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Nazis Surrender in Italy

Germans Are Reported Evacuating Denmark

BULLETIN

Reuter reported last night that British troops have captured the Port of Lubeck, on the Baltic, and cut off all main escape routes from Denmark.

A dispatch telephoned directly from Copenhagen to Stockholm yesterday appeared to confirm reports that the Germans were evacuating Denmark.

This dispatch, according to the Associated Press, said that the Germans were packing huge moving vans in front

Allies Ridicule Story of Hitler's 'Hero Death'

A statement authorized by Gen. Eisenhower disclosed officially yesterday that Heinrich Himmler had declared at a meeting eight days ago that Germany was finished and that Adolf Hitler was dying of a brain hemorrhage.

Dashing cold water on the story told by Adm. Karl Doenitz, new Reich dictator, that Hitler had died a hero's death, the statement tended to confirm the widely-published account of Himmler's offer of German surrender and also emphasized the fact that there was nothing but Doenitz' own claim to show he actually was heading the collapsing Reich.

The statement said that Count Folke Bernadotte, vice-chairman of the Swedish Red Cross, had met Himmler, Gestapo chief and commander of Germany's armed forces, at 1 AM April 24 at Lubeck, Germany.

"At this meeting Himmler admitted that Germany was finished," the statement said. "He told Count Bernadotte that Hitler was so ill that he might already be dead. At any rate, he could not be expected to live more than two days longer. Gen. Schillenburg, who was also present, added that Hitler was suffering from brain hemorrhage. Adm. Doenitz' statement, therefore, that Hitler met a hero's death at his post is in contradiction with the

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of the headquarters of Werner Best, Nazi overlord in Denmark. It said that the German commander in Copenhagen had informed local authorities that he intended to get out of the city, and that the Danish police force would be responsible for the maintenance of law and order.

In several provincial towns, German soldiers were reported to have been stripped of weapons. The Germans, according to the telephoned dispatch, were continuing to evacuate towns in Zealand and Jutland. At those places, German commanders surrendered to the local mayors.

The Danish-Nazi police force was dissolved. Half of its members were reported to have taken off their uniforms, put on civilian clothes and gone underground.

Throughout Tuesday and yesterday, the dispatch from Copenhagen said, the Germans burned secret papers by the ton in the courtyard of the Gestapo headquarters. Shots and explosions echoed in various sections of Denmark's capital, as German military trucks sped through the streets.

The International News Service (Continued on Page 8)

800 More Tons of Food Flown to Starving Dutch

U.S. Eighth AF heavies and the RAF Bomber Command yesterday dropped 800 more tons of food to starving civilians in German-occupied Holland.

The food was dropped in the vicinity of Alkmaar, Amsterdam, Hiversum and Utrecht, in accordance with arrangements with the Nazis.



Seized

Gerd von Rundstedt

Yanks Capture Von Rundstedt And Family

Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt, dean of Junker generals and the man on whom Adolf Hitler pinned his greatest hopes of beating the Allies on the Continent, was captured Tuesday night at Bad Tolz, 23 miles south of Munich, by men of the Seventh Army's 36th Inf. Div.

The 69-year-old Prussian had not been heard of since February, when he was removed after reputedly advising Hitler to surrender.

The capture of Von Rundstedt, by coincidence, was almost simultaneous with the death of the Fuehrer whom he had helped rise to power, but for whom he held the strong contempt that was typical of his fellow Prussian aristocrats. It was Von Rundstedt's coup d'etat in Prussia in 1932 which paved the way for Hitler's rise, yet he voiced strong dislike of Nazism.

Von Rundstedt was dining with his wife and son, Lt. Hans Gerd von Rundstedt, in a hospital residence where he had been undergoing treatment when an American tank arrived. The tank crew, commanded by Lt. Joseph Burke, of Co. A, 141st Inf. Regt., placed the

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Enemy Gives Up 900,000 Troops

German forces in Italy and Western Austria, estimated at 900,000 men, surrendered unconditionally yesterday to the Allied Fifth and Eighth Armies.

The surrender, ending 22 months of bitter warfare on the Italian peninsula and permitting Allied forces from the south to move unhindered to within 30 miles of a junction with U.S. troops driving down through Bavaria, became effective at 1400 hours.

Included under the surrender terms of the brief pact negotiated in the Royal Palace of Caserta, near Naples, were all the forces commanded by Col. Heinrich von Vietinghoff, commander of the German armies in Northern Italy, and Gen. Carl Wolff, Nazi chief of police and security in North Italy and Western Austria.

Lt. Gen. W. B. Moran, who negotiated the pact for Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, Allied Mediterranean Supreme Commander, said the terms called for the "complete and unconditional surrender" of all German and Italian land, sea and air forces under command of the two enemy leaders.

Allies Will Outflank Nazis
The territory in Gen. Vietinghoff's southeast command includes all of northern Italy to the Isonzo River in the northeast and the Austrian provinces of Tyrol, Salzburg, Vorarlberg and portions of Corinthia and Styria. Allied troops moving into this area will outflank German forces defending Trieste and western Yugoslavia.

The enemy's total forces, including combat and rear echelon troops surrendered to the Allies, are estimated at just short of a million men. Fighting troops include the remnants of 22 German and six Italian Fascist divisions.

The surrender documents were signed Sunday by Gen. Morgan and two German officers representing Von Vietinghoff and Wolff after negotiations lasting several days. The two Nazi emissaries then returned to Von Vietinghoff's headquarters in the high Alps by a secret route. Terms of the pact were:

1. Unconditional surrender by the

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Landed in Spain



Pierre Laval

Laval, 4 Vichy Aides Reported Ordered by Franco to Leave

Pierre Laval, last Vichy premier, and four other Vichy collaborators were reported yesterday to have been ordered personally by Gen. Francisco Franco, ruler of Spain, to leave Spain immediately.

The Associated Press said that Laval and the others arrived at the Barcelona airport at noon yesterday in a German plane. The police arrested all five and telephoned civil authorities who sought advice from Madrid.

American Ambassador Norman Armour immediately lodged a protest with the Spanish Foreign Office as soon as he had learned of the plane's arrival.

With the five—who included Marcel Deat, Vichy Minister of the Interior, and Abel Bonnard, Minister of Education—was an unidentified woman believed to be Laval's wife. She was authorized to remain in Spain on "humanitarian grounds," the AP said.

A German Spy Pays the Penalty



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Obergeleiter Richard Jarczyk, first spy tried by the military commission of the U.S. Seventh Army, is shot by a firing squad. He was charged with acting as a spy while in civilian clothes and with attempting sabotage behind the lines. He confessed to special training in sabotage and espionage.

Capture of Berlin Announced By Stalin in Order of Day

BULLETIN

The fall of Berlin was announced last night in an order of the day by Marshal Stalin.

Russian troops, after a surge into Berlin's administrative district which swept up more than 100 additional city blocks and 14,000 prisoners, were reported yesterday within 300 yards of the Reich

Chancellery, where Hitler is reported to have died.

The Russians, fighting their way step by step toward the heart of the Tiergarten, won positions on the Wilhelmstrasse, where the Chancellery is located.

Sharp fighting was raging on Leipzigerstrasse and Prinz Albrechtstrasse among the rubble heaps of once-famous buildings, the Associated Press reported.

In a drawn-out struggle for the city's last acres, the Red Army completely occupied the Charlottenburg and Schöneberg districts



FDR

Since the unhappy news of President Roosevelt's death came in last night, man after man has come to me to express his honest emotional feeling of tremendous loss. Words, as usual, fail to cover the extent of our feelings and our sympathy to the President's family and to the people of the United States of America, and to ourselves.

I do not think you all realize what your President meant to us in Canada. We loved and admired this great man. He was such a stalwart, visionary leader, and such a good friend. We have listened to his counsel from the early days of the fireside chats right through all his struggles for the people of his country and for the Allies and the people of the world.

On behalf of my men, who are representative of Canada from coast to coast, we send our sincere sympathy and express our own feeling of tremendous loss to ourselves.—**Maj. G. F. Maclaren, R.C.A.**

Last night at our billet when the radio reported the shocking news at midnight only one person happened to hear the announcement and within two minutes all of us were grouped around the radio in our sleeping garments with anxious and shocked expressions on our faces. I for one, and I think the feeling was shared by all, felt as though I had suddenly been informed of my father's death.

Some of us are Republicans and some of us are Democrats, but to all of us the great light that shone so confidently in our wonderful homeland in the West had gone out. We see our magnificent Army around us and feel that Franklin D. Roosevelt gave his sons and daughters the inspiration, the tools and his life to build a free and secure future for his and our great country.—**W/O W. E. Loomis.**

He possessed the wisdom of Jefferson's all embracing concept of democracy. He also possessed the tenacity and ruggedness of a Lincoln in defending America's interests. And in his own right, he was a pacemaker. He established new precedents for the nation.

He gave our country a course to follow in internal affairs and a new role to play in world affairs. The tasks he had begun are being wound up by history on the battlefield and around the conference table. Therein lies his greatness and his imperishable memory. In his person and his work are reflected the stormiest, most glorious and promising days in the history of the world.

We stand at attention and salute the memory of a great American and farsighted leader with a vision, which is ours to complete.—**Pfc Phillip Frankfeld, ADG.**

Greatly through his concepts and his struggles for the realization of those concepts, the people of all lands have come closer to mutual respect for basic rights and privileges.

What a privilege to have lived in the same age... the greatest man of our time—of all time.—**Pfc Robert B. Gravis, Sig. Corp.**

The following is a letter I have just finished writing to my wife.—**S/Sgt. John K. Driscoll, Sig. Corps.**
Germany, April 14, 1945.

Darling,

Yesterday morning when I awoke for reveille, I heard the tragic news of President Roosevelt's death. Never thought he was loved and respected by so many, for that was all the fellows talked about all day long. The majority of them agreed that he was one of the greatest men America has ever produced. We had looked up to him to lead us to the peace as he had safely guided us through the war. The irony of fate that he had to pass away just when all he dreamed and fought for was to be fulfilled.

He was a man of action. He just didn't sit around and collect his pay. He did things. Naturally, he made mistakes. What human being doesn't? I liked the way he would do things that other men never had the courage to dare...

