

## Greer Garson Is Married

SANTA MONICA, Cal.—(AP)—Screen Star Greer Garson and Ensign Richard Ney were married last night at Santa Monica Presbyterian church. Many years her junior, Ney met her in the movie "Mrs. Miniver" for which she won an academy award for the best acting performance last year. Ney played the role of her son.

by a report from Madrid that the Germans had offered 100,000 gold marks for the head of the Croat guerrilla chieftain.

An assault on the Balkans from the Middle East and continued pressure of the Russians on the German forces from the north—

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### Services on the Air

First Ave. Church over WTSP at 10:45 this morning. Dr. Clarence K. Vlieh—Adv.

thing very like that code of honor which has for centuries been a part of physical combat for Englishmen and Americans. What is honor in action but self-imposed, even risky, limitation on one's power to injure, to do harm? One does less than one can, and, by doing less, does more.

For this demonstration will not be lost on Italians. If we had been weak enough, we might have made shambles of Rome. If we had been desperate, we might have done more damage, miscellaneous and indiscriminate, including damage to the sacred precincts. But we are neither weak nor desperate, and so the Vatican stands. It turns out to be our strength which protects it. It is safe because we are powerful.

If we were a weaker or more despairing foe,

their strength. We are. That is what makes the raid on Rome a moral demonstration. There would have been no moral grandeur in not raiding Rome because of fear of the risks involved. To do it, as we did it, doing what had to be done, and then wiping out the special dangers by accepting additional dangers, is morally grand. We might have proved we have enormous power. We proved instead that we have enormous strength. The Italians will understand. They will know. The bombs we did not drop bring the revolution closer. It becomes a revolution against men too weak to restrain themselves, on behalf of men strong enough to hold back their arms.

## Army Air Forces Bid Farewell to St. Petersburg, Say Citizens Played Big Part in Post's Success

By PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE  
AAFTC, Basic Training Center No. 6

One year ago July 11, the war department in Washington announced officially that the Army Air Forces had selected the City of St. Petersburg as the site for a center for the training of men of the rapidly expanding AAF.

Today, farewells have been said. The installation of the technical training command here has been closed, and personnel have gone to other stations, carrying on in preparing for a blow at the Axis.

In that span of little more than 12 months, the words of praise of this city delivered by the first commanding officer of the training center when the military established the local post have rung true.

Col. E. R. Householder said at that time: "We cannot fail to realize and appreciate the cordial friendship of the people of St. Petersburg."

Thousands of men have found that so. Thousands of trainees and officers of the local command have come to realize the friendliness of St. Petersburg's officials and citizens generally, as they drilled in the city's beautiful parks, marched in its drives and boulevards, walked along clean streets or sat and talked with citizens on the city's green benches. Many of the personnel of the post came to know the city well. They married St. Petersburg women, began to plan the futures they will have here.

From every standpoint, life of Basic Training Center No. 6 here has been successfully.

The citizens of this community have aided in making that possible to a great extent. The efforts of the officers of the post in that achievement have been bolstered by the important task of maintaining morals, which task the people of this city gladly took up and carried through faithfully, spiritedly, excellently.

There are laurels due the people of St. Petersburg for that part which they played in the one year training center here was meeting the demand of the AAF for more men, strong men, well-disciplined and well-trained men.

Looking back over the 12 months past, the commanding officer of the post, Col. Henry B. Clagget, has this to say:

"We experience a surge of pleasant feeling when we can look upon a completed task and say 'that's a job well done.'"

"Although our work as men in the service of our country is far from being finished, I feel sure that I can say for all the personnel of this post, as well as for myself, that we have experienced that feeling of satisfaction of a task well done as the inactivation of Basic Training Center No. 6 takes place.

"The orders have been carried out, the job has been done.. the purpose of the training center has been realized. The people of St. Petersburg helped to do that. Their great spirit of co-operation and initiative helped us no little.

"Thank you St. Petersburg."

The local station originally was established as a replacement training center and on Aug. 7 the name of the installation was changed to Basic Training Center.

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### "LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE OF ST. PETERSBURG"

Paul R. Boardman will speak over radio station WTSP at 12:45 today, on "Looking Into the Future of St. Petersburg." A resident of St. Petersburg since 1910 and an active contributor to the city's development. Mr. Boardman is especially qualified to discuss a subject of this nature. We hope that everyone will make it a point to hear this broadcast. St. Petersburg Board of Realtors.—Adv.

