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LONDON and VICINITY
Unsettled with probable Showers.
MIDLANDS and E. ANGLIA
Fair with Scattered Showers.
Cool.

. . . Predicts for Today
W. ENGLAND and WALES
Rain. Cool.
SCOTLAND
Warm with scattered showers.

Okinawa Campaign Concluded

GI Phone Calls to States OK'd Organized Resistance Ends; Stilwell Gets 10th Army Command

Transoceanic Link to Open On Saturday

American soldiers in the United Kingdom will be able to hear a voice from home starting Saturday, when Transatlantic telephone service will be resumed between Britain and the U.S.

The lines will officially open at 2 PM, and service will be resumed with Canada and Kenya at the same time.

All calls will be subject to censorship, according to British officials. They added that conversations must be conducted in either English or French.

Prior to the war, which resulted in suspension of Transatlantic calls, the basic rate (three minutes) was £4 4s. However, the rate now will be £3 and will apply to all places in the U.S. and Canada with the exception of seven western states in America, and British Columbia in Canada.

An extra 15s. will be charged for calls to these places. British telephone officials said last night that the seven states were Arizona, California, Idaho, Oregon, Nevada, Utah and Washington.

Collect Calls Will Be Allowed

In placing a call, the caller must state to the operator whether the conversation comes under one of four classifications—that is, government business, press, private business or social. Also, he must indicate whether the call is to be a basic three-minute conversation or longer. "Collect" calls will be permitted.

Mindful that many GIs probably will take advantage of the resumption of service to say "hello" to the home folks again, Headquarters, U.K. Base, yesterday issued a number of tips to prospective callers.

Soldiers may not use Army phones for personal calls to the U.S. Neither will the Army attempt to locate GIs to permit them to receive incoming calls from America. British subscribers who permit U.S. Army personnel to use their phones for such calls were advised to collect from the GIs who make them. The Army added that it would not honor claims arising from the failure of GIs to pay for calls.

Headquarters also advised troops who plan on calling home to cable first and advise the home folks to be on tap at the hour the call is being made.

GIs desiring additional information may dial HEADquarters 1234 in London, extension 4084.

Would Expand Aid To Vet-Students Under 'Rights' Bill

WASHINGTON, June 21 (ANS)—Increases in dependency allowances for veterans receiving education under the GI Bill of Rights and liberalizing of other educational benefits under the Bill were called for in a bill introduced in Congress today by Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.).

Under the present GI Bill, veterans receiving education are allowed \$75 a month if they have one or more dependents. Veterans who are single receive \$50 a month. Pepper's bill would raise allowance for veterans with dependents to \$100 monthly for two dependents, \$125 monthly for three dependents and \$150 monthly for four dependents.

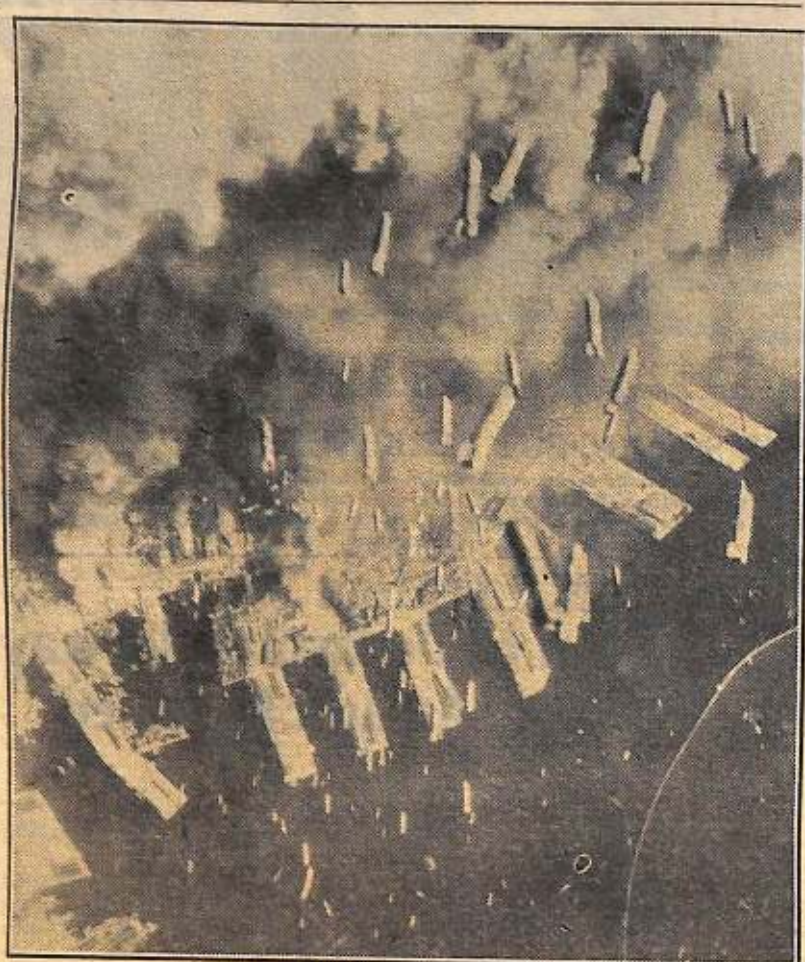
Pepper's bill also would eliminate present requirement that veterans over 25 years of age prove that their education was interrupted by war in order to be eligible for GI benefits. Under his proposal all veterans would be entitled to same benefits regardless of age.

