both of the day's raids. From a waist-gun position on the Liberator Kill-Joy, piloted by 2/Lt. Harold Minnick, of Muncie, Ind., a Stars and Stripes reporter, Earl Mazo, watched "hundreds of bombs" hit the huge German railway yards at Brussels. He said the cover provided by P47s, P38s and P51s was so thorough that enemy aircraft could not have gotten through.

While bomber fleets were adding to the mounting destruction of enemy targets today headquarters of the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces revealed new records established by both last month.

### 1,300 Planes Destroyed

Lt. Gen. James Doolittle, chief of the Eighth's heavy bombers and fighters, in a radio broadcast to America disclosed that April's figures showed 1,300 German planes destroyed in the air and on the ground—substantially more than the German output for the month.

He also announced that more than 24,000 tons of bombs were dropped on German targets by U.S. heavies in April and that 28 German aircraft factories were hit, production being completely stopped or curtailed in 21 of them.

Doolittle's broadcast was coordinated with one in America by Under-Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, who revealed that U.S. production of 100-octane aviation gasoline has in the past three years increased from 40,000 to 400,000 gallons a day.

From Ninth AF headquarters, meanwhile, came an official report of April's activities, showing Marauder mediums and A20 light bombers dropped more

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## U.S. Ship Sunk; 498 Lose Lives

WASHINGTON, May 1—Sinking of an American ship by enemy action in the Mediterranean, with a loss of 498 military personnel, was announced today by the War Department.

The 34-word communique gave no details except that "the vessel sank swiftly," which seemed to suggest that the loss of life was high because there was little time to rescue those aboard.

The announcement carried the usual note that "next of kin have been notified."

## Medics Want FDR to Stay In South for More Rest

WASHINGTON, May 1—President Roosevelt's doctors are anxious that he should not leave his vacation grounds in the South until he has "really completed his rest," Mrs. Roosevelt told her press conference today.



THE STARS AND STRIPES

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Hash Marks

We learn via the Daily Express that the American Marines have coined a new name for their Pacific enemy. The term is "Japes," fitting combination of Japs and apes.

An overworked second lieutenant, who serves as a trial judge advocate at an Eighth Air Force Composite Command



station in N. Ireland, tacked this sign on his door: "Courts Martial docket completely jammed. Any soldier desirous of committing a violation of the Articles of War will please postpone said intention for at least ten days."

Smile of the Week. Columnist Squawk McGuff comments on the current baseball season: "Anyway, the war's made the national pastime as uncertain as a cross-eyed man fingerin' a dial telephone."

Returning from the Apr. 22 raid on the marshalling yards at Hamm, Capt. Frank D. Slough came through with one of the most colorful descriptions of bombing results yet listed: "We scrambled Hamm—with our eggs!"

Most terse verse of the week comes from Sgt. Joe Spina of an engineer outfit. Joe warns the guys who feel tempted to handle the tricky galloping dominos in a friendly game

Snake eyes Break guys

Immediate action! At a certain base over here the CO gave his men a lecture on saving money. He concluded his talk by saying, "Each one of you should put away something for a rainy day." As the skipper left the lecture hall he noticed his raincoat was AWOL.

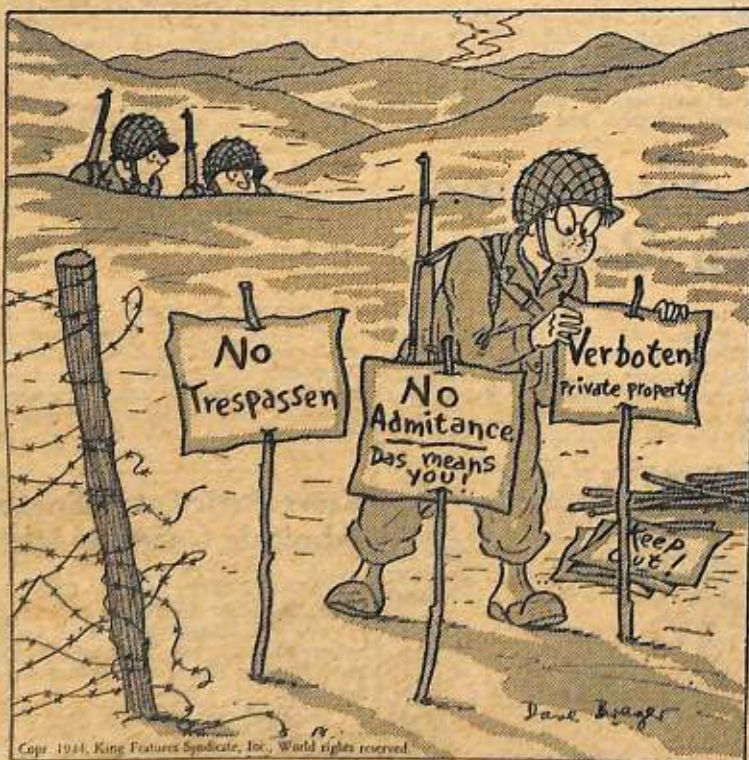
A brigadier general over here is still chuckling over his recent chat with a soldier who didn't know his identity.



The general, who has seen plenty of combat action in this war, was out on a problem, clad in fatigues and minus insignia of rank, even on his helmet. During a lull, a GI strolled over to his jeep, offered him a fag and commented, "Say, bud, you look pretty old to be a soldier. How long have you been in the Army?" "Twenty-two years," replied the general mildly. The GI looked him over scornfully, commented, "Twenty-two years and no stripes!" and walked away in disgust.

After two years overseas, there's one slogan which we can enthusiastically endorse—"Sold, American!"

PRIVATE BREGER



"We ran out of barbed wire!"

It's the Infantry That Seals Victory

Planes May Capture Headlines, But Not Enemy Land

This tribute to the foot soldier by Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, chief of the U.S. ground forces, has been passed on by one infantry general in the ETO to his troops in the form of a daily order. For the thousands of other infantrymen here, who have not yet had a chance to share the headlines with the Air Forces, The Stars and Stripes publishes this well merited eulogy, which first appeared in the New York Herald Tribune's magazine, This Week.

By Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair Commander, U.S. Ground Forces

I salute the men of the infantry because they are and always have been the decisive factor in battle.

Especially do I salute them now because, overshadowed by the glamor of the flashing plane and the clanging tank, they have been neglected by those for whom they fight, suffer and die. And while the headlines and the newsreels concentrate on the more spectacular arms, the old dependable foot soldier slowly but surely seals the victory.

Ever since the lightning conquest of Poland the public has been dazzled by mechanized war. Envisioning German might solely in terms of dive bombers and armor, laymen forgot that for every armored division the Nazis had a dozen or so divisions of foot soldiers. Thrilling to the achievements of our own airmen and tankmen, even the family of the American infantryman at home tends to forget that it is he who has wrested bloody victory from the Pacific jungles to the crags of Italy, yard by yard.

Finish Comes on Land

Today we are dedicated to a fight to the finish. Yet despite the public's fascination with the mechanized phase of modern war, we in the service know full well that the finish must come on land—not on the sea or in the air—and that the decisive struggle will be fought by the infantry and its supporting arms and services. For fixed defenses like those of Fortress Europe can be taken and held only by the foot soldier.

In no sense does this deprive our naval and air forces of the appreciation and applause they are earning so richly. Today all of our forces are welded into

Notes from the Air Force

If you've finished eight or ten raids and still haven't received your Air Medal, be patient. 1/Sgt. John D. Mullaney, 45-year-old member of a Liberator service group, just got a Silver Star which he won for gallantry in action 26 years ago during the Battle of Apremont in France.

He fought with the 26th Division and from Apr. 10 to Apr. 13, 1918, they were fighting for their lives in hand-to-hand combat and facing withering machine-gun fire from German nests.

Sgt. Mullaney, a pfc at the time, wiped out "several machine-gun nests," helping to break the Germans' grip on the sector.

In 1916 Mullaney joined the Army and he stuck with it through five World War campaigns and 18 years of peace



Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair

a combat team in a fashion unprecedented in history: Yet the infantry is the only arm that can win a decision. And the contribution of the other arms is measured by the aid they give to the infantry.

Traditionally the infantry is the Queen of Battles. But it has more tricks today than in 1918. Mothers of the infantry may well be proud of the fact that to this battle-honored branch now come the all-around champions of the Army—the lads with outstanding versatility.

More On His Own

For the foot soldier today must be far more than merely robust and durable. He must be keen and alert to master the intricacies of some fifteen weapons. He must be inherently ingenious, resourceful and self-reliant, for not since the Indian wars has the individual soldier been so much on his own. He must have intelligence, initiative and cunning, because he faces the craftiest of foes. And since he ultimately faces them toe to toe, hand to hand, he must, above all, have guts. For the cold courage of the bayonet duel is different from all other brands of courage.

These attributes the American foot soldier has shown us both in his lightning advance through Sicily and in his tortuous progress on New Georgia, where six days and nights of bitter battle netted 300 yards. He has demonstrated them in the blistering desert, the steaming jungle, the frozen Aleutians, the Italian mud, in weeks of relentless rain, in forty-eight

before he took a civilian job in Summer-ville, Mass., in 1936.

Silver Star decorations weren't available when Mullaney was first cited in France.

"I never did buy one even later on," Mullaney said, "and I'd sort of forgotten about it until the QM depot in Philadelphia sent me this one. Funny part is that it came the same day we broke through the Germans 26 years ago, Apr. 12."

A B17 with three engines was flown into an Eighth Service Command station last week for repair. The novel part of the trick was that No. 1 engine had been completely removed and the hole in the wing where the engine and nacelle had been were covered with sheet metal. Gas tanks in the left wing were emptied and tanks in the right wing were filled for the take-off. 1/Lt. Richard Holub, of Grass Valley, Cal., was the pilot and M/Sgt. R. L. Kirkpatrick, of Eufaula, Okla., was his crew chief.

COL. James H. Howard, the Mustang ace who has six neat Jap flags painted over the six swastikas on the side of his plane, was recently relieved of command of his group and given a special assignment with Ninth Fighter Command directly under Maj. Gen. Elwood R. Quesada. Last Saturday, however, Howard returned to his old group for a one-day "outing." He led the P51s into Berlin with the bombers.

Two Ninth Mustang pilots recently destroyed what should be a fighter pilot's dream—a German glider. The two men turned back with engine trouble on their way into Berlin in the last raid on the capital. They went down on the deck and strafed five freight trains, a locomotive, a twin-engine seaplane and a column of German soldiers before they came to two gliders being towed by German planes. They shot down one of the gliders. The pilots were 2/Lt. Charles H. Smith, of Anacortes, Wash., and 2/Lt. Davis Tucker, of Stanfield, N.C.

1/Lt. William T. Whisner, of Shreveport, La., an Eighth Mustang pilot, is sorry he wasn't able to oblige Princess Elizabeth by destroying a Nazi aircraft on her birthday.

"I'm sorry I'm late," he said after shooting down an FW190 later in his Mustang, which he named after the Princess.

"I saw this plane at 1,500 feet," he said, "when he went into a steep dive and headed for his home field, hoping they would throw up some flak. I got him just as we passed over the field at zero altitude. Then I had to pull up, or I would have flown through his pieces."

Gen. McNair, Ground Force Chief, Lauds The Foot Soldier

hour marches, in days and nights without food or water or proper sleep. And he tops off those ordeals by stopping the best the enemy can offer, like "battle-green" foot sloggers who stopped the famous Tenth Panzer Division at El Guettar!

Today every newspaper reader follows our operations on his war map. Let me remind you that those front lines are simply where the infantryman is—week upon week, month upon month without respite. True, he is magnificently supported by artillery and air, but this support is behind and above him. In front of him there is nothing but the enemy!

Experience Shows His Value

We see the basic principle at work in every theater of operations. Attu was conquered when practically every Jap there was killed, although we had sea and air superiority in that area for months. Kiska was evacuated only because the Japs there knew they faced the same fate as those on Attu. Thus the Alaskan campaign ended when the enemy was defeated on land with rifle and bayonet—not before.

