THE FIRST ANNUAL championship meet of the local Amateur Athletic Union will be held Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22 at the race course in town, by kind permission of the local Turf Club.

EVENTS will be open to American and British personnel and European residents of town. The program includes track events, 100 and 220 yard dash; 440, 880 and 1 mile run; four man medley relay, 110, 220, 440 and 880 yard sprints; field events; high and broad jump, pole vault, shot put; 120 yard hurdles.

ALL ENTRY FEES will be paid by Special Service. Entries must be in by April 14. Leave your name, organization and event at the Special Service Office in Bushtown or Rocville. The Bushtown athletic field, gym and like facilities are open.

USAFI, the GI correspondence school, has issued new application blanks attached to their latest announcement of courses offered. You may obtain a blank or information from your Special Service Office.

USAFI sends lessons to soldiers all over the world, and many have put its courses to good use to continue studies interrupted by the war, or to start new studies.

WE TAKE OUT the big brush this morning to lather Oscar W Williams, genial and enterprising Editor of FILE 13, our distinguished contemporary, who moved up from S/Sgt to T/Sgt. "Spring Thaw Arrives, Ratings Unfrozen," his paper happily announces. Willie comes from Ft Stockton, Texas, and is happiest when he can scoop WHO DAT, airmun@cooperl.is in the case of the elusive, partial, tardy eclipse.

NO PROTESTANT Communion Service tonight. Vespers will be held tomorrow in the Little Prayer Chapel at 1745.
RUSSIA: Odessa, great Black Sea port, was in Soviet hands, and the way was clear for the southern wing of the Red offensive to continue its drive across the mouth of the Dnepr into Rumania. At last report there were 100,000 to 200,000 Nazis in Odessa, but there was no indication how many were trapped there. Berlin announced its evacuation, but Red forces had been moving swiftly to cut off escape across the Dnepr ferry to the west. Odessa was the first great Russian center to fall into German hands in 1941. Its capture clears the southern Ukraine of the enemy, and forces the Germans still in the Crimea to rely on air borne supplies or those borne-by-ship-across-the-Black-Sea-from-Rumania. The Crimean front, long quiet, broke into the news with the opening of a Red drive down the Perekop peninsula, plus establishment of a bridgehead to the east of the peninsula. The push into Rumania continued on a 50 mile front along the Save River, the Red vanguard going 25 miles beyond the river to take Sucseva. The pressure on Jassy, to the east, has been increased.

PACIFIC: Jap forces were making a hasty retreat eastward on the 360 mile wide island of New Britain towards Rabaul in the northeast, yielding to American pressure from the west and—from the north, where Americans hold two beach heads on and near Williamz peninsula. They have already abandoned Gamata, base on the southern coast, which gives the Americans control of more than a third of the island. They are thought to have had 50,000 troops on New Britain before our landings began, but an estimated 10,000 of these have been accounted for by our landing forces. The bombing of the island continued as the Allies dropped 400 tons on Jap positions in New Britain and New Guinea yesterday. Ponape in the Carolines, Croluk between Ponape and Truk and four Jap points in the Marshalls were battered in new American raids.

WESTERN EUROPE: More than 500 RAF planes were out last night, bombing rail targets in Belgium and France; Mosquitoes struck at the Ruhr and Hanover; 32 planes are missing. Berlin reported German fighters engaging very heavy forces of American bombers over northwest and central Germany. Hanover and Brunswick were mentioned the report adding that the Americans were headed further east.

ITALY: German counter-attacks were thrown back on all fronts yesterday and prisoners were taken. An enemy ammunition dump was hit by our shell fire. The RAF flew 900 sorties and lost 2 planes. 2 enemy planes appeared over the battle areas and 1 was shot down. An Allied destroyer shelled enemy positions behind the Anzio front.

YUGOSLAVIA: Patriotic forces recaptured Jajce and Mrkonjic Grad in Bosnia after a 5 day battle, inflicting severe losses on the Germans.

ALGIERs: Gen Henri Giraud, newly appointed Inspector-General of the French Army, an assignment which took him from the post of Commander-in-Chief, refused to accept dismissal from the latter post for the job of Inspector-General, which he described as "a peacetime post." Giraud charged that his removal by Gen De Gaulle was contrary to the French law of July 11, 1938.

MEXICO CITY: President Manuel Avila Camacho escaped death Monday when he wrested an automatic from Lt Antonio Lara Rojas after Rojas missed him on the first shot. Rojas later explained he had tried for a long time to interview the President "because I am not allowed to go to Church or attend Mass in uniform. I considered it unfair. That is why I did this."

UNITED STATES: Population movements boosted the total residents in the south and west by 2,500,000 between July 1, 1940 and July 1, 1942, the US Census Bureau revealed. 29 states showed population increases, according to ration book registers. Vital statistics of Virginia, Florida, Arizona, Nevada and California showed increases of more than 10%. Overall national gain was slightly over 2,000,000 for a total US population of 133,770,500. North Dakota led the losing states with 8.9% while South Dakota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Montana and Idaho each lost more.
THE FIRST of a series of weekly song presentations over WAGI will begin Thursday at 1600 when Capt David B McCloskey, Base Special Service Officer, and concert singer in pre-war days, offers 15 minutes of song.

