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Nazis Quit in Holland, Denmark, North Reich

The surrender of all German forces in Holland, northwestern Germany and Denmark, including Heligoland and the Frisian Islands, was announced last night by Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, commanding the 21st Army Group. The surrender is effective at 0800 hours today.

Marshal Montgomery, in reporting the surrender to SHAEF, said that it was a battlefield surrender involving the forces facing the 21st Army Group on its northern and western flank. Thus the piecemeal surrender of the remnants of Germany and of the German armies progressed to the point where there was little left to surrender.

In the north, the Germans still held Norway, though reports have persisted for days that the garrison there would give it up.

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Seventh Army Links With Fifth in Italy

The Seventh U.S. Army exploded the bubble of the Bavarian Redoubt yesterday by crashing through the Brenner Pass to a junction with troops of the Fifth Army in Italy. Seventh Army troops advanced through the redoubt in many directions, and the principal resistance they met was ice and snow.

Northern Italy, the redoubt and an estimated 900,000 troops in those areas were unconditionally surrendered three days ago. The Fifth and Eighth Armies in Italy were busy getting the prisoners into cages.

Reuter said that 1,000,000 Germans had surrendered in the past week on the northern front, and SHAEF said that 500,000 of them had quit in the last couple of days. It could not be immediately determined how many prisoners the surrender of Holland and Denmark would add to the bag.

Nor was there any late report on where hundreds of German ships and boats had gone after a mad flight from Kiel and the Schleswig-Holstein areas. They were fleeing toward northern Denmark and Norway, when Allied planes sank, damaged or set fire to 149, ranging from ocean-going steamers to fishing smacks.

Reports that Holland, Denmark and even Norway would be surrendered had circulated throughout the world most of this week. Dispatches said that the Nazi agreement to allow the Allies to drop relief supplies in northwestern Holland and enter the port of Rotterdam had presaged capitulation. Queen Wilhelmina had returned to the Netherlands to re-establish a Democratic government.

Little Resistance Evident in Czechoslovakia

Czechoslovakia appeared to be the biggest remaining obstacle in the way of the western Allies, and not much opposition was reported there. The 11th Div. of the Third Army was within nine miles of the fortress-city of Linz on the north, and within five miles of it on the northwest. The main north road out of the city had been cut, and Soviet forces are approaching Prague, which the Germans have declared an open city.

From the standpoint of German resistance, the Seventh's drive through the Redoubt and Brenner Pass was almost absurdly easy. The 103rd Div. pushed down the Inn River Valley and took Innsbruck. Then it split into two forces at that point. One force advanced 18 miles along the Inn and took Jenbach. The other drove rapidly southward and went through the Brenner Pass at 0130 hours yesterday.

Reuter said that the Seventh's junction with the Fifth Army was made at Vipiteno, 10 miles southwest of the pass. Thus the Seventh Army had fought its way back into Italy, where it had been before it invaded Southern France last summer.

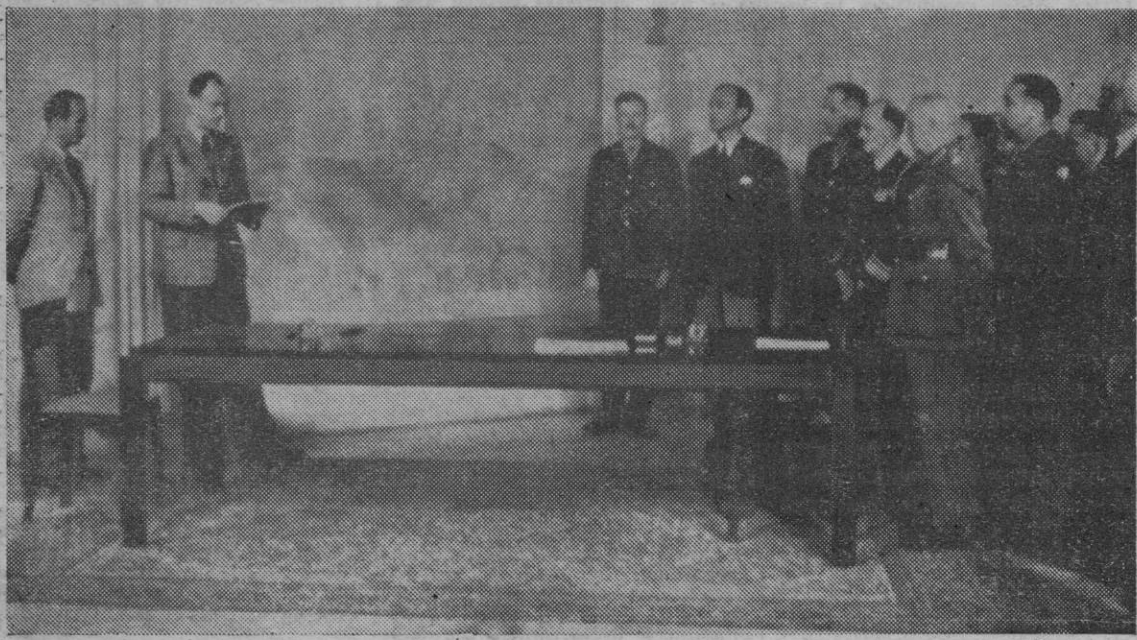
Third Division Ten Miles From Berchtesgaden

At Pidwig, the Seventh Army's Third Div. was 10 miles from Berchtesgaden, the sumptuous mountain retreat in which the late Adolf Hitler had dreamed up many of his campaigns. Braunau, Hitler's birthplace, was in Seventh Army hands, and Salzburg, where the Germans used to hold their world-famous music festivals, was captured.

Danes were reported assembled along the border to welcome the Allies.

Reuter said that the British had left Schleswig-Holstein at daybreak yesterday to march to the Danish frontier, 25 miles away. Reports from Denmark said that one column was driving northward from Heide, on the west coast of Schleswig-Holstein.

Surrender Ceremonies Ending the War in Italy



Scene in the Royal Palace of Caserta, near Naples just before the signing of the German unconditional surrender. Allied representatives are at the right, with white-haired Lt. Gen. W.B. Morgan, who negotiated the pact for Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, in the center. At the left are the two German representatives, one of them holding the surrender document. Fighting ended at 2 PM Wednesday.

Berlin's Heart Razed in Battle

Buildings on Berlin's outskirts still are standing, but the city's center, including Hitler's Chancellery and Hermann Goering's Air Ministry, have been flattened. Moscow radio said yesterday.

Part of the Reichstag has been destroyed, the broadcast said, and the Gestapo building has been burned out.

The radio said the formal capitulation of the Nazi capital came when Gen. Wesling, commander of the Berlin garrison, and his staff, drove up to the Russian command post in an armored troop carrier and asked to surrender unconditionally.

More than 134,000 German soldiers were rounded up.

The only report of operations on the East Front at a late hour last night, given by the North German radio at Wilhelmshaven, said the Nazi garrison at Breslau, which has been under siege for a month, had resisted attacks by strong Soviet forces.

Burgomeister Named By Russians in Berlin

MOSCOW, May 4 (AP).—The Russians have appointed the first post-Nazi burgomeister in Berlin.

Paul Leike was named burgomeister of the Friedrichsberg district, where he held a similar post from 1907 to 1934.

[A Reuter dispatch from London said that Leike was described in the Moscow announcement as a "non-party man."]

Here's Hot Tip on V-E Day

LONDON, May 4 (UP).—Beer retailers have been advised that special V-E Day stocks will be distributed in time for this weekend instead of sometime next week.

Maybe You Won't Have to Accept That Discharge

WASHINGTON, May 4 (ANS).—Congress has been asked to let the fighting men decide for themselves whether they want to return to civilian life after victory.

Under a plan suggested in legislation by Rep. J. Harry McGregor (R-Ohio) servicemen would be given furlough before their discharge. During that time they could look around and then choose between civilian ways or more service in the armed forces.

Termining his proposal "a bill to assist the economic stabilization of the postwar period," McGregor said: "I cannot help but feel that when some of our veterans return to their homes and find conditions different from when they entered the service they will not be anxious to return immediately to civilian life."

Late Bulletins

Davao Falls to Yanks

MANILA, May 4 (AP).—Davao, last major port held by the Japs in the Philippines, fell today to U.S. doughboys. The badly-battered city, once the largest Japanese colony in the Philippines, virtually was uninhabited. (Earlier details on Page 2.)

Liberators Hit Saigon

NEW YORK, May 4 (AP).—Fighter-escorted American Liberators today raided Saigon, Japanese-held port in French Indo-China, a Saigon radio broadcast recorded here said.

HOUSTON, May 4 (ANS).—The first four specially designed rocket ships launched in the U.S. slid down the ways at the Brown Shipbuilding Co. yesterday.

Nazi Sailors Seized in Italy

ROME, May 4 (UP).—The roundup of surrendered German forces in Italy extended to the Adriatic Sea today when British naval units took over seven E-boats and 19 small enemy craft and escorted them to the port of Ancona.

Crew members on these vessels raised to more than 1,000 the number of German naval prisoners seized since the surrender.

AFHQ also reported that Allied raiding parties had landed on Rhodes and Alimia Islands in the Dodecanese group last Tuesday, supported by two British and one Greek destroyer. The raiders destroyed gun positions and other installations and captured 50 Germans and killed 30 others before returning to their ships.

Mediterranean-based Allied fighter planes bombed and strafed rail targets in the areas around Klagenfurt in southeastern Austria and Ljubljana, across the border in Yugoslavia.

U.S. Casualties Placed At 950,472 by WD

WASHINGTON, May 4 (ANS).—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson disclosed yesterday that Army casualties in all theaters since the beginning of the war through April 21 have reached 848,089. Navy losses for approximately the same period total 102,383.

This pushed total casualties for both services to 950,472—an increase of 21,095 since last week's War Department report.

Britain, Turkey Sign Pact

LONDON, May 4 (Reuter).—A trade and payments agreement was signed today at the Foreign Office by Minister of State Richard Law for Britain, and Secretary General Acikalin of the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Turkey.

THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

Interesting

The men in my outfit had little interest in our bulletin board, with the result that many an important item was overlooked. Since I started posting a new pin-



up girl daily, the boys are checking the board every day.—Motor Sgt. Lee D. Brock, Ord.

New War's A-Brewing

Our outfit was the first refrigeration outfit to land in France shortly after D-Day. When in England we boys thought it would be nice to have our own insignia on our trucks. A penguin was suggested by our captain, and we all agreed.

We did everything in our power to keep the Penguin Fleet on top of all the other outfits of its kind. What happens? A bunch of cheap, low-down rookies who don't know what it is to sleep in foxholes, go without food and sleep for days or be bombed, buzz-bombed and strafed, actually come out in the open and steal our penguin.

Every one who has been here any length of time knows us not by our outfit number but as the Penguin Fleet.

If this rookie outfit fresh from the States can't think of an insignia I have a swell suggestion. A skunk would be fitting and proper to display on their trucks.—Pfc Bonny, T.C.

