

Allies Link Up, Trap Big German Force

Reds Plunge By Kharkov To the North

Vast Encircling Thrusts Around City Menace Whole Donetz

MOSCOW, Aug. 10—Swiftly moving columns of the Russian Army swept past Kharkov on the north yesterday and set up artillery in range of the railway which the Germans are using as an escape route from the great industrial city of the Ukraine.

Heavy battles were raging all along a wide arc-shaped front around the city as the Soviets pursued the Germans, who were reported to be abandoning equipment and war supplies in their westward flight.

The Russian thrusts, it appeared from late reports from the front, are vast pincer moves which would encircle Kharkov, and if successful menace all the German positions in the Donetz region.

Ten Miles From Kharkov
The Russians, only ten miles from Kharkov in the north, have entered Slavino, near the Kharkov-Poltava railway, the main German escape route to the west, and also Nikitovka, nine miles north of the Poltava line, and Murafa, eight miles north of it.

The entire German left flank about Kharkov may crumble before large Soviet mechanized forces which are fanning out northwest, southwest and west from Byelgorod.

Many German strongholds have already been encircled as the main enemy forces withdraw so fast that they have not the time to blow up the roads. Some of the bridges are intact.

Pursue the Germans
The Russian motorized columns are in hot pursuit of the enemy masses fleeing over the steppes. The number of prisoners taken is rising hourly. The German casualty figures in killed and wounded are also mounting as the Russian drive gains momentum.

The Russian advance on the Kharkov-Poltava line is the gravest threat to the Germans in Kharkov itself. If this line is cut, the Germans will have only one line of retreat open to them—the railway leading towards Dnepropetrovsk, 80 miles away.

Russian bombers are hammering both these railway lines. Concentrated attacks have been made at key points on both railways since the Russians succeeded in cutting the German northern lines of escape from Kharkov.

Advance in North
The Russian advance has continued on the northern sectors where, in some areas, the Germans are fighting bitterly in an effort to stem the advance. Small groups of tanks and infantry are counter-attacking occasionally with aircraft in support. But dozens of towns and villages are falling into Russian hands every day.

German resistance is stiffer in the Briansk area, 200 miles north of Kharkov, where a simultaneous Russian advance is being made against the stubborn defense of the German rearwards.

Revolt in Bulgaria Seen If Kharkov, Briansk Fall

ANKARA, Turkey, Aug. 10 (UP)—A revolution in Bulgaria would follow within a week the recapture of Briansk and Kharkov by the Russians, so precarious is the position of the present Bulgarian regime, according to reports in diplomatic quarters here.

King Boris, Premier Filov and the cabinet would be overthrown and the country possibly proclaimed a republic, these quarters predict. Some even go so far as to say that Bulgaria may elect to become part of the Soviet Union. (Russia is regarded as the liberator of Bulgaria, and the nation has consistently refused to join Germany in the Russian Campaign.)

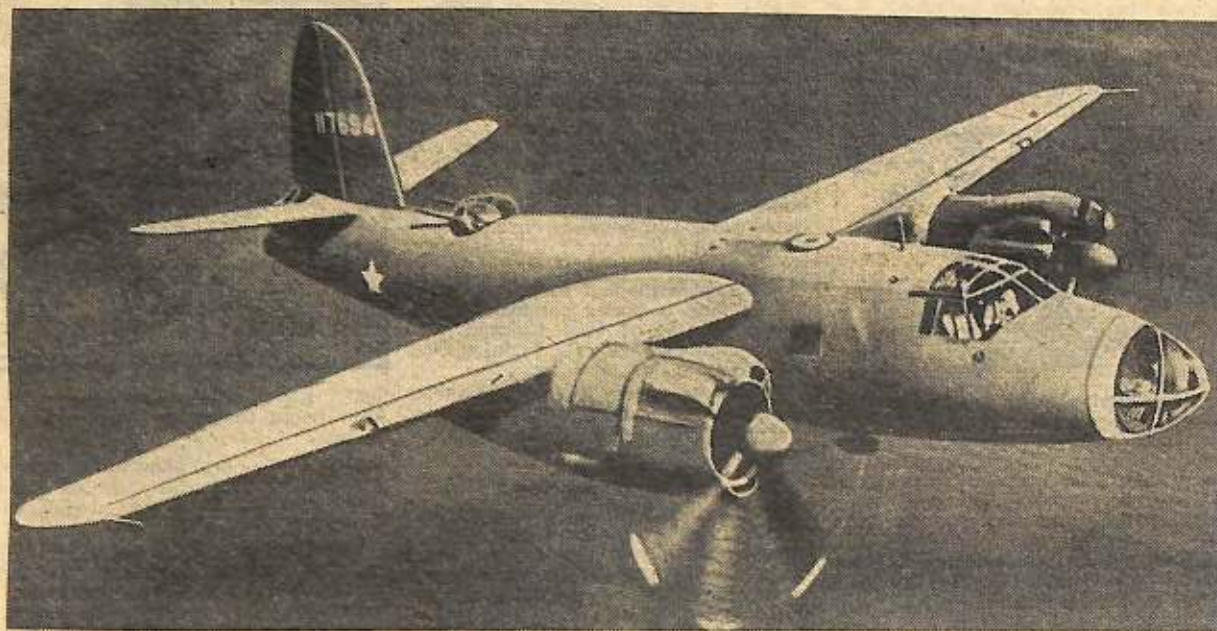
Churchill Goes to Canada For Talks on War Plans