SCHUBERT'S "To Music" will be the theme song for Capt McCloskey's program. The opening program will feature Schubert's SERENADE, the aria, ERI TU, from Verdi's Masked Ball; SONG OF THE FLEA, by Moussorgsky; WHEN I THINK UPON THE MAIDENS, by Michael Head. Capt McCloskey sang with the Chicago Opera Company, the Boston and other symphony orchestras, and toured in England and Germany in 1933.

ANOTHER musical quarter-hour will begin Saturday, 1800-1815, when Lt Ralph Kirbery, who sang on NBC networks for eight years as "The Dream Singer," presents a program of songs. Lt Kirbery, of Operations Squadron, is Airways Traffic Control Officer. His program will be announced later.

ONE FOR THE BOOK: Sgt James Raley of Henderson, Ky., fell 19,000 feet to earth in the tail section of a Flying Fortress and lived to tell about it. Raley's ship collided with another over Italy and Raley was pinned down in the rear of the tail compartment. When the plane split in two, the tail section fluttered down and landed in a tree, breaking its fall. Raley suffered minor injuries. The rest of the plane has not been found.

THE ABOVE ITEM came in yesterday's ABS press reports, one of those items which get squeezed out for lack of space on page two.

GROUP CHOIR rehearsal tonight at 1900. No Vesper service in the Group chapel tonight.
WHO DAT news compiled from Army Newspaper Service press reports and BBC News Summaries supplied by I A 3, GAF/N, up to 1100 hours, April 12, 1944

RUSSIA: Driving south from Perekop and west from newly captured Kerch, the Red Army opened its campaign to clear the Nazis out of the Crimea peninsula. Advancing astride the main railway, they took Dzhankoi, where the rail line from Kerch joins the main north-south line. Ultimate objective is Sevastopol, about 85 air miles south of Dzhankoi. The Nazis put up strong resistance at Kerch, but with the aid of Red naval and air forces, the Soviets took Kerch and advanced 20 miles westward...Soviet troops mopped up Germans who failed to escape across the Danube when Odessa fell, while the Red air force strafed the retreating enemy columns on the west bank of the river...In Romania, the Russian advance continues beyond the Seret River, but Moscow admitted local successes, including the capture of Buczacz by the Germans in the Scala pocket; The trapped German divisions received assistance, possibly by air...

PACIFIC: The Japanese retreat on New Britain was placed eastward of Cape Hoskins on the north coast and Gamata on the south, giving American forces control of the major part of the island. The Japs are falling back on their battered, neutralized base of Rabaul. Their retreat began March 8, after the Marines took Tulagi airfield. In the four months since the Marines landed at Arua, the Japs have lost 10,000 killed; our losses have been 442 killed, of a total of 1674 casualties...On Bougainville Americans made another advance in the Terekena sector...The Marshalls campaign gathered in four more atolls, Alik, Rongelap, Likiep and Ulithi, in addition to the large island of Majit in the northeastern part of the group. The Japs now hold only four of the 15 atolls in the group, and these four are bottled up by American seascare...Ulul island, 88 miles northwest of Truk was bombed, while in the SW Pacific, Liberators dropped 400 tons of bombs on Hansa Bay. Allied warships shelled Hansa Bay, Hedang, Alexishafen on New Guinea...

WESTERN EUROPE: The Allied aerial offensive went into its fourth day with RAF and USAF planes by the thousands striking deep into Germany. Last night’s RAF targets were Aachen and Hanover; the RAF lost 9 planes. More than 1,000 USAF bombers and fighters struck near Stuttgart in northern Germany, and in the areas of Leipzig and Magdeburg. 6% of our bombers and 16 fighters are missing; with 9 bombers reported landed in Sweden. 126 Nazi fighters were shot down in the course of the attacks...

ITALY: An enemy thrust north of Cassino was repulsed yesterday. There was patrol and artillery activity on this and the other fronts. The MAF flew 1000 sorties, lost 1 plane and shot down 5 enemy planes during attacks on enemy communications near Rome, Florence, Pescara and Ancona...

BURMA: Enemy pressure continued in the Kohima area but Allied troops have successfully engaged the Japs in the foothills along the Imphal plain and turned back an attack southeast of Imphal. Chinese troops in northern Burma captured 6 miles south of Allied held Shaduzup in the Mogung Valley...

UNITED STATES: Tornadoes ripped through Arkansas Monday night, taking the lives of 30 and injuring at least 140. Places hit included Woodson, Stuttgart, Pine Bluff, Harrison, Marianna, Brinkley, Monroe, DePue, Pine Bluff, Texas. 110 homes were destroyed and 215 damaged in the tornado’s path. Heavy rains brought floods in the Arkansas River watershed of Oklahoma and Kansas and Kingfisher county, western Oklahoma. 32 motorists were marooned at Iberia near Altus. Fingers west of Denver as a result of heavy snows and slides...Lt Col John E. Leonard, USAF, oldest of former Governor of New York Lehman’s children, was killed in a plane crash in Scotland. Lt. Lehman had served with the RAF and piloted a Mustang at the time of his death...Maj. William Mahurin and Maj. Gerald Johnson, two of the leading American aces in the European Theater are missing in action over the continent. Mahurin had 21 planes to his credit, Johnson, 18...Liberators which once cost $200,000 now cost $137,000, thanks to automotive tooling methods. Light tanks now cost $22,564 instead of $45,000 while 50 caliber machine guns cost $200, instead of $510...Victory gardeners contributed an estimated 40% of the fresh vegetables grown in the US last year...but there must be an increase in home victory crops in 1944 to assure that no serviceman or civilian will go hun...
WHAT GIVES in the kitchen? First we heard about Pfc Douglas L. Hard, Hq., of Newport, Ky., diligently opening cans of sardines and just as diligently slitting the little fish down their middles to clean out the inside. In fairness to Hard, let it be said that he did not try to scrape off the scales.

