

Tuesday, Aug. 10, 1943

Yanks Land Behind Axis, Take 2 Towns

16MilestoGo **To Kharkov**

City's Fall Expected Soon As Columns Advance 20 Miles a Day

MOSCOW, Aug. 9 (UP)-The fall of Kharkov, now within range of Russian gurs, is inevitable within the very near future, observers declared here today.

Side by side with the advance on Kharko , a motorized column is rolling across the Ukrainian plains to-wards the Dnieper at the almost un-precedented pace of 20 miles a day. The German forces in Kharkov now are

The German forces in Kharkov now are in a perilous position, as the great weight of the Russian attack bears round on them from north of the city.

The Russian spearhead has crossed the third railway leading from Kharkov to the northwest and have made their farthest advance so far in the present offensive.

Of the five main lines which run into

Of the five main lines which run into Kharkov only two now are in German hands, one running south and serving the Crimea, and the other southwest to Pol-

Another Russian column has wheeled sharply southwest in the encircling movement and is now beyond the town of Dolzhik, only 16 miles northwest of Kharkov.

A third column, punching its way forward along the Briansk railway, was last reported south of Zolochev railway station, less than 18 miles northwest of Kharkov.

Kharkov.

The tactics of the Russian high com-mand are clear. They intend to sweep round on the city in a great encircling operation which will force its defenders

operation which will force its detenders either to retreat or to take the risk of another Stalingrad disaster.

Scores of Russian bombers are hammering at the western and southwestern railway exits of the city, especially the vital junctions at Liubotin and Merepta, the former 12 miles west of the city and the latter 12 miles southwest.

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Fires were started in both areas and explosions seen. Enemy troops and supply trains were seen to be hit by Russian bombs.

Midnight Ends InsuranceDrive

Midnight tonight is the deadline for American soldiers who wish to trake out National Service Life Insurance without a medical examination or without a medical history statement, the War Department announced yesterday.

All applications received prior to the deadline will be accepted regardless of the soldier's present medical condition or past medical history, and no 'hysical examination of any kind will be necessary. After midnight a rigid 'examination will be required.

Tonight marks the expiration date of the 120-day extension allowed under Public Law No. 36, approved Apl. 12. The War Department has advised soldiers in every Army hospital, post, camp and station throughout the world to take advantage of the National Service Life

Soldier's Medal, for heroism not involving nemety combat; 48 Purple Hearts and one Oak Leaf Cluster; 13
Air Medals and eight Oak Leaf Clusters.

Pvt. Russell A. Bennett, of Marion, Ind., attached to Fighter Command, received the Soldier's Medal for rescuing a woman from a burning room on Mar. 14, "disregarding personal danger by entering a flaming, smoke-filled room, extinguishing flames which covered the woman's body and carrying her to safety," according to the citation.

1/Lt. Robert G. Abb, of Washington, received two awards, the DFC and Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal.

DFCs were awarded posthumously to Capt. Darrol W. Rogers, of New Britain, Conn., and S. /Sgt. Lucius M. Balsey, of Lewiston, Idaho.

The Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple (Continued on page 4)

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Knox, Hull Warn America Against Optimism on War

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9—Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox and Secretary of State Cordell Hull both warned U.S.

State Cordell Hull both warned U.S. citizens today against the optimism over war developments in the past few weeks.

Knox. speaking at a Portland, Me., navy yard, labelled as "foolish" the belief that the war would end this year. He said Sicily is only an outpost and its fall would not mean the end of the war. fall would not mean the end of the war.
"We still have to gain a foothold on the
European continent," he said.
Hull asserted it was more dangerous
to underestimate the duration of the fighting than to overestimate it.

President Back from Vacation

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 (UP)—The White House announced today that President Roosevelt had returned from a one-week fishing vacation on the north shore of Lake Huron, Canada, accompanied by his official staff. Stephen Early, the President's Secretary when acted if the President's Secretary, when asked if Roosevelt had seen Canadian Prime Minister Mackenzie King, replied: "He didn't see anybody to my knowledge."

Soviets Gain. Rumbling Through Ruins of Regalbuto



Hot on the enemy's heels, an American tank manned by Canzdians cautiously advances through narrow streets of Regalbuto, Sicily, which bear grim evidence of the ferocious land and air blows dealt by the advancing Allies in their drive through Regalbuto toward the mountain road around Etna volcano.

Yank Meets Pilot He Downed AndGunnerWhoThenGotHim

ADVANCED ALLIED AIR BASE, Sicily, Aug. 9 (AP)-The story of one of the most unusual singing trios ever to sound an A was told here today. It was composed of (1) an American fighter pilot, (2) the pilot of an FW190 whom the American had just shot down, and (3) the anti-aircraft gunner who had then shot down the American's plane.

The pilot, Lt. Tom A. Thomas Jr., of Ada, Okla., told the story himself after he was rescued by American forces occupying Palermo, where he was being held prisoner by the Italians for shipment 148Decorations

to Italy. For ETO Airmen

Captured by Italian troops after he had bailed out of his flak-damaged plane, Thomas was taken to a first aid station. There he met the pilot of the FW which he had just shot down, who also was receiving minor treatment. The German congratulated Thomas and was amazed when the American told him that he had had only ten rounds of ammunition left when he attacked the FW.

Later the gunner who shot down Thomas arrived at the station. He turned out to be a musical fellow and sang "Stardust" in English. Then the three men formed a trio and sang the "Beer Barrel Polka."

Fortresses Operate Above 40,000 Feet, U.S. Reveals ashore.

SEATTLE, Aug. 9-The Boeing Aircraft Company disclosed today that Flying Fortresses can operate at altitudes up to 40,200 feet.

censorship previously had vented officials from mentioning flights more than 35,000 feet. However, they were permitted to disclose that Lt. Col. W. R. Lovelace had made a record parachute jump of 40,200 feet from a Flying Fortress on June 2 in a test of new oxygen equipment.

Lovelace's successful leap, announced July I by the War Department, esta-blished a new United States record.

Sneak Around Nazis In Barges at Night, Seize 300 Prisoners

Bold Maneuver Captures San Agata and San Fratello, Obstacles for a Week; Acireale Falls, Randazzo Threatened

Powerful Allied thrusts—highlighted by American landings from the sea behind the German north coast defenses—drew the noose tighter around the Axis bridgehead yesterday, as three key towns fell and airmen hammered Messina Straits ports relentlessly.

Held up for nearly a week by strong German defenses along the San Agata-San Fratello line, units of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Seventh Army

boarded landing barges Saturday night and under cover of darkness landed behind the Germans a few miles beyond San Agata.

American Navy

Behind Enemy

Troops Already Had Used

Boats to Get Around

Blasted Roads By Daniel DeLuce

Associated Press War Correspondent (Broadcast over Algiers Radio)

Superb American Naval co-operation

paved the way for units of a famous U.S. infantry division which carried out a smashing two-fold atack on the northern shores of Sicily.

The U.S. forces already had been using small boats and barges to make detours around the blasted portions of a narrow highway running on the side of the beach and cliffs.

Slowed down and practically halted for

nearly a week by tough German artillery, machine-gun and mortar crews on the

high ground in the San Agata-San Fra-tello area, the American command adopted a tactical trick to by-pass the

According to reports at headquarters, the U.S. assault troops, under cover of darkness so that enemy aircraft could not

Along the highway near the new Ameri-

Along the highway hear the new Alter-can beachhead a convoy of trucks prob-ably carrying troops of the German 29th motorized division was sighted. The Doughboys attacked and wiped out the convoy. But some Germans may have escaped on foot back toward Messina.

In a perfect military vice the sea-borne force attacked the San Agata-San Fratello line from the rear while the remaining units of the division pressed forward

The line collapsed like cardboard. The survivors of the German Army in Sicily are now direly threatened with the disin-tegration of their bridgehead by thrusts

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enemy position.

