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Five Years Ago Today
Germany invaded Denmark and Norway "for their protection."

107 Years Ago Today
Fire destroyed 1,158 buildings in Charleston, S.C.

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British Guns Shell Bremen

Life and Death in a German Town



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

A dead American soldier lies in the foreground as one of his comrades runs across a street in Oberdorf in the face of sniper fire and two others wait. The town fell to the Sixth Armd. Div., Third Army.

Reds in Vienna Within 2 Miles Of City's Heart

Soviet forces battling through Vienna's streets last night were two miles from the center of the city as other Red Army troops all but encircled it, Reuter reported.

The decisive battle for the center of Vienna is already on, Moscow Radio said, announcing the fall of a workers' district three miles from the capital's heart.

Both the Second and Third Ukrainian Armies pressed attacks on the city and its approaches from the south, west, northwest and east. The Russians inside Vienna—units of the Third Ukrainian—met strong German counter-attacks.

Reuter reported hand-to-hand fighting in the area between the city's Botanical Gardens and the southern railway station.

After closing all western exits from the city, other Soviet troops were clearing Germans from the defense lines that stretch through the Vienna Woods. Their advanced units already were probing into the western outskirts of the city.

Dispatches from Vienna reported frantic German efforts to flee the capital, which was said to be

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U-Boat Crews Rob Fishermen

LONDON, April 8 (Reuter).—The Swedish radio stated last night that German U-boats are stopping Swedish fishing vessels in international waters south of Sweden to demand food and are using threats of force.

Reich's Hoard of Gold, Cash Is 'Legitimate Prize of War'

WASHINGTON, April 8 (ANS).—The treasure trove of gold bullion and U.S. currency found in a German salt mine by American soldiers belongs to the U.S. by right of capture, government officials agreed today. There was no agreement, however, over what disposition might be made after the war.

Japan Expects Invasion Soon

The new Japanese cabinet, installed in Tokyo Saturday while Superfortresses showered bombs on the capital, issued a gloomy statement yesterday warning that the Japanese people could soon expect an invasion of the homeland, United Press reported.

"The emperor's subjects and myself are moved by deepest humiliation and regret at the developments and neglect that allowed the enemy to secure a firm foothold on portions of our sacred empire," Adm. Baron Kantaro Suzuki, the premier, said. "The emperor must not, will not and cannot be our last emperor of a 1,000-year unbroken chain."

The Tokyo radio said that former Foreign Minister Shigemori Togo, who helped to obtain the now repudiated Russo-Japanese neutrality pact, has been reappointed foreign minister.

None of the men running Japan for the last four years is included in the cabinet, the AP said.

A State Department spokesman said that the treasure was America's "legitimate prize of war." He indicated, therefore, that it would be up to this country to make the ultimate disposition of it.

It was indicated that it might be possible to hold the gold for reparations due from Germany. On the other hand, some believed that the treasure might be returned to Germany at some future date under favorable terms.

A Treasury official said that the huge amount in Germany "sounded logical." He said that 100 tons of

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Midwives Put Yanks On Trail of Treasure

Germany's bullion and art treasures were discovered because a woman was having a baby, Reuter News Agency said today. Two other women, who were being assisted by MPs at the delivery, told Allied authorities about the hoard hidden in the salt mine in the village of Merken, the agency reported.

Paratroops Land In North Holland

The great North German port of Bremen came under the fire of British guns, UP front reports said last night, as tanks and infantry of Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey's Second Army drove up to within a few miles of the city, which was veiled in a pall of black smoke from heavy Typhoon attacks.

Pacific Shift To Be Speedy, Marshall Says

WASHINGTON, April 8 (ANS).—Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, declared Friday that the transfer of high-priority American troops from Europe to the Pacific must start "literally on an hour's notice" after V-E Day.

The Chief of Staff, in an Army Day address to the Military Order of World Wars, declared that the deployment period will be even more critical than the battles now being fought.

"The task will be one of great difficulties," he continued, "but I am confident that it will be carried out in a thoroughly workmanlike manner. We are not worried over that phase.

"The moment hostilities cease in Europe there will be an overwhelming urge in every soldier to rejoin his wife or family or to see his girl, and to leave the scenes of destruction and desolation in which he has fought and labored at such great risks to life and limb.

"At that very moment it is imperative that we start the movement through the Suez and through the Panama Canal of units needed

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Gen. Marshall

As British forces drove hard for the port—which would open a new, direct supply route for Gen. Eisenhower's eight armies invading Germany—Allied paratroops descended over wide areas of northern Holland and troops of Gen. Henry G. Crerar's First Canadian Army pushed northward toward a link-up with them after establishing radio communications.

9th Enters Dortmund

Meanwhile, the 75th Inf. Div. of Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's U.S. Ninth Army smashed into Dortmund in the Ruhr, home of the giant Hoesch steelworks, S & S Correspondent Wade Jones reported, while the 79th Inf. Div. entered Gelsenkirchen, 16 miles to the west, big synthetic oil producing center.

Ninth Army's 84th Inf. Div. broke loose from its Weser River bridgehead at Minden and drove 20 miles eastward to within ten miles of Hanover, which was threatened also from the southeast by the advance of the Second Armd. Div., which drove to Hasede, less than ten miles from Hanover and 20 miles from Brunswick.

Reuter reported British armor seven miles from Bremen and less than 40 miles from the North Sea coast after capturing the township of Syke, ten miles south of the city. Germans were pressing naval garrison personnel and other troops into an all-out defense of the great U-boat base, Reuter front reports said, and apparently intended to defend as well Bremerhaven on the sea coast.

Early front reports of the Allied paratroop landing in Holland in

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Stars and Stripes Map by Baird
Canadian and British forces strike for the North Sea as paratroops jump in northern Holland and armor races toward Bremen.



De-Patched

My outfit, after basic training, was among the few selected for amphibious training. This we sweated out many more months in the preparations for D-Day. We are authorized to wear the Combined operations patch and the Seahorse patch. We are proud of them and what they stand for.

Now that we have been assigned to the Ninth Army we have been told that we will have to discard the amphibious patch and wear the Ninth Army patch. Please understand that we would be very proud to wear this patch or the patch of any other part of the United States Army. Is there anything we can do in order to keep our amphibious patch?—T/Sgt. Woodrow Dixon, 147 Engr. Combat Bn. (and 80 others.—Ed.)

(No. The ARs state that you should wear the patch of the unit to which you are assigned.—Ed.)

Can't Something Be Done?

We have two boys in our platoon who have been acting noncoms for almost three months and still haven't received their ratings because the regiment is over its TO strength in noncoms. This is due to the fact that many of our reinforcements these days are already noncoms who received their ratings as mail clerks, truck drivers, cooks, etc., who are now regular riflemen, not doing a noncom job because they haven't much experience in the infantry line.

We do not advocate breaking these men to private, because in their previous work they earned these ratings and because it isn't their fault that they were transferred to the infantry.

But how about the Joe who has come overseas as a private in the infantry, has worked up to be a squad leader, but still is only a Pfc? Can't something be done? Pfc J. W. 406th Inf.

And See How They Like It

I am a rifle platoon leader and at the present time my outfit is located in one of the large industrial towns along the Rhine where the Germans used many Russian, Polish and other workers to keep their factories running.

We took this town several days ago and have been occupying it ever since. We have observed the manner in which these workers have been quartered, bunched together like cattle. The conditions might well be compared to the "Black Hole of Calcutta" in some cases, where men, women, and children are crowded together so there is hardly room to turn around. Dirt, disease and sickness are rampant. In one case a youngster of six or seven lay on a dirty cot too weak to even lift his head.

It seems a shame to subject these people to this treatment after all they have been through, and to allow the Germans to go on living in their homes and continue to make fools of we soft-hearted Americans.

I suggest we move these Germans out of their warm and spacious homes and allow these Russians and others to occupy them where they can get a little heat.—Lt. R. W. H., Inf.

San Francisco Parley Goal—New League

Russia, Everyone Else, Will Have One Vote Each

By William R. Spear

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau NEW YORK, April 8.—You don't usually tell what a thing is by telling what it isn't, but there's so much misunderstanding about the United Nations conference which will be held in San Francisco April 25 that maybe these two negative statements are news:

- 1—It is not a peace conference. 2—Russia and everybody else will have one vote and never asked for more than one vote.

BACKGROUND OF THE NEWS

Those two facts are widely misunderstood, even here at home, where people have daily access to the world's best newspapers, radio commentators and other sources of information.

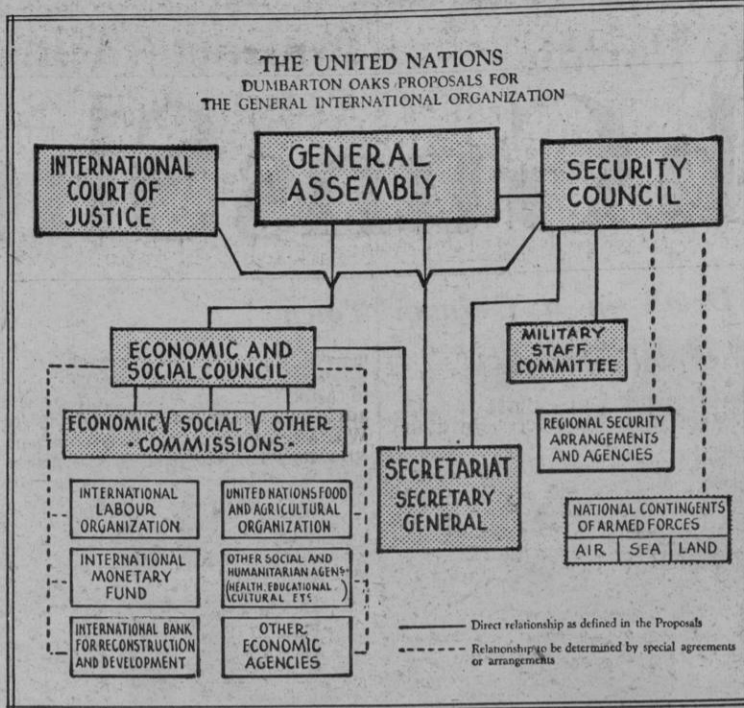
After the last war the Allies met in Paris and Versailles and did two things at once—formulated peace terms, and established an organization—The League of Nations—to keep the peace. This time the thing is being done differently.