One Unhappy Family

The other night there was an officers' dance here. Some of us who were working and some of us who were just curious spectators watched the nurses come in, listened to the clink of the wine and cocktail glasses and the shrill feminine laughter above the blare of the band. We saw the ham sandwiches and coffee being prepared in the kitchen and realized the next day why there was bread for only the first half of the chow-line.

No one was caught fraternizing that night. Most of us just sat around watching the respect we had for our officers topple just a little more.

None of us is real angry because the officers had a dance. We thought, though, that if they are going to have them they should be held somewhere besides in the hospital where we medics live and work.—Airborne Medics (21 Signers.—Ed.).

Ernie Pyle

Ernie Pyle is dead. These words have stretched the heartstrings of every footslogger to the breaking point. He was our beloved friend and comrade because he was one of us. He lived our life and had supreme confidence in us. That confidence was mutual. He knew our problems, the hardships of our life and the part we are playing better than his professional colleagues. His efforts in our behalf shall live forever in our memories.

Today he rests among the other heroes of the war, our fallen comrades. We feel alone without his company in our ranks. In spite of that lonely feeling we are honored to know that he is one of us, even in death. He shall never

be replaced, but his spirit shall be with us as we march on the final victory. Farewell, old friend, we salute you!—Pvt. John H. Lathe, GFRP.

In Ernie Pyle we have lost our greatest friend, our companion and our spokesman. He was a man that knew fear and was not too proud to admit it. He lived with fear for that was where "My Boys" are. He was not the dashing hero of war. He hated it as do we all. He consoled our families for he wrote about their sons, their husbands, their sweethearts and their friends. He lived in the misery, the mud and the turmoil of war. He lived with "Joe," GI Joe, the guy that everybody knows about now for it was between Pyle and Mauldin that the world was to learn about the infantryman, what he thought about and how he lived. Sgt. Oriand J. Outland, GFRP.

More Important

Just finished reading Capt. Ashline's letter bemoaning the fact that he doesn't get ample opportunity to practice his medical technique. Tough, sir, I wonder if you realize that there are millions of other men who, at the moment, are not doing the things which they trained for in civilian life. I should think that any person with a broad understanding of social conditions would realize that this temporary displacement—while it is a disturbing one—is an essential one which must be endured until the enemy is destroyed.

I majored in psychology at school and have a bachelor's degree. And what am I doing? Wrestling boxes at a QM Depot. I'm not kicking, hell no. There are a lot of fellows who are having things much rougher than I've ever had it. It's just that I don't see what right the captain has to bitch about losing his technique. He's helping us win the war; he's saving the lives of the guys who are really "away from their normal pursuits." Isn't that more important to him? —T/5 Martz Falshey, QM.

To Good Use

I have the answer to what can be done with the German people—especially the SS troopers. Let's use them in the advancement of medical science.

Think of the blood banks we could fill up for use in the Pacific Theater! Perhaps some blind Yank could see again if we removed the eyes of an SS trooper; or maybe we could graft skin to some horribly burned sailor!

Create pools of Germans from which we could patch up wounded servicemen.

If this sounds too brutal to you readers, you can go to hell! Any nation that supported and still supports those most inhuman atrocities deserves no mercy.—S/Sgt. Mark E. Cogswell.

Rangoon Captured by Allies



Perched atop a captured Japanese gun, Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, Allied commander in Southeast Asia, addresses British and Indian troops of the 14th Army who took part in Mandalay's capture.

Port Facilities Taken Intact In Swift Drive

KANDY, Ceylon, May 4.—The great port of Rangoon fell today to Allied troops, virtually ending the three-year Burma campaign.

Southeast Asia Command headquarters, in a special communique announcing the occupation of the city, said the Japanese armies in Burma had been so decisively beaten they were unable to defend Rangoon effectively.

The city, the southern terminus of the original Burma Road, was captured so swiftly that its port installations were not destroyed and headquarters said it would be open to shipping in a few days.

With the fall of Burma's first city, Allied troops are poised to strike into the Malay Peninsula, Siam or Indo China. Only mop-up operations remain in Burma.

SEAC headquarters said the occupation of the city of 500,000 was the culmination of a long series of combined operations in which air supply played a part "never before attempted in any theater of war."

(Reuter called the lightning 14th Army offensive in which the Japanese were pushed back 325 miles in 25 days one of the most remarkable in military history.)

Rangoon itself fell to SEAC troops which advanced from the north and airborne and seaborne forces which drove into the city from the south.

In the last 15 months, an Allied communique said, 97,000 Japanese have been killed in the Burma campaign.

U.S. Okinawa Forces Intensify Attack Against Jap Defenses

GUAM, May 4 (ANS).—American troops were smashing with new fury today against the Japanese line on southern Okinawa after a night in which enemy planes sank two "light units" of the U.S. invasion fleet.

From caves, tunnels and interlocking pillboxes the Japs fought back with artillery and mortar fire and infiltrated Yank positions from a pocket behind the American lines.

Two fresh divisions, the 77th Army and the First Marine, edged forward slowly through rugged country honeycombed with Jap fortifications on the front's west and central sectors.

At other points, however, the 34-day-old battle of Okinawa was stalemated.

Seventeen enemy raiders were shot down last night, Adm. Nimitz announced today, when the Japs launched four small air attacks on U.S. naval forces off Okinawa. Nimitz reported that two light units were sunk and some damage inflicted.

Nimitz also announced that the Okinawa campaign, including pre-invasion fleet attacks, has cost 16,964 American Army, Navy and Marine casualties, including 2,978 killed.

Total Naval casualties, he said, were 5,551, including 1,131 killed, 2,816 wounded and 1,604 missing.

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Chinese Open Counter-Drive In Hunan to Save Air Base

CHUNGKING, May 4 (AP).—The Chinese have started a general counter-offensive in Hunan province in an attempt to save the USAAF base at Chihkiang, 250 miles southeast of Chungking, a Chinese Army spokesman said today.

The spokesman said the Chinese already had brought the Jap drive toward the field to a standstill after annihilating 3,000 enemy soldiers.

Superforts Hit Kyushu Anew

GUAM, May 4 (ANS).—Superforts today fought through moderate enemy fighter opposition to hit airfields on Kyushu for the second time in 24 hours.

The assault was the eighth in 11 days on the southernmost Jap home island in the campaign to neutralize enemy air bases.

In addition to Kyushu fields the Marianas-based B29s pounded Matsuyama airfield, on Shikoku Island. It was the first B29 raid on Matsuyama.

A force of from 50 to 100 B29s took part in the raids.

Tokio 'Has Foreseen' End of Nazi Resistance

LONDON, May 4 (AP).—Radio Tokyo has acknowledged that the end of Germany is near, but says the Nazis' collapse will have no effect on the war in the Pacific.

The Japanese government, foreseeing such an unhappy event, has done its best to complete defensive arrangements," the radio said.

Jap AF in China 'Busted'—Chennault

KUNMING, China, May 4 (ANS).—Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault, 14th AF commander, said the Japanese Air Force in China has been practically "busted" by U.S. air attacks which are keeping enemy traffic at a standstill across the China Sea corridor linking Tokyo with Singapore.

Chennault's statement was interpreted to mean that the Japs in Singapore and other parts of the Japanese stolen empire were virtually cut off from Japan.

The general said he understood that the Japanese had 2,500 planes in Japan proper to meet B29 and carrier plane attacks, leaving her too weak to oppose the 14th on the Asiatic continent.

Aussies Reach Tarakan City

MANILA, May 4 (ANS).—Australian infantrymen, gaining three miles on little Tarakan Island off northeast Borneo, have driven to the outskirts of Tarakan City and within a few hundred yards of the island's airfield.

Using remote-controlled land mines, the bitterly-resisting Japs blew 30-foot craters in the path of Aussie tanks.

In support of the invasion, U.S. 13th AF and Australian planes pounded enemy targets in the Netherlands East Indies.

On southern Mindanao, in the Philippines, the 24th Div. entered Davao, last major Philippines port still held by the Japs.

The Yanks also seized Libby and Matina airfields, two of the best air bases in the southern Philippines.

Up Front With Mauldin



"By gad, sir, I TRIED!"

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This Happened in America:

Appointment of Hannegan Viewed as Truman '48 Bid

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NEW YORK, May 4.—President Truman has probably been far too busy with war and home front problems to have been able to give much thought to the possibilities of a second term. But plenty of others have been giving the subject thought.

A few days ago a delegation of Pennsylvania Democrats called at the White House to assure Truman of their support if he runs in 1948. Earlier, a group of Missouri Democrats had called on a similar errand.

Neither delegation got any word out of Truman. But Washington columnists and others profess to see a Truman bid for the 1948 nomination in his appointment of Robert E. Hannegan, Democratic National Chairman, as postmaster general to succeed Frank C. Walker. The dynamic, 42-year-old Hannegan long has been a close friend of Truman. It was Hannegan who engineered the Missouri senator's nomination for vice-president last summer. And both Truman and Hannegan are sticklers for party regularity.

Hannegan's principal work since assuming the national chairmanship has been trying to restore Democratic unity, and he's had considerable success so far in uniting the so-called "New Deal" and "regular" wings of the party. His elevation to cabinet status, in a job formerly held by James A. Farley, can be expected to assist him in the task.

But it is questionable how much patronage Hannegan will have at his disposal. Mr. Truman has embarked on an economy drive which led off with requests for a \$7,500,000-000 slash in appropriations, and the effects of this and of any further V-E Day retrenchments are bound to be felt among federal jobholders.

Even the taxi-drivers in San Francisco are ready to help foreign delegates to the world security conference. Some hack handlers have installed signs in their cabs to indicate they can take directions and make change in Russian, Norwegian and various other languages.

THE ARMY reports that the volume of mail to soldiers overseas now exceeds 45,000,000 individual pieces weekly. The figure was made public in connection with a plea to the public to mail Father's Day greetings to servicemen before May 15, to insure delivery by Father's Day, June 17.



Hackman Boris Romoff Speaks Russian at Frisco.

In connection with the Seventh War Loan drive, the Army is sending 28 units of 39 men each on a tour of 600 cities to demonstrate methods of infantry attack in ball parks, fair grounds, etc. The demonstration, called "Here's Your Infantry," shows how a combat patrol destroys a Japanese pillbox with rifles, machine-guns, mortars and rocket-launchers.

As if the San Francisco conference was not having enough troubles, now measles has broken out there. The victim was Charles Ritchie, adviser to the Canadian delegation, which is quartered in the St. Francis Hotel, where the Russian and 21 other conference delegations are staying. Health authorities said no quarantine would be imposed because the city's Health Director, Dr. J. C. Geiger, said: "Measles is too light a disease for such a heavy conference."

From Swank to Bobby Sox

THE former Royal Palm Club in Miami, once one of the nation's swankiest and most lavish nightspots, now is a "Bobby Sox Center." Since the Coast Guard vacated the property, it has been opened as a dancehall catering to teen-agers. No liquor is served and there's not so much as a pinball machine.