Germans Streaming to Rhine In Fear of Russian Occupation

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Associated Press Photo

WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS: Incendiary bombs from B29s hurtle down on Kobe, Japan's sixth largest city, as Superforts carry out another attack on the Nips' home front. Fires already can be seen burning in the city's commercial dock area.

VD Rate Rose 50 Pct. In ETO Since Victory

By Robert Donovan
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

PARIS, June 21—Venereal disease among Allied troops in the ETO, including Germany, has shown an over-all increase of about 50 per cent since VE-Day, a survey of Army medical records disclosed today.

The VD rate among U.S. Army Ground forces rose more than 300 per cent between the first part of April and the week ended May 25, last period for which comprehensive figures were available.

Frisco Parley Ends June 26

SAN FRANCISCO, June 21 (ANS)—The United Nations conference will end on Tuesday, June 26, exactly two months and a day after beginning work on a new peace organization, and President Truman will address the final session, Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. announced last night.

Saturday's planned adjournment, he said, had to be abandoned because of "the unavoidable delay in completing final details of the technical committee and, therefore, the committee work."

Two of the conference's major headaches were gone: The conference gave tentative approval to the Yalta voting formula, including the disputed Big Five veto, and earlier Russia and Australia settled their differences over the discussion powers to be given the general assembly of the new world organization.

Committee approval was given to a chapter in the charter setting up a system of international trusteeships for government of internationally controlled territories and setting forth standards for colonial powers in governing dependent peoples.

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U.S. Army checkpoint near Weimar. The refugees forced the Americans to run one refugee train. Nearly 2,000 German civilians clambered aboard a train at Weimar and refused to leave it. The train stood in the station for 72 hours. Then the military authorities said they would have to clear it out of the way, so the train—with the refugees on board—went to Frankfurt.

The end of the Okinawa campaign, after 82 days of the bloodiest fighting in the Pacific war, was announced by Adm. Nimitz yesterday as Tokyo Radio, which earlier declared that the outcome of the war hinged on the tiny island, reiterated its assertions that the next big battle would be in Japan itself.

The last Jap troops on the island, compressed into two small pockets, were being mopped up, Nimitz said in his special communique announcing that all organized resistance had ceased.

Nimitz' announcement of the successful completion of the campaign, in which more than 90,000 enemy troops were killed or captured, came within an hour after Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell was named to take command of the 10th Army in future operations. Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr., former commander of the 10th, was killed Monday.

The last great battle for strategically important Okinawa, only 325 miles from the Japanese home islands, was fought on a plateau only a few miles square at the southern end of the island. The ferocity of the cleanup was indicated by statements that 7,769 Japs were killed in the first three days this week. Nine hundred surrendered in the same period, bringing the prisoner total to 2,565 for the campaign. Scores committed suicide by jumping from the island's southern cliffs.

A final report on American casualties has not been issued.

Gives Up Ground Forces' Post

The return of "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell to the Pacific war was announced by Gen. MacArthur, who, as commander of Army forces in the Pacific, has over-all jurisdiction over the 10th Army. Stilwell, who has served as chief of Army Ground Forces since his recall from China, has been conferring with MacArthur and other commanders in the Pacific area recently. It was assumed that he will take over the 10th Army as soon as he can get to Okinawa.

Stilwell, 63, recently predicted that there would be no crackup of Jap morale and that they would have to be beaten on the Chinese mainland, as well as in their home islands, before giving up.

