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Hoosier Vagabond

By Ernie Pyle

WITH FIFTH ARMY BEACHHEAD FORCES IN ITALY, April 7 (By Wireless).—Practically everybody on the Anzio beachhead who is back of the outer defense line has his home underground. We correspondents don't have, but that's merely because we haven't any sense. Also, it could possibly be because we're lazy.

At any rate, this beachhead is so dug up that an underground cross-section of it would look like a honeycomb. Even tanks and jeeps are two-thirds buried for protection.

The soldiers' dugouts are made by digging a square or rectangular hole about shoulder deep, then roofing it with boards and logs, piling earth on top of that, and digging a trench out from it with

steps leading up. Digging is extremely easy here, for the soil is almost pure sand. Two men can dig a hole big enough for their home in an hour. Two or three hours more, if they have the timbers ready, is enough to finish the simpler type of dugout.

It's pleasant to dig in sand, but it has its disadvantages. The sides cave in easily. Now and then a man is buried in his dugout. Even the concussion from our own big guns will start the walls of a dugout to sliding in.

Takes Lots of Lumber

THE AVERAGE dugout houses two men. It's just big enough for their blanket rolls, and you have to stoop when you get into it.

A tank crew always digs in just a few feet from the tank, for which they dig a hole. The boys then run wires from their tank battery into their dugout, for electric lights. They have straw on the floor, and shelter halves hung at the entrance.

Most of the men sleep on the ground, while most of the officers have cots. But it's not bad sleeping on the ground in a dugout, for you keep both warm and dry.

Some dugouts have board walls to keep the sand from caving in. Others use the more primitive method of log supports in each corner with shelter halves stretched between them to hold back the sand.

It takes a lot of lumber to shore up all these thousands of dugouts. The boys rustle up anything they can find out of deserted old buildings. The

two most coveted pieces of equipment from deserted houses are wooden doors and wall mirrors. The doors are used for dugout ceilings, and it's a poor dugout indeed that hasn't got a fancy mirror on the wall.

From the basic two-man dugout, which is usually bare except for a shelf, a mirror and some pin-up girls, these underground homes run on up to the fantastic in elaborateness.

One of the best I've seen was built by Lt. Edward Jacques of Cleveland Heights, O., and his driver, Pvt. Russell Lusher of Marion, Ind. They have a wooden floor, shelves and nails on the wall for every item, a writing desk with table lamp, a washstand with big mirror, porcelain lampshades with little Dutch girls painted on them—and best of all, hidden on a shelf I noticed two fresh eggs.

All the Comforts of Home

BUT THE finest dugout I've seen belongs to four officers of a tank company. This dugout is as big as the average living room back home. You can stand up in it, and it has a rough wooden floor. It has a drawing table in the center, and numerous chairs. The four officers sleep on cots around the walls.

Books and magazines and pipes and pictures are scattered on tables all over the place, just like home. They have a radio, and on the table is a sign listing the bets of various people on when the invasion of Western Europe will come.

The officers brew hot tea or chocolate every afternoon and evening. The dugout is heated to the baking point by one of these funny Italian stoves, which for some reason are always painted pink. The officers chop their own wood for the stove.

To go with the pink stove, the boys dug up from somewhere a huge overstuffed chair covered in old rose upholstery. They have named their dugout "The Rose Room."

They have several electric lights, and the crowning luxury of this palatial establishment is a Rubie Goldberg arrangement of ropes and pulleys, whereby one of the lieutenants can switch off the light after he gets in bed. They even have a big white dog, slightly shell-shocked, to lie on the hearth.

From all this you might draw the deduction that war isn't hell after all. Well, these men can and do go into battle 20 minutes away, and every day and every night shells and bombs fall around them, and it's an unusual day when somebody isn't killed within their own little village of dugouts.

Inside Indianapolis By Lowell Nussbaum

WILLIAM A. STUCKEY, public service commission member, undoubtedly is the champion walker of the statehouse. He walks a round trip of 8 miles each day between his home, 3065 Ruckel, and the statehouse, and back home again. It takes him just about an hour each way, which is pretty good walking. It's also a good way to keep a youthful figure.

