

INVASION

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Here's invasion word from England:- a headline stating that American troops at a certain British base have been informed that they have been selected as the spearhead of the assault. They have been trained for this role intensively - practicing amphibious operations, landings, street fighting, and open country infantry tactics. They have been especially schooled to handle enemy tanks, each platoon having its bazooka experts. And one picturesque detail informs us that the G.I.'s have been taught how to dig in swiftly - so the tanks will roll harmlessly over them.

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The Nazis are described as being on nerves' edge, as a result of the latest intimation of a Second Front invasion - the British quarantine of foreign diplomats, ~~which~~ as announced yesterday. This is universally being taken as a measure to prevent the <sup>last minute</sup> leakage of <sup>Second front</sup> information, as the invasion draws near.

The Germans ~~appear to be convinced that this is the case~~ ~~and they~~ reason that so drastic a step as cutting off the communications of foreign diplomats would not be taken as a mere move in a war of nerves; <sup>not</sup> as a mere piece of stage play to make the Nazis uneasy. So it must be the real thing.

And today the Germans were naming the month - May. They point out that May is the time when the waters off ~~British~~ <sup>the</sup> British coast are the calmest - the waters that the Second Front force will have to traverse.

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Today's American air assault against Berlin was one of the biggest - the armada consisting of two thousand to twenty-five hundred planes, <sup>^</sup> bombers escorted by fighters. The weather was heavy, the German skies thick with clouds, and this obscured the possibilities for extensive air battles aloft. Yet there was a wild fifteen minute combat over Berlin, with two hundred German fighters assailing the ~~type~~ Fortresses and Liberators. The Nazi pilots pursued ambush tactics, hiding in the clouds and darting out for attacks. 19 bombers and 6 of our fighters are missing, one fortress landed in Sweden.

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DOOLITTLE FLIER

We hear tonight that one of the Doolittle fliers who were interned in Russia is out of that country and is in Britain. In the historic bombing of Tokyo, fifteen of the sixteen planes flew to China - one taking the shorter route to Soviet Siberia.

There the plane landed, and the crew of five was interned - the Soviets not being at war with Japan.

Hitherto, we had supposed that the five were being detained in Russia, but now the United Press has word revealing that one of them has ~~returned~~ returned to the American air service, and in Britain is now taking part in the air war against Nazi Germany.

He is Sergeant Theodore Laban of ~~K~~<sup>W</sup>nosha,

Wisconsin, who was an engineer gunner on the Tokyo raid.

How or when he left Russia is not revealed - a secret.

## TORPEDO

In London today, <sup>four</sup> ~~five~~ British prisoners of war were decorated, and this brings the revelation of a secret British weapon, - <sup>Under-water</sup> cavalry, <sup>torpedo</sup> cowboys! Sounds fantastic, doesn't it? ~~Well, in reality it is something to wonder at.~~

The secret weapon is a torpedo, ~~which is~~ ridden by an under-water crew of two. It's much like an ~~extraordinary~~ ordinary large torpedo, - and the two riders wear diving suits. They sit astride the <sup>thing,</sup> much as if it were a horse. And they direct it in its under-water course to the target - an anchored ship. <sup>H</sup> The under-water cowboys ride ~~their torpedos~~ to the side of the ship, <sup>and</sup> there they remove the war-head <sup>of</sup> ~~from~~ the torpedo, ~~and~~ the part <sup>This they</sup> containing the explosive, ~~and~~ attach ~~to~~ to the hull <sup>of</sup> the target - the vessel to be sunk. The explosion is governed by a time mechanism, which gives them an opportunity to get away - still riding the ~~torpedos~~ rest of the torpedo - minus the war-head.

The secret weapon was used with success in the harbor of Palermo - a year ago, before the conquest of Sicily. One of the cowboy-torpedoes sank an Italian cruiser; another - *At that time the* ~~the~~ four under-water cavalrymen got away from the explosion all right - but they were captured. And today, while prisoners of war, they were awarded decorations in London, *in absentia*.