With the annihilation of the Jap garrison on Okinawa, Tokyo broadcasters warned the Jap people that "the U.S. appears to have begun preparations which will probably involve the direct invasion of the Japanese mainland." Earlier, the Japs reported two Allied task forces and 100 transports massed near Okinawa.

In the Philippines, 37th Division troops drove toward the northern shore of Luzon through the Cagayan Valley. Only light Jap resistance was met as these forces captured the river town of Ilagan and a near-by airfield. Cagayan River was crossed at a second point.

It was estimated that 30,000 Jap troops were retreating through Cagayan Valley toward Appari, port on the island's northern coast. American forces were approximately 100 miles from Appari.

New Landing Wins All of Brunei Bay

MANILA, June 21 (ANS)—Australian troops now control both sides of the entrance to Brunei Bay as the result of another shore-to-shore landing by the 9th Division, it was announced today. A communique reported the landing at Mampakaul, on the north shore of the bay, following an artillery bombardment from Labuan island, five miles away. There was no opposition.

Bust 'Em All to 'Little Corporal'

Allies to Exile Nazi Generals To Bar Hatching of War Plots

21ST ARMY GROUP, June 21 (AP)—Members of the German General Staff are to be put in exile so that they cannot hatch future war plots, it was revealed today as Field Marshal Montgomery warned that Germany must be watched closely in the critical two or three months ahead for any outbreak of Nazi factions preparing for another war.

"I don't agree with the people who say that Germany is down and out," Montgomery said. "This country is down on its knees and needs watching."

According to intelligence reports, many young German officers are opportunists who feel annoyed that Germany lost this war and are just hoping for a chance to prepare for another one.

Many German girls, former army and air force auxiliaries between the ages of 18 and 21, are rabidly anti-British, say the reports, and it has been found impossible to screen out such potential Nazi elements in the demobilization program.

Other classes of Germans—SS and

Tokyo-Bound



Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell

"Uncle" Joe will make the Japs holler it

8th, 20th AFs Will Team to Smash Japan

WASHINGTON, June 21 (AP)—Two separate American heavy bombardment forces—the 20th and the 8th Air Forces—will carry out the strategic bombing of Japan, Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, 8th commander, declared today, adding that both forces would be directed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The 8th AF is now being redeployed to the Pacific.

Doolittle's new setup parallels the operations of the 20th Air Force, commanded by Gen. H. H. Arnold, with Lt. Gen. Barney Giles as Arnold's deputy commander. The 20th is directed from Washington. The 21st Bomber Command, part of the 20th Air Force, is based in the Marianas.

Only the hard core of European veterans will go to the Pacific with the 8th Air Force and they will be augmented by Superfort veterans of the 20th AF, he said.

"We shall have B29s and such other ships as necessary to accomplish our mission, though there are types of the latter I am not at liberty to disclose," Doolittle said.

The General said he expected to go to the Pacific in the very near future.

Guam dispatches said Allied Army and Navy planes lashed at Japanese bases and shipping for more than 1,500 miles from Hong Kong to Japan itself in operations reported today. Only a few sweeps were in fair strength, however.

members of the General Staff—who could prepare for another war are being kept under Allied military control. The storm troopers are placed in prison camps. Staff officers will be sent to prisons outside Germany, where they will be exiled in small groups until the Allies are convinced that they cannot plot for rearmament.

Potential danger in the near future from a deceptively quiescent Nazism is the main reason for the non-fraternization policy, officers said. It is also the reason why Allied occupation of from six to ten years is anticipated in some circles.

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THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE



He Almost Cried

To the B-Bag: Capt. J. C. B.'s "An Imaginary Letter" in the June 6 B-Bag was so simple and eloquent that it hurt. Damn it, I almost cried. Would you grant me permission to mail it to (1) my school newspaper, (2) my hometown daily (Belleville, Ill.) and (3) The St. Louis Post Dispatch? I'm sure they'd like to reprint it. They should.—Sgt. M. Applebaum, 357 Fighter Group. [Permission granted.—Ed.]

Latrine-undo

To the B-Bag: Our entire group stood at attention while a supply sergeant was presented a Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in keeping the mess halls well supplied. Since they are so eager to present awards, why can't the combat vets on this field also be presented the Bronze Star? They have been on regular latrine duty for the past couple of months while awaiting shipment back to the States. The awards could be presented for meritorious achievement in keeping the latrines spotless and well supplied with toilet tissue.—Amused, 486th Bomb Group.