QUEBEC, Canada, Aug. 10—Prime Minister Winston Churchill is in Canada for conferences on the conduct of the war, it was announced here last night.

The British Premier is scheduled to confer with President Roosevelt and Canada's Prime Minister, Mackenzie King, on war plans.

Mr. Churchill's presence here seemed to preclude any chance of the long hoped for tri-Allied conference between Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin.

B26 Used for Medium and Low-Level Attacks Here



This is the U.S. Martin B26 Marauder, a speedy cigar-shaped two-engine bomber, which the Eighth Air Force has been using for medium level bombing. The plane was taken off the secret list yesterday by ETO air officials.

B26 Marauders In Action Here

Eighth Air Force Takes Medium Bomber off Secret List

The Eighth Air Force took the wraps off its latest weapon of attack yesterday with an announcement that the medium bomber which has been in operation from the ETO since May 14 is the Martin B26 Marauder.

The B26 is a twin-motored, high-wing, low and medium level bomber which has been used in every theater of war by almost every Allied air force. According to figures released for publication, it carries 2,400 lbs. of bombs at a maximum of 330 mph. The seven-man crew handles an armament placed by the press releases at eight .50 cal. machine-guns. The operational bomb load is less than 75 per cent of capacity.

The first appearance of the B26 in this theater on May 14 was a success, the planes attacking Velsen, Holland, at tree-top height and all returning to the base. Three days later, however, ten ships were lost in one operation. The disaster was followed by an order which took the mediums off operational duty for two months while new tactics were worked out.

On July 17 the 26s tried the new plan of attack; that of bombing from a medium altitude while covered by a heavy escort of Spitfires around them and P47s above. The raid was successful and all the bombers returned to their base. Since then they have made ten more raids, using the new tactics, and have lost only two planes.

Pilots consider this evidence enough to refute charges made by the Truman committee for the investigation of national defense that the plane was not capable of withstanding heavy flak and fighter attacks. To the charge that the 26 was so "hot" it required a specially trained pilot to fly (Continued on page 4)

Hitler's Paper Frankly Appeals For Loyalty on the Home Front

Adolf Hitler's own newspaper, the Berlin Voelkischer Beobachter, made a frank appeal yesterday for loyalty on the home front as the people's attitude toward the Reich military reverses in Russia and Sicily and the heavy bombing of German cities became a paramount element in the Axis plans for carrying on the war.

The Beobachter appeal was one of several hints yesterday of a swift decline in German morale and a sharp swing away from the Nazi party. Addressing persons leaving Berlin in fear of Allied bombings, it counseled a continuation of the "exemplary conduct" they had shown so far. It also admitted the Allied air offensive had not been "calculated with and is today the special worry of the German leadership."

A remarkably outspoken report on conditions in Germany appeared yesterday in the Zurich newspaper Neue Zuercher Zeitung, one of the most conservative and reliable in Switzerland.

It said the German people were bewildered by Mussolini's fall, staggered by Allied air raids and rapidly losing all faith in Hitler.

"The departure of Mussolini has had an even worse effect on public opinion in Germany than the fall of Stalingrad," it said.

Even the German leaders needed time to recover from their surprise. Their day-long silence resulted in a flood of uncontrollable rumors which only made worse the falling morale of the Germans, already badly weakened by the British air offensive.

"Vague hopes of a German victory have turned into serious misgivings which, although not openly expressed, weigh heavily on the minds of the people."

"The accumulation of bad news is shaking even the firmest believers in Hitler."