Governor and Mrs. Schriker are mourning the loss of their only pet—Jerry, a big, yellow Persian Tiger cat. Jerry was a traffic victim. He was run over while crossing the street beside the governor's mansion the other night. Our radio listening agent reports that on the Kay Kyeer "college of musical knowledge" program Wednesday night,

an Indianapolis man, Sgt. Lester Hale, died for first place, receiving a \$50 war prize. The broadcast originated at the Pomona (Cal.) ordinance base. . . C. C. Stallman, 949 N. Pennsylvania, reports he saw the police traffic car with the loudspeaker at Meridian and Ohio the other day. The driver was broadcasting instructions for folks to "wait for the green light." Mr. Stallman says, while "the car itself was going against the red light."

Our Own Poll

MOST EVERY time a half dozen folks get together, someone takes a poll on the presidential race. And so some of our office politicians decided to follow the fashion. At 10 a. m. yesterday, they took a poll in The Times city room, giving two choices for President: Roosevelt or Dewey. Out of 20 voting, Roose-

velt got 11, Dewey 9. That started an argument. So another poll was taken, this time between Roosevelt and Stassen. This resulted in 12 for the Minnesotan and 8 for Roosevelt. Stassen netted all of Dewey's votes, and also three Willie votes that had gone to Roosevelt, as against Dewey. (Dr. Gallup—please note.) . . . Eddie Hall, veteran printer and proofreader at The Times, was reading a proof of the Chas. Mayer & Co. advertisement yesterday and noticed the word—plaque. After marking out the extra letter—"c"—Eddie made a sarcastic note on the margin: "Daniel Webster doesn't spell it this way." Then he sent the proof to Mrs. Dorothy Harris, advertising manager for the store. Back came a note from Dorothy, reading: "Since when did Daniel Webster write a dictionary?" Gosh Eddie; even we "Noah" lot better than that.

How About a Piano?

JOE HOFFMEISTER, 1819 Mills ave., dropped in to see us and to report that the Strut Hut, a "Teen canteen" at 1099 Hanna ave., in University Heights, is coming along fine, but could use a bit of help from public spirited citizens. What they need most is a piano. They also need some tables. The youngsters can arrange the hauling. Joe is home evenings—8 A. 564. . . Miss Alice Hawk reports that the appeal for fishing tackle and golf clubs for service men at Ft. Harrison brought good results—five sets of golf clubs, three rods and reels, two extra reels, several rods and some miscellaneous lures. They still can use more. Miss Hawk's number is FR. 0540. . . A daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Moore, 431 Clyde st., at Methodist hospital Tuesday—4-4-44—really went in for fours. The youngster was born at 4:44 p. m. on 4-4-44. And so she was given a couple of four-letter names—Jean Anne.

Clearing the Air By Wm. Philip Simms

LONDON, April 7.—The parley on post-war air transport, between the Berle-Warner mission representing America and the British led by Lord Beaverbrook, is rapidly coming to an understanding.

A statement embodying the findings is expected by the end of this week.

The air of secrecy about these meetings is more apparent than real. The point is that nothing final can be or is being done by the conferees because other interested powers must be consulted. All will have a hand in the ultimate decisions.

Nevertheless the Anglo-American conferees, in blazing a trail, have led to a number of important conclusions even though these are subject to ratification. They are of a technical and economic nature.

Subsidies Opposed

GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES other than to equalize operational costs due to wage and similar differentials would be opposed. The "right of innocent passage" (flight over a country and landings for mechanical reasons but wholly non-commercial) for aircraft similar to the rights now enjoyed by ocean shipping will almost certainly be recommended.

This is neither "freedom of the air" as the term is generally employed nor "sovereignty" over the air. Instead it is an attempt at a rationalization of the two conflicting principles without which international air traffic would find itself up a blind alley.

As I forecast earlier this week there is reason to believe that the principle under which each country

will be entitled to as much air traffic as it generates will be approved. This is of the utmost importance to the United States.

Before the war for example approximately eight per cent of overseas travel was by Americans, yet only a tiny percentage of the total was carried in American vessels. Foreign ships carried far more of our own business than we carried ourselves.