Ethics

To the B-Bag: Your interesting B-Bag column hit an unnecessary low when you aired the frustrated ex-PW's complaint on their limited means of dissipating new-found virility. Letters of this type might well be baled for your post-war laughs, or, better yet, filed in the "can" where they belong. Let's continue to handle the democratic institution of "bitching out loud" on American ethical standards.—Lt. R. A. Harnisch, 45th Combat Wing. [This is about the only place they have to blow it out, lieutenant.—Ed.]

B-Bag Unfair?

To the B-Bag: I do not believe the criticism in the letters from liberated prisoners of war regarding the German people is at all representative of the opinion with the majority of us. Yes, we are indignant at the beatings, starvation and negligence suffered by many of our comrades, but I, for one, likewise remember the German youth who risked the gun-butts of the guards to give us bread and desperately crawled milk. I will never forget the kindness of the women, who, finding us to be hungry, brought apples, potatoes and even small quantities of meat. The German civilian population is, nevertheless, negatively responsible for the existence of the unscrupulous ruling party. I do not deny that they cheered the triumphant legions marching back from ruthlessly prosecuted campaigns all over Europe, but many of them were sincere in their faith in a new and better policy based on domination. This, of course, must be corrected by education; but any display of force in the method belies the ideology of the instruction. Your paper is in a position to diffuse false standards of the average sentiment by choosing a disproportionate number of extracts for publication.—"Not of German Descent," Hosp. Plant 4348. [B-Bag letters are not selected on a percentage basis. Your letter is the only one we have from a liberated prisoner having a kind word for the Germans. PWs otherwise on record in the B-Bag file number in the hundreds, only a few of which have been printed.—Ed.]

Insult to Injury

To the B-Bag: After taking a beating on Bronze Stars, the Army had enough gall to ask the few of us in service units who had 85 points if we wanted to stay in. HA! Just to add insult to injury they start passing out Bronze Star Medals to almost every five- or six-striper for "meritorious service" (the ability to pound a typewriter and those who have the correct stance for sitting on their behind) regardless of ability. How about giving them to the boys who went through hell in combat?—One of many fed up GIs.

Army Snafu?

To the B-Bag: I'm one of a fairly large group who were recently discharged from U.K. hospitals and are being shipped back to outfits deep in Germany in spite of point scores anywhere from 95 to 125. Of course, I don't mind traveling anywhere just to get out of the Army, but it doesn't make sense to have to be pushed around in replacement depots for weeks and use up transportation. Every day men are being shipped home from the U.K. Why do we have to go back to Germany? We rather think it's a typical case of Army snafu, misinterpretation of orders, etc.—Perplexed, 249th Eng.

Yanks Uncover Fabulous Haul Of Nazi Loot

Hidden enemy treasures and Nazi loot still are being uncovered in church steeples, salt mines and homes in remote mountain regions.

An enormous Nazi hoard, containing the main national wealth of Austria and Bavaria and valued far in excess of the \$4,000,000,000 gold cache found in a Merken salt mine several months ago, has been discovered by 3rd Army soldiers.

The loot, which also contained valuables taken from those imprisoned at the notorious Dachau and Buchenwald concentration camps, was uncovered in the vaults of the Regensburg Reichsbank by 1/Lt. John J. Stack Jr., fiscal officer for the 12th Corps' local military government detachment.

Stack also found there 2,200 pounds of silver bullion, \$50,000 to \$100,000 worth of gold and silver coins and 15 bars of gold bullion valued at \$300,000.

Foreign securities valued at \$3,000,000,000 were described by ETO headquarters as the main national wealth of Austria and domestic German securities valued at \$2,000,000,000 were said to be the greater part of Bavaria's treasury.

In the tiny farming village of Kirchdorf, 20 miles east of Munich, American soldiers discovered an irreplaceable library of rare books taken from the University of Munich.

Along with the 1,500 books, which had been hidden in the homes of a priest and a schoolmaster, scores of paintings removed from Munich cathedrals were returned. One of the paintings, valued at \$1,000,000, was signed by Vincent van Gogh.

In all, 600 cases containing art treasures of Germany and looted Europe have been found throughout the Reich by six fine arts officers of the U.S. Army.

12th Army Group officers disclosed yesterday that 10,500 items and cases of stolen art treasures, as well as 100,000 items from German and Austrian collections, have been located in one of the most exciting chapters in the history of art.

The Germans, as invasion followed on the heels of devastating bombardment, hid their own art masterpieces and those they had stolen.

In each of the five U.S. armies an officer with civilian training as an art expert went along with the troops searching for caches and tracking down clues. In an abandoned copper mine at Siegen the great cathedral treasures moved from Aachen and pillaged from Metz were found.