In Africa, New Guinea, the Solomons, the Gilberts, on Tarawa, step-by-step progress is measured by the same action. Our control of the sea and air of Italy is complete and overwhelming, yet the going on land has been tough. Over terrain so rough that it takes eight men to carry a litter, advances come only when infantrymen climb those crags and throw the enemy out of his protective caves, bodily.

The might of the German Army has stemmed from its infantry; the most formidable branch of the Japanese forces is their foot soldiers. Our progress along the road to victory must be paced off by the man with the rifle, by his brains, his fortitude, and his fighting heart.

We are fighting this war to the finish. And whether he travels to work in a glider or a truck; a jeep, a parachute or a landing craft, that finish will be fought by the infantryman on foot.

The infantryman has the post of honor. He is in the vanguard. He finds pride and satisfaction in doing, enduring, and giving the most.

Mothers of the infantry, I salute your sons!

This Is The Army

MAYBE the army classification system does get some square pegs in the right holes, for Pvt. Joe Stanger, of Los Angeles, came up yesterday with the news that his Paratroop Infantry outfit includes:

Lt. Carl E. Schenck, of Great Falls, Mont., member of the Adventurers' Club and author of mountain climbing articles, who has scaled Matterhorn, Vesuvius and various peaks back home, and has climbed to within 6,000 feet of the crest of Mt. Everest.

Pvt. George L. (Gabby) Bean, of Borger, Tex., who has ridden bucking bronchos in every western state and who won second place in the 1939 rodeo at Madison Square Garden.

Sgt. Arthur von Bahren, of Baltimore, former Chesapeake Bay oyster fleet skipper, whose stomach once survived the eating of 119 raw oysters at one sitting.

And—the payoff—Pvt. Donald Berringer, of Miami, Fla., who used to be a window washer on the Empire State Building and who joined the paratroopers because "I decided they would give me the next best feeling of insecurity to my old job."

Another man, whose job was of a different type, but almost as dangerous, is M/Sgt. Thomas Clontz, of Gasden, Ala., who was for six years bodyguard to Joan Crawford.

Although his classical numbers are in sharp contrast to the usual jive music, Pvt. Orell Danger, of Brahm, Minn., is warmly received at shows at the ETO replacement depot at which he is stationed. Before entering the Army, Danger studied voice in preparation for opera.

A STORY in The Stars and Stripes reporting that S/Sgt. Homer Lundine would play with the Sicilian basketball champs in the final elimination rounds of the ETO tournament led to the reunion of Homer and his brother Clayton, an Eighth Air Force mechanic.

It was their first meeting since December, 1942, when they were both on furlough at their home in Kansas City, Kan. Until he read of the tourney, Clayton had no idea where his brother was stationed.

Old soldiers not only "never die" but apparently don't get sick very often. S/Sgt. George A. Sheridan, 63-year-old veteran of service since he enlisted in the 18th Infantry Regiment from Pennsylvania in 1902, claims he hasn't been on the sick book since 1935.

Heh, Joe, Ssssh!

Warnings to guard against careless talk are easily made, and all too often they are easily forgotten. Soldiers, lulled by an absence of direct contact with the enemy, sometimes drift into the frame of mind that enemy agents are something to read about in the newspapers or to be entertained by in a movie thriller replete with luscious ladies and cloak-shrouded figures slinking through sinister situations.

But that's not so, Joe. From Allied Headquarters in Italy comes the official announcement that six Italian spies, sent into our lines by the Germans, have been executed by Allied firing squads.

The announcement said, in part: "Three of them had been sent by the Germans to gain information concerning the movement of troops, the identity of units and H.Q., and other matters of interest to the German Intelligence Service."

The spies also wanted the low-down on the political and economic situation in Allied-occupied Italy, the announcement pointed out, as well as certain specific military information.

That shows the kind of intelligence enemy agents want. That's what they are listening for—just those bits and pieces of information they can fit together to form a pretty good estimate of the situation.

If we don't talk, spies won't know. And a spy without knowledge of what we are doing is just as good as dead.

Be Prepared

Back in the States after a tour of duty in Italy as an observer, Colonel Jules Deshotels vouches for one proof of the Army's "universal" basic military training pudding, which in this war is a dish that even cooks and cooks' helpers partake of.

At Anzio, relates the Colonel, the 3rd Division had to call upon all its personnel, including clerks and headquarters men and kitchen workers. A company of these men, hastily organized, killed more than 100 Germans in one fight. They did a fine job said the Colonel in a report to the War Department, and their early training in the regular infantry weapons and tactics paid off.

"Regardless of the ratio between battle profits and training investment in this particular, the Army has aided justice and morale in giving combat instruction to so many of its personnel outside of the fighting ranks proper," comments the New Orleans Times Picayune speaking editorially on this same subject, and we agree.

Combat training for the Sea Bees has paid off in big dividends in the operations in which they have participated with distinction, and such training for the ground troops of the air forces has saved many an airfield from enemy occupation.

Men who may be called upon in an emergency in such tight spots as at Anzio to face enemy fire should have at least the rudimentary drill in arms that might save them from slaughter. In fact the motto of all chairborne troops should be the same as the Boy Scouts of America—"be prepared."

Pocket-Size Novels

From classics to rip-roaring western stories, more than 3,000,000 books a month are now being sent to fighting men in the U.S. armed forces.

Popularly known as the Armed Services editions, these reprints of leading books are issued free to men in every branch of the service. Part of the huge monthly output is also sent to the International YMCA, which, in turn, sees to it that the books are forwarded to American prisoners of war in Germany and Japan.

Each month 30 new titles, winnowed from a list of 200 to 400 suggestions sent by an advisory board to the War and Navy Departments for approval, are reprinted for distribution to the battlefronts.

The books cost the War Department as little as four cents each, and the top price is 11 cents. Each book can stand as many as 20 readings, but the War Department figures on an average life of six readings per book.

By the end of 1944 35,000,000 of these books will be in circulation. If you haven't received your share, console yourself with the thought that neither have we; but they are on the way. In the meantime we pause to salute a worthy effort, for most of us have read and enjoyed the pocket-size editions of American literature now reaching every theater of war.