AND THE COOKS are wondering whether Pfc Simon Kolton, a Repair Sq. cook from Detroit, is going bush. He paid ten cents for a tin can, an empty tin can, to Pfc Gerard Barber, Rep. of Brooklyn. The other cooks are waiting to see if Kolton is going to make chop out of the can, the way the wogs do.

SO LITTLE TIME, a current best-seller by John F. Marquand, is one of the new titles in the Rockville Library. Another recent publication, A TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN, by Betty Smith, is also in the Library lists. A large number of books has arrived and they will be available as soon as cataloged. Recent acquisitions:

RIVERS OF GLORY, by F. Van Wyck Mason.
THINK FAST, MR. MOTO, by John F. Marquand.
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY, by W. Somerset Maugham.
DEATH COMES FOR THE ARCHBISHOP, by Willa Cather.
THE NIGHT OF THE SUMMER SOLUTION, by Mark Van Doren.
CCL EFFINGHAM'S RAID, by Barry Fleming.
ROAD TO VICTORY by Francis J. Spellman.
BLACKOUT IN GRETLY, by J. B. Priestley.
BURMA SURGEON, by Godron D. Seagrave.
TUNNELING RIVER RANGE, by W. O. Tuttle.
OVER MY DEAD BODY, by Rex Stout.
GREAT SMITH, by Edison Marshall.
RFD, by Charles Allen Smart.
CROSS CREEK, by Marjorie Kinman Rawlings.

WASHLISKIE'S and Worthman's hits in the 5th put the GIs a run ahead which they maintained till the finish to nose out the Bush Boys 3 to 2.


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THIS ISSUE CENSORED BY CAPT., A. C.

NO SHOW at the Rosiey tonight. At the Bushtown, CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK, with Edward O'Connor and Peggy Ryan. Movies at the Bushtown will start at 1930, beginning tonight.

RADIO: Tonight at 1930, Gold cocoa, coffee and donuts served by the Red Cross.

FOUR LEAGUE LEADERS met yesterday and when the fray was over the Bush Leaguers and Jilted GIs were tied for first with the Bush Boys next. The Bush Leaguers broke a 2-2 deadlock in the 7th when Ed Storer hit safely and finally scored on a wild throw. Bush Leaguers 3, Ravens 2.


BIBLE CLASS in the Group Chapel tonight at 1900. Choir Rehearsal at 1930.

RADIO DRAMATICS: Lt. Stanley Cable, late of NBC, Chicago, will meet all those interested, Thursday at 1900 in WAGI studio Bushtown.
RUSSIA: World War II's second siege of Sevastopol began yesterday, with Soviet forces surrounding the city in lines ranging in distance from 2 to 8 miles from the city. With Russian big guns covering the harbor channel, and Russian air and naval forces hunting down Nazi ships which manage to escape, the Germans have been unable to carry out a large scale evacuation. Romanian troops were covering the retreat in some sectors, while disheveled Axis forces piled into the port after their rout down the peninsula... Germans at the foot of the Carpathians were counter-attacking in an attempt to drive the Russians away from the passes which lead into Czechoslovakia. Soviet forces repelled one such attack east of Stanislavow...

WESTERN EUROPE: The Allied aerial offensive: resumed with a 1000 plane assault by the RAF Bomber Command on French railway systems last night. Targets were south and east of Paris, including the railway shops at Rouen. Mosquitos attacked Berlin and western Germany. 14 U.S. planes are missing... 13 enemy raiders were shot down over London and southeastern Germany, biggest bag since Jan 21, when 16 were downed... US heavies met little opposition in an attack on the Heinkel works north of Berlin. Of the 1600 planes in the raid, 19 bombers were lost and 6 fighters. 13 enemy planes were shot down, and others destroyed on the ground... Berlin radio today reported large forces of Allied bombers over the Reich, with air battles taking place near Hannover and southwest of Berlin. The Swedish government was expected to turn down the request from the Allies to stop sending vital war supplies to Germany. The Swedes are also protesting the recent curbing of diplomatic privileges by Great Britain... Drastic penalties up to five years in prison and fines of $2,000 were set Tuesday by the British government for strike instigators as a sequel to the recent outbreak of wildcat strikes. The new regulation goes into effect immediately and stems from the government's belief that no interference with the war effort can be tolerated in view of the imminence of invasion of western Europe...

BURMA: Jap forces have been driven from their positions on the track leading to Silchar west of Imphal... 10th USAAF heavy bombers struck Jap shipping at Port Blair in the Andaman Islands off the Burma coast while long range fighters lashed He-H field in Central Burma for the second time in three days, destroying 9 Jap planes and damaging 5 others...