He called us Poughkeepsiens "neighbors," but he was the "Good Neighbor" of the world. Dutchess County has lost its leading citizen and the world has lost a kind and noble friend. America will not fully appreciate his greatness and what he endeavored to do for the country until many years from now. Time will sift the fact from fiction, truth from untruth. Then we will know and understand. My son won't know what life the President stood for, but he will live that life—the American way.

Good night, sweetheart! Please light a candle for the President at next Sunday's Mass.
John.

One Way to Keep in Shape



Marian Kerrigan and Frances Gladwin, Hollywood film dancers, go through their acrobatics. Marian is on the bottom, Frances on top.

Walkouts Hit Coal Output; New Mine Seizures Loom

WASHINGTON, May 2 (ANS).—New coal mine seizures by the government loomed today as walkouts of thousands of miners cut into war fuel supply for the second time this spring.

Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes said that he was ready, as Solid Fuels Administrator, to take over bituminous and anthracite mines affected by walkouts.

Truman Lauds Record of OPA

WASHINGTON, May 2.—President Truman today gave Chester Bowles, head of the OPA, a vote of confidence in a public refutation of charges that the OPA was responsible for the food shortage.

At the same time, the President warned Americans they would be called upon to make further sacrifices on the food front to help prevent anarchy, riots and pestilence in liberated Europe.

This was in the same vein as the warning given last night in a Northwest Europe economic report to the President by Judge Samuel I. Rosenman, the UP said.

Although admitting the OPA had made mistakes, the President said its record on the whole showed the price control and stabilization program to be "one of the most remarkable achievements of this war."

"Had it not been for the OPA and the stabilization program we should have had runaway inflation," he said.

Anthracite operations were reported by the Associated Press as completely suspended in Pennsylvania yesterday, with 190,000 tons of production already lost, while contract negotiations in New York between the operators and John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers were deadlocked.

Seventy-two thousand anthracite miners were reported out. The hard-coal workers quit with the expiration of their contract at midnight Monday, disregarding a War Labor Board order to continue work under the old terms until a new agreement was reached.

Soft-coal stoppages were also reported in Western Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, despite final governmental approval of a new contract in the bituminous coal industry, giving the average miner a pay increase of 81 cents daily.

A spokesman for the UMW blamed the bituminous walkouts on the "government's delay." He said that the approval Monday by Economic Stabilizer William H. Davis of the new bituminous contract came too late for the notification of miners.

Private Breger



"He likes to read about far-away, distant places!"

This Happened in America:

Scribes Have Field Day Speculating at 'Frisco

By William R. Spear

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, May 2.—The vast press contingent covering the San Francisco conference is reporting all the angles of the meeting and, as is inevitable, drawing all sorts of conclusions and making all sorts of interpretations of the business which has been transacted to date.

Thus, Americans are reading: (A) That Russia's stand on the chairmanship and her demands for the Lublin Poles make the prospects for success of the conference look bad; and (B) that early disposition of these questions clears the atmosphere and makes the prospects of the conference's success look good.

They are reading that developments so far add up to: (A) A Russian victory; (B) A U.S. victory. They are reading that: (A) Lines have been drawn between the Anglo-Americans and the Russians; and (B) Unity has been promoted.

The situation has impelled the Christian Science Monitor to protest against the conference being reported in the blow-by-blow manner of a prizefight, and to appeal for calm, accurate accounts which promote understanding.

Here are some columnists' comments that you could read back home:

William Philip Simms, Scripps-Howard: "If the squabble over Argentina and Poland may be taken as a sample of the way the new league is to function, the outlook for an organization based on simple justice is far from promising. Russia took the position that it was a case for power politics or international log-rolling."

Samuel Crowther, Hearst: "The united American delegation squares off and declares a set of guiding moral principles. This conference will flounder in a sea of meaningless speeches, a squabble about meaningless details and finally sink without a trace."

Cornelius Vanderbilt: Rep. Sol Bloom (D-N.Y.) of the U.S. delegation "carries his own butter, as most hotels here serve marmalade or cottage cheese instead."

There's a liquor shortage in the U.S. to the extent that scotch and bourbon are virtually unobtainable in liquor stores, and better known brands of blended whisky are scarce, but other liquors, along with rum and gin, seem readily obtainable. But whether this situation will continue is questionable, for the War Production Board yesterday warned distillers that no "holiday," which would permit them to stop making industrial alcohol for a little while to turn out liquor, will be granted in 1945.

PAULETTE GODDARD has introduced a new shade of blonde, called "moonbeam blonde." She describes it as "two shades north of corn-silk." And now that the press agent has cast the bait, he adds that she'll soon appear in "Kitty."

ALTHOUGH trucks and commercial vehicles have been becoming scarcer on U.S. highways along with passenger cars, there's been a shift of truck population so that now 21 states actually have more trucks operating than in 1941. R. L. Polk & Co. reports that the number of trucks increased more than 17 per cent in North Dakota, 16 per cent in Arkansas, 15 per cent in Idaho and eight per cent in New York.

SOUTHERN Presbyterians are seeking to raise \$200,000 to support religious work for servicemen and their chaplains. They set Mother's Day, May 13, as a day for making special collections for the purpose.

A NEW YORK attorney, Leon Leighton, has gone to court to compel the N.Y. Telephone Co. to remove all telephones in excess of one in each residence so that the phones may be used to supply service to 75,000 applicants now unable to obtain telephones. The court took the plea under advisement.

Capitol to Light Up In V-E Day Signal **Hershey Hits Move To Free Students**

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The war-darkened lights of the Capitol dome will go on when the war in Europe ends.

Rep. J. Buell Snyder (D-Pa.) told the House today that the lights should shine again as soon as President Truman proclaims the defeat of Germany. Before Snyder had finished talking, Speaker Rayburn interrupted, "I've already ordered it done." The House applauded.

Also on V-E Day, the White House announced, President Truman will address the nation by radio. Press Secretary Jonathan Daniels said the president would emphasize the need for continuation of the American war effort without letup against Japan.

Army Uses More Civilians

Civilian labor employed by the U.S. Army in Europe has more than doubled since January, Com Z Hqs. announced yesterday. In rear echelon installations in England, France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and Germany, there were 201,018 civilians, including thousands of displaced Russians and Poles, employed by the Army.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Selective Service Director Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey testified before the Senate Military Affairs Committee today against a bill offered by Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D-La.), authorizing Army release or draft deferment for medical and dental students to insure an adequate number of doctors for civilian needs.

With the possibility that 200,000 to 250,000 veterans may be released from the Army each month in the near future, Hershey said there would be enough applications to fill medical schools.

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Dachau—Horror and Wild Joy

Crying, Cheering Prisoners Mob, Kiss Liberating GIs

By Peter Furst
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

DACHAU, Germany, April 29 (Delayed).—American soldiers and reporters were mobbed, kissed, thrown into the air and carried on shoulders through a sea of weeping, cheering, laughing prisoners at the notorious Dachau concentration camp late today in one of the maddest and most heartrending liberation scenes of the war.

Thousands of political prisoners of all nationalities—some of them Germans in camps for 13 years—screamed with joy as doughboys of the 42nd Div. herded the surviving SS guards outside the iron camp gates

Prisoner List Reads Like European Who's Who

past boxcars filled with hundreds of stinking corpses of Buchenwald prisoners, who had died of starvation on the way from that camp, near Weimar, to Dachau.

Here at Dachau some of the greatest brains of Europe have suffered for years at the hands of sadistic SS officers whose favorite sport was the "genickschuss" (neck shot) in a small enclosure behind the crematorium where 1,500 emaciated corpses were still piled this afternoon.

The Dachau commandant, Martin Weiss, and his assistant had escaped, leaving a few SS men and Luftwaffe ground crew members to stand guard. Before they fled, they managed to evacuate almost all of the internationally important prisoners to a special camp near Innsbruck. Among these were the former Austrian chancellor, Kurt Schuschnigg, and his wife and daughter; Pastor Martin Niemöller Gabriel Piquet, Bishop of St. Etienne; Major Stalin; Leon Blum and his wife; Prince Leopold of Prussia, and the Mayor of Vienna, Richard Schmitz.

On the day of liberation, 32,315 political prisoners of 30 nationalities were still alive. Of these, 1,200 were clergymen, 378 were German international brigaders and 2,000 were Yugoslavs, mostly Marshal Tito's men. Three days ago, the SS men evacuated 6,000 to 7,000 German and Russian political prisoners to an unknown destination.

DSC Awarded To Slain Sergeant

SHAEF, May 2.—Sgt. Edwin G. Masching, of the 143rd Inf. Regt., 36th Div., has been awarded the DSC posthumously for heroism near Lavelline Le Houx, France, where he diverted enemy fire from his patrol to himself, enabling his men to withdraw to concealment. The award was made by Gen. Eisenhower.

As members of Masching's patrol attempted to move to the rear, enemy fire was concentrated on them. Masching rushed toward one of the enemy positions firing his tommy gun, thus enabling the patrol to withdraw.

Eisenhower's Mother Honored
ABILENE, Kan., May 2 (ANS).—Gen. Eisenhower's mother was chosen State Mother yesterday on her 83rd birthday. She was given the title by the Kansas committee of the Golden Rule Foundation.

30,000 Half-Crazed Persons, 50 Boxcars of Dead in Camp

By Howard Byrne
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

DACHAU, May 2.—They couldn't kill them quickly enough at Dachau. The physical process of shooting and gassing people, stripping them of their clothing, picking the gold out of their teeth and burning their bodies took too long. When the 42nd and 45th Divs. fought their way into town on April 29 there were 30,000 half-crazed living left.

Fifty boxcars still stand on a spur beside the Dachau camp. Twenty are filled with humans killed in the last week. Some are wrapped in filthy rags, others are nude. A dark-haired woman lies on top of one grisly heap, her head on the shoulder of a bearded old man. Both were shot through the head.

Many doughboys who took Dachau surveyed the sight today and talked about it in hushed, shocked tones. Pvt. John MacKisin, of Youngstown, Ohio, in the 232d FA Bn. said: "I've read about these things and seen photographs of them but I've always thought they were exaggerated to make us hate the Krauts. Now I know these things they say the Germans do are true. More GIs should see this with their own eyes. It would harden us up a lot."