# Dodgers Return to Old Form As Giants Blast Them, 26-8

NEW YORK, May 1—Rumor has it guards are patrolling the banks of the Gowanus today to keep the Flatbush faithful from ending their sorrows in the perfumed stream that flows through Brooklyn. The beloved Bums slipped off the beam yesterday and their debacle occurred at the Polo Grounds, home of the hated Giants, sufficient cause for any loyal Brooklynite to consider hari-kari.



Joe Medwick

Leo (not-so-Lippy-today) Durocher was the only lucky Dodger partisan among 58,000 fans yesterday. He got the heave-ho from Umpire Tom Dunn in the sixth inning of the opener and missed the rest of the festivities as his Bums suffered an inglorious 26-8 defeat. Other Dodger players tried to follow Lippy's idea when the score went from bad to worse, but the umpires refused to be duped and forced the embarrassed victims to remain in the game until the Giants got tired of circling the bases.

Five Brooklyn pitchers were wilder than the bleacher fans who showered abuse and garbage at Lippy when he took the long trek to the clubhouse in center field and plunked Joe Medwick, ex-Bum now with the Giants, in the groin with a pop bottle, forcing him to sit out the second game. Police quelled the near-riot, however, and the Dodgers shaded the Giants, 5-4, in the nightcap. The big, bad Giants did everything right and the Bums did first game. And the customers were treated to everything but a triple play as the New Yorkers just missed tying the major league scoring mark by two runs. The Giants rapped out 18 hits and were gifted with 17 walks, including six straight and five to Manager Mel Ott, and scored in every inning except the fifth, seventh and ninth.

Buddy Kerr and Phil Weintraub hit homers for the Giants, with Weintraub keeping his third base coach busily waving runners homeward throughout, driving in 11 runs to fall short of the league record of 12 established by Jim Bottomley of the Cards in 1924. Ernie Lombardi was close behind, chasing home seven runners with two doubles and a single.

Rube Melton started the Dodger pitching parade but visited the showers in the midst of a three-run rally by the first. Then Les Webber, Bob Zachary and Fritz Ostermueller appeared briefly, all joining Melton in the second when the Giants scored four more. Tommy Warren was next, retiring an occasional New Yorker whom he caught off-guard as he lobbed the rest of the game. Warren, who courageously ducked line drives sailing his way without crawling into a fox hole, was touched for eight runs in the eighth, that being the chief Giant assault of the game.

Harry Feldman, who replaced Cliff Melton in the fifth, was the winner. In the abbreviated finale, Hal Gregg pitched the route and checked the bat-wary Giants with five hits, while his mates clubbed ten off Ewald Pyle and Rube Fischer, who was tagged with the defeat.

The nightcap victory only partially appeased Dodger diehards, however, and Flatbush was quiet last night for the first time in several months.



Phil Weintraub

# Yanks, Cards Win Twin Bills

## Brownies Split With White Sox, But Hold Lead

## Macks and Bosox Break Even; Indians Clip Tigers, Then Lose

NEW YORK, May 1—Eight double-headers gave the fans their fill of baseball yesterday as major league teams succeeded in fooling the weatherman long enough to complete their first Sunday bargain schedule of the season.

The Browns tightened their grip on first place in the American League by halving a twin bill with the White Sox in Chicago, grabbing the nightcap, 5-4, after losing the opener, 6-5, in ten innings. Vern Stephens' home run in the seventh clinched the St. Louis triumph, while Nelson Potter suffered the first game defeat when Roy Schalk doubled to score Guy Curtwright in the ninth.

Steady pitching brought the Yankees two victories over the Senators at Washington, 2-1 and 3-2. Ernie Bonham stopped the Nats with five hits in the inaugural, while the Bronx Bombers rapped Mickey Haefner for nine, collecting their runs in the first on Don Savage's single.

The champs repeated their strong opening in the second affair, belting Early Wynn for two runs in the first and one in the fifth. Joe Page started for the Yanks and received credit for the win, although he gave way to Hank Borowy in the seventh, when the Nats registered two runs. Each team made eight hits.

The Athletics and Red Sox broke even at Boston before 22,000 fans, the Sox taking the first game, 3-2, and the A's winning the finale, 3-1.

### Shutout Until Seventh

Tex Hughson held the A's to six hits in the opener, being hit hard only by rival pitcher Don Black, who drove in both runs with two singles. Black allowed seven blows including Bob Johnson's one-run homer in the fifth. Luman Harris squared accounts in the second game by spacing nine hits over the route. Emmett O'Neill, the losing pitcher, had a shutout until the seventh when the A's capitalized on his wild pitch and an error to score three runs on one hit.

The Indians edged the Tigers, 2-1, in the first half of their double feature at Detroit, but the Tigers snapped a three-game losing streak to win the second contest, 4-2. Tribe Manager Lou Boudreau singled in the eighth and romped home with the winning run on a double by Pat Seery, rookie outfielder, to clinch the first game. Vern Kennedy, the winner, Joe Heving and Ted Klieman pitched for the Indians, while Stubby Overmire traveled all the way for the Tigers.

Chuck Bosteler, freshman outfielder, drove in two runs with a double in the seventh to break a 2-2 deadlock in the second game. Johnny Gorsica earned his first victory, while Allie Reynolds, who later gave way to Mike Nyamick and Klieman, was the victim.

The Cardinals rapped the Cubs twice on their home lot, 5-0 and 7-5, to feature yesterday's National League activity. Max Lanier chalked up his third win and second shutout of the season by limiting the Bruins to three hits in the first tussle. The Redbirds, meanwhile, clubbed ten off Ed Hanyzewski, who lasted eight innings, and Les Fleming.

### Musial, Litwhiler Homer

The Cards clustered six runs in the seventh to chase Hank Wysz and win the nightcap, Ted Wilks scattering 11 Cub hits to triumph. Stan Musial and Danny Litwhiler each powdered round-trippers with one on during the big inning.

The Reds split with the Pirates at Cincinnati before 16,000 fans, Nick Strincevich twirling Pittsburgh's 7-1 victory in the first game and Bucky Walters copping the second, 3-1. Elmer Riddle was the loser in the opener, departing in the eighth in favor of Bob Malloy. Bucky stopped the Bucs with three singles and his mates collected nine off Xavier Rescigno.