They cut off a convoy of enemy reinforcements moving east, captured 300, then struck the German defenders in the rear while the main force of the Seventh Army attacked from the front. The line folded up like cardboard, and the Americans swept into both San Agata and San Fratello, where the landing notice and the main forces joined. Aided Landing

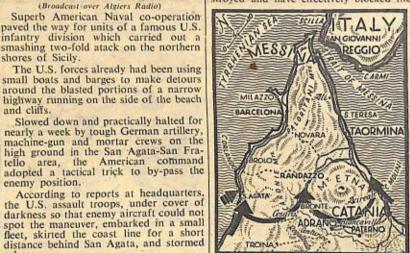
and San Fratello, where the landing parties and the main forces joined.

On the southern front, the British Eighth Army, doggedly pursuing the remnants of the Germans who defended Catania, captured Acireale, eight miles north of the big port, and pushed on toward Taormina.

West of Mount Etna the Eighth Army forces which ran through Adrano and Bronte over the weekend pushed on toward Randazzo on the circular road north

ward Randazzo on the circular road north of the volcano and were reported yesterday to have that vital road junction within range of their big guns.

Repeated aerial bombings of Randazzo have left the town almost completely destroyed and have effectively blocked the



roads leading through it to Messina and the evacuation beaches, North African on the right flank of the Seventh Army,

Americans captured Cesaro, 15 miles due south of San Agata, after an advance of seven miles. The gain put them within 12 miles of Randazzo but it also brought them up against strong units of the Herman Goering division moved up to check the Seventh's forward march.

Allied headquarters said the Allied

front line now runs from Acireale on the south coast to San Maria di Licoda, six miles southeast of Adrano on the circular highway running to the west of Etna, then nighway running to the west of Etna, then north through Adrano and Bronte to within seven and a half miles of Randazzo, and from there through Cesaro to San Agata on the north coast.

Swarms of Allied planes swept back and forth across the dwindling Axis (Continued on page 4)

FW Driven Off With Boots and Boxes

USAAF BOMBER STATION. England, Aug. 9 (UP)-Throwing boxes of ammunition, tin hats, flying boots and debris is not a standard method of fight-

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76 DFCs, Soldier's Medal,

48 Purple Hearts in

New List

Decorations for valor and exceptional achievement in action have been awarded to 148 officers and men of the Eighth Air

The awards, announced yesterday by ETOUSA headquarters, include a Soldier's Medal, for heroism not involving enemy combat; 48 Purple Hearts and

debris is not a standard method of fighting off an enemy plane, but S/Sgt. Bill Marques, of Lynn, Mass., did it to divert a FW 190 and probably save his neck.

Tail gunner in the Fortress Whaletail II Marques did not have any guns to fight off the FW as the crippled B17 staggered back from a USAAF raid on Hamburg so he tossed everything he could get his hands on at the Nazi plane, zooming in only 50 yards astern. The FW must have thought something new FW must have thought something new had been added to the Fortress' armor

pecause it went into a dive.
Piloted by Lt. Dexter Lishon, of New Piloted by Lt. Dexter Lishon, of Newtonville, Mass., the Whaletail II returned to its base on two engines, damaged controls and minus most of its guns and everything else that could be jettisoned to lighten the ship. One waist gunner was killed and another wounded. Only a couple of buckets of gas were left. Safely back at his base, Lt. Lishon gave credit for the survival of ship and crew to exemplary teamwork.

crew to exemplary teamwork.

"They used to give us the old paop about teamwork and all that but it's exactly what got us through," he related here today. S/Sgt. Johnny Pedrosky, of Altoona, Pa., wounded waist gunner, told the crew to forget about him when it looked as if they would have to ditch the ship, Lt. Lishon said.

"We ran into trouble as soon as we reached Germany," Lt. Lishon related. "Our No. 2 engine was cut out but we didn't dare turn back because we could see fighters climbing from below. A few minutes later three FWs came through the formation, killing one of our waist

the formation, killing one of our waist gunners and wounding the other."

The Whaletail gunners evened the score by shooting down two of the attackers, S/Sgt. Clarence Madison, of Green, N.Y., getting one from the belly bubble and Marques another from the

That was just the beginning of a lively day for the Whaletail and its crew, Drifting from one B17 formation to another, the ship finally went in over the target alone and had its No. 3 engine knocked out by flak. Lt. Donald J. Rutan, of Shreveport, La., co-pilot, passed out for

want of oxygen while he was checking up on the waist gunners but he was revived by radio operator S/Sgt. Lloyd G. Riddle, of Blue Ridge, Tex.

T/Sgt. Canute M. Johnson, of Slayton, Minn., shot down another FW from his top turret when 16 enemy planes came in for the kill before the Whaletail found the protecting cover of overcast. That's when the waist guns, tail guns, some nose guns, extra radio equipment and helmets went overboard to lighten the wavering ship and the crew prepared to bail out if necessary.

"We broke out of the overcast over the Friesian Islands," said Lt. Lishon. "And that's when the FW came in on Marques' tail. He sat there without any guns, cussin Jerry and throwing everything he could find at him. It must have scared the daylights out of him because he went into a steep dive and that's the last we saw of him. Marques might hit him with something because the plane was just below us."

Other members of the crew, except the dead waist gunner, were Lt. Robert Gluck, Roxboro, Mas., navigator, and Lt. Datrell C. Debolt, of Marshalltown, Ia., bombardier.

Bombing May Win War, Congressman Declares

Rep. Will Rogers Jr., Cal. (D), House Foreign Affairs committeeman who is making an unofficial visit to the ETO, yesterday praised the precision bombing being done by #the Eighth Air Force and said, "I'm not so sure now that the war here cannot virtually be won by bombine."

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Rogers said he was amazed by the photographic evidence showing the destruction done by American bombers in Germany and German-held territory, and declared that it isn't generally realized in the United States what sort of a job the Air Force is doing here.

Ancient Boat Led Invasion

MALTA, Aug. 9 (UP)-A 28-year-old Chinese river gunboat called the Cock-chafer landed the first invasion troops on Sicily. It covered the operation with six-inch guns, 40 years old, which had been used in six other ships and once were sunk and retrieved.

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Sweden's New Stand

"News that Sweden has decided to end the always unwelcome practice of allowing German soldiers and supplies to cross its territory furnishes additional evidence that all the world now knows who the ultimate victors in the present conflict will be," claims the New York Sun.

This, we believe, is a reasonable assessment, for Sweden has long been an island of Democracy in a morass of Totalitarianism. When Sweden first made her "passage agreement" with Nazi Germany she was a small nation with a gun at her head and had no choice but to accept the German demand to allow "soldiers on leave" and munitions to cross her territory to Norway and Finland.

But from King Gustav down to the most humble citizen, the Swedes have missed no opportunity since 1939 to assert that Sweden's flag was nailed to the mast and never would be lowered. For the way Sweden has conducted her affairs during the hard years, she has earned the sympathy of the whole family of Democratic nations, a family of which she has managed to remain a member, never having stooped to anything remotely approaching dictatorship.

Fellow Democracies now rejoice that she dares to say "no" to the Nazi bandits.

Goodbye and Hello

For some time we've been suspicious of the literary term "Weaker Sex." tiny doubt struck the mass mind after we saw a fine looking Captain sail majestically over the head of an Army nurse when he innocently attempted to show her a new "Commando Hold."

Now comes word that in desert maneuvers, under simulated battle conditions, an Army nurse established the speed record for crawling over an obstacle course under fire. Matter of fact, astonished generals and abashed soldiers on those maneuvers discovered Army nurses outdid the rank and file in combat training. Crawling under machine-gun fire leveled at 36 inches above the ground and scrambling through barbed wire and over obstacles takes a hardy man, yet it was a nurse who made the best time.

These same Army nurses, by the way, did a twenty mile hike with full pack on temperatures above 120 degrees.