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Army's pressure," the bulletin said. (Alfred Wagg of NBC, aboard a warship off eastern Sicily, said British patrols several times had fought their way into Catania and thus Stalin self. He declared Catania was "not the core of German strength. This main strength lies in the See ALLIES, Page 2, Col. 2

cluding 43 tanks and In the third year Red army for the first Withstood and then the tide of German s are successful in their fensives and that So See GERMANS, Page 2

## McClelland Barclay, Fa Artist, Reported 'Missing'

ST. LOUIS.—(AP)—Mrs. Robert Barclay said yesterday she was informed her stepson, Lt. Comdr. McClelland Barclay, nationally known artist, was missing in action. He lived in St. Louis as a boy.

She said she had received a telegram from Hamilton Barclay, brother of the artist, saying that as next of kin he had been notified by the navy department that his brother was missing.

The date and place were not given but Barclay has been in Australia and New Guinea making paintings and sketches for a permanent historical record of the war.

Barclay, 52, was a member of the first unit of the "war arts corps" to arrive in Australia. He made portraits of Gen. Douglas MacArthur and top ranking Army and Navy officers.

The artist left St. Louis at the age of 16, lived in Chicago during World War I and made many recruiting posters. Later, he moved to New York.

The son of the late Dr. Robert Barclay, he received his



LT. COMDR. BARCLAY

early training at the School of Fine Art in Hamilton university. He was married to a woman named Hamilton and they lived in New York.



# Patterson Says Sicilian Fall 'Matter of Days'

CHICAGO. — (INS) — United Nations' successes in the various theaters of war were cited yesterday by Undersecretary of War Robert Patterson who at the same time warned of resultant "civilian complacency."

Conquest of Sicily, Patterson said, "is only a matter of days."

"Operations in Sicily have been eminently successful," he said. "We have gone forward faster than we anticipated because resistance was weaker than we expected."

In the Pacific theater, Patterson said, Gen. Douglas MacArthur "is on the offensive," whereas this time a year ago he was on the defensive.

Likewise, in the Aleutians we are now on the offensive with the capture of Attu, the undersecretary said, and "we'll either capture Kiska or exterminate the Japs in the process."

Asked to predict when the war will end in view of the turn from the defensive to the offensive, Patterson said:

"The end of the war is not in sight."

Warning of civilian complacency as a result of the recent successes, Patterson declared:

"Germany has very powerful military resources which have not been impaired. The same is true of Japan. We are facing the most powerful adversaries we have been up against."

Complacency on the home front was evident, he said, in the amount of war plant absenteeism over the Fourth of July and other holidays. He said some war workers already have begun to look for "permanent peace jobs, just as if their war jobs were ending."

The lack of resistance in Sicily Patterson attributed to the "tactical surprise" operation, which caught the Axis off guard.

Patterson, in Chicago to attend the closing session of a three-day armed service forces conference attended by 50 generals, denied Axis claims that Allied casualties in the invasion of Sicily are tremendous. He said:

"Shipping losses have been light, air losses almost none, and ground losses small. The whole operation in Sicily is in its last phases, a matter of days."

## Negro May Lose Sight of Eye In Altercation

Involving himself in a triangle probably cost Claude Earle, negro, of 810 Jordan court the sight of his left eye, burned last night by live that police say was thrown by Laura Mae Dennis, negro, of the same address.

Preliminary to this outcome, it was reported, Laura Mae was in a lively street altercation with Eva Lovett, negro, of 606 Harris court, alleged formerly to have engaged Claude's affections. As this broke up, Claude took Laura Mae home, where hostilities were resumed on another basis.

Officers F. H. Wolfe and C. C. Odom arrived soon after the fight reached the live-throwing stage and found Claude in agony and Laura Mae with two cuts in the back. They rushed them to Mercy hospital, where Claude was held, his condition reported "fair." After treatment Laura Mae was discharged.

All three were charged by the police with disorderly conduct and placed under \$25 bonds each.

Aside from these arrests the main police activity last night was brinking in three men and one woman charged with drunkenness.

For the third consecutive day the fire department received no calls.

## Fishermen Plan Union Meeting Monday Night

Promised moral and financial aid by the International Seafarers' president during a long-distance telephone call from San Francisco yesterday, members of the gulf district fishermen's union will meet Monday night at 8 o'clock in the Treasure Island city hall to act upon contracts that have been drawn up to present to dealers handling their catches.