Perhaps Two Conferences

Peace terms for this war will be formulated at a conference or maybe two conferences, one for Germany and one for Japan, after the fighting. But meanwhile the nations are getting together to set up an organization which, it is hoped, will be all ready to go to work and keep the peace when it is finally made.

So the purpose of the San Francisco conference is simply to agree on the details of a world security organization. It is not its purpose to settle any peace terms, post-war problems, reparations, boundaries or anything else.

Viewed in this light, it can be



Conference NOT Designed to Set Terms of Peace

said that he wanted to do that in recognition of the contribution made by Ukrainians and White Russians toward winning the war. Churchill said that it was OK with Britain. Roosevelt said that it was OK with the United States. But Roosevelt reserved the right, should he see fit, to propose that the U.S., in that case, get three seats in the assembly.

This whole matter would be merely a proposal, to be submitted to the San Francisco conference and accepted or rejected by a vote of the countries represented there. If they should consider that it would not violate the principle of sovereign equality they could approve it; otherwise they could reject it.

Vote Proposal Protested

Nothing was made public about it until the White House statement last week. Then an outcry went up from many quarters. Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.), member of the U.S. delegation to San Francisco, previously had expressed the view that each country should have one seat in the assembly, so he was already committed against it.

Reaction was such that finally Washington officially announced that the U.S. would not ask three seats for itself, although it would support Moscow's request—and here's something significant—it would support Moscow's request "if made."

That phrase "if made" seemed to indicate to some that Washington thought it possible that Moscow, too, would withdraw its three-seat proposal.

In any case, the final say will be up to the San Francisco conference itself—where some countries may have bigger delegations than others, but every country will have just one vote.

Volksturm Free; PW Cages Jammed

WITH NINTH ARMY, April 8 (AP).—Volksturm troops captured by the Ninth Army are being set free because the PW cages are jammed.

The Army has adopted the view that it is better to send men back to their homes since they don't want to fight anyway.

Nazis Took Vienna's Joy, Glitter

VIENNA was the first European capital to succumb to the Nazis when Hitler started marching on his campaign of world conquest. Appropriately, it may be the last capital clutched from Der Fuehrer before Germany herself goes under.

After the loss of the Ruhr and the Rhineland and the Saar and Silesia, the capture of Vienna may not be the great event for the

Allies it once might have been. But in the years when the Reich was spreading out, and before Allied bombers started answering back, this erstwhile gay city on the Danube contributed mightily to the blitz-makers.

It was an important producer of machinery, airplane parts, refined oil, metalware, chemicals and clothing. It served as a railroad hub for the Nazis heading for new conquests in the east. On the Danube, it was an important shipping point to the Balkans. It was a great air transport center.

The city of the lilting waltz quickly was adjusted to the thundering goose-step after the Anschluss of 1938. The Nazis did a thorough job, and soon humorless hands lay over the once gay cafes and theaters, the city's once cosmopolitan newspapers, bookshops and renowned universities.

All the trappings of Nazidom were rapidly introduced. Racial laws boomed the divorce courts, Jewish scientists and teachers suddenly found themselves ousted from their posts, and systematic reduction of the Jewish and anti-Nazi population began. It was not long before the Nazis could boast that Vienna had become virtually as German as Berlin itself.

Noted Structures Destroyed

With the exception of Paris, Vienna will be the largest city yet liberated. It has an area of 107 square miles and a population of about 1,920,000. Since Austria's entire population is but 7,000,000, the capture of the capital will be a tremendous step toward the objective of pulling the whole nation out of the Reich.

Many of the old landmarks that contributed to Vienna's cultural life have been hit by Allied bombers, which have carried out consistent attacks against oil refineries



St. Stephen's Cathedral seen over Vienna's rooftops.

and airplane plants in and near the city.

Marching into Vienna, the Russians will get a partial preview of what the Allies may expect in Berlin. Large sections of the city have been evacuated and are virtually lifeless. The Viennese reportedly are desperately short even of such basic items as bread and water, and as a result of the havoc caused by the air raids, serious epidemics threaten.



"Why, Darling, what makes you think I go out with anyone else but you?"

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This Happened in America Last Week:

Army Too Busy This Year, Misses Army Day Parade

By Earl Mazo
The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, April 8.—A summer sun blazed down on thousands lining Fifth Avenue yesterday for the annual Army Day parade. The Army was absent because soldiers were too busy with the war, but some 16,000 youngsters and oldsters from pre-induction military units and patriotic organizations marched by a reviewing stand took the salute from several generals.

Something of a prelude to the Army Day celebration took place on Broadway where Frank Sinatra was scheduled to make a radio speech on intolerance Friday night. When Frankie rode up to Radio Station WMCA in a taxi, hundreds of bobby-sockers started a pitched battle, screaming, "Yoo, hoo, Frankie darling." The fragile crooner was bounced around in the crowd like a rubber ball. Battle results: Frankie lost most of his clothing and, some said, his voice. He didn't make the broadcast.

In Atlanta, a voice of a different kind tried to stave off the death of a sailor's aged dog. The dog, Jackie, an 11-year-old English bull, seemed to perk up somewhat from a deathbed when the voice of its master, Richard H. Cunduff, 18, merchant sailor, was played on a record made especially for Jackie. But Jackie died.



A COUPLE of woodcutting firms from Milledgeville and Savannah in Georgia have contracted for the largest timber sales ever made in the South by the government. The timber cutting will be on the 18,000-acre tract of the Piedmont Wild Life Refuge in Jones and Jasper counties.

Decapitates Oscar

Barry Fitzgerald, who gave a magnificent performance as the old priest in "Going My Way," and who won an "Oscar" as a result, practiced his golf swing in his living room in Hollywood—and knocked the head off his plaster award. Awards given this year were made of plaster. Gold awards will be made after the war.

IN SAN FRANCISCO, officials in the midst of last-minute planning for the international conference this month, started a campaign to keep streets clean during the conference. The city yesterday distributed more than 50,000 pamphlet pleas requesting individuals to help the city's 235 street cleaners while the delegates are in the city.

While President John Chosill, of the Firestone Aircraft Co., was telling the Aviation Writers Association in New York that the U.S. would probably have 5,000 airports within five years, Gov. Dwight H. Green, of Illinois, signed a new airport authority act which ultimately would provide airports and landing strips for some 125 downstate Illinois cities.

In Baltimore, the last B26 Marauder came off the Glenn Martin assembly lines because production officials said that the Army now needs longer range bombers.

Signs Naturalization Papers at Age of 9 Months

IN CHICAGO, the nine-month-old son of a Canadian Army sergeant-major became the youngest person ever to "sign" an application for U.S. naturalization papers when his mother, Doreen Cohen, a U.S. citizen, brought him to Federal Court for formalities. The young citizen-to-be is Charles Franklin Cohen. Mrs. Cohen said that her husband also would seek U.S. citizenship after the war.

The Blue Network, formerly part of NBC, will change its name June 15 but no one knows yet what it will be called. Officials said they could not adopt the name American Broadcasting Company, which the network frequently calls itself now, because of possible legal tangles with such corporations as the Arizona Broadcasting and the Associated Broadcasting Companies. Ten stations to join the Blue when the name change is effective, are in Yankton, S.D., Des Moines, Boston, Miami, Jacksonville, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Reading, Pa., Racine, Wis., and Lawrence, Mass.

A BILL providing for issuance of war diplomas to N.Y. high school students who entered the armed services during their senior year was vetoed by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey. The governor said that the bill would actually handicap veterans.

Wage, Price Control Extension Beyond V-E Urged on FDR

WASHINGTON, April 8 (ANS).—Holds of the Office of Economic Stabilization, OPA, Food Administration and the War Labor Board urged yesterday that price and wage controls be continued beyond V-E day.

In a letter to President Roosevelt on the eve of the second anniversary of his "hold the line" order, they pointed out that support of the order had resulted in little more than a two percent rise in the cost of living over the level of two years ago.

Signers of the letter included Director William H. Davis of the OES, OPA Administrator Chester

Bowles, Food Administrator Marvin Jones and Chairman George W. Taylor of the WLB.

They warned of the need to prevent inflation and called for consideration of changes to prevent a postwar collapse of values. Their letter was released by the White House at a time when labor is pressing for easing of wage controls and such business groups as the meat packers are attacking OPA price policies.

A bill to extend wage and price controls another year beyond June 30 has won informal approval of the Senate Banking Committee, which is to consider it further on Monday.

Red River Flood Reaches Its Crest

Rise Under Control at New Orleans and Shreveport

NEW ORLEANS, April 8 (ANS).—Flood waters in the Shreveport area were believed under control today when the Red River stopped rising.

The river crested at Shreveport overnight. State Sen. John Overton said he believed New Orleans, with the Bonnet Carre Spillway in operation, had nothing more to fear from the present flood.

