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9th Battles Across Elbe; Reds Open Drive—Nazis

The Battle of Germany Grows in Fury



As the battle mounted on the Elbe River line west of Berlin, the Germans reported a large-scale Russian offensive on a 150-mile front. American forces neared Czechoslovakia. In Holland, enemy resistance was collapsing as the Canadians spread out. The Ruhr pocket was fast being liquidated. PM Map

East Front Afire; Foe Shifts Armor

Action flared on all fronts yesterday, with Allied reports that the Germans have pulled armored outfits from the Eastern Front in an attempt to stem the Allied drive from the West on Berlin, and German reports that Russian troops have launched a large-scale push on Berlin along a 150-mile front.

The Italian front exploded in a full-scale offensive by the U.S. Fifth and the British Eighth Armies to destroy an estimated 26 German divisions in northern Italy. Meanwhile, the French drive to clear the German pocket on the Gironde estuary and thereby to reopen the port of Bordeaux continued favorably.

Berlin Admits Russian Gains

German reports said yesterday that the Russians had opened a large-scale offensive aimed at Berlin along a front of more than 150 miles and had driven to northern 28 miles of the threatened capital.

Nazi broadcasts said the Russians had thrown 75,000 men and more than 200 tanks into steadily growing battles east of Berlin. Strong Soviet attacks were reported underway from a point east of Wriezen, 23 miles northeast of Berlin, to the confluence of the Oder and Niese Rivers, 50 miles southeast of the capital.

Three Assault Points

According to the Germans, there were three main assault points:

- 1—On the central Oder, south of Frankfurt-on-Oder and north of Kustrin.
- 2—At Forst, on the Niese River, 75 miles southeast of Berlin.
- 3—At Schwedt, 50 miles northeast of Berlin, where the Russians were reported to have stormed across the Oder.

There was no Soviet confirmation of the persistent reports that

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East Front Nazis Fighting at Elbe

German troops from Berlin and armor from the East Front have been thrown into the mounting battle of the Elbe River line against Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's U.S. Ninth Army. AP front dispatches reported yesterday.

As this first evidence that Germans in the East are turning to face oncoming Americans was reported, New York radio announced that American armored detachments were in the suburbs of Berlin but were forced back by fierce German resistance.

Reports Not Confirmed

New York radio also broadcast that spearheads of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' U.S. First Army had reached a point 31 miles from Marshal Gregory Zhukov's First White Russian Army.

Neither report was confirmed at Supreme Headquarters, which placed the Ninth Army still 45 miles from Berlin and the First Army two miles south of Dessau on the Elbe, 95 miles from Russian lines.

Along the broken Western Front, enemy resistance in northwestern

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War Strategy Unchanged—Truman

Congress Told U.S. Must Help Protect Peace

WASHINGTON, April 16 (ANS).—President Harry S. Truman promised today that the grand strategy of the war would remain "unchanged and unhampered" by his accession to the Presidency.

Making his first address as President to Congress, the new President told a joint session that the United States, along with its Allies, must shoulder the "grave responsibility" of making future peace secure.

To accomplish this, Truman said, the United States must join in punishing those guilty for bringing on war.

"Lasting peace can never be secured if we permit our dangerous opponents to plot future wars with impunity at any mountain retreat, however remote," the President said in an apparent allusion to reports that Hitler may seek refuge in the Bavarian Mountains.

Speaking a day after the burial of Franklin D. Roosevelt, President Truman paid high tribute to his predecessor.

"Tragic fate has thrust upon us grave responsibilities," he said. "We

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Truman Will Broadcast To U.S. Soldiers Tonight

President Harry S. Truman will broadcast to the U.S. armed forces throughout the world tonight. His speech will be broadcast by the AFN Paris station.

Almost Spoke to Hitler, Says 11th Armd. Yank

WITH 11th ARMD. DIV., Germany.—"I almost talked to Hitler," said Cpl. Erwin Remboldt, of Santa Monica, Calif.

It happened when the 11th Armd. reached Andernach, on the banks of the Rhine, Remboldt, who speaks German well, went in to check the city's telephone exchange.

"The lines were still in," said Remboldt, "so I picked up a phone and asked for Berlin. I got as far as Coblenz, but I guess somebody got suspicious, because I was cut off."

Gironde Nazis, Reich Raided

German positions in the Point de Grave area on the Gironde estuary and enemy railways, bridges and marshalling yards at Regensburg and Straubing, in southern Germany, were attacked in two raids yesterday by more than 1,200 U.S. Eighth AF heavies.

More than 150 Ninth AF fighter-bombers attacked a large communication center at Zerbst, while Ninth AF mediums struck at rail yards and airfields at Gungenhausen, 26 miles southwest of Nuremberg. Another force attacked a German ammo dump at Magdeburg. Incomplete reports said that ten enemy planes had been destroyed in the air and seven on the ground.

Berlin was attacked Sunday night by RAF bombers in three heavy raids.

5th Army Joins 8th in All-Out Italy Offensive

ROME, April 16 (Reuter).—The Italian battlefield blazed from coast to coast today as the U.S. Fifth Army joined the Eighth Army in a full-scale offensive to destroy the enemy in North Italy.

Fifth Army troops kicked off in the hills southwest of Bologna at 0315 today after aircraft of the 15th and 12th U.S. AFs had pulverized German positions guarding Bologna. The air effort exceeded previous Mediterranean records.

By late afternoon, the Americans had taken two peaks about four miles northwest of German-held Vergato and 18 miles southwest of Bologna, but the over-all advance was only 1,000 yards. Both air and artillery poundings were concentrated on this area but the Germans have been building up defenses for the last six months. Frontline reports said the Yanks were meeting shattering defensive fire all along their 13-mile front to either side of Highway 65. Thick minefields also caused heavy casualties.

Both Gen. Mark Clark, 15th AG commander, and Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, MTO Supreme Commander, described the attack as "the spring offensive" intended to wipe out Nazi Col. Gen. Heinrich von Vietinghoff's 26 divisions in North Italy. Eleven divisions were reported committed on Yugoslav and Franco-Italian battlefronts, but the 15th AG also faces five divisions of Fascist Italians.

Eighth Army progress toward Bo-

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Complete Occupation of Reich Likely Before War Ends—Ike

By Jules B. Grad

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

ADVANCED SHAEF CP, April 16.—The war in Europe is not likely to end until Allied troops have completely occupied Germany, Gen. Eisenhower today told a group of visiting U.S. radio correspondents.

He said he did not believe there would ever be a formal German surrender.

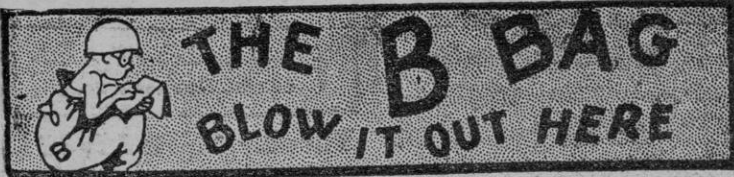
Nazi units, including divisions, corps, armies and finally army groups will give up separately as they exhaust ammunition and gasoline, or find themselves hopelessly trapped by Allied encirclement, he said.

But, he added, there will be no announcement of V-E Day until all important enemy pockets on the Western Front have been wiped out.

Praising the size and skill of the Russian armies as well as his own, Eisenhower said the Soviet drive from the east could be expected when ground conditions permit.

As to which Allied army would finally smash into Berlin, the Supreme Commander pointed out that his single purpose in this war has always been to crush the German armed forces. He said he was

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Church and State

I agree with Pvt. Miller that "The spirit of Jesus Christ should stand at the head of the peace table." Let's not make an issue of it though by inviting what is known to those of the Catholic faith as the Vicar of Christ.

Our nation came into being because, among other things, certain religions were being persecuted. Religion is also one of the main issues in the battle we are now fighting. Not our religion, but all religions.

I think we should be content with the fact that the spirit of Jesus Christ is with us in winning the battle and will be with us also when the peace terms are made between our enemies and His enemies.—Cpl. J. D. M.

Not only would the Pope's attendance at the peace conference be an infringement on others' beliefs, but it would be directly opposed to the policy of "Separation of Church and State."

If a religious atmosphere is not present in the hearts and minds of the leaders and followers of the conference, it will do no good to have a one-man representation of one of the religious beliefs of the world.—T/5 L. Boyle, 18 R. D.

In his letter T/4 Geaney raises the question "And who in this world can effect that spirit?" (i.e.—the Spirit of Jesus Christ standing at the head of the peace table.)—He answers, "Why, the Vicar of Christ on earth, of course,"—and he is right there! But the Vicar of Christ is not the Pope nor any other man that breathes!

The word vicar comes from the same root as our word viceroy, vice-president, etc., and means "instead of." The person "instead of Christ" in the world today is the Holy Spirit! Therefore, He, the Holy Spirit, is the Vicar of Christ.

I Timothy 2:5 tells us, "For there is ONE God and ONE Mediator between God and men the MAN Christ Jesus." Now when our Mediator was about to leave this earth to ascend to the right hand of God . . . He did not say, "I will leave with you the Pope in my place and he shall comfort, guide, teach, lead you into all truth, and show you things to come."

No! No! He did say, (John 14:16, 17.) "And I will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter, ("Another" implies one to take His place) that he may abide with you for ever; even the spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him, but ye know Him; for he dwelleth with you and shall be in you."

If the Spirit of Jesus Christ is present at the peace table, or anywhere else in the world, it can be by none other person than the Spirit of Christ Himself, the Holy Ghost, who is the Vicar of Christ. God's word says so!—J. L. Allen, 95 Eng. Regt.

Postwar Problem

A recent announcement reports a recommendation to give GIs one month's furlough with pay prior to discharge. Why one month? All officers are paid for accumulated leave upon release from active duty, but according to present regulations, an enlisted man loses his furlough time, which is merely TS. Can any argument be raised why

enlisted men should not be paid IN FULL for ALL furlough accumulated during their service? It is believed little argument can be raised against an effort to eliminate this discrimination. Please accept this as a petition toward bringing action whereby EM, upon discharge, are paid IN FULL for all accumulated furlough time.—65th Finance Disbursing Section.

