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U.S. Tanks and Infantry Take Important Hill As First Opens New Drive

Yanks Capture Last Big Barrier to The Sea

By the Associated Press

American forces, smashing toward Bizerta, have captured Djebel Cheniti, biggest remaining barrier to a breakthrough to the sea, while the British First Army has opened the door to the plain of Tunis by driving the fiercely resisting Axis troops from the commanding hill of Djebel Bou Aoukaz, 11 miles to the east of Medjez-el-Bab, it was reported from Allied headquarters in Africa last night.

The Americans also took part of another important height—the Djebel Achkel—on the southern shores of Lake Achkel.

The Americans attacked along the entire sector with foot troops and armor.

(The First Army has begun its big advance on Tunis, the United Press said. It began at 3 AM today, when an immense barrage from more than 400 guns smashed its metal down on the first objectives, softening them up for the infantry which followed.)

Fierce Fighting

Djebel Achkel, north of Mateur, was occupied after severe fighting, and other troops pushed east after taking a hill beyond Eddikhila en route to Tebour.

The general attack was preceded by heavy artillery fire, and the armored column swung northwest from Mateur in a drive for Ferryville. The assault, which met with fairly stiff resistance, was accompanied by one of the heaviest Allied air attacks during the North African campaign.

As American and French troops pressed from the south and west towards Ferryville and Bizerta, the Allied air forces announced that tremendous damage had been done to both of those towns by repeated aerial attacks. Ferryville, they said, was all but immobilized.

The attacks against Bizerta, the important Axis supply port and naval base, have been concentrated on the extensive quays and unloading facilities on the Lake of Bizerta channel.

At Ferryville whole areas have been razed and widespread havoc caused among dry docks, workshops, barracks, buildings, warehouses and fuel installations.

'Noose is Tightening'

In Washington, Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson said "the noose is tightening around the Axis army" in North Africa, but that there was every indication that the enemy would continue to fight there. He told a press conference "there has been no evidence of any attempt to evacuate any considerable portion of the Axis army."

(Docks, wharves and shipyards in Bizerta are burning, the United Press said. Air observers said most of the fires were caused by Allied shelling. Both Bizerta and Tunis, in the docks areas, also were plastered by Allied planes.)

1,200 Sorties in a Day

Allied fighter planes carried out 1,200 sorties yesterday, as weather permitted the biggest fighter effort made so far in the African campaign. As a result of the week's unceasing bombing of enemy airfields in Tunisia, it is unlikely that the Axis is using any of the fields for bombers now, a reliable source stated. Most enemy fighters are now based in Sicily.

In what appears to be desperate fighting towards organized defenses on the road to Bizerta, where both American and French forces have been pressing irresistibly forward, Axis troops launched several counter-attacks yesterday north of Lake Achkel.

There Will Be An Invasion This Summer, Davis Says

WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—Elmer Davis, director of the OWI, said today that "there is no question but that there will be Allied operations in Continental Europe this summer."

Asked if he thought that Allied forces could clean up North Africa speedily enough for an invasion of the European mainland this year, Davis said he was confident that this could be done.

He said "the Allies may encounter a difficulty when they get the Axis knocked down to Bizerta, where the Germans evidently intend to make a final stand. In my opinion it would be possible to go ahead with the invasion, even though Bizerta remained for a time in Axis hands," he declared.

First U.S. Air Victory Over Warship off Africa

CAIRO, May 6 (AP)—F/O William D. Gatling, Tarboro, N.C., is credited with the first recorded victory of a U.S. aircraft over an enemy warship at sea in this theater when he bombed an Italian destroyer Apr. 30 off Cape Bon, Tunisia.

Gatling, who was flying with "Hell's Belles" squadron, dove from 6,000 feet to 1,500, levelled off, and dropped bomb which landed squarely amidship of the destroyer.

"It seemed to hit just in front of the funnel," he said, "as soon as it struck black and blue smoke spurted out; and I climbed away. When I looked back the ship was burning."

British Field Is Taken Over By U.S. Fighters

First All-American Base Goes, Appropriately, to Ex-Eagle Men

Emphasizing the increased importance that U.S. fighter pilots will play in the future air war over Europe, the British this week turned over the first fighter base to an all-American command, it was disclosed yesterday.

The field over which the American flag now flies is one from which former RAF pilots of the Eagle Squadron now operate with the USAAF in American fighter planes.

In a simple flag-raising ceremony, Col. Edward W. Anderson, commander of the Eighth Air Force fighter group stationed at the field, officially accepted the command of the fighter base from Group Capt. L. G. Nixon, of the RAF.