In New Jersey, Newark's Central Planning Board has recommended to the City Commission a 23-year slum clearance program which envisions the rebuilding of one-twelfth of Newark's area at a cost of \$300,000,000. The report suggested that the city acquire the slum areas, clear them and turn them over to private industry for development.

CPL. RAYMOND A. BLAKE, a headquarters company cook at Ft. Lewis, Wash., for five years, got an induction notice from his draft board. "I'm worried," he said. "Maybe the draft board will really put me in the Army."

Two high-school boys were arrested in Philadelphia for flying two Nazi flags from a mid-city building. The boys said the flags were war souvenirs and that they hung them out "just to see how Philadelphia would take it." They saw. An angry crowd of 300 gathered in front of the building.

They're Making Transports Bigger and Bigger



A 11/2-ton Army truck parked in the upper fuselage section of the new Boeing C97 air transport, which has a capacity like a boxcar. Two such trucks can ride on the main deck, with other equipment. Personnel or cargo may be carried in the two compartments of the lower deck. On its maiden delivery flight, the C97 sped nonstop from Seattle to Washington, D.C., in six hours and four minutes.

Sun Bathing Is a Round of Fun in Hollywood



It doesn't make much difference whether you look at this picture right side up or upside down—they're tasty from any angle. Starting at the top with the girl wearing the hair ribbon and reading left, counterclockwise, the film lovelies soaking up the California sun are Marian Kerrigan, Harriett Haddon, Beverly Reedy, Melva Anstead, Geraldine Farnum, Dorothy Stevens and Frances Gladwin. All are dancers.

Gen. Marshall Jolts Hopes For Cut in Army Inductions

WASHINGTON, May 4 (ANS).—Congressional hopes for a sharp cut in Army inductions immediately after V-E Day received a severe jolt today from Chief of Staff Gen. George C. Marshall.

"Not only will the Army be unable to meet its reinforcement demands for May and June under the present program," Marshall said in a letter to Chairman Andrew J. May (D-Ky.) of the House Military Committee, but the current shortage is expected to be increased "by some 50,000 men over the next three months."

Many Congressmen have felt that as soon as Germany falls Army and Navy manpower needs can be filled by drafting only 18-year-olds. This would sharply reduce the current induction rate of about 120,000 men a month.

"Within the last week," Marshall's letter to May said, "Gen. Eisenhower has informed me that his losses are currently averaging 2,000 men daily and that he anticipates no reduction in his reinforcement requirements for June."

"While the success of our armies in Europe has recently exceeded our expectations, it is too early to assume that the reinforcement flow to Europe can be cut off. Gen. Eisenhower on the other hand has vigorously protested any reductions in order to get increased shipments off to Gen. MacArthur."

"Norway, Denmark and sections of Holland remain unliberated and are occupied by strong and fanatical forces of the enemy," Marshall continued. "It is urgently necessary to start an increased flow of reinforcements to the Pacific Ocean area over and above those required to replace battle losses."

"Many veteran soldiers have been through several hard-fought campaigns in that area under very trying climatic conditions. We should return these men for release from the Army as quickly as possible. To accomplish this a pool of reinforcements must be built up there."

The House Military Committee began closed-door discussions today with military leaders on demobilization and postwar Army plans.

Bill That Would Defer All Farm Workers Killed

WASHINGTON, May 4 (AP).—President Truman has vetoed legislation that would have provided a virtual blanket draft deferment of farm workers.

"In time of war the paramount obligation of every citizen is to serve his country with the best of his ability," the President said.

He added that he did not believe that Congress, in passing the draft act, had intended that agricultural workers "should be given blanket deferment as a group."

'Damn Yankee' Isn't Profanity in Dixieland

JACKSON, Miss., May 4 (ANS).—Use of the expression "damn Yankee" is not profanity, Judge George Noble ruled today in dismissing charges of disorderly conduct against Mrs. Theodore Bilbo, divorced wife of Bilbo (D-Miss.).

Howard Owne lodged the charges against Mrs. Bilbo after she had used the traditional rebel epithet on him. Mrs. Bilbo, in turn, charged that Owne was disorderly in breaking a glass door at the entrance to her apartment.

Judge Noble fined Owne \$15 and then said:

"Apart from the joke we have down here about calling a person 'a damn Yankee,' I think we have a precedent for our assertion that the use of the word 'damn' is not arsing."

Davis Will Hold Price, Wage Line

WASHINGTON, May 4 (ANS).—Economic Stabilizer William H. Davis asserted last night that he intended to hold the wage and price line rigidly "through the squall" resulting from the collapse of Germany.

He told a news conference that stabilization would become an increasing problem.

Davis said that as reconversion to civilian production was completed, there would have to be an increase of 30 to 40 percent in civilian purchasing power to maintain present high levels of wartime economy.

Here's Chance (Hic) To Be Guinea Fish

PORTLAND, Ore., May 4 (ANS).—Plenty of volunteers came forward today for the role of human guinea pigs in an experiment to be conducted by the University of Oregon Medical School.

The school intends to study the effect of liquor on the human system, and the Oregon Liquor Commission has promised to set up free drinks for those persons who are willing to act in behalf of science.

Ickes Seizes Mines Closed In Pay Dispute

WASHINGTON, May 4 (ANS).—The government last night seized anthracite mines strikebound in a contract dispute.

Acting on orders from President Truman, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes announced that he had taken possession of mines and properties owned by 363 companies, all in Pennsylvania.

Ickes said that the "breakdown in wage negotiations threatened a fuel crisis that would impair public health and impede the progress of the war next winter."

As Solid Fuels Administrator, Ickes urged all employees to return to work. Operating heads of the coal companies were designated federal operating managers.

Travel Pay Chief Barrier

Ickes was directed to operate the mines in accordance with terms and conditions of the old contract, which expired April 30 and which John L. Lewis, UMW president refused to extend despite an order of the War Labor Board. Negotiations for a new agreement have been under way since that date.

Pay for miners' travel time was understood to be the chief barrier to agreement on a new contract according to the Associated Press. Lewis originally presented 30 demands to operators for inclusion in the new pact, but the bulk of them were dropped last Monday when UMW accepted a counter-proposal by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins. The operators would not agree to her suggested contract, saying it would add 71.8 cents a ton to the cost of anthracite.

Miners to 'Sit Tight'

In Wilkes-Barre, Pa., the state's 72,000 hard-coal miners generally accepted Truman's seizure order as a routine step and indicated they would take no action pending word from Lewis. John Girlock, president of the Dorrance local, said the miners would "continue to sit tight."

Earlier last night, Ickes took over three bituminous mines of the Carter Coal Co. in West Virginia. He said strikes there resulted from "the company's failure to sign and accept a new wage contract executed by the remainder of the soft-coal industry." The government took over 236 strike-bound soft-coal mines last month.

Truman to Celebrate Birthday at Desk

WASHINGTON, May 4 (ANS).—President Truman today put aside all suggestions of a holiday until after the tension of the war and diplomatic fronts subsides.

The Chief Executive told callers that he would spend his 61st birthday next Tuesday at his desk and that he has no immediate plans of getting out of town.

5th's Casualties 109,163, Stimson Says in Review

WASHINGTON, May 4 (ANS).—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson reported yesterday that the conquest of Italy from the time of Allied landings in September, 1943, until April 28 cost the U.S. Fifth Army 109,163 casualties. That total included 21,577 killed, 77,248 wounded and 10,338 missing.

Italy Campaign No Pushover to Sweating GIs

By Ed Clark

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

NORTHERN ITALY, May 2 (Delayed).—Now that the "Forgotten Front" in Italy has folded almost overnight there comes the usual assumption that it was a walkaway, that German resistance just collapsed and that the Allies merely had to move in and take over along the French, Swiss, Austrian and Yugoslav borders.

Any idea like that is strictly for the birds. That the Italian front is now history is thanks to fellows who gave the Germans another licking, made to the same measure as those handed out in Africa, the Mediterranean and on what used to be the separate Western Front.

Something of what happened so swiftly yet so conclusively to the Germans in northern Italy was caused by a practical handful of converted ack-ack men, many of whom have fought from Africa to the Nazi mountain redoubt.

Pushing Through Mountains

En route to meet the French near the Franco-Italian border, the 473rd Combat Team's Third Bn. was pushing through the scenic and rugged mountains that help bring tourists to the Italian Riviera. Commanded by Maj. Paul D. Woodward, of Suffolk, Va., the Third also had G Co. from the Second Bn. plus one platoon of tanks. Travelling goatlike along the ridges a few miles in from the sea, they rode trucks when there were roads, walked when there were not, rode again when the trucks caught up with them.

At a spot on the map important to the Third Bn., but just another Italian name to others, Cpl. William Spahr, of Pittsburgh, brought back reports of about 1,000 Germans moving parallel with the Third along a ridge closer to the sea. The news came just when Woodward's tanks and trucks had been stalled by a blown bridge.

Leaving the tanks where they were, along with one rifle company and the heavy weapons Company less the machine-gun platoon, so as to block any escape to the north, the Virginian hot-footed his remaining three rifle companies and the machine-gun platoon west in an attempt to trap the enemy.

Gets Force Set Up

He got there 20 minutes early, in time to get his tiny force in position on the right hill. The Americans saw the Germans—not 1,000 but 3,000 with mule trains, pack howitzers and Italian 149s—and the Germans saw the Americans.

The German colonel and the American major met between their forces, the German to demand passage north and the American to give an "over our dead bodies" reply.

To add to his bluff Woodward radioed in the clear for air and artillery support. He got more than he had expected—one cub and a couple of 105s at extreme range.

German Cashes In Chips

Five hours after the dickering started the German colonel cashed in his chips, surrendered his force of 3,000 to three companies and a machine-gun platoon. It took six more hours for the prisoners to file by and turn in their weapons and materiel.

These 3,000 were on their way to dig into the hills east of the French border, blow bridges, set up gun positions and make the war in Italy last weeks or months longer.

Armchair generals who consider the windup of the Italian campaign a pushover should have spent some time on that Rivieran ridge with Woodward and his men while they were sweating out their bluff.

Montmartre ARC Club Opened to GIs in Paris

A new ARC club, the Montmartre Club, at 21 Blvd. Montmartre, is open to GIs in Paris.

The club, intended primarily for EM on day passes, is open from 10 AM to 11 PM. Dinner is served between 11 and 2, supper between 5 and 8. Doughnuts and coffee are available throughout the day.

Stimson said that the unconditional surrender of the German armies in Italy had brought complete victory in "a long and arduous" campaign which knocked Italy out of the war, gave Allied forces a foothold on the Continent, opened the Mediterranean and provided additional bases for aerial assaults against the Luftwaffe and German-held territory.

"In the last year," Stimson said, "there were times when it seemed to some people that this (Italian) front was being forgotten. But its effect of draining Germany's strength was always operating and pride in our troops and their accomplishments was never lacking." The Allied campaign, he added, pinned down German forces which the enemy could have used to advantage in defending the French Channel coast, counter-attacking in Normandy or strengthening their Siegfried Line defenses.