(AR 605-115 permits officers to accumulate furloughs up to 4 months—1 month per year of service—where military necessity prevented their taking furlough.—Ed.)

Chicken Diet Too Rich

It's going to be pretty tough on a lot of brass when they get back to civvies again and find themselves on equal terms with just plain, ordinary fellows and try and pull some of the stunts they did while in the Army.

For instance, we find a happy home here in Germany and take to housekeeping and along comes a full-fledged eagle and crawls around on his hands and knees to rub the floor with his fingers to check for dust. He even went under our CO's bed and gigged him, too.

I don't know, but really I don't think this secret weapon is going to win the war.

We work in mud, no days off, no place to go and we are supposed to clean our shoes. Since he doesn't do anything himself he has plenty of time to keep his shined.—Sgt. E. V. B.

Saturated Soldiers

The people in this Belgian town were just beginning to think these American fellows are pretty good after all. But now, their opinion of an American is changing for the worse again.

Some of the fellows seem to be trying to drown their sorrows in cognac. I have seen and heard many incidents which make me hurt inside, just knowing I'm in the same organization, the U.S. Army.

Just the other day a lady had her store window broken by a saturated soldier. If the Army allows such things, why not reimburse the owner of the damaged property?

A suggestion to a fellow who must have his overdose of liquor: Lock yourself in one of those German pillboxes and let yourself go. That way you will only be hurting yourself and not a whole nation. Try using a little common sense. That works, too.—Cpl. O. Iverson, Sig. Co.

An Editorial

We're Three Years Old Today

THE Stars and Stripes is three years old today. It was on April 17, 1942, that the first edition of The Stars and Stripes weekly hit the streets in London. From that beginning, it has followed the troops into Africa, Italy and the mainland and is now being published in Germany daily.

Twenty-four separate editions have been published during the period. Seven are now being printed in Europe—in London, Rome, Nice, Liege, Naples and Germany. With a combined circulation of more than a million and with its newsgathering agencies and personnel distributed from the front lines to San Francisco, The Stars and Stripes may well claim to be in the "big time."

Our editorial policy is, and will continue to be, a simple one—to present all of the news it is possible to cram into a limited space. To discuss constructively matters of interest to troops. And to serve as an open forum for all personnel in this theater.

Our news and editorial



treatment is based on the belief that the United States Army is essentially a civilian Army. That men do not lose their civilian interests or points of view simply because they are in uniform. That men old enough to fight the war are old enough to know the truth.

Criticism is welcomed from whatever source. Our co-

lumns are always open to suggestions. We are always aware that despite our best efforts, we can stand constant improvement.

As we begin our fourth year of publication, we hope to have the support of the vast majority of our readers. And we hope that the coming year will be one of even better service to our forces.

Ernie Pyle Writes:

Introducing New-Found Friends

IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC.—One of the first friends I made aboard our aircraft carrier was a tall, well-built, mustached sailor named Jerry Ryan.

He wears dungarees, smokes a pipe sometimes and always wears his sleeves rolled up. He's from Davenport, Iowa, but his wife is living in Indianapolis. He is a boilermaker first class. Jerry has served one hitch in the

Navy before the war. He knows all the little ins and outs of how to get along. Everybody likes him. He isn't especially talkative, yet it's safe to say he knows more people than anybody else on the ship.

Dependable Sailor

Ryan's concept of right and wrong is very sharply drawn, and the Irish in him doesn't hesitate when a crisis comes. The other boys were telling me of an incident:

He's the kind an officer can depend on utterly—if that officer plays square with Ryan. But he gets a pretender so quickly it would make your head swim.

It was one of the days when Jap bombs hit his ship, off the Philippines. A great hole was torn in the deck. Several men were killed and many wounded. Bodies of their comrades were still lying mangled on the deck.

A sailor came up to look at the damage and said almost exultingly, "Oh boy, this is great. Now at last they'll have to send us back to America for repairs."

Without saying a word, Ryan turned and knocked him down.

Runs the Oil Shack

Ryan runs what is known as the oil shack. From this little domain the condensers are regulated. He has dials and gauges and a phone and a clipboard on which are kept hourly records of oil pressures and water levels and all that stuff.

The shack is a little room about the size of an apartment kitchenette, with a metal workbench and drawers full of tools, and one folding canvas stool.

Ryan's oil shack is a social center. There is always somebody hanging around. You can get a cup of coffee there, look at sea shell collections, see card tricks, or find out the latest rumors that started on the bridge five minutes ago.

Jerry brews coffee for his guests in a nickel-plated pot over an electric grill. The pot has a red hash mark for a hitch of service in the Navy.

One of Ryan's friends who comes to eat popcorn is a Negro—a tall,

athletic fellow from his home town of Davenport. They were on the ship together for a year before they found out they were from the same place.

The colored boy's name is Wesley Cooper. He is a cook. He was a star athlete back home. He's the best basketball player in the whole crew. When he gets done with the war, he has a scholarship waiting for him at the University of Iowa.

We were popping corn one night. One of the boys said, "Wes, how about getting us some more butter?" And another one said, "Wes, bring some salt, will you?" And a third said, "And bring me a sandwich when you come down, will you, Wes?"

Refuses to Budge

And Wes grins and his white teeth flash and he said, "I suppose you'd like for me to go up and cook you a whole meal?" And he never made a move.

Another of my best friends is Howard Wilson, a bosun's mate second class. Like Lt. Jimmy Van Fleet, the fighter pilot we wrote about, he is from Findlay, Ohio.

Wilson is a low-spoken, handsome and highly intelligent man of 35. He has a beautiful home and a good business back in Findlay. He is part owner and general manager of three movie theaters. His wife is running them while he is away.

In those bygone years back in the old home town, Jimmy Van Fleet used to go to Howard Wilson and borrow money when he got hard up. Now the younger Jimmy dwells in the comparative luxury of officers' quarters, and the older Howard lives the lowlier life of a sailor, sleeping on a rack in a crowded compartment, and wearing dungarees.

That's the way things go in wartime. Howard is old and wise enough that it doesn't bother him in the slightest. He accepts the war and his own lot calmly.

The other pilots know of this friendship and ask Jimmy if he's keeping on the good side of Howard to insure he'll have a job when the war is over. He says he is.

HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"You and me just don't speak the same language, mone chereee!"

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President Roosevelt Is Laid to Rest at Hyde Park



Service men hold a flag over the President's coffin during burial services Sunday in his favorite garden on his Hudson River estate.

20 Die as Plane Crashes Into Peak in W. Va.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., April 16 (ANS).—The bodies of 20 persons, most of them burned beyond recognition, were found yesterday in the scattered wreckage of a Pennsylvania Central Airlines plane, which crashed Saturday night on rugged Cheat Mountain, 15 miles southeast of here.

Seventeen passengers, five of them military personnel, and three crew members died when the plane ploughed into the side of the mountain shortly after taking off from the Allegheny County Airport at Pittsburgh on a scheduled flight to Birmingham, Ala.

Radioed All Was Well

Capt. Harold H. Jones, of Norfolk, Va., pilot of the plane, apparently had little warning before the plane crashed. He had radioed as he flew over Brownsville, Pa., that all was well. A few minutes later he struck the mountain. The nose of the ship was turned upward as though the pilot had made a last-minute effort to clear the range.

The liner was a Douglas transport. Preliminary reports indicate that weather conditions were normal.

Others Aboard

Others aboard in addition to Jones, were: Mrs. M. Fensor, Warfield, N.D.; J. R. Sectsman, Clarksburg, W. Va.; Mrs. C. E. Barbour, Knoxville, Tenn.; Miss Sally Walker, Marysville, Tenn.; Albert Devak, Chicago; Stephen Clay, Atlanta, Ga.; Frank Fabry, Pittsburgh; Mrs. George Billy, Port View, Pa.; Miss Josephine Billy, Port View; Mrs. Michael Rogan, McKeesport, Pa.; J. T. Monk, Pittsburgh; T. S. Horgson, Bronxville, N.Y.; William T. Repack, McKees Rocks, Pa., the co-pilot, and Marion Adams, Pittsburgh, the hostess.

The military personnel, all Army men, were: 1/Lt. Richard Minch, Cleveland; Lt. W. S. Worst, Laurel Gardens, Pa.; 2/Lt. James R. Irwin, Library, Pa.; P/O Joseph P. Podufal, Oakmont, Pa., and W/O Charles H. Aronheime, Bristol, Va.

8 of 9 Who Formed 'Future War Vets' Now in Services

PRINCETON, New Jersey, April 16 (ANS).—Eight of nine Princeton University undergraduates who in 1936 formed an organization which they ironically called the Veterans of Future Wars are serving in the armed forces today. The ninth is 4F.

The collegians, who said they were convinced another world war would be waged in thirty years, unsuccessfully urged the government to pay \$1,000 bonuses to all men between 18 and 36.

"Let them spend it before it's too late," the students said then with their tongues in their cheeks.

Chapters of the Veterans of Future Wars were set up on 250 campuses and a membership of 50,000 was claimed. Co-eds formed an auxiliary organization—the Gold Star Mothers of Future Wars.

Today the founders' roster shows:

- Lewis J. Gorin Jr., former Louisville, Ky. lawyer—Capt. USA; Thomas Riggs Jr., an English instructor at Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, N.H.—1/Lt. USA; John C. Turner, exempted because of physical disability, is living in New York; Robert G. Barnes, formerly with Yale University's Department of International Relations—1/Lt. USA; Penn T. Kimball, former New York newspaperman—1/Lt. USMC; Alexander Black Jr., a Pittsburgh lawyer—Lt. USN; Thaddeus T. Hutcheson, Houston, Texas, lawyer—Lt. USN; J. P. Ruston, University of Virginia faculty member—Lt. USN, and Richard Waters, New York businessman—Lt. USN.