While President Paul Crosser of the beach fishermen's branch would not confirm the report last night, it is understood that an increase in prices is to be asked for catches of various types of fish.

Told of the forecast by Congressman Peterson of a market for mullet, shark and other fish, possibly including grouper, by the government for dehydration and transport abroad, Captain Crosser said that it was "one of the best bits of news we fishermen have had for years."

"Mullet fishermen have never received anything for their work, and the new organization intends to remedy this," said Crosser, commenting that the government possibility is coming "at just the right time."

Today, members of the fishermen's union will go to Tarpon Springs, where International Organizer Biggs will give a talk to members of the branch recently formed there.



## Italians Spread Gloomy Stories of Sicilian War

MADRID — (AP) — Rome dispatches to Spanish newspapers yesterday stressed the devastation created in the Mediterranean theater of war by powerful Allied bomber fleets and disclosed that Italians reaching Rome were spreading gloomy stories about the "unequal struggle of that terrible war."

All of the dispatches placed particular emphasis on the overwhelming superiority of the Allies, leaving no doubt that every evacuation point is getting a terrific pounding by Allied airmen who control the Mediterranean skies.

"At the present moment nothing can change the appearance of the Italian people," one correspondent wrote.

(Dispatches from Allied headquarters in North Africa quoted reports in Madrid as saying that crowds in several of Italy's principal cities were rioting and clamoring for "peace" immediately after the fall of Palermo, capital of Sicily.)

Allied air superiority over the strait of Messina, admitted repeatedly in Axis dispatches ex-

plaining the difficulties of the Sicilian campaign, has turned the strait area into a shambles of twisted rails, sunken ships and burning docks and warehouses.

Shattering, blockbuster bombs have pitted the northeast sector of Sicily from the coast to the roads behind the Nebrodi mountain range and blasted mainland ports and air fields from the tip of the peninsula to Naples, 225 airline miles to the north.

Italian officers reaching Rome, according to dispatches from that capital, gave graphic details of the punishment dealt by air and naval forces of the United Nations.

The Hermann Goering division and other German units were said to be bearing the brunt of the drive at Catania, below Mt. Etna, which in 48 hours was turned from a defensive point on a fixed line to a shrinking salient of rearguard action, reported yesterday to be moving northward.

The Rome dispatches noted that the Allied forces in Sicily were throwing an "enormous mass of material" into the battle, a fact considered in Rome as a clear indication that "their reserves are still greater."

Bologna in north central Italy, and said it caused casualties and damage.)

Night-flying RAF Wellingtons bombed the railroad yard at Salerno below Naples and the airfield at Pratica di Mare, while American Mitchells returned to Crotona — hard-hit by previous raids — and blasted the airport there on the Gulf of Taranto. Grounded aircraft were destroyed.

Crews reported medium anti-aircraft fire from all the targets and except for the fighters met by the Flying Fortresses, enemy fighter opposition was light. Four Allied planes were listed as missing.

No enemy base in southern Italy is now safe from repeated air attacks, as the whole foot of the Italian boot is within easy range of even light bombers. With all Sicily's major air bases either occupied or neutralized by the Allies, American and British airmen are extending their superiority halfway up the Italian peninsula.

The Allied air force concentrated on five strategic targets in southern Italy Friday, including the Fortress raid on Leverano.

It is believed here that, regardless of the attempts now being made to bulwark the Hermann Goering and the fifteenth panzer divisions with parachute troop infantry and other units drafted from German garrisons in Italy, it will soon be the Nazi command's turn to say "too little and too late."

The situation in the northeastern corner of Sicily is analogous in many respects to the Cap Bon disaster in Tunisia, with these differences, however: It is only two miles across the Messina strait to Italy, whereas Cap Bon had no convenient escape hatch. The Germans, too, have had nine days to organize the Mt. Etna line since the Eighth army broke into Catania plain at Simeto bridge, while on Cap Bon, British armor slashed through every temporary stand as Col. Gen. Jurgen Von Arnim's command disintegrated for lack of communications.

### PAYS OWN EXPENSES

AUSTIN, Tex. — (INS) — An unusual and possibly unique aspect of Governor Coke Stevenson's administration is the fact that he has declined to charge up his traveling expenses against the state. When the governor makes a trip to speak to a convention or a luncheon club or to inaugurate a rodeo, or what-not, he foots the bill himself, figuring that making such appearances is not a part of the official duties of the chief executive.