PACIFIC: Air and naval forces pounded Jap positions on Bougainville and Choiseul islands. 120 tons of bombs were dropped on Rabaul, and Kavieng, New Ireland, as well as targets in New Guinea where 'bombed... American subs brought their toll of Jap shipping to 332 sunk of 662 hit by torpedoes, with the sinking of 11 enemy cargo ships, 8 tankers and an auxiliary repair vessel. In Washington Navy Sec Knox said the Japs were falling in desperate attempts to supply outposts with Allied forces sinking 8 to 10 supply barges daily. Knox told newsmen: 'The would like to get a piece of the Kuriles sometime,' adding that US forces will eventually seize some of the enemy positions in the Kuriles. Chief of Naval Ordnance, Adm. Halsey revealed that American ships are now using rocket guns...

ITALY: Four German raids on our Anzio positions were repulsed yesterday with heavy enemy losses. Our patrols penetrated the right flank of the German line, taking prisoners. An enemy munitions dump was destroyed during the day... Light planes of the MAAF flew 1000 sorties yesterday, hitting targets north of Rome and Anzio airfields in northern Italy and Nazi battle lines. 9 enemy planes were destroyed to our loss of 3. 20 enemy planes were over the battle lines yesterday...

UNITED STATES: 48,000 refugees trapped along the Russian-Rumanian border have been given permission in the last 60 days to leave for points of safety. Ira Hirshmann, American Representative on the War Refugee Board in Turkey, revealed in Washington. Hirshmann said the large majority were on the move, although there was no way of knowing how many would reach safety... A simple chemical process developed by the Du Pont Chemical Co will make soft wood hard as ebony in a few days. Woods such as balsa can be converted into material with the hardness, brilliance and strength of a plastic, and could be polished like marble. Chemicals made from coal, air and water accomplish the conversion. New Yorkers in the service may obtain absentee ballots by use of the post card application form, or by
Laying down a blistering barrage of base hits that netted 9 runs in the 4th, the Ravens triumphed in inter-squadron competition, whipping the jilted GIs 9 to 5.

Denson, Doggett and Crockid each had 2 hits. Who will get the shoes? Bush Leaguers moved into sole possession of first place as they turned back the Bush Boys 5 to 4. Hits by Storer, Cohen and Grant in the 5th scored two markers as the Leaguers came from behind to win.

TODAY: Gremlins vs Recruits; Chow Hounds vs Dem Bums. Sunday, a postponed game will be played between the Ravens and Recruits. Monday: Co-S meet Recruits and Gremlins meet Chow Hounds.

MONDAY BASEBALL: Boulders vs Maintenance on the hospital diamond.

COFFEE will be served in the Rooville PX of Bushtown Rec Halls until further notice. Coffee will continue to be served in the Hangar Coffee Shop.

A REMINDER to all personnel: It is most important that all persons having knowledge of subversive activities direct such matter to the attention of the Intelligence Officer, Lt Lt Moehl, who may be reached at Hq 56.

A BIRTHDAY PARTY for men born in April will be held at the Rooville PX Sunday night after the show. Admission will be by invitation only, and invitations must be shown at the door.

THE AMERICAN MASONIC CLUB of West Africa will meet in the Little Prayer Chapel Monday night at 2000. All Masons are invited.

COMPLETE WORKS of O’Henry and JAVA HEAD by Joseph Hergesheimer are new additions to the Rooville Library.

PREPARED BY T. C. HARGROVE, featuring Robert Walker and Donna Reed, keeps close to the book and gives plenty of laughs.

Friday and Saturday, NEVER A DULL MOMENT.

ANNOUNCEMENTS over the PA system at the Roovy take personal to the booth of gate will be made only those to be called are wanted for duty purposes.


THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
"I wish I hadn’t broke that dish, I wish I was a movie star, I wish I had a lot of things; I wish that life was like the movies are."

---Alan Patrick Herbert
WhoDat News compiled from ANB Press Reports supplied by the Signal Corps and BBC news summaries supplied by IANS, CAFW, up to 1100 hours, April 22, 1944

Western Europe: Cologne was pounded for the second night in succession as the Allies kept up their aerial blitz of the Fortress Europe. An estimated 16,800 tons of bombs were dropped on Nazi targets in a 72 hour period ending yesterday. Last night Mosquitoes dropped 4,000 pounds and incendiaries on Cologne while the night before a massive RAF assault dropped about 5,000 tons of bombs on Cologne and Paris rail facilities. In the daytime, 300 9th USAAF medium bombers crossed and re-crossed the Channel to plaster the invasion coast with more than 500 tons of bombs. Waves of Allied bombers were seen leaving bases in Britain around dawn today. The Air Ministry reported that recent raids on Frankfurt left more than 2 or 3 factories undamaged, with more than 100 war production plants involved in the general destruction. Closely united but working with complete unity with the US and side by side with whatever world organization may be created, he said that in the post-war period "We are no more committed to the abolition of Imperial preference than the American government is committed to the abolition of its protective tariffs." Imperial preference is a system whereby member states of the Empire charge lower import duties on goods coming from other empire states than on foreign products... At Gen George S. Patton, who led the 7th Army in the invasion of Sicily, was in the European Theatre of Operations after leaving Cairo, awaiting an undisclosed assignment...

