

MORE INFANTRY UNITS FOR ARMY

WASHINGTON, May 14.—(AP)—Secretary of War Stimson today announced the Army had ordered formation of four more infantry divisions and the starting this summer of large-scale, realistic field maneuvers, which will place "emphasis on the offensive."

The divisions, latest of 32 to be added this year to the expanding land forces, will be organized in September. Six others already are in process of formation.

The new units and their posts are: 94th Division, Fort Custer, Michigan; 98th, Camp Breckenridge, Morganfield, Kentucky; 102nd, Camp Maxey, Paris, Tex.; and 104th, Camp Adair, Corvallis, Or.

All are reserve divisions, heretofore existing only on paper. The nucleus for each will be organized about June 15 and assigned to parent divisions for training until about August 1 when they will be available for their own divisions.

Training to Be Extensive
Stimson said the Army field maneuvers would provide "the most thorough training ever developed for American troops," stressing air-ground operations, desert fighting, jungle fighting, operations by small task forces, and night maneuvers.

Instead of large maneuvers such as were held last year, when several hundred troops in two field armies struggled in mimic warfare over extensive battlefields, this year's exercises will be limited to troops within Army corps. This is expected to save time for vital combat training.

Newly formed divisions will not take part, but will continue basic training.

Four Areas Selected

Beginning the last week in May and extending through the first week of November, the intensive training schedule was arranged so that the use of Army air forces and the Armored Force would not conflict. Four maneuver areas will be used—the Southwest desert training center, Louisiana maneuver area, the North and South Carolina area used last fall, and Camp Forrest, Tenn., and vicinity.

Stimson said the troops would be trained to operate smoothly in joint missions with both air and armored forces, the stress being put on effectiveness of so-called task forces. Another primary aim, he said, will be to toughen soldiers physically and mentally for any type of war operation.

Every unit will be required to demonstrate ability to make a continuous foot march of 25 miles with full equipment. At least one third of the training will be at night.

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Inquest Jury Clears Driver Of Death Car



Howard N. Aus
Jury absolved him of blame

Clarence J. Johnson, 45 years old, a salesman, met his death when struck by a truck at Airport Way and Bayview Street last Friday night because he was crossing the street in a negligent manner, a coroner's jury decided today.

Johnson, of 1601 Fifth Ave. S., was struck about 10:10 o'clock last Friday night by a truck driven by Howard N. Aus, 29, of 606 Cherry St. The victim died about two hours later in Harborview County Hospital.

An inquest into the death of Betty Lou Milton, 16, 4728 26th Ave. S. W., who was killed when struck by an automobile at Spokane Street and West Marginal Way last Sunday, was postponed. It was to have been held this forenoon, but Deputy Coroner C. L. (Ted) Harris said that further investigation into the accident was being made.

Kentucky Will Use License Stickers

FRANKFORT, Ky., May 14.—(AP)—Kentucky will use windshield stickers in place of automobile license plates for 1943, Ward Oates, acting state revenue commissioner, said today. He added that operators also would be required to keep their 1942 plates on their cars. Oates said Kentucky had been using 200 tons of steel for 500,000 plates and estimated the stickers would save \$20,000 a year.

24 Axis Divisions Seek to Quell Serbs

LONDON, May 14.—The Axis has launched a "large-scale offensive" with more than 24 divisions (perhaps in excess of 350,000 troops), in an attempt to crush Yugoslav resistance led by Gen. Draja Mihailovich in the Serbian mountains, the British radio reported today.

JAPS POUNDED IN 1,300-MILE RAID

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, May 14.—(AP)—Lashing out suddenly at the western flank of the Japanese invasion bases north of Australia, Allied bombers last night sank a 3,000-ton Japanese ship at the former Dutch island of Ambon and damaged two others. General MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

At the same time other Allied air raiders attacked Rabaul, New Britain, on the enemy's opposite flank, plastering shipping in the harbor and raining explosives on 15 Japanese bombers surprised on the airfield runway, a communiqué said.

