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Partly cloudy, max. temp.: 80

GERMANY
Showers, max. temp.: 68

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PARIS & VICINITY
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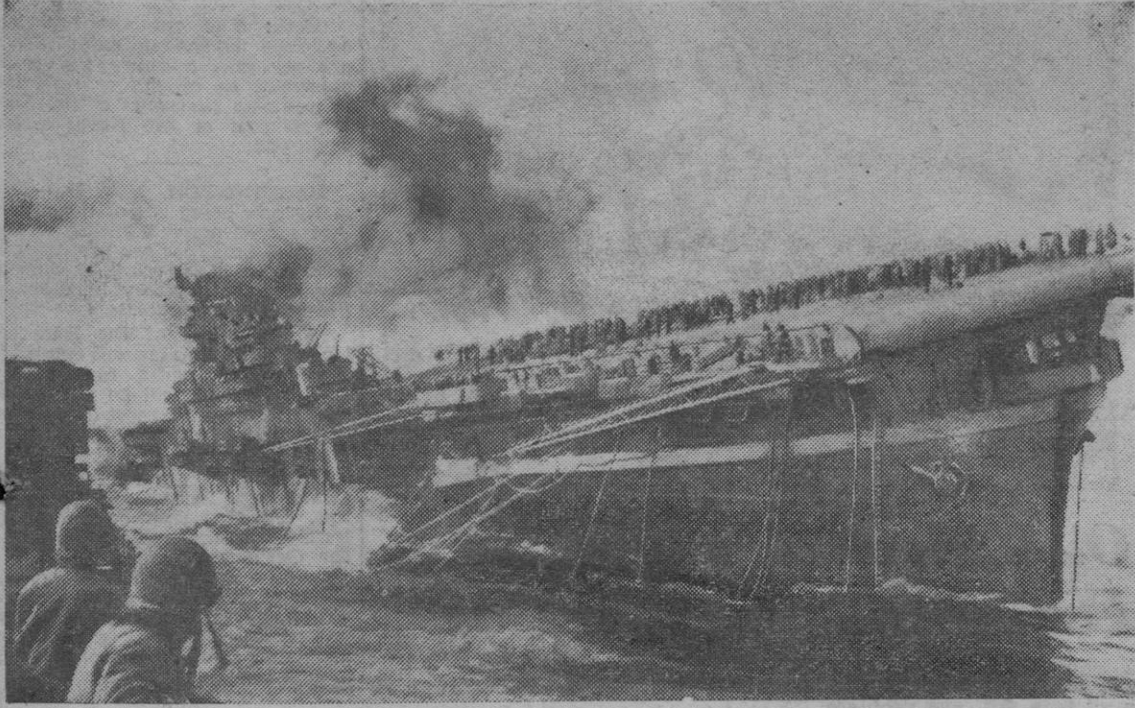
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U.S. Carrier Limp Home After Jap Attack



The USS Franklin, an Essex class carrier, was left listing and on fire after two hits by Jap 500-pound armor-piercing bombs. The action occurred in attacks against the Japanese fleet off the coast of Japan March 19. The Franklin returned to the Brooklyn Navy Yard for repairs.

3 U.S. Divisions Surround Shuri, Okinawa Fortress

GUAM, May 21.—Three American divisions enveloped the Japanese citadel of Shuri today, making advances against fierce resistance, while an American general said that there were signs that the Japanese garrison on Okinawa was "disintegrating."

Tito Men Quit Austria Area; Tension Eases

The tension created by Marshal Tito's claim to parts of Italy and Austria, including Trieste, eased yesterday as Yugoslav troops withdrew from Carinthia, a disputed area in southern Austria. But there remained an atmosphere of anxiety over the still unsolved Trieste problem.

With the announcement that Tito had ordered 20,000 Yugoslav troops to withdraw from Carinthia came a United Press report that an American battalion, sent to Trieste to present "a united Allied front," had retired and rejoined troops in the Gorizia sector to avoid supply problems in the event of hostilities.

Withdrawal Welcomed

Though the withdrawal from Carinthia was welcomed, INS said, officials were not convinced that Tito also intended to order his troops from Trieste. On the other hand, it was said he appeared to be making the point that the presence or absence of troops did not prejudice peace conference decisions.

British-New Zealand forces remained in Trieste as an "even greater number" of Yugoslav troops were reported gathering there. Some 1,300 of Tito's troops paraded through Trieste with 13 American-made light tanks and a number of German-made light tanks and anti-tank guns in a show of strength. UP estimated that there were 65,000 Yugoslav troops in Venezia Giulia province.

The Belgrade radio yesterday said Yugoslavia "in no way intends to annex unilaterally" Istria and (Continued on Page 8)

Chinese Take Jap Base, Continue Foochow Gains

CHUNGKING, May 21.—Chinese forces, continuing a general counter-offensive, have recaptured Hochih, Japan's most western Kwangsi Province base, the Chinese high command said today.

Chinese gains continued around the recently captured east coast port of Foochow, and Diongho, a river port 15 miles southeast, was captured. Other troops reached the outskirts of Lienkong, 22 miles north of Foochow.

Jap Losses in Philippines Battle Set at 370,000 by MacArthur

MANILA, May 21 (ANS).—Japanese losses in the Philippines campaign total 370,000 killed and captured since American landings on Leyte Island last October, Gen. MacArthur announced today. His communique said that nearly 14,000 enemy dead have been counted and 602 prisoners taken in the last two weeks.

On Mindanao, meanwhile, troops of the U.S. 31st Div. advanced three miles northward to within 11 miles of Malaybalay, capital of central Bukidnon province. The Americal and 40th Inf. Divs. were last reported some 25 miles north of the city.

To the southeast, units of the 24th Div. continued to mop up inside Davao, Mindanao's capital, where, a Reuter dispatch said, Jap resistance showed no signs of weakening. North of that port city other Americans captured Sasa air-drome and entered the village of Panacan.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz' communique said that the First Marine Div. advanced 800 yards to within 200 yards northwest of the main bulwark of the Japanese line. The 77th Inf. Div. gained 900 yards in face of three counter-attacks in the northeast, while the 96th Inf. Div. advanced a mile in the east.

A decrease in Japanese shelling caused Maj. Gen. John R. Hoge of the 24th Corps to tell correspondents that there was "some indication that the Japanese are disintegrating as an overall fighting unit."

Throughout the day, the Japanese resisted from caves and pillboxes. Several Japanese planes strafed American positions, but no damage of consequence was reported. The American ground troops were supported from the air, by artillery, naval gunfire and tanks.

A Reuter correspondent described the situation as an arc of American troops around an elliptical zone of fortifications surrounding Shuri. He said that by complete envelopment of the Shuri defense system, a plug is pulled from the Japanese bottleneck across a four-mile defense front rivaling the Gothic Line in Italy.

U.S. Tanks Take Beating

Elements of the 96th Div. held the crests of Sugar Loaf Hill and a conical hill in the east, commanding the approaches to Naha, capital of Okinawa, but the southern slopes of Sugar Loaf Hill were still in Japanese hands.

An Associated Press correspondent said that American tanks had taken a beating from Japanese 105mm. guns which fired point blank from the heights. Many tankmen were reinforcing Shermans with armor taken from disabled tanks.

Lt. Gen. Simon B. Buckner Jr., commander of the Tenth Army, dedicating Radio Okinawa, said that enemy attempts to reinforce the Okinawa garrison—now reduced to less than half of an estimated 80,000 defenders—"had failed."

U.S. Airstrip on Okinawa Finished in 15 Days

GUAM, May 21 (ANS).—A new American airstrip, hacked from the coral of Okinawa Island, has been put into operation within 325 miles of the Japanese homeland.

The airstrip was the first construction work the Army's aviation engineers did after they landed. The job was finished in 15 days, while fighting was raging near by and while Japanese bombers were making as many as five raids a day.

Rotation to U.S. From ETO to Halt on May 31

Thirty-day rotation furloughs to the U.S. are being suspended indefinitely on May 31, Theater Headquarters announced yesterday.

The suspension was decided upon because of the problems of transportation, personnel transfer and other factors resulting from the redeployment program. However, theater officials stressed, most men who would have gone home on 30-day rest and recuperation furloughs now would go home—perhaps for good—as part of the readjustment and discharge program.

Men who already have been sent back to the States under the furlough plan or on other temporary duty will not be returned to the ETO, and will be transferred out of their former units, unless they are specifically requested by name, it was disclosed.

High-Pointers Sent Home

In anticipation of R-Day and the announcement of the point plan, theater redeployment chiefs said, the men who were most recently sent back home and who will come under the "no-return" order, were men who would obviously have high point scores and therefore be candidates for discharge.

In explaining the award of battle stars, ETO Headquarters said that stars and points awarded to units credited with combat activity also would be given to rear echelon troops of those units on duty status.

In a letter defining battle credits, GI informed all unit commanders that an individual was (Continued on Page 8)

Plot to Slay Ike Called Hoax, Designed to Boost Nazi Morale

A Nazi super-plot to assassinate Gen. Eisenhower was described at a SHAEF press conference yesterday as a hoax. The plot was devised within the German Army to boost the morale of Nazi spies and saboteurs who were to create confusion behind Allied lines during the German counter-offensive last December, but the Germans never intended to carry it out, Col. H. G. Sheen, chief of Supreme Headquarters counter-intelligence, said.

Discharge Age Lowered to 40

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 21.—The War Department today lowered to 40 years the age at which EM and WACs may apply for a discharge. It estimated there were 30,000 EM in the 40 and 41 age groups now eligible to get out of the Army. The Army announced last month that men over 42 could receive discharges upon application.

The War Department said that "when the military situation permits" a further reduction in the age limit would be made, but gave no other details.

Men who are 40 or over applying for discharges may be retained in service as long as 90 days after the date of their application if no replacement is available, but no longer.

It was simultaneously announced that enlisted Wacs 40 or over also may be discharged upon application. The War Department estimated that 8,000 Wacs would be affected.

Danes, Reds to Negotiate

COPENHAGEN, May 21 (Reuter).—Negotiations for the withdrawal of Russian forces from the Baltic island of Bornholm will be conducted by direct contact between Copenhagen and Moscow and not through Foreign Minister Christmas Moeller, it was reported today.

It also was talked up on the theory that the plot story would cause turmoil in the Allied rear when it came to light through the interrogation of prisoners of war, he said.

The AP said the plot was taken so seriously in Paris that a double replaced Gen. Eisenhower in the Supreme Commander's four-starred car on trips between St. Germain and Versailles.

The double was Lt. Col. Baldwin B. Smith, now in Germany as CO of the 156th Inf. Regt.'s Third Bn., according to AP. Smith, reportedly, volunteered for the decoy job when the Army clamped a curfew on Paris about Christmas and set up elaborate machinery to safeguard Allied leaders and headquarters.

Sheen said that although precautions were doubled in the case of high-ranking Allied officers, there was no evidence that any attempt against them was contemplated.

The real mission of the Nazi spies and saboteurs was to penetrate Allied lines, reconnoiter rear areas, destroy bridges and create confusion on Allied roads behind the front, Sheen said.

Approximately 150 Germans, schooled in American mannerisms and accents and wearing U.S. uniforms and equipment, were sent behind Allied lines as the spearhead of Von Rundstedt's counter-offensive. Their leader was Otto Skerzeny, giant, scar-faced Nazi master spy, with rank of SS lieutenant-general.

Skerzeny was picked up, May 17, by the U.S. Seventh Army. He (Continued on Page 8)

German Duty Salute Must Be Returned

Although German soldiers are forbidden to salute Allied officers as a form of greeting or recognition, they will salute United Nations officers in acknowledgment of receipt of orders and such salutes will be returned, a directive announced yesterday.

When reporting to a member of the United Nations military forces for instructions, German military personnel must uncover and stand at attention.

Germans may continue to give appropriate courtesies to their own officers by rendering the military salute in effect prior to 1933. The Nazi salute is forbidden, the directive added.

Unit Censorship of EM's Mail Discontinued in This Theater

Censorship of enlisted men's mail by their unit officers has been discontinued, Lt. Col. James R. Arnold, Theater Censor, announced yesterday.

The move was in line with the liberalization of security regulations since V-E Day.

Base censors will continue to censor officers' and enlisted men's mail, however, in accordance with security requirements, and it may be necessary to impose unit censorship on some units for short periods under special circumstances.

Soldiers now may seal their envelopes before mailing letters and officers are no longer required to sign their own envelopes. The use of blue envelopes has been discontinued.

It was stressed, however, that certain security regulations still

remain in effect. Men and officers may not mention troop movements concerning army, air force or naval personnel from the ETO or any movements within this theater that would indicate that such troops might move to another theater.

