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THE WAR THIS WEEK

News centered for the most part this week around the softening up raids by Allied air power on German anti-invasion air installations of Belgium and France. Drawing the enemies coastal fighter defenses into action for the first time in weeks, Fortresses and Liberators bombed military objectives in repeated large scale raids. Nearly 2000 American bombers and fighters, following up a record 4,000 ton attack by R.A.F. carried the onslaught against German air defenses to a new climax Tuesday with assaults against plane factories deep in the German interior. This raid was reported to have been the heaviest attack in the bomber command's history.

Yesterday, the raids on Nazi air power went into the fifth day as more than 500 U. S. heavy bombers flying from Italy attacked German aircraft factories in the Vienna area. It is reported that these raids are a part of the tremendous invasion plan to destroy the bulk of the German air force ahead of "D" day.

The Fifteenth air force bombers from Italy concentrated their main attack on a Messerschmitt factory at Wiener Neustadt, thirty miles south of Vienna, dropping many tons of bombs.

Another Italy-based force attacked an airfield and railroad yards at Zagreb, capial of the puppet government of Croatia while Fortresses bombed a cement factory at Split, important Yugoslavian port.

The Russian Front

Russian troops captured the prize port of Odessa on the Black sea Monday, and far to the west other Soviet units forded the Siret river, deep insite Romania.

General Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Third Army of the Ukraine, returning ign triumph to his native city, outflanked Odessa and then stormed it frontally to liberate the biggest Russian metropolis in enemy hands, Stalin revealed in a special order of the day.

On Tuesday, converging Russian armies swept toward the heart of the Crimea from three directions in a whirlwind campaign that theatened annihilation for 100,000 or more Axis troops stranded there since the Soviet armies sealed off the peninsula last November.

In triumphant orders of the day, issued only hours apart, Soviet Premier Josef Stalin revealed that his hard-hitting southern armies had broken open the northern and eastern ends of the Crimea and were advancing with incredible speed toward the capital city of Simferopol and the Sevastopol naval base.

On Thursday, it was announced that the Red army had taken Tiraspol, a district center on the left bank of the Dniester, fifty-three miles northwest of Odessa. It was broadcast from Moscow that more than 26,000 Germans had been killed in the trap west of Skala between April 7 and 10.

Japan

U. S. Army Liberators bombed Matsuwa and Onnekotan in the Kurile islands, less than a thousand miles from Tokyo in the second raid ever reported against those two northern Japanese bases.

Other American planes, ranging the central Pacific thousands of miles to the south, bombed Moen and Dublon islands of the Truk atoll, Ponape and four objectives in the Marshall islands.

OFFICER TO WED GIRL HE MET AT VESUVIUS

Mt. Vesuvius, Italy (CNS)—An AAF officer and an Italian girl, brought together by the war and an eruption of Mt. Vesuvius, will be married here soon.

The officer, Lt. Robert W Brussmann, of St. Louis, and the girl, Signorina Tina Scafora, an 18-year-old school teacher, met during rescue work on the slopes of the erupting volcano. They will be married within a month, he said, and spend their honeymoon at Capri.

100 Hale WACs Receive Good Conduct Medal

Gals Honored In Ceremony Here Thursday

On Thursday evening, April 6, at 6:15, one hundred Wacs of the Camp Hale WAC Detachment were presented Good Conduct Ribbons by the Commanding Officer of the Detachment, Lt. Evelyn E. Hansel. Assisting Lt. Hansel in the presentation of the ribbons was Lt. Sue Lynch, Assistant Commanding Officer.

The red and white striped ribbon denotes one year of honorable service in the Army. Those girls receiving ribbons are:

T/Sgts. Everil Kludt and Marguerite M. Stember.

S/Sgts. Bonnie Leonard, Nellie Ross and Agnes Smith.

T/3 Lillian P. McCormick.

Sgts. Stella Brown, Margaret Clarke, Ethyl L. James, Theresa Mercier and Anne Hugo.

T/4s Frances G. Alexander, Rosa C. Bird, Bessie Blum, Ada Grove, Elizabeth McGarry, Reba D. Morrison, Veva W. O'Dell, Margaret B. Overby, Lucille Reich, Ruby Senick, Evelyn Supply, Zera F. Tabacchi, Mary Anne Wood and Jerry Long.

Cpls. Nellie Chester, Genevieve B. Hyde, Ruth J. Korona, Geneva Postelwait and Merle Roberts.

T/5s Verna Bartels, Aletha Z. Brown, Anne B. Chinino, Vivian R. Dallavia, Jeanne Dolt, Maxine Dragnich, Helen Falconio, Mary F. Gemeinhardt, Helen L. Hardy, Anita Jefferies, Rachel W. Michaelsen, Mildred Rogozan, Mary Trojan, Carol Wagy and Marion D. Winland.