Still speaking of the "Weaker Sex," no officer or enlisted man has missed noting that, man for man and gal for gal, the WAACs and Army nurses in this theater are tops for military appearance and courtesy. Matter of fact we suspect they're tops in one or two other categories. So we bid farewell to the "Weaker Sex" socalled and present for your approval the modern Amazon.

Still cute isn't she?

Radio Money Home

GIs in various overseas theaters have quickly availed themselves of the recently accorded privilege of sending their surplus funds home by radio free of cost.

The new procedure, authorized March 16, 1943, for all officers and enlisted men overseas, has proved extremely popular, This is indicated by the rapid increase in the use of the service. For example, the week ending May 26 showed that less than two hundred thousand dollars was thus transmitted by approximately 1,700 soldiers, while more than 9,000 of them sent home a total of nearly a million dollars during the week ending June 16.

Money may be transmitted to an individual payee or to a bank or other institution. A soldier overseas may send ten dollars or more in this way, there being no maximum. He pays his money to the nearest personnel officer, who in turn transmits it to a finance officer.

Speed is an added advantage of the new method. Transmittal is a matter of days, ordinarily considerably less than a week so try the new service next time you accumulate a bit of spare cash and become a satisfied customer. Remember, too, dollars sent home are worth more to you and the war effort than pounds squandered in the British Isles.

Hash Marks

Even wars can't dim the ingenuity and open was can't dim the ingentity and fun of American youth. For instance, the OPA ban on pleasure driving failed to stop one romantically inclined youth of Marion, Va. When his gasoline was exhausted he pushed his car to a street curb and left it there. Since then he and his car to come and the street curb and left it there. Since then he and his car to come and the street curb and left it there. his girl come out every night and sit in the car. "It's pleasure," he says, "even if it isn't pleasure driving." Buddy, you ain't kidding!

Today's daffynition—Pajamas: clothing arried on a honeymoon in case of fire.

A big, burly, blustering merchant sea-man guy (a petty officer, we think) strolled into the seamen's club the other



day and looked the place over. He was a barrel-chested guy who looked like he could tear a London telephone directory apart with his bare hands. Suddenly he "Can I get some soap coupons?" "But you don't need coupons," said the clerk. "you can get all the soap you want aboard ship." Our he-man hero looked around nervously, then confided, "But I prefer Yardley Lavender."

A worried San Fracisco mother took
Lilla and Lolita, her 14-months-old
identical twins to a hospital. One of
them, said Mama, had swallowed some
glue—but which one! The medics were
puzzled; then they discovered Lolita
couldn't open her mouth. Treatment
followed.

FBI men of the Cleveland-office still blush if you mention a certain little black book, full of mysterious letters and figures. A stranger dashed into the office said he had found the book in the street and it was full of mysterious entries such as "K1, P2, CO8, K5, P2, etc." Unable to make heads or tails of it, the Cleveland office sent it to Washington. A woman expert in the code bureau soon put the baffled men straight. She notified the strong silent men that the code means, "Knit 1, purl 2, cast on 8, knit 5," and

Residents of a certain mid-west city who can't get steak too often lose some of their disappointment over the way an



enterprising butcher dishes out the sub-stitutes. The high hat meat slicer has engaged a magician to pull a rabbit out of the hat whenever a customer orders

Workers in Toronto, Ill., have figured out a way to stop absentees. When a guy shows up after missing a day or so they gang up on him and give him a choice of tangling with wooden paddles or treat-ing the gang—usually the guy treats. J. C. W.

U.S. 'Iron Men' Took Troina

First Division Fought For Every Yard in Five-Day Battle

The five-day battle for Troina is now established as the bloodiest, most stubborn fighting of the Sicilian campaign. What Maj. Gen. Terry Allen's "Fighting First" went through to storm their way inch by inch up a rocky ridge to wrest this citadel from the Germans, and the destruction and misery they found when they reached there, is told in a series of dispatches by Don Whitehead, Associated Press war correspondent with the Seventh Army. The first, written during the battle, follows.

By Don Whitehead

Associated Press War Correspondent

WITH UNITED STATES SEVENTH ARMY, Sicily, Aug. 4 (delayed)—The bitterest, most savage fighting of the entire American invasion of Sicily raged today before the strategic crossroads town of Troina, where iron men of a fighting division clubbed their way forward yard by yard to drive a wedge into the enemy' strong defensive positions.

This is the beginning of the Germans last stand on this mountainous island. They are making a desperate effort to stave off the relentless American advance that pushes ahead night and day.

The Germans are fighting hard and fighting well. They are fighting a suicide fight with heavy artillery support. They light with heavy artillery support. They are dug into trenches, caves and gullies. They are sniping from trees and rocky ledges, and the hills, slopes and valley around Dead Woman hill before Troina are literally one vast graveyard, torn by shells, shrapnel, and bullets. The Germans' plight is hopeless, and they know it, as American artillery pounds them ceaselessly and American planes drone over to unload tons of bombs on their positions.

The fall of Troina is inevitable under the crushing weight of attack that is now under way, with pincers driving in along the ridges north and south of the town.

The atack on Troina began four days ago and since then doughboys literally have had to fight for each yard of the six miles between Cerami and Troina. Fresh troops relieving one tired combat team attacked towering Hill 1209 with forces from divisions on the right and left flanks.

Magnificent Endurance

The fresh troops battled their way to the top of Hill 1209 and along the ridge toward Troina, but heavy mortar and artillery fire pinned their advance down. And then the divisional commander sent his weary troops into the attack again on the flanks.

How these men keep going over these rugged hills is one of the magnificent stories of the Sicilian invasion. They keep pushing forward in the face of heavy enemy fire with dogged determination after 24 days' fighting, marching with hardly a break and certainly not enough rest to revive them.

Now they were fighting too far ahead of their own artillery—because the artillery was unable to advance over heavy demolitions which engineers were trying to repair while being shelled by enemy heavy guns set back in the hills north of Troina, out of range of our 155mm. Long Toms and howitzers.

"This is the first time we've run out of artillery deep support," said Lt. Col. Clarence Beck, of Daytona Beach, Fla. "Enemy demolitions were clever and well placed. There's only one road over which artillery can move and until we get it clear we cannot register on their beause. it clear we cannot register on their heavy weapons."

Most of the enemy artillery fire plaster-



Maj, Gen. Terry Allen (left), commander of the First Infantry division, holds an out-loor conference with Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley after giving Axis forces a sample of U.S. bilitz tactics along the north coast of Sicily.

ing the ridges and valley over which the Americans were fighting was coming from Mount Soro and Mount Acuto, about ten miles north of Troina.

The Germans have counter-attacked three times in three days, trying to check the American advance. They have checked it in some places, stopped it in others but they have been unable to hold on all

Yesterday's counter-attack came against troops moving east of Dead Woman hill toward the height on which Troina sits, commanding an important road junction. Two companies suffered heavy casualties but the attack was contained and the flanking move continued.

Near the battlefront I found Cpl. James Fike, of New Mexico, who gave the most

Eke, of New Mexico, who gave the most graphic description of the fighting to come from the front lines. He was in a heavy weapons company commanding a mortar squad.

"We went in the day before yesterday in darkness." Eke said as he wet his parched lips and blinked red, tired eyes. "We marched for two miles along the road to Troina while the enemy shelled

"And then, under cover of darkness, we went up Hill 1209. It was our job to support a rifle company in the attack. But when morning came we were pinned down by artillery fire and couldn't push on. Then, to complete things, the Germans attacked on our right with a barrage of 240-mm, mortar fire on our rifle troops.

Under Mortar Fire

"I fired two rounds but they began to drop mortars on us so fast we had to withdraw to the base of the hill to find better cover. There was only room enough for two good positions. My squad and another moved into them and set up for

Major Frank Gunn, of Crawfordville, Ga., climbed up the hill under fire and picked targets for us. Targets came in so fast all we had time to do was zero in one gun and begin firing. We fired one smoke shell to register in. Then enemy machine-gun squads started to change positions on the hill.