Servicemen's Wives Aided

NEW YORK, April 16 (ANS).—A total of 28,544 babies have been born to the wives of New York City servicemen, with financial aid from the Federal free-delivery program since the program went into effect July 1, 1943, the Bureau of Child Hygiene reported.



Mrs. Roosevelt, center, leaving the grave with her daughter, Mrs. Anna Roosevelt Boettiger, and son, Brig. Gen. Elliott Roosevelt. Gen. Roosevelt carries the flag which covered the President's coffin.

This Was America Yesterday:

Editor Calls Truman 'No Man to Rock Boat'

By Richard Wilbur

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, April 16.—A tremendous burden of duties—involved in the toughest job in the world—bore down today on President Harry S. Truman. Millions of citizens throughout the country wondered, guessed and argued about how the new President would act. Ordinary folk, everywhere, felt united and solid behind the new leader, but were puzzled as to what to expect from this President and what kind of man he really is.

One estimate came from the Kansas City Star, highly influential in the Midwest, whence President Truman himself came. Managing Editor Roy Roberts, writing from Washington, said the new leader was "no man to rock the boat, but he has the innate, instinctive conservatism of the Missouri-bred countryman." The Star said there would be a significant shift from personal government back to government by consultation. The newspaper declared that, primarily, the biggest thing is that the power seat shifts from the Hudson River to the Missouri.

The Star also predicted "a return of the era of goodwill between the lawmakers and the executive side of government." Declaring that Truman hasn't any really deep-seated enemy in Washington, the Star characterizes him as "the average man who became President," as contrasted with Mr. Roosevelt, "essentially the brilliant patrician." The Star asserted that Truman's understanding of the average man was probably his greatest asset.

"It is entirely possible that this feel of the average man may make him a mighty leader for the nation in the years just ahead," the Star continued. "If with his Midwest agrarian upbringing, he develops a weakness, it will be in not always understanding 'the newly-aroused mass consciousness of industrial labor,' although he has always had labor's support, the Star said.

The Star felt that the country has reacted in a splendid fashion in the spirit of giving President Truman every chance, and even the hostile Hearst-McCormick-Patterson press has pledged support and assistance in the crisis.

PWs to Get Substitute Meats

Fresh meat for prisoners of war will henceforth be limited to hearts, livers and kidneys, it was revealed at a conference of Army Post food service supervisors at Governors Island. Capt. Robert McFadden, of the food service branch of the Quartermaster General's office, said there would be extensive use of substitutes for foods the American public finds scarce.

A fat red robin in St. Paul got all tangled up in material while making a nest, and even two policemen were unable to save it. Mrs. Leonie Duchene saw the robin enmeshed in a string around its neck and leg, and called the cops. The cops climbed the tree and freed the bird, but it had broken its leg. Taken to the animal shelter, the bird was killed there.

German General Buried in U.S.

MAJ. GEN. HANS VON SCHUBERT, captured in France last fall, was buried with full military honors in the Como, Minn., prisoner of war camp cemetery. The funeral procession passed between prisoners, each of whom gave the Nazi salute, the Associated Press reported. The St. Paul Dispatch editorially declared that this procedure was in accordance with international convention but added: "Conventional or not, it is about time that this business of paying high honors to leaders of men bent on organized murder, conquest, rape, terrorism, be ended. It makes a mockery of everything civilization honors. After all, just what honors do Von Schubert and his kind rate?"

Threat of Flood Increases For Arkansas River Cities

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., April 16 (ANS).—Eastern Oklahoma cities on the Arkansas River between Muskogee and Ft. Smith, Ark., faced serious flood threats as more rain was in prospect following torrential downpours of the past two days.

Eight persons were reported dead so far due to high waters. The Weather Bureau predicted a stage of 40 feet on the Arkansas River southeast of Muskogee, topping the 38-foot stage reached in 1934's disastrous flood.

Death Toll 78 in Antlers

No flood waters were reported in Muskogee itself, but the water system broke down three times. Service was restored again yesterday but all citizens were warned to boil drinking water. Extensive damage was caused to the city last Thursday by a tornado.

8 Flood Refugees Rescued With Help of Helicopter

ALEXANDRIA, La., April 16 (ANS).—Eight flood refugees were rescued near here last night by a Coast Guard helicopter. Swirling waters and twisted debris prevented an approach to the group, huddled together on a small rise of land, and caused a call for the Coast Guard plane. In the Poland, La., area, 18 miles south of here, workmen completed a setback levee which linked with

the weakened main levee. Engineers expressed confidence that the precaution would prevent a breakthrough. At Marksville, additional families were being evacuated.

Red Cross workers said that more than 50,000 persons had been evacuated throughout the flood area.

Ex-Con, Woman Killed in Penna.

PHILADELPHIA, April 16 (ANS).—A New Jersey ex-convict and his blonde woman companion were machine-gunned to death yesterday in a Philadelphia apartment house.

Police said that the victims were Pasquale Castago, 37, and Mrs. Mary Faulkner, 25. She was identified as the mother of two and the wife of a sailor serving in the Pacific.

Kearns said that police are seeking Michael Quinn, 37, for questioning. Quinn and two others are under indictment for robbery in connection with the holdup of a Camden, N.J., roadhouse, Feb. 7.

Detectives said that an unfired machine-gun found in the apartment might have been used in the holdup and the subsequent slaying of Romeo De Sanctis in downtown Camden, several hours after he had testified before a Camden County Grand Jury.

Jet-Plane Plant Found 1,000 Ft. Deep in Earth

By Ernest Leiser

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WESTEREGELN SALT MINE, April 16.—A complete jet-plane plant, turning out about 200 planes a month has been discovered nearly a thousand feet below the ground here.

The plant, operating on the seventh and lowest level of a salt mine, was discovered by two soldiers from the 78th Armd. FA Bn. The battalion had occupied the refinery above the plant, on a lonely road near Egel, a few miles west of the Elbe.

The two were Pfc James Prenger of Jefferson City, Mo., and W/O Joseph Crocker, of Cleveland. The way Prenger tells it "You know how Joes are," Prenger said. "We just snooped around the refinery and found this mine shaft."

American Citizen Found

On the premises, too, they found an American citizen, a forced laborer in the jet-plant who gave his name as Frank Cornelis, of Everett, Mass. Cornelis said he had been taken from Belgium to Germany after the Nazi occupation of 1940 and had been put to work in the plant. He received the same wages as the German laborers.

Today, Cornelis took curious soldiers, reporters and photographers on a tour of the underground plant. A small elevator headed down more than 950 feet in pitch blackness. The plant is intact, well equipped, and has one giant room containing more than 40 nearly-finished planes, minus wings.

The plant employed 2,400 workers and had been operating until Tuesday afternoon, when the order to shut down came. The first American troops arrived at Egel on Wednesday.

The labyrinths of the factory looked like the corridors of a mammoth cave. The place was electrically lit and well ventilated. More than two kilometers of corridors were paved with concrete, and there was even a motor-driven go-cart if you didn't want to walk.

Even a Time Clock

In one great room—300 feet long, 60 feet wide, and with a ceiling 35 feet high—there were fine machine tools and in one corner an office section. At the entrance were cards and a time clock.

Other smaller rooms branched from the corridor until you reached the assembly room, where the plane bodies were stored. There the German foreman of the plant briefly explained the production process. The plant opened last August, he said, but production didn't really begin until December, and the first plane was turned out in January.

The planes—Heinkel 162s—could go more than 625 miles an hour.

The planes were about 25 feet long and it took a month to finish one. The workers were on 12-hour shifts and worked seven days a week. The switchover from a salt mine to a jet-plant took only two weeks.

He concluded his lecture and turned aside. "All the Allied planes could not have bombed out this plant," he said.

Norway Believed Next V-Bomb Base

STOCKHOLM, April 16 (UP).—The Danish Press Service said yesterday that the Germans are continuing to send mysterious torpedo-shaped tubes, believed to be V-bombs, to Denmark.

Trains carrying such cargoes are very heavily guarded and camouflaged. Their final destination is believed to be Norway since there are not any known V-bases in Denmark.

Danes do not exclude the possibility the alleged V-bombs actually are one-man torpedoes which are about the same size and shape.

The 10,000-ton German transport Hansett is believed to have blown up near Samsø while proceeding from Aarhus to Norway with a cargo of V-bombs.

Wurzburg Lies Dead in the Spring Sunshine



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

An expanse of skeleton walls and devastation as a result of bombings, the captured Bavarian city is deserted by its population.

Germans Help Soviet Rebuild As Wagner Home Town Falls French Police Sift Identities

WASHINGTON, April 16 (ANS).—A Soviet policy of using German manpower to rebuild its shattered cities has already been put into effect in the Balkans. The Associated Press said today.

The AP said that according to diplomatic information reaching Washington, about 70,000 men and women out of 500,000 Germans in Rumania have been removed to the Soviet Union. Originally, Russia wanted to take virtually the entire half-million, but American and British intervention against such wholesale transfer caused Russia to reconsider, the AP said.

It also estimated that 100,000 Germans have been removed from Yugoslavia and presumably sent into Russia, but Marshal Tito handled the operation himself and refrained from reporting on it to his Western Allies, the AP said.

The problem of moving portions of enemy manpower into Russia is expected to be among the first diplomatic headaches facing President Truman, and it may be high on the agenda of any talks he will have with Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov, the AP said.

Bullitt Named 'Mayor,' But in Baden, Not Philly

WITH SIXTH ARMY GROUP, Germany, April 16.—William C. Bullitt, who was defeated as a candidate for mayor in Philadelphia, had better luck in Germany recently and was appointed "mayor" of Baden.