Pfcs. Helen Bauer, Pearl F. Blomberg, Patricia Burke, Evelyn G. Bush, Elizabeth Carpenter, Catherine Chambers, Esther Chokuly, Leona P. Christensen, Mildred Curcija, Josephine A. Drapcho, Lavada P. Havens, Geneva Mahlum, Willadene Moore, Lillian Pentland, Shirley Sibinic, Virginia Shelnutt, Margaret Teeple, Gladys Trask, Pauline Wertz, and Mary S. Mickle.

Pvts. Barbara Dory, Frances Higgins, Caroline Kersey, Esther Menninger, Elaine Myers, Emily Nydegger, Florence Smiley, Esther M. Stroup, Coldie L. Samuels and Mary Curry.

GI's May Plant Trees In Camp

Co. Areas May Be Landscaped

Members of the organizations who wish to add to the attractiveness of their respecive areas, are to be given the chance to do so. It has been announced recently that the reservasion forester, Mr. C. B. Meager, will work with representatives of outfits desiring to plant seedlings of pine, spruce or aspen in their company areas.

The work must be done strictly "on your own time," as the familiar phrase has it, and committees from the various organizations must decide upon a definite planting plan in order that uniformity may be maintained. In other words, local landscape talent must get together and work out a system of placing the trees so that all areas will look the same and no trees will be placed in spots which will endanger wires, buildings or the growth of the trees themselves. Mr. Meager will be glad to make appointments with committees to talk over their plans and to go out to the areas allocated for transplanting, to help the men in picking the proper type trees and to show them the correct methods of digging them and transporting them back to the prepared areas around their organization. He can put scrap paper and precious con-

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Fishing Season Opens In North Platte River

'Lakes Full Of Fish' Says The Forest Service

Plans have been tentatively formulated in cooperation with the State Game and Fish Department to plant several thousand legal size fish in the streams of the reservation sometime in the Spring of the year. The species of fish that are adaptable to this locality are Rainbow, Brooks and Lockleven. Covering a period of the last several years, the Forest Service and the Fish and Game Department have stocked heavily, all the lakes on the reservation and territory adjacent. In the last few years it has of course been impossible for the public to get to lakes in isolated areas and as a result the small fish that were planted have developed into big ones and it is reasonable to suspect that it would be impracticable to plant any more fish this season in these lakes since in all probability they are dangerously near being overstocked. There are 24 lakes on the reservation and most all these lakes can be reached by a maximum 6 mile hike from most any truck or jeep trail. The most important lakes on the reservation are: Homestake (7), Whitney (3), Missouri (5), Fancy (2), Hunky Dory (2), and Wheeler (3). There are four other lakes in isolated areas that have not been named. Uneva Lake, near Frisco, Colorado, which is also on the reservation is on patented land that has to date not been purchased by the War Department and the land owner has exclusive rights to this lake which he keeps well stocked with fish for his own personal sport.

Must Have License

Last year 180,000 fingerling Lockleven and Brook Trout were planted by mule pack in Homestake, Whitney and Hunky Dory Lakes and 30,000 legal size Rainbow, Lochlaven and Brook Trout were planted in Homestake, Mitchell, East Fork of Eagle, and Resolution Creeks.

All military and civilian personnel who fish on the reservation must have in their possession a permit issued by the camp Provost Marshal. It is also necessary that personnel who desire to build recreational camp fires must have a fire permit, also issued by the Provost Marshal.

The Colorado Game and Fish Com-

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Paper Salvage Drive Began Thurs. Urge All to Conserve Vital Material

The limited availability of all materials, especially wool pulp for paperboard and paper, contributes to an inadequate wartime production of containers and paper for home-front needs But manpower and factory facilities are likewise involved in the problem. While producing for enormous military requirements, the industry can meet home demand only if every piece of scrap paper is salvaged, and every paperboard container either reused or turned in to be reused by someone else. Hence, the all-out paper salvage drive which begins today.

Over a billion paperboard containers and millions of pounds of paper will be required in 1944 for our Armed Forces and Lend-Lease. Overseas shipments must be protected by stronger and sturdier containers than those needed at home; in order to assure the safe arrival of war supplies, MORE material, MORE facilities, MORE manpower must be expended on each container for overseas shipment than is normally necessary. While our Armed Forces in this country return containers for reuse, those overseas cannot. But every Army Camp, every individual office, every home, can put scrap paper and precious containers back in use. That's the solution to the critical shortage of labor at the wood pulp factories, and to the great demand for paper products, of both the military and civilian population.

To help you with your waste paper collection and salvage, here are a few tips given by the Army Service Forces.