Stimson revealed that when the Allied offensive began April 9 the Germans had about 25 divisions in Italy.

Highlights of Campaign

He outlined these highlights of the campaign at his weekly news conference:

On Sept. 3, 1943, the British Eighth Army crossed the Straits of Messina and landed on the Italian mainland after the 38-day conquest of Sicily. As the British drove up the Calabrian peninsula the Fifth Army landed at Salerno—the first American forces to fight on the European continent since 1918.

The Italian government withdrew from the war on the eve of the landing, which, Stimson said, was contested by tough and formidable German resistance.

"When the Germans were unable to prevent our landing or to throw back our troops after they had landed, the eventual fate of the enemy was sealed," Stimson declared.

Reach Volturno River

After taking Naples the Allies advanced to the Volturno River, where progress was held up during the winter months of mountain fighting. In May, 1944, Cassino fell and the Gustav and Hitler lines were smashed.

Previously, Allied forces had landed farther up the coast at Anzio, Jan. 22. Forces from the south pushed north to join them and Rome fell June 4. The drive continued and Florence was reached Aug. 12.

For two months after that the campaign virtually was stationary in the rugged Apennines Mountains, but April 9, the final drive got under way and ended victoriously with the capitulation of the beaten German forces in Italy.

Wac Flight Engineer Is Killed After Balking at 'Flying a Desk'

By Jim Russell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

LONDON, May 1 (Delayed).—Pfc Jane B. Windham, who considered flying for Air Transport Command as a flight engineer no more dangerous than crossing the street, was killed in a crash at a UK base March 31. She was the first Wac to lose her life on flying duty in a theater of war. Pfc Windham, who was 23, was one of a crew of three aboard a B17 which collided with a C47 while attempting to land. None of the crew members of either ship survived the crash.

Jane Windham's background was strictly flying. She studied aeronautical engineering at the University of California and could fly anything from a Piper Cub to a B17. She was a licensed pilot, and taught women to fly before joining the WAC 18 months ago.

She came into the Army with the MOS of an aircraft maintenance technician and at a Montana ATC base, from which she shipped to the ETO five months ago, she earned her wings crewing bombers ferried by ATC to bases in the States and Alaska. On dozens of trips she took over the controls of the big ships, "just to keep her hand in," as she put it.

With ATC's Air Inspector in the ETO, Jane's flight duties were modified by administrative work. She might have stuck to a desk, and lived, but she settled this with: "I didn't come overseas to fly a desk."

It was the sincerity of this blonde,



The Phyllis Marie, wearing Nazi markings and camouflage netting, recaptured east of Altenberg.

Quit Worrying, Blumberg—Phyllis Marie Has Been Found

By Andy Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH FIRST ARMY, Germany, May 4.—If Blumberg has been worried about Phyllis Marie, he can stop. She's at a German airfield at Altenberg just south of Leipzig, sitting there with eight black crosses painted big as hell all over her.

Phyllis Marie is a B17 the Germans converted to their own use after the Eighth AF had lost her in a raid over Germany. On her nose is painted, in small white letters:

Captain Cops \$70,000,000

WITH 30th DIV., Magdeburg, May 4 (INS).—An American officer, chronically suspicious of furtive characters who ease out of banks with bulging suitcases, has uncovered a Nazi hoard of 708,110,070 reichsmarks.

The cache, valued at \$70,000,000, was discovered by Capt. Virgil Happy when he challenged two men walking out of the back door of the Magdeburg branch of the Reichsbank.

The men dropped the satchels at the captain's command, and a few minutes later led him to a dim, musty vault jammed with banknotes and silver.

"They were officials of the bank," the captain explained. "They were trying to sneak the money away in satchels. Downstairs I found other suitcases filled with money. They waited just a few minutes too long."

British Thank U.S. Army On PW Repatriation

In a message to Gen. Eisenhower, Sir James Grigg, British Secretary of State for War, yesterday expressed gratitude for the way in which the U.S. forces have liberated and provided transportation home for English prisoners of war.

"Had it not been for the initiative and sympathy displayed by the U.S. staff, air forces and all concerned the repatriation of our men would have been seriously hampered," Grigg said.



Pfc Jane B. Windham

blue-eyed girl from San Antonio that made her most attractive. Something she said three months ago, haunting and ironic today, summed up her attitude.

"I can't say that I envy those men who fly combat," she said. "They put their lives out on a limb every time they go up."

Then she added: "The flying I do is like walking across the street."

This Flying Fortress Bears the Swastika



The Phyllis Marie, wearing Nazi markings and camouflage netting, recaptured east of Altenberg.

War I Dispute Rises Again on Fiume, Trieste

Liberated Italy was converted from a military to a political battleground yesterday as the Italian and Yugoslav governments again stressed their divergent views on which of those nations should own Venezia Giulia province and its large cities of Trieste, Fiume, Gorizia and Pola.

The province was the only part of north Italy included in the pact in which the Nazi commander of northern Italy and western Austria agreed earlier in the week to surrender the approximately 900,000 German and Italian Fascist troops of his command. Trieste and Gorizia were captured a couple of days ago, and yesterday Marshal Tito announced that his Yugoslav Partisans had cleared Fiume and Pola, destroying at least two German divisions.

New 'Greek Tragedy' Looms

The controversy was reaching such a pitch that a British frontline correspondent said the dispute, dating back to the last World War, threatened to involve Allied armies in a repetition of last winter's "Greek tragedy."

Tension between the Allies and the Yugoslav Partisans was indicated in a statement from Marshal Tito's headquarters, asserting that New Zealand units of the Eighth Army had entered Trieste "without our permission." Continued occupation of the big port by the Allies "might have undesirable consequences unless the matter is settled promptly by mutual agreement," the Yugoslav announcement added.

Other Elements in Area

To add to the confusion, a London newspaper reported that not only were Eighth Army and Yugoslav forces occupying Trieste, but that Gen. Mihailovitch's Yugoslav Chetniks, Italian Communist Partisans and Italian non-Communist Partisans also were in the city. The Chetniks in the area were said to be between 30,000 and 50,000 strong, and reports indicated that Mihailovitch was personally leading the force.

In Rome, where at least two minor riots broke out between Italian students and alleged Communist supporters of a "Trieste for Yugoslavia" movement, the government of Premier Ivanoe Bonomi reaffirmed its stand that all territorial questions relating to Italy's eastern frontier must await complete peace in Europe before they could be settled. Trieste, the statement said, was "Italian beyond discussion."

Ike Decorates 16 on His Staff

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, FORWARD CP, May 4.—Gen. Eisenhower decorated 16 members of his staff today for meritorious service:

Maj. Gen. Robert W. Crawford, General Staff Corps and G-4, was awarded the Legion of Merit for outstanding services in aiding the commanding general, Services of Supply, prior to the Allied invasion of the Continent.

Bronze Star medals were awarded to:

Lt. Col. Ernest R. Leo, San Antonio, Tex., aide-de-camp to Gen. Eisenhower; Lt. Col. Henry C. Chappell, Columbia, Tenn., AG division; Lt. Col. Melvin C. Brown, St. Louis, G-3 division; Maj. Laurence J. Hansen, Lakewood, Ohio, Eisenhower's chief pilot; Maj. Robert H. Hartley, Flourtown, Pa., Special Service section; 2/Lt. Kathleen H. M. Summersby, Ireland, personal secretary to Gen. Eisenhower; CWO David M. Donald, Akron, AG division.

Also: W/O Donald E. Minard, Flushing, Mich., Signal division; M/Sgt. Harry A. Christensen, Chicago, G-3 division; M/Sgt. Hubert W. Daugherty, Dallas, Tex., Hq. Command; M/Sgt. Gerard A. Peterson, Mason City, Iowa, Hq. Command; M/Sgt. Gene A. Sebastian, Stonington, Ill., G-3 division; T/Sgt. Orville W. Gerfin, Seattle, AG division; S/Sgt. Wallace H. Jensen, Worthington, Minn., G-5 division, and T/3 Helen C. Birtwell, New York City, European Allied Contact section.

'Metal Bible' Firm Halts Protection Advertising

WASHINGTON, May 4 (ANS).—Bibles for Victory Inc., of New York City, has agreed to stop representing that its metal-covered Bibles and Catholic prayer books will afford physical protection to members of the armed forces, the Federal Trade Commission announced.

The FTC said it referred to contentions that the books were capable of stopping or deflecting bullets, shrapnel, or bayonet thrusts.

Harrisburg Club to Meet

The Harrisburg (Pa.) Club will meet at 7:30 PM May 19 on the east side of the Arc de Triomphe at 7:30 PM.

300,000 Dead In Single Raid On Dresden

By Dan Regan
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE FIRST ARMY.—The Allied air raid on Dresden on Feb. 13-14 killed 300,000 persons in the city, Dresden police told 600 British and French prisoners who were given passes by the Germans to enter the American lines.

Nine British PWs, who were working in Dresden during the raid, said the horror and devastation caused by the Anglo-American raid was beyond comprehension unless one could see for himself.

One British sergeant said the police report did not include "deaths among 1,000,000 evacuees from the Breslau area trying to escape from the Russians. There were no records on them."

"After seeing the results of the bombings, I believe their figures are correct."

"They had to pitchfork shriveled bodies on to lorries and wagons and cart them to shallow graves on the outskirts of the city. But after two weeks of work, the job became too much to cope with and they found other means to gather up the dead."

"As a second means, they burned bodies in a great heap in the center of the city, but the most effective way for sanitary reasons was to take flame-throwers and burn the dead as they lay in the ruins. The whole city is flattened. They were unable to clean up the dead lying beside roads for several weeks," the sergeant said.

Truckers Keep Seventh on Go

More than 30,000 tons of supplies were carried to the Seventh Army during its week-long drive across southern Germany to Munich by 1,000 trucks of the Yellow Diamond Express.

Averaging more than 200 miles a round-trip during the last stages of the drive, the trucks were on the road day and night. Drivers reported enemy sniping and mine-laying far behind U.S. lines. At least two drivers were killed by snipers.

To speed gas delivery, a new type "skid-tank" was used which permitted 20,000 gallons of gasoline to be carried without transferring to five-gallon cans.

Put into operation when the Seventh began the Munich drive, the Yellow Diamond has already exceeded the total of 860,000 tons hauled by the Red Ball Highway following the Normandy breakthrough.

4,000,000 Jap Tons Sunk by U.S. Subs

WASHINGTON, May 4 (ANS).—Vice-Adm. Charles A. Lockwood Jr. reported yesterday that his Pacific submarine fleet had sunk 4,000,000 tons of Japanese shipping—about half the enemy merchant fleet—and 400,000 tons of warships since Pearl Harbor.

His announcement coincided with the Navy's disclosure that 21 more Japanese ships, including a destroyer and a destroyer escort, had been sent to the bottom recently in Far Eastern waters. This latest bag brought the toll taken by American submarines to 1,119 Jap ships, including 126 combatant craft.