Doughboys cast angry glances in the direction of German civilians passing by the freight cars. The Germans were celebrating the arrival of Americans in the usual manner by looting each other's home, and they seemed quite merry and bright chatting about their swag. They avoided looking in the direction of the trainload of corpses and pretended they did not know they were there. But all along the track lay corpses which had fallen out of the cars. Not one good German had the decency to stop and cover a body with a sheet. It was just none of their affair.

Cremated Day and Night

The Dachau crematorium is a long, low brick structure with a tall smokestack from which smoke poured day and night. The gas chamber is 20 feet square and has 18 nozzles across the ceiling which look like shower outlets. The resemblance was probably intended because the guards told the prisoners brought to the murderhouse to undress and prepare to shower. They entered the room nude and when the room was full the door was shut tight and the gas turned on while attendants watched the death throes from a control panel outside.

When the gas had done its work, the corpses were stacked in rows beside four ovens. A metal litter inside the furnace was designed to hold only one corpse, but the bodies were so dwarfed by starvation they were burned in batches of four.

At the capture of Dachau, the ovens had been cold for two days due to lack of coal. But the gas chamber had been doing business as usual and two piles of corpses were stacked to the ceiling on either side of the oven. More than 600 were counted in one pile. Above the ovens on the ceiling are eight rings used for hangings and stringing victims up by their arms.

Hays Office in Battle Over 'Atrocities' Film

NEW YORK, May 2 (ANS).—Irvin Shapiro, producer of the documentary film "Atrocities," said yesterday that the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors Office, headed by Will Hays, had banned the film from member theaters.

A spokesman for the Hays office denied the film had been banned, but said that the Hays office had withheld its seal because it "repeated too many gruesome scenes."

Shapiro said that he would distribute the film to the country's 20,000 independent theaters. "Atrocities" is based on documentary material and on captured German newsreels.

Nazis Give U.S. PW Assurance

WASHINGTON, May 2 (ANS).—Definite assurances from Germany that imprisoned Americans will be left in German camps for liberation by advancing Allied armies, have been received through the Swiss government, the State and War Departments announced yesterday.

The German government's message said that all transfers of Allied prisoners of war had ceased and that the Swiss government, as protecting power, and the International Red Cross had been requested to send representatives to camps not yet liberated.

The Swiss and Red Cross representatives will assist in an orderly turnover of the camps to Allied control, the Departments said.

According to the latest available information, the Germans are holding some 45,000 to 50,000 American prisoners.

Allied armies have taken 64 of 78 prison camps and hospitals where American soldiers are known to be held.

Yanks Pinned Down by German Fire on the Seventh Army Front



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Infantrymen of the 100th Div. flatten out for cover behind a bank along a road near Ober Fischbach.

Fighting Angels of Mercy



International News Photo

A couple of Yanks of the Tenth Army now battling Japs on Okinawa take time out for an act of mercy and rush two abandoned native children to a first-aid station.

Allied Forces Invade Borneo; Yanks Gain in Philippines

MANILA, May 2 (ANS).—Allied troops have invaded oil-rich Borneo, it was disclosed officially last night and Gen. MacArthur announced American planes had blasted enemy gun positions in the Tarakan area, where Japanese radio said the landing was made.

MacArthur did not confirm an Australian announcement that a landing had been accomplished on Borneo, the third largest island in the world, but his communique did reveal that fighters and medium bombers had pounded Japanese positions on Tarakan, a tiny island off Borneo's northeastern coast.

[MacArthur's communique usually is two days behind current operations, the Associated Press said.] Australia's Acting Prime Minister Joseph Chifley reported that a veteran Aussie division of seasoned fighters from the Middle East was participating in the invasion.

(The United Press said that although MacArthur had made no official announcement of the invasion it was likely that troops of his command had made an amphibious leap from Tawi Island, at the southwestern tip of the Philippines less than 200 miles away.)

Borneo was one of the most valuable prizes seized by the Japanese in their sweep through the East Indies in 1942.

In the Philippines, the 24th Div. moved swiftly northward 11 miles to within six miles of Davao, big Mindanao Island port. Darong airstrip and Dailao airfield were overrun in the Yank drive.

On northern Luzon, the 25th Div. drove a wedge into the Japanese lines defending Balete Pass in the Carabelle Mountains. The Japanese were fighting bitterly for the pass, which leads to Cagayan Valley, in northeastern Luzon.

Allied Troops Land 26 Mi. From Rangoon

KANDY, Ceylon, May 2.—Allied forces have landed in southern Burma only 26 miles south of the capital city of Rangoon, a Southeast Asia Command communique announced today.

The troops stormed ashore on both sides of the mouth of the Rangoon River and were reinforced by paratroopers.

Previously, British forces driving down on Rangoon from the north had been reported less than 36 miles away.

Mussolini Buried In Second-Hand Grave

Although Mussolini's burial place was supposed to be secret, Italian patriots found the grave and spat and threw stones upon it, Howard M. Norton, of the Baltimore Sun, reported yesterday.

His body, Norton said, was placed in "a second-hand grave from which a nameless body had just been removed." An Italian Army chaplain gave a brief benediction.

Half Japs KO'd On Okinawa

GUAM, May 2 (ANS).—Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr., whose Tenth Army troops today fought within rifle range of southern Okinawa's three main cities, estimated that half of the island's Jap garrison had been killed, wounded or captured. The original Jap garrison was believed to total 60,000.

Buckner said more and more Japanese were surrendering as artillery, naval guns and air assaults cut enemy communications.

Yonabaru, the island's third largest city, came under attack after Seventh Div. units on the east end of the line outflanked the Japanese defenders of Yonabaru airfield.

The Yanks cut around fortified heights overlooking the coastal airfield and entered the town of Kuhazu.

The 96th Div was less than a half mile from Shuri, in the hilly center of the island, and the 27th Div. pushed to within 1 1/2 miles of the capital city of Naha.

Streicher on Criminals' List

LONDON, May 2.—Julius Streicher, Nazi Jew-baiter, has been listed as a war criminal, Richard Law, British minister of state, said in reply to a question in Commons today. He added that he had no report so far of Streicher's capture.

Peace Announcement To Come From Capital

WASHINGTON, May 2 (INS).—The capital today still awaited official news of Germany's surrender, but there have been no developments since President Truman branded as completely without foundation reports that Germany had surrendered unconditionally.

Presidential Secretary Jonathan Daniels explained:

"When Germany surrenders it will be known at the White House. It will come from the White House, or it may come from proper official sources in Europe. It will not come from San Francisco. We are going to inform the press properly when such good news comes to the White House."

Liberated GIs, Now in States, Cheer Report

CHICAGO, May 2. — Word of Adolf Hitler's reported death was received with considerable skepticism by patients in Gardiner and Vaughan veterans hospitals last night, but soldiers recently liberated from German war prisons cheered the news.

"Hitler can never be forgiven, but at least now he can be forgotten," said T/5 Paul H. Dalton, 20, of Madison, Wis. "This news heightens our brightness and helps erase the horror of five long months in prison."

Attendants at Gardiner Hospital said most of the patients and personnel refused to believe reports of Hitler's death "unless shown a picture of his body like the one recently published of Mussolini."

Mayor Edward J. Kelly declared: "If the report that Hitler is dead is true, the sensible thing for the Germans to do is to get out of the war now."

Wounded Vets Sorry They Didn't Kill Hitler

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., May 2. — Wounded soldiers in Percy Jones Hospital expressed regrets they were not directly responsible for Hitler's death.

"I wanted to do it," declared Sgt. Fiber Vincent, of Wellsville, Ohio, who lost a leg in Luxembourg.

"I hope it was slow, real slow," asserted T/5 Raymond Odell, of Cleveland. "I had all kinds of ways figured out." Odell was wounded in Germany.

Nazi PW's Hear Report Without Shedding Tear

WITH BRITISH TROOPS, Germany, May 2 (Reuter).—Every bottle in every mess on the Western Front is being emptied.

From palace and castle to tent and dugout, British troops heard the report—not the end of the war, but that of the end of Hitler.

The German prisoners heard and they were just mute. They sat on stools and did not weep or tear their hair or beat their breasts. Their eyes were dry.

Hitler, the god they had worshipped, fell without a tear being shed.

Munich 'Battle' Amazes Yanks

MUNICH, May 2. — American doughboys who entered Munich were surprised at their reception. They expected bullets but the only thing they had to duck was flowers.

The men of the 42nd and 45th Divs. who witnessed atrocities committed by Germans in the Dachau chanel house hoped Munich would be full of SS men so that they could kill them all.

Instead, the SS lammed with big-time party men tagging along and only a gutless group of Wehrmacht members remained in town, glad to turn over their pistols to any one in an American uniform, including Red Cross girls.

Most of the 4,000 Allied PWs, who had been freed during the day, wandered around Munich looking for drinks and guys they knew. The atmosphere in Munich on payoff day was more like a French town than German. But the doughs thought the civilian celebration was a little phony. The real thing that tickled civilians was that Munich was not being shot up.