Also on the prohibited list is mention of classified military equipment; the strength, morale, efficiency or detailed organization of units; details of undisclosed tactical methods; condition of ports, harbors, transportation and communication facilities, and casualties.

Also banned as topics of writing are enemy espionage, sabotage or subversive activity, breaches of the Geneva Convention, and statements disparaging to our armed forces or Allies, and subversive material.

Unless otherwise specified by units, soldiers may give their exact geographical location,



Now It Commences

Only men who had dependents prior to Pearl Harbor should receive the 12-point credit. We have been overseas since the early phases of the European war and have participated in many campaigns. If we were as fortunate as those who remained in the States a long time prior to shipping over, we could have points, too.—4 Ex-combat Men.

Food is said to be one of the most effective weapons of war and is getting more scarce. Why not let some farmers and fellows with farm experience go back and help relieve that acute shortage of food.—Pfc, Combat Engr.

I for one don't like it very much, because I haven't got enough points.—Pfc J. H., 97th QM Rhd., Co.

Experience has proven any poll to be accurate should include a cross section of at least two percent of the people involved. We would like to communicate with just one EM in Europe who was interviewed.—23 Doubting Thomases, SHAEF.

Why not let us out in the order we were inducted?—Sgt. A. M., Gen. Hosp.

Question seriously the wisdom in which parenthood credit was awarded. So many points for nothing done in the winning of the war.—T/3 G. P., 3rd Sta. Hosp.

Why not give the men extra credit for actual time spent on the line.—Four Disgusted Ex-Inf. Men.

No provisions for limited servicemen. Are they going to be the forgotten GIs. I have four and one half years in the service, am limited service through no fault of my own and have a total of 54 points. By the demobilization plan I will have to spend at least 16 more months overseas before I will even be considered. Which will mean five and a half years in the Army for me, and some of the fellows with enough points could get out in less than one year. We might as well sign up for 30 years.—54 Points.

Many of the married men have been away from their wives for a year or more and those who tried to be practical and not have children will now be stuck for their practicality.—Sgt. M. A., 3118 S.S. GR.

Battle participation credits have been issued galore to companies and squadrons which have fought the Battles of Piccadilly Square and Place Pigalle and units which have been in the campaigns from the very outset have been denied credits because of a maze of red tape. I know of groups and battalions which have had small detachments in forward zones and who have been granted credit en masse for all their personnel. As many as ten and even 15 points have gone to those men whose only connection with a battle has been the typing or the signing of a directive declaring a bistro in a city 900 miles away "off limits."—1/Lt. J. L. W., 66 Airdrome Sq.

Thanks

There have been several letters by the infantry giving the air forces a lot of credit for their ground support. There are also a helluva lot of us air forces boys who really were glad to see those doughboys when they liberated us from German PW camps. Thanks.—2/Lt. Donald S. Brumbough.

Pardon this peremptory intrusion into your space, but as a released British PW fleeing Germany, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude and that of my friend to these many Americans who in many places, at all times, with unfailing courtesy, helped us on our way.

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American hospitality and kindness has been to us not merely lavish, but almost extravagant. Again many, many thanks!!—Cpls Hamish Gow and Ian MacDonald, British Army.

Peacetime Conscription

A contributor to the B-Bag wants to know "against whom are we to prepare." He was quite upset over the proposed peacetime conscription and preparedness policies being advanced by our more progressive statesmen.

He states that we are told that Germany and Japan, the two aggressor nations, will never again be able to wage another war. He therefore assumes that once this war is won we can revert to our prewar policy of pacifism and isolationism. True... we have been told that they will never again be able to wage another war. But we democracies must be prepared to see that this is enforced. Nations, like people, do not stay in line by simply being told to do so. And we surely cannot do this by keeping only a few thousand men in the Army.

We must maintain a much larger Army and Navy after this war than we did after the last one. How large, I am not qualified to say. That is for Gen. Marshall and Co. to decide and if the prescribed quota cannot be reached by voluntary enlistments, then conscription is the answer.—Lt. Raymond G. Gaskill, AAA Gun Bn.

The Question

Sen. Robert A. Taft proposes to scrap all wage and most price controls. Very well, but here is the question the EM and myself keep asking. How much will my hard-earned savings be worth by the time I get home? Will I be able to buy as much as I've planned or will I have been working under inflation pay?—Lt. L. Le C. Hq, Lorraine Dist.

Not Their Line

After reading orders regarding pilfering to every man in the company, our officers order an entire section out to obtain end tables, wardrobes and other items of furniture for themselves. Just typical of our officers. Refusing the men the opportunity to take the stuff because of the lack of space, then reversing the order by loading those same items on a vehicle for their own use.

Another example of special privilege: Installing an entire piping system approximately 300 yards long to obtain running water for two days in their quarters, even after receiving shipment orders.

Our outfit isn't afraid to work if it means getting home sooner, but dog-robbing for officers certainly wasn't in the line of Ordnance men.—EM., H. M. Co.

Strategic Station on the Pacific 'Main Line'



Oil-Rich Borneo Ideal Base For Operations Against Japan

Winning the war in the Pacific is a problem in logistics as well as a military problem.

In a little more than three years, the preliminary military job has been accomplished brilliantly. Gen. MacArthur in his island-hopping from Australia and Adm. Nimitz in his drive through the Solomons and Marianas have pretty well beaten down Japan's air force and crippled her navy and merchant marine. B29s, flying from bases wrested from the foe, have started to rain destruction on Japan itself.

The war in the Pacific has been carried to Japan's doorstep.

But as island outposts are destroyed the foe is able to defend himself much easier nearer at home while the Americans have to fight at the end of longer and longer supply lines.

Fortress Europe was breached and then Nazi Germany beaten to her knees by using England as a base and staging area. The English Channel is only 20 miles wide at Dover.

Magnificent Distances

The Pacific war theater is an area of magnificent distances. Okinawa is 320 miles from Kyushu, southernmost of the home islands; Iwo Jima is 750 miles from Tokyo, and Guam, Saipan and Trinitan (our B29 bases) are 1,500 miles away.

And Guam must be supplied from Pearl Harbor, the Navy's big westernmost base prior to 1941, 3,800 miles away. And Pearl Harbor is supplied from the U.S. west coast which is still another 2,100 miles away. Manila, now being restored as a U.S. naval base, is 6,900 miles from San Francisco.

Borneo fits into this military picture as the answer to a harassed strategist's prayer. Borneo is one of the world's richest oilfields and it is only 600 miles from Manila.

Three weeks ago, Australian and Dutch troops under Gen. MacArthur's command smashed ashore at Tarakan, off the northeast coast of Borneo.

Tarakan's oilfields have been described as the source of raw petroleum so fine it can be piped from wells to ship bunkers without refining for use as lubricant and Diesel fuel. Tarakan's fields used to produce 80,000 tons of this topgrade crude a month. In January, 1942, they were dynamited by the Dutch defenders as the Japanese swept in.

Highgrad Crude

Tarakan is not Borneo's only oil source. Borneo is the world's third largest island (284,000 square miles), heavily jungled, mountainous, rich in oil, iron, gold, diamonds, rubber and tin. It has been virtually unexploited because of the dense jungles and mountain peaks, some 13,000 feet high. There are no roads except for short highway links in the coastal areas. Practically all communication is by water.

Three hundred and twenty miles south of Tarakan is Balikpapan, Borneo's largest prewar center of oil production and refining. Directly across the island from Tarakan is Brunei, oil refinery port in British North Borneo.

It was on Borneo's northwest coast, along the British Sarawak protectorate, that the Japanese struck in 1941, only ten days after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

10 U-Boats Yield at Oslo

OSLO, May 21 (UP).—Ten German submarines, all of the latest Schnorkel type, have surrendered here to British naval forces.

Admiral Sees Faster Victory In Pacific War

By Rear Adm. Clark H. Woodward

(Note: The opinions expressed and the assertions made herein are my own and are not to be construed as official or reflecting in any way the views of the Navy Department or the Naval Service at large.)

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Germany now being out of the picture—so far as active fighting is concerned—the Allies are preparing to deliver the final crushing blow to Japan, only surviving member of the Axis triumvirate.

The swiftness of the Nazi collapse unquestionably will speed victory in the Pacific, for now the United Nations will be able to pit against Japan the most overwhelming combination of fighting power ever assembled.

Japan's jittery war lords are now aware that the war is hopelessly lost. Yet they seem even more determined to die fighting than were the Germans.

Japan's Army—4,500,000 soldiers under arms—is not numerically as strong as was that of Germany, but will fight to the bitter end. Though ultimately it will be defeated, nevertheless it will exact a heavy toll of Allied lives in the process.

A Secondary Front

Despite our great victories in the Pacific up to now, the Pacific area—except at sea—has been our secondary front. This is due, in large measure, to the fact that Allied ground forces—exclusive of China—have never exceeded their present strength of roughly 650,000 men.

Within three or four months, however, the U.S. will have a "sizeable force" of troops in the Pacific to speed up V-J Day, according to Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson Jr., commanding Army forces in the Pacific Ocean areas.

House Military Committee members have disclosed that the tentative Army plan was to send 6,000,000 picked troops against Nippon.

In addition, some 5,000 combat-tested heavy bombers and twice as many fighters and light and medium bombers will be sent from Europe, while the combined Allied fleet will be augmented to approximately 2,000 warships.

Problem of Logistics

No time will be lost, either here or in Europe, in shifting this gigantic war machine to the Far East. This is primarily a problem of logistics—the process of transporting, equipping and supplying such an army—which will require a vast number of ships.

This shift, which already has started, will be the largest ever undertaken by us. The distance to the zone of operations against Japan—between 12,000 and 14,000 miles—is more than three times that to England or France.

It is also a much harder job because the ports and land areas in the Pacific are less extensive and less developed than those in Europe. Furthermore, the time element is more pressing in order to prevent any break in operations already under way.

The best estimates from competent military authorities is that it will be late summer or early autumn before sufficient power is mobilized to mount a decisive offensive, such as the invasion of the Japanese home islands or the China coast.

Sees Long, Bloody Battle

The battle for the beaches along the China coast probably will be a long and bloody one, due to the enemy's strength and strategic position. Once beachheads are secured and our troops moved inland, the mission of our naval forces thereafter would be simply to protect our seized ports and to maintain our vital lines of communication.

Meanwhile, the campaign for the Dutch Indies, which got under way with the invasion of Borneo, undoubtedly will be extended to encompass the vast oceanic front stretching eastward to the Celebes and Timor, southward to Java, and westward to Sumatra.

The strategy of these operations probably will call for a giant pincer with the British moving in from the west through Malaya and Sumatra, supported by British fleets based in both Australia and Ceylon—and possibly the American Seventh Fleet—plus Allied air forces operating in that general area.

The invasion of Japan promises to be an all-American show. In addition to at least six marine divisions and the Tenth Army now operating in Okinawa, there will be the newly formed armies of battle-hardened veterans from Europe.

Up Front With Mauldin



"Must belong to a politician."



This Happened in America:

FHA And OPA Fall Out And Right Into Court

By William R. Spear
The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, May 21.—Critics of wartime governmental agencies long have complained of red tape, conflicting rulings and the repressive effect the critics say the agencies have on business. A case came to court in Kansas City today that illustrated the problem.

It was a wrangle between the Federal Housing Administration and the OPA in which building contractor Sylvester Allegro was caught in the middle.

Allegro was granted loans by the FHA to build defense housing units at Kansas City, Wichita and Mission, Kan. Part of the FHA agreement was that Allegro would charge a monthly rent of \$50 for the units.

But the OPA decided the rent was too high. It ordered Allegro to charge only \$32.50.

Allegro naturally obeyed FHA instead of OPA, and now OPA has taken him to court. His attorney's content that he was guaranteed a \$50 rent by FHA and it appears the conflict will be carried to the Supreme Court.

OPA also is having trouble with black marketeers and ration stamp counterfeiters. In the last ten months nearly 500 persons have been arrested on various charges in connection with counterfeiting or theft of ration coupons, and OPA agents have seized enough bogus coupons to obtain illegally 75,582,663 gallons of gasoline, 415,505 gallons of fuel oil, 764,275 pounds of sugar and 55,245,789 pounds of meat.

The New York Daily Mirror reported that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has been approached by Democratic leaders and asked whether she would accept the nomination for mayor of New York—and that she replied "Absolutely not."

TS for 9,000 German PWs

MORE than 9,000 German PWs in the Seventh Service Command who contended they were non-coms will not be recognized as such because they lack proper credentials, headquarters at Omaha announced. Non-coms along with officers are not required to work unless they volunteer.

