

Roosevelt Holiday

COLUMBIA, S.C., April 19 (ANS).—A bill today asked that President Roosevelt's birthday be made a legal holiday.

Mother's Day May 13

WASHINGTON, April 19 (ANS).—President Truman yesterday proclaimed Sunday, May 13, as Mother's Day.

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Leipzig Falls to 1st Army

Reds Crack South Line, Says Berlin

German reports said yesterday that the Red Army had broken through the main fortifications guarding the southeastern approaches to Berlin and reached Finsterwalde, 29 miles beyond the River Spree and within 50 miles of American forces east of Leipzig.

Although admitting that the Russians had broken out of their Neisse bridgeheads for gains of some 40 miles, enemy reports said that the Germans were in full control of the situation and had constructed a new defense line between the Spree bastions of Spremberg and Cottbus.

Polish Order of Day

The German reports indicated that the Russians were shifting the main weight of their offensive from the Oder front due east of Berlin to a flanking movement southeast of the city. Finsterwalde is almost 50 miles due south of the Nazi capital.

Moscow continued to ignore developments on the Berlin front, but a Polish order of the day, broadcast by Lublin Radio, partially confirmed reports that a great spring offensive had been launched by almost 3,000,000 Russian troops. Reporting a Soviet drive on the Neisse front, the Polish order announced that Polish units of the Soviet forces had crossed the Neisse and penetrated deep into German territory.

While the main Soviet offensive, according to German accounts, appeared to be taking place southeast of Berlin, Russian units on the Oder front occupied Seelow, 25 miles due east of Berlin, and drove along the Seelow-Wriezen road to

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Yanks Hoist a Few Beers to Victory in Old Heidelberg



Men of the U.S. Seventh Army who helped to capture the German university town sample its famous beer.

Churchill Tells Of Ike's Horror At Nazi Crimes

LONDON, April 19 (AP).—Prime Minister Churchill revealed today in the House of Commons that Gen. Eisenhower had told him that German atrocities just discovered "far surpass" anything previously seen.

Churchill said that a "solemn warning" had been prepared "not only to the men on top but to the actual people who had done this foul work with their own hands."

Churchill told Commons that his war statement would not be made for at least another two weeks. He said he would indicate next week whether he thought that the week after would be a "suitable" time for it.

Churchill deprecated premature speculation on when V-E Day would be announced.

Yanks Liberating Once More; Girls, Czechs Now, Wave Again

By Peter Furst,
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH A RECON PATROL, Czechoslovakia, April 18 (Delayed).—At 11:15 A.M. an infantry and recon patrol of the 90th Div. crossed a creek into pre-Munich Czechoslovakia, after a short fight 1,000 yards from the former border. It later withdrew with prisoners and vital information.

Bradley Tells Of Allied Gains

TWELFTH ARMY GP. HQ., April 19.—"Virtually every German soldier that faced us back on the Siegfried Line on Feb. 23 is now either killed, wounded or a prisoner," Gen. Omar Bradley, 12th Army Gp. commander, told a press conference at his headquarters today. "Since we crossed the Rhine, we have taken 842,864 prisoners, he added.

Bradley said that 50 percent of Greater Germany was now occupied and approximately 36 percent of the Reich is held by the Western Allies.

"We have completed this phase of operations and are getting ready for the next," he declared. "We advanced to a definite line on which it is necessary to pause before starting the next operation."

War Criminal Trial For Von Papen Urged

WASHINGTON, April 19 (AP).—A demand arose in Congress today to inaugurate the trials of Axis ringleaders as war criminals immediately by designating Franz von Papen, captured Nazi diplomat, as the first defendant.

Rep. Emmanuel Celler (D-N.Y.) termed Von Papen a "Nazi jackal" who helped engineer two wars, and said he should receive "a prompt drumhead court martial."

Lights of Britain Go on Again Monday

LONDON, April 19 (AP).—Home Secretary Herbert Morrison announced today that, beginning next Monday, all blackout restrictions in Great Britain will be lifted except for a five-mile belt around the coast. The lights went out in September, 1939.

Nazis End Resistance In the Ruhr

Leipzig, fifth largest city of Germany, fell to Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' U.S. First Army at 1900 Wednesday after wild street fighting, AP reported yesterday.

The city, which had a 1939 population of 701,606, was captured by doughs of the Second and 69th Inf. Divs., who had entered the city in opposite directions and met in its center.

The drive for Leipzig, which began at dawn Wednesday, swept through the city to overwhelm scattered defense positions. Germans were described by AP front reports as cheering the Americans on.

U.S. forces closed in on Leipzig from the west, south and east after they broke through a belt of more than 1,200 anti-aircraft guns.

Time to Pause

After linking the east-west drives into the city, First Army forces brought up guns to blast the city hall when the Nazi commander refused to surrender.

With Leipzig and Magdeburg, two main municipal bastions before Berlin, firmly in American hands, Gen. Omar N. Bradley revealed that armies of his 12th Army Group have reached the line where they must pause before starting their next operation.

Other Allied armies lunged full against the northern and southern fronts, where Nazis have prepared to make their final stands.

Ruhr Resistance Ends

In the Ruhr, organized resistance ceased, the Allied communique announced, 19 days after the great industrial region was encircled by the U.S. First and Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's U.S. Ninth Armies.

Driving against the German North Sea line, spearheads of the British Seventh Arm. Div. entered Buchoz six miles from Hamburg. They gained control of a 12-mile stretch of the Bremen-Hamburg autobahn, and cut the rail line between the two ports which was carrying traffic up until yesterday.

Other British forces reached the Elbe River at undisclosed points southeast of Hamburg.

Driving toward the Nazi redoubt in southern Germany, three armored divisions of Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's U.S. Seventh Army wheeled to the south along a 70-mile axis between Wurzburg and Bayreuth. Leading tank elements were 75 miles north of Munich, birthplace of the Nazi party.

Toughest resistance in the line (Continued on Page 8)

High Nazi Official Captured

TWELFTH ARMY GP. HQ., April 19 (Reuter).—Walter Darre, former Nazi secretary of food and agriculture for Greater Germany and secretary of agriculture for Prussia, has been captured by American troops.

They Just Waited for a Streetcar

Foes Use Trolley to Escape

LEIPZIG, April 18 (Delayed) (AP).—German soldiers defending the Leipzig perimeter made one of the first "retreats by streetcar" in military history.

Fifteen Germans defended a suburban village until convinced that the assignment was hopeless. Then they hitch-hiked a ride on a streetcar running back into the city.

A few German troops wrote their own discharges from the Wehrmacht and succeeded in getting an officer to sign them before the Americans caught up with them.

"Some of the discharges were dated 2 PM today," said an American officer. "As fast as we caught these guys, we threw them into PW enclosures."



Stars and Stripes Map by Baird

After breaching the Neisse and Spree defenses, Russian troops were reported almost due south of Berlin, at Finsterwalde, in a gigantic outflanking movement southeast of Berlin.

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Nurses' Promotion

Before the "Hash-marked Nurses," who complained about promotions, start blaming the lack of their promotions on their CO and chief nurse, they should do a little investigating.

I happen to know that the lack of promotions for nurses as well as for medical officers has been a discouraging factor for the CO and chief nurse of this organization since arrival in the ETO. They have made recommendations, but it has become quite apparent that due to lack of transportation in this theater, the Army is now using turtles to carry the recommendations to headquarters and back.

I am a hash-marked second lieutenant, too. I am sick of waiting for my promotion. If any one sees that turtle on his way here—give him a lift, will you!—2/Lt. M. K. Armstrong.

(Maj. Gen. Paul R. Hawley, Chief Surgeon, ETOUSA, states:

"Promotions have been slow but every effort is being made to rectify this situation. Records show, however, that the majority of T/O vacancies have been filled in recent weeks. The unrestricted promotion of overseas nurses from second lieutenant to first lieutenant is not automatic but is based upon the individual's qualifications, position in the unit, and time overseas."—Ed.)

Lest We Forget

I would like to suggest that we have Old Glory prominently displayed in every hamlet, town, city and conquered installation in Germany.

We have seen our flag displayed here but more displays would serve for at least two purposes: First, with enough Stars and Stripes displayed the civilians would start to forget about the swastika, and secondly, the suggested displays would serve to remind us and perhaps even act as a deterrent against transgressions on our part.—Lt. D. A. D.

Roger

I got to thinking that plenty of cracks that we in the infantry make about the air force, while seemingly ignored, may be taken more to heart than we think.

I feel that I could never adequately express the feeling that I have toward the air force. I believe that most infantrymen feel the same way. From the remarkable aerial photo maps that we use constantly, to the bombs that are dropped on Berlin; from the intrepid liaison pilots, to the big B29s that we read about, the air force is as necessary to the infantry soldier as the weapon that he holds in his hands.

When you are up on the front, and the heavy artillery comes crashing down on you from behind the enemy lines—when the enemy mortars seem to ferret out every draw, every fold in the ground . . . you cringe involuntarily under the whirring and screaming descent of the large rocket shells . . . the ground-shaking explosion . . . you have a peculiar feeling in your stomach because you can do nothing about it. It has been thus since D-Day, usually with rain or snow falling, with heavy clouds overhead.