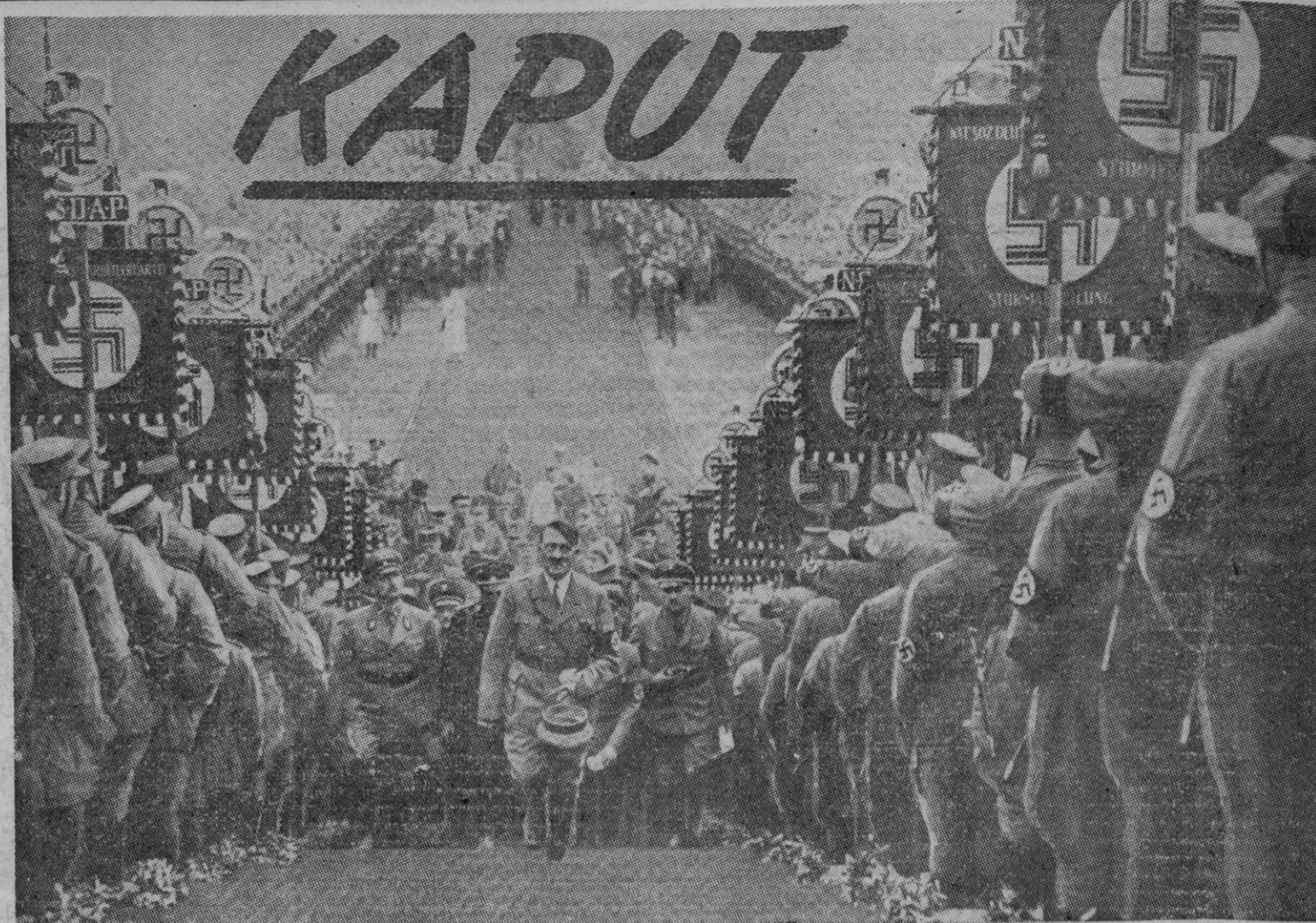
Greek Orthodox Easter Services Begin Today

Greek Orthodox Easter services begin today at the Cathedral Church at 12 Rue Daru (8), with a liturgy at 1000 hours. A lecture will be held at 1800 hours. Good Friday services are at 1400 and 1900 hours. Holy Saturday services will begin at 0930 with a procession around the church. The great Easter service will be held at 2100 hours.

Easter Sunday will be observed with a liturgy at 1000 hours. The evening service will begin at 1800.

British Press Curb Eased

LONDON, May 2 (Reuter). — Newspapers for the first time since the beginning of the war now may publish news of the whereabouts, residences and future movements of the Royal Family and Prime Minister Churchill. The end of Luftwaffe attacks was said to be responsible for the lifting of the restrictions.



Allies Greet Hitler's Death Report With Joy, Doubt; Congress Skeptical, Questions Effect on Resistance

'Fascist Trick' Feared by Reds

The German report of Hitler's "death" spread like a tidal wave throughout the Allied world last night and millions of the enemies of the fanatical Nazi overlord greeted it with joy—and doubt.

From quiet homes in America to the doughboys' foxholes in Europe the reaction was substantially the same—summed up in terse comments—great news if it's true; just plain dying's too good for him; it's at least five years too late, and there's still a war to be won and dying to do.

In New York, thousands of commuters rushed newsstands at the Grand Central Station when the newsboy shouted, "Paperhanger is dead—Hitler the big bum is finished." Many of the crowd moved on when the source of the report was learned.

Effigy of Hitler Burned

A quickly improvised effigy of Hitler was burned at a downtown intersection in Toronto, Ont.

In Bogota, Colombia, thousands demonstrated in front of the national capitol. The news hit Paris late at night, but no one seemed inclined to mourn. "It's a pity you didn't get your hands on him and really make 'im suffer," the pretty cashier of a Parisian nightclub told American doughboys.

Moscow radio's first announcement to the Russian people declared: "The German radio statement evidently represents a new Fascist trick."

As reported by a monitor, the Moscow broadcast said: "In the dissemination of the statement of Hitler's death, the German Fascists evidently hope to prepare for Hitler the possibility of disappearing from the scene and moving to an underground position."

Frisco Delegates Overjoyed

But in San Francisco the delegates to the United Nations Conference were overjoyed.

The New York Times, in an editorial, said yesterday that "the Nazis made lies so much a part of their politics that the announcement of Hitler's death is bound to leave a suspicion that the master liar is attempting to perpetrate one last great hoax on the world."

The New York Herald Tribune said that "Hitler began in nothing and he ends in it."

The Stockholm newspaper Dagens Nyheter, in an editorial on Hitler's death which was headed "A Joyous Message," said that "a spirit from hell has sunk back to whence it came."



'Devil Will Need A New T/O,' Yank Says of Hitler's Death

A battle-weary dough on the lounge at Rainbow Corner glanced at The Stars and Stripes headline announcing Hitler's death yesterday and wryly commented, "now the Devil will have to set up a new T/O."

And then Pfc Leonard Davis, 35, of Helena, Okla., a member of a field artillery unit added: "Gosh I wish we could have got our hands on him."

Lt. William Robertson, the officer who arranged the meeting between Maj. Gen. E. F. Reinhardt, 69th Div. commander, and Maj. Gen. Ruskov, of the First Ukrainian Army, in the linkup of the U.S. First and the Russian Army at the Elbe River last week, said, "There's nothing exciting about the news of Adolf's death. The best thing about it is that with him out of the way peace may be brought about sooner."

'Hope It Isn't A Phony'

"I just hope it isn't another phony report," said Pfc Richard Webster, 22, of Johnson City, N.Y. "It's just too bad we didn't knock him off before D-Day. Lots of my buddies would have loved to have heard this news. They must be happy about it, wherever they are."

WAC Lt. Florence Bolton, of Cleveland, Ohio said, "The only sad note about Hitler's death is the fact he didn't live long enough to be tortured in his own concentration camps."

Men who had waded through mud and blood from the beaches

Want to See Body, Senator Asserts

WASHINGTON, May 2.—German reports of Hitler's death caused a stir in Congress today. Skepticism was mingled with questioning whether it would make any difference in the final mopping up of German resistance.

Sen. Johnson (D-Col.), acting chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, said: "I hope it's so, but I would kind of like to see the body before I believe it."

Whether it makes any difference, Johnson said, depends not only on what attitude Adm. Karl Doenitz, Hitler's successor, takes but on what control Doenitz can exercise.

Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) declared it was "significant and interesting that Hitler's death, if the report is true, should come with the complete collapse of his philosophy."

Sen. Harley M. Kilgore (D-W.Va.), a member of the Military Affairs Committee, said he thought the chances for a general surrender were not improved.

"I don't think there is any government in Germany now, except local government and military control by area commanders," he said.

Sen. J. W. Fulbright (D-Ark) suggested that the reported appointment of Doenitz might indicate that Goering and Himmler had "fled the country."

"I wouldn't be surprised to see them turn up in Spain," he said.

Sen. Wayne L. Morse (R-Ore.) said: "I regret that fate does not give us an opportunity to record a formal conviction in the war criminal trial against him; however, his dastardly acts will convict him for all time with posterity."

De-Nazified Education

SHAEP, May 2.—The first move toward establishing a German educational system purged of all traces of Nazi teachings and Nazi ideology was made recently when six kindergartens in Aachen were reopened under military government supervision.

Truman's Reaction On Hitler—Broad Smile

WASHINGTON, May 2.—President Truman was in conference with Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, when the report of Hitler's death was brought to him.

Fifteen minutes later the President left the White House with a broad smile on his face.

to the heart of the Reich could see nothing in the news of the Fuehrer's death to get excited about. And they were almost unanimous in writing off the military significance of it.

Big Story To Come

Pvt. Robert Reith, of Yonkers, N.Y., a doughboy with the 28th Inf. Div., commented, "That's good, but the great story is yet to come—the end of the war. V-E Day will be THE story to me."

"I've often thought that I'd like to celebrate when Hitler got it," Sgt. Ed Case, from St. George, Vt., with the 101st Airborne Div., said. "But it ain't like that at all. It just doesn't seem important."

Lt. Alice C. Stockton, of Snohomish, Wash., remarked, "Our boys and the Russians should have worked over him a while before he died. I would have loved to read the gory details of his death just like the assassination of Mussolini."

The reaction was anti-climactic in the purest sense of the term. Hardly a man who heard the news raised his voice or staged a demonstration.

It just wasn't worth it, they said.

This Was Hitler in His Heyday



In Salzburg, He Read of His Victories



He Had His Luftwaffe Too



Landsberg, 1924



On a Railroad



Welcoming His Ally From the East—the Jap

4 Small Nations Get Key Posts At S.F. Parley

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—Representatives of the small nations were named today as chairmen of the four major commissions that will hammer out the structure of the proposed world security organization.

The steering and executive committees approved the following designations: Security Commission, Norway; Commission on Principles and Purposes, Belgium; Commission on General Assembly, South Africa, and Commission on World Court, Venezuela.

Meanwhile, reports that Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov would leave soon for Moscow were confirmed by Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr., head of the American delegation to the United Nations conference.

Stettinius said he expected Molotov to stay until the work of the meeting is firmly under way. He added, however, that he had never expected Molotov to be able to stay in the U.S. for a very long time because of fast-moving events in Europe.