"This field will be well to the fore, under your command, performing an offensive fighter role," Capt. Nixon told Col. Anderson. "When the time comes for you to return to your country we will be happy to receive back this station, knowing that history has been made affecting our respective countries and sealing a bond of friendship that must endure for all time."

Col. Anderson expressed thanks to the British Government and the RAF for turning over to his command "such a finely equipped and organized station."

Two platoons, one from the RAF unit on the field, and the other from the U.S. fighter group, were assembled at the flag raising ceremony. The field has been used by the old Eagle outfit for several months but has been under an RAF station commander. The field is one of the oldest in England, having been established as an air base many years before the war.

30 American Soldier Aliens Become Citizens at Base Here

A REPLACEMENT DEPOT, England, May 6—Thirty men in the U.S. Army who were born in foreign lands—some in Germany and Italy, others in the lands occupied by the Axis—were given the oath of American citizenship here yesterday by Dr. Henry P. Hazard, director of research and educational services of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice.

In the ETO there are about 100 men who are serving in U.S. armed forces but have not enjoyed American citizenship, and Dr. Hazard is hoping to complete the task of making them Americans by the end of the week. An impressive service is planned for Sunday, in which the men will receive their certificates of citizenship.

Yesterday's group was typical. In the long line stretching along a gloomy corridor at the Headquarters building, there were no cries of "Hurry up and wait."

"Hell! We've waited five months for this, what does a few more minutes

13 Died With Andrews in Crash On Hill During Bad Weather; Devers Named as Successor

Chief of U.S. Armor Is Given Command Of ETO

WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Jacob Loucks Devers, commander of the U.S. Armored Force, has been named by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson to succeed Lt. Gen. Frank Maxwell Andrews as commander of the American Army troops in the European Theater of Operations, the War Department announced today.

Gen. Andrews was killed Monday in an airplane accident in Iceland.

Mr. Stimson said Gen. Andrews' death deprived the United States of "one of its most brilliant and gallant officers."

Mr. Stimson added that Gen. Devers had already shown "an immense capacity for organization and administration as head of the armored force," and was especially prepared for the European command.

Leading Armor Commander

Lt. Gen. Jacob Loucks Devers, new commander of the European Theater of Operations, is recognized as one of the U.S. Army's foremost armored force commanders. Prior to the war he devoted almost his entire military career—a long and distinguished one—to the artillery, serving with that branch through the last war.

Born at York, Pa., on Sept. 8, 1887, he was graduated from West Point in 1909 and assigned as a second lieutenant to the field artillery, promoted to first lieutenant in 1916, and to captain in 1917. He received a temporary appointment as a major in 1918 and as a colonel in 1919.

He reverted to his permanent rank of captain in 1920, but rose to major in 1925, lieutenant colonel in 1934, and colonel in 1938. On May 1, 1940, he was made brigadier general. He received a temporary appointment as a major general on Oct. 1, 1940, and lieutenant general Sept. 21, 1942.

Gen. Devers served in France and Germany during the last war and after his return was assigned to duty at West Point, where he served as an instructor in field artillery tactics for five years. He was a student officer at the Command and General Staff school, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., between September, 1924, and June, 1925, and graduated as a distinguished student. He was then ordered to Fort Sill, Okla., where he was assigned

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Bloodiest Guerrilla War In Six Years in China

CHUNGKING, May 6 (UP)—The bloodiest guerrilla fighting for six years is raging at Taihang mountains, the official China communique reported.

Sixty thousand Japanese troops, of whom 20,000 are fresh reinforcements, have been thrown against the guerrillas, while Japanese planes are cooperating in the battle by bombing Chinese mountain positions along the Shansi-Honan border.

The issue is still undecided after a fortnight's fighting, says the communique.

New Chief of ETO



Associated Press Photo

Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers

British Mothers To Be 'Adopted' By GIs Sunday

Red Cross Clubs Plan Mother's Day Fetes For Soldiers

American soldiers in ETO, thousands of miles from their own homes, will celebrate Mother's Day Sunday by "adopting" for the day, some of the British mothers who have befriended them in this country.

In American Red Cross clubs throughout the British Isles, volunteer women workers, especially those who have sons of their own serving with the British or Allied forces, will be the guests of the men who frequent the clubs.

Although there is no organized program of religious services for the day, most Army chaplains will preach special Mother's Day sermons and have their chapels decorated with carnations for the occasion.

Officers, many of whom are "foster uncles" through donations to The Stars and Stripes Orphan Fund, will become "mothers" for the day when 25 London children are entertained at the American Red Cross Reindeer club for officers, Clifford St., London.