But let the rain stop momentarily, or a few breaks appear in the clouds. The air force needs no more. Through the break in the clouds against the blue sky, you see flight after flight of our planes. They are on their way to return some death and destruction to the enemy.

You feel strangely elated. You

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notice for the first time that it is quiet. The enemy mortars, the rockets, the artillery has ceased firing. The flak starts mushrooming into life in the sky, trying to find the right level, the right targets. Sometimes you see one of our planes falter—you know it has been hit. Sometimes one will drop out of formation and plummet downwards like a shot bird. You see it fall—you see it crash into the ground with a roar of flame and smoke—and your heart stands still. But the planes, as far as the eye can see, are still coming. Silver silhouettes, winging their way to the east. Your eyes grow moist as you say to yourself, simply—Thank God. —An Infantry Soldier.

You Miserable Personalities

In the April 7 issue of The Stars and Stripes I read the following sentences: "In B-Bag the soldier speaks his mind with the gusto of a free man. That's how Ike Eisenhower wants it. His order—that the Stars and Stripes be free—is based on the belief that soldiers old enough to fight the war are old enough to face the facts."

Hide your faces, you miserable personalities, because here comes my gusto!

Yesterday I received a pass to see Paris. I went down to the Red Cross, got myself a map of the city and was on my way. After about one hour of asking foolish questions on how to find my way around I ended up at the Etoile.

I walked out of the subway station and, as I stood timidly on one corner, feverishly fingering over my little Red Cross map, an MP walked up to me and politely said, "Let's see your pass, soldier."

I fumbled around through my wad of franc notes and finally found it for him. As I was looking for it he said, "Has any one told you about having your field jacket buttoned?" I laughed, and replied, "Nope they haven't." Then he said, "Well go over there and crawl in the back of the truck, you are going down for a summary court martial."

That's exactly what I did.

One week ago I was a private in sunny, bomb-torn Germany. Today I'm a free American soldier with one court-martial to my credit.

Thanks, Ike, for letting me blow my top.—Pfc Ned P. Austin, 4318 U.S. Army Hosp.

An Editorial
Horror Comes Home



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Much has been said and written regarding the methods to be used in bringing home to the German people an awareness of their responsibility for the crimes of this war.

The military government, in forcing German civilians to see for themselves the atrocities committed by the Nazi masters, is taking a step which permits of no argument. In The Stars and Stripes of April 10, Staff Writer James Cannon described the enforced visit of citizens of Ohrdruf, Germany, to the concentration camp above that town. The following story appeared in the European edition of the New York Herald Tribune of April 18, and describes the reactions of German citizens to their visit to the Buchenwald torture camp:

By Marguerite Higgins

WEIMAR, Germany, April 16 (Delayed).—The German citizens of Weimar, weeping and protesting the horror of the sight, were led today by American military government officials through the vast panorama of sadism and mass torture that has made the

giant Buchenwald concentration camp here the most demonic of the various prisons yet liberated by the western Allied armies.

The men and women were marched past the heaps of stiff and naked bodies of people who, through starvation, beatings and torture, had died in such great quantities that the Gestapo had not had the opportunity to dispose of them in the hectic few days before the American conquest of the town. At the crematorium, where some 200 prisoners were disposed of daily, several women fainted at the sight of half-burnt humans still in the oven. Others attempted to put their hands over their eyes. But one of the government officials immediately stepped forward and ordered them to look, saying: "You must find the courage to face the things for which you are responsible."

The military government put on a graphic demonstration for the 1,000-odd townspeople who were the vanguard of others to follow on successive days. They were taken through the separate "small camp" where about 200

men had been starved and beaten to a point where they lay dying. The men were so emaciated and weak that most of them could not raise their voice above a whisper. Under the Nazis, they lived in unimaginable filth and were virtually without care. The odor of excrement, vomit and the smell of death lay heavy over the camp today still. Two of the men died this afternoon, quietly and even without a second glance from their desperately-ill companions.

A demonstration was also given of how the Gestapo forced the prisoners themselves to hang their comrades. A prisoner dressed in Gestapo uniform told them how the thick club he carried had been used to prod on those prisoners reluctant to bring about the death of their compatriots.

The German citizens this afternoon left the camp in a solemn mood and with obvious relief. Throughout the tour, there had been a certain nervousness among them, apparently inspired by the belief that the military government might have had sinister designs in bringing them to the camp.

HUBERT by **SGT. DICK WINGERT**



I do too like M.P.'s! I just came around the corner and wham—there you were right in the middle of the road, that's all!

List of 'Big Name' Germans Captured by Allies Grows

The list of "big name" Germans captured by the Allies was swelled within the last seven days when American troops corralled ex-Chancellor Franz von Papen; Kaiser Wilhelm's fourth son, Prince August Wilhelm of Hohenzollern; War I Field Marshal August von Mackensen, and Nazi propagandist Dr. Manfred Zapp.

Prince August's capture, announced by Radio Luxembourg, was not confirmed.

Capture of Von Mackensen, last of Germany's War I field marshals, was reported by United Press, which said liberated Russian soldiers told American troops where he could be found.

Wears 1918 Uniform

Von Mackensen was wearing his 1918 uniform when captured. He didn't have much to say to the Yanks. His only comment was: "Can you do something to stop the Russians from killing my chickens?"

Zapp, former head of the German Transoceanic News Agency and chief German propagandist in the U.S. from 1936 to 1941, was captured by the Third Army at Bad Berka Sunday, Reuter said yesterday.

New Aluminum Bridge

DETROIT, April 19 (ANS).—The U.S. Engineers Office has announced that a portable aluminum bridge weighing only 54 tons and capable of spanning a river up to 436 feet in width, was being produced here.

New Armor Shell Revealed by U.S.

DETROIT, April 19 (ANS).—A new type of armor-piercing shell, described as a projectile within a projectile, has taken a heavy toll of German Tiger and Panther tanks on the Western Front, Army officials have disclosed.

Frontline reports indicate that German tanks have been knocked out at 3,000 yards by a single shot of the new shell.

The new shell weighs only nine pounds and has a muzzle velocity of 3,400 feet per second.

Young Singers Signed

NEW YORK, April 19 (ANS).—The Metropolitan Opera has awarded contracts to two young singers, chosen winners after a 23-week radio competition.

They are Robert Merrill, a baritone from Brooklyn, and Thomas Hayward, a tenor from Kansas City. Each also received a \$1,000 cash prize.

This Happened in America Yesterday:

PW Investigation Is Ordered By House Military Committee

By Richard Wilbur

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, April 19.—A full-dress prisoner-of-war investigation by the House Military Affairs Committee has been ordered by Chairman Andrew J. May (D-Ky.). It will get under way April 26, May said in an interview, "and will be open to the public."

Witnesses will include War and State Department officials. May declared that "there has been too much mouthing about the prisoner-of-war situation by people who don't know what they're talking about."

German prisoners of war voluntarily attended a memorial mass for President Roosevelt at the Attica, N.Y., internment camp. The Rev. Peter E. L. Mellerski, camp chaplain, said that they unanimously agreed to participate although they were told they had the right to refuse. The mass was conducted in German.

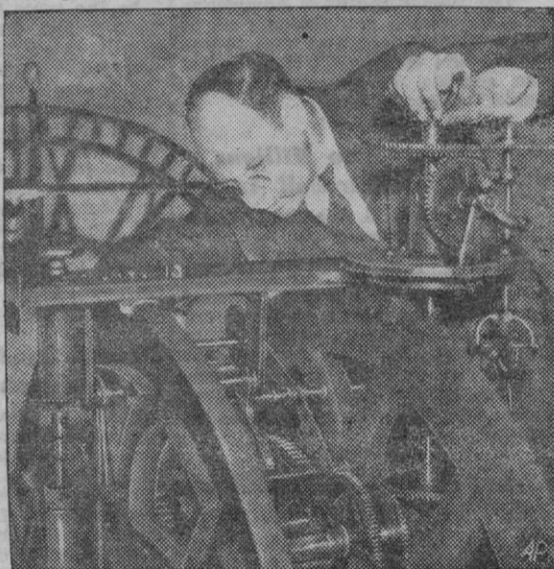
AT Athol, Mass., Mrs. Victoria C. Hachey died at 85, leaving 91 descendants, who include six sons, five daughters, 60 grandchildren—15 in the armed forces—and 20 great-grandchildren.

A fire of undetermined origin at LaSalle, Col., south of Greeley, destroyed two large warehouses, offices, docks, 16 big wooden pickling tanks and 2,000 bushels of pickles of the H. J. Heinz Co. Damage was estimated at \$30,000.

THE Veterans Administration has announced a nation-wide drive to help returning veterans keep their government life insurance in force. The joint committee co-operating in the drive represents the life insurance business, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled War Veterans.

The American Kennel Club, Inc., is not a scientific institution under the Federal income tax law, no matter how "doggedly" it claims that status. This ruling, including the pun, was made in an opinion by Judge Jerome Frank in the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The club sued to recover \$196.01 in income taxes and penalties for 1937.

A widespread racket is going on in the sale to motorists of fake compounds under the guise of battery accelerants, said a warning issued by the American Association of Battery Manufacturers, the Society of Automotive Engineers and the New York Automobile Club. They say that racketeers are selling flour, Epsom salts or "just any old white powder" as a solution to all battery troubles.