[While Russia has signified her intention to keep pressing for admission of the Polish government in Warsaw to the conference, Molotov has also indicated that there is no threat by Russia to quit the meeting, the Associated Press said.]

Last night, the Big Three foreign ministers—Stettinius, Molotov and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden—chatted in the plenary session hall for a half hour after another private conference—which included the Chinese foreign minister—lasting more than one hour. Reuter reported. They smiled and slapped each other on the back.

Meeting Called Satisfactory

As for reports that Eden might return to London, Stettinius said at a press conference that the British foreign secretary would have to speak for himself, but that Eden has no plan at the moment to return to England. Stettinius, referring to the discussion with Eden, Molotov and T. V. Soong, Chinese foreign minister, said it had been very harmonious and very satisfactory.

Friday is the deadline for delegations to submit comments and amendments to the Dumbarton Oaks formula. More than 700 pages of these have been submitted, Stettinius said.

The American delegation has at least 16 amendments to offer, such as guarantees of justice in enforcement of peace, provision for revising the proposed security organization charter as future needs may indicate, and provision for allowing the security council to recommend treaty changes deemed necessary to preserve peace, Army News Service reported.

Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister, told delegates yesterday that the Franco-Soviet pact was a vital part of world plans to preserve peace.

Bidault asserted that "we must bridge the gap between the lightning rapidity of aggression and the inevitable slowness of consultation." France believes that "international organizations of tomorrow will be aided and not hampered if those countries which are most threatened do their utmost to protect themselves by their own means," Bidault said.

Considered by Latin Americans

His reference to regional security pacts touched a subject which has occupied the discussions of many delegates, particularly the Latin-American delegates. These delegates have been considering how much such a regional grouping of nations as the inter-American organization recently worked out at Mexico City is to be fitted into the proposed United Nations security organization.

Field Marshal Jan Christaan Smuts of South Africa reiterated his view that big nations must have rights and responsibilities in the proposed world organization in keeping with their powers. On this basis, he defended the veto plan worked out in Yalta—that all the major powers should agree before the proposed security council could take forcible measures to prevent or stop aggression.

Argentina Ready to Sign As Ally, Envoy Declares

MIAMI, May 2.—Oscar Ibarra Garcia, Argentina's ambassador-designate to the U.S., arrived in this country last night, and said that his nation was prepared to sign the United Nations pact. He expressed the hope that he would be assigned to the San Francisco conference on the invitation voted by the conference's steering committee.

The Stars and Stripes Enters a Nazi Shrine



Carrying two American flags, men of the 45th Inf. Div. mount tiers of the Luitpold Arena in Nuremberg, where Hitler formerly reviewed the German military might. Weeds are starting to grow through cracks in the paving. A huge German eagle stands on parapet at the left.

Nazis' Wild Flight to West Described by Escaped Yanks

By Ernest Leiser
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

STENDAL ON THE ELBE, May 2.—Great fires raging in Berlin and a mad German stampede to the west were described here today by four Americans who escaped from their Nazi guards during the confusion of Russian shelling and made their way to the Ninth Army line. The four Americans were among the ten non-coms who escaped in a group from a small town west of Berlin where they had been marched by the Germans. Until the Nazis began evacuating them to the west they had been in a prison camp, just south of Berlin.

Sgt. Ervin Pauly, of St. Cloud, Wis., who was taken captive from the 315th Inf. of the 79th Div. near Cherbourg during the battle of Normandy, said that after they escaped at Kloster Lennin, west of Berlin, they headed west because "every one else was too busy getting away from the Russians to worry about us."

Heard Red Artillery

St. Matthew Allan, of Dayton, Ohio, who was with the 15th Inf. of the Third Div. before he was taken prisoner at Anzio, said "We didn't see any Russians but we sure heard their artillery—right behind us."

Cpl. Tony Hiukka, of Cloquet, Minn., and an artilleryman with the 45th Div. before he was captured at Anzio said that before the escape they had been near starvation. He also described their march from Furtenburg, near the Oder, to Ludwigsfeld early in February during which an SS guard shot one of his buddies through the head when he stopped to fix his pack.

T/4 John Thompson, who was captured on D-Day when he jumped with the 82nd Airborne's 508th Parachute Inf., added that if it hadn't been for the Red-Cross food packages they had received they would have starved.

Pauly said the most wonderful thing he had ever seen was the American flag they spotted on a church steeple along the Elbe's west bank when they reached the river and they asked for one favor. They wanted to thank Lt. Col. LeRoy "Bull" Frazier who crossed the river to pick them up and the guy with him who threw them a hawser with those sweet words, "welcome home, fellows."

Truman Pays Visit to House

WASHINGTON, May 2 (ANS).—President Truman paid a surprise visit to the House of Representatives yesterday and at least 350 Representatives shook his hand.

It was Truman's second surprise call on Capitol Hill since he became President April 12. The day after he took the oath of office he had lunch with Senate leaders.

After yesterday's visit was over leaders of both parties summed it up this way:

Republican Leader Joseph W. Martin, Jr. (Mass.) said: "It was a friendly gesture and it makes for better feeling."

Majority whip Robert Ramspeck (D-Ga.) said: "It will do the President a lot of good up here—everyone was pleased to see him and have a chance to meet him personally."

All U.S. Wounded Now Evacuated by Air

WITH U.S. FIRST ARMY.—Transfer of wounded soldiers to rear areas is now carried out entirely by air. During the drive through Germany, evacuation of wounded and movement of front-line hospitals by air was stepped up to keep pace with the combat troops.

"Movement by air has proved effective," Col. William H. Amspacher, operations chief for the First Army surgeon, said. "Under ideal conditions we can close down a 400-bed evacuation hospital, move it 300 miles by air, and have it functioning again within 36 hours."

Navy Shot From Under Him

Doenitz 'Lost' Previous Job

Adm. Karl Doenitz was commander of a German navy that did not possess a single capital ship when he stepped into his new role as Hitler's successor.

The Nazis' last remaining pocket battleship, the 12,000-ton Lutzow, was sunk on April 16, by RAF bombers at Swinemunde, on the Baltic Coast.

About a week earlier, the Lutzow's sister ship, Admiral Scheer, was left lying on its side after an RAF attack at Kiel. The 45,000-ton Tirpitz was capsized by RAF "battleship busters" at Tromsøe Fiord, Norway, in November and the battle cruiser Gneisenau, a 26,000-ton vessel, was pounded so hard by British bombers that she was taken to Gdynia and dismantled.

The Graf Spee was blown up by its crew in the harbor of Montevideo, Uruguay, when the ship and crew were ordered to leave port or face internment early in the war. Three British cruisers had chased the Nazi ship into the harbor.

The 35,000-ton battleship Bismarck was sunk 400 miles off Brest after a sea duel in which she had sunk the British cruiser HMS Hood, and the Scharnhorst, a 26,000-ton vessel, went down off Norway when she was hit during attempts to attack a Russia-bound convoy.

Webb's Single Spoils Joe Haynes' No-Hit Bid

NEW YORK, May 2.—Joe Haynes, White Sox right-hander, narrowly missed pitching a perfect game yesterday at Detroit when Skeeter Webb, a Chicago castoff, singled in the third inning for the only hit off Haynes as the Chisox trounced the Tigers, 5-0.

No. 1 Trackman



Jim Rafferty

New York Writers Honor Jim Rafferty

NEW YORK, May 2.—Stocky Jimmy Rafferty, undefeated miler during the 1945 indoor track season and three-time conqueror of Gunder Haegg, last night was named the "outstanding performer" of the season by New York sports writers.

Rafferty's best time was at Buffalo, N.Y., when he eclipsed a 4:12 record that had existed for 20 years by running the mile in 4:10.9.



American League

Chicago 5, Detroit 0	
Boston 5, Washington 0	
Cleveland at St. Louis and Philadelphia at New York, postponed, rain	
WL Pct	WL Pct
Chicago..... 6 2 .750	Washington 6 6 .500
New York..... 7 4 .636	St. Louis..... 4 5 .444
Detroit..... 6 4 .600	Boston..... 4 8 .333
Philadelph. 6 5 .543	Cleveland..... 2 7 .222

National League

Chicago at Detroit	
Cleveland at St. Louis	
Washington at Boston	
Philadelphia at New York	
WL Pct	WL Pct
New York... 8 4 .667	Brooklyn... 5 5 .500
Chicago... 7 4 .636	Cincinnati. 5 6 .455
St. Louis... 5 4 .556	Pittsburgh. 4 7 .364
Boston... 6 5 .543	Philadelph. 3 8 .273

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

League Leaders

American League				
	G	AB	R	Pct
Stephens, St. Louis...	7	23	3	.111
Kreevich, St. Louis...	7	23	3	.111
Hall, Philadelphia...	11	48	6	.187
Dickshot, Chicago...	8	33	8	.242
Hockett, Chicago...	8	33	5	.152

National League				
	G	AB	R	Pct
Ott, New York...	12	37	15	.405
Holmes, Boston...	11	47	10	.264
O'Brien, Pittsburgh...	10	38	3	.079
Nieman, Boston...	10	33	11	.333
Hausmann, New York...	12	48	10	.208

Homerun Leaders
American—Derry, New York, 4; Hayes, Philadelphia, 3.
National—Nieman, Boston, 4; Ott, Weintraub and Lombardi, New York, 3.

Runs Batted In
American—Derry and Etten, New York, 13; Hayes, Philadelphia and Cramer, Detroit, 8.
National—Lombardi, New York, 16; Nieman, Boston, 15; Ott, New York, and Elliot, Pittsburgh, 11.

Georgian Plans Comeback
ATHENS, Ga., May 2.—Booker Blanton, wingback on Georgia's point-a-minute freshman team when Frankie S'nkwich also was a yearling, hopes to resume his football career next fall with Georgia Naval Pre-Flight. Blanton served with the Navy in the Pacific for almost three years and participated in nine major engagements.

The victory enabled the White Sox to hold their American League lead as rain forced postponement of all other games except one.

The 27-year-old Chicago hurler, who won five while losing six last year, faced only 28 batters yesterday to notch his second victory of the campaign. His control never was better. He didn't issue a walk and had the Tigers hitting into the dirt throughout as he set them down in order in all but the third inning.