Lockwood said the subs' daily bag had been three to four Jap ships.

No More Service For Nazi Officers

By Howard Byrne

WITH THE 103rd DIV., Mittenwald, Germany, May 4.—Sgt. Johnnie Flynn, of Detroit, scouting to locate the division CP, walked in a beautifully furnished house in Mittenwald and found 40 women in various stages of undress.

The girls were German, French, Polish, English and an American who said she didn't like Americans.

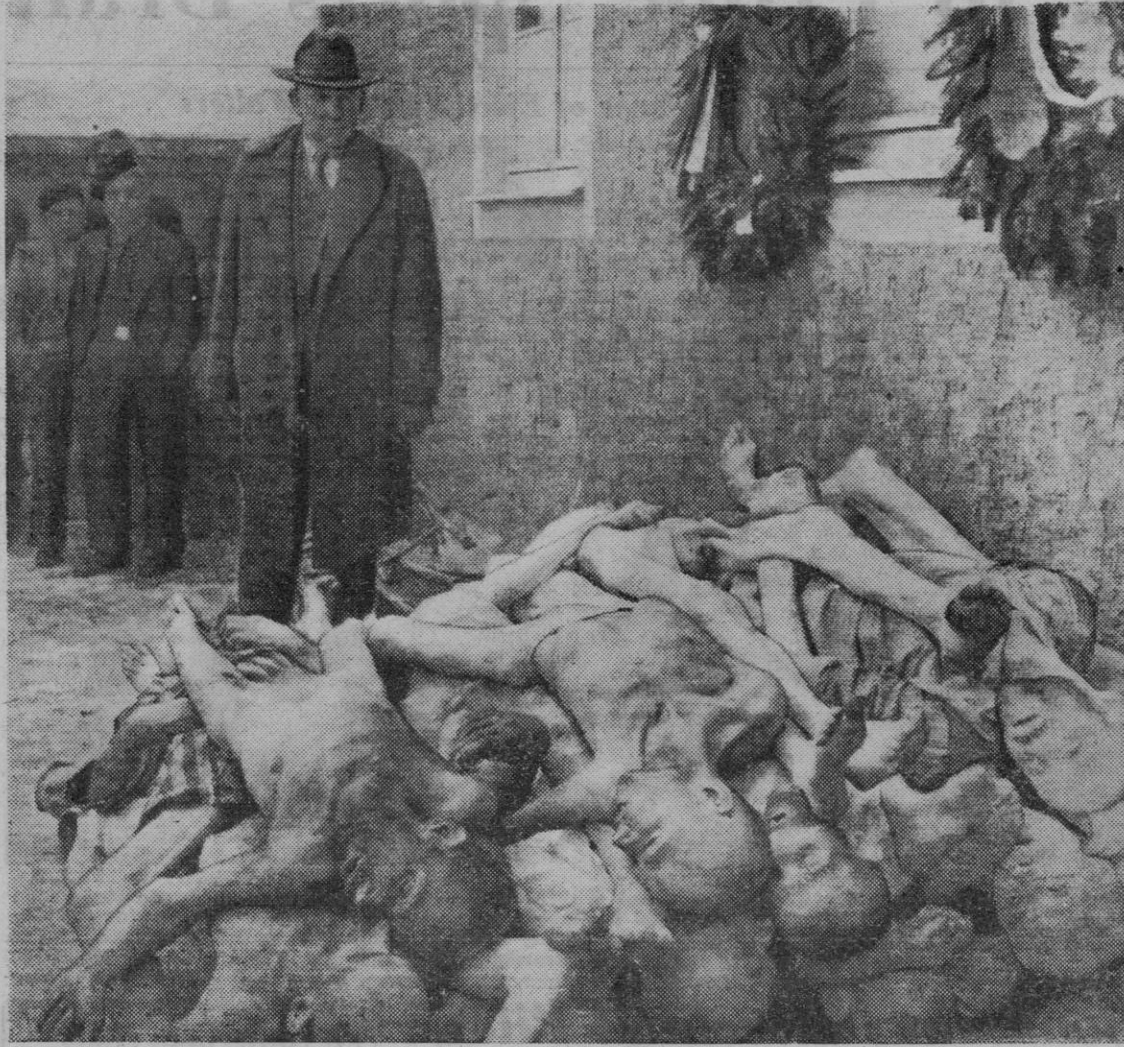
The place had one living room and 24 bedrooms.

"What the hell is this?" Johnnie asked the American girl.

"This is a house of free love," she answered sourly. "We service German officers."

"Not any more," said Johnnie. "This place is taken over by the Americans."

Senator Gets First-Hand Evidence of German Atrocities



Sen. Alben W. Barkley (D-Ky.) looks at a stack of bodies found at the Buchenwald concentration camp. Barkley was one of a dozen Congressmen who visited Germany to witness evidence of atrocities.

19 Miles Behind Nazi Lines—But Yanks Are the Bosses

By Ernie Leiser
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

ALTENGRABOW, Germany, May 3 (Delayed).—You were an eye witness to the disintegration of the Wehrmacht today if you rode 19 miles behind the German lines with an 83rd Div. truck and ambulance convoy, freeing 19,000 Allied PWs from this camp.

It was a strange feeling, barreling along the highway at 40 miles an hour under a flag of truce, past German soldiers who were still armed, to enter this giant stalag 22 miles east of Magdeburg. It was strange, but it wasn't frightening because you could tell that it was a beaten army that you were seeing—an army whose soldiers waved at you instead of shooting at you and who straggled along the roads in small groups, obviously heading for the American lines and surrender.

Armed, But Not Aggressive

There were a few groups of about company size with about half the men armed with burp guns, pistols and rifles. Most of the men, however, were travelling alone or with a few others, evidently taking off on their own initiative while they still had a chance to choose whose prisoners they'd be. No one seemed to be making an effort to patch up the piece of the world's once greatest army as the dying Wehrmacht headed west.

Among the civilians, too, there was evidence of total collapse of morale and the relief that the Americans were here instead of the dreaded Russians. Children all along the way were waving enthusiastically and this time their parents were waving, too, as the red-crossed and white-flagged vehicles sped down the roads.

When you got to Altengrabow you found about 1,250 Americans among the prisoners, 130 of them sick or wounded. These were the first to be loaded on the 308th Medical Bn's ambulances.

Parachuted Near Camp

Col. Theodore Ochnal, the German camp commandant who offered the release of the prisoners in the camp to Maj. Gen. Robert Macon of the 83rd because he could no longer feed them, met the first convoy to arrive and said he was glad to turn his prisoners over.

A possible explanation for Ochnal's eagerness was offered by Maj. Phillip Worrall, a British officer with SHAEF. Worrall said he had been at the camp for only a week. He had parachuted into the area along with five others, including two American sergeants, with the mission of observing the camp and reporting its condition by a radio which was dropped with them, so that supplies might be brought up as soon as the area was taken.

The six had been captured by outposts and brought to the camp

where, according to Worrall, they were practically given the run of the place. They supervised the formation of an Allied control commission of prisoners, under command of a Russian colonel. It was after this that Ochnal made his surrender offer.

Americans with Worrall were S/Sgt. Edmund Porada, of Buffalo, N.Y., and Sgt. Daniel Murphy, of Butte, Mont. Porada told stories of death torture in the camp based on information he said was furnished by the prisoners.

Days of Horror Over

Among the prisoners at the camp were 650 women of the French and Belgian maquis and Tito's Jugoslavian army. They were brought in a week ago, nearly dead after marching four days without food and three without water.

But now the days of horror were over. As the convoys pulled out you could see Russian guards along with the Germans maintaining order over those who will be removed tomorrow. And you could see German soldiers giving taxi service with horse carts to the Allied doctors. The Germans were in their own territory, but you could tell they didn't know how long it would be theirs.

Rundstedt Felt Raids by Allies

LONDON, May 4 (INS).—Allied air power was blamed by Nazi Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt, now a prisoner, for his failure to repel the invasion of Normandy.

In an interview with John Hall, London Daily Mail correspondent, Von Rundstedt told of the shattering effect of the Allied air onslaughts.

Seated before a fire in a cottage near Innsbruck, the field marshal who tried but could not defend Hitler's European "fortress" declared:

"Allied bombers not only shattered our supply lines and upset all efforts to move our defense forces, but they carried the war right home by hitting the headquarters at Bad Nauheim."

Von Rundstedt complained that the air attacks complicated his heart trouble and added:

"This is a hard life for an old soldier. I bade farewell to Hitler in Berlin on March 12 after Kesselring took over the Western Front. Hitler then was very confident but I noticed his hands were shaking all the time."

Station to Remain PWD Outlet

Radio Luxembourg, one of Europe's most powerful transmitters operated by the Psychological Warfare Division, will continue to be operated during the continuance of Supreme Headquarters, SHAEF announced yesterday.

Part of the Cleanup in Nuremberg



Infantrymen of the Third Inf. Div., U.S. Seventh Army, move ahead on the lookout for snipers in Nuremberg. Beyond them, through a cloud of dust, a tank clears a path through the rubble.

U.S.-Red Vise Grips Foe in Panic, Chaos

By Wade Jones
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE NINTH ARMY, May 4.—The great vise of American and Russian Armies squeezing together west of Berlin has reduced German military forces and civilians to complete disorganization and near-panic.

West of Grabow, 85 miles northwest of Berlin, tens of thousands of German troops were fleeing across the Elbe River before the advancing Russians. Entire regiments, travelling in their own vehicles, blocked roads, and American troops had to provide them with gasoline to keep the columns moving toward the Americans' rear. Many of the German troops were bringing their families with them. Roadside were littered with German weapons.

There are plenty of stories floating around that the Russians aren't squeamish about taking what they want. Perhaps such reports are responsible for the highly nervous condition of German civilians. That, plus the fact that many of the Boches now that the Russians have some old scores to settle.

Only for What They're Worth

Twenty-four hours spent with soldiers whose language you can't speak isn't enough to warrant any blanket pronouncements and the following incidents and observations are presented only for what they are worth:

The first Russians you set eyes on are draped on a Russian tank which is roaring through a town at about 30 miles an hour, directly at your jeep. Forty yards away the driver slings his big iron baby into a spin, whirls around four times in the street, and runs up onto the sidewalk, stopping within half an inch from a building. As the dust settles and terrified spectators compose themselves, the tank driver heaves himself up through the turret and salutes, American style. The Russians are supremely sure of themselves without being cocky. They know what they've done and they're proud of it. They all wear their medals and citations and are puzzled because Americans don't.

While at lunch with a tank major, a lieutenant and a girl member of the Russian Army, the major hauled out the girl's three medals—one for Stalingrad, one for Leningrad, and a third for something else which I couldn't figure out. The two officers were very proud of the girl. She had three wound scars—one on her neck, one on her upper right arm and a third on her left thigh. She displayed them all in a matter-of-fact fashion, and they were bad scars.