Burma: Chinese troops under Gen Stillwell encircled a Jap division in the Mansun area near the jade mines of north-central Burma and inflicted heavy casualties. Allied troops were making steady progress in cleaning out roadblocks in the Kohima sector, while the Japs continued to reinforce their position at Kohima. British and Indian units advanced 30 miles northeast of Imphal to a point 35 miles from Kohima... The naval and air attack on Sabang, near Sumatra, was hailed in the American press as a first-rate counter-blow at the Jap's left flank...

Russia: German counter-attacks in the Carpathian hills went into their fourth day, with seven Nazi thrusts made in one sector alone yesterday. They lost 1,500 killed and 68 tanks, and still have not shaken the Russian hold on the hills below the passes. Soviet dive bombers were attacking Nazi supply lines on this front. Soviet planes, submarines and other naval units kept watch on Sevastopol harbor for Nazi attempts to escape...

Italy: Allied aircraft continued their assault on Nazi communications in the Balkans, 35 Nazi planes were shot down during raids on Bucharest and Turnu-Severin. Medium and fighter bombers struck at munitions dumps near Rome. Night bombers attacked Leghorn and Genoa. In 1,000 sorties, the MAFA lost 8 heavy bombers and 9 other planes while they shot down 38 enemy craft. AA at Anzio accounted for 5 more Nazi planes...

Pacific: An enemy cargo ship was sunk west of Hollandia during a series of Allied raids on the northern New Guinea coast. Rabaul got its daily pounding, while American planes pounded enemy bases in the Carolines and Marshalls...

Mediterranean: In Algiers, Gen De Gaulle explained that the post of Commander-in-Chief of the French Army was unjustified in view of the complete confidence of the French Committee of National Liberation in the inter-Allied commands under Gen Eisenhower in England and Gen Sir Henry Maitland Wilson in the Mediterranean.(When moved from the post of French Commander-in-Chief to that of Inspector General, Gen Giraud refused the latter post.) Gen De Gaulle reiterated his stand that civil administration within liberated areas must be French... Chrome shipments from Turkey to Germany and other Axis nations were to be cut off at 7 PM last night, Turkish Foreign Minister Menemencioglu announced, adding that Turkey had received notes from Britain and the US which said Turkey would be regarded as a neutral instead of an ally if she failed to comply...

United States: Governor Dewey of New York was all but pledged Michigan's 41 votes in the Republican National Convention by the Michigan GOP State Meeting, which
PEIN-PONG and BASKETBALL players, here's a chance to vary your competition. The British forces have issued a challenge, to any American ping-pong players or basketball team.

SPECIAL SERVICES will arrange run-offs to pick a representative ping-pong team, and a little tourney to pick a basketball team. Submit names to 380 at Bushtown or Rocville before Monday.

BIBLE CLASS in the Group Chapel at 1900 tonight. Choir rehearsal at 1930.

THE DESERT RATS meet the Rebels on the Hospital diamond today.

BACK TO THE STATES for hospitalization go Cpl Leland M. Garner, QM Tr, of Wayne, O; Sgt Frank Zelanka, QM Tr, of Fromberg, Mont.; Cpl Elard R Hewlette, Rep 2, of Corinth, Miss.; S/Sgt Harry Ossoff, Sup, of New York City.

TO INFANTRY OCS at Ft Benning, Ga., goes Cpl Roy Godale, Rep 2, of Phoenix, Ariz.

YOU, TOO, can fly a plane. See George Sanders do it in ACTION IN ARABIA.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY tomorrow to Sgt Willey H. Drinkard, Serv; Pvt Glenn W. Cable, Ord; Pfc Vern C. Nelson, Rep 2; Cpl Troy K. Bolt, Rep 2; T/Sgt Frank Holuba, Rep; Sgt Carlo R. Coova, Rep; Cpl Ralph E. Blount, Sup; Sgt Frank Verdigione, Hq.

ROCVILLE Enlisted Men's Recreation Committee meets tonight in Group Hq at 1915. 1st Sgts please notify Squadron representatives.

FOR SALE: Golf clubs and bag; 10 matched irons, 2 woods, 1 good leather bag. For $ 22/- See Mr Wallace, cashier, at Barclay's Bank in town.
PACIFIC: American troops overcame light enemy resistance Saturday and Sunday to occupy Ujelang atoll, westernmost of the Marshall Islands and 264 miles northeast of Ponape, the outer defenses of Truk. The American flag now flies over 31 Marshall atolls and 1 island. In the SW Pacific, Allied forces were making good progress in New Guinea. In a pincer movement from two beach heads American forces were closing in on Hollandia and Cyclops airfields, both of which were in imminent danger of capture, while a third American column pushed inland towards Lake Sentani airfield. Eastward, the Tanagi airstrip at Aitape was in use by Allied fighters and bombers 48 hours after its capture. So far the landing forces at Hollandia and Aitape have met no serious opposition... Australians moving northward against Medang were four miles outside that place. Since the capture of Bagiu, the retreating Japs have kept fur ahead of the Australians... 101 Jap planes; all but 13 of them aground, were destroyed by carrier based planes during the air attack preceding the landings at Hollandia and Aitape. Admiral Mits- itz announced...