The manpower situation is getting better in Detroit, one of the country's greatest war producing centers, as airplane and other war contracts are cancelled, and the United Press reported the area soon could be declared "surplus." This would bring a complete relaxation of manpower controls there. But in Philadelphia WMC officials announced they would "draft" 1,600 workers to speed construction of the aircraft carriers Valley Forge and Princeton in an effort to send the carriers into action six months ahead of schedule. All men applying for jobs at WMC offices will be referred to the Navy Yard.

TWO more film actresses have received divorces. Carole Gallagher Foran divorced singing cowboy star Dick Foran in Hollywood, testifying that he gave her "an inferiority complex"; Evelyn Keyes won a divorce at Las Vegas, N.M., from Charles Vidor, a director, on grounds of extreme cruelty.

T/5 John Gromgold, of Versailles, Mo., was umpiring a softball game at Ft. Sill, Okla., when a foul tip hit him. A few minutes later he smelled smoke and felt his leg getting hot. Frantic investigation disclosed that the ball had ignited matches in his pocket.

NEW Hampshire long has been the only state lacking an official motto but it has one now. The legislature adopted as a state motto, "Live free or die," attributed to Gen. John Stark.

Only one-fourth of the eligible voters turned out for Omaha's municipal election, but they ousted veteran Mayor Dan Butler. He had opposed municipal ownership of the city's power plant.

Massachusetts Urged to Regild Dome

MASSACHUSETTS' legislative committee is being urged to spend \$15,000 to regild some of the State House in Boston on the ground that it would serve as a landmark for visitors who otherwise would get lost. The dome was painted gray at the start of the war.

Pvt Wilson Broken Leg, a full-blooded Sioux Indian, has just been released from the hospital at Ft. Lewis, Wash. His broken toe is mending nicely.

AMERICANS contributed a record of more than \$108,000,000 to foreign war relief agencies during 1944, the president of the War Relief Control Board announced. A report showed that since the start of war in September, 1939, through December, 1944, all private war relief agencies other than the Red Cross provided \$262,000,000 for relief of war victims abroad.

Police in Minneapolis were summoned to the home of Mrs. John Moore, 49-year-old invalid whose husband works on a night shift. Would they, she asked, please get her some tooth powder? They did.

Two U.S. Firms Called Conspirator

NEW YORK, May 21 (ANS).—Two of the country's largest storage battery manufacturers were charged by the Department of Justice today with conspiring with foreign firms to withhold a long-life battery from the American market. The government charged that the conspiracy substantially affected the operation of U.S. war equipment.

The charge was made in an anti-trust civil suit filed against the Electric Storage Battery Co., of Philadelphia and its wholly owned subsidiary, the Willard Storage Battery Co., of Cleveland.

The department said that the two firms and alleged co-conspirators prevented manufacture in this country or importation, of a nickel-cadmium battery used by the German, French and English armed forces. The battery purportedly gives service for ten years, seven years more than the best available American battery.

2 Killed, 2 Missing In Nitro Explosion

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 21 (ANS).—Two workers at the Sunflower Ordnance plant were killed last night in a nitroglycerine explosion that rocked a 50-mile area. Joseph Allen, 40, and Valje James, 37, were killed outright. James Richard and Clifford Welch were listed as missing.

Army Testing DDT For Malaria Control

WASHINGTON, May 21 (ANS).—Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, Army Surgeon General, said that tests are being carried out to determine the usefulness and possible hazards in using DDT in guarding against the spread of malaria by troops returning from overseas.

Kirk said the Army's mosquito control program has been intensified in military areas and the U.S. Public Health Service has extended its activities to include additional areas in the south, where risk of transmission of malaria is greatest.

WLB Refuses to Act Until Truck Strike Ends

WASHINGTON, May 21 (ANS).—The WLB has refused to reconsider a wage scale it had drawn up for 5,000 Chicago truckers until they end their strike.

The Chicago Truck Drivers Union, an independent group, is protesting a WLB decision fixing a 51-hour work week, with overtime after eight and one-half hours daily and an eight-cent-an-hour wage increase.

Truman in Boy Scouts

WASHINGTON, May 21 (ANS).—President Truman has accepted an offer to become honorary president of the Boy Scouts of America. Every President since Taft has held the honorary title, the office said.

'American Mother'



Mrs. Harper Sibley, of Rochester, N.Y., mother of six children and grandmother of 13, has been selected by the Golden Rule Foundation as the "American Mother of 1945." She is attending the San Francisco conference as an unofficial observer. Her husband is there as a consultant.

Crowd Pledges Fealty to U.S.

NEW YORK, May 21 (ANS).—Under a warm sun tempered by a breeze that ruffled the flags of the United Nations, approximately 1,500,000 persons of all faiths, races and colors yesterday in Central Park affirmed their faith in the nation that for many of them a haven from terror and persecution.

It was a record "I Am An American Day" crowd, and in the words of Judge Learned Hand, senior member of the U.S. court of appeals, it pledged itself to help fashion a world "which shall be better than a den of thieves" and to make the American flag "a signal, a beacon, a standard to which the best hopes of mankind will ever turn."

The audience jammed 11 blocks of temporary benches and included an estimated 75,000 persons naturalized in the last year.

President Truman, in a letter read by Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia, said that the millions of New York's population, who represent "every clime and every nation on the face of the earth," are Americans because they or their forebearers "sought this land of freedom and opportunity, bringing with them memories of their homelands and the varied cultures from which they sprang"

Forest Memorial Honors Roosevelt

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21 (ANS).—World statesmen honored the late Franklin D. Roosevelt yesterday in ceremonies held amid the giant redwood trees of Muir Woods National Monument.

Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. dedicated a plaque set into one of the ancient redwoods. Other speakers included Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts of South Africa and Brazilian Foreign Minister Pedro Leao Velloso.

The inscription on the plaque reads: "Here, in this grove of enduring redwoods preserved for posterity, members of the United Nations Conference on International Organization met on May 19, 1945, to honor the memory of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 31st President of the U.S., chief architect of the United Nations and apostle of lasting peace for all mankind."

Food Output Cut In S. Hemisphere

WASHINGTON, May 21 (ANS).—The Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations reported today that droughts had reduced materially the meat and grain output in the southern hemisphere just at the time of greatest need in liberated Europe.

Substantial reduction in production was reported from Argentina, Brazil, Australia and South Africa—nations which normally supply the bulk of their exportable surplus to Europe.

Lighthouse Lights Up

LEWES, Del., May 21 (ANS).—Historic old Fenwick's Island lighthouse threw its warning beam 15 miles out to sea tonight for the first time since the Atlantic Coast was dimmed out after Pearl Harbor. The 80-foot lighthouse was erected in 1857.

Navy Reveals Capture of Sub By Officer, Eight Volunteers

NEW YORK, May 21 (ANS).—An American naval lieutenant and eight volunteers seized a German submarine off the African coast last June and rode her 2,000 miles to Bermuda, the Navy revealed today.

An American destroyer escort depth-charged the U-Boat until it surfaced, then shelled it until the crew scrambled into the sea. Lt. Albert Leroy David, 45, of Madison, Wis., boarded the sub, which was spinning aimlessly in a choppy sea. With eight volunteers, David neutralized 14 German demolition charges and closed the scuttling valve.

The sub captain's safe was broken open and documents and code books removed. Another ship then towed the U-boat to Bermuda.

David has been recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Latin America Expected to OK Areas Solution

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21.—The amendment on regional security systems, supported unanimously by the Big Five, today was under consideration by the Latin American delegations. They are expected to approve the amendment.

The amendment is a blend of the American and Russian views. It would give regional groups of states the right to act immediately, either individually or collectively, in self-defense against an aggressor while the security council of the world league prepared to take steps to restore peace.

The discussion on fitting regional security systems into the new world organization had occupied delegates for almost two weeks at the United Nations conference here.

Unanimous support by the Big Five of the amendment was announced by Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr., who said: "The very gratifying and full and unanimous agreement on this matter puts us well ahead."

With the regional dispute ended, attention turned to the trusteeship question. Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen, a member of the American delegation, who has been working on an acceptable amendment, said that the five major nations were making encouraging progress in smoothing out differences over the formula for governing dependent peoples and territory wrested from the enemy.

One difference yet to be composed is the Russian and Chinese proposal that independence be promised flatly to dependent peoples and territories, as contrasted with a promise of development of self-government.

Death Rate in U.S. 10.9 Per 1,000 in '43

WASHINGTON, May 21 (ANS).—The nation's civilian death rate, rose to 10.9 per 1,000 population in 1943, the Census Bureau announced. It was 10.4 in 1942, the lowest ever recorded for the U.S.

Main causes of the rise, according to the bureau, were the removal of great numbers of physically fit younger persons overseas, leaving behind a greater proportion of older persons, and a bad influenza epidemic in December of 1943.

Utah, with an 8.0 death rate, was the lowest among the states, and Vermont, with 14.0, the highest.

The five main causes of death, in order, were: heart diseases, cancer and other malignant tumors, cerebral hemorrhages, kidney diseases and pneumonia and influenza.

Hero Who KO'd Pillbox Gets Posthumous CMH

WASHINGTON, May 21 (ANS).—A soldier who made a one-man assault on a German pillbox after he had been wounded mortally has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. S/Sgt. Alvin Carey, of Laurin, Pa., armed himself with as many grenades as he could handle and, crawled almost 100 yards to knock out an enemy pillbox on a hill in Brittany last August. His company then took the hill.

Cooking of Film Star's Wife Drives Him Back Into Army

HOLLYWOOD, May 21 (ANS).—Don't get Mrs. Alan Ladd wrong. It wasn't that she wanted the allotment. This is the story:

More than two years ago Ladd dropped the pistol he carried in movie gunman roles for an M-1. In ten months he had worked himself up to two stripes and a set of ulcers so severe he was discharged. Back in Hollywood, he was the answer to producers' prayers for a leading man.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Ladd—she used

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British Tell of Sinking Of Battleship by Midget Sub

An Italian midget submarine sneaked into the harbor at Alexandria and torpedoed and sank the British battleship Queen Elizabeth in January, 1942, the Office of Naval Affairs disclosed in London yesterday. The dreadnought later was refloated and taken to dockwards in the U.S. for repair.

The Norwegian port of Bergen, site of the Germans largest submarine base, has been formally surrendered to two British destroyers, Reuter reported.

Marines Set Policy On Surviving Sons

WASHINGTON, May 21 (ANS).—The Marine Corps lined up with the Army and Navy today in protecting the remaining service members of families which have lost two or more sons in combat.

Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, Marine Corps commandant, announced that the remaining members will be assigned non-hazardous duties upon request of the serviceman concerned or of a member of his immediate family. A remaining member who is a sole surviving son will in every case be retained in or returned to the U.S. for permanent assignment.

Requests for "protection" may be made if two or more members have been killed in action, if they have died of wounds, accident or disease, if reported missing in action or prisoners of war.

Disabled Vets Get Driving Lessons

ALBANY, May 21 (ANS).—New York State instituted today a program designed to teach hundreds of physically disabled veterans to drive specially-equipped automobiles.

The training plan has been approved by the commanding officer of the Mitchell Field station hospital at Hempstead, N.Y., where 20 wounded veterans were scheduled to get their first lesson from state instructors next week. It was expected that at least 400 men from the Mitchell Field hospital alone would take the training.

The state will pay for the program, which requires the approval of a hospital's commanding officer before it can be started at that institution. At least two qualified motor vehicle bureau examiners will be assigned to each hospital. They will be equipped with automobiles which have dual controls and special devices to help handicapped drivers.

Legless Veteran Issued Auto Driver's License

EVERETT, Mass., May 21 (ANS).—Richard Sinclair, 20, has become the first legless veteran of this war to obtain an automobile driver's license in Massachusetts. A mortar shell took off Sinclair's legs near Florence, Italy, last June.

to be known as Sue Carol on the screen—went to work on an ulcer diet, and the things she did with coddled eggs, custards and such did the trick. Her husband was cured and in such good shape the Army tapped him again last September. He was deferred to work on Army films, but now is a buck private again with a yen to go overseas. "I'll be glad to get out of these civilian duds," he says. "You can't help but feel useless in civvies. I missed the Army and I'd be a liar if I said I didn't."

A Joe CAN Dream

This Army Life at Times Is a Bit of All Right
—When Viewed From a Deep and Cozy Bed

By Andy Rooney
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Between white sheets in a hotel in Nice a Joe fell asleep and he dreamed:

He was assigned to a division made up of the best from the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Ninth, 82nd Airborne and a few more crack divisions. They just took the oldtimers. They Allen was division commander.

The infantry division was reinforced with tank battalions selected from the Second, Third and Fourth Armored Divisions; they all had new tanks with three feet of armor all around and a quick traversing high velocity 105mm. gun.



Every man in the division kept his M1 and was given a German Luger and a Schmiesser machine pistol in addition. Each man also got a pair of 16-power Zeiss binoculars and a Leica.