Webb Left Stranded

Webb opened the third with a clean single to center and advanced to second on Bob Swift's sacrifice. He remained there, however, as Haynes got the next two batters on easy infield bouncers.

The White Sox, meanwhile, jumped on Rookie Walter Wilson for four runs in the second, clustering a balk, two walks and triples by Johnny Dickshot and Leroy Schalk. They added another in the eighth off Leslie Mueller when Dickshot walked, stole second and raced home on Schalk's single.

In the only other game not washed out, the Red Sox registered their fourth consecutive triumph, shading the Senators, 5-4, at Boston.

Culbertson Clubs 3 Doubles

Leon Culbertson, who clubbed three doubles, and Skeeter Newsome, whose single in the sixth scored two runs, led the attack against Johnny Niggeling. The Bosox collected one run in the first, two in the third and two more in the sixth before Chick Pieretti replaced Niggeling.

George Binks made three of the four hits allowed by Emmett O'Neill and drove in all four Washington runs. O'Neill yielded only three hits and two runs up to the eighth when he loaded the bases with three walks and Binks singled to score Walter Chipple and George Case. George Woods came in then, however, and quelled the disturbance without further damage.

Ford Garrison Drafted; Hammer Sweats Out Call

PHILADELPHIA, May 2.—Ford Garrison, A's outfielder who has a batting average of .304 thus far this season, has been inducted into the Army.

Granville Hammer, 18-year-old shortstop for the Phillies, said he expected to be called for his pre-induction physical within a month.

Philadelphia Collegian Pitches Perfect Game

PHILADELPHIA, May 2.—Hick Colin pitched a perfect game as his Girard College team defeated Temple high school, 12-0. In addition to keeping the opposition from reaching first base, Colin struck out 17.

Tivnan Chucks No-Hitter

WORCESTER, Mass., May 2.—Jack Tivnan, 18-year-old freshman southpaw, pitched a no-hit no-run game to open Holy Cross' 69th baseball season by defeating Charlestown, R.I., naval base, 7-0.

By Will Grimsley

Associated Press Sports Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 2.—Colorful Henry "Steamboat" Johnson is enjoying his 35th straight season of strike-calling—armed with cold proof he's not a blind unprintable so-and-so.

The 57-year-old Southern Association umpire, oldest in point of service in professional baseball, says he may match a lot of names which barb-tongued bleacherites call him, but he's not blind.

Furthermore, he can prove it. Steamboat has a card signed by an eye specialist and stamped by a notary public certifying his vision is 20-20 perfect in each optic. Religiously, for years the gray-haired little ump has been getting the certificate renewed just before the season opens.

"I carry it in my pocket 12 months of the year," says the man with the foghorn larynx. "I'm ready when some guy casts aspersions on my eyesight. I just haul out the card and show him—20-20

Amputees Play Softball Despite Handicaps



Veterans who have had limbs amputated at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D.C., play softball, with the GIs trouncing the Officers, 12-6. Here, Lt. W. C. Holsberg, Winthrop, Mass., is in the batter's box, and Wally Pierowicz, Buffalo, N.Y., who lost both legs at Anzio, is catching from a folding seat. Bill McGowan, dean of American League umpires, is the arbiter.

Marine Joins Bierman 'To Study' Technique

MINNEAPOLIS, May 2.—Bob Nazlik, given a medical discharge from the Marines, has enrolled at Minnesota because "I have wanted for a long time to see for myself how Bernie Bierman developed those national championship teams." The husky vet from Chippewa Falls, Wis., played end at Wisconsin in 1941 and 1942, then switched to tackle as a Marine trainee at Michigan in '43.

Minor League Results

International League			
All games postponed, rain			
Jersey City 8 2 .800	Newark..... 5 5 .500	WL Pct	WL Pct
Montreal... 6 4 .600	Rochester... 3 6 .333		
Baltimore... 6 4 .600	Buffalo... 3 6 .333		
Syracuse... 4 3 .571	Toronto... 2 7 .222		
American Association			
Louisville 9, Indianapolis 5			
Others postponed, rain			
WL Pct	WL Pct	WL Pct	WL Pct
Milwaukee... 5 2 .714	Columbus... 5 5 .500	Minneapolis... 5 3 .625	Kansas Cit. 3 4 .429
Louisville... 6 4 .600	Toledo... 3 6 .333	Indianapolis... 6 5 .543	St. Paul... 1 5 .167
Southern Association			
Atlanta 9, Chattanooga 6			
Little Rock 8, Memphis 3			
New Orleans 11, Mobile 7			
Nashville-Birmingham, postponed, rain			
WL Pct	WL Pct	WL Pct	WL Pct
N. Orleans... 4 0 1.000	Nashville... 0 2 .000	Atlanta... 3 0 1.000	Chatanooga... 0 3 .000
Little Rock 3 0 1.000	Memphis... 0 3 .000	Birmingham 2 0 1.000	Mobile... 0 4 .000
Pacific Coast League			
Los Angeles 7, San Diego 3			
Sacramento 5, San Francisco 4			
Others postponed			
WL Pct	WL Pct	WL Pct	WL Pct
Portland... 19 10 .653	Sacram'to 15 16 .481	Seattle... 17 12 .586	L. Angeles 13 17 .433
San Diego 17 14 .548	S. Frisco 15 18 .419	Oakland... 15 14 .517	Hollywood 10 19 .345

Behind the Sports Headlines

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 2.—Despite the horseracing ban, Kentucky Derby town will have a derby on the first Saturday of May—usual date of the bourbon and roses classic. However, turtles, not horses, will be involved... TULSA, Okla.—A potential triple-threat halfback made his first appearance here and looked good. At least that's the report of Lt. Glenn Dobbs, proud papa and former All-American. The heir was named Glenn Dobbs 111... ATLANTA—Byron Nelson has reaped a rich harvest of praise as well as cash on his golfing the past two years, but Bobby Jones, the former emperor of golf, paid Lord Byron the best tribute. After watching Nelson fire a record-breaking 263 to win the Atlanta Iron Lung tourney, Jones said: "When I was at my best I never shot golf like Nelson did in this tournament."

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Umpires in the Southern Association are rushing through their chores this season. The reason? \$100 War Bonds will be awarded at the close of the season to the two umpires who have averaged the best time over the 140-game schedule... MIAMI BEACH—"I made the best pitch of my career in the Pacific Ocean League," reports 1/Lt. Donald Trautner, former Cardinal-owned hurler back in the States for reassignment. "It was a 500-pound bomb for a perfect strike on a Jap carrier..." WILKES BARRE, Pa.—Students at Swyersville high school have learned there is a price for victory. They won a fight to keep Football Coach Louis Palermo, but school authorities landed the final punch. They ruled students must attend classes five and a half extra days when the term is over to make up time lost during the protest strike.

Australia Enters Ball Loop
WICHITA, Kan., May 2.—Australia today joined the National Baseball Congress Global Program.

Bummy Davis Wins Decision

NEW YORK, May 2.—Al "Bummy" Davis, bad actor of the ring who headlined shows at Madison Square Garden several times, waltzed to an eight-round verdict over unknown Eddie Saunders, of New York, at St. Nicholas arena last night.

Davis discarded his usual clowning and was serious throughout as he won with ease. "I'm all business now and hope to make a real comeback," Bummy said after the bout.

Other fight results last night:
AT NEW YORK
Johnny Harris, New York, 140, outpointed Jimmy Mason, New Brunswick, N.J., 135 (6); Frankie Cavanna, New York, 132, outpointed Ernest Barnwell, Brooklyn, 160 (6); Morton Klein, New York, 145, outpointed Jim Kennedy, New York, 147 (6); Lou Valles, New York, 133, outpointed Jay Anderson, Brooklyn, 150 (4); Steve Bilko, Sayreville, N.J., 149, KO'd Paddy Butler, Brooklyn, 136 (2).

AT JERSEY CITY
Joe Curcio, Newark, 148, KO'd Henry Jordan, Philadelphia, 147 (1).

AT HARTFORD, CONN.
George Doty, Hartford, 150, stopped Freddie Graham, Brooklyn, 155 (5); Bobby Pollwitzer, Hartford, 129, outpointed Joe Monte, Springfield, Mass., 129 (6); Nick Stato, Springfield, 136, KO'd Bobby Mathews, New York, 133 (3).

THE QUESTION BOX

T/A Andy Baumettes: The runner may leave the base only after the ball has crossed the plate, according to the 1944 softball book.

Cpl. Eimore: The man is entitled to return to first because there is no force play possible after the batter has been retired at first.

Pfc Art Levere: The run does not count because the force out—for the third out—nullifies the run scoring.

Pvt. D. T. Dasher Jr.: Dempsey, Tunney, Schmeling, Sharkey, Carnera, Baer, Braddock and Louis were champions this order.

Capt. H. Mandel: Nothing is planned until after the war is over.

Pfc Gordon Powell: In such cases, the man gets credit for whatever the official scorer thinks he would ordinarily have made.

Pvt. Mattiaccio: Grimm was a better fielder. George Sisler and Frank Chance are considered the best first basemen.

S/Sgt. John Karlonas: Boston College did not play in any bowl game in 1942.

Sgt. Kickarion: The game, which created the bribery scandal, was scheduled for Boston Garden, but was cancelled when Brooklyn College players admitted taking a bribe.

S/Sgt. Thomas Tringali: The Yankees and Cards each have 29 men in service.

Pfc John Felis: Hank Greenberg, 53 (1938); Jimmy Foy, 58 (1930); Hack Wilson, 56 (1930).

T/S J. E. Kennedy: Dempsey was born June 24, 1895, at Manassa, Colo.

Pfc George Alexander: It is not always an error, but depends on the official scorer's judgment.

S/Sgt. Connie Consalvo: If the infielder touches the ball, the runner is safe; if the infielder does not touch the ball, the runner is out.

Steamboat Rounds Bend on Beam



Steamboat Johnson

in either eye—and ask him about his. That closes him up, all right." Absorbing verbal abuse from the fans and dodging an occasional pop bottle have furnished the spice in the life of the veteran arbiter, and he admits he loves it, although at times he can't resist the temptation to retaliate.