"As they came out of their holes we

"As they came out of their holes we laid nine rounds right on them and wiped them out. That gave the rifle troops a chance to get straightened out again and they held off the counter-attack on their right."

"Yesterday morning we advanced again to a better position on the bill. My mortar began firing and we knocked out one machine-gun position and probably another. While this was going on two

snipers were firing on Maj, Gunn, They kept it up all day.

"They drove us out for about an hour with air bursts. Those snipers must have had communication with artillery. We withdrew about 100 yards for cover.

"Last night our other two mortar sec-tions came around the mountain up the slope and we dug in. Then at 3 AM two rifle companies made a bayonet attack, supported by mortars and heavy machineguns. In the darkness one company by-passed a strong enemy position. They discovered what they'd done at dawn and turned to make a flanking attack. They gave the Germans a chance to surrender, and when they didn't they let 'em have it. There are a lot of dead Germans in that position today, "That's when we ran the Germans com-

pletely off Hill 1209."

Over beyond Dead Woman hill Pvt. Charles W. Tinsley, of Scotts Bluff, Neb., and his company of riflemen ran into the same sort of savage fighting, which tem-porarily balked the American advance.

Davn Attack

"We marched on the hill at dawn today thinking it had been taken," Tinsley said. We could see men moving on the skyline and we didn't figure they were Germans. But when we got two-thirds of the way to the top they opened up on us with machine-guns from the front and both flanks. A bullet went through my buddy's arm and nicked my arm as we lay side by side behind a rock. The fire was so heavy we fell back into a deep ravine. We'd shot up all our ammunition and there were several wounded. It was the damnedest thing I ever saw.

"Those Jerries could have killed us all if they had fired on us when we first started up the hill."

Pfc Sebio Galvan, of Santa Ana, Cal., Pfc Sebio Galvan, of Santa Ana, Cal., a gunner in the same company with Tinsley, said, "When they opened up on us I ran for a hole but a friend beat me to it, so I dived behind a rock. Then a shell burst nearby and my friend was hit. I carried him down the hill and did as much as I could for him before the medics arrived."

As Galvan went down the hill into a streambed he saw where the Germans had laid a field of anti-personnel mines.

"I took out 35 mines," Galvan said. In crossing the stream cows' hooves left holes in the mud. The Germans set mines in these holes and covered them with mud: But they'd done a bad job and it was easy to find them."

Tomorrow: Misery in Troina

Yanks in Sicily Demonstrating U.S. Regard for Others' Rights

WITH THE U.S. SEVENTH ARMY, Sicily, Aug. 9 (AP)—"To the victor belongs the spoils" is just a history-book phrase to the American soldier. Plate of the American soldier.

Doughboys fighting their way across towering Sicilian hills have neither the time nor inclination to loot or despoil

"It seems to be a fundamental charac-"It seems to be a fundamental characteristic of the American soldier to respect the property rights of others," one high officer said. "It has been gratifying to see them go into a captured city and see them respect the rights of others. That's part of their tradition and home training."

part of their tradition and home training."

This officer, from the office of the Seventh Army's Judge Advocate General, said so far as he knew there had not been a single case during the Sicilian invasion of American soldiers smashing windows of shops or breaking into homes in groups bent on looting unguarded property of Sicilian civilians, even though they are technically an enemy people. There have been isolated cases of individual soldiers succumbing to temptation, but these can be regarded as virtually negligible.

Palermo. Sicily's largest and richest

Palermo. Sicily's largest and richest city, was the best example in the invasion of the troops' observance of civil rights.

Palermo the afternoon and night of July 22 in a great drive slicing the island's defenses in half. A few Sicilian police, frightened, worried and disorganized, wandered about the streets with no leadership or authority. During those hours from the time the city surrendered until American civil affairs officers were able to get the government functioning open. to get the government functioning once again there was nothing to prevent sol-diers from looting darkened stores and homes except the Army's known policy and the men's own restraint.

Yet there was not a single case of troops violating civil property rights.

They were interested in collecting souvenirs, such as gaudy Fascist emblems, flags, swords and insignia. No one objected to their taking such useless objects from a political party which was even then in the last stages of collapse. But in most cases soldiers paid for the souvenirs at shops which did a rushing business in the disposing of Fascist trappings.

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Giants' Jolter

Agitators Ahead Border Conference InNorthIreland Diamond Loop

First Round Champion Blues Drop to Sixth

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BELFAST, Aug. 9—Apparently a waterproof outfit, the Agitators swam up to expectations last week and rose to leadership of the Northern Ireland Umbrella League for the first time since second-round play began.

Progress of Joe Aycock's outfit has been particularly interesting to NI diamond fans. Not so spectacular as the Blues, who were first round winners but stand today in sixth place, the Agitators worked along smoothly and may be able to hold their place for the championship series, now that they've gained it.

The Raiders, new Eighth Air Force outfit, will go into league play now. Although they cannot play Sunday games, they're after any exhibitions they can get. The Marines at Derry also want NI games, and have asked for a visiting nine there sunday, Aug. 15, with a return game at Belfast the week-end of Aug. 22. Contacts may be made through the Red Cross.

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These Marines are in the process of pulling one of the surprises of the Northern Ireland baseball season. The whole thing started early in June when Jerry Patrick, representing USNOB, came to Belfast and asked for games with anybody in the world, rain or shine.

Navy Well Equipped

He got quite a lot of service and has wen most of the arguments, but in the meantime trouble developed in his own back yard. The Marines, headed by Sgt. back yard. The Marines, headed by Sgt. Warren Robinson, claimed privilege of representing the base and challenged Navy to a five game series. So far this has come out a tie, 2—2. USNOB, with Sgt. Harry Barney and a new shooter, George Ertelf, husky right-hand storekeeper from Long Island, is pretty well equipped with pitchers—in fact about everybody on the team seems to be able to twirf on occasion. Navy has, of course, an added advantage based upon their particular type of service and equipment. Despite what gales and waters the winds of Ulster may

service and equipment. Despite what gales and waters the winds of Ulster may blow, these lads can always open up the slop chest and haul out oilskins, sea boots and hats for a contest with anybody. This is more than Army teams, America and possibly the Marines can do—but those Marines are worth watching.

Golf, Tennis Successful

The American Red Cross golf and tennis program has proved particularly successful. According to Miss Irene Boyce, batting in the program office for Frank Kammerlohr, who recently went to England, the month of July turned out 173 golfers and 33 tennis contestants, aside from tournament play. Golf and tennis equipment are issued on loan without charge, and there are plenty of good places to play.

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Arthur Anderson, veteran boxing and wrestling instructor, is marking time for the fall season, but in the meantime his battle-scarred noggin is hurting with a Big Idea—and, at least on first glance, it looks like a good one.

The Red Cross instructor, who runs the Queens University ring outfit and has been coaching winners around here for years, thinks the fight game—especially in a wartime army—shouldn't be confined to professionals or trained amateurs.

Novice boxing is what he wants to get

Novice boxing is what he wants to get going, he said Saturday. That is, training and instruction for the guy who never had a mitt on in his life.

The man who learns how to handle himself, either boxing or wrestling, is a better man for it," Anderson said. "He has new confidence in himself, and I think he would be a better soldier, because, after all, that's what an army is for—to fight."

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Folding for Duration

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., Aug. 9-The Border Conference, composed of colleges in Texas, Arizona and New Mexico, is folding up for the duration in view of the War Department's decision not to consider any more requests to allow soldiers to participate in intercollegiate athletics.

Two conference schools, New Mexico and Flagstaff (Ariz.) Teachers, with Navy and Marine detachments, will try to play football this season. The athletic futures of Texas Tech and Arizona University are at present doubtful. Definitely quitting are Temple, West Texas State, Hardin Simmons, New Mexico Aggies and Texas Mines.