One of the best things about the outfit was that there was a jeep for every four men and the jeeps were armed with handy twin Spandau machine-guns taken from the tail of captured JU88s.

The division artillery was equipped with German 88s, which artillery officers had been careful to see that the War Department had not "improved and modified" and

with our own 105s, 155s and 240s. Each platoon was supported by a battery of 4.2 millimeter chemical mortars and, of course, had their own cub observation planes.

The division fought only on weekdays and the men were paid in American dollars, not cigar coupons as formerly, every Friday night, whereupon their COs would turn them loose on the nearest town on the boys' promise that they would report back in time for the war first thing Monday morning.

Both EM and officers in the division were given a weekly liquor ration and the PX ration had no tropical chocolate bars in it. Each man got a carton of cigarettes each week and if he didn't smoke them himself he could turn them back to an officer whose job it was to take them to the best local market and sell them. The soldier was given all but three percent of the return on sales. The other three percent went into the division fund which gave every man \$100 when his turn came to go home on a 30-day furlough every six months.

Special arrangements were made with the postmaster in New York to have the division's mail sorted there and it was then put on special planes which flew directly into a field near the division CP, giving the boys four-day mail service even from the West Coast.

Each infantryman who received four or more airmail letters each month got flying pay and the Air Force fellows were mad as the very dickens about it because no matter how many letters they got they couldn't get the infantryman's \$10 combat pay. The dreamer was heard to chuckle in his sleep by a chambermaid who was passing the door with four sheets over her arm, whistling "Off We Go Into the Bright Blue Yonder," in French.

When the division got in a tight spot the cooks were issued class B ration; usually, however, they got regular garrison rations, with a chicken in every messkit every Sunday. Some C rations were issued the fellow who wanted them to feed friendly animals they had acquired and K rations were fed to German prisoners who wouldn't talk.

Each jeep was equipped with a blow torch instead of the regular GI stove and the canteen cups they heated their coffee in were of a new design which did not burn the lip when full of hot coffee.

In the winter the men were issued German sheep-lined coats and every man got one of the armored-type combat jackets instead of the regular or irregular field jackets. Issue shoes were always paratroop boots instead of cold, leaky, buckle-top boots.

Underwear, towels and handkerchiefs were white, not olive drab, when issued, and to keep these dainties clean the quartermaster provided the division with a mobile, fool-proof, 48-hour laundry service. The laundry almost never made mistakes except when some careless worker slipped an extra shirt or pair of shorts in a bundle.

Because of the division's experience, it often was given towns to take which were being defended by Italian prisoners whom the Germans had ordered to fight. By a great stroke of luck the cellars in the towns were always as full of good things to drink as was the cellar of the Excelsior Hotel in Cologne.

The division's actions were closely and accurately followed in The Stars and Stripes and on the average day most of the men in the division had their names mentioned at least once. The paper always reached them the same day it was published.

The dreamer, who had 110 points toward a discharge, awoke. Next day he was shipped to a repple depple and moved as an essential through the Mediterranean to the GBI, where he lived unhappily ever after.

1,000,000 Men Evacuated by ATC

WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP).—The Air Transport Command has evacuated more than 1,000,000 sick and wounded members of U.S. and other Allied forces from all theaters in 32 months, the War Department announced yesterday.

The WD said that virtually all casualties evacuated from east of the Rhine in the final phases of the European war were transported by aircraft. More than 300,000 patients were evacuated from forward to rear areas of the ETO between D-Day and V-E Day.

Battle casualties comprised about 35 percent of evacuees in 1944, with the figure jumping to 50 percent in the early months of 1945. The remainder consisted of personnel sent to hospitals because of sickness or non-combat injuries.



17 Plays Rehearse For Overseas Run

NEW YORK, May 21 (ANS).—Seventeen full-length plays and musical comedies are now in rehearsal for overseas tours with USO Camp Shows, Inc. in response to a War Department order for more troop entertainment.

Among stars scheduled to go overseas for the first time in plays and variety shows are Frank Sinatra, Raymond Massey, Amos 'n Andy and Katherine Hepburn. Spencer Tracy, Bob Hope and Jack Benny will do repeat tours.

LOS ANGELES, May 21 (ANS).—Charles Chaplin's petition for retrial of Joan Berry's paternity suit will be heard next Friday in Superior Court.

Birthday Cake With Victory Frosting



V-E Day was also President Truman's 61st birthday, so the Chief Executive had a double celebration. He is shown cutting the cake at the White House.

Nazi Torturer, MG Aide, Held; Swore Hitler in as German

By Earl Mazo
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BRUNSWICK, May 21.—Dietrich Klagges, the man who swore Hitler in as a naturalized German over 20 years ago, was working for the Allied Military Government in this city when he was arrested by the 30th Div. CIC.

A few days before his arrest the Nazi had complained to MG officials that their regulations in Brunswick were "unreasonable and unfair"

'Chutists Aided PWEvacuation

Allied airborne reconnaissance teams were parachuted near a German concentration camp to obtain information as to the food and medical requirements of U.S. prisoners even before the area was overrun by advancing Yank forces, SHAEF disclosed yesterday.

Six teams were dropped near Altingrabow after an escaped prisoner had reported that it was being used as a center for prisoners from five other camps.

Two of the teams were captured, but the senior officer of one was able to persuade the Nazi camp commandant to allow him to radio his headquarters certain desired information. He was successful and within six days arrangements were made to evacuate all British, U.S. and French prisoners to places within the American lines.

SHAEF further disclosed that approximately 1,500 transport planes now are evacuating liberated Allied PWs. During good flying weather as many as 36,000 have been evacuated in a day.

As of May 17, a total of 62,960 U.S., 130,140 British and 603,940 French besides a number of Belgian and Dutch nationals had been evacuated.

1,000 Leave Daily On UK Furloughs

One thousand soldiers a day are leaving the Continent for seven-day furloughs in the UK. The number of furloughs will be increased as rapidly as transportation facilities permit, Com Z announced yesterday.

Furloughing soldiers may travel at government expense to any point in England, Scotland, Wales and northern Ireland. Red Cross and Army facilities assure the men of regular meals, a place to stay and a full entertainment program.

Permission to visit Eire for urgent reasons or to see blood relatives will be granted on application to the Commanding General, UK Base.

Swedish Premier Hints Cabinet May Disband

STOCKHOLM, May 21 (AP).—Sweden's wartime coalition government may break up, it was indicated today by Premier Albin Hansson. He announced that the cabinet's continuation was not to be counted on even though there were many reasons for it carrying on.

Among other things, Klagges was a lieutenant general in the SS, Nazi minister president in the state of Brunswick, director of the notorious SS Volksfreundhaus, and a general party big-wig since 1924.

Klagges apparently was feared and despised even by Germans in his city. Reports were that civilians refused to live within a block of his headquarters because the screams of tortured people being interrogated were unbearable.

Of the Reisberg murders in 1938 for which he was responsible, Klagges had little to tell the Americans. The facts were these:

Following the killing of one SS man in a street in Brunswick, Klagges arrested all men living on that street, picked ten at random and tortured them to death in public. His job with the Allied Military Government in Brunswick was as a local administrator.

Bomber Device Combats Fatigue

A device enabling U.S. bomber pilots to maneuver their heavy ships with the touch of a finger was used extensively during the late phases of the air war over Germany, Col. D. L. Putt, director of the Air Technical Service Command in Europe, disclosed yesterday.

The "formation control stick," Col. Putt explained, "cuts down flight fatigue and allows tired pilots to stay in formation with a minimum of effort during the long runs to and from targets. The eight-inch long stick, mounted on pedestals 30 inches high, is so geared that it can be moved with one finger, controlling electrical components beneath it which operate ailerons, elevators and rudder.

British Reveal '43 Loss Of Escort Carrier

LONDON, May 21 (UP).—The Admiralty has disclosed the loss of the escort carrier HMS Dasher, which blew up and sank in the Firth of Clyde in March, 1943, while hundreds of persons looked on.

The Dasher was rocked by violent explosions which are believed to have been set off by an aircraft making a poor landing on the deck and setting off bomb stores.

Freed PWs Entertained By Special Service Unit

HILDESHEIM, Germany, May 21.—More than 5,000 Allied liberated prisoners of war are being entertained daily by the 15th Special Service Co. at the Ninth Army Leave Center here.

In Brief...

Can't Stem Olive's Spree

LOS ANGELES, May 21 (ANS).—Film Director Roy Del Ruth, testifying in his wife, Olive's, suit for \$5,000 a month separate maintenance, said that when he asked Olive to economize she replied — "To hell with the war—I didn't start it and I'm not concerned with it and I will spend all the money I want to."

Allies Store Gold in Rome

ROME, May 21 (UP).—Approximately 23 tons of gold discovered by U.S. troops near Bolzano was brought to Rome today and placed in a Bank of Italy vault by the Allied financial agency. Officials declined to comment on ownership of the gold.

5,000 Tires Recapped Weekly

WITH U.S. FORCES IN BELGIUM, May 21.—Five thousand battle-worn tires are being recapped and reconditioned weekly in the Army's newest and largest tire repair plant, which opened in Belgium last Sunday. The plant is operated by the 430th Ordnance Tire Repair Co.

Ben Franklin Penny?

NEW YORK, May 21 (ANS).—The Sons of the American Revolution today sponsored a move to put the likeness of Benjamin Franklin on the U.S. penny. They would "promote" Abe Lincoln from the penny to the half-dollar to make room for Franklin, who, they claim, has been neglected as an American hero.

Largest Transmitter

MOSCOW, May 21 (AP).—The USSR has the world's most powerful radio station, according to the Commissar for Communications. He said that its construction began in 1941 and was completed in 1943, most of the parts being made at Leningrad during the city's blockade by the Germans.

Hospital Trains Haul PWs

NORMANDY BASE SECTION, May 21.—Twenty-four U.S. Army hospital trains no longer needed for casualty evacuation have been turned over to the Transportation Corps to carry liberated American PWs from Germany to an embarkation camp in northern France.

Former Vichy Envoy Held

Jean Georges Scapini, former Vichy PW envoy in Berlin, is being held at Fresnes prison near Paris. He gave himself up to Allied authorities in Munich. Scapini was blinded in the first World War. Documents in Braille found in his luggage are being examined.

Jap Army Leader Dies

LONDON, May 21 (UP).—BBC today quoted a Japanese Telegraph Service broadcast from Tokyo of the death of His Imperial Highness Prince Field Marshal Kotohito Kantin, one of Japan's foremost army leaders. He died at the age of 80.

More T B Hospitals Needed

NEW YORK, May 21 (AP).—Expansion of hospital facilities for the treatment of tuberculosis will be required to avert a threatened increase in the disease in the U.S. as a result of the war, Morris Fishbein, editor of the journal of the American Medical Association stated today.

Border Raiders

WINDSOR, Ont., May 21.—More than 25,000 Detroit district shoppers crossed the Canadian border yesterday, many of them seeking meat, which is unrationed in Canada. Result: Windsor now has a meat shortage of its own.

1,622 Jumps

MOSCOW, May 21 (UP).—Moscow radio said today that Lt. Col. Amantayev was Russia's most successful parachutist, having made 1,622 jumps, one of them from 22,836 feet for a world's record.

11 PM Closing Time Set for Paris Cabarets

City authorities have decreed an 11 PM closing time for most Paris bars and cabarets, INS reported yesterday.

The drive, which is being backed up by Paris police patrols, is aimed at reducing debauchery and eliminating part of the black market. Lt. Col. K. G. Pavey, deputy Provost Marshal of the Seine Section, said he had no knowledge of the Paris police campaign and that MPs had not been asked to cooperate.

7th Army Men Find Goering's Art Treasures

By Ed Lawrence

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH U.S. SEVENTH ARMY, May 21.—Five officers of this army, now on the greatest treasure hunt since discovery of the Valley of the Kings in Egypt, have found in the Bavarian Alps near Berchtesgaden \$200,000,000 in art treasures hidden by Hermann Goering in a cave under his hunting lodge.

This was the latest development in a search which so far has yielded riches in a mountain castle near Fuess, in sealed caskets on the floor of an Alpine lake, in an island fortress in the Bavarian Chiemsee, and other repositories.

Capt. Harry V. Anderson, of Ossining, N.Y., a G-5 officer with the 101st Airborne Div., described how the cache in the cave was found.

"We explored the cave and found only bare walls," he said. "Then we got hold of the engineer who had supervised construction of the cave. He showed us where a room should be and when we ripped out the concrete wall, we found all this stuff."

The art works are on exhibition for soldiers at a luxurious Luftwaffe barracks in the Alps. Walter Andreas House, world-renowned art dealer who since 1935 had been buying for Goering, acts as guide. He claims every item has been paid for.