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Units which had been activated prior to transferral here formed a nucleus for the post which was to turn out thousands of men to air fields and technical training schools in all parts of the nation.

Well do the people of St. Petersburg know the process through which those men passed. They learned the expressions and phrases of the soldiers of the air. They hummed songs along with the singing of the marching troops and soon were singing the lyrics of the "Army Air Corps Song," "I've Been Workin' on de Railroad," "The Old Gray Mare," "Pack up Your Troubles," "I've Got Sixpence," "Beer Barrel Polka," "On Parade." Those were some of the favorites. There were many more tunes the soldiers sang as they marched along through palm-lined streets, on the drill fields and when they gathered at recreation centers.

Young and old sang with the boys and enjoyed singing and hearing those gay airs. They had their favorites, too.

Youngsters of the city grasped an inkling of the commands of the officers, and soon many teenage girls and boys had learned to have their own playground drill sessions. They had "buddies," too, among the officers and enlisted men.

Under ideal weather conditions the men trained rigorously, thoroughly learned close order and extended drill order, were given hardening and toughening calisthenics, learned how to handle a rifle and how to fire it and were taught military courtesy and discipline.

Well do St. Petersburg residents know of that training program of trainees that prepared the trainees basically for advanced assignments in the Army Air Forces.

"This is typical of the way we are making soldiers," said Governor Holland at the close of a mass review staged here last October.

That review, and others that followed for various military dignitaries, cast light on the thorough manner in which the local command trained its men, subjecting them to a brand of stringent conditioning and disciplining that makes for the production of good fighting soldiers.

A result of the efforts of the commandant and his staff and other officers and men charged with that task may be found in this "testimonial," excerpts from the report of Brig. Gen. Arnold N. Krogstad, commanding officer of the fifth district of the AAF technical command, following an inspection of the local training center recently:

"The physical training program is producing real results as the men are in excellent condition as illustrated by the fact that at a parade and review participated in by 3,500 men, not a single man dropped out of the formation although it was an extremely hot day. \* \* \* The appearance, bearing, and attitude, especially with regard to military courtesy, of all personnel are excellent. The morale of the whole organization is high \* \* \*

Physical training is a vital phase of preparation of a soldier for combat when the survival of the fittest is determined. Military courtesy is of paramount importance in the moulding of a soldier.

How the men stationed here were trained and the events in which they engaged have been told well by the local press and radio. Through the keenly recognized and deeply appreciated courtesy of the newspapers and radio stations, the story of the training center, its program and the activities of its personnel has been carried splendidly.

The commanding officer takes this opportunity of expressing, in behalf of the Army Air Forces, sincere appreciation for the co-operation extended the training center by the staffs of The St. Petersburg Times, the Evening Independent, and the Clearwater Sun, radio station WTSP and WSUN, the chamber of commerce, office of civilian defense, officials of the City of St. Petersburg and the City of Clearwater, and others who in any manner contributed to the success of the operation of the training center.

In saying farewell to the Sunshine City, many of the personnel of the post looked back upon the common interests they had encountered here, thought of the friendships that had grown. There will be pleasant memories wherever the men go, whatever they may be doing in their work of wiping out and completely destroying those Axis ideologies which would attempt to return us to an era of slaves under the whips of oppressors.

The people of this city also should have pleasant memories, meditations of a job well done.

They have read, and intimately, too, of what the men of the training center were doing from day to day, because those events were chronicled daily in local newspapers. The radio stations have acquainted the citizenry on many occasions with programs and individuals of the post, broadcasting the "Know Your Army" series, various musical functions of the Army and its activities. The city provided the soldiers with a varied program of recreation and entertainment at municipal pier, while the civilian defense office maintained service centers, arranging various events and providing dances and partners for the men.

The Red Cross and other agencies also had an important role in the program of the training center, for which the personnel is indeed grateful.

Yes, the accomplishment of turning out thousands of basically trained men ready for technical training has been due in a large measure to the admirable endeavors of the local populace.

Write success to the close of Basic Training Center No. 6, citizens of St. Petersburg, and take some of the credit for yourselves.