For instance, in 1911 when he started in the Ohio-Penn League, Johnson was taking a terrible "going over" from the fans in a series at Youngstown, Ohio. At every game they gave him the verbal works. So the Steamer plopped himself, paraphernalia and all, on a top seat in the stands and, despite vigorous protests from the customers, proceeded to call decisions from there.

After the Ohio-Penn, he did stints in the Western League and Three-Eye before going to the National League in 1914. From 1915 through 1917 he was in the New York-Penn and, in 1918, the International. Then he moved to the Southern. Steamboat hasn't missed an assignment in all his 34 years on the job.

Battle Credit Now Given Men On Combat TD

By William Medine

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

New regulations affecting the award of battle participation stars, one factor in determining a soldier's claim to early discharge, were announced yesterday by ETOUSA headquarters.

The major change affects men who have served in a combat zone under temporary duty orders for 30 consecutive days or more. New regulations consider these men to have been at a normal post of duty and hence eligible for battle participation credit. Under the old provisions, they were not.

To wear a Bronze Service Star on the ETO ribbon, an individual must have been present for duty as a member of a unit, or attached to a unit at some period during which the unit participated in battle and was awarded credit.

Service Troops Included

If an individual actually engaged the enemy in combat, or if he was stationed in a combat zone, or performed duties in the air or on the ground (as headquarters or servicemen) in any part of the combat zone, at any time during the campaign period he is considered to have participated in combat.

The mere presence of a soldier in an area which is bombed or where minor combat occurs does not entitle him to battle credit.

Though "present for duty" means all personnel physically present or performing special duty at a time their unit participated in combat, there are cases where physical presence is not necessary. Non-flying personnel of an air force group stationed in England, or rear echelon members of units which receive battle participation credit are also eligible. Excluded are men who were sick in quarters or in arrest and confinement at the time their unit performed in battle.

Individual Credit

Advanced detachments and forward echelons such as squads and platoons not operating under an approved table of organization cannot receive battle participation credit as a unit. However, men in these units can be given credit as individuals by their unit commander.

Soldiers not members of units are eligible if they have been awarded a combat decoration, or if a corps or higher commander certifies that they have actually participated in battle.

Should a soldier be transferred out or evacuated from a unit prior to its citation, he will be credited.

Four Stars Possible

There are four campaigns which entitle ETO participants to stars: (1) The "Air Offensive, Europe," beginning July 4, 1942, and terminating on D-Day; (2) The "Normandy," dating from D-Day to July 24, 1944; (3) The "Northern France," from July 25 to September 14; and (4) The "Germany," from September 15 to a date as yet unannounced, with a combat zone including portions of France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg. Soldiers who participated in the southern France campaign from August 15 to September 14, 1944, are credited through the Mediterranean Theater of Operations Command.

'Ernie Pyle Day' Planned

NEW YORK, May 2 (ANS).—The motion picture industry's War Activities Committee announced today that June 6 will be "Ernie Pyle Day" in Wisconsin theaters, with free admission for every one who buys a Seventh War Loan Drive bond in memory of the late war correspondent.

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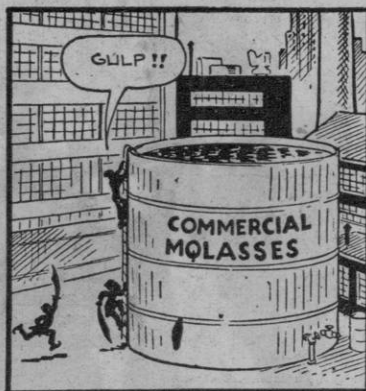
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1230-Revue Orch.	1900-Sports
1300-World News	1905-RCAF Show
1310-U.S. Sports	1945-9th AF Skyl'ts
1315-Spotlight	2000-Music Hall
1330-Lower Basin St	2030-Abbott & Costello
1400-Music We Love	2100-World News
1430-Human Advent.	2105-Your War today
1500-World News	2115-Hildegard
1510-AEF Extra	2145-Johnny Mercer
1530-Combat Diary	2200-U.S. News
1545-On the Record	2210-Frank Morgan
1600-Headlines	2235-Reminiscing
1630-Strike Up Band	2300-World News
1700-Amos and Andy	2305-One-Night Stand
1730-Swing Show	2330-Music Carnival
1755-Mark Up Map	2400-World News
1800-World News	0015-Night Shift

Time	TOMORROW
0600-Rise and Shine	0910-Spotlight Bands
0700-World News	0925-AEF Ranch H'se
0715-Song Parade	0935-Mark Up Map
0730-Return Eng'g'm	1000-Morning After
0800-Combat Album	1030-French Lesson
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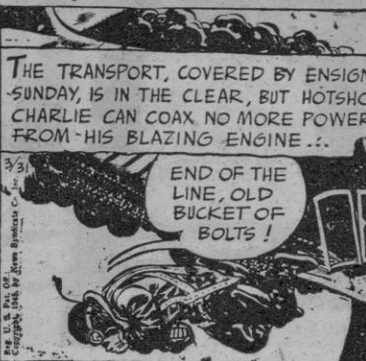
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Send your questions or problems to Help Wanted, The Stars and Stripes, APO 887. In replying to an advertisement, address letter to person signing ad, care of Help Wanted.

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BINOCULARS, initialed HTE 0-1037990. Pvt. Nick A. Daggres.

FIELD JACKET and GI glasses, left in jeep by GI en route to Chaumont, April 19. Lt. R. C. Burns.

APOs WANTED

JAKE Labb, Bouliar, Ohio; Sgt. Donald Leo Lais, St. Paul, Minn.; Tom Montgomery, Detroit; Norman McEwen, Willis McEwen, Fort Thomas, Ariz.; Opl. Herbert F. Markell, Elsmere, N.Y.; Pfc John E. McCullough, 33791848; Sgt. Hirsch Harry Miller, Brooklyn; Pfc Forrest M. Moseley, Portage, Wis.; Pvt. Noreene F. Montie, Ecorse, Mich.; T/Sgt. Orlington Newkirk; Pvt. Robert New, New York; Ismael Ortiz; Pvt. Wayne Paul, Kellogg, Iowa; Sgt. Jess A. Paul; Pvt. Salvatore Pellicano; Cpt. Carl Ruby, Los Angeles; Sgt. Otis Ropen, Baltimore; Carl C. Richardson; George Reed, Montrose, Col.; Pvt. Bryan J. Shea, 39992193; Sgt. Richard I. Tojer, Springfield, Ill.; Pvt. Vincent Tan-

burro, Paterson, N.J.; Dave Weiner, New York; George Zink, Urbana, Ill.

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

S/SGT. Hardin Kritz, Fulton, Mo.—Michael, April 27; Lt. George E. Williamson, Bluffton, Ind.—boy, April 27; Pfc William Henning, Jamaica, L.I.—Robert John, April 26; 1/Sgt. Leroy J. King, New York—boy, April 27; Capt. David W. Bishop, Rochester, N.Y.—boy, April 27; T/3 W. J. Jones, Scranton, Pa.—girl, April 25; Pvt. James Thurman Knight, Garland, Ala.—Michael, April 4; Pfc Earl S. Dramin, Winnipeg, Man.—girl, April 27; Lt. Enno Hobbing, Boston—Jeffrey, April 22; Pvt. Kiffle, Barnstable, Mass.—girl, April 25.

Ribbentrop Replaced, German Radio Says

Hamburg radio reported yesterday that Reich Minister Count Ludwig Schwerin von Krosig, a Junker, had been appointed Reich foreign minister. No mention was made by the radio of Joachim von Ribbentrop, who had held that post.

Ribbentrop, German foreign minister since 1933, was the second of Hitler's henchmen to vanish from the political scene in the last week, Reuter said. The first was Hermann Goering, former head of the Luftwaffe, whose departure had been explained as being due to poor health.

Krosig has been a member of the German finance ministry since 1920. He became minister of finance under Franz von Papen and was confirmed in that post when Hitler came to power.

'Hero's Death' ...

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facts given by Himmler and Gen. Schillenburg.

The statement added that the attempt by Adm. Doenitz in his statement to the German people and in his Order of the Day to drive a wedge between the western Allies and the Russians "will be as completely ineffective as the many previous efforts" made by the Germans.

"Nothing which either Adm. Doenitz or Himmler may say or do can change in any way the agreed operations of the Allied armies," the statement concluded.

"Constant contact," it said, was being maintained not only between the three governments—the U.S., Britain and Russia—but also between Supreme Allied Headquarters and the headquarters of the Soviet Army.

Emphasize Battle Death

The Hamburg radio and the German high command continued to stress that Hitler had died in battle, with the radio saying he was killed in action in bitter fighting in Berlin's government quarter. The high command issued a communique, the Associated Press reported, which asserted that "the Fuehrer has fallen in battle at the head of the heroic defenders of the capital."

Observers in world capitals speculated about the truth of the death, with the Soviets expressing skepticism, since they have long felt that top Nazis would use fake death announcements to escape, Reuter reported.

The AP said it was considered possible that the Allies would demand Hitler's body to remove all doubt. International News Service, however, quoted the British Foreign Office as denying all knowledge of the report, saying merely that the speediest measures to establish the accuracy of the German announcements would be "highly desirable."

The AP added that the British Foreign Office considered that Hitler had actually died, but considered the report that he had died a hero's death "complete nonsense." British radio accounts of Hitler's death said that he had died of a stroke. Other theories in London raised the possibility of execution by anti-Nazi elements, the AP said. None of the reports said Hitler was killed by henchmen in the Nazi hierarchy.

Spanish Aides Barred From Jap Embassy

NEW YORK, May 2.—Two officials of the Spanish Embassy in Washington were stopped by police today while trying to enter the Japanese Embassy. They were accompanied by a safe expert, taken along to open the combination lock on the embassy.

The men explained that they had come to recover complete records and hand them over to the new "protecting power." Spain had been Japan's agent before the recent severance of diplomatic relations.

The Spanish Embassy has apologized to the State Department for failing to ask its permission.

American Pfc Awarded British Military Cross

WITH 82nd AIRBORNE DIV., Germany.—Pfc Lewis E. Wilson of Akron, Ohio, was recently awarded the British Military Cross by Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery for "gallantry" during the 82nd's airborne invasion of Holland last September.