WESTERN GERMANY: Thunderbolts of the 9th USAAF struck at airfields in western Germany and at Ypres, Belgium, to bring to 7 the number of Nazi airfields attacked in the day by 2,000 American planes. Other targets of the USAAF yesterday were fields at Nancy, Metz and Dijon in France, the Pas de Calais, and industrial plants in southwest Germany. 15 enemy planes were destroyed in the air, 17 more on the ground. We lost 17 bombers and 2 fighters. A RAF night attack on Munich was described as the greatest fire raid in history; 500,000 incendiaries were dropped. RAF Mosquitoes bombed Cologne, while mine laying planes were active. Swedish harbors were described as crowded with shipping, due to sail for Germany, but held up because the masters feared to cross the mine strewn waters of the Baltic. Enemy bombers came over England in two waves last night, causing some damage and casualties in southern England, but turning back when they reached the suburbs of London. 4 were shot down. Berlin announced the death of Lt Gen Hube, who commanded Axis troops in Sicily and later tank forces on the Russian front...

BURMA: The British 14th Army cleared the Imphal-Kohima road for 22 miles north of Imphal, to the village of Kanglatongbi. The retreating Japs offered only rear-guard action. An actual count of Jap dead showed 4900 of the enemy died in the offensive, while a similar number were estimated to have fallen under Allied artillery and aerial bombardment...

CHINA: Pincer arms of a Jap offensive in Ho-Nan province, northern China, closed to within 10 miles of each other southwest of Chonghsien, threatening to entrap Chinese forces. Chung-King said the Japs were paying heavily, with 10,000 casualities of forces estimated at 70,000 in battles on April 20 and 21...

RUSSIA: Although Moscow reported no action by ground forces, Berlin reported the Soviets advancing along a wide front in the region of the lower Dneestr. The Red Air Force shot down 60 enemy planes yesterday, sank 2 enemy transports out of Sevastopol, and sank or damaged several smaller craft. Red fliers attacked Nazi troop trains on the Latvian front, and attacked shipping in Narva Bay. The Red Army killed or captured 500,000 Germans in southern Russia in the last 9 months, a Soviet spokesman announced, while over 300,000 square miles of Russian territory was recovered, four-fifths of the area occupied by the Germans at the high tide of their invasion. Russia will strike the final blow on the soil of Germany itself, the spokesman added...

ITALY: The 5th Army recaptured enemy positions in the Cisterna and Carano sectors of the Anzio front. The MAFF flew 1400 sorties yesterday, against enemy transport behind the battle lines, enemy shipping, and a plane factory at Turin...

CANADA: An RAF bomber exploded and crashed in downtown Montreal Tuesday, razing 3 houses in one block and damaging others. The plane was an RAF transport and carried a crew of 5. Nine bodies were found in the burned buildings...

UNITED STATES: Governor John Bricker of Ohio, GOP Presidential aspirant declared he is not interested in the vice-presidential nomination---"I am a candidate for
ARNOLD A. GROOP

Sgt Arnold A. Groop, a member of the Supply Squadron, was killed in a motor vehicle accident on Tuesday.

Funeral services were conducted in the Group Chapel yesterday afternoon by Chaplain Harvey W. Lewis. The Supply Squadron and other officers and members of the Group rendered military honors at the burial in the American Cemetery.

A lumberjack in civil life, Groop entered the service April 3, 1942 and began foreign service with this Group on September 21, 1942. He was a cook in his Squadron's Mess.

Groop was single and lived in Crystal Falls, Michigan.

May his soul rest in peace.

IN THE MAIL:

"After a stay of more than a year and making many friends, Pete, who made his home outside the Supply Orderly Room, has been ordered off the post.

"This is deemed necessary because of the sense of humor that some person or persons have in their teaching during the time I was away—I feel like a boy who had his dog poisoned."

--A.J. Wilson,
Captain, A.G.

BANISHED for bush, by gum! Let's be getting that A bag packed, Pete, you're shipping out.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY tomorrow to Cpl John F. Graham, Sup: Pfc William D. Gisburt, Rep: Pfc Leo D. Jorgensen, Rep; Sgt Keith E. Cowing, Rep 2; Sgt Harvey C. Balke, Ord; S/Sgt Walter H. DeRouville, Serv; Pfc Edwin H. Randall, Serv.

REBELS and Desert Rats stood 4-4 yesterday when the game had to be called on ac-

FINISHED, 3-2, when Groop lined a single to center to score Groop, who had reached third on a single by Green. Another hit also scored Groop.

THE ROCKS pooled 6 hits for 5 runs to whip the Gremlins 5-1. Doubles by Parr and Duncan paced the victor's attack.

TOMORROW: Ravens vs Bush Boys; Rambler vs Recruits.

BASEBALL: Today, on the Group diamond, Rockets vs Officers, BataVs, vs Maintenance, Hospital diamond.


STATION CHOIR rehearsal in the Station Chapel tonight at 1900.

A VOLLEY BALL tournament is coming up with the winning team to go to Cairo to meet the champs of North Africa. Sign up your team with Special Service.

WHERE IS a prize waiting for the team that cops the pennant in the Rochilla softball league, announces Capt. David B. McCloskey, Base Special Service Officer.

TODAY and field meet coming soon.
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A lumberjack in civilian life, Groop entered the service April 3, 1942 and began foreign service with this Group on September 21, 1942. He was a cook in his Squadron's Mess.