Some of the children will be those sponsored under The Stars and Stripes plan, while others will be sons and daughters of British soldiers and sailors serving overseas. They will be brought to the club at 3 PM by a Red Cross worker and will see a Mickey Mouse comedy, a Punch and Judy show, a magician, and eat real ice cream. The party will last until 6 PM and they will be given presents as they leave.

Volunteer workers of the Rainbow Corner club, who have sons serving overseas, will be presented with corsages and be at the lunch, movies and tea of 20 men who have asked to show their appreciation in this manner.

At the Mostyn club, Mrs. Freeman H. Mathews, wife of the American Consul; Mrs. Lawrence Tweedy, chairman of the American club, and Mrs. S. Warren Pearl, whose husband is attached to the Embassy, will, with British women volunteers, be the guests at a special reception and luncheon given by enlisted men at 12 PM.

A "mother for the day" will preside at each table in the Washington club dining room. To mark the occasion, (Continued on page 4)

Fast Session in Markets

NEW YORK, May 6 (AP)—Idle cash flooded the Stock Market yesterday and in one of the fastest sessions in three years many issues reached new war-time highs. Advances were from a few cents to \$2 per share. The total turnover was about 3,000,000 shares, with the greatest interest in stocks selling at less than \$5.

Maryland Factory Wrecked

ELKTON, Md., May 6 (AP)—An explosion and fire wrecked six buildings at the plant of the Triumph Explosives Co. here today. The company said 15 persons were killed and 54 injured.

Gen. Barth, Col. Krum Among Others Who Died in Plane

The plane crash on Monday, May 3, in Iceland, that claimed the lives of Lieutenant General Frank Maxwell Andrews, commanding general of the European Theater of Operations, United States Army, and 13 other passengers, occurred when "the weather was bad with a very low ceiling and poor visibility due to rain and low clouds," it was announced late yesterday by Headquarters, ETOUSA.

The plane struck a hill in flight, it was established, and was completely demolished.

Only one of the 15 passengers, bound on a routine inspection flight to Army installations in Iceland, survived the disaster. He was the rear gunner. The next of kin have been notified.

It is not known who was piloting the plane at the time of the crash, which occurred in an isolated area near Grindavik.

Reason for Delay

It was announced further that the delay in announcing details of the accident was due to the difficulty of getting a ground party to the scene and securing accurate information from this party when it arrived, as no means of communication were available in the area.

The official casualty list, in addition to Gen. Andrews, was announced as follows:

Brig. Gen. Charles Henry Barth, 39, of Leavenworth, Kas., Chief of Staff, ETO, since Feb. 15 and a graduate of West Point in 1925. He came to the ETO from the Middle East where he had been Assistant Chief of Staff under Gen. Andrews.

Bishop Adna Wright Leongrd, 68, of Washington, chairman of the General Commission of Army and Navy Chaplains. He was on the second leg of a world tour which was to have taken him to all the fighting fronts.

Col. Frank S. Miller, of Washington, military aide to Bishop Leonard and plans and training officer in the Chief of Chaplains' office.

Krum Among Victims

Col. Morrow Krum, 46, of Chicago, Public Relations Officer, ETO, and a former newspaper, advertising and publicity executive. Col. Krum served as an aviation cadet in the last war, held a National Guard commission after the Armistice and re-entered the Federal service, as a major, on Apr. 8, 1942. Mrs. Caroline Krum and a son, Morrow Sanborn Krum, survive.

Lt. Col. Fred Aldridge Chapman, 31, of Grove Hill, Ala., aide to Gen. Andrews. Unmarried, he was a graduate of Alabama Polytechnic in business administration. He entered service July 11, 1940, as field artillery battery officer, and was appointed aide to the commanding general in January, 1942.

Maj. Robert Humphrey, 42, of Garrett, Ind., aide to Bishop Leonard while the (Continued on page 4)

Derry R.C. Club One Year Old

LONDONDERRY, May 6—American servicemen marched through the streets here today to the strains of a newly organized U.S. Navy brass band to celebrate the first anniversary of the American Red Cross Service club.

Mrs. Harriet Clarke, of Derry, a Red Cross civilian volunteer worker, who was among the first to greet Americans arriving in the city, was guest of honor at the informal meeting which followed the parade.

Among those present were: Mrs. James V. Forrestall, wife of the Under-Secretary of the U.S. Navy, civilian representative of the WAVES; Mayor and Mayoress Simmons; Commander Simpson, Royal Navy; Commander J. E. Williams and Lt. Commander David E. Conklin, U.S. Navy; Col. Burnham, U.S. Marines, and Capt. Frank Willis, U.S. Army.

American Red Cross officials included: Mr. Karl Falk, London; Mr. George Bodeman, Glasgow, and Mrs. Marcia Mackie, Belfast.