Air Force Pros HitRoadToday

Barnstormers, Who Won At Wembley, Will Tour Britain

EIGHTH AIR FORCE HQ., Aug. 9—For the first time in the ETO an army team will go on a barnstorming tour, when Cpl. Bill Moore, of Greenville, S.C., takes his Air Force All-Star baseball squad, victors in Saturday's tilt at Wembley Stadium, on a tour of the British Isles starting tomorrow.

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This 30-day trip, which will be made by bus, plane, and boat, was instigated by Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, Eighth Air Force chief, and is under his personal supervision. The purpose of the tour is to give combat crews in outlying stations, who seldom have an opportunity for recreation, a chance to relax and see some creation, a chance to relax and see some good baseball and get their mind off

"There are a lot of combat crews in those stations who haven't seen a ball game this season, and this is our opportunity to do what we can for them," Moore said.

Minor League Results

International League

Sunday's Games

Montreal 5, Jersey City 4 (first game)

Montreal 2, Jersey City 0 (second game)

Newark 8, Rochester 1 (first game)

Newark 5, Rochester 1 (second game)

Toronto 3, Baltimore 1 (first game)

Toronto 10, Baltimore 7 (second game)

Syracuse 6, Buffalo 3 (first game)

Syracuse 3, Buffalo 2 (second game)

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Eastern League
Sunday's Games
Utica 2, Scranton 1 (first game)
Utica 5, Scranton 4 (second game)
Albany 2, Wilkes-Barre 0 (first game)
Albany 2, Wilkes-Barre 1 (second game)
Binghamton 2, Springfield 3 (first game)
Binghamton 2, Springfield 1 (second game)
Elmita 3, Harnford 2 (first game)
Elmita 3, Harnford 2 (first game)
Hartford 9, Elmita 0 (second game)
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Albany 53 43 552 Hartford 48 45
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American Association
Sunday's Games
Columbus 2, Milwaukee 1 (first game)
Milwaukee 1, Columbus 0 (second game)
Indianapolis 4, St. Paul 0 (first game)
St. Paul 9, Indianapolis 5 (second game)
Louisville 3, Minneapolis 2 (first game)
Minneapolis 5, Louisville 3 (second game)
Toledo 6, Kansas City 3 (first game)
Kansas City 3, Toledo 1 (second game)

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Southern Association

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New Orleans 10, Little Rock 8 (first game)
New Orleans 1, Little Rock 0 (second game)
Knoxville 14, Montgomery 4
Nashville 7, Atlanta 1 (first game)
Nashville 6, Atlanta 5 (second game)
Birmingham 4, Memphis 2 (first game)
Memphis 5, Birmingham 2 (second game)
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Knoxville 20 15 551 Memphis - 19 12 4
Nashville 1 7 7 500 Birmingham 1 22 3

Pacific Coast League Los Angeles 14. Sarday's Games San Francisco 4, San Diego 2 Seattle 13, Hollywood 3 Oakland 8, Portland 7

Oakland 8, Portland 7

W L Pet.

Los Angeles 84 30 737 Hollywood 52 63
San F'risco 72 41 637 San Diego 49 66
Seattle 58 55 513 Oakland 49 65
Portland 56 57 496 Sacramento 35 27



Paavo Nurmi Climbs Aboard Four-Minute Mile Bandwagon

HELSINGFORS, Finland, Aug. 9 (AP)—Paavo Nurmi, Finland's great runner who still jogs four to six kilometers two or three times weekly to keep in condition, is confident some runner-perhaps an American-will run four-minute mile.

"When you get a fine field, good competitors setting a fast pace and track conditions just right, surely someone will run a four-minute mile," said Nurmi, who hasn't engaged in competition himself since 1933.

He predicted that if Americans alter their training methods so long distance runners get workouts over fields and hills they'd become easily as outstanding as Haegg or Andersson. He added that good runners trained for many years and Americans couldn't expect to reach peak condition during college competition. They must run until they are 25 or 27

Nurmi, now 46, ran in competition until he was 36. He divides his time now between operating a men's shop, with its war problems of obtaining goods, and helping train boys in Finland's youth

"Everyone should begin training now for sports, for they'll be the generation to set, our new records, since many of our young athletes are now in the war," Nurmi

Haegg is easily the best all-round run-ner of the present day, added Nurmi, who expressed the belief that the greatest long-distance runner of all time was George, who died recently in England. George ran the English mile in four minutes, 12 and six-tenths seconds, a record which stood for 50 years.

Nurmi would like to see the United States invite Andersson to compete in the winter indoor season, predicting that the Swedish school teacher would make an excellent showing.

Ralph Montague Pitches Perfect Game for U.S. One

Pfc Ralph Montague, Detroit softballer, hurled himself into the ETO Hall of Fame Sunday afternoon as he pitched a perfect no-hit, no-run game for the U.S. One squad in the first half of twin bill, downing the — Engineer Brown Bombers, 6—0. Montague fanned 11 and not a man reached first.

Montague also hurled the second game, against the CMHQ outlit, giving up five knocks to win, 11—4. Lt. Tom Harris, of Harrisburg, Pa., who homered in the first contest, banged out a homer and a triple with the bags loaded as well as another three bagger with the sacks clear. Pvt. Marvin Witt, also of Detroit, batted in the remaining four runs with two homers with one aboard each time. In other games, RCAF downed U.S. Two, 2-1, in 13 innings while Headquarters took two games from two Engineer teams, 9-0, 6-4.



American League

Sunday's Games
New York 7, Philadelphia 1 (first game)
New York 8, Philadelphia 4 (second game,
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Washington 4, Boston 3 (first game)
Boston 4, Washington 3 (second game)
Detroit 8, Chicago 2 (first game)
Detroit 3, Chicago 0 (second game)
Cleveland 6, St. Louis 5 (first game, 14 inn-

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Yesterday's Schedule

National League

Sunday's Games Sunday's Games

St. Louis 8, Pittsburgh 6 (first game)
St. Louis 5, Pittsburgh 2 (second game)
Philadelphia 5, New York 1 (first game)
Philadelphia 8, New York 1 (first game)
Philadelphia 8, New York 2 (second game)
Boston 5, Brooklyn 4
Chicago 4, Cincinnaai 3 (first game)
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St. Louis 46 32 673 Chicago 46 53
Pittsburgh 54 46 540 Philadelphia 47 56
Cincinnati 54 47 535 Boston 43 52
Brooklyn 52 50 510 New York 37 63
Vesterday's Schedule

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Leading Hitters American League

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National League

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Herman, Brooklyn . 103 390 50 124

Cooper, St. Louis . 78 287 44 90

Vaughan, Brooklyn . 101 410 81 128

Tipton, Cincinnati . 102 369 54 114

Home Run Hitters

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American League—York, Detroit, 18: Keller, New York, 17: Stephens, St. Louis, 14. National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 16: Ott, New York, 14; DiMaggio, Pittsburgh, 13.

Runs Batted In

American League—Etten, New York, 74; Johnson, New York, 67; York, Detroit, 64.
National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 78; Herman, Brooklyn, 69; Ellioxt, Pittsburgh, 68.

Hans Crescent Golfers Win

The Hans Crescent golfers, downed the Pinner Hill Club, 4½ to 1½, at the Pinner Hill course Sunday.

Redbirds Have 13-Game Lead, Bombers Nine

Giants Slide Deeper Into Cellar After Double Loss to Phillies

NEW YORK, Aug. 9—The St. Louis Cardinals increased their National League lead to 13 full games at St. Louis yester-day as they captured both ends of a double-header from the Pittsburgh Pirates, 8-6 and 5-2.

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A four-run rally in the eighth brought the decision in the first game with homers by Lou Klein and Walker Cooper pacing the Redbirds' ten-hit attack. Harry Brecheen held the Bucs to eight scattered hits in the nightcap. Both Pirate runs were driven in by Frank Gustine, who made four of the Pirates' eight hits.