The new Allied blows emphasized warnings by Australian leaders that the Battle of the Coral Sea has not ended the peril facing this continent and that only continued assaults would prevent a work of Japanese bases to the northwest and northeast can avert invasion.

The attack on Ambon, former Dutch naval base, represented a round-trip flight of more than 1,300 miles for Allied raiders attacking from Northwestern Australia.

The island, situated between New Guinea and Celebes, is 650 miles northwest of Darwin and about an equal distance southwest of Davao, Japanese base on the Philippine island of Mindanao.

Ambon thus is strategically situated as a springboard for a possible Japanese invasion thrust.

Besides sinking one vessel in Ambon Harbor, the Allied raiders were said to have scored direct hits on one ship of 5,000 tons and another of 2,000 tons. They also set fire to docks.

At Rabaul, frequent target of Allied raids, three of the 15 enemy bombers surprised on the airfield runway blew up and others were damaged if not wholly destroyed, headquarters declared.

R. A. F. Tells Of Bagging 13 Nazi Japs Building 5 Air Transports Battleships, Says Jane's Edition

CAIRO, May 14.—(AP)—German soldiers skimming the Mediterranean in 20 big Junkers carrying planes, fought back with their Tommy-guns when a Royal Air Force fighter formation attacked them on May 12, one by one, 13 of the transport planes crashed into the sea, the remaining seven were badly damaged and two of the formation's Messerschmitt escort were lost.

The full story of this strange encounter could be told by the R. A. F. participants only today, after yesterday's concise announcement in a communiqué from the R. A. F.'s Middle East headquarters.

Returning from a sweep of the Mediterranean Tuesday morning, the R. A. F. fighters, led by an Australian wing commander who wears the distinguished flying cross, sighted the large formation off the North African coast.

The score of Junkers-52's were strung out only 50 feet above the sea, presumably en route to reinforce the battle-lines of Marshal Erwin Rommel's African corps in Libya.

Eluding the hovering Messerschmitt-110's, and downing two of them, the R. A. F. fighters dove in to attack the troop carriers. The occupants thrust Tommy-guns out the windows of the Junkers in vain attempts to beat off the British fighters.

"One after the other, at half-mile intervals, the Junkers crashed into the sea," one pilot said. In 15 minutes, 13 were destroyed and it was probable that some others never reached their bases.

Columns of black smoke rising out of the sea marked the spots where each of the German carriers crashed.

Only one of the attackers was lost.

'Playful' Japs, Detained In B. C., Stage Riot

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 14.—(AP)—Military guards with fixed bayonets patrolled before the Vancouver Immigration Building today, as a result of a riotous demonstration by Japanese men confined there pending transfer to interior road camps.

The men smashed windows of their upper-floor detention quarters yesterday and shouted. They were reported also to have thrown chunks of plaster, an iron grating and rolls of paper into the street and turned on a fire hose, but authorities minimized these incidents.

Chairman Austin C. Taylor of the British Columbia Security Commission said "there was nothing malicious about the trouble."

"It was more playful than anything else," Taylor said. "Some of the Japanese just got a little fed up about being kept in the building and got a little exuberant."

He reported they had wished to talk daily with friends outside.

The Japanese are among more than 23,000 men, women and children in British Columbia ordered by the Dominion government last January to be removed to inland areas. Hundreds already have been transferred from the coast.

Dr. Sharp, Engineer, Dies
WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., May 14.—(AP)—Dr. Clayton Halsey Sharp, 72 years old, physicist and electrical engineer who from 1924 to 1936 headed the United States committee of the International Electrotechnical Commission, which standardizes electrical apparatus, died yesterday. He was a native of Seneca Falls, N. Y., and a former vice president of the Electrical Testing Laboratories of New York City.

Bees In; Prexie Out
PORTLAND, Or., May 14.—(AP)—Acting President Arthur Scott didn't tarry long yesterday when a group of visitors dropped in on his Reed College office. A swarm of bees flew in the window, and took undisputed possession of the administrative headquarters.