Will Get Fair Share

NO AMERICAN wishes to see that sort of economic absurdity repeated in the air. American interests will get their fair share of the business of flying American passengers and freight to foreign destinations after the war—at least as I understand it they won't find the cards stacked against them as they did on the sea.

On the other hand, international aviation requires bases all over the globe. And barring Alaska and Hawaii the United States is pretty much in one piece. Even the Philippines are at its intents free. This makes the "right of innocent passage" as important to us as it is to the British Empire which is scattered around the earth. It also offers an excellent reason why Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa and other parts of the empire must enter into the bargain.

Another outcome of the Berle-Beaverbrook talks will likely be an international commission to draw up standard rules and practices governing aviation. Something will also be done about the weather-collecting data, sending out reports, etc.

What Russia and other world aviation links will do in the matter remains to be seen. But the British and American points of view, once far apart, now seem to be getting closer together.

My Day

By Eleanor Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Thursday, April 6.—We have been back in Washington just a week and two days, and every day I have been looking for spring. The forsythia bush on the White House lawn shows a delicate yellow, the magnolia blossoms are faintly pink, and many other shrubs suggest that the time has come for them to burst into bloom. But the other night we had snow and a sudden drop of thunder, and I begin to agree with one of my friends who wrote me that if we could have two days of the same season, her cold might disappear.

The President hasn't been well, but he is getting steadily better. He has had bronchitis and he has been weary, but I think it is probably as much the weariness that assails everyone who grasps the full meaning of war, as it is a physical ailment. One cannot quite get over it. One can only accommodate oneself to the burden and pray for the day when the war will end victoriously.

I spent a day in New York City and reported to the U. S. O. on the clubs which I visited on my trip. I also saw two plays. One, "Jocobowky and the Colonel," is a quiet war play which the Theater Guild has produced. The original play was by Franz Werfel. The cast is excellent and the dialogue delightful, but the play never stirred me very deeply.

It's probably a very good play for the majority of us to see just now. It brings out the important things that we are apt to forget—that the man of action and the man of ideas can and must live in the world together and each has his particular moment of importance in the march of events.

Then I saw Edward Chodorov's play, "Decision." It left me far more unhappy than the other play, though it dealt with just one phase of our home front. This is a phase which many of us know little or nothing about, but which deeply troubles any of us who have even had a glimpse of it. It shows the Fascist side of our communities, and is very frightening, not because the fascism exists, but because so few people are aware that it is something we must fight at home. I am delighted that the play is such a success and I particularly congratulate the gentlemen who play the leading parts.

I have spoken on my trip to the National Women's Press club this week, and also to the business and professional women of the district. In addition, I have enjoyed seeing W. L. White, who dined with us the other evening. I've had time to read John Hershey's delightful novel, "A Bell for Adano." Let us hope that the Maj. Jopulos multiply and that the Gen. Marvins disappear from our army!

I visited the draft aid center of the civilian war services division here the other day and found it most interesting. I feel sure that something similar should be done in any large center of population. Many draftees need help and information for themselves and their families when they are inducted.

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SUPER-FORTS
DISCOUNTED AS
REICH RAIDERS

Delay in Mass Production
Seen Shifting Air Giants
To Jap Front.

By WALTER CRONKITE
United Press Staff Correspondent
LONDON, April 7.—The B-29 super-fortress may have come along too late to help beat Hitler.

The long anticipated announcement that Boeing Aircraft Co. was switching production from the B-17 Flying Fortress to its super-successor, the B-29, was received with satisfaction here as an indication that the allies will be properly armed when all-out war against Japan begins.

However, I believe that the new giant bomber will likely see but little service in Europe, although this perhaps is the ideal proving ground on which to test its combat characteristics, and that the job of obliterating the Reich might be completed by old Fortresses and Liberators.

Opportunity Fades

If the B-29 had been available a year or even as late as six months ago, they would have been an important force in hastening the climax of the air war and would have been a highly valuable allied weapon.

With the dwindling ability of the Luftwaffe to offer resistance and the increased range and potency of the American escort fighter arm, this super-fortress' additional armament and armor would simply be a luxury.

Similarly, with improvements of Fortresses and Liberators and the opening of the Italian invasion of the southern aerial front, no spot in Germany is outside the range of present heavy bombers. With invasion of the continent from the west and further advances in the south, the need for even the present range is going to disappear.