Besides centuries-old paintings by Dutch, French, German, Flemish and Italian masters, the exhibition includes one room entirely filled with objects of art made of pure gold. Among them are huge jewel-encrusted medieval goblets, golden swords, finely-wrought boxes studded with gems, candelabra, statuettes and gold bullion.

Other rooms are crowded with silver plate, gold and silver art treasures, tapestries of fabulous value. One Gobelin's tapestry is believed worth a million dollars.

Some of the paintings are hardly the type you'd hang in the nursery. Two of these, works of the great French painter Boucher, were turned out at the request of Madame Pompadour, who reputedly thought that, properly displayed in her bedroom, they might rejuvenate the dying ardor of her lover, King Louis XV.

Though House claims Goering paid for everything, Allied officials charge that most were bought at art auctions that were little more than farces, since nobody would bid against the Nazi official.

It is estimated that the value of the looted paintings in Goering's collection, and others throughout Germany, may run as high as \$550,000,000.

Russian to Reveal Healing Formula

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21 (ANS).

—Prof. Alexander V. Palladin, Russian bio-chemist and a member of the Ukrainian delegation to the United Nations Conference, said yesterday he will give American scientists the formula for Vikasol, his wartime discovery for healing wounds that is credited with speeding the recovery of thousands of wounded Red Army men.

Palladin said he would meet with American doctors and scientists after the conference to relate his experiences with the vitamin K solution, which he developed in a makeshift laboratory.

The 60-year-old bio-chemist said Vikasol had proved successful in stopping capillary bleeding and that it had restored wounded soldiers to health in two or three weeks instead of two months.

Berlin Government Set Up by Russians

LONDON, May 21 (UP).—Radio Berlin, now under Russian control, announced last night that the Red Army had authorized formation of a city administration under Lord Mayor Dr. Arthur Werner.

Dr. Werner, in a proclamation, called on Berliners to aid the new administration in restoring normal life and fulfilling its "obligations toward the Red Army military command."

His proclamation named a long list of department heads, including an adviser on religious matters. Another broadcast said power and other utilities in the Schoeneberg district of Berlin had been restored.

Okinawa Gets Radio Station

OKINAWA, May 21 (ANS).—Radio station Okinawa, the newest addition to the U.S. Armed Forces radio service in the Pacific, is scheduled to begin daily broadcasts today.

Bastogne Today: A Modern Pompeii

Few GIs, Little Food, Lots to Drink in 'Graveyard Town'

By Jimmy Cannon

Stars and Stripes Staff Correspondent

BASTOGNE, May 21.—One of the seven highways to Bastogne was once a main supply route. Black lettered signs on the trees tell you the road and shoulders have been cleared of mines and to keep a 60-yard interval in convoy. But today you ride 40 miles without seeing a soldier or an Army vehicle.

Grass grows in the shell craters and foxholes along the road. German shells are stacked in the woods. In an alley between two farm buildings a shell-punctured Sherman tank lies in impotent ambush. From a hillock where cows kneel in the sun three light German tanks point their useless guns at the trees.

The frames of three gliders lie in a daisy-sprinkled meadow like the skinned carcasses of immense birds. A C47 lies in rusted disorder in a sunny glade. Only the hawks patrol the skies today.

All this happened during the breakthrough and there was snow on all of it. There were dead men in these tanks and the living thought the war would never end. Now it's spring and the dust will devour the tanks if they give it time enough. Guys who fought here in the snow have enough points to go home. But the dead didn't get very far. Most of them are down the road on a hill outside where the 610 Graves Registration buried them. As usual the defenders of Bastogne are outnumbered. There are 5,000 German dead and 2,500 American dead.

Ten contracting firms, employing 600 men, are trying to rebuild another Bastogne on the ashes of the old. If they can get the material, Mayor Leon Jacquemin says, it will take them three years to have Bastogne operating as a normal community of 4,500, its present population.

There is little to eat, but much to drink in this modern Pompeii. Twenty cafes are going in the town and getting a big play from the townspeople and the few soldiers stationed here. Their sidewalk chairs under beach umbrellas give the town a grotesque frivolity.



An American tank rumbles through ruins of Bastogne, where 101st Airborne troops were besieged in bloodiest Battle of the Bulge last winter. Rebuilding, already started on the ashes, will require three years. Twenty cafes solace the few lonely GIs stationed there.

A black market flourishes in the town and there are 20 collaborators awaiting trial. But, as Judge John Dodger says, there is little crime and much love. Twenty-five children have been born since the siege was lifted in Bastogne. The marriages have increased since the townsmen have returned from captivity in Germany, and the death rate is normal.

On the Rue de Verviers, the stores are open and some of them have glass windows. A cattle auction was going in the square and many men wore scarves made out of parachutes dropped to the 101st Airborne Div. during the time it was cut off in and-around the city. Some of the girls wear blouses of parachute silk with American and British flags for breast pockets.

The people of Bastogne say they are going to build a monument to the 101st with the word "Nuts" on it. That was the one-word answer the then Brig. Gen. Anthony J. McAuliffe sent back to the German commander who asked for the surrender of the American forces.

Some of the outfits stationed here stand reveille and the 380th MP Bn. wears white-painted leggings, web belts and helmet liners. Pvt. Carl De Angelie, of Brooklyn, said he likes Bastogne because the girls are all right and the cafes help you pass the time.

But five months after the relief of Bastogne, there is still some fighting in the town. Some of our troops hooked up last night with several local truck drivers. It was something about a dame.

Hungary's Gold Cache Found In Alpine Village by 80th Div.

WITH 80th DIV. IN AUSTRIA, May 21.—State treasures of Hungary, including the total gold reserve behind all Hungarian currency in circulation, have been discovered by 80th Div. men.

The hoard, guarded by 200 Hungarian gendarmes and more than 500 financial experts, clerks, bookkeepers and other employees, is valued at more than \$160,000,000.

High in the Austrian Alps in the ancient village of Spital am Pyhrn, the searchers, led by M/Sgt. William J. De Huszar, of Chicago, found 4,000,000,000 pengos (\$130,000,000 at the present rate of exchange), \$30,000,000 in gold and complete sets of plates for the printing of all paper currency.

Also in the hideout were over 1,000,000 German reichsmarks, some \$200,000 in currency of other countries, including \$159,000 in American money; six cases of Hungarian art treasures, including historical 14th-century illuminated manuscripts belonging to ancient Magyar kings, and 20 cases containing jewels and other valuables once the property of the royal Hungarian court.

Shortly before the arrival of the 80th Div. units, Gestapo agents attempted to remove the treasures, but patriotic Hungarians sabotaged the effort.

Don't Relax Against Jap Marine Chief Warns U.S.

CHICAGO, May 21 (AP).—America "has no justification whatever" for relaxing its war effort despite the surrender of Germany, as the Japanese show "every sign of fighting with fanatical abandon to the end," Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, Marine Corps commandant, said tonight.

He spoke at "I Am An American Day" ceremonies sponsored by a newspaper in co-operation with the Treasury Department and the Seventh War Loan committee.

Vandegrift added that although the U.S. had executed "very sizable" amphibious operations in the Pacific war, much bigger ones were yet to come.

Allies Await Role in Austria

A British Foreign Office commentator declared yesterday that Allied occupation of Austria was awaiting a decision by the European Advisory Commission as to the boundaries of zones to be occupied by British, American and Russian troops.

The spokesman said the Allied Control Commission would not take over until a decision had been reached, and that the "Russians do not want British and Americans in Austria until the zones have been decided upon."

In Washington, according to U.P., U.S. officials acknowledged that Austrian developments seriously complicate Allied plans for the quick occupation of that country. United Press said Russia had sent what is considered an unsatisfactory answer to Anglo-American requests for an explanation of the Renner government in Austria.

Although there was no official statement on the contents of the Russian message, government sources emphasized that Britain and the U.S. will continue to refuse recognition of the Renner government.

Russian spokesmen have taken the attitude that since the Austrians are ready to begin establishing governmental control, Russia should not interfere. Official circles in Washington were not ready to predict how differences can be resolved, but it is evident that there must be complete accordance before occupation machinery can function.

Churches Defend Women Bartenders

DETROIT, May 21 (ANS).—The Detroit Council of Churches defended today the right of women to work as bartenders but emphasized that it did not approve of women being either in front of bars or behind them.

The council's statement, issued by T. T. Brumtaugh, executive secretary, stemmed from an attempt by the bartenders' union to bar women from the profession. A recently-enacted state law provides that only wives and daughters of proprietors may tend bar.

"So long as the serving of liquor is legal and its sale is regulated by the state, it is difficult to see how women may be legally and publicly discriminated against in an aspect of the business," the council's statement said.

"Such is the price of democracy. But certainly the Detroit Council of Churches does not approve of women behind bars in Detroit's taverns, or in front of them either."

Local Stock Leads Market

ST. LOUIS, May 21 (ANS).—Sgt. John C. Coleman, 27, who once said Australian girls were less artificial than American girls, was married yesterday to his high school sweetheart.

Coleman, one of the first American soldiers to arrive in Australia after Pearl Harbor, returned to the U.S. on furlough last January and popped off about the fine qualities of Australian girls.

He was swamped by phone calls, letters and telegrams from protesting American girls, one of whom was the present Mrs. Coleman. She intimated he ought to go back where he came from.

Coleman did, but returned recently on another furlough and married his critic, 24-year-old Carmelita J. Haven, of Greenville, Ill. They're honeymooning now and Coleman, with 127 points and an American wife, is keeping quiet about Australian girls.

Debate Flares Over Election For Britain

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The Labor party's rejection of Prime Minister Churchill's suggestion to continue the coalition government until the end of the Japanese war has made an immediate general election inevitable and touched off the first round in the campaign.

The Associated Press reported from Blackpool that British labor leaders, in convention there, had reportedly rejected Churchill's suggestion when it was submitted by Deputy Prime Minister Clement Attlee. The AP said Attlee read the note in a secret meeting with members of the executive committee, who in turn decided to air whole issue on the convention floor with a recommendation that the proposal be rejected.

Date for Election Debated

London newspapers today debated the question of the election—the first in Britain in ten years—on two points: the date it is to be held, and the responsibility for breaking up the coalition. While most papers agreed that July 5 is the most likely date, the liberal and left wing press insists that postponement of the election until autumn would be more advisable, whereas conservative circles are inclined to favor an earlier date.

The Daily Herald, official labor organ, said Churchill's "worst advisers" had prevailed upon him to set an early date for the election, and that while labor was ready and eager to put its policy before the country, it will "deplore Churchill's surrender to those who have been urging a rush election." Disadvantages of an early date, the Herald said, are that "large numbers of the electorate" will be deprived of their "right to make up their minds carefully and deliberately," and that because of "the incomplete state of the voters' lists many thousands of civilian electors will be virtually disfranchised."

Labor Party Assailed

The liberal Manchester Guardian, meanwhile, warned that if the coalition was broken and succeeded by a Conservative government, "the whole process of European resettlement may receive a setback." It called for a "government with the whole country behind it," and said if the July election had "international consequence the Conservatives will be largely responsible for them."

This suggestion was strongly rejected by the Daily Mail, which in an editorial placed the responsibility for disrupting the coalition "at this critical stage in world history" on the Labor party.

Another Conservative viewpoint was expressed by the Daily Telegraph, which said: "If the Socialists persist in their intention of destroying the national government there is everything to be said for having a general election . . . not later than July. This is no time for the uncertainty and unsettlement which a deferred general election must necessarily involve. The prestige and authority of this country would be fatally impaired just as the moment when it needs to speak with a voice of decision."

Eire Ready to Join World Peace Group

DUBLIN, May 21 (Reuter).—Prime Minister Eamon de Valera said yesterday that Eire, "a loyal member of the old League of Nations," was prepared to become a member of any new league for collective security if the league promised to be effective.

Speaking during a military parade, De Valera declared Eire's experience in the war had showed how difficult it was for a small nation to preserve its neutrality while on its borders great powers were fighting.

No nation could be more concerned than Eire that all nations should live under rule of law based on justice and equal rights, De Valera said. That rule of law should be backed by adequate force to bring the transgressor to book, he added.

Berlin Shops Reopened

MOSCOW, May 21 (INS).—Radio Moscow reported from Berlin today that 128 shops had reopened in the Charlottenburg section. Hospitals and several ambulances are available for the civilian population and fire brigades have started working again. It was said, however, that many factories and institutions were not functioning because of lack of current.

Voiselle Notches 8th as Giants Split; White Sox Increase Lead Over Tigers

NEW YORK, May 21.—With Bill Voiselle spinning his eighth straight victory of the year, the Giants halved yesterday's Sabbath doubleheader with the Pirates, while the runner-up Dodgers stumbled twice against the Cubs to drop three and a half games off the National League pace.

