



Sunday, April 4, 1943

AT SEA ABOARD U.S.A.T. BRAZIL

INDIA- American bombers scored over 30 hits on Thazi Burma Junction Friday. Railroad installations at Ywantung, Maymo were severely damaged.

EL GUETAR, TUNISIA- UNYIELDING AMERICAN LINES HAVE BLASTED ROMMEL'S BEST ARMOR, AND ROMMEL IS TRYING FOR THE FIRST TIME NIGHT AERIAL ATTACKS IN THIS SECTOR USING 4 ENGINE AXIS BOMBERS.

WASHINGTON- The census bureau reports that the US is approaching "the irreducible minimum" number of jobless people. Only 1,000,000 people are now out of work. A short while back 10,000,000 were not working. The Navy reported that American bombers raided the enemies main camp area in the Aleutians 4 times Thursday, scoring several hits.

LONDON- DUTCH PATRIOTS IN AMSTERDAM OVERPOWERED GUARDS AND SET FIRE TO THE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS DESTROYING VITAL RECORDS ESSENTIAL TO THE NAZI'S LABOR DRAFT OF THE DUTCH.

HARRISBURG, PA.- MAJ GEN E.L. WALSH WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE ADJ. GENERAL'S ASS. AND THE NATIONAL GUARD ASS. HERE SATURDAY.

LONDON- Germans hastily work to armor-plate the underbelly of Europe from France to Bulgaria. Hitler canvassed the Bulgarian ability and willingness to repulse British and American attack, despite the nations refusal to participate in the campaign against Russia. Efforts to thwart Allied control of the Mediterranean already resulted in change in Italian Naval command. Southern French coast is defense zone like that

on the West coast. A Legion of French Volunteers joined the Axis in Tunisia, according to Vichy.

MOSCOW- ILLUSTRATING RUSSIAN SUCCESSES THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT PUBLISHED FOR THE FIRST TIME AN OFFICIAL MAP MARKING THE PRESENT BATTLE LINE FROM LENINGRAD TO THE CAUCASUS. Other items: regained 185,329 square miles; Red Army gains, particularly on the Central Front before Moscow, greater than realized by observers; Soviet troops have pushed their lines nearly to the Velizh, 70 miles NW of Smolensk, near the gate of the German held Naval base on the Black Sea; fighting temporarily static because of the spring thaw; the winter drive had cost the Germans 850,000 killed and 340,000 captured; destroyed 5000 Nazi planes, 9190 tanks, and 20,360 guns. It was also announced that other than Russian troops were battling against the Germans on the eastern front. A Czechoslovakian unit, unmentioned before, was fighting a dramatic battle beyond a south city, with great self sacrifice.

AIR CORPS SCORES HIT!

FLASH- HOLLYWOOD- FLASH- SWAINS ABOARD SHIP WILL HAVE TO BE CONSOLLED FROM NOW ON. SOMEWHAT FLUSTERED BUT ADMITTING SHE WAS VERY HAPPY, FILM STAR DOROTHY LAMOUR APPLIED SATURDAY FOR A LICENSE TO MARRY CAPT. WILLIAM HOWARD OF THE ARMY AIR FORCE.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA-- Gen. Eisenhower, Allied Commander in N. Africa returned from the front in Tunisia Saturday to report that British, American and French forces were continuing to make satisfactory progress in their campaign to smash the Axis out of Africa. American smashes against heavy concentrations in

Radio News Continued

the hills and passes in the central sector were continuing, but with little progress. German and Italian troops, well supplied with artillery and tanks, offered stubborn resistance to the forces of Lt Gen Patton, who is attempting to break through and join the British in their coastal pursuit of Rommel. 32 German tanks spearheaded a counter attack against Patton's forces east of El Guetar Friday but American Artillery knocked 3 of them out and the remainder fled. The days Allied Communique reported patrol activity all along the front. Lt Gen K.A.N. Anderson's British 1st Army in the North was reported making progress in its eastern drive towards the Axis strongholds of Bizerte and Tunis and inflicting heavy casualties to the enemy.

CIGARETTE SINKS SHIP!

No- It didn't happen, actually-- but it could. Throwing of any kind of trash overboard is SERIOUS. Submarines easily pick up the trail of convoys by following its trash. An officer saw a Recon Troop Corporal flip a cigarette overboard. The corporal, a good one, too, was reduced to private immediately. So Think, soldier, Maybe a guard or officer won't see you - but maybe the submarine will.

OFFICER'S LIBRARY

Hours for drawing books from the Officers Library are as follows:

0930 to 1030

1430 to 1530

This library is located in the hallway opposite Room 25. There are also books in the main officer's recreation room --with music. An attendant will be on duty most of the time to keep a victrola playing.

Mess Halls Open in Evenings.

Effective Sunday, March 4, the Mess Halls will be open for games, reading, & writing according to the following schedule Col. Garza announced:

Enlisted Men's Mess-Hall from 2030 to 2300.

Officer's Mess Hall (for Officer's only) from 1930 to 2300.