Parker L. Starrett, clock watcher.

PARKER L. STARRETT, of Portland, Me., is a clockwatcher who gets paid for his vigilance. He cares for the five big clocks of the city, one of them a 120-year-old timepiece. This ancient clock is crudely made of wood and forged metal parts, and its counterweight is a keg of metal scrap hanging at the end of a windlass rope.

T/Sgt. Richard C. Oldakowski, veteran of 65 bombing missions, invalided back and under treatment at Ft. Logan, Col., had a reunion with his wife and a seven-week-old baby he had never seen, through the personal efforts of President Truman, who was then Vice-President. Tied up in red tape, Oldakowski wrote to Mr. Truman, who saw to it that a visa application was granted to Mrs. Oldakowski, whom the sergeant married in England.

Chaplin Must Pay \$75 Weekly For Daughter Until She Is 18

HOLLYWOOD, April 19 (ANS).—Charlie Chaplin yesterday was ordered to dip into his \$8,000,000 fortune and pay \$75 a week to support Joan Berry's daughter until she is 18.

Superior Judge Clarence Kincaid also instructed Chaplin to pay Miss Berry \$5,000 to cover her attorney's fees for her victorious two-year court fight to have the comedian named the father of 18-month-old, Carol Ann.

Joseph Scott, 77-year-old attorney for Miss Berry, had demanded \$1,500 monthly support for Carol Ann and \$50,000 attorney's fees.

Scott's eyes filled with tears and he turned pale. "I can't believe it," he murmured. "I just can't believe it."

Kincaid also ordered Chaplin to pay court costs for the two paternity trials. The jury disagreed on the first one.

Neither Miss Berry nor Chaplin was in court when the order was read.

The crowded courtroom gasped when the judge handed down the

award a little more than 24 hours after the jury of 11 women and one man had found the 56-year-old film star the father of Miss Berry's daughter.

Scott and Millikan had spent the day battling over how much Chaplin should pay. The \$75 weekly sum is the same amount, he has been paying Miss Berry for the last year and one-half pending court settlement.

"Frankly, for myself, I expect the court to allow \$50,000 for attorney's fees," Scott said. Even the judge blinked at that. Scott said that his office had not been able to take many other cases since Miss Berry's began.

"The whole gang down at my office is going crazy," he shouted, "with this girl running in all the time and with chasing Chaplin around like a jackrabbit—only without a gun—and we expect to be paid for it."

After Kincaid's ruling, Scott said: "That little baby can't even live on \$75 a week now," he said. "I don't know what she'll do as she gets older."

Fight for Tariff Slash Opens

On Their Toes



Acme Photo

Dancing girls are welcome at any season, and especially at this one, when young men's fancies lightly turn in a well known direction. These are trying out as dancers in the St. Louis Municipal Opera.

Hull Appeals For Cut; GOP Senators Balk

WASHINGTON, April 19 (ANS).—Former Secretary of State Cordell Hull made a sickbed appeal yesterday for new tariff-cutting powers for the Truman Administration as a major fight opened on Capitol Hill over the reciprocal trade program.

Hull, known as the father of the trade program, called it one of the foundations for lasting peace, but Republicans declared that it did not prevent the present war or remedy unemployment in the great depression, the Associated Press said.

Thus began the first major fight in the administration of President Truman, who has endorsed pending legislation under which he could slash as much as 50 percent off tariffs prevailing on Jan. 1, 1945, in return for concessions from other nations.

Foundation for Peace

The 1930 Smoot-Hawley Act started the world "down the road of commercial conflict that helped bring on this war," Hull declared in a letter written from the Bethesda, Md., Naval Hospital, to the House Ways and Means Committee.

As the nation approaches "another chance to make peace," Hull said, it should lay the foundations by acting to reduce "excessive barriers to trade which impair the well-being of all countries and thus undermine peaceful and friendly relations among nations."

GOP in Solid Opposition

Republican members of the committee, after a caucus, lined up solidly against the legislation. Rep. Harold Knutson (R-Minn.) asserted that the nation's prosperity was aided by "the Republican high tariff."

Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. also supported the legislation in a letter to the committee. He declared that enactment of the administration's tariff proposals "would give the rest of the world a symbol and a tangible proof that we mean what we say about joining with other nations in working toward a more prosperous and more secure world."

Joe Connelly, Head Of News Service, Dies

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y., April 19 (ANS).—Joseph V. Connelly, 50, president of International News Service and King Features Syndicate, died early today after a heart attack.

Connelly began his newspaper career in 1912 as a reporter for the New Haven (Conn.) Union. He fought in the first world war and later joined the New York Sun. He became associated with King Features in 1920.

GOP Leaders See Truman, Offer Help on Legislation

WASHINGTON, April 19 (ANS).—President Truman received offers yesterday of an advance Republican consultation to avoid legislative shoals in the Senate.

A delegation of Republicans, headed by Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio), called at the White House to pay its respects as the "loyal opposition," and to express a willingness to consult with the President "at any time where prospects of differences over legislation appear." A member of the group said that Mr. Truman told them he would welcome such advice, the Associated Press said.

President Truman pitched into his second normal working day at a rate only slightly relaxed from the breathless pace of his nearly 15 hours on the job Tuesday.

A Day with the President

Leaving his official residence at Blair House at 8:45 AM yesterday, he walked briskly less than two blocks to the White House. Arriving, he:

1—Received the Republican senatorial delegation and consulted separately later with Sen. Albert W. Hawkes (R-N.J.).

2—Received War Food Administrator Marvin Jones.

3—Consulted with Budget Director Harold Smith.

4—Held a conference with Secretaries Stettinius, Stimson and Forrestal.

5—Issued a statement of condolence on the death of Ernie Pyle in the Pacific.

6—Received Father Alphonse M. Schwitalla, President of the Catholic Hospital Association, and 16 Central and South American Sisters of Charity who have studied nursing methods in this country for the last year.

7—Walked back to Blair House for lunch.

8—Back at the White House, Mr. Truman conferred with Postmaster General Frank Walker and held his second meeting of the day with Secretary Forrestal. This time Forrestal was accompanied by Adm. King, Navy Commander in Chief.

A Democratic senatorial conference to review the effect of the change in Presidents on the legislative situation was called for by Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley (D-Ky.). Barkley told reporters that he is certain that Mr. Truman, a former colleague, will receive the full legislative support of Democratic senators.

Writers Don't Wait

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 19 (ANS).—A crisis hit a cafe here when two waiters attempting to serve 140 patrons suddenly walked out. Two regular patrons donned aprons and finished the job with the remark: "We all gotta eat." They received only 65 cents in tips.

Group Hits Use Of 18-Yr.-Olds

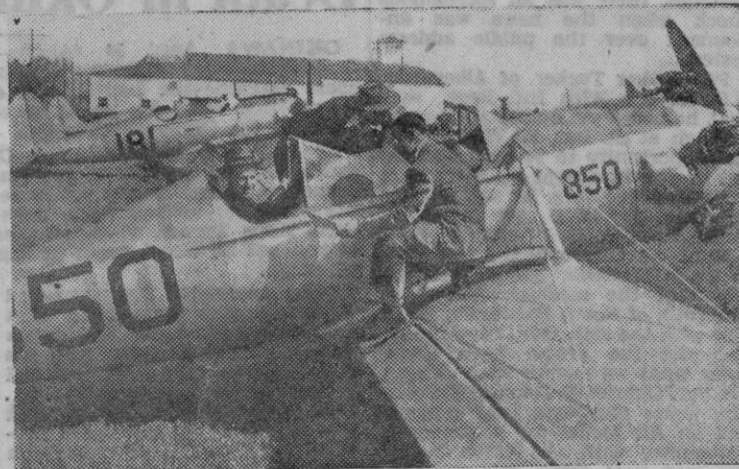
WASHINGTON, April 19 (ANS).—A bi-partisan Senate group today tried to write into Selective Service extension legislation a ban against sending 18-year-olds into combat without at least six months of training.

Sen. Ed Johnson, of Colorado, ranking Democrat on the Military Affairs Committee and one of the authors of the amendment, claimed support of the ban was mounting and predicted its adoption. Other authors are Sens. Tom Steward (D-Tenn.), Chapman Revercomb (R-W.Va.), and George A. Wilson (R-Iowa).

The Army has opposed such legislative restrictions in the past on the grounds it would hamper flexible use of Army units that might contain a few 18-year-olds without six months of training.

Senate passage of the draft act extension, already approved by the House, was conceded.

Training Planes Up for Public Sale



Prospective buyers get the feel of a primary trainer, one of 3,000 such planes placed on sale by the RFC at Concord, Calif. Formerly used to train Army and Navy pilots, the single-engined planes have been declared surplus and are priced at from \$700 to \$2,400.

GI Joe, Pyle's Hero, Mourns His Death

'Gave His Life For Us,' Say Fighting Men

By Vincent J. Lambrose
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

News of the death of Ernie Pyle left a hollow spot in the hearts of fighting men with whom Pyle had lived and died. Pyle was considered by GIs everywhere a "real friend." "He died for his country," they said.

"I don't think we'll ever have another man who will express the sentiments of the GI as well as Ernie Pyle," said Sgt. James W. Rouse, of Detroit, a machine-gun sergeant with the 47th Inf., 9th Div.