Wilson defended a vital forward position with a light machine-gun and a bazooka, stopping a German tank which spearheaded the enemy attack.

Nazi Armies Yield in Italy, West Austria

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German commander in chief in the southwest of all forces under his command or control on land, sea or air to the Supreme Allied Commander in the Mediterranean Theater.

2. Cessation of all hostilities on land and sea or in the air by enemy forces at 1400 hours (Paris Time), 2 May, 1945.

3. Immediate immobilization and disarmament of enemy ground, sea and air forces.

4. Obligation on the part of German commander-in-chief in the southwest to carry out any further orders issued by the Allied Supreme Commander, MTO.

5. Disobedience of orders or failure to comply with them will be dealt with in accordance with the accepted laws and usages of war. The document stipulates "that it is independent of, without prejudice to and will be superseded by any general instrument of surrender imposed by or on behalf of the United Nations and applicable to Germany and the German armed forces as a whole."

Text of the brief pact and its appendices were written in English and German.

Alexander Issues Special Order
Field Marshal Alexander told Allied troops of their complete victory in a special order of the day, which said in part:

"After nearly two years of hard and continuous fighting which started in Sicily in the summer of 1943, you stand today as victors of the Italian campaign. By clearing Italy of its last Nazi aggressor, you have liberated a country with over 40,000,000 people.

"Today, the remnants of a once-proud army have laid down their arms to you. You may well be proud of this great and victorious campaign, which will live in history as one of the greatest and most successful ever waged. No praise can be high enough for you, sailors, soldiers, airmen and workers of the United Forces in Italy."

The surrender came at a time when men of the Fifth Army had linked with French forces on the Ligurian coast and troops of the Eighth were fighting alongside Yugoslav troops above Trieste.

At a late hour, there were no indications from the front that the fighting had ceased, but German command stations broadcast to their troops, telling them to follow the unconditional surrender pact to the letter.

Judy Garland Plans June Marriage in N.Y.

HOLLYWOOD, May 2 (ANS).—Judy Garland, screen actress, said that she and Director Vincent E. Minnelli would be married in New York City, probably in June.

The place will be the Little Church Around the Corner, and the tentative date June 7, soon after her divorce from Composer Dave Rose becomes final.

T/5's Letter Gets Contest Ball Rolling

The first letter to reach The Stars and Stripes War Bond contest office was received yesterday from T/5 Richard Kosanovic, of Los Angeles, a member of a Ground Forces Reinforcement Command.

"It came as a big surprise. I expected thousands of letters to be in before mine," Kosanovic said when he was notified that his was the initial entry in the contest sponsored by The Stars and Stripes and other Army units in conjunction with the seventh war loan drive.

Kosanovic, who worked as a civilian in the finance office at Fort MacArthur, Calif., said he had been buying war bonds ever since the war started. "I've saved enough money through war bonds and allotments to stake a claim on a little ranch out in California after the war," he said, "and I sure could use a car or a truck when I get



Lt. Gen. Kurt Dittmar, who surrendered last week, walks between his son, Brandt, 16, who is carrying a white flag, and a U.S. Army officer.

Nazis' No. 1 Military Analyst, A PW, Sees Surrender Near

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WITH U.S. NINTH ARMY, April 26 (Delayed).—Lt. Gen. Kurt Dittmar, Germany's leading military analyst, who surrendered yesterday at Magdeburg, said he believed the fall of Berlin, which he expected "within a few days," would precipitate the piecemeal surrender of the remaining German armies.

He ventured no date for the complete cessation of hostilities, but indicated the much discussed national redoubt in the mountains to the south might not prove too tough to clear.

Dittmar, who left Berlin last Thursday night, said Hitler was there as commander of the capital's defenses and he undoubtedly would remain. Propaganda Minister Josef Goebbels was also in Berlin, said Dittmar, but, he added, he had no information on the whereabouts of Himmler or Goering.

No One Mentions Goering

"No one talks about Goering these days," he said, "He is rather forgotten."

The slight, fifty-four-year-old officer, clad in a green Wehrmacht uniform and black boots, surrendered late yesterday afternoon with his son, Brandt, 16, an army cadet.

Under a white flag, he crossed the Elbe River in a boat to ask American military authorities to permit Germans across the river to evacuate about 300 wounded soldiers and civilians to our lines. He was met by Capt. Henry Abbes, of Glendale, N.Y.

After his request was refused, Dittmar was confronted with the choice of returning to his own lines or surrendering. He decided, after about an hour, to give himself up. Dittmar said that Magdeburg was his former home and that he had gone to the front there to get first-hand material for his broadcasts.

Accompanying Dittmar were two lower ranking officers, one of whom said that "Hitler will die in Berlin."

Dittmar rolled up to the regimental CP in a jeep. The guards had been ordered to salute him and though they didn't think the idea worth a damn, they did.

Yanks Capture Von Rundstedt

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group under arrest, and Pfc Herman Jose, of Warrensburg, Ind., drove the field marshal and his son to a PW cage. Von Rundstedt, it was reported, said he had expected the Americans to arrive the following morning.

The field marshal said he had last seen Hitler March 12.

Von Rundstedt, a battle-scarred old Junker who since 1918 had thought of little else than how to rebuild a victorious Prussian military machine, was given command of the German anti-invasion forces in May, 1944. After the Allies smashed his Atlantic Wall, he was replaced "for health reasons" in July by Field Marshal von Kluge, but was reinstated in August to hold the Siegfried Line.

His Ardennes offensive just before Christmas gave the Allies their biggest setback on the Continent. According to a German captain captured by the Third Army, he was removed again in February after advising surrender.

Seventh Army troops took two other Nazi field marshals, von Leeb and List, as well as the former regent of Hungary, Adm. Horthy, and five other generals. First Army troops were reported by United Press to have taken Alfred Hess, brother of Rudolf, near the Czech border.

Von Rundstedt said he was "in retirement" when captured. With him, besides his wife and son, were his driver and a medical aid man.

Nazis Reported Pulling Out Of Denmark

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quoted a telephone message from Stockholm as saying that German naval forces in Denmark have begun to surrender, but the INS emphasized that these reports were without confirmation.

Reuter said that if the report that German naval forces in Denmark have begun to surrender are confirmed, it will be the first indication that the Nazi navy is not prepared to back Adm. Doenitz, the new fuehrer of the Reich, in his call for a continuation of resistance.

Reuter quoted a "well-informed" source that an agreement on the evacuation of Norway had been reached in a conference between Best and representatives of the Swedish government. Best, this source said, was given full authority to speak for German authorities in Norway.

As evidence of the way the wind was blowing, Reuter said, the Nazis have released 1,200 prisoners, most of them hostages, from the notorious Grini concentration camp in Norway.

Calls for Fight in North

Yesterday, however, the German-controlled Oslo radio broadcast this Order of the Day from Gen. Boehme, the commander-in-chief of German forces in Norway: "Soldiers of my command—The Fuehrer died for you. His command to us to fight for Germany is as valid today as ever. By his command, we will continue to mount the guard in the north, unbroken, proud and faithful."

The German garrison in Norway was estimated at about 200,000 troops, a few hundred fighter planes and a force of U-boats. It was regarded as another potential redoubt, where the Nazis could fight from difficult fiords and mountains long after resistance on the mainland had been quelled.

Seventh, French Forces Meet Stiffening Resistance

American Seventh Army and French First Army forces, cutting deeper into the redoubt, met stiffening German resistance yesterday.

The Seventh Army troops, fighting in the cold Alpine passes, made small advances, as did French troops east of Lake Constance. The number of German soldiers fighting the advance into the redoubt apparently was not large. But such is the character of that mountainous country that a handful of Germans can slow down a division of the Allies.

Other Seventh Army troops drove 30 miles east from the Wormsee, south of Munich, and reached the Inn River at Rosenheim. They were only six miles from the Inn Valley railroad that runs through Innsbruck to the Brenner Pass.

31,057 Sorties In April for 9th

NINTH AF HQ., May 2.—U.S. Ninth AF fighters, mediums and light bombers flew more than 31,057 sorties in April and probably destroyed or damaged 1,184 German planes on the ground and 117 in the air.

April losses include 98 fighters, 15 medium and light bombers, seven recon planes and one night fighter.

Fighter bombers knocked out 520 armored vehicles, damaged 512, destroyed 473 gun positions and damaged 308. They also destroyed 29 supply dumps and damaged three.

Medium and light bombers dropped 12,470 tons of bombs on 29 railroad yards, ordnance and motor vehicle depots, fuel and ammo dumps, communication centers and airfields.

Gen. Huebner Meets Red Chief Near Torgau

WITH THE V CORPS IN GERMANY, May 2.—The first official meeting between Russian and American corps commanders took place in Germany near Torgau last week when Maj. Gen. Clarence R. Huebner, CG of the V Corps, exchanged official courtesies with

Stenseth Gets Iceland Post

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, May 2 (UP).—Brig. Gen. Martin Stenseth, of Hamburg, Minn., a World War I ace, has taken over command of the Iceland base from Brig. Gen. Early Duncan.

to run his ranch. "My pop and mom have always wanted a ranch," he said, "and I think I'll have enough money from my savings to make a down payment. If I'm lucky enough to win a car or Frigidaire, I'll be that much better off."

War Entry by Sweden Regarded Possible

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2 (AP).—Official Norwegian quarters have advanced the possibility that if the Germans launched a "scorched earth" campaign in southern Norway, Sweden might drop her neutrality and send her troops across the border to halt the devastation. It was estimated that about 150,000 German troops still are garrisoned in Norway.

Participation in the contest requires a simple, straightforward letter on the subject: "My Savings and Postwar Plans." Letters must not be less than 50 words nor more than 250 words. The contest is open to all military personnel in the ETO, except those serving sentences, AWOL or deserters.

Prizes will be awarded for the best letters. Contestants must state they have a Class B allotment or have purchased a War Bond since May 1, 1945.

Name, serial number and APO address must be placed on the upper right-hand corner of each letter. Letters must be addressed to War Bond Contest, APO 887 and must be post-marked on or before July 7, 1945.

the place. That's why I entered the contest," he added. Kosanovic has already made plans