The Phillies defeated the Braves in the first half of the twin bill at Philadelphia, 2-1, when Ron Northey scored from second on Whitey Wietelman's wild throw in the 14th inning. The second tilt ended in a 2-2 tie, called at the end of the ninth because of Philadelphia's Sunday law. Al Javery and Al Gerheuser twirled scoreless ball until the 11th in the first game when each team shoved across one run. Gerheuser was removed for a pinch-hitter in the 12th and Chet Covington received credit for the victory. Javery suffered his third defeat.

## Rookie Redbird

By Pap



## Diamond Effort Cited by Frick

## Baseball Asks No Favors, National League Prexy Says

NEW YORK, May 1—Big league baseball is making its contribution to the war effort and asks no favors, National League President Ford Frick declared in a speech to the Advertising Club of New York, and quoted figures to prove it.

From Pearl Harbor to the close of last season, baseball contributed more than \$1,000,000 "out of its pocket," Frick said, to the USO, Red Cross and various war funds. In addition, the majors have been responsible for the sale of more than \$1,000,000,000 in War Bonds, not including individual purchases by teams and players.

Other promotional stunts have been instrumental in the donation of 647,000 pints of blood to the plasma bank, the National League czar reported.

## Wolverine Squad to Play Ten-Game Grid Schedule

ANN ARBOR, Mich., May 1—Michigan's Wolverines will play a ten-game grid schedule this fall, Athletic Director Fritz Crisler announced today. In addition to their customary Big Ten rivals, the Wolves will meet Marquette, Iowa Pre-Flight and Penn in non-conference games.

## Young Chosen In Drake Poll

## Illini Speedster Unanimous Choice as Outstanding Competitor

DES MOINES, May 1—For the first time in the four-year history of the poll to pick the outstanding performer in the Drake Relays, Claude "Buddy" Young, Illinois freshman, was given the honor by a unanimous vote among newspapermen and radiomen covering Saturday's meet here.

The sensational Negro star dominated the competition. He won the 100-yard dash in 9.8 seconds, captured the broad jump with a leap of 22 feet, 4 1/2 inches and anchored victorious Illini relay teams in the quarter- and half-mile races.

## Jimmie Crowley Shifted To Sampson Naval Station

SAMPSON, N.Y., May 1—Lt. Cmdr. James H. Crowley, who was one of the famous Four Horsemen at Notre Dame, has been assigned as officer in charge of athletics at the Sampson Naval Training Station.

The assignment, long rumored, was confirmed following the announcement that Crowley had signed to coach the newly franchised Boston Yankees after the war. Crowley coached at Michigan State and Fordham after being graduated from Notre Dame.

# Stir Up Is Odds-On Favorite In Derby Trial Stakes Today

LOUISVILLE, May 1—If Mrs. Payne Whitney's Stir Up, the prohibitive favorite after his convincing victory in the Wood Memorial, wins the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs next Saturday, he'll be the third winner from Mrs. Whitney's stable, others having been Twenty Grand in 1931 and Shut Out in '42.

Stir Up will be odds-on tomorrow postward in the \$5,000 Derby Trial Stakes at Churchill. The classic field, already shorn of such winter favorites as Pukka Gin and Lucky Draw, no doubt will be narrowed further after tomorrow's test.

Pensive, Calumet Farm's pride, is a doubtful starter in Saturday's rich race, while Twilight Tear, the only Calumet filly still entered, will run in the Derby only if she shows a speedy effort tomorrow.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Whitney, who will tie William Woodward if Stir Up wins, announced that veteran Eddie Arcaro will be in the saddle on Derby Day, another reason for the short odds on Stir Up.

Other horses expected to go to the post in the Derby include Challenge Me, Symie, Director J E, Bell Buzzer, Shut Up, Autocrat, Broad Grin, Alortier, Gay Bit and Sky Tracer. The latter, which won the Blue Grass Stakes last Wednesday at Pimlico, probably will be second choice in the mutuels.

## Help Wanted - AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, 37, Upper Brook St., London, W.1. Telephone, ETOUSA, Ext. 2131. Unless otherwise stated in the ad, direct all correspondence c/o Help Wanted.

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**Found**  
ICE skates: When my long-lost barracks bag was returned to me it contained a pair of ice skates which are not mine. The owner may have same by identifying them. The bag was lost at Chorley, -Pvt. Charles Mott, 36519051.

**Camera Exchange**  
WANTED, 35-mm. or 8-mm. movie picture camera with or without film.—Lt. H. C. Sauer, O-1555892.

**College Reunion**  
A REUNION dinner for the West Point class of 1941 will be held at the No. 3 Grosvenor St. Club, London, Tuesday, May 16, at 6.30 PM. Send reservations to Capt. R. H. Rozen, c/o The Stars and Stripes, College Registration Service, 38, Upper Brook Street, London, W.1. No reservations accepted after May 13.

## Minor League Results

International League table with columns for team, wins, losses, percentage, and game results.

American Association table with columns for team, wins, losses, percentage, and game results.

Southern Association table with columns for team, wins, losses, percentage, and game results.

Pacific Coast League table with columns for team, wins, losses, percentage, and game results.

Joe Heving to Marry CLEVELAND, May 1—Joe Heving, Cleveland pitcher and the only grandfather active in the majors, has applied for a marriage license here.

Li'l Abner comic strip panel 1: "KEESS ME, BEEG BOY!! - BEFORE VODKA FINDS US TOGETHER!!"

Li'l Abner comic strip panel 2: "ONE GLORIOUS MEENUTE WEETH ME EES WORTH YOUR LIFE - NO?"

Li'l Abner comic strip panel 3: "N-NO!!"

Li'l Abner comic strip panel 4: "THAT MUSIC!!-EET EES VODKA!!- HE EES PLAYING 'BENVENETION TO DEATH!!' I MUST DANCE!!"

Li'l Abner comic strip panel 5: "AH'D R-RUTHER YO' W-WOULD!!"