The cost of putting masses of B-29s into operation in the European theater as replacements for Fortresses would possibly outweigh the value received. The cost would be high in extending and strengthening hundreds of miles of concrete runways and re-equipping repair and replacement depots.

LIFE GUARD CLASS
WILL OPEN MONDAY

Although applicants are few, a training course for life guards and pool managers for the city's swimming pools will open at 7:30 p. m. Monday at the Kirshbaum center, 314 N. Meridian st.

Harold W. Geisel, city recreation director, said that applicants already registered and others desiring appointments should report at the first session.

Five pool managers and 20 guards will be selected for the summer positions at the close of the training course, which is given under the supervision of the local Red Cross chapter. Managers will receive \$100 a month and life guards \$90.

Applicants unable to attend the Monday class may make arrangements with Mr. Geisel to take the course at some other time.

PLAN 11TH ANNUAL
COUNTY POLIO MEET

The 11th annual report meeting of the Marion county infantile paralysis chapter will be at 12:15 p. m. Thursday at the Indianapolis Athletic club.

Henry O. Goett, director of the chapter, will review the year. Basil O'Connor, president of the national paralysis foundation, will speak on the national polio program, and Governor Schriker, honorary state chairman, also will talk. H. Nathan Swain is chapter president.

PENSION GROUPS TO MEET

A mass meeting of Indiana Old Age Pension groups will be at 2:30 p. m. Sunday in Castle hall.

DETAIL FOR TODAY
Pearl Diver

THE PEARL DIVER on a KP detail is the hapless chap who has the doubtful honor of being solely responsible for the cleansing of the dishes. He is also known as the "china clipper." The task is virtually never ending and though he has had experience at home, the sheer number of dishes is enough to overwhelm him. A pearl diver smiles in glee when he hears the beautiful tinkle of broken china. The army's way of dish washing calls for water so hot that it practically cooks the dishes. This is lovely for the skin and at the end of the day the pearl diver finds that his hands and forearms are usually well done.

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A Baker's Dozen Joins the Navy



Thirteen young women from Indianapolis are awaiting their orders to Hunter college, New York city, for WAVE boot training after being sworn into the navy recently. Left to right, they are, from front, June Croan, 524 W. 31st st.; Edith Jones, 925 Park ave., and Edith Walker, Michigan hotel. Second row, Caria Russell, 5140 E. Michigan st.; Peggy Weaver, 111 N. Traub ave.; Mary Manley, 925 Park ave.; Gertrude Ward, 3536 Carrollton ave., and Helen Sleeth, 3149 E. Washington st. Third row, Eulah Henning, 2145 Shelby st.; Ruby Jewel, 1133 E. 11th st.; Clara Freed, English hotel; Reeta McKinney, R. R. 5, and Helen McDermed, 3901 N. Delaware.

WACS IN ITALY
SPEED UP GIFTS

Work Overtime to Send
Easter Packages From
Troops to U. S.

NAPLES, April 7 (U. P.).—When the wives, mothers and sweethearts of 19,000 American troops in Italy receive their Easter gifts tomorrow or Sunday, they may thank 24 members of the women's army corps who worked overtime for more than a week to process their orders.

Army post exchanges operate the gift service for the soldiers, who pay the cash and choose a gift from a catalogue.

It was necessary to type the orders on special long-carriage typewriters. There were only three such machines in Naples and the orders were being stacked up.

Capt. Robert W. Bennett, local post exchange officer, despaired of filling the orders until WAC Lt. Consuelo R. Doggett tried to order for her company about five weeks ago.

Set Typewriters Flying

"I'm faced with sending back 19,000 orders to the boys," Bennett told her, "and golly, how I hate to do it, because these orders are from troops at Anzio and from the front lines."

Lt. Doggett called for aid and each night high-speed WAC stenographers worked on the orders after their regular army work. There were enough volunteers so that each woman was relieved often and high efficiency maintained.

"Those typewriters were the hottest in all Italy," Lt. Doggett said. "We practically had to fan them."

She said that many of the gift orders were sent to mothers, wives and sweethearts of dead or wounded comrades. Many of them were sent "in memory of" or "the officers and men of company 'A' or battery 'C'."

