

## 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 also 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 those thousands of dugouts. The boys rustle up anything they can find out of deserted old buildings. The

## 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 Ruckie, 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. Schricker 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 Kyser "college of musical knowledge" program Wednesday night, an Indianapolis man, Sgt. Lester Hale, tied for first place, receiving a \$50 war bond. The broadcast originated at the Pomona (Cal.) ordnance base. . . . G. C. Stalman, 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. Stalman 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 politicos 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, Roosevelt

## 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 decision.

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 landing) 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

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 fancy 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."

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From all this you might draw the deduction that war is 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.

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## 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 with the Italian invasion of a 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 Kirschbaum center, 2314 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 club, will review the year. Basil O'Connor, president of the national polio foundation, will speak on the nation-wide polio program, and Governor Schricker, 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 cleaning 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 tinkling 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音乐.

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## SUPER-FORTS DISCOUNTED AS REICH RAIDERS

## Delay in Mass Production

## Seen Shifting Air Giants

## To Jap Front.

By WALTER CRONKITE  
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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.

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## 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 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 U. S.," Bennett told her, "and, golly, how I hate to do it, because these orders are from troops."

John Henry Rouch in 1942.

Marge Turk was runner-up, and Lou Allen Rouch was third place. Joanne Caldwell was the senior to reach the 100 points.

The entire list of seniors who have achieved 53 or more honor points includes 110 names, 15 of which are on the part-time roll.

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 Christian church; Indianapolis Emmanuel Baptist church; Indianapolis Real Estate board; Irvington Business association; The Ipalco club; United Steelworkers of America local 1543; National Association of Women; Forty-Niners; Zeta chapter of Pi Omicron; Epsilon Sigma Omicron student group; Alpha Iota Latrean club; Katherine Merrill Graydon club; Christian Park Women's club; Bell Telephone club; Hawthorne P. T. A. of school 59 and school 7.

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.

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 violist; Arthur Deming, flutist; William Schumacher, clarinetist; Renate Pacini and Alma Lentz, violinists; and Walter Reuleaux, cellist.

Contestants in the discussion

league contest include Jane G. Fraze, 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 Grosdidier and William Rigat of Ben Davis high school.

The subject of the discussion league contest will be, "What Should the United States Do in Regard to the Economic Reconstruction of the Post-War World?"

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.

INSTITUTION SCHEDULED

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

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