Puts Pistol in Slipper

Then she tossed off her fourth water glassful of cognac and went over to a bed in the corner and went sound asleep. The major took five silver stars and the regimental insignia from the lieutenant's tunic and pinned them on mine, and I gave him a German pistol, which he looked at briefly and then put in the sleeping girl's slipper with no explanation.

From time to time while we were eating—something that tasted like American hamburger with tobasco, canned cherries, bread and cognac—a dispatch rider or tank driver would come in, sit casually at the side of the table and talk with the major. Usually, the visitors would spear a piece of hamburger with a fork and eat as they talked.

At one town, some Russian tankers were pulling their tank out of a still-smoking bomb crater. They said they had just been hit by American planes. Claiming American citizenship at that point might have been foolish, but the Russians only laughed and shrugged and indicated that "c'est la guerre."

The Russian Army on the move looks like a cross between a country fair and a six-day bike race which has gotten out of hand. Russians use a good many bicycles and horse-drawn vehicles. So motley are the Russian vehicles that an American jeep aroused practically no interest, simply because it looks to the Russians like something that might be their own. But when they find you are an American, they are all smiles and curiosity. Then they will show you their artillery and the inside of their tanks.

Maybe no two of their uniforms are alike, maybe they drink like nothing human, but they get things done. They are a solid bunch.

Freed Russian PWs Go Home

LONDON, May 4 (Reuter).—Several thousand Russian soldiers who were released from Nazi prisoner of war camps by the Allies already have been sent home from Britain.

War Dept. to Probe Sports Draft

Action Follows Charges by Congressman

WASHINGTON, May 4.—Charges by Rep. Melvin Price (D-Ill.) that professional athletes are "victims of discrimination" by Selective Service officials have started a War Department investigation and Price predicts a change in regulations "in a few days."

The Illinois congressman revealed he called the War Department's attention to the fact some athletes are being inducted into the Army when they are below physical standards.

Patterson Orders Probe

He received a reply from Under-secretary of War Robert Patterson, saying, "I have asked the Inspector General (Maj. Gen. Virgil L. Peterson) to make an investigation into the manner in which induction of professional athletes is being administered."

Professional athletes who fail to meet the Army's physical requirements must, at present, have their cases reviewed by the AG. This policy began in December, 1944, when James F. Byrnes, then War Mobilization Director, cracked down on sports people.

Price said, "I am not asking for any special break for athletes, but only a fair deal. No man should be inducted if he is legitimately 4F, but in some instances, athletes have been inducted even without their classifications being changed from 4F."

Price Suggests Deferment

The congressman is particularly incensed over the regulation which provides that any professional athlete's case must be reviewed in Washington if he is rejected because of poor physical condition. He also urged that athletes now slated for induction should be granted deferments until the War Department investigation has been completed.

Byrnes' original edict also included re-examination of athletes discharged from all services, and brought about the re-induction of Willie Pep, featherweight champion, and Frankie Sinkwich, Detroit Lions halfback. Pep, who first served in the Navy, was grabbed by the Army, but since has been discharged because of his physical ailments.

Jess Willard Loses Film Suit

LOS ANGELES, May 4.—Jess Willard, former world's heavy-weight boxing champ, lost a suit against the 20th Century Fox Film Corp. demanding a financial accounting of motion pictures of the bout in which he lost his title to Jack Dempsey in Toledo in 1919.

Willard claimed he owned a third interest in the fight pictures and asked an accounting of earnings of "The Great American Broadcast," in which the fight was shown.

Chiefs Sign Davila

SYRACUSE, N.Y., May 4.—The Syracuse Chiefs, floundering in the International League, second division, have signed Southpaw Francisco Davila, of Nicaragua, a 25-year-old hurler who won nine and lost three with Caracas, Venezuela, last year.

Army Takes PGA Champ

CAMP ATTERBURY, Ind., May 4.—Bob Hamilton, National PGA links champion, was inducted into the Army here yesterday.



American League

All games postponed, rain and cold

WL	Pct	WL	Pct
New York	8 4 .667	Wash'gton	6 7 .462
Chicago	6 3 .667	St. Louis	4 6 .400
Detroit	7 4 .636	Boston	5 8 .385
Philadelphia	6 6 .500	Cleveland	3 7 .300

St. Louis at Detroit
Cleveland at Chicago
Philadelphia at Washington (night)
New York at Boston

National League

All games postponed, rain and cold

WL	Pct	WL	Pct
New York	9 4 .692	Brooklyn	5 6 .455
Chicago	7 4 .636	Cincinnati	5 8 .385
Boston	7 5 .583	Pittsburgh	5 8 .385
St. Louis	6 5 .545	Philadelphia	3 9 .250

Boston at New York
Brooklyn at Philadelphia
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh
Chicago-St. Louis, not scheduled

Boss Comes to Defense of Ejected Bucky Walters



Pitcher Bucky Walters, of the Reds, is tagged out at third by Whitey Kurowski while trying to stretch his hit into a triple (left). Walters was thumbed to clubhouse for disputing decision and shoving Umpire Lou Jorda. Cincinnati Manager Bill McKechnie (right) held up game several minutes debating ouster of Bucky with Umpire Beans Reardon. Cardinals won, 2-0.

Boudreau, Cleveland Pilot, Reclassified; Faces Early Call

CLEVELAND, May 4.—Lou Boudreau, player-manager of the Cleveland Indians, has been reclassified 1A by his draft board and will be called for induction into the Army on June 15, he disclosed today.

If Boudreau is accepted by GI doctors, he will be the first major league manager to be drafted. Leo "The Lip" Durocher, pilot of the Dodgers, was called up several months ago, but was turned back by the Army.

The youthful manager's loss virtually will wipe out American League pennant aspirations for the current cellar-dwelling Tribe. There is nobody available who is capable of filling his shoes either at the plate or at the short-stop position.

Boudreau will be the third Cleveland veteran to leave the club.



Lou Boudreau

Happy Shifts Les O'Connor

CHICAGO, May 4.—Happy Chandler announced today he had appointed Leslie O'Connor, secretary to the late Judge Landis, as special assistant to the commissioner, and Walter Mulbry, his secretary in the Senate, would serve as secretary-treasurer in the baseball czar's office.

The new commissioner said it may take "some time" before he resigns from the Senate in view of increasing peace problems. Previously, he indicated he would sign his contract as commissioner within 30 or 60 days.

From Sand Trap to Green



Ninth Troop Carrier Photo

Chick Harbert, former Michigan state golf champion, blasts out of a sand trap in exhibition match at St. Germain. Harbert, who teamed with Maj. Gen. Paul Williams, CG of the 9th TCC, bowed to Horton Smith and Maj. Gen. Floyd Park, 1-up, in their 18-hole exhibition match. Harbert and Smith will conduct a golf clinic and then play an 18-hole match against leading French golfers today at St. Germain at 1400 hours. Tomorrow they will play another exhibition at St. Cloud Country Club at 1000.

Behind The Sports Headlines

ALBANY, N.Y., May 4.—When Harold E. Talbott learned a new state law prohibited a member of the State Racing Commission from entering his own horses in races, he declined the commissioner's job. Talbott owns a small stable of steeplechasers. Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's comment was, "You are unique. You are the only man I know at the moment who would rather do something than tell somebody else how to do it."



Jack Dempsey

ST. LOUIS.—The Cardinals may not feel the loss of Walker Cooper, their star catcher, as much as had been expected if Ken O'Dea can continue his clutch hitting. CAMP ELLIS, Ill.—Pfc Ray Hurda, of Madison, Wis., is a paratrooper recovering here from wounds suffered in France. To his buddies he reports, "Being a paratrooper is like going out for a forward pass in a football game—except you don't get another chance if the pass is incomplete."

NEW YORK.—Jimmy Walker, former mayor of New York, admits after 20 years he was responsible for chasing the Tunney-Dempsey fight from New York to Philadelphia. "The commission got the blame," Walker said, "but I used all my influence because I thought Harry Wills deserved a chance at the title."

SOUTH INDIAN.—Notre Dame football fans are mighty glad George Ratterman has decided to stay here instead of accepting an appointment to West Point. Remembering the 59-0 wallop last fall, Irish rooters consider Army tough enough with Ratterman playing for—not against—their team.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Although the Kentucky Derby will not be staged tomorrow as originally scheduled, the best reason why the annual classic should be held is advanced by Lt. Joe Miller, stationed in India. He wrote Col. Matt Winn, Derby chief, saying he and Mrs. Miller had been married the day Omaha won (1935) and had celebrated his anniversary every Derby day since.

Cornell to Be Tough, McKeever Warns Foes
NEW YORK, May 4.—Ed McKeever, new Cornell football mentor, served notice on his 1945 opponents that they will need plenty of power to cope with his Big Red eleven.

McKeever, guest-of-honor at a dinner given by the Cornell Club of New York, revealed his spirited squad has 23 members who have had combat service in either the Marines or Navy.

Zac, Handley Face Draft
PITTSBURGH, May 4.—The Pirates faced the loss of two infielders as Shortstop Frank Zac passed his physical, and Lee Handley, utility infielder who took the exam with Zac, was sent to Deshon General Hospital for further checkup.

Nova Decisions Eagle
BOSTON, May 4.—A slim crowd of 1,956 fight fans saw Lou Nova, inconsistent heavyweight, pound out a unanimous decision over Charley Eagle, of Waterbury, Conn., here last night.

ETO SPORTS MIRROR

Delaney Field, named in honor of Pfc. John Delaney, who was killed in action on the spot where the field is now located, was officially opened as the 106th Reinforcement Battalion downed the 85th Reinforcement Battalion, 12-7, to get the 19th Reinforcement Depot baseball league under way.

Cpl. Sam Nahem, former Cardinals and Phillies hurler, had a perfect day at the plate, connecting with a triple, two doubles and a single in four attempts, as his Oise Section Hq. nine upset the undefeated 178th General Hospital, 13-10.

Weatherman Halts All Baseball Games

NEW YORK, May 4.—Rain and cold weather forced postponement of all major league games scheduled for yesterday and added another day's activity to the already bulky midsummer doubleheader schedule.

