

## Biggest Air Blitz on Axis in Italy, Africa

### Red Attacks Now Become Full Drive

#### Shell Kuban Bridgehead, Pressure 'Terrific' Nazis Say

MOSCOW, Apr. 6 (UP)—Russian attacks on the German bridgehead in the Kuban have developed into an all-out offensive with gains in several sectors and one large German center of resistance being shelled by Russian guns.

(The German-controlled Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau reported from Berlin that German and Rumanian positions in the Kuban were under terrific pressure. The Russians were reported to be sending wave after wave of men into the attack, after intensive artillery preparation.)

Soviet troops have smashed their way through minefields and into the Axis defenses. The battle is now developing into wild hand-to-hand fighting along the main Axis defense line.

#### Knock Out 60 Points

The Russian communique said that in shelling a large German defense center, Russian guns had knocked out 60 Nazi firing points.

Latest dispatches reaching Moscow from the Donetz front said the Russians were still holding their bridgehead on the western bank of the river.

The area south of Izium has become the center of an intensive battle which is going on day and night. Russian reports said that despite enormous losses the Germans are continually throwing fresh reserves into action in an effort to wrest control of the strategically important west bank of the river.

#### Donetz Ice Melting

The ice in the middle Donetz is beginning to go out, hampering the Germans in their efforts to cross the river. Action on other Russian fronts has almost completely stopped but air activity appears to be increasing in proportion to the decline in the land fighting.

The Luftwaffe is steadily attacking front line cities such as Rostov and Leningrad and important industrial and railroad centers in the immediate area.

#### Reds Ready For Spring

The attacks are aimed at hampering the movement and re-grouping of Soviet forces preparing for the Spring campaign.

Soviet air force planes have been equally active in repelling the German attacks and in systematically raiding German concentrations and air bases from Karelia to the Black Sea. During air battles in the Rostov and Leningrad areas during the last few days, Russian fighters have shot down 79 German planes.

Forty-two of the German planes were bombers attacking Leningrad and targets in the Leningrad area. The Russians lost seven planes, they admitted.

A few German planes managed to slip through the defenses, a Russian communique said, "and dropped bombs at random, causing insignificant damage."

### Public Protest by Sweden To German Troop Transit

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 6 (UP)—A resolution demanding that the Swedish government should cancel the troop transit agreement with Germany was passed at a mass meeting last night by a group of prominent Swedish citizens who protested that Germany was violating Swedish neutrality and that it would represent an obstacle to post-war cooperation.

Earlier yesterday, the official details of German transit through Sweden and Norway were released. It was stated that one train carrying German forces traveled daily from Trelleborg to Oslo, while three trains traveled weekly from Trelleborg to Narvik, in each direction. In addition, a smaller train carries German troops on leave to Narvik and Trondheim and back, via the Swedish railway line.

#### Re-float Normandie Soon

WASHINGTON, Apr. 6 (AP)—Navy Secretary Frank Knox said today that the U.S. transport Lafayette, formerly the French Line's luxury liner Normandie, would be re-floated by mid-summer, but that considerable additional time would be required before the ship would be ready for transport duty. The Lafayette has been lying on her side, at her Hudson River pier, since she was burned out in February, 1942.

### Bags 26 Japs



Keystone Photo

Capt. Joe Foss, of Sioux Falls, S.D., and leader of one of the hottest Marine Corps fighter squadrons, is due back in the States this week from Guadalcanal with a record of 26 Jap planes shot down by himself besides 34 others destroyed by members of his squadron. The ex-farm boy shot down 23 Japs in 34 days, came down with malaria, recovered and bagged three more. All were confirmed victories. Now Capt. Foss is an instructor.

### Knox Says Sub Menace Worse

#### U-Boats Using New Tactics, Concentrate in North, Mid-Atlantic

WASHINGTON, Apr. 6 (AP)—Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox declared today that more U-boats were operating in the Atlantic and said that the March sinkings were considerably worse than those in February.

"There is increased submarine activity just as we expected and they have changed their tactics. Nobody is a bit complacent about the situation," Knox said.

The submarines are concentrating in the north and mid-Atlantic, he said.

In answer to a question about the effectiveness of continued bombing of the submarine pens in France, he said that the plants must certainly have been disrupted.

"There has been very much of an improvement in the Navy's new destroyer escort program. There was a launching almost every day, although the building was not yet as satisfactory as it would be in July," he pointed out.

### War News Helps Buying In Booming U.S. Markets

NEW YORK, Apr. 6 (AP)—In the fastest stock market session since 1941, leading rails, steels, coppers, and numerous industrial favorites climbed today by fractions more than two points to new levels.

The war news received the principal credit for heavy buying which came from all parts of the country.

Share prices were at or near their best during the final hour. Large blocks of shares selling under \$15 accounted for much of the turnover of around 2,900,000 shares for a 15-month record.

### Italy Feeling Rising Fury Of Air Blows

#### Libs Spring Surprise in Low-Level Attacks On Three Ports

Italy, warned last week by both the Allies and the Germans that it was now in the front line of the war, felt the mounting violence of the Allied aerial offensive yesterday.

From air fields in the Middle East, French North Africa and even the island of Malta, American and British bombers were unloading tons of steel and high explosive on the ports which supply the Axis forces in North Africa.

Striking from the Middle East at dusk Sunday, Liberators of the Ninth U.S. Air Force raided Naples, rekindling the fires left after the 100-plane assault made earlier in the day by Flying Fortresses based in French North Africa. The raid, announced in Cairo yesterday, marked the first time that forces from two theaters combined to hit Italy twice the same day.

#### Low-Level Lib Attack

Naples was only one of numerous Italian targets battered in the last few days. In three of them, it was revealed yesterday in Cairo, Libs attacked at "zero" altitude—the first time that either Libs or Forts have made such low-level attacks in either the African or European theaters.

Flying Fortresses from North Africa dropped bombs on 100 parked planes at Bono di Falco airdrome, Sicily, hitting possibly 50 to 70. Forts also hit Mino airdrome, Sicily, destroying another 30 planes. Lightning-escorted Mitchells caught nearly 100 parked aircraft on Borizzo airdrome, Sicily, costing the Axis many more planes. Fires left at Bono di Falco drome were visible 100 miles away.

Malta-based fighter-bombers hit Porto Empodocle, Sicily, and bombs burst near the power station and railway sidings and among factories.

The Cairo communique also described a dusk raid by Libs and RAF planes on Palermo Harbor Monday. The quays were hit, and large fires and at least one explosion were reported.

#### Safe 'Suicide' Attack

The Libs' sudden change in tactics to low-level bombing caught the enemy completely unprepared, according to Ninth Air Force Headquarters. Three volunteer crews, who knew that their mission might well be a "suicide" venture, made the attacks and lived to tell about them.