NAZI DEFEATISTS SLAIN, SAY RUSS

MOSCOW, May 14.—(AP)—Tass, official Soviet news agency, today reported that 19 persons were executed in Hamburg May 7 "for expressing anti-war defeatist views," and that numerous others were being arrested in Hannover, Schwerin, Braunschweig and elsewhere for voicing discontent at the war.

Tass said that according to Stockholm reports from the German frontier German Storm Troopers were being called home from the front and new units were being formed and given intensive training in street-fighting because of Nazi fear of serious internal disturbances.

The reports said these forces back in Germany were placed at 1,500,000 men but actually were believed to be even more numerous. They are being issued new armament, including large numbers of machine guns, the report continued.

The report said German discontent had not been appeased by a statement from Viktor Lutze, Storm Trooper chief of staff, that his men had taken an active part in front-line fighting since the start of the war.

Nazis Execute Two For Aiding Prisoners

BERN, May 14.—(AP)—Two young Alsatians have been executed at Strasbourg for helping war prisoners to escape, it was reported in the Strasbourg newspaper reaching here today.

The Slovak press published death sentences in absentia against the Czechoslovakian general, Rudolf Vlast, and Lieut. Col. Anton Sznackzy, former military attaché in Rome. General Vlast fled to Paris in 1939 and later went to London. Sznackzy fled after he was charged with espionage.

Japs Building 5 Battleships, Says Jane's Edition

LONDON, May 14.—(AP)—Japan has built or has under construction five battleships of more than 40,000 tons to oppose the main British and United States fleets, the new edition of Jane's Fighting Ships, authoritative naval annual, asserted today.

In addition to the Nissin and Takamatsu, listed in the previous edition, the new book names three more: the Kii, Owari and Tosa.

All these except the Nissin are named for the ancient provinces of Japan.

The yearbook also said that Japan is building a new class of 12,000 to 15,000-ton ships apparently modeled on Germany's pocket battleships. Jane's said these actually were heavy armored cruisers, rather than battleships (although if they follow the German model they will carry 11-inch or larger guns rather than the 8-inch guns most cruisers carry).

These are known now as the Chichibu class.

A hint of the growth of the British navy behind the barriers of wartime secrecy was given in photographs of new vessels published in the 1941 edition.

Included are pictures of new cruisers of the Mauritius and Dido classes as well as destroyers of the Hunt class and corvettes of the Flower class. The Mauritius is an 8,000-ton vessel, the Dido 5,450, and the Hunt 904.

The edition embodies information available up to the middle of April. At least one photograph shows the 33,500-ton battleship Nelson under way after being holed by an Italian torpedo.

Photographs in the German section disclose the silhouette of the 10,000-ton heavy cruiser Prinz Eugen differs greatly from that of her sister ship, the Admiral Hipper, and closely resembles that of the 35,000-ton battleship Tirpitz.

900 Striking Aussie Miners To Be Drafted

CANBERRA (From Australian Broadcasts), May 14.—(UP)—Nine hundred coal miners employed at the Fairview, New South Wales, pits, were told today they would be called for military service or service in a labor corps because they disregarded orders to call off a strike.

Prime Minister John Curtin told the House of Representatives: "These men have disregarded my call in Parliament. The country was told clearly that if the call was disregarded, the law would be enforced. Consequently, the coal commission will meet and will take the steps necessary to invoke Regulation No. 168."