As a major in the First French Army, Bullitt is now military governor of the recently captured German city. U.S. Ambassador to Russia in the early '30s, Bullitt later became the Ambassador to France and remained there until the fall of Paris.

By Pat Mitchell
Stars and Stripes Special Writer

WITH THE 11th ARMD. DIV. IN BAYREUTH, April 15 (Delayed).—The Germans in Richard Wagner's home town were not singing the Niebelungenlied today.

The SS PWs stood on Adolf Hitler Strasse where it joins the little woods which surrounds the famous composer's theater—the Mecca for Nazi music lovers who doted on Wagner's operas which honored pagan gods.

Sgt. Charles Leslie, of Helena, Mont., the 41st Tank Bn., commanded by Col. Wesley W. Yale, of Hartford, Conn., propped himself against the .50 cal. MG in his turret and watched the Germans standing amid the rubble.

Town Gave Up

Leslie said, "This here town of Bayreuth didn't offer much resistance except for these SS bastards like them over there who were wearing GI combat boots."

Tanks and infantry held high ground northwest and south of the city. Although no white surrender flags dangled from the windows, the nervous burgomeister labored up the steep hills west of the city and said that the town's people wanted to give up. But efforts to roll into town met bazooka-firing SS squads. Finally Yale called down on the city's outskirts a heavy concentration of 155mm. and eight-inch howitzer fire and two flights of Thunderbolt dive-bombers from the 19th TAC.

Dazed SS Men Surrender

Doughs of the 21st Armd. Inf. Bn. followed up the big stuff, and the dazed SS men came out of their holes.

Pfc Hilmer Hoachhalter, of Washington, a Charlie Company rifleman, hummed snatches of Wagner's opera "Tristan und Isolde" and said "These Nazis are just like his music. There's a lotta brass and drums, but no finesse and you soon get tired of it."

French Police Sift Identities

The identity of all Frenchmen up to the age of 40 is being examined by French Sureté police in the first mass checkup since the liberation, following the arrest of 20 ringleaders of a nation-wide plot to reorganize a Fascist political party.

The check is being made in conjunction with a census to determine eligibility of all Frenchmen for military service and the re-issuance of food ration cards, according to the Sureté Nationale, which is France's FBI.

The Sureté said the census dragnet would snare a number of men with forged identity papers and ration cards.

The 20 men arrested were attempting to reform the PPF (Parti Populaire Français) which, under the notorious Jacques Doriot, had been the most violent of France's right-wing parties before the war.

In addition to these arrests, an undisclosed number of agents sent into France by Vichy leaders hiding in Germany have been picked up and amounts ranging from 300,000 to 2,000,000 francs have been found on them, the Sureté said.

One of the PPF men arrested was the leader of Pierre Laval's "Black Militia" during the occupation. This force was recruited from PPF members and worked with the Gestapo in hunting down French resistance patriots.

Gen. Larkin Appointed Lee's Chief of Staff

SHAEF, April 16.—Maj. Gen. Thomas B. Larkin has been appointed chief of staff to Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee, Com Z commander, and deputy chief of staff, ETO.

Gen. Larkin, who succeeds Maj. Gen. Royal B. Lord in both offices, will continue as deputy commander, Com Z Gen. Lord has been given new command on the Continent.

One-Man Assault Gives Hero CMH

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The Congressional Medal of Honor has been awarded to 2/Lt. Stephen R. Gregg, of Bayonne, N.J., for staging a one-man machine-gun assault to permit an aid man to evacuate wounded from enemy-held territory. The War Department has announced.

Gregg, then a technical sergeant with the 143rd Inf. Regt. of the 36th Inf. Div., was participating in an advance on a German hill position near Montelimar, France, Aug. 27. Seven men had been wounded and the aid man who had gone to their rescue was pinned down by cross fire.

Carrying a light machine-gun, Gregg advanced, firing while the enemy threw hand grenades at him. The aid man was able to evacuate the wounded.

Later, according to the citation, Gregg recaptured a mortar position where five Nazis were firing on his company. He ordered two men to cover him, then crawled up, threw a hand grenade into the position and charged it.

Good Job While It Lasted

MEDINA, N.Y., April 16 (ANS).—Edward Wall, who has painted the names of servicemen on Medina's honor roll, placed his own name on the list today and left for induction.

3rd Div. Finds Foe Only Shell Of Wehrmacht

By Ed Lawrence

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THIRD DIV., Germany, April 16.—The old soldiers of this division, some of whom fought in nine campaigns against the roughest outfits in the German Army, now find themselves opposed by only the tatters of that army.

Their principal resistance comes from wandering bands of newly-inducted school kids, Wehrmacht troops from scattered units, cadres from glider schools and misfits. Die-hard Nazi officers and noncoms patch them into battle groups to fight in the main roads through the Bavarian villages.

There is usually no line linking these groups and Lt. Robert Hawkins, of Brooklyn, commander of the 15th Inf's Co. I, likes that. "We find a trail through the woods and while they concentrate on the roads we get behind them and start knocking them off before they even know we're in town."

With Gun at Back

Many of these German strays stand up to the guns of the Americans only because guns of their fanatic leaders are at their backs. The doughboys of I Co. saw one group of German soldiers trying to surrender, only to be forced back by their noncom. Pfc Frank Hambleton, of Pueblo, Calif., crawled around to empty his carbine into the noncom and then brought back nine prisoners without even bothering to reload.

In almost every village there are deserters who have shed their uniforms. One surrendered to Pfc Paul McClain, of Vandergood, Penn., after hiding out since August. He handed in a typewritten report on the circumstances surrounding his desertion.

A recent action of the Third Bn. of the 15th Inf. illustrates the way the war is going in this sector. The battalion commander, Maj. John O'Connell, of Macon, Ga., was handed a list of towns one afternoon and told to take them that night.

Lose No Time

As the companies were fanning down toward the village of Schmalwasser, someone spied six German soldiers at a crossroad in the valley. The flak wagons squirmed lead at them and sent them hightailing for cover.

The doughboys marched into Schmalwasser at dusk. Meanwhile, a handful of infantrymen from I Co. lit out after the Jerries scattered by the flak wagon. A German tank, firing from the tree-line, killed three Americans and then lost itself in the green twilight of the forest.

Co. I rounded up several Jerries in the valley and five in Schmalwasser without a fight. The highest ranking PW was a sergeant, who said they gave up because everywhere they turned they saw Yanks.

On the dirt road to the next objective, the American vehicles were blocked by felled trees.

Midget bulldozers swaggered up the darkening hill and shouldered the lumber away and the convoys moved on.

German General Phones Hospital Held by Allies

WITH CANADIAN TROOPS, Holland, April 16 (Reuter).—Twenty-four hours after the Canadians had captured the German military hospital outside Appeldorn the telephone rang. It was answered by a British major who had stayed behind at Arnhem last September to care for airborne wounded.

At the other end of the line a German general, director of medical services in Holland, called from Hilversum to ask how things were going.

"Alles ist gut," replied the major and then reverting to English declared, "Everything is going according to plan."

The general, surmising that the hospital was in Allied hands, wished him well and rang off.

British Had 'Maquis' Ready for Invaders

LONDON, April 16 (Reuter).—An elaborately organized "maquis" existed in Britain throughout the war, unknown except to a very few.

Its existence was disclosed following demobilization by the War Office after the threat of invasion disappeared.

If Germany had invaded Britain, the maquis was prepared to carry on an underground war.

Cramps Leads To GI's Liberty

Stars and Stripes Staff Correspondent

WITH 11th ARMD. DIV., Nearing Czechoslovakia, April 14 (Delayed).—Pvt. Fred Miller, ASN 37536371, of Walker, Minn., ate cold potatoes for breakfast in the German prison camp, and, because of belly cramps which resulted, was a freed prisoner of war by lunch time.

Miller, taken captive Dec. 19, when Von Rundstedt's Ardennes offensive knifed into the 106th Inf. Div. positions, was brought into Kulmbach in a German medic truck which slipped into the American tank column taking the town.

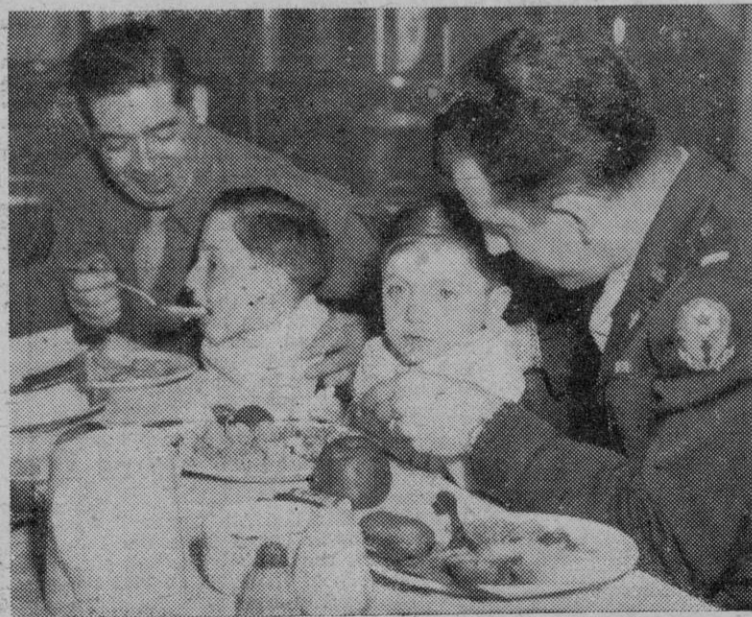
Miller, who lost 35 pounds on the stalag daily diet of soup and black bread, said: "We have been on almost continual march eastward with the Germans trying to keep us moving ahead of Patton's rolling front. Today, they gave us cold spuds and I cramped right away. So two German medics and my guard loaded me into a bus and headed for the German hospital in Kulmbach."

"En route, the Germans discovered the 11th Armored tank column was also bound for Kulmbach, but the medics took me there anyway, asking me if I would arrange for the convenient capture of my medical and military escorts."