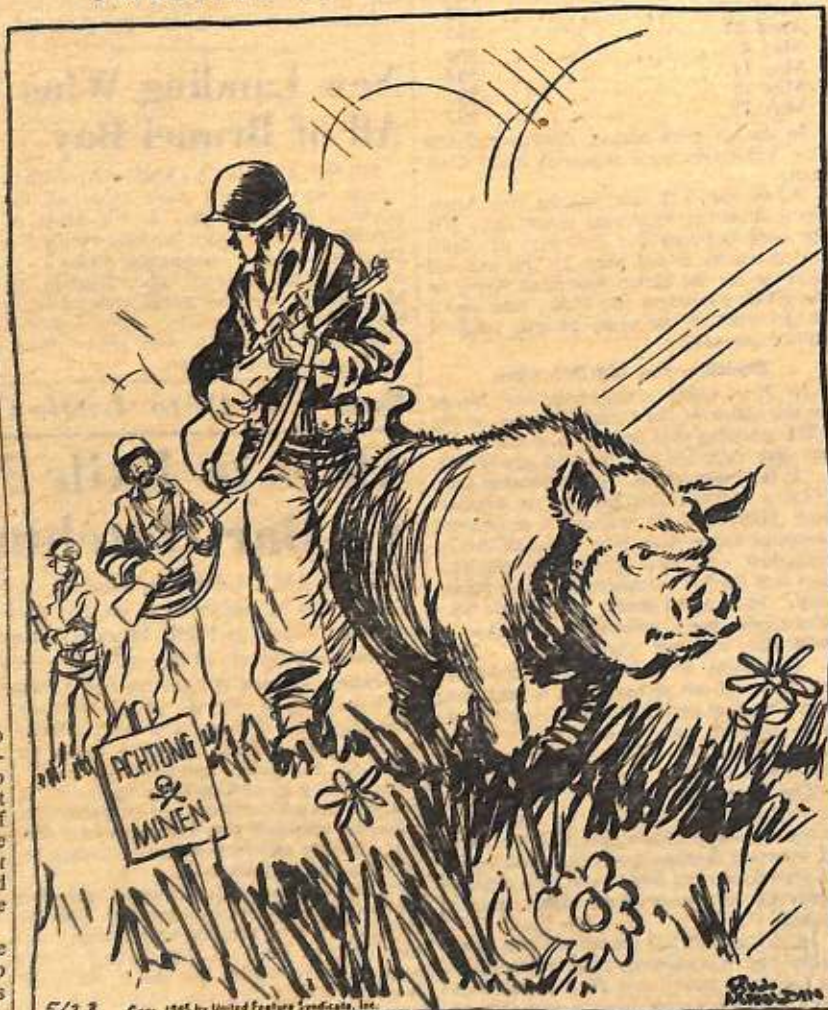
In two salt mines near Salsburg, explored by Capt. Robert Posey, of New York City, hundreds of paintings were found.

Among the greatest of the looted treasures found were Van Eyck's "Mystic Lamb" altarpiece, from the Church of St. Bayon at Ghent, and Dyck Bouts' altarpiece from Louvain; Michelangelo's Virgin and Child statue from Notre Dame of Bruges and the "Czernin" of Vermeer, for which the late Andrew Mellon once is reported to have offered \$2,000,000.

Doughs Fly Home

NEW YORK, June 21 (ANS)—The first group of Air Transport Command planes returning troops of the 45th and 36th Infantry Divisions arrived here yesterday carrying 48 enlisted men. Other members of the two divisions previously had arrived by boat.

SWEATING IT OUT WITH MAULDIN



"Hope th' S.P.C.A. don't hear about this."



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo NOT SO BAD, BUT VERBOTEN: Doughs of the 101st Airborne Division gawk at a shapely German lassie as she strolls toward the bathroom at Konigsee, Germany, where the 101st has its rest center. The gals and the GIs use the same bathing beach and cool off in the same water, which is as close as they're supposed to get together.

A 3-Year 'Special Service' Secret

Allied Plan to Devastate Norway In Parachute Assault Revealed

By Earl Mazo

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

OSLO, Norway, June 15 (delayed)—Americans whose original Army training was pointed at a parachute invasion of Norway now are guarding the installations they were planning to destroy.

These men are the remnants of the fabulous 1st Special Service Force now forming the 1st and 2nd battalions of the 474th Infantry Regiment under one of their former Special Service Force regimental commanders, Col. Edwin A. Walker.