Cpl. Joseph B. Brignolo, Bridgeport, Conn., member of a signal company, commented, "I think I felt as badly about Pyle's death as I did for President Roosevelt. He gave his life for us."

"I felt as though I had lost a personal friend—he certainly was a friend of the American fighting

30th Allied War Writer to Die

NEW YORK, April 19 (ANS).—Ernie Pyle was the 30th Allied war correspondent to lose his life during the present war, according to Editor and Publisher, newspaper trade magazine.

The publication listed 149 correspondents missing, wounded or prisoners of war.

man," said Sgt. Joe Kozich, 78th Div. infantryman from Wilkes Barre, Pa. "I heard the boys talking about it down at Rainbow Corner. I could hardly believe it."

Sailors as well as soldiers were saddened by the news of Ernie Pyle's passing. SF2/C Bill Jones, of Rahway, N.J., commented, "He was a fighting man's man. I guess he'd have wanted to go that way." His buddy, SF2/C R. C. Lloyd, of Los Angeles, Calif., added "He was a great guy. We sailors appreciated him as much as any GI."

Combat Man's Best Friend, Says Wearer of Purple Heart

By A. Victor Lasky
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

LONDON, April 19.—Sgt. Arnold Caldwell, of Chesapeake, W.Va., was walking his Piccadilly Circus beat as an MP when he was told of the death of Ernie Pyle. Caldwell, who wears the Purple Heart and was reassigned to MP duties after being wounded as a member of the Ninth Div. said:

"Ernie Pyle was the best friend we GIs, especially those of us who saw combat, ever had. Last June I saw Ernie in Cherbourg. He traveled with our outfit just like any other Joe. He never asked for special privileges. Instead, he went out of his way to endure everything we endured."

At Rainbow Corner, where more than 500 GIs and sailors watched the UK Base championship boxing matches, there was an incredulous shock when the news was announced over the public address system.

Pfc Luther Tucker, of Albemarle, N.C., of the 47th Inf. Regt., said that he saw Pyle during the breakthrough at St. Lo. He didn't have the opportunity to speak to Ernie, but he saw him right up there with the rest of the Joes. He said, "Ernie was one guy who got us some breaks."

Ernie was not only the infantryman's best friend, but he was the friend of the medics. T/4 Jack Halbroth, of North Baltimore, Ohio, now with the 55th Gen. Hosp., said: "He let the people back home know what we medics were doing."

S/Sgt. Charles T. Root, of Detroit, who wears four Oak Leaf clusters and an Air Medal for action as a tail-gunner with the 457th Bomb Gp. said that Ernie was the airman's best friend. "Ernie did not write any sentimental hogwash about us guys up in the air. He treated us like we are—civilians in uniform. We're going to miss Ernie."

'No Man So Well Told Story of the Fighting Man'



Ernie Pyle writing one of the columns which helped make him famous and earned him the above tribute, made by President Truman.



Ernie posing for a bust by Jo Davidson in New York last fall.

Ernie Felt He Would Meet Death in Okinawa Campaign

OKINAWA, April 19 (ANS).—Ernie Pyle, killed yesterday by Japanese machine-gun bullets, had a premonition that he would meet death in the Okinawa campaign.

He had told Comdr. Paul C. Smith, peacetime editor of the San Francisco Chronicle and public relations officer to Vice Adm. Richmond Kelly Turner, at Guam that he believed he would get it in this campaign.

[The Associated Press reported from Albuquerque, N.M., that Pyle, in a letter to his wife, wrote that this was to have been his last invasion. He wrote: "I feel I must cover the marines. . . I've promised Max Miller and I've promised myself and I promise you that if I come through this one, I will never go on another one." Referring to the marines, Ernie wrote: "They are a grand bunch, just like the Infantry I have known so well."]

Ernie was on his way to the front on Ie Shima about 10:15 AM in a

jeep with Lt. Col. Joseph B. Coolidge, of Helena, Ark., regimental commander. As the jeep came to a crossroads near the village of Ie, one mile behind the front lines, a hidden Japanese machine-gun opened up.

Both men leaped from the jeep and into a ditch. The jeep continued on for 20 yards before running off the road. After the firing ceased, Coolidge raised his head from the ditch and looked around. Ernie did the same and then the Japanese gun opened up again.

Three slugs went through Ernie's head and he died instantly. Coolidge crawled back and reported the correspondent's death. Four soldiers attached to the graves registration detail volunteered to go after his body.

It was five hours before the men were able to approach his body. The first to reach Ernie was an Army combat photographer, Cpl. Alexander Roberts, of New York City, former Acme photographer.

U.S. Casualties 7,988 In Okinawa Campaign

GUAM, April 19 (ANS).—U.S. Army, Navy and Marine casualties of 7,988 in the Okinawa campaign were reported today by Adm. Nimitz as marines overran the northern end of the strategic island and doughboys virtually ended the conquest of little Ie Islet offshore.

GIs, From Ike Down, Lament Ernie's Passing

SHAEF, April 19.—Commenting on the death of Ernie Pyle, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower today declared, "Every GI in Europe—and that means all of us—has lost one of his best and most understanding friends."

'He Lived With Them, He Has Died With Them'

WASHINGTON, April 19 (ANS). Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said yesterday that soldiers had "lost a friend" in the death of Ernie Pyle.

"The understanding of Americans in battle which ran through all of Ernie Pyle's dispatches was drawn from hours spent with them under fire, sharing the dangers they endured," Stimson said.

Pyle Belonged to Millions Of Soldiers, Marshall Asserts

Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, said:

"Ernie Pyle belonged to the millions of soldiers he had made his friends. His dispatches reached down into the ranks to draw out stories of individual soldiers. He did not glorify war, but he did glorify the nobility, simplicity and heroism of the American fighting man. The Army deeply mourns his death."

I Have Known No Finer Man, No Better Soldier—Bradley

By a Stars & Stripes Staff Correspondent

WITH THIRD ARMY IN GERMANY, April 19.—Gen. Omar N. Bradley, CG of the 12th Army Gp., commenting on Ernie Pyle's death said: "The death of Ernie Pyle has saddened the thousands of friends he left behind in Tunisia, Sicily, Italy and France. I have known no finer man, no better soldier than he. His loss again reminds us of the enormous risk that war correspondents have taken to bring our people the truth of the war."

"Pyle's steady, sincere coverage of infantrymen made him the best correspondent The Stars and Stripes ever featured."

Bill Mauldin Says Ernie Is Mourned by His Army

ROME, ITALY, April 19 (ANS).—Sgt. Bill Mauldin, Stars and Stripes cartoonist, said yesterday: "Foot soldiers have long been accustomed to losing close friends. The only difference between Ernie's death and the death of any other good guy is that the other guy is mourned by his company. Ernie is mourned by his army."

B29 Crewman Awarded CMH For Jettisoning Burning Bomb

GUAM, April 19 (ANS).—S/Sgt. Henry E. Erwin, of Bessemer, Ala., has won the first Congressional Medal of Honor ever presented to a B29 crewman.

On a mission to Japan April 12, a faulty bomb exploded in the launching tube and shot back into his plane, hitting him in the face.

Erwin, realizing that the plane would be lost if the burning bomb remained in the plane, picked up

the bomb and clasped it between his forearm and body. Groping with his burning hands to the pilot's compartment, he heaved the bomb out the window. Then, aflame, he fell back on the floor.

Erwin's physician reported that if he pulled through the next ten days, he had an excellent chance of recovering except for minor scars and a slight impairment of his right eye.

The casualty toll from March 18 to yesterday was 1,482 dead, 4,750 wounded and 1,756 missing. On March 18, Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's carrier planes first began sweeping the Ryukyus and Japan itself to soften the way for the Easter morning invasion of Okinawa.

Japanese dead in ground fighting on Okinawa alone totaled 9,108. The Navy's casualties were 4,700, exceeding those of the Army and marines for the first time in the Pacific war. The Navy total was 989 killed, 2,220 wounded and 1,491 missing. Soldiers and marines of the new Tenth Army had 493 dead, 2,530 wounded and 265 missing.

Tenth Army figures included those for the invasion of the eight Kerama Islands off the southern tip of Okinawa, and Ie Islet. On Ie, 15 Americans were killed and 73 wounded in the first three days of the campaign.

In the same three days, 388 Japs were killed on Ie, where Yanks now have a firm grasp on the islet's ten square miles and were eradicating enemy troops from dug-in positions and pillboxes.

On Okinawa, Maj. Gen. Roy S. Geiger's Third Marine Amphibious Corps reached the northern end of the island and mopped up pockets on Motobu Peninsula, which juts off the northwest coast.

Doughboys to the south still were trying to crack the tough "Little Siegfried Line" four miles north of the capital city of Naha.

Second Landing Made By Yanks on Mindanao

MANILA, April 19 (ANS).—The second American landing on Mindanao was made Tuesday by troops of Maj. Gen. R. B. Woodruff's 24th Div. at Malabang and Parang on the east side of Illana Bay against light opposition. The Americans took 35 miles of coastline.

The doughboys advanced 6,000 yards in a few hours. Correspondents said the troops probably would meet tougher going when they moved toward the main highway leading to the insular capital, Davao City, 85 miles to the east. The highway is only five miles from the seized beach positions.