After Voiselle's 5-1 triumph, the Bucs rebounded behind Preacher Roe to hand the New Yorkers their initial whitewash of the season, 4-0, before 51,340 fans at the Polo Grounds. Voiselle pitched four-hit ball, while Rip Sewell and Xavier Rescigno yielded ten to the Giants, including homeruns by Joe Medwick and Ernie Lombardi. Frank Gustine homered for Pittsburgh.

The Pirates made only four hits—all singles—off Harry Feldman in the nightcap, but they bunched them with three walks to count their four runs in the sixth inning.

Derringer Wins No. 5

Paul Derringer shaded Curt Davis in the first Cub-Dodger tilt, 4-2, for his fifth conquest, and the Chicagoans also snatched the finale, 4-1, before 36,176 chagrined Flatbush customers. Bill Nicholson swatted a homerun in the fifth inning of the opener for the Bruins.

Three runs on four hits off Hal Gregg in the first inning of the second game was sufficient for Hank Wyse, although he needed three double-plays to pull him out of tight pinches. The Bums averted a shutout when Luis Olmo tripled and then raced across on Bill Hart's single in the second frame.

Bucky Walters wasn't around at the finish but he finally drew credit for his first victory of 1945 as the Reds outlasted the Braves, 10-8, in their first game at Boston. The Braves salvaged the second game, 9-4, with Red Barrett going the route, while the Redlegs employed Ed Heusser, Frank Dasso and Hod Lisenbee.

Bucky Leaves in 8th

Walters contributed two home-runs to his own cause, but he departed in the eighth when the Braves suddenly found the range. Jim Tobin opened for Boston, but was shelved to the showers in the second inning.

The Phillies concluded their home stand against the western invaders by dividing their twin bill with the Cardinals. After gifting the champions with four unearned runs and a 6-2 triumph, the Phils grabbed the afterpiece, 7-6, before 17,183 fans.

Ted Wilks checked the Phils in the early affair after errors by Bob Crawford, Johnny Antonelli and Pitcher Bill Lee gave the Cards four runs in the first four innings. Tony Karl drew the nightcap nod over Jack Creel, aided by Vince DiMaggio's four-run homer in the fourth. Whitey Kurowski homered for the Redbirds in each game.

Big Six Charts 1947 Grid State

LINCOLN, Neb., May 21.—Big Six athletic directors, looking far into the future, yesterday approved a 1947 football schedule which includes the following games:

- Oct. 4—Iowa State at Kansas.
- 11—Nebraska at Iowa State.
- 18—Iowa State at Missouri; Kansas at Oklahoma.
- 25—Missouri at Iowa State; Nebraska at Kansas State.
- Nov. 1—Iowa State at Oklahoma; Kansas State at Kansas; Nebraska at Missouri.
- 8—Oklahoma at Kansas State; Kansas at Nebraska.
- 15—Kansas State at Iowa State; Oklahoma at Missouri.
- 22—Oklahoma at Nebraska.
- 29—Missouri at Kansas.

NEW YORK, May 21.—The White Sox swept their fourth Sunday doubleheader of the season and lengthened their lead over the Tigers and Browns to two full games by trouncing the Red Sox, 4-2 and 8-2, at Chicago yesterday.

Still Going Strong



Bill Tilden

Tilden Scores Net Triumph

PHILADELPHIA, May 21.—Big Bill Tilden, fleet and 52, burned up the court yesterday as he defeated George Lytleton Rogers, former Irish Davis Cup ace, 6-3, 6-3.

The lanky tennis perennial then auctioned off his winning racquet for \$15,000 in War Bonds, bid by Mrs. A. K. Walling, of Mountairy, Pa.

Alice Marble, former women's amateur champion, took a 5-3 lead over Vinnie Richards, veteran pro netter, before Richards hit his stride to win their one-set match, 8-6.

Runs for the Week

Team	National League					Total
	M	T	W	T	F	
Boston	4	3	3	2	1	17
Brooklyn	4	6	3	1	5	34
Chicago	5	4	0	5	12	34
Cincinnati	5	7	2	4	1	32
New York	6	5	6	8	5	30
Philadelphia	4	3	6	2	8	32
Pittsburgh	1	3	1	1	5	25
St. Louis	X	8	5	7	11	42

Team	American League					Total
	M	T	W	T	F	
Boston	P	P	P	X	2	4
Chicago	P	P	P	P	0	12
Cleveland	P	P	P	P	P	6
Detroit	P	P	P	P	P	5
New York	P	P	P	P	1	3
Philadelphia	P	P	P	P	P	1
St. Louis	P	P	P	X	4	14
Washington	P	P	P	P	P	6

Marchildon Gains Freedom

TORONTO, May 21.—Phil Marchildon, former Philadelphia Athletics' hurling ace who won 17 games for the Mackmen in 1942, was among 257 Canadian airmen released from a German prisoner-of-war camp.

Nagel Turned Down

CHICAGO, May 21.—Bill Nagel, White Sox freshman first baseman, was rejected yesterday at the local induction center.

Thornton Lee fashioned his fifth victory in the opener and Orval Grove outpitched Joe Bowman in the windup. Rex Cecil suffered the initial reversal. Leon Culbertson's homerun with Pete Fox aboard accounted for both Boston runs against Lee, and George Metkovich duplicated the drive with Jack Tobin on base for Boston's scoring in the second game. Wally Moses homered for the White Sox in the eighth inning of the late game.

Benton Loses 4-Hitter

Al Benton's five-game winning skien was snapped by the Senators as the Navy dischargee dropped a heart-breaking 1-0 verdict to Chick Pieretti after the Tigers and Stubby Overmire won the opener, 4-1. Benton stifled the Griffs with four hits but Joe Kuhel singled and George Binks followed with a double in the ninth for the game's only run. Pieretti allowed three hits—singles by Eddie Mayo, Rudy York and Bob Swift.

A homerun by Binks in the third inning of the game spoiled Overmire's bid for a shutout. The Tigers clinched the verdict in the third, clustering three runs on three singles and two errors, to pin the defeat on Johnny Niggeling.

The Browns climbed into a second place deadlock with the Tigers by continuing their dominance over the Yankees, winning both games at St. Louis, 10-1 and 4-2, to sweep the four-game series. Nelson Potter handcuffed the New Yorkers with four hits in the first game, while the Browns pummeled Alton Donald and Bill Zuber for seven runs in the initial frame.

Muncrief Beats Dubiel

Bob Muncrief outpitched Walt Dubiel in the second game, allowing nine scattered hits, Dubiel's first major league homerun, coming in the fifth with Oscar Grimes on base, accounted for both Yankee runs, but the Browns jumped ahead with three runs in the same inning and added another in the eighth.

The Athletics and Indians marked time in their battle to avoid the cellar by splitting their doubleheader at Cleveland. The A's took the opener, 6-2 with a four-run rally in the tenth inning, then bowed to the Tribe, 4-2.

Charlie Gassaway, rookie southpaw, won his first major league decision in the opener when Jim Bagby weakened in the tenth to absorb his fifth consecutive defeat. The Indians wrapped up the second affair with three runs in the fifth that drove Luther Knerr, Army-bound right-hander, to cover. Red Embree received credit for the win, although he needed help from Ed Klieman in the ninth.

Navy to Free 'Specialists'

WASHINGTON, May 21.—A new Navy policy affecting officers commissioned for special tasks will make it possible for many athletes to return to civilian life.

Such officers will be released "if their tasks have been completed and they do not qualify for other assignments," the Navy Department announced.

Gene Tunney, recently returned to inactive duty, fell in this category. The Navy is not in a position to identify other athletes eligible for release, but pointed out that each individual will have to make an application for his discharge.

Homer Norton Hospitalized

DALLAS, May 21.—Plans Homer Norton, Texas A & M football coach, had for going overseas with an Army occupational sports troupe ended today when he was placed in a hospital here for a major operation.

Horse Racing Returns To Famed Longchamp

Amid a setting of German anti-aircraft guns, Allied servicemen and French civilians, horse racing was resumed at historic Longchamp, Paris, Sunday.

Ardan raced to victory in the \$8,000 event that featured the inaugural card. Longchamp had been idle since the course was bombed in 1943.

Ivy Bows to Clinging Vines

BOSTON, May 21.—A girls' crew from Radcliffe College outstroked a male team from Harvard in a playful exhibition race on the Charles River yesterday. Harvard's oarsmen suffered from amnesia—or perhaps it was good old American chivalry—for they stopped rowing 50 yards from the finish line, while the Radcliffe shell, co-captained by Jane and Dorothy Driscoll, titian-haired twins, continued on to cross the finish line in 4:08.

The shrieking winners promptly tossed their shirts toward the Harvard boat as Dorothy Driscoll shouted, "Don't get excited. We have other shirts underneath."

Both shells were impeded by an uninvited crew from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who impersonated the gals by wearing yellow curly wigs and yellow jerseys.

Departing from the usual custom of tossing the winning coxswain into the drink, losing Coxswain Paul Wilson, of Dayton Beach, Fla., was pitched overboard. Not to be outdone by this chivalrous gesture, Miss Harriett Clarke, Radcliffe's physical education instructor who coxswained the victorious crew, promptly jumped into the river.

War Department Cools Hopes For Early Louis-Conn Bout

WASHINGTON, May 21.—The War Department today put a damper on any hope T/Sgt. Joe Louis may have harbored about defending his world's heavyweight boxing crown at any early date.

A War Department officer said there had been no plans for releasing specialists unless they qualify under the point system. Neither Louis nor Cpl. Billy Conn, his foremost challenger now in the ETO, have been in the service long enough to come up with the coveted "85 or more."

"Louis has been in for a long time," the officer said. "But he has no combat record. So he'd have a tough time meeting the discharge requirements. And the War Department is not in a position to release specialists, whether they are athletes or in some other work, unless they qualify under the point system."



Joe Louis Billy Conn

It was emphasized, however, that Louis and Conn have been doing a valuable job by presenting exhibition matches and otherwise entertaining troops. Joe is in Alaska at present on temporary duty.

Minor League Results

International League	
Newark 12-4, Jersey City 3-5	Syracuse 8-2, Baltimore 3-5
Rochester 5-7, Toronto 5-2	Buffalo 10-7, Montreal 7-5

American Association	
Milwaukee 4-4, Indianapolis 0-5	Louisville 8-3, Kansas City 1-0
Columbus 5-1, St. Paul 3-0	Toledo 4-1, Minneapolis 5-1

Pacific Coast League	
Los Angeles 12-5, Portland 5-0	Seattle 10-9, San Francisco 3-1
Sacramento 5-16, Oakland 4-1	San Diego 3-1, Hollywood 0-10

Southern Association	
Birmingham 1-7, New Orleans 3-5	Nashville 9-12, Mobile 7-16
Chattanooga 8-5, Little Rock 2-3	Memphis 3-3, Atlanta 2-5

CO 'Orders' 8th AF to Win USSTAF Title

By Tony Cordaro
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
LONDON, May 21.—If it were practicable to allow pint-size Benny Morino a point for each hair on his shining head, he still would lack about 50 points of the required 85 to be eligible for a discharge. And the Eighth AAF boxing coach, a licensed New York fight manager, is becoming balder by the day.

Benny's troubles started when an obliging CO made it possible for him to herd his boxing candidates into one camp to prepare for the USSTAF boxing tourney, which will be conducted in Paris this week. For his Eighth AAF punchers will be defending their team title at the Palais de Glace during the three-day slugfest on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The CO's kindness backired, however, when the noble gent sent word to Benny that he expected to be compensated for his generosity. "All I ask in return," the CO said, "is that you bring back the championship trophy."

Since the notification reached him, the wily coach has changed his starting lineup several times, being fully aware of the pitfalls confronting a GI with less than 85 points who messes up an assignment.

But the squad, headed by Primitivo Molina, bantamweight from Concord, Cal., and Bobby Volk, middleweight from Portland, Ore., already has been established as favorite to retain its crown. So perhaps Benny won't have to bow when the CO comes around.

Heath Still Sweating Out 'Fair Offer' From Tribe

CLEVELAND, May 21.—Jeff Heath, holdout problem child of the Indians, will report to the Tribe if "they make me a fair offer."

The loquacious outfielder, who wants to be traded to "any other American League club," spent the first month of the season at his Seattle home.

Embree, Carnett Accepted

CLEVELAND, May 21.—Pitcher Charles "Red" Embree and outfielder Ed Carnett, of the Indians, passed their physical exams today and were accepted for the Army.



The 48th General Hospital baseball team pounded out its 156th run of the season and Pitcher Dick Foss, of South Norwalk, Conn., turned in his seventh victory as the Medics shaded the Flyers of Orly Field, 6-5. Foss won his own game with a homerun in the ninth. The 48th has won 14 of 15 starts this season, losing only to 685th Ordnance in a return engagement, and has averaged ten runs per game.