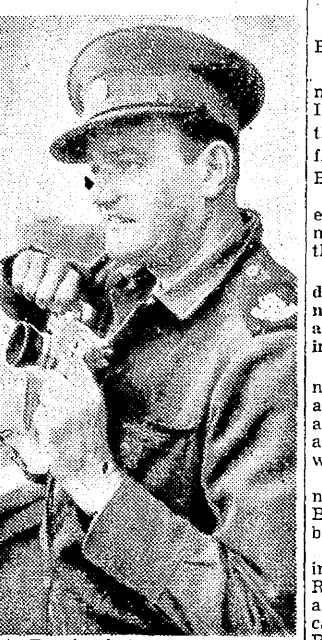
The regulation provides for military or labor corps service for those who strike during war time. Curtin said men in a third pit had returned to work, but that orders already served upon them by the military authorities would stand without being enforced unless some new stoppage occurs.

40-Hour Week O. K. On Annual Basis

WASHINGTON, May 14.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has signed into law legislation permitting companies which have collective bargaining agreements based on 2,080 working hours for an individual a year, instead of the present statutory 40-hour-a-week maximum, to receive government contracts.

Board to View Camp Site
The municipal Board of Public Works Tuesday will view site at 7408 Fifth Ave. S. where Clarence Jenkins proposes to establish an automobile trailer camp. A permit from the board is required for the camp.

Camera's Lens Details Freeing Of Ethiopians



A. P. wirephoto.
WESTON HAYNES
Photographer is photographed

(See Page 16 for wirephotos)
(Weston Haynes is an Associated Press staff photographer on a roving mission in Africa. Before going abroad he was stationed in Minneapolis, Miami and finally Chicago.)

By WESTON HAYNES

DESSAYE, Ethiopia, April 11.—(by mail)—The first prisoners to be returned to their homelands by the British in this war are hundreds of Ethiopians who were captured during the British conquest of Italian East Africa.

Taken by the British more than a year ago, they now are making their way over the mountains to their farms and tukuls, after being brought 500 miles to Dessaye from their internment camp in the Sudan. They came here in a motor convoy of more than 120 vehicles, stretching some five miles.

Glad to Get Home

The majority of them were conscripted by the Italians and were captured as one after another of the Italian strongholds fell until the last, Gondar, gave up in November. A few were deserters from the Ethiopian army—the force that fought with the British. Averaging 100 miles a day, the convoy bumped and strained over the tortuous highway to Dessaye.

The prisoners had no need for food. They were too anxious to reach their homes.

At each stop or camp they were the first to climb into the trucks, where they waited for the British drivers to start. When the trucks became mired in deep mud, they hauled and pushed to free them. Tire trouble brought them scrambling down—to help in any way they could to keep the convoy rolling.

Wife Kisses Feet

Villagers came alongside the trucks at various stops and listened to the tales of the returning warriors. Soon news of the convoy spread ahead in the mysterious native way—and each stop found a native welcoming committee with eggs and bread.

On a hill three miles short of Dessaye, the prisoners exchanged themselves and their equipment and stood before the whitewashed shack in which a rather bewildered Ethiopian official formally received this human cargo from the British officer in charge.

They were not long, however, in sorting themselves into small groups and going their various ways on foot over the mountains. Their last gift from the British was an issue of 14,000 cigarettes.

The wife of one of the repatriates was on hand to greet her husband. The meeting was restrained and dignified. He stood aloof, looking at the mountains, as she knelt before him and kissed each foot.

But when she arose they threw dignity to the winds and embraced and kissed and alternately laughed and cried.

Finally the husband waved her away to his collection of blankets and eating utensils. They made a heavy load but, shouldering them, she followed her husband, now a free man, up a path into the mountains.

36 Best Men Help Private In Army Wedding

FORT SILL, Okla., May 14.—(AP)—Elsie Beavard probably never dreamed she would have 36 best men at her wedding—for that matter, wasn't even dreaming about a wedding—when she left her Santa Monica, Calif., home.

Arriving at Fort Sill she visited long-time friend Pvt. Robert Z. Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Long, Los Angeles.

The two decided a wedding would be a fine idea, so Long called battalion headquarters and asked would a couple of fellows from his section trot over to St. Andrews Episcopal Church at nearby Lawton.

Sure, said headquarters, the best-man material would be there. Arriving at the church, Private Long found his whole section waiting, plus one sergeant and one corporal who had just come along for the ride.