Airborne General Missing
CHARLOTTE, N.C., Aug. 10 (AP)—Brig. Gen. Charles L. Keerans, commander of the Airborne Division on the Sicilian front, is officially reported missing.

How Yanks Landed Behind Enemy

By a Stars and Stripes Reporter With Landing Force

Accompanying the raiders who landed behind German troops on Sicily's north coast and helped crack the northern anchor of the German line was Sgt. Jack Foisie, 23, of Berkeley, Cal., a staff writer of The Stars and Stripes. Here is his account:

By Jack Foisie
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH U.S. FORCES ADVANCING ALONG THE COAST, Northern Sicily, Aug. 8 (delayed)—We landed miles behind the enemy lines at 0300 hours this morning.

Our mission was to fight through beach defenses to the high tableland a mile inland, cut the coastal road to San Agata, and isolate entrenched Germans blocking the U.S. advance along the coast. Alone and without hope of reinforcements, we were to hold off for 24 hours the bulk of Axis forces to the east, while at the same time keeping the net tightly closed around the enemy, caught between us and the American lines.

"It's a chance few outfits get, so let's cut the rug and knock them all the way back to Messina," said the leader, Lt. Col. Lyle W. Bernard, of Highland Falls, N.Y.

Five hours after the first assault boat had touched sand we were firmly entrenched in the hills and had smeared all German traffic going in either direction. By noon, the town of San Agata had fallen. At 1241, 14 hours ahead of schedule, contact was established with advanced elements of the main American forces.

The unparalleled success of the daring, knifeline thrust at the

Escape Port Of Messina Hammered

Americans Seized 1,500 Prisoners in Landings Behind Enemy

A large force of Germans apparently was trapped west of Mount Etna yesterday as British columns from Bronte and Americans from Troina joined forces south of Randazzo, sewing up a deep pocket reaching almost to Regalbuto.

The Germans, fighting a rearguard action between Cesaro and Bronte, were caught between the two columns advancing northward on approximately parallel courses. How many were able to escape before the advance patrols linked up remained a question last night.

For the fifth successive night bombers and fighters attacked landing craft on Messina beaches, bombed coastal installations and caused large explosions and fires. The Germans are withdrawing their less important men and materials. The anti-aircraft fire over Messina was described as heavier than that of the latest London defense barrage.

Flying Fortresses rained bombs on the Messina crossroads where all motor transport between the front and the base must pass, and P49s patrolling the Messina straits destroyed 20 small barges. Six small enemy ships were sunk off the north coast near Milazzo.

The whole front saw "slow, steady progress" in spite of lavish use of dynamite

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by the retreating Germans to block roads in front of their pursuers. Allied airmen blasted the enemy escape route across the Messina straits without a break.

Allied headquarters meanwhile disclosed that Sunday's bold landing behind the German line on Sicily's north coast was a "highly successful" operation that destroyed important enemy installations and netted 1,500 prisoners, five times the number at first reported.

The success of the American landing in the rear of the Germans at Terra Nuove, five miles southwest of Cape Orlando, pushed the American Seventh Army's lines forward to the cape, within 45 miles of Messina. American heavy cruisers lent powerful assistance here, shelling enemy positions behind rock barriers in the hills.

British warships, throwing shells ashore along the east coast, backed up the Eighth Army pushing north from Acireale. The British took Pedaro, five miles inland from Acireale, and drove on toward Giarre, eight miles further north.

Randazzo, next goal of the forces advancing along the circular highway to the west and north of Mount Etna, already is under artillery fire, Algiers reports said. Fighter-bombers have been raiding it heavily in recent days.

Reports from the front said the Germans have made the whole fighting area "an engineer's paradise." No longer attempting to conserve dynamite, they blew up everything that would impede the (Continued on page 4)

WD Personnel Chief Here For Talks With ETO Heads

Maj. Gen. Miller G. White, chief of personnel of the War Department, has arrived in Great Britain for important conferences on military personnel in the ETO and a tour of the area, it was announced yesterday. Accompanying him were Brig. Gen. Russel B. Reynolds, chief of the military personnel division, Army Service Forces, and Col. Otto L. Nelson Jr., assistant to the deputy chief of staff of the Army.

Gen. White said the group expects to remain in the ETO several weeks, visiting as many installations as possible.

Three Jap Peace Offers Turned Down by Chinese

CHUNGKING, Aug. 10 (UP)—Japan has put out peace feelers to China three times in the last two months, but China has rejected them all, it was disclosed by a reliable authority here today.

The Japanese, it was said, offered to return to the status of July 7, 1937, with Japan getting economic rights in north China but promising completely to abandon her aspirations in central and southern China.

