INVASION PREVIEW: ARMY'S BIGGEST 'WHISPER SHIP'

Here's the United States Army's new glider—biggest of its "whisper ship" fleet, recently displayed at Laurinburg-Maxton Air Base, N.C. The CG-13, which will carry 30 men and cargo, is pictured taking aboard a field gun and its six-wheeled motor unit. Empty, the giant craft, weighs 7500 pounds, with maximum gross weight of 17,000 pounds, has a wing span of 85 feet, 8 inches and a tow speed of 150 m.p.h.

OTTAWA REPORTS

That Strict Rationing Of Sugar Is Necessary To Meet Even Essential Needs

It begins to look as if sugar, first commodity to be rationed, will be last on the list when ration regulations are removed.

The present world supply is insufficient to meet even essential needs without strict rationing, according to Sir William Rook, British sugar controller, in discussions with Wartime Prices and Trade Board officers. He termed "incomplete and inaccurate" the view that all that is lacking is enough shipping space to transport sugar from producing to consuming countries.

In the United Kingdom, he pointed out, sugar has been entirely eliminated for making ice cream and table jellies, and soft drinks and fruit juices have been cut to one-third prewar usage. The home canning allowance of one lb. per person in 1942 and 1943 will not be increased this year, and even that much may not be available. "I cannot emphasize too strongly," Sir William said, "that the world supply of sugar is such that great economy in the use of sugar is a real contribution to the war effort, while the immediate postwar needs, as far as can be judged at present, will call for continued co-operation for us all."

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Ranking third of all countries in the production of foodstuffs, and fourth in the production of war supplies, Canada's external trade is at present the fourth largest in the world. Canada is now also the third largest naval power among the United Nations. From the outbreak of war until the end of February, 1944, 585 vessels, including fighting craft and cargo vessels, were delivered from Canadian shipyards.

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Potato eyes sold for planting this year must conform to requirements of an order of the Dominion Minister of Agriculture, just passed. The order prescribes that these must be cut from certified seed, must average not less than half an ounce in weight, and not more than three-quarters of an inch in depth. A label issued by the Department of Agriculture must be attached to each container stating that the eyes conform to regulations under the order, and showing the certificate number and name of the variety of certified seed potatoes from which the eyes were cut. Chief purpose of the order is to give greater assurance of quality to purchasers.

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In view of the need for food and feed conservation, farmers are urged to keep a vigilant eye for rats. An average rat eats or destroys about $45 worth of food a year, and in a year a normal female has five to 12 litters totalling 120 baby rats. Here are some ways to discourage the rodent: see that all sources of food are removed; make buildings rat-proof; and keep cats and dog that are good rat hunters.

MEET SGT. JONES

His own mother wouldn't recognize the fearsome figure above as Johnny Jones of East Springfield, Ohio, but that's who's inside the fancy outfit. It's a mask and padded uniform, worn by Jap soldiers for bayonet practice, "modeled" by Sgt. Jones after 7th Army Division captured it on Kwajalein Island.

Fiji Islanders Fight For Allies In Pacific

Fiji Islanders, equipped with modern arms including automatic weapons, are helping the Allies exterminate Japanese in the South Pacific.

The War Department reported recently that in one continuing action the fierce warriors, led by New Zealand officers, penetrated deep into enemy territory in the Bougainville area and returned after killing 179 Japanese while losing only one killed and three wounded.

Omar Khayyam was an astronomer and mathematician as well as a poet.

FINE, UPSTANDING YOUNG MAN

"Tuffy," otherwise known as Louis Pethro, 3d, stood up on his own feet three months and one day after he was born, which was Dec. 4, 1943. Husky son of Pvt. and Mrs. Louis Pethro, Jr., of East Chicago, Ind., he's pictured showing off, with his 19-year-old mother.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

BUTTER SHORTAGE

Many people are grumbling at the difficulty of rationing butter under present allowances and one reason for the shortage is the fact that the Canadian Red Cross Society is shipping 100,000 pounds a week to prisoners of war. That surely should reconcile us to the need of spreading our butter just a little thinner on bread for the duration.

—Niagara Falls Review.

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SCANDALIZING!