Despairing of choosing one best man, Private Long commandeered the whole section, plus the sergeant and the corporal who had just come along for the ride.

The thirty-six best men exercised the prerogative of best man, planted 36 kisses on the bride. "The finest 36 best men who ever stood up to lend their assistance at a wedding," commented Private Long.

Mrs. Long is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beavard, La Center, Clark County, Wash.

The names of 250,000 healthy men and women in England are on its rolls as blood donors for soldiers.

GHURKAS SLOW JAP INDIA DRIVE

By Associated Press.

In the Battle of Burma, British military quarters said today fierce Indian Ghurkas counter-attacked the Japanese and gained a respite from enemy pressure against the Burma gateway to India.

Latest reports said the nearly exhausted British rearguard was now around Kalewa, 40 miles from the Assam frontier of India.

On the Allied left flank, Chinese dispatches indicated that the Japanese had driven nearly 120 miles along the twisting Burma Road into China proper.

Chinese headquarters said Chinese troops had destroyed bridges across the Upper Salween River and were holding the east bank against enemy vanguards 60 miles west of Fashan.

Fashan is 180 miles inside Chinese Yunnan Province from the Burma frontier by road, 100 miles by air.

Another Japanese column striking northward from the Burma Road was reported threatening the ancient city of Tengueh, on the caravan route between China and Burma.

A Chinese spokesman said Chinese troops were battling to save the city.

American pilots were reported today to be whittling down the invaders' air power by daring raids on their vital bases in both Burma and Indo-China.

A communiqué from Chungking disclosed that Flying Tigers of the American Volunteer Group had reached out to pound the important Japanese air base at Hanoi in Indo-China, more than 650 miles southeast of Myitkya.

"Fifteen planes were burned on the ground," said the Chungking announcement. At least 25 other Japanese planes were reported damaged and direct hits were scored on airfield buildings. One American flyer was reported lost.

The Royal Air Force announced a successful bombing and machine-gun attack on a paddle steamer and barges the Japanese were moving up the Chindwin River, and said that further details on a raid on Akyab Airfield yesterday showed bomb hits on runways and among dispersed Japanese planes.

Chinese Recapture Hoshien in Bold Stroke

CHUNGKING, May 14.—(AP)—Authoritative sources reported tonight that Chinese troops, operating only 25 miles southwest of Nanking, capital of the Japanese-sponsored government for the conquered portion of China, had recaptured Hoshien, on the Yangtze.

About 100 Japanese were killed in the fight, it was said. It was off Hoshien, on December 12, 1937, that Japanese bombers sank the United States gunboat Panay.

Substation Bids Opened

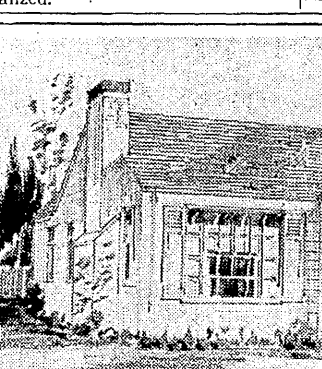
Lidral Construction Company was low bidder at \$17,892.13 for construction of a City Light substation in the Columbia district, the Municipal Board of Public Works announced today. There were four bids.

DENTISTS UNDER 37 TO JOIN ARMY

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 14.—

(AP)—Every dentist in the United States under 37, if physically and professionally qualified, will be inducted into the armed forces under present plans, asserts Dr. Gerald D. Timmons, Chicago, executive secretary of the American Dental Association and dental representative of the Procurement and Assignment Service.

Dr. Timmons told the Illinois Dental Association that of about 71,500 dentists now practicing, more than 13,000 will be in the United States Armed Forces when the goal of 7,000,000 men for the Army and 1,000,000 for the Navy is realized.



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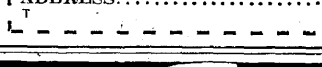
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