Against heavy fighter opposition, they went in at "zero" altitude to attack Messina, Sicily; San Giovanni, on the mainland opposite Sicily, and Crotona, south Italy port.

The first assault was against the Italian chemical works at Crotona.

"We came out of the darkness just over the tops of the buildings," 1/Lt. Norman C. Appold, of Spokane, Wash., who led the attack reported. "It was a complete surprise and the enemy only had time to throw light stuff at us before we salvaged our load in the center of the targets and soared away. The explosion was terrific."

The attacks against Messina and San Giovanni, aimed at the ferry terminals through which supplies are funneled to Tunisia, were made at daybreak.

"They told us it was a suicide mission," 1/Lt. Jerome Dufour, of Los Angeles, said. "But it turned out to be murder for the enemy. We came into the target

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### Allied Planes Make 1,000 Sorties in Day To Hit Ports, Fields

#### Americans Capture Positions in Pass East Of El Guettar; British Take Village Near Mateur; 8th Army Prepares

American and British planes smashed Axis airdromes and supply ports in North Africa and Italy yesterday in a continuation of the greatest aerial offensive ever waged by the Allies.

In more than 1,000 sorties, bombers and fighters from bases in both French North Africa and the Middle East were reported to have shot down at least 48 planes, smashed a supply convoy in the Mediterranean, destroyed at least 100 enemy planes on airfields and strafed concentrations of troops in Rommel's hard-pressed Afrika Korps.

On the ground, meanwhile, American infantry consolidated newly won positions in the Bir Rabbot Pass east of El Guettar, driving nearer to the British Eighth Army north of Gabes, while units of the Anglo-American First Army captured a village only 22 miles west of Mateur, important Axis base in the extreme north of Tunisia. The Eighth Army was shelling German positions in preparation for its next big thrust.

### Sunrise Services Feature Easter Programs Here

#### Jewish Chaplains Arrange Invitations for Seders, April 19-20

Traditional sunrise services will feature the observance of Easter by U.S. Forces in the European Theater of Operations. Chaplains of Protestant, Jewish and Catholic faiths are completing arrangements this week for special services throughout the British Isles, and at least two sunrise ceremonies already are scheduled, one in London's Hyde Park, the other at Clifton College, Bristol.

The Hyde Park services will be held at 8 AM at the band-stand near Park Lane, and will be primarily for the enlisted men of London Base Command. Capt. Chester R. McClellan, of Dallas, Tex., chaplain of LBC, will conduct the services, and Col. James L. Blakeney, senior American chaplain in the British Isles, will read the services.

#### Soldiers' Choir

Music for the services will be by the LBC band, conducted by WO Frank Rosato, of New Orleans, and by a soldiers' choir under the direction of Cpl. Heinz Arnold, of Patchogue, L.I.

Officers and men of other units, as well as civilians, may attend. The services at Bristol will be held at 8 AM by Capt. Dow Hurd, of Waco, Tex., for men stationed in the Bristol area and, if weather does not permit open-air celebration, will be in the chapel of Clifton College, Clifton, Bristol.

Tentative plans have been made for Protestant services in London's St. Paul's Cathedral at 4:45 PM. Cpl. Arnold, who played the organ in Westminster Abbey during Thanksgiving services, will play and the choir will sing. A broadcast to the United States of the ceremonies is included in the plans.

#### Catholic Lenten Services

Catholic Lenten services in London, held each Wednesday and Friday at 6 PM at the Church of the Jesuit Fathers—better known as the Farm Street Church—Berkeley Square, W.1, will culminate there in Easter services conducted by Maj. John E. Foley, Memphis, Tenn., senior Catholic chaplain in ETO and executive officer to Col. Blakeney.

Jewish personnel of the American

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#### A Day's Work

This was the record of Allied aerial successes for one day—not counting smashing blows at Naples and other Italian ports by huge bomber formations:

1. More than 1,000 sorties made and 48 planes shot down.
2. Eighteen Junkers-52 transports shot down near Cape Bon while carrying either men or fuel to North African forces.
3. Three supply ships left afire, two direct hits scored on barges and an escorting destroyer blown up in a swift attack on a Mediterranean convoy.
4. Bombs dropped on 80 large enemy aircraft at Mino Airdrome, in Sicily, destroying at least 30 of them.
5. Possibly 50 to 70 more enemy planes destroyed by bombs dropped on 100 parked planes at Bono di Falco Airdrome, in Sicily.
6. Still others destroyed in a raid on Borizzo Airdrome, in Sicily, where 100 fighters, transports and bombers were found parked.

#### Luftwaffe's Worst Day

London military sources, calling the day's operations the blackest in the history of the Luftwaffe, expressed the belief that the American and British forces probably had smashed a heavy Axis attempt to assemble an air force big enough to question Allied air superiority.

The fact that 80 to 100 planes had been reported on single airfields was cited as an example of the desperation with which the Axis was gathering its air reinforcements.

The shooting down of the Ju52 transports was the most spectacular of the day's operations. American Lockheed Lightnings patrolling the Mediterranean spotted a strongly escorted formation of transports about 45 miles off the coast. Twenty-five minutes later there were 18 flaming patches on the waters.

"It was concentrated hell," said one Lightning pilot.

#### Like Locust Swarm

Capt. Barrow Walsh, who shot down three, said: "When we saw them they were flying in V-formation about 50 feet above the water. They looked like a swarm of locusts. I dived in and knocked off the leader, then they all were attacked and went down one after another."

From the explosions and fires when the planes hit the sea, it was believed the planes were flying fuel to North Africa. If they carried men, each probably had 20 to 30 fully equipped troops aboard.

Mitchells got the convoy. Diving in through intense anti-aircraft fire they dropped bombs among merchant ships, destroyers, submarines, barges and small escort vessels, 15 miles off Cape Bon.

The Boca di Falco and Mino raids were made by Forts and the Borizzo raid by Mitchells. At Boca di Falco the fires set were visible when the planes were 100 miles away.

Similar intensive attacks were made on Axis airfields in Tunisia, where the Allied

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### No Army Day Celebration For Troops Here or Home

Yesterday was Army Day, but it was just another day in the army for soldiers in the ETO. There was no official celebration.

There were no parades back in the States, either. Army authorities announced that the celebration of Army Day with the customary parades, dinners, and exhibitions would be inconsistent with the policy of economy of materials.

## Tell 'Em It's on Lend-Lease, Sarge

By Andrew A. Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Don't you want your dog, Sgt. Addi M. Wilson?

It being impracticable for the government to furnish rations in kind for a dog, the British Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries want to know, on behalf of the Liverpool Dogs' Home, what the United States Army is going to do about a board bill of £18 7s. 6d. for a dog you left there last June.