Prior to his release, Miller escaped from the Bad Orlog stalag Easter evening, "leaving behind 4,700 Joes from the same division (106th Inf.)."

"I got picked up before I got into the hills and spent the rest of my time walking east until I got sick."

GI Mess Puts Beaucoup Francs In the S & S War Orphan Fund



M/Sgt. Leon Gorden, of New York, helps Gerard, five, to some food while 1/Lt. Joseph J. Palmisano, of Atlantic City, N.J., arranges a bib for Alain, three, at a party at Hq. Command No. 1 Mess, Paris.

American soldiers of Hq. Command No. 1 Mess in Paris raised 29,000 francs in half-an-hour last week to sponsor the son of a dead French hero under The Stars and Stripes War Orphan plan.

The Frenchman was killed last Aug. 16, while fighting under the maquis. He left two sons, Gerard, five, and Alain, three.

The men of No. 1 mess, together with the French staff, had raised

The Navy Sees the World



Sailors in LCTs (landing craft, tanks) approach the Eiffel Tower on a run up the Seine from Le Havre to Paris with food and other supplies for the Paris civilian population. Superstructures had to be trimmed off the LCTs so that they could pass under low bridges. A total of 42 LCTs are in the service, and soldiers are being trained to operate them. Time is expected to be cut from six to three days.

Starved Yank PWs Describe Beatings by German Civilians

By James Cannon

Stars and Stripes Special Writer

WITH SIXTH ARMD. DIV., Germany, April 14 (Delayed).—Wasted by a starvation diet, 92 American

soldiers, captured during the breakthrough last December and liberated yesterday when tanks of this division overran their prison, today told of beatings by German civilians.

They said that three of their comrades had died of malnutrition and the hardships of a working day that started at 3:30 A.M. and usually lasted until 10 P.M.

"There were a hundred of us at the start," said Pvt. Neil Pezzulo, a 79th Div. dough from Ticonderoga, N.Y. "Three starved to death, one died in an accident, two escaped and two wound in up the hospital. We were used for maintenance on railroads. We had civilians running these railroad gangs and when you'd get dizzy from the lack of food they'd kick you and hit you with rifle butts and just cuff you around. They always picked on you whenever there was a crowd of Germans. They just beat us up to show off."

No Soap Since Capture

Many had small cuts and burns which became festering sores due to diet deficiency. Many still wore shoe-pacs. Others were given wooden shoes which blistered their feet. Their hair was uncut, and they hadn't been issued soap since they were captured. A single cigaret brought as high as 500 Belgian francs in the prison black market.

Their daily diet consisted of a slice of bread and a pat of butter for breakfast. A bowl of greasy turnip soup was served every night.

Beaten, Then He Died

"We always had the GIs," said Pvt. Horace Johnson, of Jacksonville, Ala. "They always had a sick call, but it was a joke. A doctor would look at you and you could be dying but he would say 'you got to work.' I saw a railroad guard and foreman kick a man around, and the next day he died. He was so sick we had to carry him out to work and carry him back. But when he stopped a minute they beat him up."

Nazi Command Split for Day of Allied Linkup

By Richard Lewis

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The German command in defense zones west of Berlin has been split, in preparation for the link-up of Allies and Russians which will cut Germany in half and dissolve the Eastern and Western Fronts, it was disclosed at SHAEF yesterday.

The Germans are preparing to make their last stands in the north along a line from Bremen to Hamburg which would defend the approaches to Denmark and in the south in the redoubt area of the Bavarian Hills. Convoys of troops and supplies heading toward both defensive positions have been reported by air reconnaissance.

Command of the northern front probably will be under Field Marshal Ernst Busch, who has been brought out of retirement for the first time since last August when he was relieved of the command of the German Army Group Center.

Kesselring Likely Choice

The southwestern defense zone presumably would be under the command of Field Marshal Albert von Kesselring, who succeeded Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt as German commander in the west when the Allies crossed the Rhine.

Busch has been a field marshal since 1943. He commanded the German VIII Corps in 1941 and was later placed in command of the German 16th Army on the Eastern Front prior to 1943.

From January to August, 1944, Busch was army group commander. After the Russian breakthrough in Poland, he was retired.

He holds the Pour le Merit, one of Germany's highest decorations, from the last war, and was awarded the knight's cross during this war.

North Front New Development

While, nominally, Busch would serve under Kesselring, the fact that he is Kesselring's senior officer in point of rank may indicate that Kesselring no longer remains supreme commander of German forces in the west.

While the Bavarian redoubt has been planned for some time—its possibility was suspected as early as last August—the northern front is a new development. This front has already been formed and troops of Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's 21st Army Group are now driving against it.

M'Arthur to Retain His Original Staff

MANILA, April 16 (ANS).—Gen. MacArthur will keep the same staff which served under him in the Southwest Pacific in his new command covering all Pacific ground forces.

The officers are: Chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Richard K. Sutherland; assistant chief of staff, Brig. Gen. Matthew W. Gunner; personnel, Brig. Gen. Bonner F. Fellers; intelligence, Brig. Gen. Charles A. Wiloughby; adjutant general, Brig. Gen. Burdette M. Finch; public relations, Brig. Gen. Le Grande A. Diller; plans and training, Maj. Gen. Stephen J. Chamberlin; supply, Maj. Gen. Lester J. Whitlock; chief signal officer, Maj. Gen. Spencer B. Akin; chief engineer, Maj. Gen. Hugh J. Casey; anti-aircraft officer, Maj. Gen. William F. Marquat, and headquarters commandant, Col. Vachel D. Whatley Jr.

MacArthur and Adm. Nimitz were named to the joint high command in the "on-to-Tokyo campaign." Nimitz will have overall command of the sea forces and the two presumably will share command of the Navy and Army air forces.

British to Unveil Secrets Of Buzz Bomb Assault

LONDON, April 16 (AP).—The British government is preparing a full report on V2 weapons which will be issued as soon as the War Cabinet is satisfied that rocket attacks cannot be resumed.

The report will contain the entire secret history of the V2 assault on Britain and "much of its contents will be of a sensational nature."

Cardinals Trip Browns; Flag Race Begins Today

Yanks Slap Bums; Browns Face Tigers In Inaugural Feature

ST. LOUIS, April 16.—The Cardinals defeated the Browns, 2-1, here yesterday in their final exhibition test before the regular season opens, but the Browns won the series, four games to two. Ken Burkhardt, George Dockins and Al Jurisich subdued the Browns with three hits, while the Redbirds collected four from Jack Kramer, Nelson Potter and Tex Shirley. Don Gutteridge made two of his team's hits and scored the only run. Red Schoendienst drove home both Cardinal runs in the eighth with a long double, scoring Augie Bergamo and Johnny Hopp.



Al Jurisich

Yankees Top Dodgers, 7-5

BROOKLYN, April 16.—The Yankees capitalized on five straight walks off Tom Seats in the seventh inning to trounce the Dodgers, 7-5, here yesterday before 14,518 paying customers. George Stinweiss homered for the Yanks in the fifth to tie the score at 1-1. Walt Dubiel started on the mound for the Yanks and yielded two hits and one run in five innings before giving way to Elmer Singleton. Hal Gregg opened for the Bums and toiled six frames.



George Stinweiss

Athletics Swat Phillies, 8-5

PHILADELPHIA, April 16.—The Athletics victimized the Phillies, 8-5, yesterday as Lou Kneer and Don Black outpitched Dick Barrett, Bill Lee, Anton Karl and Lou Lucier. Jimmy Foxx, making a comeback, clubbed a homer for the Phils in the eighth.

NEW YORK, April 16.—The first full complement of 1945 major league baseball will be thrown before the public tomorrow when the other 14 teams, who sat by idly today when the Senators and Yankees jumped the gun, launch their 154-game schedules.

A flashback to last year's bitter American League race will be unfurled in St. Louis tomorrow when the Tigers, who muffed a golden opportunity to clinch the flag last year by stumbling against the Senators in their final four-game series, invade the bailiwick of the champions. Hal Newhouser, veteran southpaw who teamed with Dizzy Trout to win more than half of the Detroit victories a year ago, has drawn the mound assignment against Sig Jackucki.

The National League race will get under way with the Cardinals seeking their fourth consecutive pennant—and conceded a great chance to repeat. The Redbirds launch their campaign at Chicago against the unpredictable Cubs.

There were woes on the St. Louis train bound for Chicago tonight, but Sam Breadon, president of the Cards, said he hoped to straighten out his troubles before the team reached the Windy City. Mort and Walker Cooper, his No. 1 battery, had gone on a "sitdown strike" yesterday, demanding \$15,000 apiece to play this year after it was learned that Marty Marion, the league's best shortstop, had been given a contract for \$13,500.

Tomorrow's schedule:

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Chicago at Cleveland.
Detroit at St. Louis.
Washington at Philadelphia.
Boston at New York.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
St. Louis at Chicago.
Philadelphia at Brooklyn.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati.
New York at Boston.

Spencer Wins CBI Test

CALCUTTA, India, April 16.—Johnny Goodman, of Omaha, Neb., and former U.S. Open golf king, missed a two-foot putt on the 18th green to bow out of the semifinals of the CBI golf tourney. The victor was Lt. Jack Spencer, former Texas intercollegiate champ from Dallas.

Defending Champs Ready to Go



Here are four good reasons why the Cardinals rule as topheavy favorites to successfully defend their National League title. The quartet (left to right) includes: Ray Sanders, first baseman; George Kurowski, third baseman; Emil Verban, second baseman, and Marty Marion, shortstop who was named the NL's most valuable player last year.

Ann Curtis Captures 5 Titles In Gals' AAU Swim Meet

CHICAGO, April 16.—Pretty Ann Curtis made a sensational sweep of five events in the Women's AAU swimming meet when she anchored the Crystal Plunge relay team to victory in the 300-yard medley event here yesterday to conclude the three-day affair.