The Flyers widened their lead in the SHAEF "V" Softball League to three full games over G-2 by extending their winning streak to nine straight. G-2 has won five of seven decisions, while Transport and Materials still are seeking their first victories.

THE SCOREBOARD

National League				
St. Louis	6-6	Philadelphia	2-7	
Cincinnati	10-4	Boston	8-9	
New York	5-0	Pittsburgh	1-4	
Chicago	4-1	Brooklyn	2-1	

W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	21	6	.778	
Brooklyn	17	9	.654	3 1/2
St. Louis	13	12	.500	7 1/2
Chicago	12	13	.480	8
Boston	11	13	.458	8 1/2
Pittsburgh	11	14	.440	9
Cincinnati	10	13	.435	9
Philadelphia	7	21	.250	14 1/2

League Leaders

National League					
G	AB	R	H	Pct	
Holmes, Boston	25	101	27	.43	.426
Ott, New York	28	93	28	.37	.402
Kurovski, St. Louis	25	93	18	.31	.387
Olme, Brooklyn	24	89	15	.29	.361
Dinges, Philadelphia	27	108	16	.39	.361

American League					
G	AB	R	H	Pct	
Cuccinello, Chicago	21	73	13	.36	.356
Case, Washington	26	102	16	.34	.333
Stephens, St. Louis	21	78	18	.36	.333
Etten, New York	24	88	14	.29	.330
Moses, Chicago	17	68	10	.22	.324

League Leaders

American League					
G	AB	R	H	Pct	
Stephens, St. Louis	7	Derry, New York	and Johnson, Boston	4	

Homerun Leaders				
Stephens, St. Louis	7	Derry, New York	and Johnson, Boston	4

Runs Batted In						
Lombardi, New York	25	Nieman, Boston	24	Weintraub, New York	and Olmo, Brooklyn	23

Behind The Sports Headlines

NORMAN, Okla., May 21.—Attempting to figure the probable Oklahoma point total with his quad for the approaching Oklahoma-Oklahoma Aggies track and field meet, Sooner Coach Jack Jacobs ruled out Oklahoma's chances in the shot put. Jacobs told his athletes, "That Bob Kurland (seven-foot cage star) can stand flat-footed in the circle, reach out his long arm and drop the shot 35 feet from where he's standing." . . .

ST. PAUL.—Major league scouts are standing in line around the home of Alex Romanchuk, St. Paul's Mechanical Arts high school hurler who fanned 42 batters in winning his first four games . . . **FAYETTEVILLE, Ark.**—Arkansas U. is claiming it has the greatest war heroes of any college or university. Three former Razorback athletes—Capt. Maurice "Footsy" Britt and Lts. Nate Gordon and Buck Lloyd—have been awarded the Medal of Honor . . . **HASKELL, Texas.**—Capt. Johnny Kimbrough, Texas Aggies' All-American fullback, will retire to his 1,300-acre ranch here after the war instead of playing pro football, he said this week.

CHICAGO.—Eddie Goosetree, scout for the Cubs, claims his first postwar project will be to sign Alvin Dark, former gridiron great. Dark, now in the marines, was ready for the majors while still attending college, according to Goosetree . . . **ITHACA, N.Y.**—When Ed McKeever, former Notre Dame coach, was conducting spring grid practice at Cornell recently, Frank Szymanski, ex-Notre Dame center, turned up at Cornell and asked about admission into the school. McKeever, returning from the work-out, just happened to see him on the campus and advised him to catch the first train back to South Bend, Ind. Szymanski did . . . **FT. LEWIS, Wash.**—The GI Warriors here can field six former major leaguers in their baseball lineup. Headed by Danny Litwhiler, of the Cardinals, the Ft. Lewis team includes Outfielder Dominic Dallesandro, Pitcher Bill Fleming and Infielder Tony York, of the Cubs, Outfielder Ron Northey, of the Phillies, and Ray Mueller, Cincinnati's iron-man catcher.

THE QUESTION BOX

S/Sgt. Norman Schroeder—Official width of a bowling alley, exclusive of gutters, is not less than 41 inches or more than 42 inches. Yes, Detroit is the only American League team that never finished last. Far as we know there is no world championship in bowling. The American Bowling Congress' tourney, suspended in 1942 for the duration, is the national title event. Its all-time records are held by the following: 5-man team, 4-game totals—Collingwood Shale Bricks, Cleveland, 4,748, March 5, 1933; 5-man team, 3-game totals, Hermann Undertakers, St. Louis, 3,797, January 27, 1937; 5-man team, single game, Hermann Undertakers, St. Louis, 1,325, January 27, 1937; 2-man team, 3-game totals, Charles Lausche-Frank Frantz, Cleveland, 1,494, January 13, 1938; 2-man team, single game, Jerry Peck (279)—Joe Herrick (279), Cicero, Ill., 558, February 1, 1933; individual, 4-game totals, Frank Caruana, Buffalo (300-300-247-263), 1,115, March 5, 1924; individual, 3-game totals, Albert Brandt, Lockport, N.Y., 886, Oct. 25, 1939; individual all-events, 9-game totals, Frank Benkovic, Milwaukee, 2,259, Feb. 14, 1932. It is impossible for us to single out any city as outstanding in bowling. Michigan-Notre Dame series: 1887, Michigan 8-0; 1888, Michigan 26-6; 1888, Michigan 10-4 (2 games in 1888); 1898, Michigan 13-0; 1899, Michigan 12-0; 1900, Michigan 7-0; 1902, Michigan 23-0; 1908, Michigan 12-6; 1909, Notre Dame, 11-3; 1942, Michigan 32-20; 1943, Notre Dame 35-12.

Pvt. Paul Dubester—Mel Hein was all-league center from 1933 through 1940. Bulldog Turner made it in 1941-'42.

Pfe J. W. Williamson: It is up to the umpire's judgment as to whether the first baseman held the ball long enough.

AMERICAN FORCES NETWORK

Time	TODAY	TOMORROW
1200	Duffie Bag	1915-Comedy Caravan
1300	News	1945-Yank Bandstand
1315	Baseball	2001-Amer. AEF Band
1345	Melody Roundup	2100-News
1401	NBC Symphony	2115-Kate Smith
1501	On the Record	2145-Music Shop
1630	Strike Up Band	2201-Pacific News
1701	Ignorance Pays	2206-Merely Music
1730	Freddy Martin	2301-Mildred Bailey
1755	Sports	2330-Pacific Music
1800	News	2400-News
1805	Supper Club	0015-Night Shift
1901	U.S. News	0200-World News
1905	Songs	

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Terry and The Pirates

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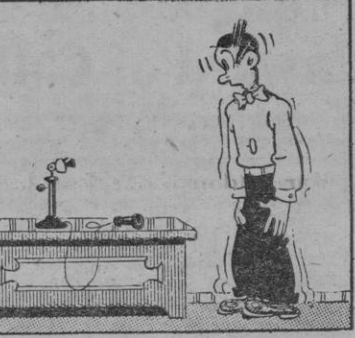
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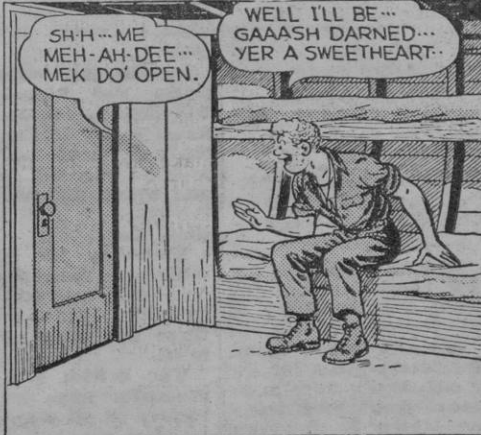
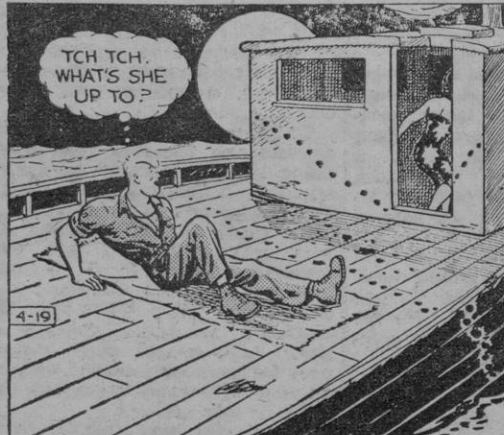
Blondie

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Joe Palooka

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WRA Poll Indicates Refugees Prefer America

WASHINGTON, May 21 (ANS).—The War Relocation Authority reports that only 133 of the 990 European refugees housed at Ft. Ontario, Oswego, N.Y., want to return to former homelands. A WRA survey revealed that 641 want to stay in the United States, 42 wish to go some other place and 166 are undecided.

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

PVT. Gerald Chaszar, Congers, N.Y.—Gerald, May 14; Lt. Paul V. Jackson, Chattanooga—girl, March 29; Sgt. John H. Rich, Austin, Tex.—boy, May 17; Cpl. A. P. Chapman, Bladen, O.—Dale Franklin, May 18. S/SGT. Andrew Costanzo, New York—Andrew, May 11; Lt. Douglas O'Connell, New York—Kathleen Mary, April 30; Capt. John R. Miller, Brewton, Ala.—girl, May 17; S/Sgt. John Farrelly, Bronx—Rosemary, May 12.

Maj. Gen. Gaffey Named XXIII Corps Commander

XXIII CORPS Hq., May 21.—Maj. Gen. Hugh J. Gaffey, former Fourth Armd. Div. CG, has been named commander of this corps of the 15th U.S. Army in Germany. Gaffey is military governor of the Southern Rhine provinces, a territory roughly equal in size to New Jersey.

Britain's Biggest Plane 58 Tons; Hull 110 Feet

LONDON, May 21 (AP).—Britain's biggest airplane, the 58-ton Shetland, with a hull 110 feet long, has emerged from wartime secrecy. The Shetland is not quite as large as America's Mars flying boat, but British officials say it is faster, having a speed of 185 mph.

5-Ship Convoy Destroyed by Single Bomber

GUALI, May 21 (ANS).—A single Navy bomber's cleanup of a five-ship Japanese convoy 15 miles north of Formosa was the high spot of weekend Jap-hunting by Army and Navy aircraft along a 1,000-mile arc from the Kuriles to Okinawa.

The bomber spotted the convoy, believed to have been carrying troops and supplies from Japan to Formosa, on Friday night while on patrol. The convoy totalled 17,000 tons and consisted of three freighter-transports and two freighters.

Within 75 minutes the convoy was doomed. The largest ship, estimated at 6,500 tons, went down flaming when machine-gun bullets fired a deckload of gasoline. The other four ships were sunk by bombs and strafing attacks.

Tokyo Radio Jittery

Meanwhile, the jittery Tokyo radio broadcast unconfirmed reports that an Allied task force was heading toward Kyushu, the southernmost of the Jap main islands.

The Japanese news agency, Domei, reported that 20 Superfortresses laid mines in Kanmon Strait, between northern Kyushu and southern Honshu, for two hours early Monday.

The operation presumably was designed to interrupt the shipping of vital war materials between the two main islands of southern Japan. Headquarters of the bomber command did not confirm the report, but Superfortresses in the past have carried out frequent mining in Jap-controlled waters.

U.S. Planes Active

Adm. Nimitz reported that fleet airwing search planes sank a medium freighter, probably sank two small freighters and damaged several landing craft in strikes off Korea.

Gen. MacArthur's medium and heavy bombers ranged up to hit airdromes on Formosa, where enemy planes attacking Okinawa are based, and also fired installations at Nanking, bombed the Canton airdrome and scored direct hits on three vessels off Hongkong.

The Kurile targets included installations at Kokutan, on Shimushu, and the naval base at Katakao on the same island.

British Sink Jap Cruiser

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HQ., May 21 (Reuter).—A Japanese heavy cruiser of the Nachi class—one of the most powerful cruisers afloat—has been sunk by five British destroyers of the East Indies fleet, a special naval communique announced today.

An enemy destroyer was damaged by the action, which took place May 15 in the Straits of Malacca, at the tip of the Malay peninsula near Singapore.

The Jap warship was sighted in the Andaman Sea and attacked by carrier aircraft. RAF Liberators shadowed the cruiser while a flotilla of destroyers maneuvered to get between her and her base at Singapore. Spearheaded by HMS Lamerez, the destroyers attacked around midnight and sank the cruiser with torpedoes. British casualties were two killed and three injured.

British Turn Over Port Of Bremerhaven to U.S.

BREMERHAVEN, May 21 (AP).—This big North Sea port, where the luxury liner Europa has been moored since the start of the war, today was handed over ceremoniously by British to U.S. personnel to be used as one of the main supply points for the occupation force.