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At Ebbets Field, the Brooklyn Dodgers suffered their tenth straight defeat, losing to the Boston Braves, 5—4. Outfielder Elmer Nieman produced the winning run in the ninth when he followed Tommy Holmes' single with a double. Brave Hurler Nate Andrews was touched for ten hits and survived despite four errors by his team mates. Bill Lohrman, one of the few Dodger pitchers to go the entire route in the past month, yielded eight hits.

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The Philadelphia Phillies drove the New
York Giants still deeper into the cellar,
sweeping a twin bill, 5—1 and 8—2.
Blanked for seven innings by Cliff Melton
in the first game, the Phillies broke loose
for five runs in the eighth, including homers by Merrill May and Coaker Triplett.
Jack Kraus held the Giants to eight hits
for his seventh win. The only run he
yielded was Joe Medwick's homer in the
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The Quaker City lads buried the Giants under 15 hits in the nightcap as Al Gerheauser and Kewpie Barrett held the New Yorkers to five hits. Gerheauser, who was relieved for a pinch hitter in the seventh, was credited with victory number eight. The Cincinnati Reds divided a twin bill with the Cubs at Wrigley Field yesterday to climb to within half a game of second place in the circuit. The Bruins won, 4—3, in the opener, but Bucky Walters beat them in the nightcap, 10—2.

Eric Tipton blasted two homers and Bert Haas got one in the second tilt. A seven-run splurge in the fifth stanza of the contest gave the Reds their decisive margin. Eleven Reds batted in that inning, all but two getting hits. The Bruins scored their two markers on homers by Mickey Livingston and Bill Nicholson.

Chandler Racks Up 14th

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Just to make the odds even shorter that the World Series will be played at the Yankee Stadium and Sportsman's Park, the Bronx Bombers swept their two games with the Athletics at Shibe Park, 7—1 and 8—4. The twin triumph increased the Yankee lead to nine games over the Washington Senators, who split with the Boston Red Sox. Going to bat in the eighth inning, Johnny Lindell, Spud Chandler and Frankie Crosetti clouted homers in the first game to drive in four runs between them. Chandler hung up his 14th victory against three defeats.

Going to bat in the eighth of the second inning, the Yanks trailed, 3—1. They took a 4—3 lead, but the Mackmen tied the score in their half. In the tenth, Bill Johnson and Rollie Hemsley singled, then Ken Sears, batting for Pitcher Johnny Murphy, singled, scoring Johnson. Frankie Crosetti followed with another bingle, scoring Hemsley, after which Nick Etten sent in two more with a double.

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The Boston Red Sox split two with the Senators at Boston, losing the opener, 4—3, but coming from behind twice to the senators at Boston, losing the opener, 4—3, but coming from behind twice to take the second by the same score. Early Wynn held the Sox to one hit in the first eight innings of the first game, but was replaced by Alex Carrasquel when the Sox staged a three-run rally in the last inning.

Tigers, Chisox Tied For Third

George "Pinky" Woods, Boston rookie right-hander, pitched his first complete big league game and yielded 11 hits in the second game, but kept them well scattered. Mike Candini gave up the like amount, suffering his fourth setback.

The Detroit Tigers moved into a third place tie with the White Sox as they took both games of their double act, 8—2 and 3—0. Rudy York, Bengal first baseman, hit three homers to become the leading batter in that department with 18. His blows in the opener, combined with sixhit pitching by Virgil Trucks, were the big factors in overwhelming Chicago.

Veteran Tiger Hurler Tommy Bridges won the nightcap with four-hit ball, chalking up his pint game of the years.

chubby Dean climaxed five innings of brilliant relief pitching by winning his own game in the 14th inning over the St. Louis Browns, 6—5, the Tribe going on to win the second, 5—2. Two men were out and the bases loaded when Dean came to bat in the 14th. His single, made off George Caster, scored Jeff Heath. For five innings after relieving Mel Harder, Dean pitched shutout ball, allowing the visitors only two hits after they'd touched Harder for 11.

Jimmy Bagby recorded his 12th triumph in the clincher, limiting the Brownies to five hits. The Tribe jumped Bobo Newsom for all their five runs, driving him from the mound in the sixth.





Italy's Withdrawal Seen New Blows Due Her Mate Was Rude Topic of Axis Sessions

Effect on Balkans Stirs Fears in Berlin, Say Neutral Channels

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 9 (AP)-Italy's withdrawal from the war or her continua-tion as a member of the Axis appeared to be the subject of the major conferences both in Italy and Germany, hints from Berlin and Rome indicated

Rigid censorship continued to govern dispatches from neutral correspondents,

dispatches from neutral correspondents, but through private channels editors here received information pointing toward a new crisis in Italian affairs.

Withdrawal of Italy from the war, according to this information, is still the paramount question for Badoglio and other Italian officials to answer, and the answer was probably the subject of the council session Aug. 5 and the recent conferences of Hitler and other Nazi bigwigs.

Neutral correspondents have been able to write little about the momentous conferences, but the fate of Italy must have been a primary subject because of the effects an Italian withdrawal from the war would have on the Balkan countries.

One well-informed observer said Hungary, which controls German military communication lines into the Balkans, might try to discard the Axis halter if the Italians withdrew from the war and the Italians withdrew from the war and the Allies invaded Greece or Yugoslavia.

Despite speculation about political changes in Germany in the wake of the Fascist downfall and the flood of publicity given to Goering, competent observers discounted gossip that Hitler would be replaced.

Russo-Jap War Seen
MADRID, Aug. 9 (UP)—A neutral
diplomat here is willing to bet that Japan
will declare war on Russia this week,
following the meeting of German military

Sicily - - -

(Continued from page 1) bridgehead throughout the day, and

Messina was bombed continuously from

sundown to dawn for the second con-

Enemy troops and shipping in the one

hammered incessantly for eight hours by waves of RAF and RCAF Wellingtons. Randazzo suffered heavy new attacks, and

enemy rail and highway transport was hit again and again. Two small vessels were sunk off the coast.

mainland with attacks on roads and rail-way bridges at Catanzaro and Angitola, and railway yards at Reggio, Palma and San Giovanni.

Axis forces on the beach at Messina waiting to be taken to the mainland were bombed and strafed incessantly by large formations of Allied planes taking up at dawn where the RAF and RCAF left off.

The air blitz was carried to the Italian

secutive night.

Sources in Washington Predict Nazi Collapse

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 (UP)-The possibility of a general political collapse in Hitlerite Europe and a German military coup is being widely discussed in high Washington circles. A German military coup, it is said, would lead to a bid by the German army for peace before total defeat.

It is believed in Washington that new Anglo-American talks will be held soon in the light of recent events. These talks, it is assumed, will go further than discussions on Italy and might involve an acceleration of the entire Allied war plan,

and political leaders at Hitler's head-

quarters.

Reports from Vichy say the French believe Hitler is trying to persuade Japan to attack Russia immediately. The visit paid by the Japanese Ambassador in Berlin to Hitler is considered significant. Some neutral circles, however, believe Hitler has decided to make a final desperate appeal to Russia to make peace.

Goering Reports Discounted

BERNE, Aug. 9 (UP)—Reports that Goering has become the real leader of Germany are discounted in Swiss circles who have good connections with Ger-

Unrest Grows in Italy

MADRID, Aug. 9 (AP)—Peace demonstrations and unrest have increased throughout Italy despite the state of siege and heavy military rule, according to reports reaching Madrid.

Landings (Continued from page 1)

from three directions designed to strike at

Messina in the shortest possible time.

The Germans are still fighting fiercely, but prisoners' reports indicate that they are resigned to a hopeless struggle in Sicily in order to give Hitler time to premajor port remaining to the Axis were pare other plans.