Meanwhile, thousands of acres of bottom land were inundated in Louisiana and thousands of fami-

Army to the Rescue

COLDWATER, Miss., April 8 (ANS).—Army engineers from Camp Shelby, Miss., commanded by a veteran of Italian river crossings, placed a 100-foot steel bridge across the swollen Coldwater River yesterday and re-opened Highway 51 to traffic.

The operation required less than six hours and gave temporary relief from a traffic obstacle which had existed off and on since early January. Highway 51 is the main artery between Memphis and New Orleans.

lies were forced to flee from their homes by rising independent rivers and tributaries of the Mississippi.

Army boats and Navy amphibious planes were called to help rescue stranded persons.

Red Cross representatives declared that 20,000 homes in central Louisiana had been flooded and more than 12,000 persons evacuated. They estimated that more than 500,000 acres of farm land had been inundated.

Prisoners of war and Army troops continued to sandbag the levees, but the water was lapping over the tops of some. Engineers said the Red River levee had broken below Shreveport.

Helicopters are being used to rescue persons in small communities who have been trapped. A plane from Barksdale Field dropped rafts to persons stranded on roof tops at Coshatta, south of Shreveport.

Lower Meat Standards Proposed for Army

WASHINGTON, April 8 (ANS).—War Food Administrator Marvin Jones today worked on a proposal to relax federal slaughter standards in meat for military use so that more meat will be available for civilians.

Chairman Clinton P. Anderson (D-N.M.), of the House Food Investigating Committee, said Jones told the committee he is working on this plan with the object of releasing more federally inspected meat for inter-state transportation into areas where there are no slaughtering plants.

Glass Too Clean

NEW YORK, April 8 (ANS).—Mrs. Constance Riis, 42, of Mt. Vernon, was awarded \$500 damages for injuries suffered when she attempted to open the glass-paneled door of her apartment house by leaning against it. The glass wasn't there.

Roosevelt Aims At Jobs for U.S., Help to Others

WASHINGTON, April 8 (ANS). President Roosevelt declared yesterday that victory must have in the U.S. both the "rich meaning of full employment" and assistance to other nations in their reconstruction.

He expressed this view in a letter to Max Gardner, chairman of the advisory board of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion, who had transmitted to the President a statement of faith in the future of America.

"Victory without use for the abundance of powers that we have developed in production for war would be indeed a hollow victory," Roosevelt said.

"We must plan security and abundance together. Such stronger American economy will be essential to carry out responsibilities that lie in plans made at Bretton Woods, Hot Springs and Dumbarton Oaks. Similarly, abundance at home depends upon organization for order and security in the world."

Jobs, Aid to Others

He said he was sure that "Americans, who have done so much in the winning of the war, have no doubt that we can give victory the rich meaning of full employment in the U.S. and of assistance to other nations in their reconstruction."

The five "firm convictions" of the advisory board are:

- 1.—That full employment can and will be attained here in the United States.
- 2.—That it can be achieved under our system of competitive free enterprise.
- 3.—That full use of our resources of materials and manpower can produce a national income, which properly distributed, will bring about sound and stable business and industrial activity, higher real wages, better health, housing and education for all.
- 4.—That veterans returning when the war is finally at an end will then find a respected and secure place in the economic life of the nation.
- 5.—That this nation can and will in that way help needy, devastated lands abroad to alleviate their misery and enable them again to provide for themselves.

"The days of Nazi tyranny are numbered," and nothing must interfere with the "grim necessity of intensive prosecution of the Japanese war," Gardner said in his letter to the President.

Pact is Near In Coal Dispute

WASHINGTON, April 8 (ANS).—The soft-coal mine wage dispute will be ended tomorrow, both sides predicted yesterday, adding that they expected to sign a new two-year contract.

With the possibility of government seizure thus apparently removed, it appeared that the War Labor Board would not now be asked to settle the dispute. Operators called off a scheduled visit to the WLB.

The new contract will provide substantial pay increases, but will not, it was understood, include the ten-cent-a-ton royalty originally requested by the United Mine Workers.

Ezra Van Horn, chairman of the joint wage conference, said: "We believe an agreement will be reached and a contract signed." John L. Lewis, UMW head, said he thought "an agreement is more than possible."

Bows to Curfew

TOLEDO, Ohio, April 8 (ANS).—Jack O'Connell, owner of the downtown Loop Theater, announced that henceforth it would close at midnight in observance of the curfew.

Pocket-Size Pinup



Our picture editor got tired of printing pictures of grownup girls, so here's a vest-pocket pinup, grass-skirted Janice Ann, two-year-old, niece of Pfc Bruno A. Salvi, of the 970th QM Service Co. in Germany. With a sigh, the picture editor goes back tomorrow to the tedious grind of wading through photos of bigger girls.

Truman Sees Plenty of Jobs For Veterans

BUFFALO, April 8 (ANS).—Vice-President Harry S. Truman said last night that returning veterans might find a manpower shortage rather than a glutted postwar labor market.

Truman, speaking at a \$25-a-plate Grover Cleveland Day dinner, said that "about 6,000,000 people may be expected to leave nation's labor force when victory comes, while there are only about 4,000,000 veterans ready to step into their places."

The Vice-President estimated that 2,000,000 of 11,000,000 servicemen would return to school, that 2,000,000 would be self-employed (such as doctors, lawyers and farmers), that 1,000,000 would have special positions awaiting them, and that 2,000,000 "may remain in the service as a career or be replaced by others."

He said that 3,500,000 working women were expected to return to their homes, that 2,000,000 boys between 14 and 17 "should be sent back to school," and that 500,000 persons over 65 "are entitled to retire on pensions."

"This time there will surely be no bonus army," Truman declared.



Vice Pres. Truman

First Ballot in 14 Years

Town Holds Strange Election

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., 8 (ANS).—Lonsdale, a nearby town of 8,200, held its first election in 14 years, and it turned out to be the strangest political campaign in Arkansas history.

John Lonsdale, Jr., son of the town's founder, was elected mayor by a vote of 15 to 13. He defeated Mayor George W. Steeley, who had held the office continuously since the last election.

Only 34 Lonsdale residents possess poll tax receipts and of that number, six had left Lonsdale to work in warplants.

Neither Lonsdale nor Steeley filed certificates of nomination, but county election commissioners granted the request of 14 of Lonsdale's supporters that an election be held.

The campaign's other quirks were the fact that Steeley, until the campaign became more than a "friendly contest," was caretaker of Lonsdale's estate here, and Steeley's daughter, Mrs. Valeria Tarvin, acted as Lonsdale's campaign manager.

Once Roaring Railyard At Hamm Lies Dead— Mass of Twisted Ruin

By Ernest Leiser

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

HAMM, Germany, April 8.—The once jammed and roaring rail yards in conquered Hamm today lay empty and dead. What was once Germany's largest marshalling yards is now a mass of bomb-twisted rails, broken cars, gaping craters and the remains of buildings.

The only sounds came from the thump of artillery and the spatter of rifles at the southern fringe of the yards and the city as doughs commanded by Lt. Col. Ewel Eubanks, of Livermore, Ky., finished their conquest and drove the last Nazis from the city's edge.

When the three-day battle for Hamm, ending with the complete collapse of resistance by German Panzer units was over, the Allies were free to see what some of the heaviest air blows on railways had done.

Crippled—But Not Paralyzed

What had been done was to cripple but not paralyze the town's giant 30-track miles-long rail-yard and the lines leading to it.

Pfc Ben Shaw, of New York, questioned the assistant commandant of police as GIs stood guard over the town's 150 resplendently uniformed cops lined up in front of the shattered railroad station.

"Trains ran through the yards at Hamm only 10 days ago, but since then the yards have been idle," said the bulb-nosed police major, Karl Levson. He said that the main lines in the yards were still open to rail traffic and that although the communication lines were crippled, they were certainly not halted. "But the bombing was terrible" he added.

In the northern part of the yards, across the Lippe Canal, a few undamaged cars were still filled with fresh eggs and vegetables—or were until the 28,000 civilians who remained of the 60,000 population started looting.

Suicide Mission Fails

The bitterest episode in the street-by-street fight for Hamm came when the Germans hurled a suicide mission against the American doughboys' slender Lippe bridgehead. Out of the morning mist toward a single platoon of Charley Company came a mechanized column of destruction—three explosive-laden trucks followed by a half-track and infantry-laden tanks—all blazing away.

This was it for the platoon, led by 1/Lt. Jack Baine, of Gregory, S. D. While Pfc Hanes Howell, of Spring Garden, Ala., sniped away at the rolling dynamite, Pfc George Hyatt, of Midland, Texas, let loose with his bazooka.

He knocked out the half-track and then he opened up on the lead truck. He hit it just as it struck a mine. No one saw what followed. The terrific explosion stunned most of the platoon. But when the dust settled there wasn't a sign of the three trucks, and the bridgehead was secure.

PWs in U.S. Appeal to Germans In Reich: Put Down Your Arms

WASHINGTON, April 8 (ANS).—An appeal by German prisoners of war in the U.S. to German soldiers and civilians to "put down your weapons immediately" is being broadcast to the Reich.

The War Department made public the text of the message yesterday, saying that it "was signed voluntarily by 1,400 of 3,000 German prisoners of war" at Camp Devers, Mass.

The message was forwarded to the camp commander and the War Department said that arrangements had been made to broadcast it to the German people.

The appeal was addressed to "German soldiers and workers, German men and women," from "your husbands, your brothers, your sons and your fathers."

The message said in part:

"Only recently Hitler made you

Guesses Right—in Time

Yank Almost Misses Train— Full of Nazis

By Wade Jones

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH NINTH ARMY, April 8.