Li'l Abner comic strip panel 6: "AH-H!!- THE DANCE EET EES OVER!!- I AM EXHAUSTED!!"

Li'l Abner comic strip panel 7: "WAIT!!- HE'S STRIKIN' UP ANOTHER TUNE!!"

Li'l Abner comic strip panel 8: "??- HE EES PLAYING PART TWO. 'THE DANCE OF DEATH!!'- OH, STOP, VODKA- STOP, VODKA- YOU KNOW THAT MEANS THAT DEATH WEEL COME TO ONE WHO EES EEN THEES ROOM!"

Li'l Abner comic strip panel 9: "- GULP!! ANY P-PARTIK'LAR ONE?"

Major League Results - American League table with columns for team, wins, losses, percentage, and game results.

Major League Results - National League table with columns for team, wins, losses, percentage, and game results.

Major League Results - Leading Hitters table with columns for player, games, at bats, runs, hits, and percentage.

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By Al Capp



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# 13 Million Spent In Yr. in U.K. by U.S. Red Cross

## And Even Bigger Budget For Next Is Approved for Continent Operations

Yanks in the ETO will have received more than \$13,000,000 worth of services from the American Red Cross in the fiscal year ending June 30, and an even bigger budget has been approved for the next fiscal year, Commissioner Harvey D. Gibson said yesterday.

The increased budget has been approved in expectation of moving into the Continent, as well as carrying on activities in Britain.

Net expenditures on Red Cross services to U.S. forces in Britain in this fiscal year are \$13,239,874 after deduction of all revenues, such as those from food sales and bed charges. That figure does not include lend-lease benefits from Britain, which comprise rental of premises, renovations, repairs, furnishings and miscellaneous items.

The service clubs, numbering well over 100, accounted for 41 per cent of the expenditures, and clubmobiles were the next largest item at 14 per cent. The clubmobiles will be greatly augmented after the invasion; specially chosen Red Cross girls will operate them on the Continent.

There also will be a material increase in Red Cross work in hospitals, which now constitutes 7 per cent of expenditures.

The Red Cross staff in Britain at present numbers 27,900, of whom 1,540 are from the U.S. Of the British workers, 13,072 are volunteers. Some 238 field directors assigned to Army units will be the first Red Cross workers to hit the Continent.

## WAC, Showgirls Help Prepare the London 'Canteen'

The first WAC, a little blonde girl from California who left without giving her name, and half-a-dozen showgirls from "Sweeter and Lower," playing at the Ambassadors Theater, yesterday pitched in to prepare London's Stage Door Canteen at 201 Piccadilly. They joined a crowd of American and British servicemen and women, who have been working for days to "rehabilitate" the building, hit by a bomb in the blitz.

Officials said yesterday that the clearing process was almost complete. What is wanted now are soldiers with building experience to help with renovations and repairs under the direction of experts. If repairs are carried out as fast as the cleaning, the doors should be opening about the middle of next month.

The girls from "Sweeter and Lower" promised to return this morning with a piano and sing while the boys worked.

## Plane and Rail Targets Hit by Heavies in Italy

ALLIED HQ, Italy, May 1 (Reuter)—Heavy bombers with fighter escort struck crippling blows at enemy fighter production and communications in Italy yesterday, while land fronts remained static.

Genoa, Spezia and Leghorn were bombed for the third night in succession, and other blows were struck at Baresse, an airfield at Bresso, rail yards at Reggio Emilia, Alessandria and Milan.

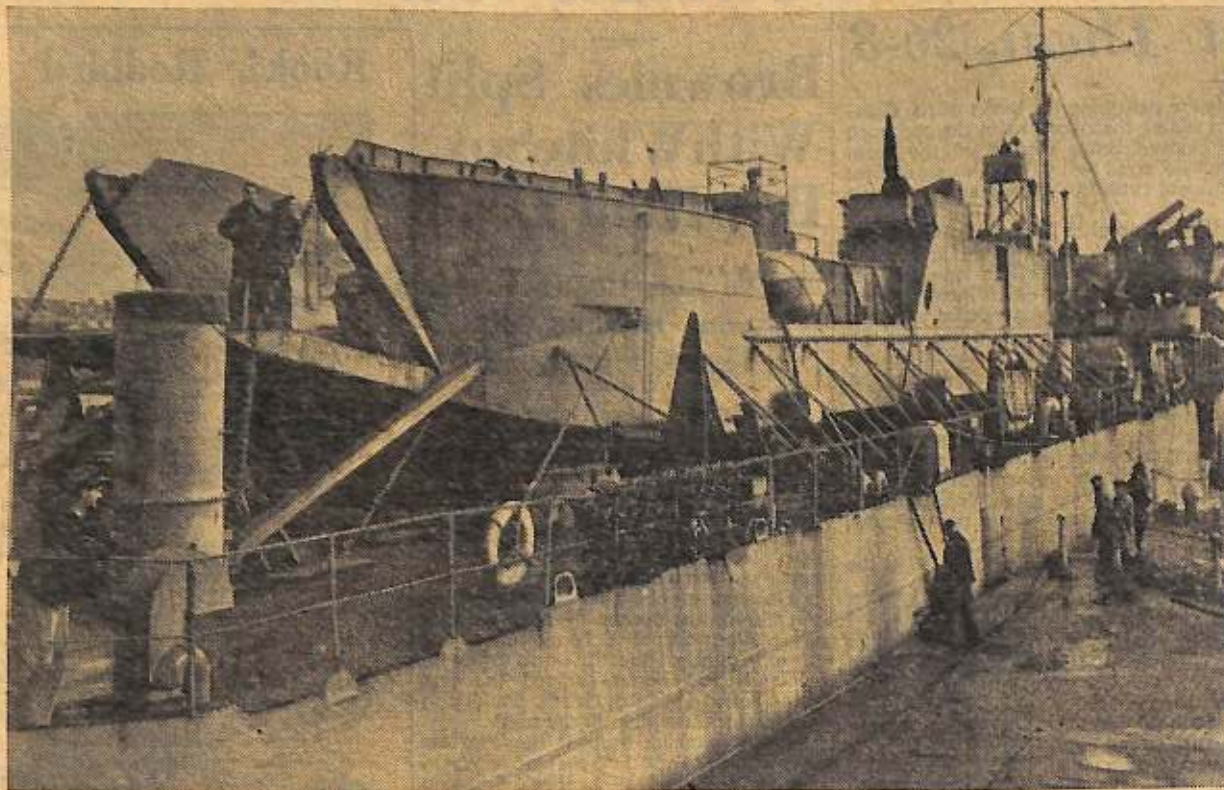
## 14 Czechs Put to Death

STOCKHOLM, May 1—Fourteen Czechs, including four married couples and a single woman, have been executed by order of a German court for "harboring and feeding fugitive war prisoners," a Prague announcement said today.