American artillery on the north coast reported a successful duel with an Italian armored train that moved in and out of a tunnel behind the German lines, attempt-ing to assist the Nazis.

Elements of the Livorno and Assieta divisions may still be present in the bridgehead, but the Italian troops are a negligible factor.

Randazzo's capitulation may be expected as the next important Allied success. Heavy concentrations of Canadian and U.S. artillery augmented by Allied bomber fleets are available to crush enemy resistance there.

In Pacific, Hints Gen. MacArthur

U.S. Bombers Strike Jap Island Bases Near New Georgia

ALLIED HQ., Southwest Pacific, Aug. 9—Evicence of new and bigger Allied blows in the Pacific were mounting yesterday as Gen. Douglas MacArthur hinted that the "successes so far are small compared to what is coming."

As MacArthur was issuing his statement U.S. planes which have been pounding New Georgia for the past two months switched their attacks to another Jap base which may be the next objective in-the sweep up the Solomons.

The new air blows struck Vila airfield and Kape harbor on Kolambangara island, Japanese strongholds 30 miles from New Georgia. The U.S. planes dropped 63 tons of bombs on the airbase and no air opposition was offered, in-dicating that air blows already may have denied the Japs use of the airfield.

Land activity was quiet today but other Allied planes bombed Finschafen and Salamaua, in New Guinea, while heavy bombers attacked shipping lanes off New Ireland and Santa Isabel, in the Solo-

Normandie Is Afloat, Hull Called Excellent

NEW YORK, Aug. 9 (AP)—The U.S.S. Lafayette, formerly the French liner Normandie, was re-floated at high tide at 4,30 yesterday afternoon.

Engineers feared that it might become mudlogged last night as the tide receded, but the ebb tide passed without any change in the ship's position.

The ship had not yet reached the 45 degree angle required to float her to the

capt. B. E. Manseau, naval officer supervising the salvage, said the hull was "as good as it ever was." He said he expected the main turbines and auxiliary machinery would be found in good condition after cleaning.

The navy department announced that till now salvage had cost more than \$3,000,000 and would require another \$7,500,000 before the hull was ready for

Gremlins, GIOrchestra, ToBroadcast Tomorrow

"The Gremlins," 12-piece American soldier orchestra, will be featured in the fourth broadcast of a series made by Americans in the ETO, entitled "Uncle Sam's Boys Entertain," which goes on the air tomorrow night. It will go out from the Ipswich American Red Cross club from 6.30 to 7 in the BBC Forces program.



Associated Press Photo

Screen actress Jean Parker gnawed a thumb as she testified in the trial of her divorce suit in Los Angeles. Her husband, H. Dawson Saunders, a radio announcer, was rude to her friends, she claimed, and her movie contract suffered as a result. As a consequence, she was awarded her divorce.

Southport Bills **FirstAlliedBall**

SOUTHPORT, Aug. 9—Allied dances will be inaugurated at the American Red Cross Palace club here Wednesday night at 8 PM. Members of Allied forces will be admitted by invitation from their welfare officers or adjutants. Director Frank Kammerlohr hopes to make the dance a regular Wednesday affair.

Washington
Program for the week at the Washington Club,
Curzon St., Loadon, W1;
Wednesday—Beginners' conversational French
class, 7-9 PM; plano interlude, Miss Virginia
Brinkman, 8-9 PM;
Thursday—Beginners' conversational German
class, 7-9 PM; shorthand dictation practice, 7-9
PM; Mail Call radio program in lounge, 9-25 PM;
Variety show, 10-30 PM.
Friday—Beginners' conversational Spanish
class, 7-8,30 PM; shorthand dictation practice,
7-9 PM; movie, 8-30 PM.
Saturday—Dance, cafeteria, 8-30-11 PM.
Sunday—All-day outing, 9-30 AM.

Belfast
BELFAST, Aug. 9—The Blues and an all-star
English baseball team will oppose each other
Saturday at 3 PM an Ravenhill Park in a benefit
game for the RAF benevolent fund.
Program for the week:
Tuesday—Movies.
Wednesday—Date night.
Saturday—Dates. 8-11 PM.
Sunday—Pienic, 10 AM: Showmobile, 8 PM.

FW Shot Down Off Iceland REYKJAVIK, Aug. 9 (AP)—A lone Focke-Wulf was shot down by U.S. Army fighters over northern Icelandic waters.

Seven of the crew members were saved from a rubber dinghy by British Navy craft. Pilots credited with the victory were 1/Lts. Richard M. Holly, of Glendale, Ariz., and William E. Bethea, of Kenly, N.C.

NEWS FROM HOME

Record Crops In U.S. Meet Civilian Needs

War Will Be Shortened By Increased Output, Food Chief Says

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9-Despite the requirements of the armed forces and America's allies, record crops have assured the civilian population of a sufficient

the civilian population of a sufficient amount of good wholesome food, Marvin Jones, War Food Administrator, said in a radio address here.

Jones warned that in the coming year the farmers must continue their efforts in order to meet increased food quotas for 1944 which have been drawn up "to sustain life and carry the war to a successful conclusion." ful conclusion."

He predicted that the war's duration would be shortened by crops sufficient to feed American servicemen, soldiers of the United Nations, and the people of conquered countries.

18-Year-Olds May Get Vote

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 (AP)—Sen. Carl A. Hatch (D.-N.M.), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, announced yesterday that the committee would consider a proposed constitutional amendment to lower the vating age to 18 amendment to lower the voting age to 18. His statement followed a decision by the voters of Georgia in a referendum last week to lower the voting age in that state

Women Employees Praised

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9-Assistant Secretary of War Robert Patterson sent a congratulatory message yesterday to the women employees of the Army, prais-ing them for their skill and devotion to duty. His message came a week before the first anniversary of the order to all Army installations to replace male employees of selective service age with women wherever possible.

Anti-Inflation Drive Starts

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9-An anti-WASHINGTON, Aug. 9—An antiinflation advertising campaign has started
in 450 of the nation's leading magazines.
The first of the advertisements, which are
being contributed by the magazine publishers of America, bears the headline,
"If you are making more money watch
out." The ad declares that bidding for
scarce goods would start a dangerous inflationary spiral.

Grandmothers Teaching

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Aug. 9—Grandmothers will return to teach in southwestern Michigan schools to help relieve the teacher shortage caused by the war. Officials of Western State Teachers College said four grandmothers were among ten former teachers enrolled at the college for refresher courses preparatory to their return to teaching.

Awards - - -

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Heart was awarded to S/Sgt. Murel A. Murphy, while Capt. Donald M. Mc-Donald, of Eagle Butte, S.D., received an Oak Leaf Cluster to the DFC. The awards:

Oak Leaf Cluster to DFC Capt, Donald M, McDonald, Eagle Butte, S.D. Distinguished Flying Crosses

Sgt. Albert N. McMahan, Hopewell,

Maj. Lewis E. Lyle, Pinc Bluff,

Maj. Lewis E. Lyle, Pine Bluff,
California
Col. Alfred A. Kessler Jr., Sacramento; Majs.
Sydney T. Smith, Santa Barbara, and Allen G.
Russeil, Hollywood, Capt., Edwin C. Baker, Pasadena; 1/Lts. Richard R. Hopper, Fresno, and
Lyle D. Sherwood, Riverside; T/Sgt. Glenn S.
Carpenter; S/Sgts. Mitton Rolley, Santa Barbara,
Edward Z. Harmon, Tulclake, and Lucian W.
Means, Laguna Beach.
Colorado
1/Lt. Earle L. Steele, Elizabeth.

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Tuesday, Aug. 10

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5.45—Spotlight on Horace Heidt and his orchestra.

6.00—News (BBC).

6.15—Perseinal Album—Martha Mears sings your favorite songs.

6.30—G1 Supper Club with Cpl. Charlie Capps as your host.

7.00—Sports News—Latest baseball scores presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.