Minor League Results

International League

Jersey City 7, Rochester 4	Baltimore 10, Montreal 7	Others not scheduled
Jersey City 9 2 .818	Newark..... 5 6 .455	
Baltimore... 7 4 .636	Buffalo..... 4 6 .400	
Montreal... 6 5 .545	Rochester... 3 7 .300	
Syracuse... 4 4 .500	Toronto..... 3 7 .300	

American Association

St. Paul 10, Minneapolis 5	Milwaukee 2, Kansas City 1	Others postponed, rain
Milwaukee 6 2 .750	Indianapolis... 6 5 .545	
Louisville... 6 4 .600	Kans. City... 3 5 .375	
Columbus... 7 5 .583	St. Paul..... 2 5 .286	
Minneapolis 5 4 .556	Toledo..... 3 8 .273	

Southern Association

Chattanooga 8, Atlanta 2	Others not scheduled
Little Rock 4 0 1.000	Chat'oga... 1 3 .250
Birmingham... 3 0 1.000	Mobile..... 1 4 .200
N. Orleans... 4 1 .800	Nashville... 0 3 .000
Atlanta..... 3 1 .750	Memphis... 0 4 .000

Pacific Coast League

Hollywood 9-1, Portland 1-3	Seattle 19, Oakland 3	San Francisco 8, Sacramento 3	Los Angeles 4, San Diego 2
Portland... 21 11 .656	Sacramento 16 17 .485		
Seattle..... 19 13 .594	L. Angeles 14 18 .438		
San Diego 18 15 .545	S. Fr'isco 14 19 .424		
Oakland... 15 15 .516	Hollywood 11 21 .344		

Eastern League

Utica 2, Binghamton 1	Albany 4, Hartford 0	Others postponed, rain
Utica..... 2 0 1.000	Wil-Barre... 0 1 .000	
Albany..... 2 0 1.000	Elmira..... 0 1 .000	
Scranton... 1 0 1.000	Bingh'ton... 0 2 .000	
Will'sport... 1 0 1.000	Hartford... 0 2 .000	

Runs for the Week

American League

	M	T	W	T
Boston	X	5	4	P
Chicago	X	5	1	P
Cleveland	X	2	P	
Detroit	X	0	2	P
New York	X	P	6	P
Philadelphia	X	P	4	P
St. Louis	X	P	1	P
Washington	X	0	0	P

National League

	M	T	W	T
Boston	X	P	3	P
Brooklyn	X	P	1	P
Chicago	X	P	P	P
Cincinnati	X	P	P	P
New York	X	P	9	P
Philadelphia	X	P	8	P
Pittsburgh	X	P	9	P
St. Louis	X	P	5	P

X—Not scheduled.
P—Postponed.

Contest Chiefs Emphasize: No Strings on Cars

Officials in charge of the letter-writing contest on "My Savings and Post-War Plans" have stressed that there are absolutely no strings attached to taking possession of the prizes—ten new automobiles and ten new electric refrigerators.

"We have made it very easy for the lucky winners to collect their Chevrolts and Frigidaires," said Col. Jefferson H. Fulton, contest committee chairman. "The only restriction, if you can call it that, is that those who win the prizes must make arrangements to accept delivery within a year after their discharge from the Army. But I can't imagine anyone wanting to wait longer than that to get behind the wheel of a brand new car or shove a bottle of beer in that refrigerator."

Choice of Any Model

Members of the Army stationed in the ETO who write the 10 best letters of from 50 to 250 words on how they plan to use their savings after the war will have their choice of any model automobile or truck being manufactured by the Chevrolet company at the time. Radios and heaters will go with the vehicles.

Delivery of the vehicles will be made at the winner's home. If a winner's home is outside the continental United States, delivery will be made at a place in the United States.

Should a winner die prior to delivery of the vehicle, it would be presented to the beneficiary named by the winner on the certificate of award.

Prizes Not Transferable

In no case, however, will winners or their beneficiaries be allowed to transfer or assign the certificate of award to another person.

Rules of the contest, which began last Tuesday, are few and simple. Any member of the American Army stationed in the ETO, including Wacs and Army Nurses, is eligible. However, each contestant must state in the contest letter that he either already has a war bond allotment or is taking one out, or that he has purchased a war bond of any denomination since the contest started.

The contest will continue through July 7, running concurrently with the Seventh War Loan drive in the U.S. Only letters postmarked on or before that date will be accepted. Entries should be addressed to War Bond Contest, APO 887, U.S. Army.

CHURCH SERVICES

PROTESTANT
Sunday services at Holy Trinity Church, 23 Avenue George V, 0930; Dufayel Barracks, Boulevard Barbes, 1030; American Union Church, 65 Quai d'Orsay, 1100 hours. Communion (Sundays and weekdays); Holy Trinity Church, 0700 and 0800 hours.

CATHOLIC
Sunday mass at Madeleine Church, Place de la Madeleine, 1800; Chapel (Coeur de Marie), 5 Avenue Kleber, 1130 and 1730 hours; St. Pierre de Chaillot, 43 Avenue Marceau, 1015 hours. Daily mass: Madeleine Church, 0700 hours; Chapel, 3 Avenue Kleber, 1130 and 1730 hours. Confessions at Madeleine Church Saturdays, 1700 and 1930 hours, and before masses; and at 5 Avenue Kleber, before masses.

JEWISH
Friday, 1930 hours. Synagogue, 24 Rue Copernic; Saturday, 1030 hours, Marignan Theater, Champs-Elysées; Sunday, 1030 hours. Synagogue, 44, Rue de la Victoire.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quaker)
12 Rue Guy de la Brosse (Metro Jussieu). Thursday, at 1800, Sunday at 1015.

BAPTIST
Ave. du Maine Church, 48 rue de Lille (Metro du Bac), 1900 hours.

LATTER DAY SAINTS (Mormon)
Hotel Louvois, Rue de Richelieu. Sunday school, 1030 hours; evening services, 1930.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 10 avenue d'Iéna, 16e. Sunday, 1115; Wednesday, 1900.

Second Church of Christ, Scientist, 58 boulevard Plandrin, 16e. Sunday, 1115; Wednesday, 1900.

Third Church of Christ, Scientist, 45 rue La Boétie, 8e. Sunday, 1115; Wednesday, 1930.



Time	TODAY
1200-Swing Session	1830-GI Journal
1230-Dance Music	1900-Headlines
1310-U.S. Sports	1905-Hawaiian Seren.
1315-Melody Mixture	1915-Movie Music
1330-Over to You	2000-AEFP on Spot
1400-Army Orchestra	2015-Swing Time
1430-Miss Parade	2030-Ch. McCarthy
1500-World News	2100-World News
1510-Harry James	2105-Your War today
1530-Combat Diary	2115-Footlight Music
1545-On the Record	2205-Jubilee
1630-Strike Up Band	2235-Latin Serenade
1705-Dance Band	2300-World News
1730-Nat'l Barn Dance	2305-Satnr. Serenade
1755-Mark Up Map	2335-Suspense
1800-World News	2400-World News
1815-Blue Interlude	0015-Night Shift

News Every Hour on the Hour

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp



Terry and The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff



Abbie an' Slat

By Courtesy of United Features

By Raeburn Van Buren



Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate Inc.

By Chester Gould



Blondie

By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate

By Chic Young



Joe Palooka

By Courtesy of McNaught Syndicate, Inc.

By Ham Fisher



Births

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

S/SGT. John D. McGrath, Niagara Falls, N.Y.—Doris Denise, April 29; Cpl. Edward A. Wojciak, Buffalo—girl, March 1; Sgt. Harold Vaneck, Wallington, N.J.—boy, May 1; Maj. E. J. White, Enid, Okla.—Doris Jean, April 30; Sgt. Eugene F. White, Chester, Pa.—Eugene Francis, April 29. Pfc Lawrence Roe Hancock, Glenham, N.Y.—Margaret Lynn, May 2; Sgt. Earl E. Kifer, Saxton, Pa.—Ronald Wayne, April 23; Pvt. Joseph R. Proietti, West New York, N.J.—Vincent Joseph, April 2; Pvt. Robert E. Phillips, Los

Anges—Dian Hilary, May 3; T/5 Lester J. Strong, Bronx—Leslie Harter and Edward Wade, April 25; Lt. Carl A. Siegel, Brightwaters, L.I.—Jane, May 2; Capt. William Getman, Champaign, Ill.—Leona Getman.

LT. George A. Ranney, Chicago—David Morton, April 24; T/5 Edward A. Gilchrist, Roslindale, Mass.—Patricia Ann, April 21; Sgt. John Latini, Jamaica, L.I.—Edward Joseph, April 24; S/Sgt. Henry C. Luebke, Meenah, Wis.—girl, April 25; Sgt. Al Greenblatt, Brooklyn—boy, April 23; Pvt. Warren Kahn, Flushing, L.I.—Dennis Paul, April 24; Sgt. Harry E. Weeks, Cleveland Heights—boy, April 24; Sgt. Fred J. Witt, Jersey City—Karen Lee, April 23.

S/SGT. Robert Patterson, St. Paul, Minn.—David Allen, March 8; T/5 Mack W. Tracy, Wellington, Kan.—Leora Jill, March 15; Capt. Norman J. Schreiber, Geneva, Ill.—girl, April 6; Pfc John G. Buening, Cincinnati—Donald Edward Peaker, March 22; Pfc Augustin E. Carrillo, South San Antonio, Texas—girl, April 19; T/Sgt. George Wanat, Fall River, Mass.—George, April 24; Cpl. Sidney W. Hochstein, Brooklyn—girl, April 24.

CPL. Harold J. Webeie, Cozelleville, Wis.—Diane, April 27; T/5 Edward J. Gillespie, Downing Town, Pa.—Philip Emile, April 26; Pvt. G. William Hood, Phoenixville, Pa.—boy, April 26; Pfc Eugene Sheridan, Ironton, Ohio—boy, April 23; Pvt. Anthony G. Novakowski, Port

Chester, N.Y.—Catherine Mary, April 28; S/Sgt. Irving Cooper, New York—Michael Robert, May 1; 1/Lt. Walter D. Haper, Nashville, Tenn.—girl, May 1; 1/Lt. Frank J. Little, Sherman, Tex.—boy, May 1. Lt. Robert J. Hinley, Bridgeport, Conn.—boy, April 28.

PFC Stephen Steffen, Lemay, Mo.—girl, April 20; O/C Keith F. Dubois, Greenbay, Wis.—boy, April 28; Pfc Clarence Cobart, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.—boy, April 26; Lt. Hyman Laufer, Dallas—Martha Jean, April 28; Lt. Ernest W. Anderson, Corydon, Ind.—Thomas Ernest, May 1; Pfc John Deluca, Newark, N.J.—boy, April 29; Capt. Charles B. Mincks, Elmira, N.Y.—girl, May 1; Lt. Benjamin Noah—Linda Lee, April 26.

Battle Looms At Parley on Seized Bases

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—United Nations conference committees today began the task of studying more than 200 proposed amendments to the Dumbarton Oaks plan amid reports that the Big Four—the U.S., Great Britain, Russia and China—were near agreement on what major changes are necessary to preserve world peace.

The question of trusteeship and possible international control of strategic bases was believed one of the most ticklish problems to be ironed out. Observers predicted that the battle of Dumbarton Oaks changes would be fought between the major powers on one side and the smaller powers on the other.

British delegates submitted to the conference their country's plan for trusteeship—a plan that was understood to favor one-type control over all dependent areas in contrast to the U.S. proposal for dual-type control that would give the trustee power absolute rule in strategic areas.

On the matter of trusteeships, Australia said it would suggest that any member of the United Nations administering dependent territory report on its administration to an official commission, which would in turn report to the General Assembly of the proposed world security organization.

Preamble Presented

Reuters noted that Australia and New Zealand were concerned with the future trusteeship of islands in the South Pacific. The same news agency reported that Premier Jan Christiaan Smuts of South Africa had indicated that he favored the incorporation of former German territory in southwest Africa into his Dominion.