Indians' Hurler

By Pap



Greg Rice Receives Track Writers' Award

NEW YORK, May 6—Greg Rice, America's outstanding distance track star, now a chief specialist in the U.S. Maritime Service, received the Track Writers' Association plaque at the 12th annual All-Sports dinner at the New York AC.

Former New York mayor Jimmy Walker presented the award which Rice also won in '40 and '41. Pole vaulter Cornelius Warmerdam was the winner in '42. Rice also received the New York AC veterans' trophy.

Preakness May Have 3 Starters

Count Fleet Threat Scares Off Remaining Eligibles

BALTIMORE May 6—\$2,000 can now go begging for the want of a horse to take fourth place chasing Count Fleet around the Pimlico track on Saturday in the 54th annual Preakness Stakes, which is Maryland's most famous race.

Of course, there is no gold-plated guarantee that Mrs. John Hertz's Count Fleet will take the major share of the \$50,000 added Preakness purse, but the Count's Kentucky Derby effort was good enough to scare off all but two eligible three-year-olds. Beside the Count, the only probable starters include Blue Swords, who finished second in the Derby, and W. L. Brann's Vincentive, which skipped the Derby to point for the Preakness.

W. E. Boeing's Slide Rule is the only other horse remaining in the Preakness picture. Unless handlers make a last-minute decision to ship Slide Rule here from New York, officials predict the smallest Preakness field since 1899, when 1-30 shot Buddhist won by ten lengths in a two-horse field.

All-Stars Notch Eighth Straight

DIVISION BASE, May 6—The Division All-Star soccer team added another victim to their growing list as they blanked the Engineers, 6-0, for their eighth consecutive victory on the latter's field last night.

Cpl. William Gayo, of Baltimore, was the scoring star of the game as he booted the ball for two tallies in the first period and one in the second, while Pfc Frank Wurga and Cpl. John Koubeck, both of Baltimore, and Pfc Anthony Slovick, of Sturgeon, Pa., each accounted for one goal.

Sgt. Joseph Hinks, of Philadelphia, held the All-Stars from scoring more than they did as he blocked the ball many times and made several saves.

Here are the lineups:

All-Stars—6		Engineers—0	
Bianconi .. G	Hinks .. G	Moxley .. RF	Ford .. RF
Dimick .. LF	Oliver .. LF	Warga .. RH	Beeston .. RH
Beacham .. CH	Ware .. CH	Denski .. LH	Myers .. LH
Brady .. OR	Baggett .. OR	Cuomo .. IR	Carp .. IR
Gayo .. CF	Sharples .. CF	Koubeck .. IL	Moore .. IL
Slovick .. OL	Tinsley .. OL		

Fighter Command Track Team Led by High Jumper and Miler

Fighter Command entries in the Eighth Air Force track meet to be held May 11 at Imber Court, Thames Ditton, will be led by high jumper Pvt. Bill O'Brien, of Madison, Kan., and miler Sgt. Harold Collins.

O'Brien, who has done six foot six inches in his prime, may be held down by a recent illness, but will be shooting for the English record of six feet five inches on the day of the meet. Sgt. Collins plans to go all out in the half mile, but does not believe he is ready for the mile distance. He has competed against such stars as Glenn Cunningham, Lt. Chuck Fenske and Gene Venske in the Drake, Penn and other relays.

In the 100 and 220-yard dash events Fighter Command will be represented by Cpl. Walter Budlo, of Gary, Ind.; Cpl. Warren Morten, former Idaho star; Sgt. Paul Stockton, of Schulenburg, Texas, and Lt. Jim Jones, of the University of Oklahoma. Pfc James Crily, of the Elizabeth, N.J., is entered in the 440 and 880-yard events, while Pfc Mauro Duca, all-star athlete from Boston, Mass., will compete in the broad and high jumps.

In the 220-low hurdles Lt. John Eaves will try to equal his record at the University of Southern California.

18 Units Represented In Southern Base Meet

SOUTHERN BASE SECTION HEAD-QUARTERS, May 6—More than 50 entries have been made for the Southern Base Section championship track meet to be held Saturday afternoon. The 15 titlists who will be crowned in the meet will form the Southern Base Section team which will compete in the ETO contests at Chiswick Stadium, London, May 15.

Particular interest has been shown in the 100-yard dash event, which has 15 entries. Expected time for the dash probably will be ten and five-tenths seconds.

Sponsored by the Special Service section, 18 units will be represented in the competition.