If Wilson's friends know where he is The Stars and Stripes would like to hear from them. He used to be at APO 872, but he doesn't answer letters the Liverpool Dogs' Home send to him there any more.

The story is this. A barracks bag was brought to England last June that had more dog than equipment in it. It was Sgt. Wilson's B bag.

A British bobby found the very American dog wandering around the very English streets of Liverpool one day and with rare perception perceived that the dog was an illegal immigrant, an alien, sneaked in in a barracks bag.

There is a law in England (the Importation of Dogs and Cats Order of 1928, the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries says which prohibits the entry of a dog into the country except under license. The barracks bag was not licensed for the transportation or importation of dogs.

Sgt. Wilson was informed that his dog was in hock and if he wanted to pay for the dog's keep during the necessary six-

month quarantine period (same Act, the Ministry says), he could have his dog back after six months.

The six months is up Addi M. Wilson! You owe the Liverpool Dogs' Home £18 7s. 6d. and the figure mounts daily. Why don't you go and get your dog?

Maybe Addi is with Dewey Livingston who left the island before he could pick up his 13 EE. If he has left won't someone let The Stars and Stripes know?

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries wants the matter cleared up. The Liverpool Dogs' Home want their pounds. The United States Army want to get the deal off their hands before they go to work on the invasion, and Addi M. Wilson if you are half the dog-lover we think you are you will go with your B bag to Liverpool and get your dog.

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The Observance of Lent

The Lenten season has a deeply religious significance for thousands of American soldiers. We have felt therefore that many of you would like to have something of a religious nature appear regularly in your newspaper during this season.

To fill this need we will run a daily series of short religious texts. These will be taken from the book of Mark and will relate to the experiences of Jesus during his last days in Jerusalem.

We will make every effort to keep each message brief and to the point in the hope they will interest, inspire and comfort you, for facing as we all do uncertain months of war, a personal need for the reassuring comfort of religion grows daily more pressing.

No one is denied that comfort . . . it is yours for the asking.

America's New Wealth

Development of tunnels to tap a jackpot of the war metal vanadium are being driven into the canyon walls of Sublette Ridge. This formation, running off the southeastern tip of Idaho into Wyoming, is the site of old ocean beds which contain millions of tons of vanadium ore, geologists estimate.

From the new bed comes the light gray metal used as a toughener for armor plate, guns and machine tools.

Discovered by the U.S. Geological Survey, the deposit will go far toward making America self-sufficient in this war necessity. Up to the present time vanadium was imported from Peru. Now utilization of the newly found deposits will free much-needed shipping space.

Two years ago phosphate miners in Idaho began to recover vanadium as a by-product without knowing of the richer beds which lay nearby. About this time a geologist searching for phosphate fertilizer sent in some unimportant appearing dark shales and mud-stones for analysis. Back came the report on vanadium, a much higher percentage than appeared in the phosphate rock, and America had found a supply of a vital war material.

Today you as a soldier are benefiting from this discovery, for the metal that protects you in your tank and plane is a harder, tougher piece than the sheet that protects your enemy. On such differences victories are often won.

Advice Followed

The best advice to men arriving in England was given by an old time "top kick" to his boys the day they got off the boat. On that day, a group of his men approached this first sergeant and questioned him about the pamphlet they had received which told them how to act while in Great Britain. "We've read this book about what we should and should not do in England," the spokesman said, "and it's still not all clear to us. You've been here before. Tell us how we should act."

The old sarge stroked his chin for a moment and replied: "Well, I'll tell you. Suppose you boys lived on the extreme West Coast as I do. Suppose you and all your buddies were shipped to points in the Pacific, shortly after Pearl Harbor, and consequently left your home towns undefended. Suppose the Japs landed in the Aleutians and came within striking distance of your homes. Suppose the English rushed some of their men to camps near your homes in preparation for a counter-offensive and to protect your families. You boys act over here just as you would have the English boys act in your home town and toward your people and you'll never be in trouble."

The sequel to this story is that not a man in that outfit received punishment for any infraction of rules while in the British Isles, and now it is one of the "fighterist" outfits in North Africa.

Hash Marks

Faculty members of a certain girls college back in the States are awarding a prize for being a "good" girl to each coed who gets eight hours sleep each night, eats three vitamin chocked meals daily, gets one hour of exercise followed by a cold shower each day and—stops smoking. So help us, gals, it ain't worth it!

A four-year-old boy, wearing an Army officer rank, looked up as a uniformed man boarded a Kansas City street car. "Hello,



sergeant," the little lad piped. Everyone laughed—except the newcomer, a lieutenant-colonel. He saluted the boy gravely.

Spring is really here, or something. Pfc Joe C. Dannelly writes in that his platoon did calisthenics so vigorously that hundreds of earthworms began rushing out of the grassy spot and scurried for safety. Dannelly neglects to add whether or not the unit took advantage of the occurrence to go fishing.

For our money, the hero of the week is Pvt. Bob Warrington, cook at a post exchange depot over here. Warrington even has the boys coming back for seconds on—powdered eggs. He makes them taste like the real McCoy by adding cheese and a "secret" concoction which he won't reveal.

One of the luckiest lads in this man's army is Pfc Sylvan Dolan, from Dubuque, Iowa. For weeks now he has been receiving packages from a sweet young lassie back in the States whom he has never seen. Some months ago the young lady generously sent packages to several soldiers. Dolan wrote a letter of thanks, and since then has received five additional bundles.

A sergeant working at a reception center received quite a jolt the other day while interviewing a new recruit. "What color



hair?" he asked without looking up. "Green," answered the rookie. "The hell you say," growled the sergeant. Then he turned pale—the recruit's hair WAS grassy green. It got that way while he was working with chemicals in a Naval ammunition depot.

J. C. W.

PRIVATE BREGER



"Gee, it's swell using this mortar and not feeling you have to make nineteen more payments on it!"

GI Assembly Line Rebuilds Engines



General Motors Plan Redesigned To Fit Army Shops

By Russell Jones

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

—ST MOTOR BASE, England, Apr. 6

American soldier-mechanics have set up a Detroit assembly line here. Bits and pieces go in one end and complete freshly-painted engines come out the other.

The engines aren't new, but when these men are through with them and they are back in Army vehicles, they have had their life more than doubled.

When an engine begins to sound like so many stones rattling in a tin can and a unit repair section has decided it is just no good, it is sent here. If it can't be repaired here, parts of it will be salvaged to make other engines run again. No engine is ever a complete loss.

When they come in they are battered and dirty—perhaps they have been so charred by fire that they are hardly recognizable. When they leave, they are freshly painted and run without a murmur.