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A Good Suggestion

Courtesy is understood and appreciated the world over. In time of war, as in time of peace, those who are thoughtful of others help make this world a better place in which to live.

While courtesy was not included in the Atlantic Charter, it must be used in building the better world we now discuss in broad generalities, and usually on an economic plane. A concrete and practical suggestion for its wider use has been made by Adelbert Weston of Noesho, Missouri, and we pass it along for your consideration. Writes Mr. Weston:

"I recall being a patient at Mayo's Clinic in Rochester, and what impressed me most about Rochester was the courtesy of drivers towards pedestrian patients. You see, the streets are unusually wide and there are many convalescents there who can barely navigate. Drivers always stop for pedestrians and give them five minutes to cross the street if necessary.

"Now it occurs to me that our boys who have been away from home have had many different courtesies shown them that made a particular impression on them. Why couldn't a canyass be taken to discover what courtesies have pleased them most, and then, say, select ten as their Commandments with the idea of educating the American public to practise these towards everyone. It would be just as easy as teaching the driving public to dim their lights for approaching cars."

We believe there is real value in the Weston idea, and pass the suggestion along in the hope every soldier in this theater will submit to us a list of courtesies which have been shown to him in Great Britain. Those most widely appreciated, if compiled and adopted, might go far toward eliminating the friction that results in war. Certainly an effort to pass on courtesies we have enjoyed is worth our serious consideration; so send us your list addressed to Courtesy Department, Stars and Stripes, c/o The Times, Printing House Square, London.

Guide to Progress

A guide to the Arctic Circle now accompanies every Army Air Forces pilot required to fly across the top of the world. Entitled "Arctic Emergencies" the new booklet is carried by every flier who makes a flight in the far north. Prepared by the Safety Education Division of the Army Air Forces, it covers all phases of life in the Arctic in a brief but informative fashion. It tells, for example, how to make suitable goggles to ward off treacherous snow blindness, and how to increase the warmth and protective qualities of regulation flying suits.

Dietary tips for the flier forcefully grounded in the far north include the warning polar bear livers are poisonous (so are polar bears) and a note that pilots who might be tempted to live on rabbits because they are abundant can easily die of "rabbit starvation."

The guide points out there are many good things to eat in the Arctic Circle, including mountain cranberries, blueberries and boiled reindeer moss. In the fish and meat line, cod livers, seal hearts and kidneys, and caribou pelvis come highly recommended.

The guide explodes the persistent belief that a frostbitten part should be rubbed with snow or ice, and tells how to mark trails, improvise snowshoes, sledges, shelters, skis and rafts from airplane parts.

We expect few of us will ever need the advice contained in the booklet; but it points a trend in aviation well worth noting. Planes are now flying everywhere in all kinds of weather, and the Arctic route to many parts of the world is by far the shortest.

One day, thousands of us will make the flight from America to Norway and Sweden via the North Pole and never give the route a second thought. That's progress.

Hash Marks

Military influence on civilian life Dept.: Ye old staid city of Boston is strongly opposed to young lads swimming off the waterfront piers in the nude. Many of the fellows can't afford bathing suits; so they fool the coppers by camouflaging their bodies with splashes of mud and stuff.

A Patriotic GI back home gave this war bond deal a new twist. Stopping at a booth, he told the pretty salesgirl, "I'll buy all the 25 cent stamps you can lick in ten minutes." He had to pay her \$48.75.

The Bronx—northernmost province of New York City and home town of a famous cheer—has been invaded! The



area is suffering a nightly aerial invasion by an odd species of cockroach. The critters are about two inches long, have fuzzy legs and a strong facial resemblance to Hirohito, civilians sav. They frighten housewives, upset children, and saloon-keepers report they have a horrible effect on the late bar trade. The borough's sanitation corps has marshalled its forces and expects to have the situation well in hand within the week.

Paging Dr. Goebbels, the GIs in N. Africa are hep to your fabrications. In fact, Nazi newscasters give the troops a laugh or two every time they go on the air. Here's the latest "scoop" to bring down the house. A Berlin radio announcer, speaking English, related gleefully that "A flood had destroyed all the coffee plantations in the region of Coffeyville, Kansas."

Chaplain B. B. Fordham of the Service Group has a thumb-nail description of the starry-eyed GI's strolling around ETO these days—"WAAC Happy."

Food will win the war (?). From Switzerland comes the report that Allied planes are dropping lavish dinner menus



to German troops on the eastern front—troops said to be half-starved because of Nazi transportation breakdowns.