Guardsmen Take to Softball Like Veteran Dodger Fans

Neal E. Eldem
Stars and Stripes Special Correspondent

BOMBARDMENT WING HEAD-QUARTERS, May 6—A company of British Army Grenadier Guardsmen, invited to this station yesterday to witness two softball games, became so enthusiastic over them that a third, unscheduled game, was arranged with the big six-footers taking it over in typically American style.

The guardsmen, with coaching by the American Air Force servicemen, found no trouble in picking up the fine points of the American sport, including the umpire-baiting and derogatory comments on the fielding abilities of their opponents.

On one occasion, when a fielder dropped an easy fly ball, the guardsmen yelled "give 'im a bucking." At another time, when an easy out at first was muffed, one of them sarcastically bawled "that's a black pudding."

The final score of this free-hitting, free-voiced initiation was 14-10, but it is

doubtful whether any of the guardsmen were sure just which side had won. Lance Sgt. Red Pinton, of Derbyshire, and Guardsman Fred White, of Vancouver, B.C., dished out home runs which drew forth such enthusiastic comments as "must try it when we get back to camp" and "quite amusing."

One of the newly converted softballers was overheard to say as he was leaving, "Good game, this, I'll play it all bloody day."

The first game pitted the officers of this station against the enlisted men, the enlisted men winning, 10-5. The second, between the Ordnance Company and the Signal Company, featured a pitcher's duel, the Ordnance squeezing out a 7-6 decision. The Signals, after being blanked after the first six innings, made their bid in the last inning by bunching a walk, three singles and a double for six runs in a nearly successful attempt to win.

Grid Elevens Hold Practice Drills Today

Fighting Irish and Crimson Tide Will Work Out At White City

By G. K. Hodenfield
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

White City Stadium, long a scene of dog races, rugby, soccer and various and sundry other British sports, will submit passively this afternoon while two American football teams tear up the turf in a pair of two-hour practice sessions.

The Fighting Irish of the Engineers and the Crimson Tide of the Field Artillery are scheduled to arrive in London by train this morning and go through their last pre-game warmups before the big charity game tomorrow afternoon.

During their stay in London (and the coaches promise it will be a quiet stay for the first night at least) the teams will be billeted in a Red Cross hostel.

First Time in Uniforms

The practice sessions will start at 1 PM and 3 PM this afternoon, and will be devoted mostly to running signals and posing for London newspaper photographers, who admit a frank curiosity about these heavily-armored representatives of America's most spectacular sport.

The teams will be attired for the first time in their "game" uniforms—green jerseys, socks and helmets for the Fighting Irish and red jerseys, socks and helmets for the Crimson Tide.

And while the teams are brushing up their plays, last-minute touches are being added to the non-athletic side of Saturday's program.

For British Red Cross

The pre-game ceremonies start at 2 PM, and include a parade by four British women's services—ATS, WRNS, WAAFS, and British Red Cross nurses, and the CWACS (Canadian ATS). Two bands—London Base Command and the Field Artillery—will play, among other selections, the national anthems of Britain and America.

A substantial amount will be turned over to the Prisoners of War Fund of the British Red Cross, for whom the game is being played, according to pre-game attendance estimates. All ten and five shillings seats have been sold, but there still are available more than 40,000 unreserved seats at one and two shillings. These seats could not be reserved and all will go on sale at the Stadium tomorrow. The two shilling seats are inside the 20-yard lines.

The game is being staged by the Army's Special Services at the request of the British Football Association.

Phillies' Danny Litwhiler Leads Majors in Homers

PHILADELPHIA, May 6—Rejoicing is usually the exception rather than the rule with the Philadelphia Phillies, but Outfielder Danny Litwhiler is furnishing the perennial National League tail-enders with plenty of cause for elation.

Litwhiler tossed away a school teaching job to become one of the best outfielders in the loop during his three years with the Phillies. He has a lifetime batting average of .294. Currently he is wielding such a potent bat that he may furnish the spark needed to lift the Phillies from the cellar. Litwhiler is fast, has an excellent throwing arm and is a good judge of fly balls. He has a world of power at the plate and he leads the majors with three homers. He has slammed out eight hits and driven in six runs in 18 tries.