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ADD ITALY

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one! - On the beachhead a school has been established  
for soldiers returning from the fighting line - a school  
to teach them how to fight the enemy. ~~That may seem~~  
~~to be something like holding a ground class to teach~~  
~~flying to eagles. And it's all the more paradoxical~~  
~~when you hear that the inspiration of the school came~~  
~~from German prisoners.~~

The fact is that during the recent lull in the  
fighting, the boys on the beachhead battleline have  
become a bit careless - reckless. So much so that the  
German prisoners, upon being brought in, have been  
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~~The prisoners, in criticizing American~~  
<sup>business and science," say the Germans,</sup>  
~~infantry tactics, declare that our men, in the words of~~



~~the prisoners "play at war without business and science"~~

One particular instance of carelessness is mentioned <sup>of which</sup> ~~and~~ the Germans were decidedly stern in ~~their~~ disapproval: ~~One prisoner told how~~ An American soldier ~~with a pistol in his holster~~ ran into three German infantrymen on patrol. The American promptly told them they were his prisoners. And they agreed.

They surrendered. But the thing that aroused their disapprobation was this: <sup>the Yanks had a pistol, but,</sup> ~~When the American encountered~~ <sup>it!</sup>

the three Germans - he did not even draw ~~his pistol~~

<sup>Fundamentally unsound.</sup> And this, said the prisoners, was bad. <sup>^</sup> The American,

they pointed out, was exceedingly careless to do such a thing. Of course, they might have been reminded that they surrendered - but that wasn't careless.

And so, because of this kind of enemy criticism a class in infantry tactics has been established, and

soldiers returning from the beachhead fighting line

are going to school, to learn the careful way of fighting

Germans; And not take the war too

lightly - because the Terry's  
doesn't approve of that.

# VATICAN

Here is Vatican denial of a story broadcast by the Nazis, a report that a time bomb had been discovered in the far famed Sistine Chapel in Rome. The Nazis say the time bomb was the doing of the Communists, a plot to blow up the historic chapel, the walls and ceilings of which are decorated with some of the greatest masterpieces of Michaelangelo. Nothing to it, says the Vatican newspaper, which calls the bomb rumor - pure invention.

## RUSSIA

In Russia, the Soviets have captured Balaklava - made famous by Tennyson's ~~and the~~ 'Charge of the Light Brigade'. Balaklava is a key to Sevastopol, which great naval base the Soviets are assaulting with a violent series of drives. The Germans are trapped in a narrowing pocket, and are defending themselves desperately. <sup>R</sup> They occupy the same fortifications from which the Russians fought in their defense of Sevastopol ~~against the Nazis in Nineteen Forty One and 'Forty Two~~ in the historic siege two years ago. Then they held the city for two hundred and fifty days against the most violent assaults of the German war machine - an epic of stubborn heroism. Now the situation is reversed, the Germans are defending the great Sevastopol fortifications, the Russians attacking. The Nazis are trying to hold off the assault long enough for a get-away by sea - a Crimean Dunkirk, *which they are finding difficult, maybe impossible.*

ADD RUSSIA

The latest is of particular concern to the Russian forces invading Poland. The Jewish underground in that country has sent word that its members are now waging war against Germany throughout Poland; using every weapon they can get their hands on. And they tell of successful fights against the Nazis. This Jewish resistance can be formidable, as was instanced in the siege of the Ghetto in Warsaw - where the Jewish fighters for six weeks held out so strongly that the Germans had to use tanks and heavy artillery to suppress the outbreak. Also, at the City of Bialystok, the Jews barricaded themselves in the Ghetto and fought the German garrison for a month.

INDIA

In India, the British are pushing <sup>their</sup> a successful counter-offensive at Imphal. Having driven the Japs from the plain in front of the city, they are thrusting into the hills - where the enemy has taken refuge. From Mountbatten's headquarters we have the word - "satisfactory progress."

The Japs, having sustained a reverse at Imphal, are redoubling their efforts at that other fortress - Kohima. Word from Kohima is that all day long, enemy troops surged forward against a stubborn defense - with the action growing constantly more violent.

PACIFIC

The latest from the Pacific is another list of Japanese vessels sent to the bottom by American submarines, fifteen more - with the Navy this afternoon listing eleven cargo vessels, three tankers and an auxiliary repair ship.