Miss Curtis, the only woman ever to receive the Sullivan Memorial Award, had successfully defended her National 220-yard freestyle title an hour earlier. Friday she won the 100-yard freestyle event, and Saturday she repeated in the 440-yard freestyle race and anchored the winning 400-yard freestyle relay team.

Jeanne Wilson, representing Chicago's host Lake Shore club, set the only record of the meet when she captured the 100-yard breaststroke championship in 1:15.1. This clipped two-tenths of a second off the old mark.

Miss Curtis' amazing sweep carried her Crystal Plunge team to the title with a total of 47 points. The New York Women's Swimming Assn. finished second with 26; Lake Shore, Chicago, was third with 14, and the Firestone Club, of Akron, Ohio, and the Athens Athletic Club, of Oakland, Cal., tied for fourth with 12 each.

George Lott Breaks Even

By Jim Harrigan

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

NICE, April 16.—Displaying a flashback of the form that twice carried him to the world's tennis doubles championship, Sgt. George Lott, former U.S. Davis Cup player from Chicago, yesterday broke even in two exhibition doubles matches with French stars.

The Franco-American pair—Lott and Anton Garner—neatly dispatched the team of Christian Gremillet and Henri Farat, 6-1, in the opener, but succumbed, 6-3, 6-4, to Farat and Yvon Petra, French champion.

The exhibitions highlighted a week-long tourney, the first championship since the liberation of France, held at the Nice Lawn Tennis Club.

Giants Stumble, 2-1

JERSEY CITY, April 16.—Jersey City and Newark forgot their International League rivalry and combined to defeat the Giants, 2-1, yesterday. Newark faced the New Yorkers in the first four and a half innings and departed with a 1-0 lead. Then Jersey City took over and scored the eventual clincher in the seventh on a walk, hit batsman and single.

WAC Cagers Play in Paris Tonight

The UK All-Stars will oppose a similar squad from the Continent for the WAC basketball championship of the ETO at 1915 hours tonight in Japy gym, Paris. The gym is located near the Charonne Metro station.

Coached by Capt. Georgia B. Watson, Covington, Ga., the UK squad is comprised of Pvs. Maggie Chestang, New Orleans; Nan Jones, Tarboro, N.C., and Irena Brown, Muskogee, Okla.; Pfc Rebecca Perdue, Memphis, Tenn.; Cpls. Earline Embrey, Coldwater, Miss., and Marjorie Snook, West Englewood, N.J.; Sgts. Blanche McCleish, Mount Vernon, Ill.; Annie Stone, Culliedka, Tenn.; Augusta White, Springvale, Me.; Theresa Kobuszewski, Wyandotte, Mich., and Charlotte Edmis-

Behind The Sports Headlines

TORONTO, April 16.—Sports writers, 600 strong, gathered in Toronto for a surprise party in honor of Jim Fitzgerald, sports editor of the Toronto Evening Telegram. Fitz took over the desk in November, 1900, and is still going strong. . . . EL PASO, Texas—The Border Conference is starting its athletic program again with the oncoming football season. Texas Tech, New Mexico, West Texas and Flagstaff Teachers will field teams. . . . SAN DIEGO—The Naval Station here expects most competition during the baseball season to come from its own base personnel. The air station crew has Wally Berger, while Lt. Ernie Koy is handling the training station team. . . . CHICAGO—It's early matinee for the major leaguers in Chicago this summer. After polling war workers, the Cubs and White Sox have decided to start their afternoon game at 1330 instead of 1500 hours.

WASHINGTON.—The recent death of Cpl. Ed Agnew on Luzon brings to four the number of casualties on the great Georgetown football team of 1942. Al Blozis, All-American tackle; End Bob Duffy and Fullback Johnny Barrett are others killed in action. . . . MEXICO CITY.—Tommy de la Cruz, Cincinnati pitcher last year, won his first four starts for the Mexico City team in the Mexican League after jumping the Reds to play south of the border. . . . GREEN BAY, Wis.—Curley Lambeau, boss of the Green Bay Packers, recently celebrated his 47th birthday and 25th in the National Football League by entraining for New York and the loop's annual meeting with the news that Don Hutson, his great end, finally was definitely retiring.

National Grid Loop To Expand in 1946

NEW YORK, April 16.—The groundwork for a 12 club circuit was formulated by the National Football League when magnates prepared a 12-team schedule. This was interpreted by most observers as the first move by the loop to meet competition from several post-war leagues.

Commissioner Elmer Layden and several club owners denied this, however, saying the plan had been under consideration for some time "because the 12-club league would be the ideal set-up." A minority proposal for post-war expansion to 16 teams operating in two divisions never got past the committee.

Boston's Wietelmann Loses Part of Finger

BOSTON, April 16.—Whitey Wietelmann, Boston Braves shortstop, had the first two joints on the little finger of his left hand amputated at Carney Hospital here last night. Wietelmann's finger was smashed when he attempted to catch a line drive hit by Ab Wright while he was waiting his turn in batting practice after Friday's game with the Red Sox had been cancelled.

Bill Klem Hangs Up Blinkers; Retires From Umpiring Union

NEW YORK, April 16.—Bill Klem, the "Old Arbitrator," who once told a group of diners that "Umpiring is not a profession with me; it's a religion," has been retired after 43 years of calling them "Not as I see 'em—but as they are."

Confirmation of the National League's action in pasturing the rugged old umpire at full pay came from President Ford Frick, who said the league was concerned over Klem's health, but that he would retain his title as Chief of National League umpires. Klem is 71.

Klem, absolute boss of every game he ever worked, although a kind and soft spoken gentleman after the game was over, began umpiring in Waterbury in the old Connecticut League in 1902. From there he went to the New York State League and American Association, before being added to the National League staff.

Klem's duties in recent years consisted of visiting parks and observing younger arbiters in action.

Pa Corbin Dies

HARTFORD, Conn., April 16.—Williams "Pa" Corbin, one of the nation's football immortals, died here from injuries received when struck by an automobile early last month. Corbin was captain and center of the Yale team in 1888 which, in 13 games, scored 698 points and blanked its opponents.

Schnozzola's Snoring Makes Bugler Retire

CURTIS BAY, Md., April 16.

—When the Giants were billeted here after an exhibition baseball game, Ernie Lombardi, portly New York catcher, kept an entire barracks full of Coast Guardsmen awake all night with his snoring.

The next day his teammates claimed the bugler quit in disgust when he found everybody awake for reveille.

Snead, Nelson to Play Charity Exhibition Match

NEW YORK, April 16.—Sammy Snead and Byron Nelson will play a 72-hole charity golf match either May 26-27 or June 2-3, Fred Corcoran, tournament manager of PGA, announced today.

The first 36 holes will be played on a New York course and the second on a New Jersey course.

Shaw Replaces Stubby Allison

BERKELEY, Cal., April 16.—Lawrence "Buck" Shaw, former coach at Santa Clara and one of the late Knute Rockne's most successful students, has signed a one-year contract to succeed Stubby Allison as head football coach at U. of California.

Shaw quit Santa Clara shortly after the 1942 football season and later signed a contract to coach San Francisco in the professional All-America Conference. But he will remain at U. of California until the pro league begins operations after the war.

Bosox Shade Braves, 6-5

BOSTON, April 16.—A double by Pete Fox and Tom McBride's single in the ninth provided the Red Sox with a 6-5 verdict over the Braves yesterday. Johnny Hutchings, who relieved Southpaw Jim Wallace in the ninth, was the victim, while Joe Bowman, Yank Terry and George Woods hurled for the Croninmen.

Minor League Results

Pacific Coast League
Sunday's Games
Seattle 10-14, Hollywood 3-4
San Diego 3-4, Oakland 2-3
Sacramento 5-0, Los Angeles 1-3
Portland 5-0, San Francisco 1-0

HASH MARKS

A Pfc we know declares that Lauren (The Look) Bacall climbed the ladder of success stare by stare.

The little moron just dropped in to remind us that the reason ideas die quickly in some heads is that they can't stand solitary confinement.

Alibi of the week. Asked how he got his black eye, a corporal replied, "I stepped up to a crowded bar and said, 'just a little Stout,' just then a buxom dame walked by, overheard me and slugged me."

Seems there were two GI cooks in a bistro. One was carefully nursing a calvados while the other was swilling champagne, buying drinks for the house, etc. Finally



one asked, "Pardon me, Bud, but where do you get all the dough?" "I'm really living, Mac," came the answer, "I just got my frying pay."

Who said that? Sometimes you can't tell how a girl will turn out until her folks turn in.

Overheard in the blackout. "If they call sailors 'Gobs'—I guess the Waves are 'Gabs.'"

A Joe who has been in England too long remarked, "fat in a woman is like sugar in tea. It soon settles to the bottom."

J. C. W.

Births

Folks at Home Send These GIs Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival:

S/SGT. Forest J. Helms, Lynn, Ind.—girl, April 1; Lt. Malcolm A. Specht, Tenafly, N.J.—Edith May, March 30; Lt. Harry Steinbaum, St. Louis—boy, April 8; Lt. Jack A. Marlette, Huntington, Ind.—Jack Howard, March 1; Pfc Loren W. Watson, Peru, Ind.—Judith Kay, March 16—S/Sgt. C. D. Davis, Pickens, S.C.—Lowell Kenneth, March 7; Lt. Charles E. Mack, Reading, Pa.—boy, March 30; Pvt. William T. Dyson, Commerce, Tex.—William Thomas, March 19; Lt. W. B. Olson, Moline, Ill.—boy, March 25; Lt. Clarence E. Ham, Huntsville, Tex.—boy, April 3.