7.05—Prometade Orchestra—the BBC Symphony conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.

7.35—Downbeat—with Matty Malneck and his orchestra.

8.00—News From Home—a cross-section of America's headlines as presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.

8.10—Fred Waring.

8.25 Miniature—with Pvt. Stefan Krayk, violinist.

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8.30 Red Skelton—with Ozzie Nelson's orchestra and Harriet Hilliard.
9.001—Nows (BBC).
9.10 Moods in Music—Pfc Warren Bryan introduces Allen Roth, his orchestra and chottas.
9.25—Into Battle.
9.35—The Music Society of Lower Basin Street (BBC).
10.00—Final Edition—Latest world, ETO and sports news presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
10.10—Artic Shaw and his orchestra.
10.30—Sign off until Aug. 11 at \$.45 PM.

Capt. Darrol W. Rogers, New Britain (posthu-mous), and 2/Lt. Andrew M. Barba, Bristol, S/Sgts. Lucius M. Balsley, Lewiston (posthu-

1/Lt. Frank T. Imand. Miami. 2/Lt. John Lucas, Atlanta.

Missouri

1/Lt. Otis A. Hoyt. Dawn, and T/Sgt. Sidney
F. Hardaway, Kansas City.

Montana
1/Lt. Harry J. Thompson, Health,
Nebraska
T/Sgts. Charles E. Bennett, Platismouth, and
Bernard H. Koenig, Spencer.

1/Lt. Fred L. McIntyre, Reno,

Capt. Charles R. Gauque, Watkins Glen; T/Sgts. Jerome Marcus, Brooklyn, and Lawrence W. Isham, Watertown; S/Sgt. William C. Mul-grew, Brooklyn. Capt. Robert J. Nolan, Trenton,

North Carolina S/Sgt. Elwood F. Hairr, Salombur.

1/Lts. Willard W. Brown, Mentor, and Donald V. Hurlburt, Ada.; S/Sgt, Richard F. Boland,

Oklahoma

1/Li, James W. Montgoraery Jr., Maud.

Penasylvania

T/Sgt. John T. Kurz, Pittsburgh.

Hlinois

Capt. Ralph W. Hosman, Western Springs;
1/Lis, Jay J. B. Schatz and Charles E. Jones, Chicago; T/Sgt. Frederick B. Ziemer, Kankakee;
S/Sgts. Louis B. Bordon, Chicago, and Ralph Nakaniski, Waukegan.

Indiana

Capt. Jacob W. Fredericks, Wakarusa, and S/Sgt. Waldo B. Brandt, Denver.

Kanase

Terry and the Pirates

Col. Leon W. Johnson, Moline: S/Sgts. Max M. Westphal, Wichita, and George W. Henderson, Columbus.

1/Lt. Joe H. Roney Jr., Louisville, S/Sgt. Emile V. Bitter Jr., New Orleans. S/Sgt. Arthur L. Burnham, Corinna,

Massachusetts
T/Sgts. Francis J. Burns, Somerville, and
Richard J. Smith, Everett.

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Michigan
Capt. Waiter M. Soha, Crystal Falls, and T/Sgt.
Donald K. Steffee, Sturgis.

Minnesota
2/Lt. John C. Barker, Duluth, and T/Sgt.
Edmund L. Smock, Austin.

Mississippi
T/Sgt. B. Z. Byrd, Laurel, and S/Sgt. James
P. Goff, Lucedale.
South Dakota

Capt. Gale W. House, Sioux Falls.

Texas

1/Lts. Reginald L. Robinson, Kilgore, and Richard W. Clement, Bay City: Sgt. Earl R. Howard, Farmersville Woming

T/Sgt. John K. Crosshier, Powder River.

District of Columbia
Capt. Sanford T. Smith; 1/Lts. Robert G.
Abb, Robert H. Bennett, Robert H. Bowcock,
John R. Shoup and Russell B. West; T/Sgts.
Robert D. Dwiggins, William C. Gray, Carl W.
Hunter, James V. Lagrossa, Joseph C. Marcelonis
and William J. McDonald; S/Sgts, Clarence S.
Coomes and Charles T. Woodward.

Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart S/Sgt, Murel A. Murphy, Manhattan.

Purple Heart Col. William M. Gross, Riverside: 2/Lts. Edwin G. Lamme, Fresno, and John W. Bersinger, Los Angeles: T/Sat. Arthur P. Christen, Merced: S/Sat. Murcl W. Ellis, Southgate.

S/Sat. Frank J. Yekovich, Canon City, Sgts. John R. Dudla, Bridgeport, and Walter G. Berthold, Rickville,

S/Sgt. Frank E. Garmon, Atlanta.

S/Sgt. John M. Price, Edgemere,
Illinois
2/Lts. Raymond E. Walls, Chicago, and John
T. Boyle, Elmwood Park; Sgt. Donald S. Sherman, Batavia.

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Indiana

1/Lt. Carl W. Brink Jr., Logansport. 1/Lt. William M. Mones Jr., North Middle-

2/Lt. Walter F. Carnal Jr., Lecompte. Massachusetts

2/Lt, Luther S. Pierce, Fairhaven; S/Sgt.

James W. McKeon, Dorchester.

2/Lts. Douglas L. Sheets, Hazel Park, and Carl A. Hokans, Holly.

1/Lt, Frank N, Ashley, St, Paul,
Missouri
S/Sat, John D, Miles, Liberty,
Nebraska
S/Sat, Dean L, Wyland, Alliance,

2/Lt. John R. Evans, Nutley. 2/Lts. Stephen W. Peck, New York, and Leonard Bigelow, Lockport; S/Sgts, Vincent J. Bradner, Piermont, and George J. Gabriel, Auburn; Sgt. Clair E. Dickinson, Bloomingburg.

North Carolina
2/Lt, Benjamin C, Fincher, Mathews,
Ohlo
S/Szt. Edward L, Allen, Lakewood.

Sgt. Leonard F. Cruzan, Picher.

S/Sgts. John A. Leary, Philadelphia, and John E. Frey, Pittsburgh.

South Carolina S/Sgt. Howard E. Moody, Dillon. S/Sgt. James E. Smoot, Dukedom.

1/Lt, Noble M, Johnson, Brady; S/Sgts, Mike C, Milliff, Refugio, Merle D, Causey, Ennis, Joe A, Bullard, Madisonville, Robert R, McDonald, Velasco, and Rodolpho A, Villarreal, La Feria; Sgt. John Gutterrez, Houston.

2/Lt. Roland M. Smith Jr., Salt Lake City. Virginia 2/Li. Joseph A. Butler, Norfolk.

T/Sgt. Joshua E. Rowton, Molson; S/Sgt. August F. Warden, Renton, S/Sgt. Michael J. Drieling, Adell.

Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal

Capt. Elmer McTaggart, Richmond. T/Sgt. Jack Luchrs, Ontario.

S/Sgt. Dale Markland, Ogden. Maj, Clyde G. Gillespie, Salem

2/Lt. Douglas C. Hoehn, Eau Chire, District of Columbia 1/Lts. Robert H. Bennett and Robert G. Abb; S/Sgt. Charles T. Woodward.

Air Medal

2/Lt. Walter Yerby Tooke, Pueblo. 2/Lt. Edward L. Haight, Fort Myers.

2/Lt, Joseph E. Wemheuer, Chicago; M/Sgt. Burron A. Davis, Mt. Morris.

1/Lt. Clarence P. Gisel, Hutchinson, Louisiana S/Sgt. Claude T. Cook, Leesville

Capt. James D. Briggs, Great Falls.

Capt. James S. Wright, East Cleveland; 1/Lts. Robert R. Clark, Jefferson, and Walter D. Shade, Waynesfield. 1/Lt, John R. O'Brien, Scranton,

1/Lt. Howard R. Nielsen, Yankton. T/Sgt. Arthur B. Cox, Fountain City. By Milton Caniff







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