Nothing Left to Chance

The first step is a steam and vapor bath to remove the dirt and grease. Then they are torn down and inspected. If parts are beyond salvage, new ones are made. The blocks are rebored, electrical systems are installed, crankshafts are ground down, gears fitted and the engines tested. Nothing is left to guesswork. Precision instruments are used in every step and when the engine is marked okay, clearances are as fine and timing is as accurate as in a new engine.

From the beginning to the end of the repair work, not a piece of material, not a motion, is wasted. The motors move along a track with men on either side, first stripping them and later attaching the new or reconditioned parts. The only time they are taken from the track is when cranes pick them up and carry them to giant machines for reboring or honing.



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos

American ordnance men (top) work in the crankshaft lathe department at a base in England where American vehicles are being reconditioned. Pvt. Dite Conviser (bottom), of Woodridge, N.Y., cleans transmission blocks with a vapor cleaning spray in the base shop.

Even during the test running nothing is wasted. One crankcase of oil is used for more than 100 tests, each lasting from one to two hours. Water used to cool the motors is piped to the offices and heats the radiators. During the summer this water is cooled and sent back to the testing blocks.

This water system is part of the miles of plumbing T/3 Max Dubin, of Brooklyn, planned and supervised. He was one of the three enlisted men who, with the officers, took the plans laid out by General Motors' draftsmen and adapted them to the problems of an Army shop.

The other enlisted men were S/Sgt. William E. Crowe, of Winston Salem, N.C., who converted the empty sheds into buildings capable of holding the heavy machines, and T/3 A. R. Honiker, of Decatur, Ga., who installed all the electrical fixtures, including the four Diesel generators that make the shop independent of outside power.

Working with them are Col. Otto M. Low, veteran of 26 years of Army repair and maintenance work, now commander of the base; Lt. Col. L. M. Walden, Hyattsville, Md., a mechanical engineer now in charge of the Ordnance Battalion operating the shop, and Capt. Charles G. Maynard, expert in plant layout work, who is acting as superintendent of the work.

Plenty of Space

Covering more than 80,000 square feet of floor, capable of turning out more than 2,000 complete engines and almost 30,000 transmissions, transfer cases and other miscellaneous parts every month, the plant is the pride and joy of officers and men.

"The best and most complete in the British Isles," says Capt. Maynard. "We have working conditions that compare favorably with those in any plant in the States," says Col. Low. "We'll stay here after the war and run Henry Ford out of business," say the men.

They all hasten to explain that their present production is on the basis of one 500-man ten-hour shift a day, and that

if they had the men, they could more than double their production by putting on additional shifts.

The enlisted men were taken from auto plants, steel mills, machine shops and allied trades and were sent through ordnance schools at Holabird, Md., Atlanta, Ga., or Normoyle, Tex.

Many of them have had years of experience in the exact type of work they are doing now.

After the plans had been laid for the shop, the men helped with the purchase of the machinery and loaded it on ships so that one ship contained machinery in the proper proportions for an independent unit.

They didn't take any chances on shortages; everything, from the heaviest machinery to soap and towels, was sent from the United States.

Three months were spent rebuilding two old sheds and installing the equipment; now, all they are waiting for is enough work so they can show what they can do.



Letter to a Friend

You know it would be wonderful, If you were here today, And we could talk about the things That long have passed away. If I could see your face again, And in my mind compare, The many thoughts we now possess And those we used to share. Our views on life, on love and war, And scholars in our class, The memories that mark the years Of problems in the mass. And if we have not grown too old, We could remember too, The many great and noble things We started out to do. Then we could check our ledgers and Determine whether we, Have entered all our debits and Our credits accurately. Pfc Houston M. Waller.

# Eight Fights Scheduled for Bristol Tomorrow Night

## Division Champ Heads Boxers At Colston Hall

### Ten Scrappers Who Have Fought at Rainbow Club on Card

BRISTOL, Apr. 6—Eight three-round bouts with an exhibition of Commando tactics are on the program at the fight night to be held at Colston Hall here Thursday night under the sponsorship of The Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee. Bell for the first fight will ring at 7.30 PM with 2,200 seats available for American servicemen and their guests.

Most of Thursday's fighters are top-notch performers who have appeared at past Stars and Stripes bouts at the Rainbow Corner, London. Heading the list is Sgt. Chester Ruby, of Baltimore, 121. Ruby recently was crowned featherweight champion of the — Division after he went through two months of battalion and regimental eliminations to the division final where he took the crown.

Another star attraction is Pvt. William Sabo, of Cleveland, 130, who two weeks ago scored a third round knockout at the Rainbow Corner after going to a draw in his initial start in London.

#### Commando Exhibition

Other performers on the card who have appeared at Rainbow Corner are: Pvt. Toni Deri, West New York, N.J.; T/5 William Lesler, Cleveland, 125; Pvt. Alfred Berenguer, New York, 125; Cpl. Pat Sullivan, Staten Island, N.Y., 147; Pvt. John Robinson, Kansas City, Kan., 147; Pfc Lewis Fetters, Bellefonte, Pa., 150; Pvt. Alfred Jensen, Jersey City, N.J., 135, and Pvt. Glen Carpenter, Hoopla, Cal., 170.

Filling out the program are Pvt. Ken Brings, Milwaukee, Wis., 118; T/5 Carmine Milne, Netcong, N.J., 155; Sgt. Donald Johnson, Jamestown, N.Y., 160; Pvt. Eugene Newman, Sunbury, Pa., 175, and Cpl. William Hussey, Brooklyn, N.Y., 170.

The Commando exhibition—Murder in Three Easy Lessons—will be put on by Lt. Mickey Wood, who also has appeared at the Rainbow Corner. Lt. Wood is Commando instructor to the British Army.

#### Gen. Hartle Expected

It is expected that Maj. Gen. Russell P. Hartle will present the winning fighters with their awards after the fights.

Officials named for the bouts are: Lt. Col. Jefferson Kidd, Alexandria, La., and Lt. Col. John McCaslin, Cleveland, judges; Capt. Sol Radam, Akron, Ohio, referee, and Capt. C. A. McIntosh, Dade City, Fla., time keeper.

Thursday's bouts are a further extension of the activities of The Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee which represents a joint, coordinated effort of the American Red Cross, the Special Service Section of the U.S. Army and The Stars and Stripes to promote the most complete athletic program possible for the U.S. forces in the ETO.

## Hawkeye Gridders Turn Out in Strength

IOWA CITY, Iowa, Apr. 6—Forgetting for a minute the schools which definitely have abandoned athletics for the duration, here's a tipoff on what to expect in the way of inter-collegiate football next Fall. In fact, it is more than a tipoff—it's practically an exposure.

The University of Iowa coach issued a call for Spring practice. The result indicates that the Hawkeyes possibly may be represented by a six-man team with one sub because the total turnout was seven men, including two freshmen.