Lt. Howard Nunn, North Muskegon, Mich.—Nancy Jane, April 2; Sgt. Ervin B. Stewart, Madison College, Tenn.—Richard Ervin, Feb. 1; Cpl. Robert L. Crim, Bagdad, Ky.—Mary Louise, April 7; Lt. Joseph Mandelbaum, Brooklyn—Myra, April 11; Lt. Jackson Kahner, Bronx—Susan Helen, April 11; Sgt. H. A. Fleming, Chicago—girl, April 12; T/Sgt. V. H. Becker, Reading, Pa.—girl, April 12; Pvt. Rosario Lascala, New York—boy, April 11; Pfc Frank J. Parrilli, Dallas—Lynette Ann, March 30.

PVT. Gerson Freed, Brooklyn—boy, April 8; T/3 Charles Paulauskas, Worcester, Mass.—boy, March 24; Pvt. Francis B. Neargardner, Versailles, Ohio—Amy, April 4; Lt. Col. J. F. Oliver, El Centro, Calif.—Joseph Frederick, April 11;

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Time	TODAY
1200-News & Rhythm	1815-GI Supper Club
1215-Beaucoup Music	2001-Dinah Shore
1300-News	2630-Amer. AEF Band
1310-U.S. Sports	2100-News
1315-Kay Kyser	2105-Your War today
1345-At Ease	2115-Downbeat
1401-Concert Hall	2145-Music Shop
1430-The Story	2201-U.S. News
1510-Bandwagon	2206-Hit Parade
1530-Combat Diary	2235-Pacific Music
1545-On the Record	2300-News
1630-Strike Up Band	2308-One-NightStand
1701-Nelson Eddy	2330-Great Music
1730-Alan Young	2400-News
1755-Mark Up Map	0015-Night Shift
1800-News	0200-News Headlines
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0700-News	0925-Musicfm.Canada
0715-Song Parade	1001-Morning After
0730-ReturnEng'm't	1030-French Lesson
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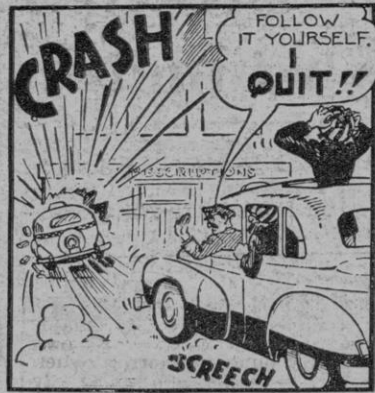
News Every Hour on the Hour

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features



"AND IN 'THAT TAXI' LI'L ABNER IS KNOCKED COLD IN BACK, WHILE, IN FRONT, THE GIRL CABDRIVER HAS FAINTED DEAD AWAY—"



"FOLLOW IT YOURSELF, I QUIT!!"



By Al Capp

Terry and The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate



"THE YANKEES HAVE BROUGHT IN TRANSPORTS TO EVACUATE CHINESE GUERRILLAS AT 125-D ON CHART 6...THEIR WIRELESS BEAM IS STILL OPERATING...THE FIELD IS COVERED BY ONLY FOUR VISIBLE FIGHTER AIRCRAFT..."



"DIVERT SQUADRON SEVEN TO CRUSH THIS EVACUATION! IT WILL FOLLOW THE YANKEE BEAM TO THE TARGET!"



"MEANWHILE... THERE GOES THE FIRST TRANSPORT— BUT THE JAP GROUND TROOPS ARE GETTING CLOSER, MR. RYAN!"



"RYAN, THE DRAGON LADY ERRED IN HOLDING TERRY LEE AS A HOSTAGE! THAT IS ALL I CAN SAY..."

"CONSIDERING HOW IT MUST GALL YOU TO ADMIT IT, I'LL ACCEPT THAT AS AN APOLOGY— BUT WORDS WON'T BRING TERRY BACK!"

By Milton Caniff

Abbie an' Slat

By Courtesy of United Features



"MR SMITH! YOU HIRED ME TO PROTECT YOU AND I'M GOING TO EARN MY WAGES!!"



"YOU DON'T REALIZE WHO THIS GIRL IS!! LONA BURNER IS A GREAT MOVIE STAR NOT BECAUSE OF HER ABILITY--"



"--BUT BECAUSE OF CLEVERNESS IN PUBLICIZING HERSELF WITH SUCKERS LIKE YOU SHE LINKS HERSELF WITH THE MAN OF THE MOMENT--AND DROPS HIM WHEN HE BEGINS TO SLIP!!"

By Raeburn Van Buren

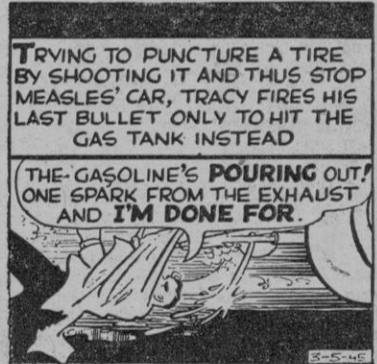


"SHE DOESN'T LOVE YOU, MR. SMITH! SHE LOVES HERSELF AND PUBLICITY!!"

"DON'T BELIEVE HER, LAMB-INKINS-- HOW CAN I? NO POWER ON EARTH CAN COME BETWEEN US!!"

Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate Inc.



"TRYING TO PUNCTURE A TIRE BY SHOOTING IT AND THUS STOP MEASLES' CAR, TRACY FIRES HIS LAST BULLET ONLY TO HIT THE GAS TANK INSTEAD"

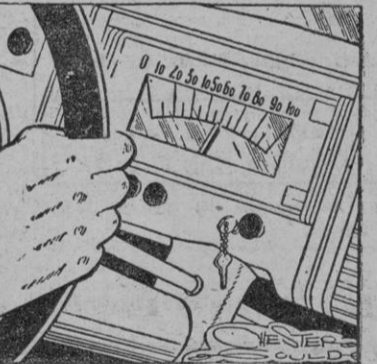


"ON THE OTHER HAND, AT THE RATE THAT GAS IS RUNNING OUT, HIS TANK WILL SOON BE EMPTY AND HE'LL HAVE TO STOP ANYWAY"



"IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THAT GUNSHOT I'D NEVER KNOW HE WAS THERE. OKAY, WAIT TILL I OPEN THIS BABY UP. I'LL FINISH HIM YET"

By Chester Gould



Blondie

By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate



"I WASHED MY SWEATER AND LOOK HOW IT CAME OUT"



"AFTER YOU WASH A SWEATER YOU HAVE TO STRETCH AND PAT IT WHILE ITS WET, INTO THE PROPER SHAPE"



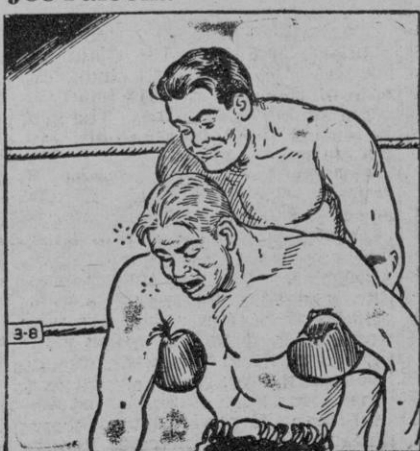
"FORTUNATELY, I DON'T DISCOURAGE EASILY-- I'LL TRY IT AGAIN"

By Chic Young



Joe Palooka

By Courtesy of McNaught Syndicate, Inc.



"TOMMY, YOU'RE GREAT-- THERES JUST A FEW THINGS YA DONE WRONG..."



"EXCUSE ME JUST A SECOND, MR. WALSH-- ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, LIEBMAN?"



"HUH-UH--OH SURE--SAY, YOU'RE TERRIFIC MARLOWE-- I SHOULD OF DUCKED..."

"--BUT I COULDN'T FIND YA HALF THE TIME-- YOU'RE BIG TIME, FELLA-- I'VE BOXED PLENTY OF GOOD BOYS-- I'D LIKE ANOTHER BOUT SOME TIME..."

"SURE--YOU BET IF MR. WALSH SAYS SO. GOOD LUCK. I HOPE YOU'RE NOT SO UNLUCKY AS YOU WERE TONIGHT."

"C'MON, KID."

By Ham Fisher

Truman, Molotov, Eden May Meet in Washington

WASHINGTON, April 16 (ANS).—Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet Commissar of Foreign Affairs, is expected to visit Washington and confer with President Truman and probably Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden of Great Britain, en route to the San Francisco conference, the Associated Press said today.

Diplomatic observers here viewed the expected visit as a second gesture by the Russian government toward unifying the Big Three ranks following the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt. The first step was Russia's decision to send Molotov as head of its delegation to San Francisco in accordance with President Truman's request.

[Moscow radio, according to Reuter, said yesterday: "The Soviet government has received an invitation from President Truman and Secretary of State Stettinius for Comrade Molotov to visit Washington and take part in . . . the conference. Notwithstanding difficulties arising from the absence of Comrade Molotov from Moscow in connection with the forthcoming session of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, the Soviet government, in view of the circumstances, has accepted the invitation.]

There is a possibility that when the British, Russian and American foreign ministers meet, they may work out tentative plans for another Big Three meeting to tackle such problems as the Polish question, the German occupational plan, and the situation in the Balkans.

The American delegation to the San Francisco conference is expected to work out its policy during the week. It is expected, among other things, to give strong support to proposals by Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich), one of the delegates, for writing into the United Nations' charter a forthright statement of the principle of justice as a basis for the proposed world security organization.

Observers here, praising Stalin's decision to send Molotov to the conference and to talk with President Truman, feel that the Russian leader would like to have Molotov get acquainted with the new President and to restore as quickly as possible the techniques of personal diplomacy which the Big Three leaders have used since the earliest days of the war.

Gen. Ike . . .

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not interested in geographical points.

Gen. Ike was full of praise for his Allied forces. He said they had all done a magnificent job, working and fighting "as one completely unified command."

And he said it was his hope that one day all American service organizations—the Army, Navy and the Air Force—would come together under a single body.

A West Pointer himself, he declared there might even be one land-sea-air academy for all three branches. At least, he tacitly suggested, they should spend some months together during their academic training to develop a closely-knit friendship.