Cask Shortage Hits Wine Area

WITH 12th ARMY GROUP HQ IN GERMANY, June 21—A bumper wine crop—50 per cent more than normal—is expected in the Rhineland valleys this year, 15th Army Military Government officials reported today.

However, with the rich vineyard yield, estimated at about 150,000,000 liters, the problem of how to bottle the wine has arisen. Agriculture and food officers in the Rhine province have found a severe shortage of both bottles and corks and no immediate possibility of adding considerably to the stocks.

Unless sufficient casks are found which haven't been overdrained and allowed to dry out and become useless, the problem of storing the wine surplus will become acute.

Wine production is a major part of the Rhine province economy. Along the banks of the Moselle and the Rhine Rivers 150,000 full-time workers and 150,000 harvest laborers were employed before the war in reaping the crop.

Both Operations Cancelled

Whether the Dieppe raid in August, 1942, caused cancellation of both operation bolero and the force mission to Norway, or whether the latter was called off because it was thought the results would be more harmful to the Norwegians than the Germans is not known officially. But it was called off, and shortly afterwards the first Special Service Force found itself invading Kiska—then heading for battles in Italy, France and Germany.

Col. Burhans, a 29-year-old former East Lansing, Mich., newspaperman, pointed out that the whole plan was built around the little-tracked jeep, commonly called the weasel. The force was to drop about 2,000 men in about 1,000 weasels at target points ranging from southern Norway up into northern Finland. Altogether 14 major targets were picked for demolitions which would obliterate almost all Norwegian industry of use to the Germans.

From the first the whole scheme was so highly secret that secrecy is the only excuse most foremen could give for the name of their outfit. Col. Burhans figured that someone in the War Department thought the Germans would think "doughnut and moving picture boys were coming" when they heard about the 1st Special Service Force.

The force was activated in July and its personnel consisted entirely of American and Canadian volunteers. Maj. Gen. Robert T. Frederick, now commanding the 45th Div., organized and led the force in the Aleutians and Italy. These were to become the most specialized fighters in the Army. Foremen were to be experts at parachuting, ski and snow fighting, mountain warfare, amphibious landings and plain old doughboy foot-slogging.

As training progressed, it became apparent that it would be a suicide mission for most men. Plans were complete for dropping small units near their targets from perhaps 1,000 bombers, but rescuing those men after their mission was completed was a problem never solved.

When the mission was called off the targets were turned over to the American and British air forces, and some of them were bombed later in 1943 and 1944.

Pacific Sidelights

Combat Tips Given to Vets Of ETO War

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, June 21—No announcement has yet been made that combat soldiers from the ETO are in the Pacific, but the Honolulu edition of The Stars and Stripes (no connection with the ETO Stars and Stripes) is carrying in its news columns combat tips from Pacific veterans for ETO reinforcements similar to pieces formerly published in Warweek supplement. From these it seems that flame-throwers are principal weapons there.

CHUNGKING—Japanese forces are reported evacuating huge Hainan Island off the coast of Indo-China. Removal of the enemy garrison from the island would open sea supply lines for some half million Japanese soldiers in southeast Asia to United States air and submarine attacks.

ABOARD A CARRIER FLAGSHIP IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC—Four naval aviators spent so much time practicing offensive tactics together at Pasco, Wash., that authorities started an investigation of the gasoline consumption, but the long practice sessions paid off in the Pacific. They teamed together to shoot 43 Jap planes from the air and have never had a single bullet hole in their own planes.

OKINAWA—Cpl. John C. Corbett, of Milwaukee, picked up a rock and tossed it into the Pacific off the south end of Okinawa. It had been pre-arranged that the first fighting man to reach the southern tip of the island should have the honor of doing that and Corbett was it.

GUAM—Adm. Nimitz disclosed that the job of wiping out Japanese remnants on Saipan Island in the Marianas still continues after one year of American occupation. Saipan was conquered last July 8, but since this May 27 U.S. troops have killed 44 Japs and captured 13.

86th Inf. Div. to Train At Camp Gruber for Japs

NEW YORK, June 21 (ANS)—Maj. Gen. Harris M. Melasky, commander of the 86th (Black Hawk) Infantry Division, which returned from Europe yesterday, was en route to his home at Los Angeles today.

After a leave, Melasky said, he will go to Camp Gruber, near Muskogee, Okla., where the division will undergo training before leaving for the Pacific. He said that he and his men didn't feel that the Japs would be any tougher than the Germans, adding, "We feel we are ready for anything."

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