DID YOU HEAR THE ONE ABOUT:

The Yank sergeant in the artillery OP who saw a train speeding past full of soldiers, but didn't go into action until he saw a flak gun mounted on the last car? The soldiers manning it were German.

The sergeant guessed right—that the train was loaded with Jerries trying to escape from the Allied pincers east of the Ruhr—so he called one of his batteries set up near the track down which the train was heading and gave a fire order. The second round exploded the locomotive.

OR THE ONE ABOUT:

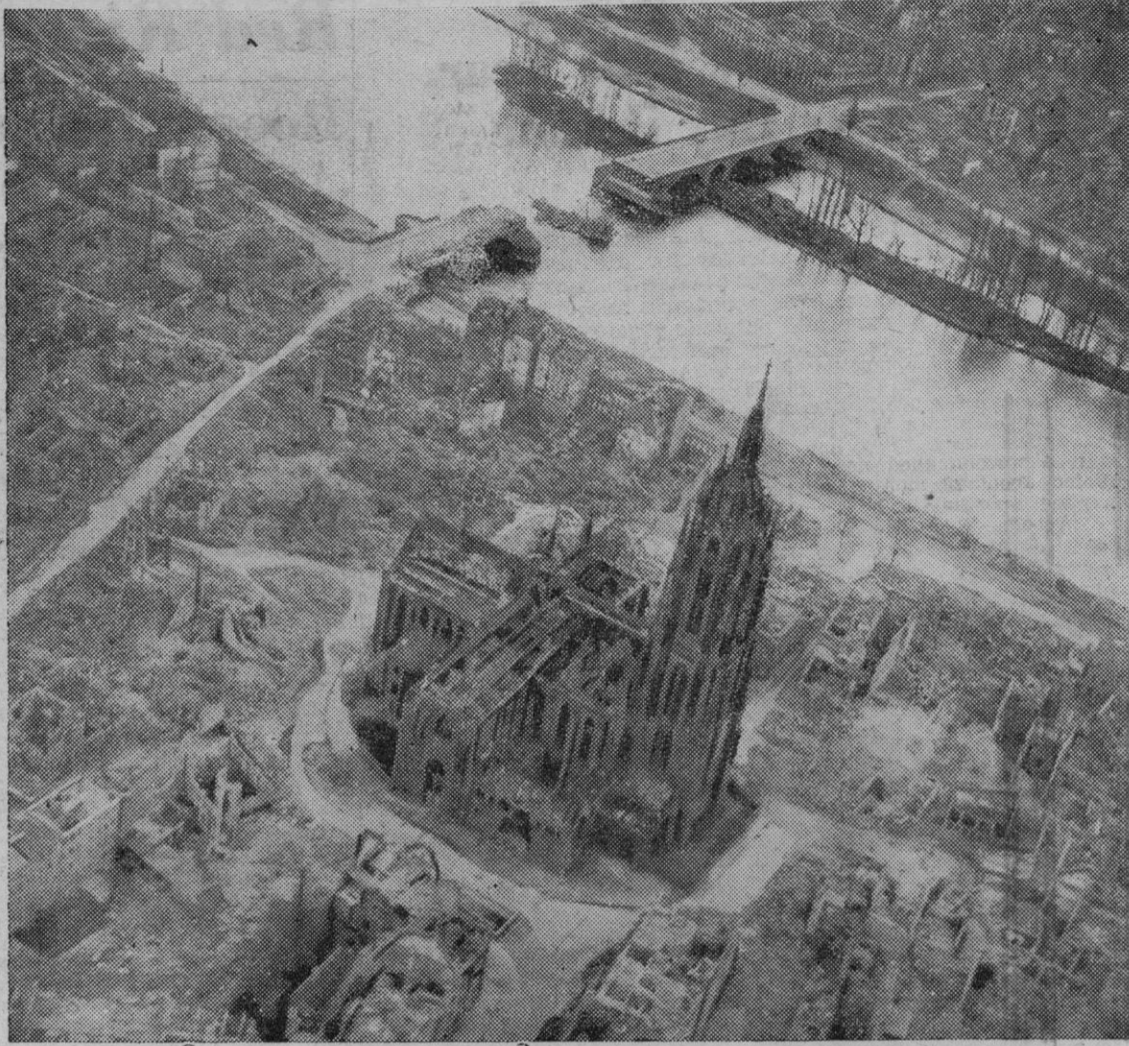
The flak damaged Piper Cub which crash-landed in a treetop 50 yards from a German machine-gun position? By the time the dazed but unhurt pilot and observer could scramble to the ground the entire crew of the enemy gun was lined up at the foot of the tree, hands in air. The airmen marched them off—after the Jerries had told them which way our lines were.

OR THE TALE OF:

The Yank motorcycle courier who skidded around a corner in a town to find himself in the middle of two companies of enemy infantry? Taken prisoner, he told his captors they were crazy to resist because we had them surrounded with armor. The German commander didn't believe him, so the American made a deal.

"If I can produce three of our tanks in 10 minutes will you surrender your men to them?" he asked the German commander. The reply was yes.

In eight minutes the courier was back with the three tanks. The enemy, apparently having heard them coming, were already standing in formation at attention. The German commander was so thoroughly convinced that he didn't even hold out for an American officer to surrender to but handed his weapon to the courier.



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

An aerial view of Frankfurt and its cathedral, which was badly damaged in the fighting. Most of the near-by buildings are shells or completely razed. Germans blew up two spans of the Main River bridge.

Frankfurt's Ruins Point Out Effectiveness of AAF Bombing

By Joe Fleming

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

FRANKFURT, April 8.—In streets which run between piles of rubble are the ruins of factories which made this city the target of 20 U.S. heavy bomber assaults.

Combined with at least three large RAF raids, the Eighth AF attacks have made this once great industrial center, Germany's ninth largest city, a virtual junk heap and justified the seemingly extravagant claims of USAAF proponents.

Frankfurt is the answer to those who doubted the effectiveness of American precision bombing and British saturation blows.

Priority Targets Blasted

Here are the factories which Fortress and Liberator crewmen boasted they would never have to hit again. Here is the desolation, the homeless people, the chaos described by neutral travelers to a sometimes dubious world.

Such priority targets as marshalling yards, aircraft component parts plants, engineering works, armored vehicle factories and airfields have been smashed almost completely.

Reconnaissance photographs of the Alfred Teves aircraft components parts factory after attacks in March, 1944, showed that 19 of the plant's 24 buildings had been destroyed or severely damaged.

Production of the largest propeller and aluminum casting plant in Germany, the Vereinigte Deutsche Metallwerke, was cut at least 70 percent by Eighth AF attacks spread over 17 months. Hit for the first time in October, 1943, the sprawling plant, which employed 16,000 workers, was battered again in January and March, 1945.

10 U.S. Officers, 11 Privates Rule City of Frankfurt

FRANKFURT-ON-MAIN, April 8 (AP).—Ten American officers and 11 privates constitute the government of Frankfurt, which now has 200,000 left of its normal population of more than 500,000.

A council has been formed which includes the German mayor, two business men, and one representative from the Catholic, Protestant, Centrist, Social Democratic and Communist parties, and a spokesman for the cultural institutions. This council has no authority and can only advise the AMG authorities.

Finding a police chief was a problem, but AMG chief Lt. Col. Howard Criswell, of Washington, believes he is lucky in getting Ferdinand Muerdel, who had been dishonorably dismissed from the German police force by the Nazis.

The biggest task of the administrators is caring for displaced persons who arrive in never-ending streams.

Signal Service Units Awarded Merit Plaques

Presidential unit meritorious service plaques were presented the 810th and 3110th Signal Service Bns. in a ceremony at Paris City University Friday by Maj. Gen. W. S. Rumbough, ETO chief signal officer.

The 3110th was honored for its work in pre-D-Day and invasion communications preparations and the 810th for work in England and on the Continent.

Dresden Raids' Death Count Put at 200,000

By Warren Irvin

INS Staff Correspondent

ZURICH, April 8.—At least 200,000 persons were killed in Dresden during the great Allied air raids last February, says a Swiss who was in the city at the time.

Writing of his experiences in the Zurich Tages Anzeiger, this source describes great heaps of corpses "as high as a man" piled up in hundreds of places around the city. In the Grosser Garten alone, he reveals, more than 10,000 persons were killed.

"I was with friends in a suburb on the east side of the Elbe when the February 13 raid started," he said. "There were no air-raid shelters in Dresden, because everyone there believed the city was safe from raids. At this time, in addition to the normal population of some 650,000, there were about 500,000 refugees from the east in the town."

Explosives were bursting everywhere, and soon the whole place appeared to be in flames. From Loebtau to Blasewitz was one conflagration. Fire raged unchecked in the city for five days and nights, and ten days after the raids corpses were still heaped in the streets.

"Virtually the whole of the Old City was destroyed. The castle, the catholic Court Church and the famous Hotel Bellevue burned.

"An SS man told me that when an attempt was made to sound the alarm, it was found that the sirens were not working. It was estimated in Dresden that 200,000 persons had been killed, but this figure could not be published in the newspapers."

Hitler's Cave Hideout Seized

WITH U.S. THIRD ARMY, April 8 (Reuter).—Third Army columns sweeping along the Frankfurt-Berlin autobahn have overrun Adlerhorst (Eagle's Nest)—a subterranean hideout of 1,000 rooms where Hitler and Mussolini planned their early war campaigns.

The vast meeting place is 20 miles from Frankfurt. Its rooms are cut out of solid rock.