Smuts also presented a proposed preamble to the United Nations Charter, establishing, among other aims, that "the armed force" of the "high contracting parties" should "not be used save in the common interest."

The delicate Polish question remained unsettled, but the United Press said there were reports that Marshal Stalin has eased the situation somewhat by accepting Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, former prime minister of the Polish regime in London, as a member of the Warsaw provisional government. U.P. said the conference delegates would "feel better" if something concrete on the Polish controversy could be revealed before Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov left San Francisco for Moscow. He probably will leave next week.

British Keep Eye On Spanish Politics

LONDON, May 4 (INS).—British government circles today closely watched events in Spain.

Reports that establishment of a regency council with Generalissimo Franco at its head has been proposed were not confirmed in London, although there was no denial.

Any steps taken for democratization of Spain without resort to revolution and bloodshed will have the approval of the American and British governments, it was indicated here, but official circles in London refused to comment on the attitude Britain would take toward any new Spanish government headed by Franco.

British Deny Reports Of Churchill Visits

LONDON, May 4.—Reports of the last 24 hours that had Prime Minister Churchill visiting virtually every major capital from Washington to Berlin were discredited at 10 Downing Street today.

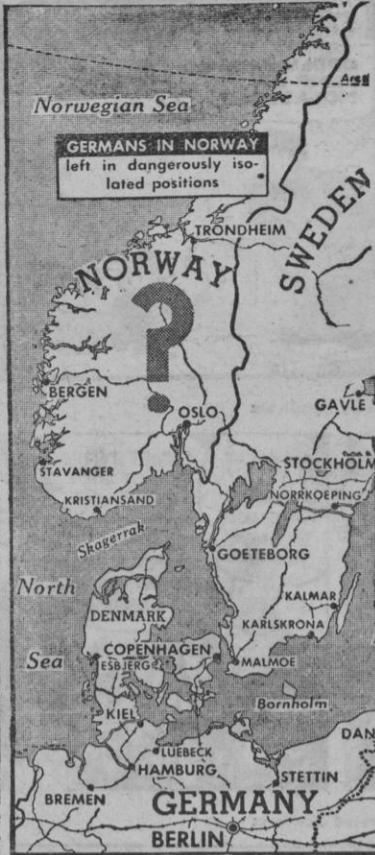
An official announcement said that the British leader was in London and that there was "nothing to all these rumors" that he had gone to Germany or any place else outside England. However, it was known that Churchill was standing by for any development that might herald the end of the war in Europe.

Germans Refuse to Quit Portugal for Reich

LISBON, May 4 (AP).—More than 160 Germans being repatriated from Argentina, including Otto von Meynen, former counsellor to the legation in Buenos Aires, refused to board the S.S. Drottningholm which was to have left here today.

They said they wished to remain in Portugal until the war situation was clarified. They will reside temporarily in small provincial towns and will be treated as civilian refugees.

Nazis' Last Outpost



Nazi surrender in northern Germany, Holland and Denmark leaves Norway the last German-occupied territory in the north.

Peace Hoped At Any Minute

Surrender of German forces in Denmark, Holland and northwest Germany set virtually the entire civilized world speculating—and hoping—last night that the capitulation of the remaining Nazi holdout units might come before the weekend was over.

Reports that complete surrender was imminent flooded Europe. In Moscow, according to a Reuter dispatch, unofficial observers were speculating on the possibility of a general surrender call to all remaining centers of resistance. This was the first report of surrender speculation from the Soviet capital. It was suggested that the time was near when an ultimatum date might be fixed, after which all Germans continuing to fight could be treated as outlaws.

While newspapers in the United States and Britain proclaimed that the word might come "at any hour," observers in London underlined two reasons why the news may be held up.

First, they pointed out, when the surrender is actually decided on by the Germans, Gen. Eisenhower and Marshal Stalin will have to agree on an actual moment when the war should end.

Second, the Germans probably have between 100 and 200 submarines operating at sea far from their bases, and the Allies will have to be satisfied that they, as well as land troops, will obey orders—a factor which might hold up the surrender announcement until they have returned to port.

A hint that a peace announcement is imminent was seen in the instructions given to the German people by radio by the German Minister of Production, Albert Speer. They were the type of instructions which an armistice agreement might be expected to contain—to repair railways, to give priority to food production and transport, and generally to obey occupation authorities.

Delegates Will Be Urged to Ask U.S. Control of Ex-Jap Isles

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—A committee of four senators arrived in San Francisco today, had lunch with Secretary of State Edward Stettinius and received assurance that they would sit in on meetings of the American delegation. They were sent by the Naval Affairs Committee to urge the U.S. delegation to demand that the U.S. control completely the Pacific Islands formerly mandated to Japan.

NEW YORK, May 4 (UP).—The results of a survey conducted by the Committee of Catholics for Human Rights will be forwarded to the San Francisco Conference. The committee reported that 75 per cent of 200 leading American Catholics favored using the German population in labor

French to Put Laval on Trial For Treason

Vichy collaborator Pierre Laval is not considered a war criminal, but will be tried as a traitor by the French government, Col. Paul Chambeau, head of the French section of the United Nations War Crimes Commission, declared in Paris yesterday.

The statement seemed to settle doubts as to the status of the former Vichy premier. Previously, reports from San Francisco said that legal authorities called together on the news of Laval's internment in Spain were considering whether to label him a war criminal.

Prevalent opinion in French quarters was that Generalissimo Francisco Franco will send Laval from his Barcelona prison to the frontier and turn him over to authorities in France. A cabinet meeting in Madrid last night was reported to have dealt with returning him to the French.

Chambeau's statement came at a press conference called by Brig. Gen. John Weir, head of the American section of the War Crimes Commission. Weir declared he was on his way to Washington after a tour of Buchenwald, Nordhausen, Dachau and other German atrocity camps with a group of American senators and representatives.

Weir after declining to comment on Laval, was asked for a definition of a war criminal and gave this answer: "It's going to be wide enough to catch everyone we want to get."

Lawyer Refuses To Defend Pétain

The lawyer chosen to defend Marshal Henri Philippe Pétain at his trial for treason has refused to defend him, the Paris radio said yesterday. Pétain will have to choose another lawyer from a list submitted to him.

Chancellery Found Afire

MOSCOW, May 4 (Reuter).—Red Army men who fought their way into the Reich Chancellery—Hitler's Berlin residence where the official German announcement had stated he died—found the building on fire.

The Soviet soldiers found the Chancellery a "gray, gloomy building," smoking furiously.

Red Star, the Soviet Army newspaper, said that the Chancellery had failed to yield Hitler's body.

Windows were blocked with piles of books, apparently snatched from the shelves of Hitler's library. Muzzles of machine-guns projected from among the books—with the crews lying dead around the guns.

Mystery Explosion Rocks Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, May 4 (ANS).—Hundreds of residents in this area were awakened early today by a mysterious explosion and flash that was described by Dr. Royk Marshall, director of the Franklin Institute Planetarium as probably "a bolide, the largest kind of meteor."

Police in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland were swamped by telephone calls as people from as far away as Ridgefield Park, N.J., and Washington, D.C., reported that they had seen a flash across the sky about 3:45 AM Eastern War Time.

Peace Go-Between Arrives in Stockholm



Count Folke Bernadotte, vice-chairman of the Swedish Red Cross, with his wife and son as he arrived in Stockholm by plane after talking with Heinrich Himmler in Lubeck and getting his offer to surrender unconditionally to the U.S. and Britain but not Russia.

De Valera Assailed On Condolence to Foe

LONDON, May 4 (UP).—Charging an "insult to the United Nations," the London Daily Mirror today castigated Prime Minister Eamon de Valera of Eire for condolence to the German minister on Hitler's death.

"Perhaps the Irish leader still admires the Nazi way of life," the editorial said, "and regards as misfortunate the fact that it has not been allowed to prevail."

The editorial page cartoon showed De Valera weeping at the entrance to the German embassy and with a Portuguese, carrying a wreath, the caption read "Lamb's Mourn Butcher."

Portugal announced two days of mourning after Hitler's death.

26th Div. Captures Nazi Field Marshal

WITH 26th INF. DIV., Germany, May 4 (AP).—One of Germany's leading field marshals, 63-year-old Ewald von Kleist, was taken prisoner today at Mitterfels.

Von Kleist, who was commanding a Wehrmacht army group, said that he wanted to give himself up so that he "might be spared the embarrassment of being captured later in the presence of common retreating German soldiers."

Troops of the 26th Div. found Von Kleist in a small dwelling at Mitterfels. In his room were narcotics and hypodermic needles, and his shaking hands indicated that he had been using them.

P47s Strafe Foe Near Salzburg

Twelfth TAC P-47s strafed and dive-bombed a convoy of 75 enemy motor transports, believed to be carrying SS troops between Salzburg and Innsbruck, yesterday, destroying eight and damaging at least 10 vehicles. Three tanks, a staff car and two armored vehicles also were destroyed in the attack.

The 8th AF destroyed one ME109 on the ground in Western Austria. Thirty locomotives were reported destroyed or damaged in other raids.

Mrs. Roosevelt Honored

WASHINGTON, May 4 (ANS).—Congress approved yesterday a bill giving Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt lifetime free use of the mails.

Russian Charge On PWs Denied

WASHINGTON, May 4 (ANS).—The State Department described as unfounded yesterday three Russian assertions that Soviet citizens liberated by British and American Armies were not being treated properly by the western Allies.

Specifically, the Department denied a recent Moscow broadcast quoting Colgen Si Golikov, Soviet Repatriation Commissar, as saying that 800 Red Army officers had been transferred to the U.S. and their whereabouts concealed from Russian authorities.

In his broadcast, Golikov contended that this was a violation of the Yalta agreement concerning the repatriation of liberated prisoners. He said the Allies had freed about 150,000 Russians but that only 35,000 had been returned home.

The State Department's statement said that "U.S. authorities have no knowledge of the alleged presence of 800 Red Army officers" in this country.

The statement asserted that American repatriation officers have consistently acted within the letter and the spirit of the Yalta agreement.

Truman Releases 3 Foreign Agents

DETROIT, May 4 (ANS).—Two Rumanian Orthodox priests and a Rumanian publisher, linked by the U.S. with efforts to bring King Carol into this country, were freed from prison on an order of President Truman.

The priests were Rev. Gligaerl Moraru of Saints Peter and Paul Church and the Rev. Stephen Opreanu of St. George Cathedral. They, together with George Zamfir, publisher of The Voice of Rumania, a Rumanian language newspaper, were convicted on charges of failing to register as Carol's agents.

They were sentenced last January to fines of from \$500 to \$3,000 and to terms of from two to five years.

AAF to Use Bradley Field As Redeployment Center

WINDSOR LOCKS, Conn., May 4 (ANS).—Col. H. E. Johnson, commander of Bradley Field, Connecticut's largest airbase, announced today that the field would soon become a redeployment center for AAF fliers returning from the ETO.

So far as is known at the airbase, the field, formerly a training center, is the first to be chosen for such a purpose.