Minor Leagues

International League							
Yesterday's Games							
No games scheduled							
W L Pct.		W L Pct.		W L Pct.			
Toronto .. 6	3	.667	Rochester	5	6	.455	
Newark .. 7	4	.635	Montreal ..	4	5	.444	
Syracuse .. 3	2	.600	Jersey City	5	7	.417	
Baltimore	6	.545	Buffalo ..	3	7	.300	
Eastern League							
Yesterday's Games							
Springfield 8, Hartford 2							
Wilkes-Barre 2, Scranton 0							
Elmira 8, Binghamton 4							
Utica 4, Albany 3							
W L Pct.		W L Pct.		W L Pct.			
Wilkes-Barre	1	0	1.000	Utica ..	1	1	.500
Albany ..	1	1	.500	Elmira ..	1	1	.500
Hartford ..	1	1	.500	Springfield	1	1	.500
Binghamton	1	1	.500	Scranton	0	1	.000
American Association							
Yesterday's Games							
Minneapolis 2, Milwaukee 1							
Indianapolis 9, Toledo 4							
Columbus 7, Louisville 4							
Kansas City 10, St. Paul 4							
W L Pct.		W L Pct.		W L Pct.			
Columbus	3	1	.750	Milwaukee	3	3	.500
Minneapolis	4	2	.667	Toledo ..	1	2	.333
Kansas City	4	2	.667	Louisville	1	3	.250
Indianapolis	2	1	.667	St. Paul ..	1	5	.167
Southern Association							
Yesterday's Games							
Atlanta 8, Nashville 0							
Birmingham 3, New Orleans 0							
Little Rock 10, Memphis 1							
Other teams not scheduled							
W L Pct.		W L Pct.		W L Pct.			
Birmingham	8	4	.667	New Orleans	6	6	.500
Nashville	7	5	.583	Chattanooga	4	5	.444
Atlanta ..	7	5	.583	Knoxville	3	6	.333
Little Rock	6	5	.545	Memphis ..	3	8	.273
Pacific Coast League							
Yesterday's Games							
Hollywood 6, San Diego 1							
Oakland 2, Sacramento 1							
W L Pct.		W L Pct.		W L Pct.			
Los Ang's	11	3	.786	Oakland ..	8	9	.471
San Diego	11	6	.647	Hollywood	6	10	.375
Portland	8	7	.533	Seattle ..	5	9	.357
San Frisco	8	7	.533	Sacramento	5	11	.313

Blondie

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

by Chic Young



Russians Take Village Beyond Krimskaya Post

Red Air Force Active as Kuban Drive Gains Ground

MOSCOW, May 6—Russian advance units speared their way more than a dozen miles into the German Kuban positions yesterday after the capture of Krimskaya, 18 miles from Novorossisk, had given them a base on which to anchor their advance. The capture of an important village was announced today.

Mass bomber and dive-bomber attacks showered the German positions with bursting bombs and a fierce fight was raging northeast of Novorossisk.

Moscow announced new raids, Tuesday night, on Axis industrial and supply centers. Brest Litovsk, the great Polish railway center on the Bug River, Briansk, on the Orel front, Constanza, the Rumanian Black Sea port, and the railway center of Gome, north of Kiev, were attacked.

On the Smolensk front the Reds have occupied new positions.

There was an exchange of artillery fire on the Leningrad front.

Ickes May Take Coal Surpluses

WASHINGTON, May 6—Acting in his capacity as Hard Fuel Administrator Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes prepared today to seize coal from persons or corporations holding surplus supplies in the event of any coal shortage threatening war production.

It was believed the step was taken as "insurance" against any possibility that John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers might renew the strike they called off Monday when the Government took over the mines.

There was still some strike sentiment among the men, all of whom are back at work now. Typical of some miner feeling was a statement from Happy Kunderk, president of the UMW Local at Pursglove, W. Va. Kunderk said he believed it was right that the United States flag—signifying Government ownership—was flying over the mines. But he added "we'll damn well die for you, but we'll be damned if we'll scab for you."

His sentiments were echoed throughout the mining districts where man after man said he was perfectly willing to be conscripted and dig coal in uniform, if that was the way the Government wanted to do it, but that the principle of "no work, no contract; no contract, no work" would be upheld.

Citizens - - -

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reprisals would be enforced against relations. Lilienfeld said that he was an American soldier. Now he is an American citizen.

1/Sgt. Karl Pflugheisen, of New York, was in the Austrian Army OCS when Hitler walked into Vienna. Pflugheisen walked out and went to New York. He joined the American Army before Pearl Harbor and worked up to sergeant in an infantry regiment.

Sgt. Erik G. Fagerstrom, of Madison, Wis., was technically Swedish in the morning, full American by evening. His father had come from Sweden when Fagerstrom was a youngster, but did not take out citizenship papers until Fagerstrom was over 21.

Another sergeant who claims he can trace his ancestors back to the Mayflower, Sgt. Lyle J. Galusha, of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, was in the line, heels a-kicking. "I've lived 20 of my 27 years in the U.S.," he said, "and it wasn't until last year I found that I was Canadian."