In the air, we have word of new bombing assaults hurled at the Japs in the Caroline Islands. Four bases in the Carolines were hit. <sup>31 tons on the Tap</sup> ~~this after another forty-five~~ ~~base on Satawan~~ ~~Island, where there~~ ~~tons of high explosives smashed the Japs in the~~ ~~was no resistance by hostile planes~~ ~~or anti aircraft guns.~~

And now - the Kuriles' - Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox today made a significant statement concerning that <sup>chain</sup> ~~string of islands~~ which extends southward to the main islands of Japan. The Secretary intimated that the bombing of the Kuriles, which has been going on day after day, <sup>is</sup> a prelude to an invasion of those islands. He said he couldn't tell when, but eventually American forces

will move to seize the Kuriles, and capture them one after another - taking that island road to Japan.

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*Here in* ~~A late bulletin from~~ Washington *it was* announced tonight

~~the return to the United States of~~ Admiral Thomas C.

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PROPAGANDA

In the London House of Commons there was a discussion today of the British pamphlet issued to American troops, which has caused so much discussion and dispute. The pamphlet in question printed a statement that in the United States fifty million dollars would be spent to defeat President Roosevelt, if he should run for a fourth term. And today, in the Commons a Conservative M. P. referred to it as the kind of propaganda that was damaging to British-American relations.

To this a reply was given by Minister of Information Brendan Bracken, who said the outcry against the pamphlet was the doing of the Hearst press in the United States. *Actually Democratic Sen. Byrd of Va.,* *Bracken* explained that the news item had been selected by British newspaper editors not controlled by the official Ministry of Information. It was they who inserted the statement about the possible spending of fifty million dollars to defeat a fourth term. *Bracken - if up in the Senate.*

And now the question is - Where did they get that information? Brendan Bracken today stated: "Every word

## WORK BATTALION

There is to be no legislation to draft 4-Fs into labor battalions. Today the Military Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives killed the Work Battalion Bill, which would have conscripted 4-F's and put them to work on war production jobs. The attitude of the Committee was that no new legislation for the regulation of manpower is needed right now - the laws already on the books being sufficient, in the Committee's opinion.



MEXICAN LABOR

The Director of the California State Farm Production Council is on his way to Mexico with a request for "more Mexican farm workers." Reports are that this year California is scheduled to get only ninety thousand additional workers from below the Rio Grande, and the State wants more, for the urgent task of harvesting the crops.

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chunks of fuel. *And* they also perpetrated the tomfoolery  
of a mysterious noise and appearance at the door.

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teacher, Mrs. Schulz, is a Catholic. The same piece  
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## HOAX

Out at the edge of the Dakota bad lands, they've solved the mystery of the jitterbug coal in the Wild Plum school. The mysterious doings? ~~were~~ <sup>Q</sup> All a hoax. Who did the hoaxing? Pupils of the school. Four, and possibly six, are involved - which is a large proportion, when you consider the fact that the Wild Plum school has a total of nine pupils.

*(School boys and school girls)*  
It was a case of ~~the pupils~~ <sup>school boys and school girls</sup> having some fun by fooling the teacher. She is Pauline Rebel, and she certainly was mystified when the coal started leaping out of the scuttle - apparently. The jumping coal was a trick arranged by the pupils, who really tossed the chunks of fuel. <sup>And</sup> they also perpetrated the tomfoolery of a mysterious masked man appearing at the <sup>school</sup> door.

The key to the whole thing is the fact that the teacher, Mrs. Rebel, is nearsighted. She wears glasses, but her specs are not nearly strong enough. A couple

of telescopes would be about the right thing.

So the dear children, with all that sweet innocence of youth, took advantage of teacher's eyesight, and cooked up a set of illusions to fool her.

And that

~~which~~ explains the mystery of the leaping coal.

at the Wild Plum school, which had the local population gaping with wonder - a spooky sensation among the farmers at the edge of the Dakota bad lands.

And now Roger will you emulate the Wild Plum coal and leap to the microphone.