## Blue Sword May Stop Count Fleet

### Son of Blue Larkspur Stretched Favorite Last Year

By Charles Morley  
United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Apr. 6—If Count Fleet, Mrs. John Hertz's bay flyer, is halted short of what looks like a clean sweep through the Derby, Preakness and Belmont, veteran horsemen agree it will take a colt who can outgame and overpower Count in the run through the stretch.

Of all the horses going through the long, wearisome Derby preparation there is only one that has the power to take the Count.

His name is Blue Sword. He's a rangy bay, son of Blue Larkspur, and his mother was by Man O' War. He is scheduled to make his '43 debut at the Jamaica opening Thursday.

Last year, as a two-year-old, the bustling bay colt was a cold potato for the first half of the season. But in July he came to life in a hurry. He ripped to an easy victory in his second start and gave Count Fleet a close stretch battle in the next.

He met Count Fleet in the Champagne at Belmont and was well whipped, but it was the day the Count spun a memorable one minute 34 and four-fifths seconds mile. Nobody would have bothered him that afternoon.

Blue Sword wintered at Hialeah, Florida. He was training for the Flamingo Stakes when Florida racing became a war casualty. He arrived in the North a couple of weeks ago, sharp and fit. He impressed horsemen with his workouts.

Much has been made of the fact that Count Fleet's sire was Reigh Count, who won the '28 Derby. But Blue Sword's daddy, carrying the Bradley green, blew the Derby a year later only because he was improperly shod for the muddy track. Wouldn't it still be a better story if Al Simmons' youngster could make good for old Blue Larkspur, now in stud at Bradley's Idle Hour farm?

## Coming Back

By Jack Sords



I DON'T CARE WHO WINS. I CAN TAKE 'EM BOTH!



ARTURO GODOY

SOUTH AMERICAN FIGHTER BACK IN THE HEAVYWEIGHT PICTURE

HE HOPES TO GET A CRACK AT THE WINNER OF THE MAURIELLO-BIVINS BOUT

Central Press

## Barganier Gets Off Floor to Whip Anderson

### Fans See Plenty of Thrills, But Only One Kayo On Fight Card

Knockouts were as scarce as good beer in Britain but there were enough action and thrills on last night's weekly Stars and Stripes fight card to satisfy another packed house at the Rainbow Corner.

The only knockout on the card of 11 bouts occurred in the second fight in which Pvt. Walter Barganier, of Greenville, Ala., (134) survived three knockdowns in the first round to come back and halt Pvt. Alvin Anderson, Negro lightweight from New Orleans in the final round.

Anderson was bleeding profusely from the nose and mouth when Referee Lt. Col. Richards Vidmer, stopped the bout.

In the only heavyweight contest of the night Pvt. Pete Sinuk, of The Bronx, showed a complete reversal of form after stopping Pvt. Billy McHale a month ago. Sinuk met up with Cpl. Rudolph Koch, of Ritzville, Wash., in the feature event of the evening, and for two rounds did nothing but cover up under "Killer" Koch's wide swinging roundhouses to the head. Sinuk rallied in the third when Koch tired, but the preliminary edge was too much to overcome and Koch was declared the winner. Sinuk weighed 185, Koch 195.

Before the heavyweights took the spotlight, a pair of good light-heavies waged a lively three rounder with Pvt. Bill Kingsland, of Redondo Beach, Cal., winning over Pvt. Mike Donohue, of Philadelphia. — Regimental champ, Kingsland piled up a big lead in the first two rounds which was enough to offset Donohue's strong comeback in the third.

#### John Smith Wins

Pvt. John Smith, Negro lightweight from New York, won a unanimous decision over Pvt. George Soukup, of Cicero, Ill., in the third bout. Soukup won the first round but tired in the last two as Smith finished strongly to pile up a big advantage in the second and third.

A pair of rugged welterweights went at each other with hammer and tongs in the fourth bout with Pvt. Harold Alle, called the "Terrible Turk," of North St. Paul, Minn., receiving a hard earned verdict over Pfc Paul Phaneus, of Holyoke, Mass. Alle's best weapons were wicked left hooks to the body and stiff rights to the head.

#### Just Out of Hospital

Welterweight champion of — Division, Pvt. Tony Pavone, of Lynn, Mass., 145, and just one week out of the hospital, didn't have quite enough strength to put Pfc Divencio Salvatore on "quiet" street.

After the first few seconds of the fight, during which Salvatore swarmed all over him, Pavone opened up with rights and lefts to the body and used an effective right uppercut that had Salvatore completely befuddled by the end of the third. Salvatore, from Brooklyn, N.Y., weighed 145.

Two hard punching middleweights slugged it out in the sixth bout with Pvt. Alex Kasurky, of Providence, R.I., outpointing Pvt. Ralph Simmons, of Cumberland, Md., 155.

The action slowed up considerably in the seventh bout. Not more than a half-dozen solid punches were thrown in the three rounds, but Pvt. Edison Anderson, of St. Louis, Mo., was credited with most of them, and outpointed Pvt. James Henry, of Brooklyn, in an all-Negro middleweight match.

#### Chinese Boxer Wins

Sgt. William Fie, stocky Chinese middleweight from Phoenix, Ariz., and a converted wrestler, gave his Eighth Air Force Service Command supporters something to yell about in the eighth fight when he upset Pvt. Dave Feldman, of Pittsburgh. Feldman was down in the second as a result of a left hook to the jaw.

Two Negro boys went through a slow opener that resembled a sparring match more than a fight. Pfc Herbert Cobb, of Philadelphia, 126, outpointed Pvt. John Bezamore, of Boston, Mass., 130. Cobb hit opponent at will but never hurt.

Another Negro boy, Pvt. Gilbert DeGroat, of Patterson, N.J., 161, outslugged Sgt. Twyman Brasher, of Greenville, S.C., 166, to take the judge's decision in the ninth battle. DeGroat closed Brasher's right eye in the first round but had to go all out in the rest of the fight to win.

#### Gordon Signs With Yankees

ASBURY PARK, N.J., Apr. 6—Yankee President Ed Barrow has brought holdout Joe Gordon, second baseman, to terms—Gordon's terms—with Gordon reportedly receiving \$20,000, \$3,000 over last season.

#### Fuller Scores in First

BOSTON, Apr. 6—Sammy Fuller, 144, pound slugger from the North End of Boston, knocked out Bill Speary, of Nanticoke, Pa., in one minute 32 seconds of the first round of their scheduled ten-rounder.

## Wyoming, Senesky Chosen For National Cage Honors

NEW YORK, Apr. 6—An exhaustive basketball survey by the Helms Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles has awarded the national college team crown to the Wyoming Cowboys and nominated George Senesky, sharpshooter from St. Josephs of Philadelphia, as "Player of the Year."