1. Waste paper should be accumulated at a rate in excess of five pounds per man per month. To accomplish this a regular system of collection must be maintained to prevent the paper from being hauled to incinerators and dumps with trash to be burned and personnel in charge of such disposition points instructed to prevent the burning of clean paper.

2. Waste paper can be most readily segregated at the source. Corrugated containers, newspapers and magazines should be separated and tied in bundles at the collection points. Mixed paper may be placed in cartons or sacks.

3. All personnel will be instructed to open cartons carefully and suitable box openers should be provided.

But the main point is simply this:

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Building the Future

Feeling that men at Camp Hale are interested in the problems facing them in the post war world, and that any progress toward a solution of these problems would be pertinent data, the Ski-Zette will feature in next week's paper, the first of a series of three articles dealing with personal adjustment, rehabilitation, and the part which industry, business, government and education must play in aiding the millions who will soon be coming home.

USO Show Will Play Apr. 19-20

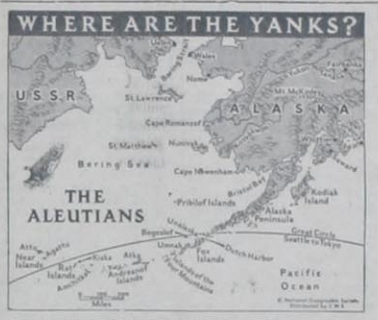
Ramee Sami To Head New Show

On Wednesday, April 19th and Thursday, April 20th, another USO Tabloid Troupe will appear at Camp Hale. The show will appear first at seven o'clock in the lodnge of the new Station Complement Service Club number one. On Sunday, at 2:00 p. m. the troupe will appear in the Red Cross auditorium at the hospital for the benfit of the patients.

Among the members of the cast are Ramee Sami, a noted magician who will do a comedy burlesque of fortune tellers amusing readers. Ramee Sami was formerly associated with such luminaries in the field of magic as Houdini and Thurston, and has had forty years of show business experience. Betty Wilson, petite dancer from New Jersey who has won all out approval of West Coast servicemen; Dick Bruno, Ventriliquist who studied with "The Great Lester" who taught Edgar Bergen. His dummy is a well carved figure which came out of the same studio in which Charlie McCarthy originated; Murray King, accordianist, plays the whole show and solos in his own act which consists of community singing, novelty and popular songs. He combines original routines with a talking introduction. He has been featured in floorshows in the top hotels in New York and also in Bermuda, Nassau and South America. Also to be featured is radio songstress Georgette Starr who has appeared in several Broadway musical comedies.

The show promises to be a good one so remember the date and place. April 19th Service Club No. 1 and 2, April 20th, Hospital.

Many Camp Hale Skiers Submit Entries For Pikes Peak Ski Tournament; Glen Cove Meet Will Be Held Sunday, April 23rd



The fog-bound, mist-hung Aleutian Islands string out a thousand miles across the north Pacific from the coast of Alaska to Asia. Attu, last whistle stop on the line, is farther west of Portland Ore., than Portland, Ore., is west of Portland, Me. The Japanese, who early in the war seized Attu, Agattu and Kiska, have been driven away and the Aleutians once again are occupied by the U. S. A., providing stepping-stones in the essential United Nations supply routes across the Pacific to Soviet Russia. Yanks returning from these outposts of ours to the north will remember the Aleutians as islands of freakish weather, mists and fog, where the winter nights were long and cold and the spring was all too bleak and short.

Tournament Will Be First of Kind To Be Held in U. .S

An imposing array of skiing talent from Camp Hale is slated to participate in the Pikes Peak Ski Club tournament, to be held April 23, far above timberline on the snow-covered north face of Pikes Peak. The list of men who are submitting entry blanks for the meet is growing daily, and among the more noted of those who have entered their names are the following members of the Mountain Training Group: Cpl. Friedl Pfeiffer, Cpl. Tony Matt, T/Sgt. Olof Rodegard, T/5 John Jenkins, S/Sgt. Leon Goodman, T/5 Donald French, Cpl. Robert French, T/5 Glenn Dawson, T/5 Steve Knowlton, T/3 Lewis Whitcher, T/4 Robert Brelsford, and many others. Many men from the Tenth Division also have entered the meet, but it was not possible to get their names for this week's issue of the Ski-Zette.

The "Tournament of Superlatives"—the first of its kind ever to be held on America's best-known mountain peak—will be an all-military event, open only to members of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps. It will be the first tournament of such magnitude conducted exclusively for military personnel, and some of the best known skiers in the world, now in the armed forces, are expected to tackle the brand-new tricky course plotted in the chimneys that drop like an elevator shaft from the 14-Mile post to Glen Cove.