The previous Mindanao landing was made on Zamboanga Peninsula, March 10, by the 41st Div., which has taken the strategic port of Zamboanga City.

The new landings were preceded by air and sea bombardments. There are an estimated 50,000 Jap troops on the island.

On Luzon, American troops continued to clean up Jap pockets on the outskirts of Baguio and captured considerable supplies.

Nazis Evacuating V2 Material

LONDON, April 19 (UP).—V2 Bomb material is being moved from Holland to western Jutland, the BBC reported today, quoting the Swedish European Service. Launching rails have been erected at Kliemoeller and other places.

Allies Probe Nazis' Mass Murder of Prisoners In Effort to Determine Responsibility for Crime

1,000 Burned, Shot In Barn Before Germans Flee

By Wade Jones

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

GARDELEGEN, Germany, April 17 (Delayed).—The mass murder of an estimated 1,000 German political and war prisoners last Friday in a barn near here was under investigation today by Allied military authorities seeking to determine the responsibility for this Nazi crime.

The reports of the seven known to have escaped from the barn and the eyewitness accounts of German civilians who saw the flames and heard the screams of the dying and the machine-gun fire and saw the smoke seeping from the great stone barn were being sifted and checked to bring cold fact from the welter of information coming from many sources.

But whatever will be deduced by this investigation, these facts, gained this afternoon by firsthand observation, will remain: more than 300 bodies twisted, fire-blackened and still smoking, lay on the floor or the barn and piled in heaps at the four big doors. Virtually every body heaped at the doors was split and holed by bullets. Six trenches, eight feet deep and eight feet wide, varying in length from 65 to 15 feet had been covered over and the others were either partly covered or had not yet been wholly dug.

700 Bodies Put in Trenches

Capt. Allan Mick, officer of the division which discovered the scene, said that civilian laborers who were ordered by the Germans to bury the bodies, told him that they had placed more than 700 bodies in the trenches which were then filled up.

Of the seven who escaped, two Poles—Vladimir Woznia, of Lwow, and Eugene Sczwincz, of Sonsowitz—were telling authorities this afternoon what happened. Sczwincz, through an interpreter, said he tried to rush from one of the doors when the Germans set fire to the gasoline-saturated straw in the barn with incendiary bullets. "I stumbled and others coming behind me were mowed down and fell on top of me," he said. "Some of the Germans firing the guns were Luftwaffe troops. Others were SS, but the SS left soon because the Americans were coming (the Americans arrived Saturday). I lay under the pile of dead from Friday to Sunday morning without moving because on Saturday the Germans came in and asked who needed medical attention. When someone moved and asked for help the Germans shot them. I got out when the Germans left and the Americans arrived."

Moved from East Front

Mick said he had learned from interrogating the survivors that they had arrived at Gardelegen from the Eastern Front about two weeks ago and had first been taken to barracks in the town. They were removed on Friday when news arrived that the Americans were about to take the town. They were taken to the barn—wounded were taken in vehicles—and herded inside. Then the horrible massacre began. No reason has yet been learned for the horrible execution.

Today American troops were being brought to the barn to see what the Germans had done. Mick told them the facts.

Army Band Concert Aids French Charity

The U.S. Army Band gave its first full length classical concert in Paris last night at the Salle Gaveau. The program was arranged as a benefit for the French equivalent of the Army Emergency Relief Fund.

M. André Diethelm, French minister of war, was honorary patron and Jefferson Caffery, U.S. ambassador to France, was guest of honor.



These British soldiers, their legs and arms shrunk, were held prisoner by the Germans for four to five years and were liberated by the Second Div., U.S. First Army, when it captured Gottingen.

U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

French Officer Lives Long Enough To Know 'They Will Pay' for Crimes

Nazi Prison Camp A World of Death

By Ernest Leiser

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

LANGENSTEIN CONCENTRATION CAMP, Germany, April 16 (Delayed).—The lieutenant of the French Resistance sat on a stool against the wall of the house. He was hunched over, dying. Blood oozed out of the corner of his mouth.

He had walked out of the concentration camp when the Americans came. A kilometer or so. But this was as far as he could go.

He raised his head to motion a request for a cigaret. "It will soon be over," someone said, trying to reassure him. He whispered, "Ça m'est égal—It makes no difference to me." He'd never live to see it. Then he straightened up a little and whispered proudly, "But at least I have lived to see victory and they will pay now for what they have done. Is it not so?"

Then he sank back, exhausted from having spoken so much. His eyes rolled wildly.

An Old Man Shuffles By

Nearby, an old man shuffled by in his concentration camp sackcloth garments. He was tall but must have weighed less than 80 pounds. His steps were short and feeble. He bent over to pick up a bread crust he had dropped. He had a hard time straightening up again. He said he was 70.

These two were among the few who were strong enough to leave. Down the road in the concentration cages liberated by the 399th Armd. FA Bn. of the Eighth Armd. Div. were the men who weren't strong enough to leave—French Resistance members, Russian and Polish political prisoners, Jews. There had been two Americans in the camp. They died last month of malnutrition. About 1,500 men were still in the camp—1,500 of 6,000 originally



French soldiers inspecting a crematorium at Struthof, German camp for forced laborers near Natzweiler, France, in the Vosges Mountains. The metal stretcher, used to slide the body into the furnace, rests on a wheelbarrow on which the ashes were removed.

brought in. Most of the rest had died.

The smell of death was there, even among the still living. In the hospital were those about to die. There was one man who had been beaten about the hips for stealing potato peelings. He just didn't have any flesh there any more.

The rest of the men in the hospital had dysentery. They lay there in their own excrement, too weak to move. One man, stronger than the rest, stood at the door. He wore only a short nightshirt. You could see he had no thighs, no calves, no hips. His legs were bones with great knobs for knees. His body was a skeleton covered with taut, gray skin.

It was impossible to stay in the dysentery ward very long.

The smell followed you out into the warm spring air. A bundle of clothes with bones inside lay beside a nearby fence. Another dead one, said the guide, a former Czech government minister who had refused to collaborate with Hitler puppets. He said it without a sign of emotion.

One of the 399th GIs said as the jeep rolled out of the gates and on to the road through the shady mountain pass at the edge of the beautiful Harzwald: "I'd like to make a movie of that. And then I'd like to take the movie to the San Francisco conference. All I'd ask is 15 minutes of their time to show it. Just 15 minutes."

U.S. Refuses To OK Polish Envoys to S.F.

WASHINGTON, April 19 (Reuter).—The State Department announced today that the U.S. had refused a second Soviet request that the Polish provisional government in Moscow have representation at the San Francisco conference.

Truman May Intervene In Dispute Over Poland

WASHINGTON, April 19 (ANS).—President Harry S. Truman may take a direct hand in an effort to settle the dispute over a new Polish government before the San Francisco conference opens, the Associated Press said today.

This move appeared in the making as it became known that attempts by the three-nation commission have failed and that the matter has been relayed to the meeting of the major powers' foreign ministers here this week, the AP reported.

The question of forming a provisional Polish government broadly representative of all factions of Poles will be number one on the agenda when Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr., British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov meet tomorrow or Saturday.

Harriman Returns to U.S.

They are expected to receive direct reports from W. Averell Harriman, American Ambassador to Russia, and Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, British envoy there. Harriman and Clark-Kerr arrived by plane last night, while Molotov is en route.

French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault arrived here last night. He will join the other ministers in discussions before going to San Francisco.

The discussions may go beyond the foreign minister stage, because few here think that Molotov will be able to give any final answer without consulting Stalin, the AP said.

Meanwhile, Sen. Tom Connally (D-Tex.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Sen. Warren R. Austin (R-Me.) agreed last night in a radio broadcast that the world organization plan adopted at San Francisco would win Senate approval if it does not differ radically from the Dumbarton Oaks outline.

Pope Asks Prayers For 'Frisco Success

ROME, April 19 (AP).—Pope Pius XII, in a circular letter to the world episcopate, inferentially asked special prayers during May that the San Francisco conference lead to a just and durable peace.

"Those men specially need divine illumination... upon whose judgment depends the fate not only of their own nations but all humanity and future generations," the Pope said.

The conference will seek to set up an international security organization.

2 Groups of 1st TAF Top 500 Missions

FIRST TAF HQ.—Two B26 Marauder groups of the First TAF have each flown more than 500 missions in the ETO with losses of one-half of one percent.

One medium bomber group commanded by Col. Wallace C. Barrett has chalked up 550 missions, while Col. Ashley E. Woolridge's Boomerang group has more than 525 missions.

Both groups have flown more than 24,000 sorties, dropping 34,000 tons of bombs. They have destroyed 178 enemy planes in the air and 326 on the ground.

Rogers' Son Inducted

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., April 19 (ANS).—James B. Rogers, 29, inducted into the Army this week at Fort MacArthur. His brother Lt. Will Rogers Jr., former Congressman, is with the Army in Europe.

Trout Blanks Browns; Reds Top Bucs, 6-0

Yanks Clip Bosox; A's Triumph In 11th

NEW YORK, April 19.—Dizzy Trout, who led the American League in shutouts last season, followed his familiar pattern yesterday as he twirled the Tigers to an 11-0 romp over the Browns at St. Louis.