Germany's generals, including Von Rundstedt, Rommel and Kesselring, are believed to have stayed at Adlerhorst on occasion. The hideout, covering 15 square kilometers, has entrances concealed by artificial shrubbery.

31 Feeble PWs Butchered as SS Men Flee

By James Cannon
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH FOURTH ARMD. DIV., Ohrdorf, Germany, April 8.—Nazi SS troops shot and killed 31 inmates who were too feeble to be moved, when the Germans made a hasty evacuation of a concentration camp here three days ago. One of those murdered was said to be an American.

Newsman and American officers visiting the camp saw the 31 bodies lying in a heap where they were slain. In a wooden shed nearby they found about 20 more naked bodies piled up atop each other like cordwood, with quicklime sprinkled over them. Maj. John Scotti, Fourth Armd. medical officer, said that there was no doubt from the evidence of bruises and scabs that some of these had been beaten to death.

A handful of inmates who evaded removal when the SS fled said that in a pit elsewhere in camp there were bodies of some 2,000 men who died of typhus, beatings and other tortures. Most of the bodies had been burned in an effort to destroy grim evidence.

Shot Through Head

In the head of each of the 31 was a bullet hole. One blond youngster who, surviving inmates said, had always told them he was an American paratrooper lay on a stretcher under a blanket.

Prisoners said they had been working on underground installations in the neighborhood and that those working on super-special installations simply failed to return after their labors.

They said SSers removed a total of 3,000, marching those who were able to walk, trucking some and killing those who were too ill to move.

The prisoners included Poles, Russians, Czechs, Hungarians, Belgians, French, German-Jews and two German political prisoners.

On one occasion the inmates were forced to stand at attention for 24 hours. When none collapsed, the officer ordered that the punishment be extended another 10 hours. One man said he had been hit with the sharp edge of a shovel 115 times in three years for failure to work fast enough. He said when doing work which entailed bending over that it was customary for the guards to strike anyone who straightened in an effort to ease aching muscles.

New Super-Tiger Tank Captured by 2nd Armd.

LAGE, Germany, April 8 (AP).—The Second Armored Div. captured a German experimental tank testing ground and a new super-Tiger tank in the Teutoburger Forest. It mounts a 155mm gun which is 30 feet long. The new American Pershing tank mounts a 90mm gun.

Tuba Tooter



U.S. Army Signal Corps

A soldier of the 36th Div., Seventh Army, sits on the wrecked wall of a house and tries out a horn.

Skeptic

LONDON, April 8 (UP).—On the day of the Rhine crossings a large group of Germans stood in a POW cage. They watched the long waves of transport planes with airborne troops headed for the Reich. They watched the rocket-firing Typhoons which roared into and out of the landing strip.

After an hour or so, one of the prisoners pulled his eyes away from the sky, turned to a British guard and said contemptuously: "Propaganda."

Germans Seek To Cache Their Wealth Abroad

WASHINGTON, April 8 (ANS).—Heinrich Himmler and Hermann Goering have sent agents abroad to sell works of art and other properties, Assistant Secretary of State Julius C. Holmes said today in a broadcast.

Holmes also declared that the Nazis in the fall of 1944 were actively attempting to worm their way into foreign countries by exporting capital and agents, "so that they could be used another day by Germany."

In August, 1943, Ambassador Franz von Papen, German envoy in Turkey, told a friend that "Germany could no longer hope to win the war and every possible move should be made to save German industrial and military power" for the future, Holmes said.

Could Have 2 Purposes

The sale of works of art could be used for two purposes, it was believed here; the accumulation of funds to finance postwar Nazi activities, or a nest egg for the two Nazi leaders if they succeed in fleeing from Germany.

While Holmes did not specify where the agents had been operating, it was learned that they have been in countries either actually neutral at the moment or recently classified as neutral.

Holmes said that representatives of I. G. Farben "assured certain foreign business officials that whether Germany won the war or not, its position in a certain market area would not be impaired—because prewar cartel agreements with certain firms would probably be renewed."

Raphael's Finest Likely Hidden

NEW YORK, April 8 (ANS).—Raphael's most famous painting, "Madonna and Child," worth approximately \$1,000,000, is probably among the hidden collection of paintings from Berlin museums, W. L. Valentiner, former assistant director of the Berlin Art Museum and present director of the Detroit Institute of Art, said yesterday.

In the Kaiser Friedrich Museum in Berlin, he said, were 20 Rembrandts, at least four Raphaels, eight to ten Van Dykes, 12 Durers, and in the National Gallery, six to eight Renoirs.

12 SHAEF Aides Decorated by Ike

ALLIED FORWARD CP, April 8.—Gen Eisenhower has presented Bronze Star medals to 12 SHAEF officers and EMS.

"This is my opportunity," Eisenhower told his command staff, "to give credit to the people who do the work that a general gets credit for."

He then awarded the medals "for meritorious service" to: Capt. Ethel G. Westerman, Englewood, N.J.; 1/Lt. Steve A. Calahan, Booneville, Ky.; CWO Nana M. Rae, New York; M/Sgt. James A. Blanchard, Schenectady, N.Y.; T/Sgts. Frank D. Corrigan, Brooklyn; Sidney Feldshuh, New York; and Walter O. Murray, Toledo, Ohio; S/Sgt. Ivor T. Jones, Clinton, Ind.; T/3s Warren L. Hickman, Eden, N.Y., and Irene H. Varga, Baltimore, Md., and Sgt. Louis W. J. Hesse, Peoria, Ill.

"And you certainly deserve a medal," he told T/Sgt Leonard D. Dry of Detroit, his driver-mechanic.

Revenge Is Sweet: A Russian Goes Into Action on the Western Front



Associated Press

A Russian who was freed in the American advance after three years of forced labor in a German factory unleashes his pent-up hatred against a German civilian policeman on a street in Bonn, quickly putting the German to rout. The man at the left, unconcerned by the fight, stoops to pick up a cigaret.

Vet of Tunisia, Algeria Meets Death On Day He Was to Leave for States

By Robert Prentiss

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

WITH THE FIRST DIVISION.—An hour before K Co. jumped off, the first sergeant told the squad leader that he was going home in three days. The squad leader was one of the three remaining Algerian and Tunisian campaigners of Co. K., and rotation had caught up with them. The company jumped off. Platoon leader, platoon sergeant and guide were knocked out or missing.

The squad leader took over the platoon. Mortar-shell fragments ripped both his legs, but he refused evacuation. He wanted to be there when the roll was called for veterans.

Next day, his platoon was stopped by an automatic weapon. He crawled up on his stomach, lobbed two grenades, killed three Germans. He called back for his men to follow, was answered with a sniper bullet through his left arm. He patched the wound, his fourth in two days, and led the platoon on to the company objective. Thus the second day passed.

As the third day began, the squad leader checked the positions of his squad. He saw one of his men hit. As he went to the wounded man's aid, a runner left the company CP to bring back the squad leader; it was his day to leave for home.

The runner came back to the company CP and reported. The squad leader lay with a bullet hole through his helmet. His rifle pointed toward the enemy.

Greek Cabinet Quits Over Plastiras Letter

The Greek Government headed by Gen. Nicholas Plastiras has resigned and Regent Archbishop Damaskinos has asked Adm. Petros Vulgaris, commander-in-chief of the Royal Hellenic Navy, to form a new government, Reuter reported yesterday.

The government fell after publication by the extreme rightist press of a letter written in 1941 by Plastiras complaining that the Greek government at that time had refused German mediation to end the Greco-Italian war, the Associated Press said. Rightists seek an immediate plebiscite on the return of King George II.

Merciful Nazis Slain—by Nazis

By Howard Byrne

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THIRD INF. DIV., Germany, April 8.—Each time medics of the Seventh Inf. Regt. attempted to reach a wounded comrade who lay in the street at Sandhofen, vicious fire from two enemy machine-guns drove them to cover.

Finally, two German medics, plainly marked with large Red Crosses, ran out of the doorway and made their way toward the wounded American.

"The German machine-gunners allowed their medics to reach the wounded man," said Pvt. Don L. Waller, of Martin's Ferry, Ohio. "The medics put him on a stretcher and both stood up. Then the Nazi machine-gunners opened up, killing their own medics."

After things quieted down, Pvt. Waller, a medic, went out and brought back the wounded doughboy.

A burial party took care of the German medics.

Circus Official Given Freedom, 3 Others Get Terms Reduced

HARTFORD, Conn., April 8 (ANS).—Superior Court Judge William Shea yesterday suspended the prison term of one of the six Ringling Bros., Barnum & Bailey Circus officials held responsible for last July's big top fire. The terms of three others were reduced.

Shea said that he suspended the six months' jail sentence of Davis W. Blanchfield, rolling stock superintendent, because "the court is impressed with your testimony" and "you have stated the truth."

Blanchfield was the only one to testify that the circus could continue without him. The rest maintained that they were essential to the show's operations and that without them the circus, now showing in New York, would go into bankruptcy.

Shea reduced Vice-President James A. Haley's sentence of one to five years' imprisonment to a year and a day to five years. The change permits Haley to obtain more time off for good behavior and to seek a release after seven months.

The two-to-seven-year terms of Chief Canvasman Leonard Aylesworth and General Manager George W. Smith were reduced to a year and one day to five years each. Their terms will not start until June 7, so that they will have time to prepare the circus big top for the road show.

The sentences unchanged were the county jail sentences of chief electrician Edward R. Versteeg, one year, and seat man William Caley, one year.

Browns Shade Redbirds, 3-2, In City Series

ST. LOUIS, April 8.—Homeruns by Len Schulte and Vern Stephens enabled the Browns to trip the Cardinals, 3-2, in the inaugural of their city series here yesterday. The game resembled a World Series preview and attracted 6,325 paying customers, a large crowd for St. Louis.