Midwesterners, who will be irate that Illinois or Notre Dame were not chosen as the nation's best, can draw some consolation from the personnel of the All-American squad. With two men picked for each post, the Midwest landed four positions, the Far West three, the East two and the South one.

Selected as forwards were Bob Bishop, Washington State; Ken Sailors, Wyoming; Andy Phillip, Illinois, and Senesky. At center are Gerald Tucker, Temple, and Bill Closs, Rice. At guards—Ray Evans, Kansas; Bill Morris, Washington; Bob Rensberger, Notre Dame, and John Mahnken, Georgetown.

Here is the second team: forwards—John Hargis, Texas; Johnny Kotz, Wisconsin; Ed Beisser, Creighton, and Oran McKinney, Western Kentucky; centers—Harry Boykoff, St. Johns, and Milo Komenich, Wyoming; guards—Stan Skaug, Dartmouth; Ted Gossard, Southern California; John Mikan, DePaul, and Bob Mullens, Fordham.

## Bob Montgomery Kayoes Roman Alvarez in Fourth

PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 6—Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia lightweight contender, kayoed Roman Alvarez, of New York, in the fourth round of their scheduled ten-rounder before 7,000 fans here. Montgomery, warming up for a go at Beau Jack, lightweight titleholder, finished Alvarez with two left hooks and a right to the jaw, the first punches he threw to the New Yorker's head in the entire fight. Alvarez weighed 135½, Montgomery 137.

## The Usual Thing Halts Ulster Baseball Contest

A QUARTERMASTER DEPOT, N.J., Apr. 6—Ulster's liquid sunshine cut short the baseball opener here between a QM team and an Infantry detachment nine. The Infantry players were ahead, 4-0, when rain halted the contest at the end of the third inning.

Batteries were Pfc Rothe, of Dundalk, Md., and Pfc Sellers, of Jacksonville, Fla., for the Infantry, and Pfc Sigmund Bureski, of Mystic, Iowa, and Sgt. Fred Trumper, of Corydon, Iowa, for the Quartermasters.

## Red Sox Blank Orioles, 8-0

BALTIMORE, Apr. 6—The Boston Red Sox defeated the Baltimore Orioles, 8-0, in the first game of their three-game series. Ken Chase, Yank Terry and Mace Brown allowed the Orioles only four hits while the Sox collected 14 off three Oriole hurlers.

## Pauley Strongly Favored For Belfast Handball Title

BELFAST, Apr. 6—Ray Pauley, technician, of Madison, Wis., definitely has established himself a strong favorite to win the handball tournament at the Red Cross club here as the result of his victory over Cpl. Jacob Miller, of Minneapolis, Minn.

Pauley is now in the quarterfinals along with C. W. Currier, another technician, of Glendale, Cal., and Cpl. David Bach, of St. Paul, Minn. Currier advanced by beating M/Sgt. Ralph B. Portnov, of Indianapolis, Ind., one of the dark horses of the meet, and Bach moved up by tripping Cpl. Charles Engelhardt, of Washington.

First round winners include Pvt. Irving Kreitzberg, Newark, N.J.; Cpl. Bob Meyers, Reno, Nev., and Creighton Hart, technician, Los Angeles.

## First Helium From New Plant

WASHINGTON, Apr. 6—The first carload of helium from the United States Department of Mines' new plant, somewhere in Texas, is rolling to its destination. Work is being rushed on four other plants in the southwest. When all are in operation, American production of the non-inflammable gas will be well over five times the pre-war figure. Helium is used in Navy blimps, for Army barrage balloons, for diving and caisson work and in welding magnesium for airplane parts.

## Probe Army 'Hoarding'

WASHINGTON, Apr. 6 (AP)—The Senate War Investigating Committee has called in Army Quartermaster Corps officers in a closed-door session officers in a closed-door session to question them about what was called Army "hoarding" of foodstuffs which would otherwise be available to civilians.

Crane had remarried at Tijuana, Mexico, Mar. 14. Their first marriage was annulled last month because Crane's divorce from his first wife had not been final when he married Lana.

NEWARK, N.J., Apr. 6—A nationwide conspiracy to avoid meat rationing regulations has been discovered and broken up by the Office of Price Administration, Chief Attorney Nathan Jacobs of OPA announced here today.

He said 10,000,000 pounds of beef and veal had been moved into eastern market areas and sold on the "black market" for \$2,000,000 over the official top prices.

Organized like the bootleg rings of prohibition days, conspirators owned herds of cattle, slaughterhouses and meat-packing establishments, Jacobs said.

## Promises 17,000-Mile Plane

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 6 (AP)—Henry J. Kaiser, miracle man of shipbuilding, promised today to build a cargo plane able to fly 17,000 miles, non-stop. Of all-metal construction, Kaiser said, his proposed plane would be able to bomb Tokyo from bases already held by U.S. troops.

## Lana Remarries Same Man

HOLLYWOOD, Apr. 6 (AP)—Lana Turner revealed today she and Stephen



LIZ ABNER

# Planes Hit Jap Solomons Base For Three Hours

## Allied Bombers Hammer Nine Other Strongholds In New Guinea

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Apr. 6—Allied medium bombers cruised over Buka, in the Solomons, for three and a half hours last night hammering the Jap airdrome and village with fragmentation and demolition bombs, today's official communique reports.

At the same time, Allied warplanes bombed nine other enemy strongholds in Dutch and British New Guinea.

Fires appeared on the Buka airdrome believed to be from burning aircraft. Searchlights and anti-aircraft fire of all calibers were encountered but all of the Allied planes returned.

Allied heavy bombers attacked Jap airdromes at Cape Gloucester, Madang, Finschafen, Salamaua. Medium units attacked Jap villages at Timinka and Ulamona and Saidor, the communique said.

At Sekar Bay, Dutch New Guinea, Allied heavy bombers attacked a 4,000-ton cargo ship, scoring close misses with 500-pound bombs. The damage could not be assessed, the communique said.

# U.S. Bombs Hit Antwerp Shops

American bombers scored direct hits on the Erla Aero Engine works when they raided Antwerp, in German-occupied Belgium on Monday, photographs taken during the raid revealed yesterday.

The Erla works was a small target compared to the vast Renault plant on the outskirts of Paris which was raided in daylight Sunday, but, like the Renault factories, it was severely damaged.

Reconnaissance photos revealed that the main building of the former Minerva Automobile plant was completely gutted and others set on fire. High explosive wrecked other parts of the plant, the pictures showed.

RAF reconnaissance photographs also showed yesterday that Berlin had suffered enormous industrial damage in raids the night of Mar. 1 and twice since then. Factories, railroad yards and stations, barracks and workers' colonies have been destroyed. Among the industrial targets hit by the RAF were two plants making wireless equipment, the German Timken Roller Bearing factory and two big engineering firms.