The Athletics shaded the Senators, 1-0 in 11 innings, at Philadelphia, and the Yankees repeated over the Red Sox, 6-2 at New York, in other American League contests yesterday. Cold weather kept the White Sox and Indians indoors at Cleveland.

Trout rationed seven hits, two by Mike Kreevich and two by Len Schulte, but three snappy double-plays thwarted the Browns. The Bengals, meanwhile, pummeled five Brownie hurlers for 21 hits, including four by Jimmy Outlaw. Jack Kramer, who departed in the second inning, suffered the defeat. Weldon West, Sam Zoldak, Tex Shirley and Al Lamaccia also toiled for the Browns.

The Yanks grabbed one run in the second off Jim Wilson on two walks and Don Savage's single, then clustered five more in the second on two strolls and singles by George Stirnweiss, Johnny Lindell, Nick Etten and Joe Buzas. Wilson, who gave way to Yank Terry in the big inning, was the loser.

Hank Borowy, who set down the Bosox without trouble, missed a shutout when Stirnweiss threw wild to first on Johnny Lazor's grounder in the eighth, permitting two runs to score.

An error by Second Baseman George Myatt while trying to complete a double-play that would have retired the side in the 11th allowed Irving Busch to count the winning run in the Athletics-Senators pitching duel.

Russ Christopher went the route for the Mackmen, yielding seven hits. Johnny Niggeling vacated in the tenth for a pinch-batter and Roger Wolff, his successor, fell victim to Myatt's costly miscue.



HOW THEY STAND.

| American League | | | |
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| Philadelph. 9 | Washington 9 | (11 innings) | |
| Betroit 11 | St. Louis 9 | | |
| New York 6 | Boston 2 | | |
| Chicago at Cleveland | postponed, cold | | |
| National League | | | |
| Cincinnati 6 | Pittsburgh 0 | | |
| New York 8 | Boston 4 | | |
| Philadelphia 6 | Brooklyn 2 | | |
| St. Louis at Chicago | not scheduled | | |

| National League | | | |
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| Cincinnati 2 | 0 1.000 | Philadelph. 1 | 1 1.500 |
| New York 2 | 0 1.000 | St. Louis 0 | 1 1.000 |
| Chicago 1 | 0 1.000 | Pittsburgh 0 | 2 2.000 |
| Brooklyn 1 | 1 1.500 | Boston 0 | 2 2.000 |
| New York at Boston (2) | | | |
| Philadelphia at Brooklyn | | | |
| Pittsburgh at Cincinnati | | | |
| St. Louis at Chicago | | | |

Chisox Buy Farrell
CHICAGO, April 19.—The White Sox have announced the purchase of First Baseman Kirby Farrell from Indianapolis of the American Association. Farrell, 31, hit .293 in 123 games last year.

Bums Bow to Phils; Giants Win; Cards Idle

NEW YORK, April 19.—The Giants and Reds maintained their unblemished slates in the infant National League marathon by winning yesterday. The Gotham crew subdued the Braves, 8-4, and the Reds whitewashed the Pirates, 6-0.

In the only other test on the National League docket, the Phillies trounced the Dodgers, 6-2. The Cards and Cubs were not scheduled.

Manager Mel Ott steered his Giants to victory by swatting three singles, including one in the ninth that chased across Johnny Rucker to snap a 4-4 deadlock. Nate Andrews left the scene before Ott's third bingle, giving way to Jimmy Wallace, but Andrews suffered the defeat. Van Lingle Mungo dished up homerun balls to Chuck Workman and Caden Gillenwater for Boston's four runs before Ace Adams rescued him. Adams was the victor.

In Cincinnati, the Reds' Ed Heusser came through with only nine days of spring conditioning to set down the Pirates with eight scattered hits. Nick Strincevich opened for the Bucs and lingered four innings, during which the Reds picked up two runs. Xavier Rescigno finished for the Pirates.

The Phillies chastised Ben Chapman for five runs in the fourth inning to victimize the Bums. Chapman was clubbed for doubles by Vince DiMaggio and Vance Dinges, singles by Bitsy Mott and Granville Hammer and walks to Rene Montegudo, Gus Mancuso and Dick Barrett in the five-run session.

Barrett held the Dodgers to seven hits. Luis Olmo's double in the fifth accounted for one Brooklyn run, while Third Baseman Bill Hart's triple in the sixth drove in Dixie Walker with the other.

Williams Lifts Zurita's Title

MEXICO CITY, April 19.—Ike Williams, Negro puncher from Trenton, N.J., captured the NBA lightweight crown here last night by stopping Champion Juan Zurita in two minutes of the second round.

Williams forced the fighting from the opening bell and floored Zurita for no count in the first with a punishing left hook. In the second, Williams moved in close and hammered hard rights and lefts to the distressed champ's mid-section, then uncorked a shower of sharp punches to the jaw until Zurita crumbled for the count.

A partisan crowd of 30,000 fans witnessed the match and conducted a small riot after their favorite was kayoed.

Bible Predicts Open Game

DALLAS, April 19.—Southwest Conference football coaches today agreed there will be more scoring and color under their new rules, but warned there will be plenty of defensive headaches.

Coach Dana X. Bible, of Texas, a member of the national rules committee, explained that at least three rules—penalty for twice kicking out of bounds, allowing a substitute to report to any official, and prohibiting time out in the last two minutes of each half—were for the benefit of the fans.

He said that fans are getting tired of rushing out to the stadium in time for the kickoff and then

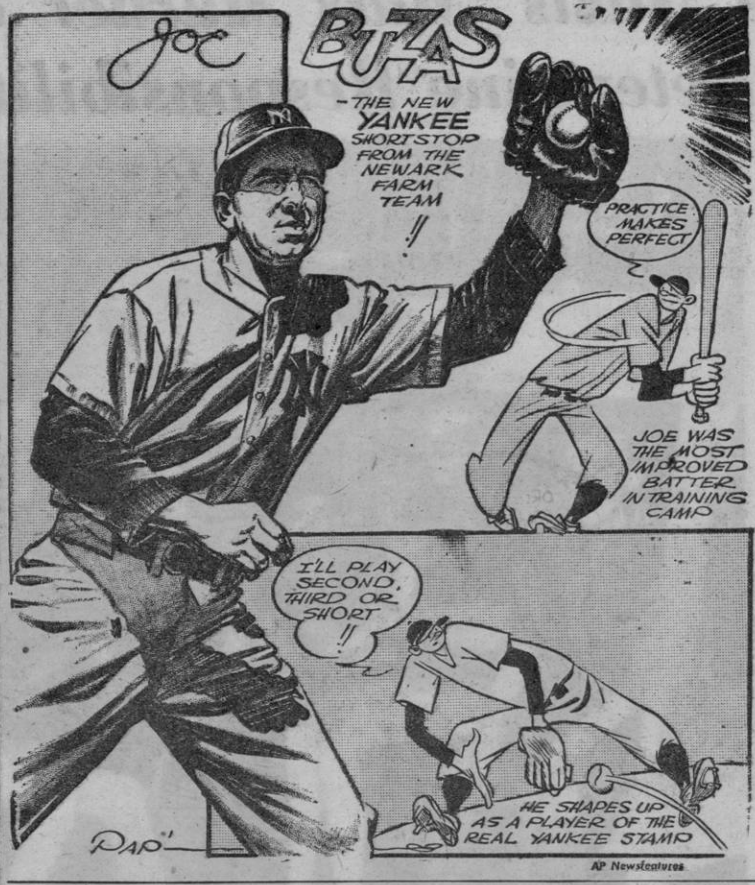


Dana X. Bible

seeing the ball booted out of bounds. The new rule which puts the ball in play on the kicking team's 40-yard line will take care of that, he thinks.

Coach Russell, of SMU, thinking only of defense, said, "It's certainly going to cause coaches to lose a lot of sleep."

'Young Yankee'



O'Connor Asks Federal Aid To Settle Cooper Salary Row

CHICAGO, April 19.—Leslie M. O'Connor, secretary to the late Judge Landis and temporary head of the major league bureau, today called on Federal authorities to assist in settling the Cooper brothers' salary dispute with the Cardinals.

O'Connor took action after conferring with the brothers, Mort and Walker.

"This is the first baseball salary dispute in which the wage ceiling was a prime factor," O'Connor said. "I probably will confer with the local Wage Stabilization office to find out if salaries of the Coopers can be increased to \$15,000."

O'Connor said if facts warrant it, he will call a hearing involving the Coopers and Sam Breadon, president of the Cardinals, who admitted offering to increase their pay checks from \$12,000 to \$13,500. The Coopers, however, want \$15,000.

When the Coopers heard Breadon had signed Shortstop Marty Marion at a figure above the club's ceiling, they demanded \$15,000, and threatened to go on strike unless their terms were met. But Walker was in the lineup on opening day, while Mort dressed for the game and sat in the dugout.

Frankie Sinkwich, star back for the Detroit Lions of the National Football League and former All-American at Georgia in 1941-42, was inducted into the Army here today.

Sinkwich enlisted in the marines following his graduation from Georgia, but was later discharged because of flat feet. Later he joined the Merchant Marine but again was discharged because of a heart ailment and high blood pressure.

Poschner Loses Legs

ATLANTA, Ga., April 19.—Lt. George Poschner, of Youngstown, Ohio, the end who formed the great passing combination with Sinkwich at Georgia U., is a patient at Lawson General Hospital here following wounds received with the Seventh Army in France last January. Poschner's feet froze as he lay wounded in a field for three days, and both legs were amputated below the knees.