Schulte, rookie third baseman, twice tied the score. He doubled home a tally in the fourth that knotted the count, then homered in the seventh with the Redbirds ahead, 2-1. Stephens' round-tripper in the eighth clinched the verdict.

Cubs Split Doubleheader

LOUISVILLE, April 8.—The Cubs played the first twin-feature of the season here yesterday and gained an even break by thumping Louisville, 9-6 in ten innings, then bowing to the Cincinnati Reds, 19-4.

Red Sox Pummel Yankees

PLEASANTVILLE, N.J., April 8.—The Red Sox got two Yankee pitchers for 17 hits to notch a 15-13 triumph. Al Buzas and Johnny Lindell homered for the New Yorkers, but their six-run rally in the ninth fell short.

Cadets Whitewash Bums, 4-0

WEST POINT, N.Y., April 8.—Army repeated its previous triumphs over the Dodgers but made it more emphatic by shutting out the Flatbush athletes, 4-0. Hal Gregg worked six innings for the Bums and was victim of all West Point scoring.

Chisox Dump Tigers, 6-4

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 8.—The White Sox reached Stubby Overmire for five runs in the first three innings to provide Thornton Lee with a 6-4 victory over the Tigers. Overmire later settled down and travelled the distance for the Bengals.

Nats Top Braves, 5-4

WASHINGTON, April 8.—An ordinary single by Catcher Al Evans took a bad hop and went for a triple to gift the Senators with a 5-4 victory in ten innings over the Braves. Johnny Hutchings of the Braves and Mickey Haefner of the Griffs were squared off in a torrid pitching duel until Evans slapped his lucky game-winning blow.

Giants Subdue Jersey City

CAMP KILMER, N.J., April 8.—Seven walks helped the Giants to a 4-2 triumph over their Jersey City farmhands. The Giants collected only five hits off the minor leaguers.

Coast Guard Mauls A's

CURTIS BAY, Md., April 8.—Homeruns by Hank Majeski, former Brave infielder, and Lou Klein, ex-Cardinal second baseman, led the Coast Guard nine to a 12-4 verdict over the Athletics here yesterday.

American Assn. Opens April 18

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 8.—The American Association will inaugurate its 43rd season April 18 and, despite the absence of old favorites, there is no apparent manpower shortage. Each of the eight rosters has between 25 and 40 athletes.

Several managerial changes have taken place since Milwaukee captured the 1944 flag. Comedian Casey Stengel has migrated from Milwaukee to Kansas City; Nick Cullip has transferred his allegiance from Columbus to Milwaukee, and Charlie Root, ex-Cub pitching hero, has moved in from the Pacific Coast League to take the reins at Columbus.

Indianapolis also has a new pilot, Bill Burwell, who is returning to the Indians after a year on the coaching lines for the Boston Red Sox.

After a tour of training camps, President George M. Trautman predicts this will be a fiercely contested race, with at least four teams likely to be in the thick of the



Two gay marines entertain their buddies by boxing a few fast rounds in an improvised ring on the deck of a Coast Guard troop transport in the South Pacific. The belligerents are Pfc Natalie Slaack (left), of Frenchtown, N.J., and her foe is Cpl. Dean Stidham, of Huntington, W. Va.

Female Leathernecks Whirl Plenty of Leather



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Nelson Flirts With Record

ATLANTA, Ga., April 8.—Byron Nelson continued to scorch the fairways and greens here yesterday as he toured the Capital City course in 65 for a total of 198 at the three-quarter mark of the \$10,000 Iron Lung Open golf meet. Another sub-par round by Lord Byron today will shatter all records over the 72-hole tournament distance, the prevailing mark being Craig Wood's 264.

Nelson's red hot game lifted him safely away from others in the field. Sammy Byrd, the current runnerup, carded 66 yesterday after a 65 Friday, but still lags seven strokes behind Nelson in the scamper for the \$2,400 War Bonds first prize.

Joe Kirkwood, popular trickshot artist, fired 68 yesterday to gain third place with 209. Sammy Sneed broke par for the first time with 68, and occupies fourth place with 210.

Cleveland Squares Series With Hershey Bears

HERSHEY, Pa., April 8.—The Cleveland Barons came from behind to defeat the Hershey Bears, 2-1, and knot their American Hockey League playoff series at two victories apiece before 8,398 fans, the largest crowd to attend a game since the arena was erected in 1936.

Art Strobel gave the Bears a temporary lead with a 40-foot shot in the first period. But George Agar tied the score in the second period and Earl Bartholome netted the clincher early in the third frame.

Behind the Sports Headlines

KHORRAMSHAHR, Iran.—When Joe Marino, 38-year-old heavy-weight from New York, tried to sign up for an inter-Allied boxing tourney, the medics turned him down, saying he was too old. The marine went to his commanding colonel and protested, "If I'm too old to fight, I'm too old to be overseas." The colonel let him enter and Marino justified his claims by romping through to the title. . . . **ITHACA, N.Y.**—Ed McKeever is assured of one football lineman for his debut season at Cornell. Gil Bouley, Boston College All-American tackle as a sophomore three years ago, decided to enroll at Cornell when he was discharged from the Army. . . . **OKLAHOMA CITY.**—When George Lytleton Rogers, prexy of the Professional Tennis Assn., was extolling Pvt. Frankie Kovacs before a local audience—Rogers credits Army discipline with Frank's improvement in tennis and in manners—the former screwball of tennis piped up, "I pay Mr. Rogers well for such publicity. You know, I make \$50 a month now. That's more than he used to pay us."

CURLEW, Iowa.—The Curlew High girls basketball team, which reached the state finals, was coached by the school janitor. . . . **EAST LANSING, Mich.**—Keith Steffee, who will pitch for the Michigan State varsity this season, holds the DFC, Air Medal and four clusters and the Purple Heart. . . . **SAN FRANCISCO.**—The Pacific Coast League San Francisco Seaks have given up hope of finding hotel space for visiting ball clubs during the international parley and will put up cots in the clubhouse so their rivals can sleep. . . . **MIAMI.**—The third largest white marlin—weighing 133 1/2 pounds—has been entered in the metropolitan fishing tourney by Efface Formar, of Exford, Mich.



Frank Crosetti

The record marlin weighed 161 pounds. . . . **NEW YORK.**—Frankie Crosetti, veteran Yankee infielder who has been feuding with Larry MacPhail over contract terms, signed on the dotted line for a reputed \$16,000. . . . **WASHINGTON.**—Ysaac Soane, 18-year-old Cuban infielder getting a tryout with the Senators, travelled from Miami to Washington without eating a bite. He couldn't speak English and was too timid to try sign language on trauinment.

ATLANTA, Ga.—Bobby Jones doesn't play any more tournament golf, but he likes to keep his hand in it. The former master of all linkmen toured Capital City golf course last Sunday in a 68. **LITTLE ROCK, Ark.**—The Arkansas Senate, by a 22-3 vote, defeated a bill to legalize handbooks. . . . **SOUTH BEND, Ind.**—Virgil "Duggie" Turner, younger brother of the Chicago Bears' Bulldog Turner and a great freshman prospect at Notre Dame before entering the Army, has been reported missing in action in France.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The great Walter "Duster" Mills, former Cleveland and Coast League pitching and talking star, has finished a Red Cross course at American University and is preparing for an overseas tour. He did a hitch in the marines prior to entering the university. . . . **AUBURN, Ala.**—Tex Warrington, Auburn's All-America center last season, signed as assistant to Head Coach Carl Voyles, after turning down pro football and baseball offers. Auburn also signed C.L. "Shot" Senn, Birmingham's Woodlawn High coach, as an assistant. . . . **BOSTON.**—Eddie "Flash" Bryant, who caught Bill Dudley's passes at Virginia, then starred at North Carolina as a Marine trainee, signed a contract with the Boston Yanks.

Official All-Star Sextet Duplicates Two Others

MONTREAL, April 8.—The National Hockey League's official all-star team, chosen by 28 hockey writers, is the exact duplicate of the previous all-star squads named by The Sporting News and by managers of the six teams.

Joe Blake, Elmer Lach and Maurice Richard, the front-line trio of the Montreal Canadiens, again were named, with teammates Emile Bouchard, defense, and Bill Durnan, goalie. Flash Hollett, of Detroit, was put in the other defense post, and Dick Irvin, Montreal pilot, was named manager.

There's No Ceiling On Aggie Cage Squad

OKLAHOMA, Okla., April 8.—Hank Iba, coach of the National Champion Oklahoma Aggies, said today he would have a seven-foot four-inch player on his quintet next season. This year the club's hero was Bob Kurland, who stands a mere seven feet.

Iba declined to identify his new find, but said, "If he doesn't fall all over himself, he might be able to do us some good."

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

REMEMBER 'way back when pro golfers went on a three-day binge every time one of them came home with a sub-par score? Well, there was such a time. But apparently those days are gone forever. Now a gent who copies par throughout a tourney is lucky if he picks up enough change for his lunch the next day.

Take Sammy Byrd, the former major league fly chaser, as a current example. Sammy is playing the best golf of his brief career at Atlanta, Ga.—but doesn't have a prayer when it comes to winning the plush first prize in the \$10,000 Iron Lung golf meet. On successive days, Sammy clubbed rounds of 74, 65 and 66. Yet he's seven strokes behind Byron Nelson, which means any fellow who matched the par-69 over the 54-hole route would be trailing Nelson by nine strokes.