In a week the orders were cleared. Capt. Bennett offered to pay the WACs for their work but Lt. Doggett turned it down.

"This is the army," she said. "Remember!"

PUPILS FROM HERE
ENTER SPEECH TEST

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., April 7.—Thirteen pupils from two Indianapolis high schools will participate in the fourth annual high school individual speech contest and the 31st annual discussion league contest tomorrow at Indiana university.

Contestants in the discussion league contest include Jane G. Frazer, Sylvia Miller and Bernard Landman of Shortridge high school. Competing in the speech contest will be Barbara May, John Soucie, Max Moore, Pat Bander, Don Hallet, William Merrick, Shirley Stonebraker, Marjorie Vance, Ernest Grossfelder and William Rigat of Ben Davis high school.

SPANISH CLASSES
SET AT JORDAN

Conversational Spanish classes for students, professional men and women and singers will be held Monday through June 14 at the Arthur Jordan conservatory of music.

Registration for the classes, which will meet from 6:30 to 8 p. m. Mondays and Wednesdays, will close April 17. Special classes will be arranged for those unable to attend evenings.

INITIATION SCHEDULED

The Maj. Harold C. Megrew camp auxiliary will hold an initiation ceremony and Easter program at 8 p. m. Monday at Ft. Friendly. Presiding will be Mrs. Mattie Reese, Mrs. Mary Jaimet, Mrs. Margaret Macy and Mrs. Goldie Andrews.

Joanne Caldwell
Heads Honor Roll

WITH THE LARGEST number of points ever recorded at Shortridge high school Joanne Caldwell heads the senior honor roll.

Her 110 points representing 34 A-plus marks and four A's topped the previous record of 107 points set by John Henry Rouch in 1942.

Marge Turk was runner-up with 104 points, and Lou Allen Rouch was third place 102 points and also was the only senior to achieve a straight A-plus record. Joan Sherwood with 100 points was the only other senior to reach the 100 bracket.

The entire list of seniors who have achieved 93 or more honor points includes 110 names, 15 of which are on the part-time roll.

INDIANA CENTRAL
PLANS GRADUATION

Governor Schriker will deliver the commencement address at the 36th annual graduation ceremony April 21 at Indiana Central college.

Dean C. E. Ashcraft of Bonebrake theological seminary, Dayton, O., will speak at baccalaureate at 10:45 a. m. April 16 at the University Heights United Brethren church.

The annual candlelight procession for seniors will be held that evening.

Prof. Robert E. Mason of the philosophy department will speak at the recognition program Tuesday.

Thursday night President and Mrs. I. J. Good will hold the annual senior reception at the home, 4202 Otterbein ave. The spring festival will be given April 14 in the gymnasium when Bonnie Polk, Westfield, Ill. will be crowned queen.

The annual senior class play April 20 will be Bruce Brandon's comedy "High Pressure Homer."

SYMPHONY ARTISTS
AT ROTARY MEETING

The second ladies' day program at the Rotary club luncheon Tuesday at the Claypool hotel will feature musicians of the Indianapolis symphony orchestra.

The group will include Earl Gordon, pianist; Rudolph Mazzari, bass violin; Arthur Deming, flutist; William Schumacher, clarinetist; Renato Pacini and Alma Lentz, violinists, and Walter Reuleaux, cellist.

Clarifies Rules on Mailing
Packages to Armed Services

Rules governing the mailing of packages to military personnel overseas today were clarified by Postmaster Adolph Seldensticker.

A written request from the addressee and the envelope in which it was sent must be presented at the time of mailing parcel post packages addressed to army personnel at A. P. O. addresses in care of postmasters at the following ports of embarkation, Seattle, Wash.; San Francisco, Cal.; New Orleans, La.; Miami, Fla.; New York, N. Y.; Presque Isle, Me., and Minneapolis, Minn.

One Package a Week
Only one package a week may be sent to the same address by any one sender and each mailing must be in response to a written request. Such packages are limited in size to 15 inches in length, 36 inches in length and girth combined and five pounds in weight.

If packages weighing not more than eight ounces are sealed and postage is paid first class rate, they may be sent to the above A. P. O. addresses without a request from the addressee.