Groop was single and lived in Crystal Falls, Michigan.

May his soul rest in peace.

**IN THE MAIL:**

"After a stay of more than a year and making many friends, Pete, who made his home outside the Supply Orderly Room, has been ordered off the post.

"This is deemed necessary because of the sense of humor that some person or persons have and their teaching during the time I was away—I feel like a boy who had his dog poisoned."

---A. J. Wilson, Captain, A.O.

**BANISHED** for bush, by gum! Let's be getting that bag packed, Pete, you're shipping out.

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REBELS and Desert Rats stood 4-4 yesterday when the game had to be called on account of darkness.

**ARABIA, with**

George Sanders and Virginia Bruce.

**FIRST HALF** of the softball season ended yesterday with Bush Leaguers and Jilted GIs tied for the lead with 7 games won and 2 lost. Under them is a 4-way tie involving the Ravens, Recruits, Chow Hounds and Bush Boys.

**GRANT** of the Bush Leaguers gave up one fluke hit and struck out 8 men but the Jilted GIs won, 3-0. Errors and thought lapses accounted for the scores. Lindeman and Wishart made nice saves afield for the GIs.

**THE ROCS** pooled 5 hits for 5 runs to whip the Gremlins 5-1. Doubles by Perris and Duncan paced the victor's attack.

**TOMORROW:** Ravens vs Bush Boys; Ramblers vs Recruits.

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- Wounded: 60,166
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- Prisoners: 19,436

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- Dead: 16,915
- Wounded: 11,664
- Missing: 9,196
- Prisoners: 4,436

**TOTAL casualties of all kinds, Army and Navy:** 192,836

RELIGIOUS SERVICES THIS WEEK:

**JEWISH:** Group Chapel, 1000 Sunday

**CATHOLIC:** St Louis Chapel, confessions daily 1630; Mass daily 1645; Holy Hour Friday 1645; confessions Saturday 1800-1830, Station Chapel, Masses Sunday at 0610, 0700, 0830.

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**MORMON:** Meeting in Little Prayer Chapel Sunday at 1000.

**GROUP CHOIR** rehearsal at 1915 tonight.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY tomorrow to Capt Ray O McKinney; Sgt Robert B Irving, Rep 2; Pfc David J Engelking, QM Tr.

BASEBALL: Officers offered to Rockets yesterday at Rosville, Maintenance took Bad Fits at the Hospital yesterday, 2-0, today: Wolves meet the Hospital team at the Hospital diamond at 1545.

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AN ENLISTED man can't be spared to act as housemother in the Rec Hall, and all the African assigned to the Rec Hall is expected to do is keep the place clean and watch the equipment; he can't enforce camp rules. Pool table hogs have been taking advantage of this situation and playing endless games. In the future, all table hogs will find their names posted on bulletin boards, so that all can identify the greedy goons.

LAST DAY of this month won't be pay day, The Finance Office hasn't gotten religion and piously declines to touch the Filthy Lucre on the Sabbath. That means the Mess will serve cold tomato juice on Tuesday morning instead of Monday morning. Our Mess thinks of everything. So do we when we see Meat and Vegetable stew.

CALLED for at the Rocky last night were two transients, by name Cowface and Putternuts. Fact.
WHO DAT news compiled from ANS press reports supplied by the Signal Corps and BBC news summaries supplied by I2S, CAFM, up to 1100 hours, April 28, 1944.

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WESTERN EUROPE: Lancasters took a roundabout route to avoid interceptors in their attack on Friedrichshafen last night, Mosquitos struck at Stuttgart, and other RAF bombers raided enemy communication centers in France. 36 RAF planes are missing, while 4 Nazi fighters were destroyed. 1,000 USAAF bombers, accompanied by fighters, carried on the aerial offensive in daylight. 9 heavy bombers, 3 Marauders and 6 fighters are missing. 1 Nazi plane was shot down over England last night, as raiders struck at scattered targets. They caused no damage or casualties.

Prize Minister of South Africa, Gen Smuts, arrived in London to attend the conference of Dominion Prime Ministers.

CHINA: The Japanese offensive in northern Honan province is constantly expanding and the enemy, in 9 days of fighting has overrun 1800 square miles of a region where China's millions had hoped to reap a bumper wheat crop. Enemy troops captured Mhsien but Chinese counterattacks won back 6 to 8 miles and eased the threat to the rail city of Loyang, a major Jap objective.

BURMA: The Japs still hold hills dominating the approaches to Kohima. Allied reinforcements continue to pour in to take the road blocks still held by the enemy on the main road to Kohima.

ITALY: Bad weather limited aerial activity to small attacks by fighter bombers. An enemy munitions dump was blown up near Rome. Ground forces reported aggressive patrol activities.

RUSSIA: Romanian news agencies reported a Soviet offensive in Bessarabia, as Berlin reported yesterday, but Moscow continued silent, referring only to bitter fighting at Sevastopol.

YUGO-SLAVIA: 800 Nazis were killed or captured in the patriot landings on Korcula island, where the towns of Blato and Vela Luka, 5 miles apart on the western part, were taken.

CANADA: Flight Lt Kazimierz Purzynski, 47, said to be Poland's most-famous ace, was captain of the RAF Transport Command bomber which crashed in downtown Montreal, killing 15, including the crew of 5. Purzynski was known in Poland as "the father of our air," had flown more than a million miles and was one of Poland's combat aces in World War II.