BACK in 1913, Francis Ouimet fired a nifty 72 to beat Harry Vardon and Ed Ray, the greatest golfers of their day, in a playoff for the U.S. Open crown. The trio had finished the 72-hole grind deadlocked at 304. If Nelson duplicates his average round of 66 in the finals, Ouimet, Vardon and Ray would have finished a mere 40 strokes behind.

When Robert T. Jones Jr., generally conceded to be the granddaddy of American golfers, was in his prime, he won the British Open with 291, captured the U.S. Open with 287 and registered 69-73 to win medal honors in the U.S. Amateur. Bobby would have been just another guy named Joe, according to this year's scores.

BILL SHAKESPEARE, Notre Dame halfback who leaped into the limelight when he passed the Irish to victory over Ohio State in 1931, is walking around Paris with an aching chin these days. Bill, it seems, considered himself a capable sparring partner for Billy Conn a few days ago, and they donned the padded mittens for a brief workout.

"I was taking it easy," Conn explained, "merely tossing a few slaps here and there. Then he caught me with a beauty, flush on the chin, and I thought the guy was Joe Louis and I was back in Yankee Stadium. When I recovered, I guess I threw a couple or three good solid punches.

Shakespeare's version was, "I got fresh for a moment and Billy sure made me regret it in a hurry. I never saw so many gloves flying at one time in all my life."

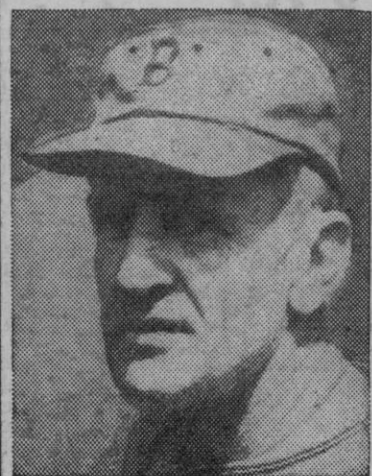


Boxers from Oise Section, Reinforcement Depot and other military units will dominate the 12-bout card arranged by the ARC at the Palais de Glace, Paris, tonight. The show will get under way at 1930 hours.

The Program

Pfc Bill Ragsdale, 156, Ashville, N.C., vs. Pvt. Terry McGowan, 160, Buffalo, N.Y.; Cpl. Mark Courts, 165, San Diego, vs. Pvt. Lee Logan, 168, Elkhart, Ind.; Cpl. Tom Howard, 165, Philadelphia, vs. Pvt. Lafayette Drummond, St. Louis; Pvt. Corlis Roderick, 175, Boston, vs. Pvt. Eddie Sumey, 170, Detroit; Pvt. Oscar Broussard, 174, San Francisco, vs. Pvt. Joe Traynor, 175, Philadelphia; Pvt. Curtis Neal, 152, New Orleans, vs. Pfc Earl Judge, 154, Gary, Ind.; Pvt. Lloyd Blueford, 145, Mercedes, Cal., vs. Pvt. Frank Fiorelli, 141, Philadelphia; Pfc John Thompson, NYC, vs. Pvt. Homer Johnson, 150, Hawthorne, Cal.; Pvt. Charles Clark, 130, New Orleans, vs. Sgt. Marvin Gaeb, 132, Pittsburgh; Pvt. Jack Nowitzke, 165, New Brunswick, N.J., vs. Pvt. Tom Self, 165, Hollandale, Miss.; Pfc Jack Murray, 145, Milford, Conn., vs. Pfc Billy Jones, 145, Dover, N.J.; Pvt. Aaron Wilson, 190, Philadelphia, vs. Pvt. John Janis, 195, Chicago.

HQ., NORMANDY BASE SECTION.—The 509th Port "Rockets" scored their seventh straight victory when they disposed of 386th Port Hoopsters, 29-26. Leading scorer for the Rockets was Sgt. Wally Simms, with 17 points.



Casey Stengel

PUP TENT POETS

Prostrated Giant

In the drab ruins of tumbling walls and smoke
Surrender's terms were written in wild scrawl,
And dust was as from the trampling feet of all
Of the many tethered to an unholy yoke.

There were the last few who sought to stave the end,
A tank, so scorched that none inside could live
To write of what had happened or to give
Message at dying to a listening friend.

First of the greater cities—only one—
Cologne... but ample for the symbol plain.
Fury for fury is the law of pain—
And there is not long to wait when blood is run.

Bombed until levelled and shelled 'til it would yield,
To imprecating roar from land and air,
And then a crackling hush and the vivid glare
Of a city aflame whose destined doom was sealed.

And all that stood—the Dom, with spires high,
Towering over the streets, dishevelled, mean,
Fixing many an eye upon the scene,
In wisdom's glance from level of the sky.

This was Cologne, perched on the Rhine's green shores,
Ground-hallowed by the centuries, yet here
Was forbidden country trespassed without fear
By men who beat and battered down its doors.

Coventry, Liege, London and St. Ló knew
The ruin that was this not long ago,
So swift can terror turn that he may know,
Who ravages, nothing but rack and rue.

Well was the watch upon the Rhine dismayed!—
Who could not dare to risk a moment's rest,
Against the tumult that was stirred—so pressed
By every ugly memory it made?

Now a once mighty giant, stricken, bent,
To earth, lies at the Dom's base to atone
For crime; all vicious pride and power gone.
He is a shrivelled, helpless penitent.
—Pfc H. T. Holzinger.

King Honors Mountbatten
LONDON, April 8.—King George has approved the award of Knight Commander of the Bath to Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten for distinguished service in directing the capture of Mandalay.

AMERICAN FORCES NETWORK

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1530-Combat Diary	2206-Calif. Melodies
1545-On the Record	2235-Fred Waring
1630-Strike Up Band	2300-News
1701-Jack Carson	2308-Xavier Cugat
1730-Eddie Condon	2335-One-NightStand
1755-Mark Up Map	2400-News
1800-News	0015-Night Shift
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TOMORROW	
0600-Rise and Shine	0910-Spotlight Bands
0700-News	0925-Best-lovedMusic
0715-Song Parade	1001-Morning After
0730-Dance Band	1030-French Lesson
0801-Combat Diary	1035-Strike Up Band
0815-Personal Album	1105-Duffie Bag
0830-Dance Music	1145-Melody Roundup

News Every Hour on the Hour

Li'l Abner

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By Al Capp



Terry and The Pirates

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By Milton Caniff



Abbie an' Slat

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By Raeburn Van Buren



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Blondie

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By Chic Young



Jane

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By Norman Pett



173 Jap Planes KO'd by B29, P51 Raiders

GUAM, April 8 (ANS).—In a swift follow-up to yesterday's Superfort raid, in which U.S. bombers and their escort destroyed or damaged 173 Japanese fighters over Tokyo and Nagoya, a force of perhaps 50 B29s today raided military targets in the Kanoya area of Kyushu Island, at the southern tip of Japan.

Running into their greatest aerial battle thus far, Superforts alone yesterday accounted for 136 of the huge toll taken of the badly-battered Japanese air force.

P51 Mustangs from Iwo Jima, making the Army's first land-based fighter sweep over the Japanese homeland, bagged 37 enemy interceptors.

Five B29s were lost, three over Tokyo and two over Nagoya. There was no announcement of U.S. fighter losses.

Marines Gain; Army Meets Resistance on Okinawa

GUAM, April 8 (Reuter).—Marines advanced 3,000 yards to the north along both coasts of Okinawa Island today against negligible resistance, Adm. "Imitz" communique announced.

To the south, however, Army troops moving down the west coast toward the island's capital city of Naha met stiff resistance from heavily-entrenched Japanese.

British carrier planes, continuing to support American invasion forces on Okinawa, pounded airfields and other installations on Ishigati and Miyako in the Sakishima Islands some 300 miles south of Okinawa. Eight Japanese planes were destroyed.

There were no reports of any continuing action in the great air-sea battle in which U.S. carrier-based aircraft sank six Japanese warships, including the 45,000-ton Yamato, the enemy's largest battleship.

A Japanese broadcast confirmed the loss of five warships—a battleship, cruiser and three destroyers.

Yanks Advance 30 Miles, Take 2 Negros Airfields

MANILA, April 8 (ANS).—Doughboys of the 41st Div. virtually have completed the conquest of southern Mindanao, Gen. MacArthur announced today, while on Negros Island, elements of the 40th Div. advanced 30 miles and captured two airfields at Alicanta and Carolina.

Pacific Shift . . .

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in the highest priority for acceleration of the campaign in the Pacific.

"Any delay or any loss of momentum in that campaign means the unnecessary loss or mutilation of more young Americans. It is not merely a question of how long would be the delay in terms of days, but rather one of how much of a reorganization for renewed resistance the Japanese would be able to effect by reason of that delay."