Neither parcel post nor first-class packages sent to army personnel can be insured or regis-

GROUPS PLEDGE
SAFETY NOW AID

Industries, Churches and
Schools Back Drive to
Cut Accidents.

Approximately 20 Indianapolis industrial organizations, churches and schools have pledged their support of the "Safety Now" campaign.

The drive, sponsored by the police department, the Chamber of Commerce safety council and the Hoosier Motor club, is to reduce traffic fatalities. Records show that 19 pedestrians were killed the first three months of this year, seven more than were killed during the same period last year.

Groups announcing their support include the North Tacoma Avenue Christian church; Indianapolis Hebrew congregation, Emmanuel Baptist church, Emmaus Lutheran church, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Indianapolis Real Estate board, Irvington Business association, The Ipalco club, United Steelworkers of America local 1543, National Association of Women, the Forty-Niners, Zeta chapter of Pi Omicron, Sigma Omicron student group, Alpha Iota Letrician club, Katherine Merrill Graydon club, Christian Park Women's club, Bell Telephone club, Hawthorne P-T-A. A. of school 50 and school P-T-A.

The drive stresses the ABC's of safety—crossing at intersections only and with the green light and respecting pedestrians' right-of-way when driving.

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FIDELITY REVIEW
TO GIVE LUNCHEON

Fidelity Review, 140, Woman's Benefit association, will sponsor a covered dish luncheon at noon Wednesday in Castle hall.

The proceeds from the card party that follows at 2 p. m. will be donated to the Red Cross.

Ladies in charge of the party are Mrs. Mayme Roder, Mrs. Lulu Burgess, Mrs. Nora Winters, Mrs. Nora Moore, Mrs. Mabel Myers and Mrs. Cora Brown.

LOAN PROBE SOUGHT

WASHINGTON, April 7 (U. P.).—Rep. Harry R. Sheppard (D. Cal.), today renewed his demand for a congressional investigation of "the small loan racket," charging that the uniform small loan act had made possible "a scheme of deception of the American people and their national and state governments."

The "no-deferment" policy will gradually be extended upward after the under-26 age bracket is closed. Members of the house military affairs committee estimated that about half of the 150,000 men inducted monthly after July would be pre-Pearl Harbor fathers or men over 30 previously deferred. Most of the others will be youths reaching the 18 year draft age.

ENGRAVERS UNIT TO MEET

The auxiliary to the Indianapolis Photo-Engravers union 11 will meet at noon Tuesday at the Central Y. W. C. A. Mrs. W. E. Towle, secretary, announced today.

HOLD EVERYTHING

As to contents, parcels must be tightly packed and outside containers must be stronger than containers used for parcels which do not leave our shores. The war department has advised that all boxes for overseas shipment be wrapped in heavy paper to avoid spilling of contents.

When hard candies, nuts and caramels, cookies, fruit cakes, and chocolate bars individually wrapped in waxed paper are included in a parcel they should be put in inner boxes of tin, wood or cardboard. Soft candies, whether home-made or commercial, do not carry well.

All questions concerning mailing of packages to service men will be answered at the inquiry section of the post office in the federal building.

ARMY AT PEAK
BUT NO DRAFT
CUT PLANNED

OWI Reveals U. S. Now Has
About 11,000,000 in
All Services.

WASHINGTON, April 7 (U. P.).—The army was revealed today to have reached its peak strength of 7,700,000—sending the combined size of the armed forces to about 11,000,000—but officials warned that induction rates cannot be reduced materially before July.

The office of war information, in a report based on information from the war and navy departments, gave this picture of the armed services and their future needs in manpower:

Army—Now has reached peak strength of 7,700,000 officers and enlisted personnel but will require from 75,000 to 100,000 more men a month throughout 1944—or a nine-month total of from 700,000 to 1,000,000—for replacements to maintain that strength. The emphasis in replacements must be on men who are "young and physically qualified for the rigors of combat duty."

Navy—Now totals over 3,200,000, including marine and coast guard; will need 300,000 in new personnel and replacements to reach 3,500,000 by July 1; and will reach its peak strength of 3,600,000 by Sept. 1.