# Tunisia - - -

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air offensive has been going at full stride since Sunday night, when Wellingtons and Halifaxes smashed docks, shipping and railroads at Sfax, the Eighth Army's immediate objective.

Meanwhile, on the ground, American infantry consolidated their newly won positions in Bir Rabbot Pass east of El Guettar. Their artillery knocked out 15 German trucks and six guns, headquarters said. Fifteen German dive-bombers bombed the American artillery yesterday morning, it was reported. German infantry, despite severe losses, apparently were under orders to hold at all costs.

At Faid the front was quiet and at Fondouk the lines remained the same.

Two local Axis attacks—apparently new ones not previously reported—have been repulsed by the French on the Americans' northern flank near Pichon.

In the extreme north troops of the First Army captured a village 22 miles west of Mateur and continued to close in on Von Arnim's forces. From Sedjenane, captured last week, Allied forces also continued to push forward along the coast.

# Italy - - -

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at full throttle, skimming over the water at 20 feet altitude. Waist gunner Don W. Gorman, of Indianapolis, called over the telephone he wished we had brought our bathing suits. That broke the tension and we felt better."

It was 1/Lt. Brian W. Flavelle, of Caldwell, N.J., who led the attack against Messina terminal.

"I had just pulled the nose up and was getting set to make a run over the target when we got Jerries in our eyes," Dufour continued. "There was a whole covey of them and right in our faces was a Ju52 leading the parade. I let him have it with my nose guns and they tell me he crashed in the sea. I was too busy to notice myself."

Flavelle praised the accuracy of his bombardier 1/Lt. W. W. Hannah, of Palms, Cal., whose cool hand resulted in terrific damage to the terminal buildings. "Hannah salvoed bombs into the heart of the ferry terminal. We plowed right through the ground machine-gun fire. Scared? Hell, we didn't have time to find out."

Dufour's bombardier, 1/Lt. Robert W. Merrell, of Beverly Hills, Cal., said "I let them have it where it did the most good."

# Fort Crew Gets Five Nazi Fighters in Two Raids



1/Lt. Harold H. Beasley, of Andalusia, Ala. (third from right), talks with the crew of his Flying Fortress who shot down four German fighter planes during the raid on the Renault works near Paris on Sunday, and another one during the raid on a plane engine factory at Antwerp the next day.

# Jersey Soldiers Meeting Tonight

## Oklahoma Night Planned Tomorrow at Mostyn Red Cross Club

Servicemen from New Jersey will meet at the Red Cross Mostyn club tonight continuing the series of "State Night" reunions. Tomorrow night Oklahoma men will meet at the club.

Monday night 41 Washingtonians met at the club for a meeting, highlighted by the appearance of 21 state members in a truck. Headed by T/Sgt. Robert Mathers, of Bellingham, the contingent had driven 25 miles from their camp to attend the reunion.

Georgia night will be held next Monday, Connecticut next Wednesday, Kansas on Apr. 15, Florida on Apr. 19, Nevada, New Mexico and Arizona on Apr. 21, Missouri Apr. 22, West Virginia Apr. 26, Ohio Apr. 28, and North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska on Apr. 29.

Those present at Monday night's Washington reunion were:

Maj. E. M. Llewellyn and Sgt. John P. Karabach, from Tacoma; Capt. Ward J. Walker, Sgt. James J. Heistman, Lt. Theodore Emerson, T/4 M. J. G. Brady, T/5 James U. Gregory, T/5 Ralph B. Anderson, S/Sgt. Richard F. Duffley, S/Sgt. Martin Lavell, S/Sgt. Edwin F. Bell, M/Sgt. Otis Miller, T/4 James Kane, Cpl. John J. Redman, T/4 William L. Allen, S/Sgt. Robert Turner, Jack Martin of the Canadian Army, and Lindsay McHarris of the Red Cross, all from Seattle.

T/Sgt. Richard Deardorff, Pvt. Albert Winton, T/5 Joe Rostel, Cpl. Iver Hansen, Pfc Robert Kelp, of Spokane; Lt. R. J. Bohmer, Cpl. Earl H. Lundgren, Sgt. Thomas Reeves, of Aberdeen; T/Sgt. Robert Mathers, Pvt. John Carver, of Bellingham; Pfc Francis P. Maier, T/Sgt. William Giedner, of Yakima; Sgt. B. E. Marsh, Issaquah; M/Sgt. Robert E. Barnes, Bothell; Cpl. Burton Davidson, Grandview; T/4 Basil E. Hyde, Everett; T/4 Hugh A. Russel, Mt. Vernon; Cpl. H. B. Miller, Dayton; T/4 Clarence Thompson, Deming; T/5 Richard D. White, Walla Walla; Sgt. Vincent Hogan, Port Angeles; Pvt. Merle V. Hamlik, Bingen; S/Sgt. Bernard Brunner, Winlock, and Cpl. Walter Hunt, Spanway.

# U.S. Army Nurses Will Work With British Defense in Blitz

American Army nurses are going to work with the British Civil Defense services in the event of a blitz, it was announced yesterday.

At a conference of chief nurses, opened by Brig. Gen. Paul R. Hawley, chief surgeon, ETO, a battle plan was formed to place army hospitals in a position to administer to either military or civilian casualties. The nurses were told that the conditions imposed by the present military situation make it necessary to apply to all hospitals the methods used in evacuation, mobile and surgical hospitals in forward battle areas.

Shock teams to care for blast victims,

# Torpedoed Seaman Cures Mumps in Oil

A SCOTTISH PORT, Apr. 6—Merchant seaman Howard Stevens, of Boston, learned two things on his last voyage: How to cure mumps and how to stay afloat in the Atlantic after a ship is torpedoed.

Stevens was in his ship's sick bay with a bad dose of mumps, when a torpedo struck. In a few moments he was swimming in icy salt water, covered with fuel oil.

A floating dud bomb brushed against him and he grabbed it, keeping himself afloat.

When he was picked up, his mumps had disappeared. Stevens figures the salt water and oil he gargled did that.

# Sgt. Goble Didn't Like This Red Cross Terrier

CHELTHENHAM, Apr. 6—A Scotch terrier pup, the mascot of the American Red Cross club here, has been christened "Spam" by Sgt. Lee Goble, Fairfield, Iowa.

The pup's name was determined in a contest in which Pfc Robert Cramer, Philadelphia, Cpl. Wal Friedlander, New York, and Pfc P. A. Noffin, Baltimore, all proposed the winning name, George Weir, director of the club, presented the men with awards.

# First 'Four Freedoms' Talk

Samuel Berger, American labor member of the Special Mission to Britain, and Kingsley Martin, editor of the New Statesman and Nation, will lead the discussion on "Freedom from Want" at the English-Speaking Union, Charles Street, Berkeley Square, London, W.1, at 7 PM tonight. It will be the first of a series on the "Four Freedoms."