## AFN Radio Program

- On Your Dial**  
 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.  
 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.
- Tuesday, May 2**  
 1100—Spotlight on Mitchell Ayres.  
 1115—Personal Album—Diana Gayle.  
 1130—Great Music—Walter Houston introduces the classics.  
 1150—German Lessons—Number Two.  
 1200—Noon Edition.  
 1205—Barracks Bag.  
 1300—World News (BBC).  
 1310—Melody Roundup.  
 1330—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street (Return Engagement).  
 1400—News Headlines—Reginald King and Quintet (BBC).  
 1430—Visiting Hour—Aldrich Family.  
 1500—Music While You Work (BBC).  
 1530—Off the Record.  
 1630—BBC Northern Orchestra.  
 1700—London Column.  
 1715—Miss Parade and Program Resume.  
 1730—Gay Nineties Review.  
 1755—Quiet Moments.  
 1800—World News (BBC).  
 1810—GI Supper Club.  
 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.  
 1905—Carnival of Music—Alec Templeton and Morton Gould's Orchestra.  
 1930—Great Giddens.  
 2000—News From Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.  
 2010—Frod Waring Program.  
 2025—Calling A.P.U.s—Your GI friends found.  
 2030—Comedy Caravan—with Jimmy "Schnozzie" Durante and Gary Moore.  
 2100—World News (BBC).  
 2115—Hit Parade—Mark Warron's Orchestra and Frank "Swoon" em' Sinatra.  
 2145—USO in the ETO—Penny Caldwell and Jack Grand.  
 2200—Duffy's Tavern where the elite lose their appetite.  
 2225—One Night Stand—Teddy Powell and his Orchestra.  
 2255—Final Edition.  
 2300—Sign off until 1100 hours, Wed., May 3.

# One Landing Craft Brings Another for Invasion



An American LCT (landing craft, tank) vessel arrives in England aboard a larger LST (landing ship, tank) craft. Both have joined the rapidly growing armada awaiting the signal to carry Allied troops and equipment on the invasion.

## 500 N. Atlantic Hops Monthly

NEW YORK, May 1 (AP)—The U.S. Army's Air Transport Command disclosed today that its operations had reached today a scope that more than 500 crossings were made in a recent month by cargo and passenger planes flying between New York and the United Kingdom and Africa.

In a report which described LaGuardia Field as the key center of the world transport system, Air Transport Command said four-engine Douglas C54s flew uninterruptedly throughout the winter over the difficult North Atlantic route.

Maj. Gen. Harold L. George, commanding ATC, said the safety record established demonstrated the all-year-round practicability of the North Atlantic air route.

## Eire-Ulster Smuggling 'Reduced,' Minister Says

BELFAST, May 1—William Lowry, Northern Ireland minister of home affairs, reported today that smuggling across the Eire-Ulster border had been greatly reduced but that at least 30,000 men would be needed to seal the border "with complete effectiveness."

The border between 13 Eire and five Ulster counties zigzags more than 150 miles, passing through villages, farms and often through farmhouses.

# Negroes Turn Over Field to AF; Joe Louis Late but Makes It

By Joe Fleming  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A NEW HEAVY BOMBER BASE. May 1—Even the delayed appearance of Joe Louis failed to dull the enthusiasm today of the members of two Negro aviation-engineer battalions who were lauded by two major generals for the part they have played in speeding an Allied victory.

This field, one of two in the ETO built almost entirely by Negro troops, was turned over to Maj. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, Eighth Bombardment Division commander, by Maj. Gen. C. R. Moore, chief ETO engineer, at a ceremony in which the engineers were praised for constructing 74 per cent of the airfield in less than a year.

Single out for special attention was T/Sgt. Lawrence Hardy, of Dundee, Miss., who was presented the Legion of Merit by Moore.

Hardy, Moore explained, had in one year mastered all the heavy-construction equipment assigned to his unit, although he had no previous engineering experience.

At the ceremony, Louis, on behalf of the Negro troops, was to present a scroll

## Terry and the Pirates



## Unarmed Ship Swaps Half a Tail for a Zero

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HQ, Kandy, Ceylon, May 1 (AP)—Capt. Hal Scrumham, 25, of Frankfort, Ky., lost half the tail of his unarmed transport but got a Zero recently in a mixup with two Japanese fighters near Imphal.

The Japs started machine-gunning and Scrumham put the twin-engine transport into a series of crazy dives.

"One Zero got right on my tail so I dived still more steeply," Scrumham said. "We felt a bump—a hefty one. The Zero had run into our tail and crashed. The crash must have scared off the other Zero, because he disappeared."

## U.S.-Financed Refinery In North Canada Opened

WHITE HORSE, Yukon Territory, May 1 (Reuter)—The \$130,000,000 "Canol" project, American-financed oil development in northern Canada, is ready to deliver fuel to the Allies.

Canadian and American officials attended an official opening yesterday at White Horse refinery, linked by 595 miles of four-inch above-ground pipeline with the oil source at Fort Norman, Northwest Territory.

## Raids - - -

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to T/Sgt. Alfred R. Tucker, of Bunnell, Fla., sergeant-major of a heavy-bomb group. Transportation difficulties, however, delayed the champ's arrival until after the ceremony had ended.

Indicative of the work put into the field by the men, who voluntarily sacrificed time off and worked unusually long hours, is the record of only one of the battalions.