There were men of all nations in the line. Pvt. Jan Pienta, of Detroit, was Polish; a paratrooper, Pvt. Richard Casanova, of New York, was Argentinian; Pvt. Anthony J. Bandur, of Philadelphia, was Czechoslovakian; Sgt. Owen Finerty was Irish, and T/5 Leopold Casson, of New York, was French.

Two other soldiers who believed that they were respectively Dutch and German, Pvt. John Joungblod, of New York, and Pvt. Ralph W. Masse, of Lake Placid, N.Y., had pleasant surprises. They were already American. Their fathers had taken out papers while they were still minors.

Crash Victims



Brig. Gen. Charles H. Barth



Col. Morrow Krum

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latter was in the European Theater and assistant divisional chaplain in Great Britain. Survived by wife, Mrs. May Belle T. Humphrey, and one daughter, May Belle, of Lynchburg, Virginia.

Maj. Theodore Cornwall Totman, 42, aide to Gen. Andrews.

Capt. Joseph Thomas Johnson, 23, aide to Gen. Andrews, of Los Angeles, California.

Capt. Robert H. Shannon, 27, a pilot, of Washington, Iowa. Holder of DFC and Air Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters. Participated in 29 missions.

Capt. James E. Gott, 23, the navigator, of Aberdeen, Mississippi. Holder of DFC and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters.

M/Sgt. Lloyd C. Weir, 23, of McRae, Ark. Was engineering crew chief.

S/Sgt. Paul H. McQueen, 24, waist gunner, of Waymart, Pa. Holder of DFC and Air Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters. Had participated in 29 missions.

T/Sgt. Kenneth A. Jeffers, 22, radio operator, of Oriskany, N.Y. Holder of DFC and Air Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters. Participated in 30 missions.

The sole survivor was S/Sgt. George A. Eisel, 33, the rear gunner, of Columbus, Ohio. Holder of DFC and Air Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters. Received Purple Heart Award for wound received in Tunisia Dec. 13, 1942. Participated in 28 missions.

Gen. Key Officially Opens Training School for MPs

AMERICAN SCHOOL CENTER, England, May 6—A four-week training course in the duties of a military policeman was opened officially here today by Maj. Gen. William S. Key, ETO Provost Marshal.

Under Maj. John H. C. Williams, a graduate of West Point, 102 men and 78 officers will attend the school, which was characterized as a "Little West Point" by Gen. Key because of its extremely rigorous training program.

Two-thirds of the men are from MP units and the others are picked from other organizations.

New Tax Bill Exempts Army, Navy 1942 Pay

Civilians To Pay By Holdback Instead Of Lump Sum

WASHINGTON, May 6—Under the Forand Bill, passed by the House yesterday and now going before the Senate for action there, men and women in the armed services of the United States will not have to pay any tax on income earned after Jan. 1, 1942, unless they received more than \$3,500.

That means that officers and men, up to and including the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Army and commander in the Navy, will get a full tax exemption if they have been in service since the beginning of 1942. For men who entered the service after that date, the \$3,500 exemption presumably applies to their combined civilian and military earnings after the first of 1942.

The bill provides for partial cancellation of taxes for civilians, substituting a "holdback" deduction from their salaries this year for the lump sum payments under the old tax law.

Proponents of the holdback tax have pointed out that the Government's tax revenue would be the same under the new plan and that the "cancellation" was on paper only. Instead of paying taxes on 1942 income in 1943, taxpayers will now pay 1943 income in 1943.

N.J. Needs New Constitution

MONTCLAIR, N.J., May 6—Gov. Charles Edison said in a speech here that New Jersey must revise its 99-year-old constitution to "cope with post-war problems." He said that "unless the States learn to accept responsibility they and the things they stand for will wither away."

Beaver Pelts Worth \$30

FARGO, N.D., May 6—Game Warden R. E. Streich said today that Clay County trappers bagged 29 beavers during the recent trapping season and sold the skins at an average price of \$30.

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as director of the department of gunnery of the field artillery school until April, 1928, when he took command of the First Field Artillery Regiment, where he remained until July, 1929, when he was transferred to duty in the office of the chief of field artillery in Washington. The general attended the Army War College in Washington between August, 1932, and June, 1933, after which he was ordered to duty with the Sixth Field Artillery Regiment as executive officer of the First Field Artillery brigade at Fort Hoyle, Md.

He served with the 16th Field Artillery at Fort Myer, Va., until March, 1936, when he was transferred to West Point, where he served at headquarters until June, 1936, when he became graduate manager of athletics. In June, 1939, he was transferred to the Panama Canal Department as chief of staff. He returned to the United States in 1940 to assume command of the Washington Provisional Brigade, with headquarters in Washington, D.C. On Oct. 9, 1940, he was assigned to command the Ninth Division, Fort Bragg, N.C. On July 17, 1941, he was named Chief of Armored Force, Fort Knox, Ky., effective Aug. 1, 1941.