The latest N. Y. rage is a dress material with "I Love You!" printed all over it. Who now remembers 40 years back, when Grandpa, the frisky old devil, came home from the Elks' convention with "I Love My Wife But Oh You Kid!" on the band of his straw hat? And was Gradma scandalized!

—Ottawa Citizen.

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TRIP CALLED OFF

The Tirpitz seems doomed to look like the Wreck of the Hesperus before the war ends. And at one time the Fueher hoped to steam up the Thames in her!

—Hamilton Spectator.

THE WAR - WEEK — Commentary on Current Events

War of Nerves Keeps Nazis Guessing When, Where, How We Are Coming

Speculation in this country as to when the invasion of Europe will begin can be answered truthfully out of information available to any newspaper reader: it has already begun, states the New York Times. The air attacks, rising in fury day by day, are invasion. Every thousand planes is at least the equivalent of an armored division roaming at will through the enemy's country. The planes actually invade, though they cannot occupy.

The invasion has begun in other ways. We are working on the Germans' nerves. The closing of the Eire border, the curtailment of diplomatic messages and the suspension of overseas travel were all practical measures to prevent leakage of information, but they were also stages in psychological warfare—for why go to all this trouble now, rather than six months or three months ago, if there were not something to conceal now that did not exist six or three months ago? The more mystery we manufacture the more jittery the Germans are bound to be.

Nazi Troop Dispositions

The kind of nervousness this state of mind produces must show itself in the Germans' troop dispositions—concerning which we are undoubtedly well informed. The Nazi defense of the Continent must consist of a long, thin line, or a long line of separate and scantily held outposts, with small, tactical reserves scattered along its length and heavy strategic reserves to be thrown in if a major break-through threatens at one or more points. Where had these troops better be? The Germans don't know. Have we sufficient air power and airborne power to impede or prevent their movements to points where we don't want them to go? We hope so—and the Germans can't be sure.

Nazis Forced To Guess

They cannot plan their battles, for they are on the receiving end. We can plan ours, since we are on the delivering end. It happens that the German military mind is best in planned battles, least effective in improvised battles. The war of nerves forces the German commanders to do some wild guessing and will force them to improvise in a hurry. And perhaps we can hope that this invasion of German-occupied Europe by the forces of psychological warfare has already moved German troops to places where they can be cut off and defeated.

Nazis Welcome To News

Putting mystery aside, the Anglo-American command almost ingenuously reveals plans to drop airborne troops on the Continent, as a despatch to this newspaper states, "on a more massive scale than anything ever before attempted by any army." These troops will have 75-millimeter guns, bazookas, 37-millimeter anti-tank guns, machine guns, explosives, jeeps and "even baby bulldozers." A few weeks ago it would have been treason to mention these facts. Now the Nazis are welcome to them. This, too, is part of the war of nerves.

When, Where, How?

The war of nerves, moreover, is not merely a matter of reducing German soldiers to a state where they can't sleep nights and worry in the morning. Nervousness of this sort may exist in any army and is not inconsistent with good fighting qualities. The nervousness our general staff evidently aims to inspire arises out of uncertainty, and shows itself in tangible ways. The Nazis know we are coming. They know where men, engines of war and ships are being concentrated. They can probably guess the strength of the invading force. What they don't know and can't guess is when, where and how.

Hitler Inspects West Wall

A London source having close connections with the European Underground said that Hitler is making a secret inspection of the West Wall defenses.

It was said to be made in company with an inspection party including Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz; Gen. Guenther Korten, Chief of Staff of the Air Forces, and Professor Tann, originator of the flak towers which are an important part of the West Wall defenses.

The Germans announced that Hitler has met Mussolini recently at a "secret" meeting place—perhaps the Brenner Pass, the Italian or French Riviera.

Neutrals reaching the Swiss border reported that "everything is being organized as though Lyon, 175 miles up the Rhone River in Southern France, would become a centre of huge operations." Lyon has been a target of Allied bombers in recent weeks, as have other possible concentration points for German reserves.

HEMISPHERE BASES

Map above shows location of the eight United States Atlantic bases, now under 99-year lease from Great Britain, whose acquisition in perpetuity was recommended to the House Naval Affairs Committee.

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