# Nazi Alpinists Hunt 'Ghosts'

## Germans Claim Norwegian Raid Party Smashed, Factories Blasted

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 6 (UP)—Crack German Alpine troops were reported today to have been ordered to the bleak Hardinger Plateau, 75 miles east of Bergen, Norway, where British and Free Norwegian parachute troops are said to have established a headquarters.

The announcement of the mountain hunt came as the Germans claimed they had intercepted and destroyed a British raiding party as it approached the coast of Norway by sea.

From Copenhagen came still another report of increased sabotage in Danish factories and a German counter-move now centering on a search for four young Danes, charged with blowing up four factories within an hour and a half. A fifth blast wrecked another factory a little later.

# 'Chutists Have Advantage

German troops assigned to hunt down the "ghost army" of British and Norwegians are facing a difficult job. If there are any parachute men in the Hardinger area they presumably are guided by Norwegians who know every foot of the bleak mountain country, are equipped with supplies and tools and, best of all, have the help and sympathy of Norwegian residents of the area.

The German SS companies were said to have already shown their hand in one mistake attack.

Stories reaching Stockholm from across the border said they surrounded a group of huts, called up dive-bombers and then charged in after the planes had blasted the stone farm houses into piles of rubble. They found only a couple of scared and very mad Norwegian civilians.

Apparently nervous over recent explosions in Norwegian factories and power plants, the Germans have tightened frontier regulations and re-announced their policy of imprisoning the relatives of any Norwegian known to have escaped from the country.

# Rainbow Corner Plans All-GI Show Tonight

Sgt. Sid Ordower's all-soldier show is scheduled at the Red Cross Rainbow Corner tonight at 8:45 PM, preceded by a special quiz program, it was announced. Soldiers are invited to bring their girls.

There will be show for the club volunteers tomorrow at 8 PM.

# New NID Chaplain

HQ, NID, Apr. 6—1/Lt. O. K. Bosse, of Peoria, Ill., is the new chaplain here, taking the place of Chaplain H. G. Schwegler, of Louisville, Ky., who has been given another assignment. Chaplain Bosse comes from a hospital unit in England.

# Blondie

(By courtesy of King Features Syndicate and the London Daily Sketch)

by Chic Young



# Lockheed Men Are Hosts To Ulster Orphans

## Civilian Technicians Contributed £1,632, Adopted 16

A USAAF DEPOT, N.I., Apr. 6—Fifteen North Ireland war orphans are back home again today after a visit to their foster uncles at the Lockheed Overseas Corp. here in which the biggest thrill they had was a ride in a transport plane as it taxied up and down the runway.

There was to have been one more child in the party—three-year-old Joyce L.—but she was considered too young for all the excitement.

The party was the outgrowth of a campaign started a month ago in which technicians of the LOC contributed £1,632 to the Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund. The Red Cross, which co-operates in administration of the Stars and Stripes fund, went to work.

## Pick 8 Boys, 8 Girls

Consulting with Harry H. Ogden, general manager for the Lockheed corporation, and Dr. Norman E. Nygard, chaplain, Red Cross officials selected eight boys and eight girls, all children of North Ireland families who had lost their fathers in the blitz or at Dunkirk.

The technicians staged a full day for their little guests, during their visit here, which included the plane taxi ride, a big dinner with a special dessert and a showing of the Walt Disney cartoon, Dumbo, at Proj-Ma-Hall.

There were two sets of twins among the orphans—Winifred and William J., aged ten, and Thomas and William H., 12 years old. In addition to the twins there were two brother-sister combinations, Robert and Eleanor R., seven and nine years old, and Mary and Joseph M., nine and ten respectively.

## Plane Ride Unique

The other orphans were Jean T., seven; Iris M., 12; Annie, seven; William O., 14; John D., 12; Albert Q., nine, and William J., ten.

The ride in the plane was a unique experience for the youngsters, the first time for any of them aboard a ship. Most impressed with the ride was 14-year-old William O., who was taken into the control compartment by A. B. Gagnon, of Pasadena, Calif., to watch Don Dunning, of Burbank, Calif., pilot the ship, assisted by S/Sgt. Winfield Scott, of Sylvania, Ga., flight mechanic.

Also with the orphans on the plane were Maj. James Shaw, an administrative officer at the depot; Miss Vivian Campbell, of Los Angeles, head nurse at the LOC hospital; Sherrill Williams, of Burbank, Calif.; Robert Foehl, of Chandler, Ariz.; Paul Hawkins, of Ozark, Mo.; Gael Crowell, of Santa Barbara, Calif.; Miss Netta Heslip, Belfast Council of Social Welfare; Elmer Quist, of Minneapolis, Minn., and Mrs. Marcia Mackie, of Boston, of the American Red Cross.

# Easter - - -

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forces who wish to visit Jewish homes during the Passover Seders, held Apr. 19 and Apr. 20, or to participate in the communal seders at the London Jewish center, 41, Portland Place, must contact 1/Lt. Judah Nadich, Jewish chaplain, ETO, either through their unit chaplains or through APO 887. Preference for orthodox or reformed Jewish homes, and whether an invitation for one or both nights is desired must be indicated.

The West London Synagogue, 33, Seymour Place, W.1, also has invited members of the American forces to participate in the celebration of the seders. Reservations must be made not later than Apr. 15 through the Special Service office, ETO.

## Devotions at Bristol

Another outdoor service—weather permitting—is planned by Capt. Dow Hurd, of Waco, Tex., for men stationed in the Bristol area. The services will be held on the lawn of the chapel at Clifton College, in Bristol.

Whenever necessary, men attending Easter services may use trains, but because of the congestion of the railways, furloughs that necessitate the use of trains are limited so that soldiers will not be traveling either Easter Sunday, Apr. 25, or Monday, Apr. 26, according to an ETO order.

Furloughs will not be granted between Apr. 22 and Apr. 26, and furloughs granted prior to this period will not terminate on either Apr. 25 or Apr. 26. Short passes of 48 to 72 hours will not be granted between Apr. 20 and Apr. 26, inclusive.

There will be no restriction on any mode of travel other than by rail.

# Brooklyn Soldier Wins Belfast Checkers Title

BELFAST, Apr. 6—Pvt. A. Luft, of Brooklyn, N.Y., won the checker tournament at the Red Cross club here by beating S/Sgt. James Smith, of Pennsylvania. Another tournament is planned Apr. 16. A chess tournament is contemplated at the same time.

Sgt. Bernard H. Hoffman, of Chicago, and Cpl. Wallace S. Bailey, of St. Petersburg, Fla., were winners in the weekly bridge tournament.