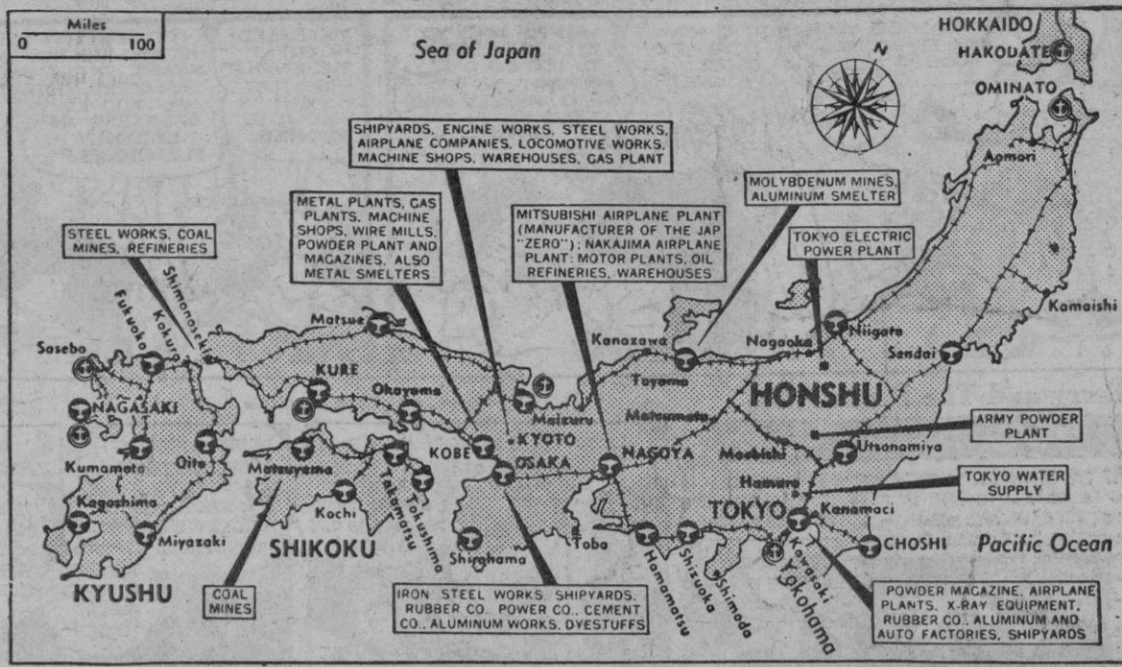
For these reasons, Marshall said, the attitude of the people at home will be of "utmost importance" to the Army's morale and fighting efficiency.

"They must be brought," he said, "to understand the urgent requirements of the situation. They must be persuaded to support us in the last great effort to hasten the end of this war."

A soldier who learns that he is eligible for demobilization but finds that there is no room on ships going home, may become intolerant, "even to the smirching of a fine and soldierly record," the general said. Mail from home will be of no help, because "protests will be more articulate on this side of the Atlantic from wives and families and sweethearts," Marshall added.

"There will be international pressures for shipping to feed the starving," said Marshall. "There will be pressure for raw materials to put poverty-stricken men back to work. All these pressures and human desires call for ocean shipping in which we face greater deficiencies than ever before."

No. 1 Target on the Pacific Hit Parade



Honshu, main Japanese island, is filled with bombing objectives that represent nerve centers of the nation's war industry.

Japs Stronger Than at Start of War—Stilwell

NEW YORK, April 8 (ANS).—Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, Army Ground Forces commander, warned last night that despite all the Japanese who have been killed in the Pacific, the enemy "is stronger than when the war started."

Speaking before the Military Order of World Wars at an Army Day dinner in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Stilwell said that with the approaching defeat of Germany and continued successes in the Pacific, "we are obviously getting into a dangerous frame of mind."

"Belief is prevalent that with Germany out of the way the rest should be easy," he said. He warned that finishing the war with Japan would not be easy.

'Japs Are Tough'

"What was possible in the case of isolated Jap garrisons on small islands cannot be repeated on Japan itself or on the mainland of Asia without a greatly increased force," Stilwell said. "The Japs are tough, individually and collectively, and there are a lot of them."

Experience with the Japanese indicates, Stilwell continued, that they will not "quit without a desperate struggle."

"We might as well realize that there is no easy way," he declared. "This is an Army job, a slugging job, a big job, and we must give it everything we've got. Victory in Europe should mean to us only the release of resources that we can bring to bear in the Pacific."

Gold Hoard Called War Prize

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gold bullion would bring about \$100,000,000 at the current gold price. Germany probably accumulated the American currency on the international exchange in 1940-41, before the U.S. entered the war.

Haul Laid to GIs' Speed, Nazis' Transport Lack

By James Cannon
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THIRD ARMY, April 7 (Delayed).—Speed of the American advance and difficulty of transportation figure in the reasons for failure of the Nazis to remove about 100 tons of gold—believed to be the Reichsbank's entire gold reserve—and valuable art treasures captured today by infantrymen of the 90th Div. who were investigating an unused salt mine at Merken.

These were explanations advanced by Fritz Vieck, one of the top officials of the Reichsbank which is Germany's equivalent of the U.S. Treasury, who was captured at the mine.

No Americans actually have seen the gold because the heavy doors

Gretchen Finds Her-man

Fraulein Masquerades as Man And Love Blooms in PW Cage

By George Dorsey
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 84TH INF. DIV., April 8.—Come hell, high water or total war, love will find a way. But sometimes it blossoms in the damndest places.

The way 1/Lt. John F. Boland, of New York, tells it, this German soldier, Herman, was captured when the 335th Regt. first pushed over the Weser River. Herman was only one of about 6,000 rounded up that day and the next.

The regimental PW cage was near Herman's home town, which goes to show what a small German world it's getting to be.

Well, who should come waltzing by the enclosure but Herman's girl friend, Gretchen, a blonde of 20-odd summers, who was a little odd herself, according to some ways of thinking.

Found Medic's Uniform

Gretchen was sad at seeing her sweetheart behind all that nasty barbed wire. So she found herself a German medic's uniform and got admitted to the PW cage as a slightly delicate but presumably male member of the Wehrmacht.

What with the traffic situation and the high number of prisoners, this group of PWs wasn't moved rearward for a day.

Herman and Gretchen, lost in the blur of the thousands, enjoyed a life of cuddlesome bliss.

Finally the prisoners were trucked back to the divisional cage and two hours later processing unmasked Gretchen.

When discovered, she begged for one last embrace with her lover. But the MPs bundled her off to the military government authorities.

East Front . . .

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panicked by the Russian advance.

Front reports to Moscow said that Col. Gen. Sepp Dietrich, commander of the Vienna garrison and former chief of Hitler's SS bodyguard, was assassinated April 6, the day the Russians began their final assault.

Northeast of Vienna, Second Ukrainian Army tanks crossed the Morava River at several points and were driving west to complete the encirclement of Vienna. Other Soviet forces were less than 50 miles from Brno, the Czechoslovak arms-producing town.

Says Nazis Will Scuttle Fleet

LONDON, April 8 (UP).—Radio Moscow said today in a German language broadcast that several Nazi leaders recently decided at a conference aboard a German warship at Kiel where they would scuttle the remaining units of the German fleet. The broadcast said Adm. Inkelmann, Himmler's representative on the German Navy general staff, presided at the meeting.

British Shells Fall in Bremen; 9th Advances

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icated the attack was by no means on the scale of the airborne assault across the Rhine last month. Aircraft flew through heavy clouds and the paratroopers came down in a ground mist which cut visibility almost to zero.

British Sixth Airborne Div. troops, with the Fifth Parachute Brig. in the lead, pushed eight

First Permanent Span

Supreme Headquarters disclosed last night that the first permanent bridge over the Rhine has been finished in ten days by men of 3043rd Engr. Regt. of the U.S. Seventh Army. The span is built of steel and timber and is 1,048 feet long.

miles beyond the Steinhuder Lake, ten miles northwest of Hanover, which the British appeared to be bypassing on the north, while American infantry and armor approached the city from the east and southeast. A late Reuter front report placed the British paratroops in the outskirts of Neustadt, seven miles northwest of Hanover.

80 Miles to Hamburg

These Allied forces, driving toward the greater Hanover area, were within 80 miles of Hamburg, while British armor advancing toward Bremen was less than 70 miles southwest of Hamburg on the Elbe River estuary.

From their Weser River bridgehead north of Kassel, Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' U.S. First Army forces pushed two miles yesterday as the Third Armd. Div. rolled up to the river south of Holmünden after a seven-mile advance.

The squeeze on the Ruhr pocket grew tighter. Two of Hodges' infantry divisions, driving northward from the Sieg River, gained up to three miles. West of Siegen, other First Army forces expanded a bridgehead to a depth of four miles.

10th Armd. In Crailsheim

Striking suddenly to the south, the Tenth Armd. Div. of Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's U.S. Seventh Army drove 20 miles south of Wurzburg to Crailsheim, where they reached enemy rear lines of communication and supply. Resistance continued stiff at Heilbronn.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U.S. Third Army beat off heavy German counter-attacks in the Mulhausen-Gotha sector.

Eisenach was cleared and the 65th Inf. Div. took Lāncensalza, between Gotha and Mulhausen.

On the south flank of the offensive, Gen. Jean de Lattre de Tassigny's French First Army captured Pforzheim, 12 miles northwest of Stuttgart.

Heavies Blast Central Reich

The aerial mop-up of central Germany from west of Berlin to south of Nuremberg continued yesterday as more than 1,200 U.S. Eighth AF heavies escorted by 750 fighters struck at remaining German airfields, ordnance depots, communications and oil supplies.

The Luftwaffe, which paid the price of 104 planes in Saturday's challenge to the Eighth AF's attack on jet-plane bases at Koblenbissen offered no resistance. Not one Nazi plane challenged the heavies, which attacked targets at Schafstadt, southwest of Dessau, and Nuremberg, Roth, 15 miles southwest of Nuremberg, Stendal, Plauen and ordnance depots at Bayreuth, the Eighth AF reported.

Ten U.S. heavies and one fighter escort were lost to anti-aircraft fire.

Striking targets at Mulhausen in support of the advancing U.S. Third Army, Ninth AF fliers engaged about 50 Luftwaffe aircraft, shooting down three and damaging one. The Ninth AF flew 883 sorties against enemy communications, railroads, transport and depots near Halle, Erfurt, Hof, Dessau, Nordhausen, Merseburg and Nuremberg.