Pilot Lost Limb at Dieppe But Is Back Flying Again

The first American pilot to remain on active flying duty in the United States Army after losing a limb today told his story. He is Col. Loren Hillsinger, former West Point football star from El Paso, Texas.

Seated in a conference room at ETO headquarters, he grinned when asked, "Which leg did you lose, Colonel?" "That," he said, "is a great compliment to the man who fashioned my artificial leg."

Col. Hillsinger suffered his wound during the Dieppe raid last August during an assignment as an "air cover observer" aboard a British destroyer.

"We came under fire," he said, "about 0400 hours, and were constantly engaged with shore batteries until the afternoon. At that time the destroyer was busy dodg-

Finishing Touches on a 'Commando'



Stars and Stripes Photo

Gerry Oldham, of the chorus at London's Windmill Theater, puts finishing touches on the eyebrows of Pvt. Delbert Hill, of Philadelphia, during a dress rehearsal for "Skirts" opening tonight at Camp Griffiss.

Series of Shows for Air Force Opening Tonight at Griffiss

"Skirts," the first of a series of variety shows produced by the Eighth Air Force Special Service section, will make its first appearance tonight at Camp Griffiss, Eighth Air Force Headquarters. Similar shows will be given at other air force stations in the future.

Staged by the "G1 Commandos," a group of amateur entertainers under the direction of S/Sgt. Arthur G. Brest, formerly theatrical producer and director in New York, it will star Ben Lyon and Bebe Daniels, along with Gerry Oldham, Pam Trevers, Renee Russell and Jean Baron of the chorus at the Windmill Theater in London.

The "Commandos" are Sgt. Brest, Pvt. Delbert Hill, of Philadelphia, and Pvt. Spencer Smith, of Los Angeles, who will form the nucleus for groups of enter-

tainers who will be recruited in each of the stations where the show appears.

For each new showing, professional entertainers will be invited to work with the men. Among those scheduled to appear are Bea Lillie, Leslie Howard, Evelyn Laye, and Seaman, Farrell and Forsythe.

Men who will be featured in the first show will be Sgt. Charles Buchanan, of Philadelphia; Cpl. Fred Ruth, of Anderson, Ind.; Cpl. Tom Farrell, Central Falls, R.I.; Pfc Vincent Carlino, of Philadelphia; Cpl. Ross Lahlum, of Chicago; and Cpl. Clarence Kyles, of Buhl, Ida.

"Skirts" will be retained as the name of the production throughout the entire tour, but, except for the bare outline, the script will be rewritten for each new cast.

False Reports That Soviets Are Using U.S. Fortresses

MOSCOW, May 6 (UP)—There is no evidence to support previous reports that the Russians have been using Flying Fortresses in their raids on Germany.

For daylight attacks the Russians are using their own twin-engine bombers, American B25 Mitchell bombers and Stormovik fighter-bombers. There have been no daylight operations by four-engine planes.

Bombers Blast Jap Cargo Ship

WASHINGTON, May 6—Heavy bombers of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's command left a 5,000-ton Jap cargo ship listing after scoring direct hits on the vessel off Kairuru Island, near Wewak, New Guinea, today's official communique reports.

Bombs also fell in the town area and along the waterfront, causing large explosions. Two 5,000-ton ships near the jetties were possibly damaged.

Nine enemy fighters attempted interception and were driven off. One was damaged. All Allied planes returned, the communique added.

Liberators and Lightnings bombed and strafed Jap installations on Attu Island, in the Aleutians, the Navy Department announced tonight.

Dance at Shrewsbury

SHREWSBURY, May 6—The first dance in the ballroom of the new American Red Cross club here, the former Raven Hotel, scene in pre-war days of the annual Shropshire Hunt Ball, will be held from 8 PM to 11 PM Saturday.

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tablecloths will be used and asparagus will be served.

An old-fashioned picnic, with fried chicken and ice cream, will be given the men of the Newbury club for the volunteers. It will be held at Buckleby Manor, a short distance from the town, and transportation will be provided with Army trucks.

The 12 mothers who have the most children in the services will be honored at the Cheltenham club, along with the mothers of soldiers' girl-friends. They will be the guests at a free lunch and will be presented with flowers.

At the Londonderry and Glasgow clubs servicemen will take over the clubs for the day and volunteer workers will take their places as guests.

Corsages will be presented to volunteers at the Huntington club by soldiers who "adopt" them for the day, while at Bournemouth a concert will be given on the lawn and flowers worn.

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