Coscarart to Join Bucs

PITTSBURGH, April 19.—Pete Coscarart, Pirate infielder who has been working in a defense plant all winter, notified the club he would report immediately. His job in the plant has been completed, he said.

Sewell Commends Pete Gray's Play

ST. LOUIS, April 19.—Pete Gray, one-armed outfielder of the Browns, has made the grade as a regular major leaguer. Manager Luke Sewell, after paying strict attention to Gray in the opening game, Tuesday, said: "He's okay for my money. I like his work."

However, Gray modestly said, "It wasn't too good but it was better than my first game for Memphis in the Southern Association when I hit the ball five times, but all five went straight to the pitcher."

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff
Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

CPL. BILLY CONN, the boxing professor from Pittsburgh, cast aside his textbooks Wednesday night in favor of a painful laboratory experiment for the benefit of a one-man student body. The student, a cocky fellow named Pvt. Costello Cruz, now is perfectly contented to return to his books—when his aching head stops spinning—but he gave the prof a few harried moments before settling down.

It happened at Rheims. Billy methodically laced on the 16-ounce training gloves and climbed through the ropes for his evening's boxing exhibition against a local GI, just as he has been doing for almost a year in the ETO. Cruz, a rugged looking gent, was in the other corner, but he didn't faze Billy. The leading contender for Joe Louis' crown intended to follow his usual formula—put on a good show but don't hurt anybody.

THE rest is Billy's version of what happened.

"We moved to the center of the ring slowly. I pushed out a love-tap left—and then something hard exploded on my head. When I recovered, I realized he had clipped me with a beauty... guess it was his Sunday best. Well, I leaned back for a moment, then took stock of the situation and decided this fresh guy needed a good lesson. After all, a short exhibition bout is no time for a guy to make a reputation, especially at my expense.

"When I got back to my corner after the first round, some of the ringsiders began telling me Cruz had been training hard for weeks and had told his friends he was ready to give me a thrashing," Billy continued. "That was all I wanted to hear. I went to work in a hurry.

"I fainted with a sucker right, threw the same left hook that my buddy Joe Louis should remember, and the next thing I knew Cruz was on his bottom. He didn't stay down long, but when he got up—he didn't stay up long either. They finally stopped it in the third round, but I don't think Cruz will try that stunt again."

SO won't think Billy the Kid was picking on a novice, here are some pertinent facts about Cruz. A 23-year-old native of Santa Barbara, Cal., he fought for three years as a professional, entering the Army with a record of 11 victories, five defeats and five draws. He was knocked out only once, by Lloyd Marshall in the second round on Feb. 12, 1943, his last fight before joining Uncle Sam's forces. His opponents included Jimmy Brooks, Billy Smith, Eddie Booker, Jimmy McDaniels, Jack Chase and Powder Proctor.

This list of opponents obviously lifts Cruz above the amateur class. But it doesn't qualify him to be a haymaker at a gent named Billy Conn. Next time he should know better. And, frankly speaking, Billy hopes there is a next time. He's still angry.

Minor League Results

American Association
Louisville 4, Toledo 2
Columbus 3, Indianapolis 3
Other games postponed

| WL | Pct | WL | Pct |
|--------------|-----------|-------------|----------|
| Columbus | 1 0 1.000 | Minneapolis | 0 0 .000 |
| Louisville | 1 0 1.000 | St. Paul | 0 0 .000 |
| Indianapolis | 0 1 .000 | Kans. City | 0 0 .000 |
| Toledo | 0 1 .000 | Milwaukee | 0 0 .000 |

Pacific Coast League
San Diego 9-1, Los Angeles 4-5
San Francisco 10, Sacramento 9
Hollywood 2, Portland 1
Oakland 2, Seattle 2

| WL | Pct | WL | Pct |
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| Seattle | 12 5 .706 | San Diego | 9 9 .500 |
| Portland | 11 6 .647 | S. Francisco | 8 10 .444 |
| Oakland | 9 8 .529 | Los Angeles | 7 11 .389 |
| Sacramento | 9 9 .500 | Hollywood | 5 12 .294 |

Morrison Inks New Pact

PHILADELPHIA, April 19.—Ray Morrison has signed a five-year contract to remain as head coach at Temple U., Earl R. Yoemans, athletic director announced.



We like the remark of F.J.W.—The honeymoon is over when there are more bills than coos.

Daffynition (Thanks to Lt. John Boehm): Smart girl—one who looks before she lips.

Another old gag repeated by request: Cupid makes so many bad shots because he's aiming at the heart and looking at the hosiery.

Our spy on the home front sends us this one (again). Two Washington stenographers were walking



down the avenue when they detected a GI following them. Frantic as to what to do—they decided to match for him.

Silly conversation (overheard in a restaurant by our spy on the home front). Guy: "Waiter, bring some tomato juice for a pick-up." Waiter: "Yes, sir, and what do you want for yourself?"

GI Daffynition. "A peeping Tom is a wolf window-shopping."

J. C. W.

Births

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

CAPT. Joseph E. Caliendo, Long Lake, Minn.—Cheryl Ann, March 7; T/5 Clarence B. Kammerer, St. Paul—Diane Marie, Feb. 28; Cpl. Herbert H. Webb, Eden, N.Y.—Judy Barbara, March 2; S/Sgt. Sol Brautigan, Ft. Morgan, Colo.—Alan Ray, March 2; Pfc William B. Burkhardt, Johnstown, Pa.—boy, March 10; Cpl. David F. Robinson, Oakland, Calif.—Jeffrey Forrest, April 13; Pvt. Jack Clevenger, Kirksville, Mo.—girl, April 10; Lt. S. J. Nadola, Bronx—William, April 14; T/4 Nick Messore, Buffalo—Joseph John, April 13.

PVT. Charles F. Kramer, Anchorage, Ky.—Margaret Charlene, March 29; Cpl. Sherman Dyer, Watertown, N.Y.—Shaton, April 15; T/5 Foster F. Johnson, Margum, Okla.—Penny Ann, April 11; Pvt. David E. Long, Bristol, Conn.—Ruth Elaine, April 16; W O Harry N. Strothman, Pittsburgh—Shirley Ann, April 17; Sgt. Harold P. Gibbs, Essingenn, Pa.—Harold Thomas, April 16; Maj Charles Joseph Foley, Philadelphia—girl, April 12.

PVT. John Allan Lovell, Baltimore—John Allan, March 25; Sgt. Aldo Rigo, New York—boy, April 6; T/Sgt. Joseph I. Daddario, New York—Diane Ruth, April 14; Lt. Mark R. Loeffler, Ridgewood, N.Y.—boy, April 9; Sgt. Irving P. Resnick, Baltimore—boy, April 10; Sgt. B. Y. Truckey, Racine, Wis.—girl, April 11; T/4 Richard F. Chasse, Wadena, Minn.—girl, April 11; Nathan Tamarin, Brooklyn—Henry Jonathan, April 14; Sgt. Clair J. Wilson, Milwaukee—boy, March 29; Lt. David Black, Alexandria, La.—boy, April 16; Lt. Arthur J. Goodman, Calumet, Minn.—Anita Jane, April 16; S/Sgt. Ralph E. Sauer, St. Cloud, Minn.—girl, April 13; Lt. Frederick Cooper, LaPorte, Ind.—girl, April 6; Lt. Ray Keitz, Oklahoma City—boy, April 16.



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Nazis' Records Of Allied PWs Are Captured

XII CORPS HQ., Germany, April 19.—Germany's complete records of Allied prisoners of war have been captured by forces of Maj. Gen. Manton S. Eddy's XII Corps.

The records, which include a list of all Allied soldiers taken by the Germans since the outbreak of hostilities, disclose the whereabouts of the prisoners, the date of capture and other pertinent information.

XII Corps Headquarters also captured the staff of ten German officers and 40 enlisted men who kept the personnel cards up to date. A force of 460 civilian clerks also was employed in maintaining records.

Headquarters also announced the capture of an economic division of the OKH, the German high command, with 15 officers and 56 enlisted men.

Nazi Files List Rommel As Victim of Heart Failure

SAALFELD, Germany, April 19 (AP).—Nazi Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, who died of injuries last autumn after an American plane strafed his car, is listed in German casualty files as a victim of "heart failure."

His death is recorded on a file card among millions kept in the Wehrmacht's gigantic clearing office here. The cards were left intact, but the Germans destroyed the elaborate mechanism by which one could press a button and total the casualties.

Liberating Again

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sky was almost cloudless and the birch trees in full bloom. Children were playing in the sun, and white flags waved from the houses of Kaiserhammer.

The first man to greet the Americans was a Sudeten German farmer whose home is in Czech territory and whose barn is in Bavaria. He wore a white armband and his four-year-old blonde daughter carried a white handkerchief tied to a stick of wood.

The farmer said he did not care whose territory he lived in and whether the Sudetenland was German or Czechoslovak as long as he was left alone to run his farm as his father had done and as he hoped his children would do after him.

He said he was never "terrorized" by the Czechs as the Nazis used to charge.