The British Highland Div. had taken the town, and today the 9th Army's 28th Div. formally took over amid blaring bagpipes and brass bands.

As a means of impressing the Germans with their defeat, visits are being made by U.S. and British warships to certain German ports. The Zealous and Zodiac, both of the British Navy, have arrived at Kiel, and the Southdown and Brocklesby, also British, docked at Wilhelmshaven.

Thanks Refugee Airmen

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—Air Marshal Sir Arthur Harris, commander-in-chief of the RAF bomber command, today sent a message of thanks to French, Polish and Norwegian airmen who took part in the air offensive against Germany.

Yanks in Austria Run 'VE Express'

WITH 80th DIV., May 21.—A wheezing Wehrmacht locomotive, a dozen rickety plush-lined passenger cars and a string of freight cars comprise what men of the 318th Inf. Regt. proudly call "The V-E Express—first American railroad to operate on Austrian soil."

Former railroad men in the regiment started operating the line, shortly before V-E Day, to haul rations and equipment. Now it is being used to haul PWs.

Allied Dragnet Snares More War Criminals

Field Marshal Ferdinand Schoerner, commander of German forces which continued to fight the Russians in Czechoslovakia after the formal German surrender, has been captured in Austria, the Associated Press reported last night.

In Copenhagen, Danish police arrested former German-sponsored Norwegian Foreign Minister Stoeren, who served under Quisling. Stoeren probably will be handed over to the British.

A Swiss radio report that "Switzerland will not become a refuge for the last remaining Nazis" added that "civil and military authorities have run down a number of Nazi espionage organizations. Fifteen spies and traitors have been executed," the broadcast said.

Found in Bed

In Italy, American doughs ended the career of the Italian SS chief, Major Mario Caritas, after a gun fight in a mountain hideout near Siusi.

U.S. Fifth Army soldiers, who had trailed Italy's public enemy No. 1 for weeks, got a tip Friday night that Caritas had taken to a hidden spot in the mountains.

Arriving at the designated villa around midnight, the Yanks found Caritas and his mistress getting out of bed. Caritas acknowledged his identity, but reached under his pillow, grabbed an automatic and fired at the first soldier who had come into the room. The soldier's weapon jammed, but another American entered and, although wounded in the stomach by Caritas' gun, riddled the SS man with a machine-gun.

Werner Best, former Nazi governor of Denmark, is an Allied prisoner and has been handed over to Danish authorities, according to the UP.

Congress Sees Award of CMH

WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP).—American forces are now preparing to strike Japan in "overwhelming force," President Truman told a joint session of Congress today in a precedent-making ceremony in which he presented the Congressional Medal of Honor to the 100th infantryman to receive the award.

The medal went to T/Sgt. Jake W. Lindsey, of Lucedale, Miss., for heroism in action with the 16th Regt. of the First Div. at Hamick, Germany.

"This is a proud and moving occasion for every American," the President said. "It follows the complete victory of Allied forces over a powerful enemy in Europe. It finds us striking devastating blows in the Pacific."

Czechoslovaks to Speed Reorganization of Army

LONDON, May 21 (UP).—Formation of a new Czechoslovak Army identical to the Russian Army in training and equipment will be speeded, it was understood today.

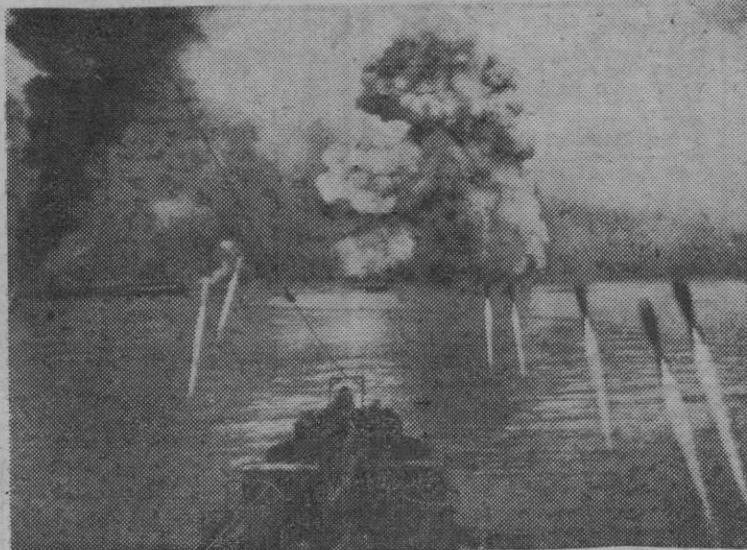
The reorganization plans for the Czech Army supposedly were made by the national front government at Kosice on March 27 following consultations in Moscow.

Four French Divisions Ready for Pacific

The French expeditionary force for the Pacific war already is four divisions strong, according to a Paris radio announcement yesterday quoted by Reuter.

"France, like the U.S., will not consider the present conflict terminated before Japan is beaten and the French territories in the Far East liberated," the radio said.

Rockets Streak Toward Borneo Beach



Rocket-firing U.S. Navy landing craft carrying Australian invasion troops launch their projectiles against Jap positions on Tarakan Beach in Borneo. The landings took place May 1.

PW Labor Sought For Japanese War

WASHINGTON, May 21 (INS).—Army lawyers, now studying means whereby German PWs in the U.S. can be used in the Pacific war, may recommend the formation of service groups similar to Italian service units which helped in the war effort against Germany after Italy capitulated.

Any decision will be guided by the Geneva Convention.

Gen. Brehon Somervell has announced that German prisoners will be repatriated at this country's convenience and that there will be no "coddling."

Pétain Counsel To Call Leahy

Adm. William D. Leahy will be asked to come to France from the U.S. to testify at the trial of Henri Philippe Pétain, the aged marshal's counsel announced in Paris yesterday.

Leahy was ambassador to Vichy until the German and American governments broke relations, and later served as personal chief of staff to the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

One of Pétain's attorneys said the marshal wanted Leahy to take the witness stand because he was certain the admiral's testimony would be of value to the defense. The French marshal is to go on trial for allegedly conspiring with Hitler.

His counsel estimated that two months will be needed to collect information before the trial can start, but the prosecution's estimate is that only a month is needed.

Pétain was said to be in good health. He and his wife are occupying two small connecting rooms in a fortress near Paris. The marshal's only liberty was said to be a 15-minute stroll daily, accompanied by guards, in the fort's yard.

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Trieste prior to the peace conference, but might settle the problem by direct negotiations with Italy.

Further, the broadcast said, Jugoslavia was prepared to discuss the present status of these territories with the thought of finding "in agreement with the Allies, a solution that will satisfy both sides and which will not be contrary to the interests of the populations of these territories."

Yesterday, the Soviet press and radio gave the Russian people their first full account of the Trieste situation, Reuter reported. So far there has been no editorial comment.

The British and American governments have kept Moscow informed at all stages of the present negotiations, but the Russians, so far, have not made their attitude known.

Alexander Message to Tito Approved by Churchill

LONDON, May 21 (INS).—Prime Minister Churchill personally approved both Field Marshal Harold Alexander's stern message to Marshal Tito and also the diplomatic and military moves concerning Bornholm Island, in the Baltic Sea, that resulted in relaxation of the rigid Red Army grip that had sealed the island.

French Clash Brings General Strike in Syria

DAMASCUS, Syria, May 21.—A general strike was proclaimed by Arabian political parties for tomorrow in sympathy with the Syrian and Lebanese governments over the crisis with France.

The Syrian and Lebanese governments have delivered a memorandum to the French government and have consulted with representatives of Britain, the U.S. and Russia on the dispute which has caused riots throughout the two countries, it was reported today.

While there has been no public statement of the French position, Reuter and the United Press reported that the French had made requests for certain concessions and that these requests had been rejected by Syria and Lebanon.

According to the Lebanese, the French want strategic concessions, economic concessions that would give France economic priority and cultural arrangements. The Syrian and Lebanese governments refuse to negotiate while additional French troops are landed in their territory.

The Syrians and Lebanese hold, too, that they should not give France a special position any more than they would grant Britain, the U.S. or any other country.

The arrival of additional French troops has increased the tension between the French and the two governments. It was reported that 17 persons were wounded at Damascus on Saturday in clashes between Syrian demonstrators and French troops.

Syrian Prime Minister Jamil Mardam said that he had received telegrams from Emir Abdul Illah, regent of Iraq, and from Emir Abdullah of Transjordan, pledging their support.

He revealed at a press conference that he had asked the Allies to evacuate all foreign troops from Syria now that the war is over, and for re-establishment of full authority for the Syrian Army.

Syria, a former province of the old Turkish empire, is divided into the states of Syria and Lebanon. These were recognized as independent states and placed under French mandate on April 25, 1920, by decision of the Supreme Council of the Allied powers.

An agreement signed on Dec. 27, 1943, transferred all powers hitherto exercised by France to the Syrian and Lebanese governments, but French troops remained in the country.

The history of the French mandate has been marked by constant demonstrations and economic troubles—including the Druse rebellion of 1925-1927 and the Damascus outbreak of 1925.

Swedish Prince Plans To Wed Widow in N.Y.

STOCKHOLM, May 21 (Reuter).—Prince Carl Johan confirmed today that he has applied to the King of Sweden for permission to marry Mrs. Kerstin Wijmark in New York.

The wedding is scheduled to take place in August. The prince has been offered a post as New York representative of a Swedish firm. At present he is a staff officer in the army.

The prince will have to give up his royal rights if the king consents to the marriage.

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entitled to the credits as long as he was present for duty with a combat-credited unit "even though he was not himself physically in the combat zone."

Under this provision, some troops who never left the UK, but who belonged to units which served on, or over, the Continent get battle stars. This would include, for example, non-flying personnel of an air force group stationed in Britain.

To be eligible for a battle star, however, it was specified that a man must have been on duty status when his unit engaged in the battle activity. Personnel sick in quarters, under arrest or in confinement are excluded.

The letter also said that the mere presence of an advanced unit of men formed together for a mission, but not operating under an approved T/O in a combat zone, would not entitle the rest of the organization to credit. Those men in the mission would be accorded credit individually, officials said.

Plot to Slay Ike Revealed

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then boasted that he had snatched Mussolini out of Italy in the path of Allied troops. He also reported to have kidnapped Adm. Nicholas Horthy, former Hungarian Regent, for Hitler.

To Skerzeny and his picked group fell the biggest sabotage and espionage job of the war. As three German armies hurled themselves through U.S. First Army lines in the Ardennes, seeking to split the Western Front, the Skerzeny mob was to throw the Allied rear into a panic.

The highly-trained agents never got beyond the Meuse River. The first of them was picked up on the Spa-Eupen Road at 0545 on Dec. 17 and within 24 hours, Sheen's counter-intelligence men knew the plot.

Of the 150, all but ten have been accounted for. Some who tried to escape to evade questioning were shot. About 50 were tried and executed as spies. In two weeks, 125 of them had been caught.

Roadblocks Set Up

As soon as details of the plot were learned, roadblocks were set up on every road. MPs stopped all U.S. vehicles to examine credentials.

In Paris, a curfew was clamped down about the city without warning and swept virtually every Allied soldier off the streets so suddenly that many Parisians feared the worst had happened—that Von Rundstedt had swept back into France and U.S. forces had pulled out of Paris.

Sheen revealed that Skerzeny had prepared for the job as early as October, 1944, when the counter-offensive was being planned. Chosen for the mission were 150 German officers who could speak English with more or less of an American accent.

They received special training along with 800 panzer, signal corps and parachute special troops. They were organized into an outfit called "Einheit Stielauf," named for a Lt. Stielauf who commanded the field organization, and were attached to the 150th Panzer Brig.

Get U.S. Basic Training

Recruits were told they had been picked for interpreters' school. They were given a course of U.S. basic training, with close-order drill, military courtesy and customs of the service, as well as special work in map reading, photo interpretation, demolition and wireless communication.

They practiced their American accents and the American way of doing routine tasks, even down to opening a package of cigarettes. Some were put into American prisoner cages to pick up slang. One who was discovered got rough treatment from the GI prisoners.

Sheen said the Germans made two errors. They didn't issue their disguised saboteurs dogtags and their AGO cards were obviously poor forgeries and turned out, even on casual examination, to have been freshly creased.

There was no support to the story, Sheen said, that American-dressed spies travelled toward SHAEF with a high-ranking German officer supposed to be en route for questioning.

Brazilians Decorated

Thirty-five members of the Brazilian expeditionary force in Italy have been awarded American decorations by Lt. Gen. Lucian Truscott, Fifth Army commander. Reuter reported yesterday. During the ceremony at Alessandria, Truscott told the Brazilians they soon would be returning to their homes.