UNITED STATES: After he had refused to turn over the firm's books or cooperate with Department of Commerce officials who took over the Chicago plant of Montgomery Ward, Sewell Avery, 69, head of the big mail order house, was carried out of his office by soldiers acting on the orders of Attorney Gen Biddle. Avery was ejected after "Putting up quite a fight," Biddle said. The seizure followed the company's declaration that it would no longer deal with the CIO union of United Retail and Wholesale Employees of America. It now holds a contract with the union, after the union had won an NLRB election at the plant. The company's refusal to negotiate a new contract precipitated a strike; the strikers returned when President Roosevelt ordered the contract extended until a new NLRB election could be held. The company opposed this order, and seizure followed. Repression in the House: Rep Charles A. Dewey filed a resolution asking for creation of a 7-man committee to investigate the government's seizure and determine the legal authority for it. Rep Seabath (D, Ill.) took issue, deploring the idea that "any chain store or mail order house thinks it is so big it can and should run the government."
WASHINGTON (ANS) Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, 70, died Friday afternoon after a week's illness. Born in Boston, Knox was a newspaper publisher and President of the Chicago Daily News at the time of his appointment to the Cabinet by President Roosevelt.

The President's appointment of Knox, a Republican, coupled with the appointment of Republican Henry L. Stimson as Secretary of War, was regarded as a bid for national unity. Knox took office on July 11, 1940.

Under his administration, the US Navy grew to be the mightiest in the world, and Knox traveled to its far-furthest places in England, Italy, North Africa, Pearl Harbor and other places in the Pacific.

Colonel Knox served in the Army in the war with Spain and in France during World War I. He is survived by his widow Annie and three sisters.

James V Forrestal is Acting Secretary of the Navy.

IT'S QUADRUPLETS in the hut of Cpl Harry Kotyck, Serv., of Canonsburg, Pa., but Kotyck won't get much publicity as a result, nor will Sgt Domenick A Spizzirri, Serv., of Monessen, Pa., to whom the mother first went for aid. It has been generally agreed that the father of the quad is a bush cat. Attached to the Service Sq for rations and quarters, the family is flourishing.


HAVING A BIRTHDAY today is Pfc John D Watts, of Station 1. And he is looking very well, Mrs. Watts.

FOUND: 6 flight caps; fork and spoon.

Group O.D. Apr 29, 2nd Lt Robert F Edbrooke; Apr 30, WOJG Lonnie W Stobaugh.

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SEE CAIRO via volley-ball! Volley ball teams are wanted for the Base tournament. Champions will win a trip to Cairo. Sign up on time.

彼の所有する犬とその写真を写真にします。
INTER-ALLIED competition in ping-pong began last night in Bushtown. The British took a doubles set and split even with Americans in 5 singles sets. More games will be played next Thursday at the British camp. You can still enter competition. Sign up at your Special Service Office.

PACIFIC: Wewak headed the list of Allied aerial targets in New Guinea. 200 tons of bombs were dropped on its 4 main airfields and several Jap ships were hit on the ground. Allied bombers also struck at the remaining units of the Jap 18th Army, concentrated in the Wewak area. Other New Guinea targets were Buna Bay, Bado and Surong. Navy bombers struck at Guam in the Central Pacific; Truk was another target, while Ponape was raided three times in the past 2 days. The Hollandia front was quiet, with only skirmishes reported. There was no sign of a counter attack by the Japs, who withdrew to the hills.

BURMA: Allied troops continued their advance southeast of Kohima, with the support of RAF and USAF planes.

CHINA: Chenghsien, an important rail center south of the Yellow River in Ho-Nan province, has been in Jap hands since Saturday, Chungking revealed. Sinosheng, on the Peiping-Tsankow railroad is also in Jap hands.

ITALY: The MAF flew 1700 sorties during the day and night, attacking Genoa and other targets on Italy's west coast. The number of Nazi prisoners taken at Anzio has reached 4,000.

YUGO-SLOVIA: Gen Tito's patriots made another landing, this time on an unnamed island off Dubrovnik, not far from the previous landings on Mflet and Korcula. 150 Germans were killed or captured.

RUSSIA: Axis bulletins continued to report a Russian offensive between the lower Dneestr and the Dneestr Rivers, but Moscow made no reference to fighting there. The Russians, according to enemy reports, attacked with powerful tank supported infantry columns and made some local penetrations which had been sealed off. Moscow reported its aircraft bombing enemy communications and supplies north of the Carpathians, 3 fuel trains and a troop train being hit yesterday. Similar aerial activity took place near Lvov, where Russian partisans were credited with the wrecking of 2 Nazi troop trains.

UNITED STATES: Ohioans in the services were enabled to vote in the local, state and national elections by action of the Ohio legislature. They may use GI application forms and have 90 days in which to return their ballots. The farm price index was 196% of the 1939-41 per cent a year ago, the Dept of Agriculture announced. The price average was 115% of parity in mid-April as against 113% 12 months ago. Parity is the so-called level of fair exchange with industrial products and services. All principal farm products were at or above parity level except wheat, cotton, hax, peanuts, rye and lemon. Fruit prices rose sharply in the month end.