This will greatly add to the available space for recreation, and lights will be permitted. Taps has been raised to 2300.

LOST! -- A WALLET BY

Cpl. Jack Boback, Service Co. 1090 G
Finder please return to Troop Transport Office.

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SPEAK FOR YOURSELF

The success of this newspaper on board ship depends on its reporters. If you want an informative, interesting newspaper for yourselves and about yourselves, see that your group is ably represented. All columns and news items are to be handed in at the Troop Office before 0900 daily.

Time and time again since our embarkation, all personnel on board have been duly warned against smoking in unauthorized places. As a result of not heeding this advice, two men are now in the brig. Remember boys-- The Brig means NO SMOKING AT ALL and only and only one meal a day!

"CHARLIE THE TAILOR"

located at the foot of the emergency stairway on "C" Deck will do pressing and alterations of your clothing. No cleaning. Sorry.

Officers may leave their clothing in Bath # 10 Midship on "A" Deck between the hours of 10 to 11 in the morning, and 5 to 7 in the afternoon.

A soldier received the following note several months after his return from furlough:

M is for the many times you made me
O is for the other times you tried.
T is for those tourist cabin week-ends.

H is for the Hell that's in your eyes
E is for the Everloving love life
R is for the Wreck you've made of me
Put them all together, they spell
MOTHER.

For that's exactly what I'm going to be!

The soldier promptly returned the compliment with the following:

F is for your funny little letter.
A is for my answer to your note.
T is for your tearful accusation.
H is for your hope that I'm the GOAT
E is for the Ease with which I made you.

R is for the Rube you hoped I'd be.
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BUT- You're crazy if you think it's me.

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SPORTS

When we disembark from the U.S.A.T. Brazil, we all can be sure of looking forward to plenty of action in the line of sports activity providing we have the time and the facilities. To be sure we have the necessary equipment packed away in the holds of these transports. This includes 126 "A" Kits which contain various and many sources of athletic equipment. Baseball, basketball, football, soccer, and boxing equipment for each company and of course horseshoes, volleyball, ping-pong, checkers, and dominoes for those that are interested in the lighter sports activity.

From the musical standpoint, we also have good news to report. Storage battery radios, spring wound turntables, records, song books, sheet music, and almost unbelievable three (3) field pianos. The feature in this line deals with the new OS-I Kit and the RMS-Kit which contain orchestration, song books, fiction books, etc.

The highlight of the Special Service Section will be the three (3) complete 16mm. motion picture projectors which include the standard size screen and the gasoline generators. There are five (5) more projectors on their way so that a total of eight projectors will go a long way in keeping us in line with the latest in motion pictures. Yes men, we again will hear and see Lana Turner, Hedy Lammar, Dotty (Sarong) Lamour, and the rest of the gang, since we do have ten full programs of the latest motion pictures for a starter.

Not Sports but Competition ---

1st Lt. Ernest Sample, "A" Battery, 131st FA, according to 1st Lt. Rapp of Stater, is going to the "T" Patch than the said Lt. Sample holds the U.S.A.T. Brazil's individual candy eating record. Yes--57 bars of Hersheys (with Nuts) per one day of rations. Challengers to this record invited.

The "T" Patch will announce the Long Horn League all Division team. This will include both the pick for the 1st and 2nd teams. Yes, we are sticking our necks out.

BASKETBALL

The sudden move from our home base prevented the staging of the Division Longhorn League Championship game which really would have been a basketball classic. The play-off series called for the 141st Inf., 2nd Round Division "A" Winner to play the 111th Medico's, 2nd Round Div. "B" Champion, the winner in turn would play a best out of three series with the powerful 142nd Inf., the 1st Round Div. Champion. Thinking of the 142nd Inf. vs. 141st Inf. champion game simply adds to my already sea-sick stomach. As a means of consoling myself, I am wondering if this series could possibly be played off when we reach our destination, even if it has to be in the open field.

A brief run down of the final standings in the Longhorn League shows the following:

Division "A"	Won	Lost	%
141 Inf	7	0	1000
142 Inf	4	1	800
111 Engrs	4	3	570
143 Inf.	3	4	428
Div. Arty.	1	6	143
636 T. D.	0	5	000

Division "B"	Won	Lost	%
111 Medicos	7	0	1000
36 Signal	5	2	715
Div Hqrs	4	3	570
36 Ren. Trps.	2	4	333
736 Ordnance	1	6	142
36 Q.M.	0	7	000

LONG SHOTS

Our hats come off to the great 141st Inf. basketball team who not only had won the 2nd Round Div. "A" Longhorn League Championship, but had also carried the banner of Camp Edwards into the finals of the 1st Service Commands Playoffs before their summons came forth for this pleasure cruise across the Atlantic.

Too bad, men, I'm wondering just what the Arena Staff are doing about basketball players.

Pvt. Edwin (Swish) Simpson, 1st Bn Hq Co, 141 Inf, giant center of the 141st Inf champs holds the individual scoring record in one game with a total of 27 points. That's really pouring them thru.