## Kiriwina Natives Shun Clothes, Play Cricket

WASHINGTON — An island of market gardeners and pearl divers; of large villages and friendly, easygoing natives—this is Kiriwina, main unit in the Trobriand group, says the National Geographic Society. American forces, landing there without opposition from the Japs, are 100 miles north of New Guinea's eastern tip, 285 miles southeast of the enemy positions at Salamaua and Lae, 300 miles south of the Jap base at Rabaul, New Britain.

Kiriwina, 25 miles from north to south, is shaped like a tight-fitting bonnet with a long streamer. Near its southern tip is horseshoe-shaped Vakuta, seven miles from tip to tip. A score of smaller islands off Kiriwina's west coast complete the Trobriand group.

Yams and sweet potatoes are the market garden specialty on Kiriwina. Large quantities are exported to neighboring islands. Yam storage in ventilated, rustle cribs is a native science. The tubers are promptly offered in trade to visitors along with grass skirts, clubs, paddles, fish, coconut products and carved-wood trinkets beautifully inlaid with mother-of-pearl. Peroxide with which to bleach kinky, black hair, and stick tobacco are the imports most prized by native men.

About 9,000 Melanesian natives inhabit the Trobriands. Losuia was the seat of the Australian government station. Here a hospital, a jail and a mission help to make for ordered living, and natives play cricket at its leisurely and sociable best on the mission grounds.

The Trobriand islanders love freedom and combine business and pleasure in their established trade system with natives from neighboring isles. They wear a minimum of clothes. Attempts of missionaries to introduce cotton garments were discontinued when the close relationship between clothes and poor health was observed.

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are compelled to retreat is exposed.

"Our troops wore out and bled white picked German divisions" of 17 tanks, three motorized and 18 infantry divisions, in 19 days destroying or disabling 2,900 enemy tanks, destroying 844 of their guns, 1,392 planes and more than 5,000 trucks, Russia's war leader asserted in an order of the day congratulating his successful generals.

The order, addressed to Generals Rokossovsky, Vatutin and Popov, ranked with Stalin's victory proclamations on Stalingrad and the great Red army counter-offensive of last winter.

It came as Russian troops inched ever closer to Orel, one of the main bases of the Nazi summer drive, with the Germans throwing in more reserves and stiffening their desperate resistance.

"Yesterday, July 23, through the successful operations of our troops, complete liquidation of the German July offensive was carried out in the area south of Orel and north of Belgorod and in the direction of Kursk," said Stalin's order.

### Locksmiths Shortage

LOS ANGELES, Cal. — (UP) — The shortage of locksmiths is so great that it constitutes a peril to the war effort, according to Frank Williams, president of the Federated Locksmiths of Southern California. "When a war worker is driving four or five others to their employment and loses his car key, there is a definite slowing-up in factory production," he says. He says locksmiths have been classified as essential workers, but they are unable to secure the necessary material to remain in business.

## Hour of Doom Approaches for Japs on Kiska

WASHINGTON — (AP) — In a communique containing fresh evidence that the hour of doom is rapidly nearing for 10,000 Japanese troops holding Kiska island, the Navy disclosed yesterday that the Thursday assault against the invader's Aleutians outpost was a joint sea and air operation.

The latest war bulletin on the action suggested that the Japanese probably took a heavier beating on Kiska that day than ever before in the 13 and a half months they have held that bleak and rocky island.

The attack started with an air raid by Army four-engine Liberator bombers, Mitchell twin-engine medium bombers and swift Lightning and Warhawk fighters. These planes heavily bombed and strafed Japanese coastal batteries, anti-aircraft positions and building areas.

This air attack was followed immediately by the naval bombardment in which heavy and light guns of the U. S. Pacific fleet poured tons of steel and explosives upon the same targets. Then the aerial squadrons returned to the scene and mopped up.

The communique reported, with what was regarded here as great conservatism, that these terrific air and surface onslaughts started numerous fires and observers of the attacks saw at least one terrific explosion.

So far Kiska has been raided 20 times this month and bombarded seven times. Neither Japanese warships nor planes has offered any opposition. The Kiska garrison has no defense except to sit in underground positions and take a beating from all those units which cannot be stopped by gunfire.

### "GANGS" STORE TOOLS

PORTLAND, Ore. — (UP) — Officials of a large local shipyard advocate that workers drop their tools on the job at the end of the shift and suggest special gangs pick up the equipment and store it away.

They say the company loses 45 minutes per day per employee in time taken from the job to stow away tools.

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