He told us that the SS had run out after telling the few soldiers nearby that they would be shot and their families hanged if they ever surrendered alive or retreated. For him, he said, the war had been lost long ago and he cursed the day Hitler came to "liberate" him.

The crossing into Czechoslovakia by the tankers and infantrymen of the 90th Div. made them the first Allied outfit to cut clear across Germany.

Allied Knives Slice Adolf's Birthday Cake



Goebbels Asks Birthday Gift For Hitler Today—Last Stand

Today is Hitler's 56th birthday—and Propaganda Minister Goebbels yesterday asked the German people for a birthday gift, a last desperate stand in "the last act of tremendous tragedy."

"The perverted coalition between plutocracy and bolshevism is cracking," he said in a speech, "and the head of the enemy conspiracy has been struck off by fate."

This obvious reference to the death of President Roosevelt, whom he did not name, coupled with his claim of disruption among the Allies, are the nearest things to optimism Goebbels could produce for the shattered German nation. His address was prepared for broadcast last night on the eve of Hitler's birthday.

While offering nothing specific in hopes of winning the war, Goebbels went on to say that "a few years after the war Germany will blossom as never before. Her ravaged countryside will be studded with new and beautiful towns, and her villages will be inhabited by happy people."

A Tribute to Hitler

Promising that Germany shall again be friends with nations of "good will," the propaganda minister warned that these conditions, in contrast to the present miseries of the German people, could be achieved only through blind obedience to Adolf Hitler. He failed to explain just how this reversal would materialize.

Goebbels devoted a large part of his speech to a tribute to Hitler who, he said, "was the only worthy representative of these times," adding that Germany was alive today only because of Hitler.

"He is the only one who has remained true to himself and who has not sold out his ideals," Goebbels said. He added that the Nazi party would never leave Hitler in the lurch.

Goebbels concluded his speech with the promise that "if we prevail, the work begun in Germany in 1933, shall be continued."

5th, 8th Close In on Bologna

ROME, April 19 (Reuter).—Battles raged on two sides of Bologna today as Fifth and Eighth Army troops threw in everything they had to break through German defenses around the city.

American troops were within eight miles of Bologna after driving the enemy off Monte Dei Frati, three miles west of Pianora. South African forces of the Fifth captured Monte Castillino, overlooking the Reno Valley and the main route through the mountains to Bologna.

Polish troops of the Eighth reported continued progress up the Rimini-Bologna highway, and at last reports were within eight miles of Bologna. Both Allied thrusts were meeting intense small-arms and artillery fire, while thick minefields made Allied progress slow and costly.

The Eighth Army smash toward Ferrara has picked up speed after breaking through the heavily fortified Argenta Gap. Allied troops knifed through the defense line so fast that they overran several enemy tanks and SP guns intact.

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take Wriezen, 24 miles northeast of the capital, the Germans said.

Closest Russian approach to Berlin on the Oder sector was said to be 16 miles. On Wednesday, one Nazi report had placed Red troops 17 miles northeast of the capital.

Berlin's suburbs were said to be under artillery bombardment, and German reports asserted the Russians were fighting for Muencheberg and Buckow, only 17 miles from Berlin.

On the Spree front German reserves were called up to reconstruct the shattered German lines, but Berlin military spokesmen reported that the Russians had made a new breach northeast of Spremberg. The Soviet drive to Finsterwalde already had broken the Spree defenses.

In Czechoslovakia, the entry of Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian Army into Brno appeared imminent, according to front dispatches which said the Reds were advancing on the great arms city from the east, northeast and southeast.

West of Vienna, the Russians knocked more holes in the Nazi defense line at the Erlauf River and appeared to be gaining a foothold for the resumption of their push toward Linz.

'Cute Little Boy,' 9, Slays Yank in Reich

DULUTH, Minn., April 19 (AP).—The slaying of an American soldier by a nine-year-old German was related by 2/Lt. William Barnes in a letter from Germany which was recently received by his parents.

"We stopped to reform when a small boy, nine or 10 years old, asked the soldier for some chocolate," Barnes wrote. "He was a cute looking youngster and from force of habit the soldier put his hands in his pockets to see if he had any."

"Then the 'cute little boy' drew a pistol and shot the man through the abdomen."

Planes Blast Nazi Traffic to Hitler Hideout

American bombers and fighters of the U.S. Eighth and Ninth AFs and the RAF yesterday hammered enemy objectives in the narrowing gap between the American and Russian armies. They also attacked traffic moving into Hitler's Bavarian redoubt.

More than 600 Eighth AF heavies, escorted by about 550 fighters, attacked rail yards and other targets at Falkenberg, 40 miles north of Dresden, and at Pirna and Elsterwerda, in Germany, and Karlsbad and Aussig in Czechoslovakia.

Strafing of enemy airfields, which earlier in the week had destroyed hundreds of Nazi planes, was curtailed by intense ground fire.

Transformer Station Hit

RAF Lancasters escorted by Mustangs, in an afternoon raid, pounded a transformer station at Pasing, near Munich, which serves electric railways leading to the Bavarian mountain fortress zone.

German forces in the redoubt area were attacked by more than 100 B26s of the Ninth AF near Ulm, while fighter-bombers attacked two airfields, one at Chiesch, 15 miles southeast of Karlsbad, and the other southeast of Bamberg. Fliers reported 28 planes destroyed on the ground. Seven FW190s were shot down in a dogfight east of Magdeburg.

Other fighter-bombers attacked rail and transportation facilities near Prague, Regensburg, Plausen, Herzberg and Ubigau and also bombed enemy forces in the Bitterfeld area.

Incomplete reports from First TAF reported more than 150 sorties by 12th TAC French-flown Mustangs.

RAF bombers attacked Berlin Wednesday night while a second force of more than 1,250 Lancasters pounded enemy marshalling yards in Czechoslovakia.

Report 4 Nazi Ships Sunk

STOCKHOLM, April 19 (AP).—Four large German troop transports en route to Norway were sunk in the Kattegat last Thursday night by Allied bombers, according to reports brought to the Swedish west coast by fishermen.

Medal of Honor and Memorial For FDR Sought in Congress

WASHINGTON, April 19 (ANS).—Companion bills were introduced in Congress yesterday authorizing President Truman to award posthumously the Congressional Medal of Honor to President Roosevelt. He would be the first Chief Executive to receive the nation's highest decoration.

Sen. Scott W. Lucas (D-Ill.) and Sen. Alben W. Barkley (D-Ky.) introduced the Senate bill.

"Franklin D. Roosevelt has gallantly and unselfishly given his life in the service of this nation," the two senators said in a statement.

Rep. George F. Rogers (D-N.Y.) introduced the House bill.

Basil O'Connor, friend and former law partner of Mr. Roosevelt, said

Leipzig Falls To First Army; Ruhr Cleared

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of Patch's advance to the south was being met by the 100th Inf. Div., which reached points 16 miles southeast of Heilbronn on the Neckar River.

Seventh Army armor was driving toward the redoubt northeast of Stuttgart and southwest and southeast of embattled Nuremberg.

German Wacs Captured

The Tenth Armd. Div. rolled five miles to Fichtenberg, 20 miles northeast of Stuttgart. Spearheads of the 12th Armd. Div. were probing 12 miles southwest of Nuremberg. The 14th Armd. Div. reached Neumacht, 17 miles southeast of Nuremberg.

In the Neumacht sector, the tankmen captured a train intact, with several hundred German Wacs aboard.

In Nuremberg, the Third and 45th Inf. Divs., which entered the city from opposite directions, encountered house-to-house opposition as they fought to link up at the center of the town. There was heavy fighting in the suburbs of Furth and Dambach.

Ninth Army forces repulsed two small counter-attacks in the 83d Inf. Div. bridgehead across the Elbe, south of Magdeburg.

Riots Reported in Leipzig

Earlier Reuter reports said that riots and wholesale looting had broken out in Leipzig. Senior officers of the Second Inf. Div. described resistance as "token," the Reuter report said, while the 69th Inf. Div. found practically no opposition.

North of Chemnitz, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U.S. Third Army repulsed a counter-attack. Nine miles southwest of the city doughs of the 89th Inf. Div. gained up to seven miles and entered Oberlungwitz, S & S Correspondent Patrick Mitchell said.

The 90th Inf. Div., whose patrols had crossed the Czechoslovak frontier, were following up advance elements. Schwarzenbach, ten miles west of Asch, just inside the Czech border, was taken by the 90th, Mitchell reported.

The Canadians moved ahead in Holland as tons of water rushing in from the Zuider Zee through Nazi-demolished dykes threatened to flood large sections of rich Dutch farm country.

Income Tax Exemption Asked for Servicemen

WASHINGTON, April 19 (ANS).—Legislation exempting members and former members of the armed forces from payment of income taxes for the period from one year before to one year after service was introduced in the House today by Rep. Daniel J. Flood (D-Pa.).

His tax bill would abate the servicemen's income taxes for one year before entering the service, for each year during service and for one year after honorable discharge or release from the armed forces. It would also exempt from taxation veterans totally and permanently disabled in the service.

American Soldiers Exhibit Paintings



"Too Hot To Eat," by T/4 Jerry Gabrielle, 38th Special Service Co., is the title of one of the paintings in the company's art exhibit this week at the Hotel Majestic. The painting shows two men witnessing the destruction of a mess hall in Metz.