Cooperating in arrangements, and making a bid themselves for honors in the tournament events, are Camp Carson, Peterson Field and the Second Army Air Force Headquarters. The tournament is sponsored by the Colorado Springs Junior Chamber of Commerce, while the Pikes Peak Ski Club is giving active support in conducting the event. The club members are engaged now in laying out the course, which starts at 13,000 feet and drops through the powdery snow to Glen Cove—one and one-half miles away and 1,600 feet in a vertical drop.

The meet will consist of a controlled downhill and slalom race, with two classes—A and B—combined time. Class A will be open to skiers who have taken part in major ski meets of the past (and there are expected to be many of these in the ranks of mountain Infantry and ski-troopers) while Class B will be open to novices, and those who have competed only in minor races.

Invitations have been sent out by the Colorado Springs Junior Chamber of Commerce to Army posts and stations in this region, and to colleges where military training programs are underway, urging personnel of the stations to participate in the tournament. Entries will remain open until April 21, and may be sent to the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Colorado Springs.

The latter part of April was chosen for the meet, since snow conditions should then be the best. Even now the courses are practically perfect, with a solid base of packed snow, covered by about four inches of dry, powdery snow which gives real promise of seeing tip-top marks set for future competitions.

One perpetual trophy will be awarded, the winners' names to be engraved thereon each year, while six trophies and ten prizes (three of the first and five of the latter in each class) will also be given. The prizes will be skiing equipment.

This Altitude Business Is 'All In Your Mind'—At Least, That's What It Says Here

By Avalanche

"Poor Sack — he's staggering again. He looks terrible. Soon he'll collapse and they'll have to take him back in the snow-buggy."

Even as the corporal spoke, sure enough, down went Pvt. Sack in a heap. Lifted into the attending vehicle for evacuation, he was whisked off and the column moved on.

All very sad for Sack, but it's no skin off anyone else's nose while we are still in training. On the other hand, it will be tough for us all if we are going to lose an integral part of our unit so easily in combat.

"Why doesn't the Doc get rid of guys like that? He just can't make it—weak lungs or heart or something. Coughs all the time, too; throws up all his breakfasts; shivers and shakes on bivouac; can't sleep with his head in his sleeping bag. . . This altitude sure is tough on some guys. How can they expect us to get along up here if even the aviators turn on their oxygen at 10,000 feet?"

How about 15,000 feet, how about 20,000 feet, if 10,000 feet is tough? How can people get enough oxygen up there? Many people do live and climb successfully to those altitudes, so why can't Sack get along at 10,000?

Acclimatization Takes Time

Acclimatization requires time, although it can be hastened by exercising and working at high altitude. At only 10,000 feet it takes a week or ten days (to feel normal and ready to go, but just because a fellow still doesn't feel up to par after two weeks doesn't mean he can't take that altitude. It takes three months to reach the peak of acclimatization. The reason aviators use oxygen at 10,000 feet is that they may be going higher. They climb from sea level rapidly without gradually working into it; therefore they must start taking oxygen well before they feel the lack of it, which does not actually occur until they reach 18,000 feet or so.

But It Takes More, Too

So the time and work are very important in acclimatization. But are there more than these two factors? Why do some men acclimatize so much more easily than others? It's not just the good athlete who acclimatizes easily. Often the frail-looking lad will outstrip the fellow who looks like a bruiser.

It's something in the individual—something similar to the spark that makes a man run a mile faster than another, or—better, perhaps—the spark that drives some skinny, bespectacled grocery clerk to drill and train himself religiously so that one day his picture appears in the Boston Herald as the winner of the Marathon.

If a man starts a game of tennis with the idea that he's going to lose or that he can't stand the gaff, he'll not only be licked but he'll be much more tired at the end of the game than he would be if he had gone about it with a positive attitude. If he had gone into the game confidently and had called upon all his reserves, he would have funetioned with greater ease, and therefore more efficiently—and he'd have had a much better chance of winning.

And so if a man starts a hike with the sneaking suspicion that he can't make it, that in some way the exertion will harm him or predispose him to a serious illness, he will work inefficiently, like the defeatist tennis player. His tense muscles won't relax properly and rest between steps, so he'll tire more rapidly. If he thinks to himself, "How can I go through ten miles of this? Here I've gone two miles and I'm done in already," then he works as his own worst enemy. In his own pessimism, he creates harmful tension.

But if he says, "That step was not hard; I can relax as I bring each leg forward. I can take it as well as anyone because I've got what it takes. I can even enjoy this hard job because I know I can always call upon more reserves and conquer it"—then he comes through with the leaders, and in his accomplishment finds pleasure and confidence that he can develop his stamina even further.

The Boogie-Man of Pneumonia

But what about hurting ourselves in exertion? What about the supposed increased susceptibility

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