Then he reiterated his belief that there was no such thing as an air war, a sea war or a land war.

With customary vigor of expression, he insisted that the air supports the ground and the Navy supports each, and one cannot fight without close co-ordination with the other.

"You can call it 'groundair' or 'airground' and leave out the hyphen," he said. He added that the Navy was always "there" even if it could not be seen much after it had landed the troops.

Battle Rages in Royan To Open Bordeaux Port

Tanks of Gen. Leclerc's French Second Army Div. battled within Royan on the Gironde estuary, while Allied efforts to clear the German pocket and reopen the great port of Bordeaux continued to progress satisfactorily today.

Leclerc's armor broke through stubborn German defenses south of the town and was slowed by heavy minefields.

Truman Talks To Congress

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must carry on. Our devoted leader never looked backward. He looked forward and moved forward. That is what he would want us to do. That is what America will do."

Mr. Truman went to the Capitol after two early morning conferences on international affairs. The first was with Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. The second was with Stettinius, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Viscount Halifax, British Ambassador to the United States.

Eden, on leaving the White House after a 20-minute talk with the President, told newsmen he had brought the new President a message from Prime Minister Churchill. Reuter reported, "I told the President how grateful we are for the close and intimate relations that exist between us in all our affairs," Eden said.

Long before the President arrived at the Capitol, police and Secret Service men placed a guard around the building. Only holders of special admission cards were allowed in the gallery of the House, where the joint session was held.

Speaking from the rostrum where President Roosevelt, on March 1, described the accomplishments of the Yalta conference, Mr. Truman said American policy remains "unconditional surrender."

"So there can be no possible misunderstanding, both Germany and Japan can be certain beyond any doubt that Americans will continue to fight for freedom until no vestige of resistance remains," Reuter quoted the President as saying.]

Declaring that the nation is "deeply conscious" that much hard fighting remains, the President added:

"Having to pay such a heavy price to make complete victory certain, America will never become a party to any plan for partial victory. We will not traffic with the breakers of the peace on the terms of the peace."

Recalling his statement Thursday that the San Francisco conference would proceed on schedule, Mr. Truman said the nation must face the problems of peace "with the same courage that we have faced and mastered problems of war."

It is not enough, Mr. Truman said, merely to yearn for peace. "We must work and, if necessary, fight for it," he declared.

The President called the task of creating a sound international organization complicated and difficult, but he said "machinery for a just settlement of international differences must be found."

Civilian to Soldier to PW in 2 Hours

Short War, Wasn't It?

THE following anecdote is related by the Associated Press as indicative of the kind of troops Hitler is throwing against the Allies these days:

A general striding down the streets of Kassel spotted two youths in civvies and demanded: "Why aren't you in uniform?" and packed them off to a supply sergeant who uniformed them and sent them forward to a captain. The captain gave them guns and ordered them to join a platoon.

Platoon leaders greeted them and said: "You arrived just in time to cover our retreat. Get in that shellhole and delay the enemy."

As the Americans approached one of the boys nervously fired his gun into the air. The Yanks concentrated ten machine-guns on the hole.

The boys surrendered. They had been drafted at 1400 hours and were prisoners by 1600.



Hitler Appeals to His Troops To Keep Russians From Berlin

LONDON, April 16 (AP).—Adolf Hitler, in an order of the day, appealed to German troops in the east today to destroy the Russians before they reached Berlin. He said, Berlin would survive the latest Soviet offensive.

The order declared: "We have been expecting this offensive and since January everything has been done to build up a strong front."

Hitler exhorted German troops to overwhelm Russians in a blood bath, commanded them to arrest and if necessary to destroy anyone who orders them to retreat—unless he is well known to the troops—"what-ever his rank."

Hitler concluded with the words, "At a moment when fate has eliminated the greatest war criminal of all times the tide will turn."

Hitler warned the soldiers to watch "particularly the few treacherous officers and soldiers who, in order to secure their miserable lives, will fight against us in Russian pay and perhaps even in Russian uniform."

5th Army Joins In Italy Drive

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logna from the southeast was stepped up today after Polish troops captured Imola, a barrier across Highway Nine for the past six months. Allied troops first flanked the city to the north and then smashed directly into it in the face of heavy opposition.

The secondary British drive from Lake Comacchio toward Ferrara also made headway as did a third toward the road junction of Argenta. Both attacks were supported by Desert AF fighter-bombers.

At the west end of the Italy front, Fifth Army Americans continued their march up the coastal highway toward La Spezia, less than 12 miles away. U.S. heavy guns smashed German positions before the infantry attacked.



Fifth Army troops attacked southwest of Bologna and continued their push up the west coast toward La Spezia. Polish troops captured Imola. Other Eighth Army units made progress toward Ferrara.

Japs Slacken Artillery Fire On S. Okinawa

GUAM, April 16 (ANS).—A noticeable decrease in Japanese artillery fire along the stalemated "Little Siegfried Line" on southern Okinawa was reported today as the campaign, being fought only 325 miles south of Japan, went into its third week.

Tenth Army Yanks, who control the central two-thirds of the Ryukyu Island and were rapidly overrunning its northern tip, were deadlocked in the south for the ninth straight day, but still were well ahead of schedule.

Adm. Nimitz' communique, reporting no change in the lines, was interpreted here as meaning that field commanders were saving American lives by holding up the offensive until the way is well blasted by artillery.

Marines were mopping up small enemy pockets in the northern end of the island—a job that could last for weeks. The Leathernecks were within ten miles of Okinawa's northern tip.

Doughboys invaded Keufu, a small island in the Kerama group, off Okinawa's southwest coast, Saturday. Resistance evidently was slight.

Another attack by spear-carrying Nipponese was reported in the south on the Seventh Div. line. On Saturday night more than 100 Japanese, mainly armed with six-foot lances tipped with metal points, attacked the 184th Regt. More than half the attackers were killed. No American casualties were reported.

400 B29s Rekindle Fires Started in Tokyo Saturday

GUAM, April 16 (ANS).—Tokyo, still aflame from Saturday's fire raid which burned out 10 3/4 square miles of the city, was hit again early this morning (Sunday, Paris time) by 400 Superforts. Kawasaki, industrial center between Tokyo and Yokohama, also was raided.

Today's assault was a low-level incendiary attack in which the B29s concentrated devastating fire in the southeastern corner of the capital, in an area bordered by Tokyo Bay, on the east, and the Tama River, on the south.

American Forces on Luzon Close In on Summer Capital

MANILA, April 16 (ANS).—American troops edged closer to the Philippines summer capital of Baguio today as Gen. MacArthur announced that 8,156 Japanese dead had been counted in the Philippines last week and 205 captured.

Maj. Gen. Ennis P. Swift's First Corps, converging through the rugged Benguet Mountains from three directions on Baguio, were within about three miles of the city limits at the nearest point.

Fourteenth Corps troops occupied another small island—Cagararay—off the southeastern Luzon coast and further secured the entrance to important Legaspi Harbor.

East Front . . .

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the Reds had opened an offensive toward tottering Berlin.

Yesterday's Soviet communique was devoted to the progress of the Third Ukrainian Army, which was reported within 50 airline miles of the vital Austrian communications center of Linz.

After taking St. Poelten, Marshal Tolbukhin's forces surged on more than 40 miles west of Vienna in a swiftly accelerating drive for the Bavarian border.

A German Overseas News Agency correspondent, Walter Plato, reporting a great Russian frontal assault between Frankfurt and Schwedt, said that the Russian artillery barrages from the Oder front could be heard in Berlin's eastern suburbs.

Violent fighting was in progress for the Soviet bridgehead near Schwedt, another enemy report said.

The German High Command's communique announced a "large-scale" Soviet attack by tanks and infantry, backed by heavy artillery barrages and Red Air Force bombardments.

West Front . . .

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Holland was collapsing as Canadians fanned out along the North Sea coast.

Two hundred miles across Germany, American infantry and armor were enveloping Chemnitz, and doughboys were advancing the last seven miles to the Czechoslovakian frontier.

Allied forces netted 66,191 prisoners yesterday, ringing up a total of 150,000 in two days. Prize catch was an entire Panzer Lehr division in the Ruhr, which surrendered with its entire staff and 3,000 men to the 99th Inf. Div.

In the fast-folding Ruhr pocket, a German corps commander surrendered yesterday morning and remaining troops were being mopped up, UP front dispatches said.

95 Miles Of Elbe Under Control

The Ninth brought a 95-mile stretch of the Elbe River under control between Wittenberge, on the north, and the junction of the Elbe and Saale Rivers, 17 miles south of Magdeburg on the south. Heavy fighting continued in Magdeburg itself.

A strong German counter-attack against the 83d Inf. Div.'s bridgehead at Barby was smashed and the division expanded the bridgehead to five miles.

On Simpson's south flank, Hodges' infantry crossed the Mulde River and drove on to Leipzig.

After the German garrison commander of Halle refused to surrender in a telephone conversation with U.S. commanders, the 104th Inf. Div. drove into the city and was last reported battling house to house.

Northeast of Halle, a column of the Third Armd. Div. captured Kothern and linked up with Ninth Army's south flank.

Its forward elements veiled in a security screen, the Sixth Armd. Div. of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U.S. Third Army pushed 23 miles, crossed the Mulde River northwest of Chemnitz and was closing toward Dresden, the last major city between Patton and Marshal Ivan Koniev.

The Fourth Armd. Div. rolled to the outskirts of Chemnitz. Behind it came the 26th and 89th Inf. Divs., which drew within eight miles of the Czechoslovakian border.

AP front dispatches located forward elements of Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's U.S. Seventh Army eight miles from the industrial city of Nuremberg.

In Holland, Canadian and Polish troops of Gen. Henry G. Crerar's Canadian First Army closed up to the North Sea.

British Second Army troops, meanwhile, edged closer to Bremen.