In less than a year the outfit poured 280,000 square yards of concrete, from six to eight inches thick; constructed 15,000 feet of drains, laid 15,000 feet of water line, built an operations block containing 160,000 bricks, constructed a Red Cross aero club, a theater, a post exchange, bomb-sight stores, parachute stores, transit sheds, dinghys, roads and tunnel approaches, aviation and gasoline installations, main workshops, maintenance and armory stores, a brick crew rest, a drying and locker room and other housing installations.

Part of a regiment commanded by Lt. Col. Houghton R. Hallock, of Berkeley, Cal., the two battalions which built this field are headed by Lt. Col. H. B. Hanson, of Saugus, Mass., and Maj. J. A. Hargett, of Russellville, Ala.

## Airborne Units In Mass 'Attack'

One of the most massive airborne operations of the war has just been successfully carried out, Ninth Air Force headquarters disclosed yesterday—over England, in pre-invasion practice.

Several hours before dawn, C47 transport planes soared over the appointed drop zone and discharged unit after unit of American paratroopers, fully armed. Simultaneously, gliders landed on pastures and fields with soldiers, guns, jeeps and heavy demolition equipment. As the troops stormed their objective, other gliders brought fresh units and supplies of food, ammunition, weapons and medical equipment. By 10 AM the objective was taken.

Ghost-like fleets of troop-carrying aircraft flew more than 30,000 hours on midnight and dawn practice operations throughout April. Hardest part of the job, pilots said, was to steer clear of bombers and fighters going out to attack the Continent.

## Roosevelt Hopes Greeks Will Quit Their Squabbling

CAIRO, May 1 (AP)—President Roosevelt, in a message to Prime Minister Churchill made public in Cairo today, expressed the hope that "the Greeks fighting politically among themselves will set aside pettiness and regain their sense of proportion."

Mr. Roosevelt, declaring he was "unhappy over the present situation," approved Churchill's efforts to bring the Greeks "back into the Allied camp and to participation against the barbarians."

## Raids - - -

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than 8,800 tons of bombs on 24 missions, bettering the previous record of tonnage dropped set in March.

Concentrated on targets in northern France and Belgium, the attacks by B26s and Havocs struck airfields, defensive strong points and railway lines. The biggest single day's operation was on Apr. 10, when Marauders and Havocs hit the Coyxede airfield in Belgium, the rail center at Namur and military objectives in northern France with more than 1,000 tons of HE. It was the most active day in the Ninth's history. The heaviest attack on a single target came Apr. 19, when more than 300 tons fell on the railway yards at Malines in France.

Thunderbolt and Mustang fighter-bombers of the Ninth averaged two attacks per day in April, more than four times their record for March. Joined by Lightnings on patrols and escort missions the P47s and P51s of Ninth Fighter Command flew 39 patrols and 49 escort jobs. The total number of flights over enemy territory by fighters of the Ninth was more than 6,500, highest in its history, it was announced.

# NEWS FROM HOME 'Dark-Horse' GOP Candidate Is Believed Out

## MacArthur Action Trims Field to Four Leaders And Favorite Sons

WASHINGTON, May 1—Gen. Douglas MacArthur's blunt rejection of an attempt to place him into politics has narrowed the field of Republican possibilities and pushed further into the background any chance of a dark-horse nominee emerging from the Chicago convention.

MacArthur's announcement trimmed the Republican list to four men with a party-wide following and to several favorite sons whose backing was limited to their own states.

Among the latter were Gov. S. Warren, of California, Griswold of Nebraska, Saltonstall of Massachusetts, and Willis of Kentucky.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, who has not given sanction to a campaign on his behalf, was far in front of the pre-convention field with 228 claimed and pledged delegate votes. Lt. Comdr. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota has 34 claimed and pledged. It takes 530 to nominate.

## Canada Ford Strike Ends

WINDSOR, Ont., May 1 (AP)—A nine-day strike of 14,000 workers of the Ford Motor Co. of Canada ended over the weekend with recognition of the United Auto Workers (CIO), and the reinstatement of four penalized union stewards. Regular production will be resumed today, the management announced.

## Close Shave

CHICAGO, May 1—Bernard Arandi found a harmless-looking box near the door of his barber shop and was about to kick it outside when he changed his mind. He handed it over to the police, who found it contained nitro starch, a powerful explosive.

## Record Oil Test Well

MIDLAND, Tex., May 1—A wildcat oil well being drilled in Pecos County, Tex., has passed 15,000 feet—said to be the deepest test for oil ever drilled. Previous record of 15,004 feet was set in Kern County, Cal.

## All for Nothing

BROOKLYN, N.Y., May 1—A runaway horse galloped two blocks, stumbled over a curbstone and crashed onto a baby carriage containing a sleeping 11-month-old girl. The baby was unhurt, but her mother, seven other women and the owner of the horse fainted.

## Socialists Pick Steel Worker

NEW YORK, May 1—The Socialist Labor Party's annual convention nominated Edward A. Teichert, 40-year-old Pennsylvania steel worker, as its candidate for the Presidency.

## Plastic Rivets in Planes

SANTA MONICA, Cal., May 1—Douglas Aircraft Co. is using plastic rivets in experimental bombers and plans to use them soon on its regular production lines.

## Old Soldier Becomes Citizen

SANTA MONICA, Cal., May 1—S/Sgt. Hilario DelCampo, 51-year-old Filipino 30 years in the Army, became a U.S. citizen last week. He recently returned from England.

## Direct Hit, but No Blast

HOUSTON, Tex., May 1—A large truck loaded with bombs, which ran away down a steep hill here when the brakes failed, finally piled up against two parked cars with the bomb-load still intact.

## Cameras to Spot Speeders?

HOUSTON, Tex., May 1—Use of Cameras in police cars to check speeders was proposed here by Rear Adm. Percy W. Foote, former Pennsylvania State police chief.

## 'Model Mess' Contest

Mess sergeants in charge of "model messes," which demonstrate ETO cooking methods to newly arrived mess personnel, are preparing for a competitive inspection to be held soon by a team of QM and medical officers. The mess sergeant and cooks of the winning mess will be awarded a banner naming it the best in the ETO, and their base section commander will receive an engraved cup.

By Milton Caniff