"Sighted Mosquito—Sank Same" is the latest communique from the tropical battle zones. Soldiers in the pest-infested areas are being supplied with bombs to use against mosquitoes and flies. Popped in a tent, it will clear the atmosphere in a matter of minutes.

PRIVATE BREGER



"Did you hear a shot?"

Troina's People Lived Like Cattle

Huddled Five Days in Cellars, Foodless, As Battle Raged

By Don Whitehead

WITH U.S. SEVENTH ARMY. Troina, Aug. 6 (delayed) (AP)—The miserable, frightened people of Troina—their homes pillaged of food by retreating Germans—crept into the streets of their war-raped mountain village today welcoming victorious American troops.

For days these grey-faced men, women and children had huddled in mortal terror while bitterest, most savage fighting of all the Sicilian campaign raged on the ridges and in the valleys below. For five days and nights cannon had rumbled and bombs and shells burst about them. They had lived like cattle in dark, filthy stone houses and cellars until suddenly the cannonading and bombing ended. Then there was only the crunch of Doughboys' shoes on stone streets.

At 8.15 AM the first American troops led by their company commander, Lt. Everett Booth, of East Chicago, Ill., marched into Troina. The Fighting First had done it again.

The troops found Troina a shambles—an unhappy, maimed city of pain, fear and misery. It was caught squarely in the path of war.

We're Americans

In the municipal hall company commanders and carabinieri gathered to organize security and defenses. More than 300 German and Italian prisoners were brought in. A middle-aged, neat little woman walked up and said in perfect English, "We are Americans and so happy you are here at last."

Behind her were her American-born twin daughters, Mildred and Sata, and her son Vincent, a handsome youth who spoke good English. Mother and son acted as interpreters for troops.

The woman was Mrs. Rose Pennisi. She and her husband Angelo ran a millinery shop at 1039 Second Avenue, New York, until 1929, when Angelo decided to return to his native Sicily. They set up a shop in Catania but fled to Troina to escape bombings and shelling after the invasion.

"People are happy that the Americans are here," she said. "I swear to God that's true. Most Italians don't want to



fight. Italian soldiers have been going from house to house begging civilian clothes."

Mrs. Pennisi said hundreds of people found sanctuary in the cathedral when shells and bombs began to fall on Troina.

"We have been living there for days and days," Mildred shuddered. "It was terrible. We were packed in like sardines. We couldn't lie down to sleep because there were too many of us. We took turns sleeping in chairs."

"It was horrible," Mrs. Pennisi said. "The priest, mayor and hospital staff left and there was no one to keep order. The wounded were brought into the church and their cries and moans kept us awake. There were no toilets so people used the floors. The sisters from the nearby convent did what they could, but there was nothing much anyone could do with so many of us jammed together."

"Now, thank Heaven, my people are here. Oh, I'm going back to the United States as soon as possible and take my children. I have one son William in the American Army now and I pray he's all right."

I walked through a passageway into the

base of a thick-walled Norman church, built in the 12th century. Here was the black hole of Troina—scores upon scores of people living all over one another. The stench of sweating bodies, garlic and human excrement was appalling.

Each family had brought bundles of bedding, clothing and food which they guarded jealously and no one moved lest another usurp his few feet of space. Children climbed over one another and over their parents. Babies whimpered. A father fed a year-old child with meat and beans with a knife from a can of American Army rations.

"There was no milk," Mildred said. "Many of these children are starving."

People lived in two large rooms. There was a third room but it was filled with debris from a bomb hit.

Along one wall was a row of old men staring listlessly. They seemed to have neither strength nor will to move. Next to them a wounded man groaned while another held him in his arms and wept.

He looked at me and said in broken English, waving his hand at the mass of miserable humanity, "The great Mussolini did this."

How Yanks Landed Behind Foe's Lines

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hazards of the operation. It was a grimly silent band of raiders—"and don't call us Rangers; we are just infantrymen"—who assembled in invasion craft off the beach where the landings were to be made. Many of these same Yanks, on another Sunday morning just nine months ago, had been first in at Fedala, in French Morocco. They had been first at Licata, in Sicily.

"I never thought we'd make another one on this island," muttered Lt. Robert F. Ferrell, of San Francisco, who led the first wave. They pulled away from the landing craft manned by American sailors shortly after two o'clock. With them went combat engineers, led by Lt. Walter W. Wagner, of Aroka, Minn., who were to clear the beach of mines and barbed wire so that the second wave, mobile artillery and tanks, could reach

the highway quickly and cut the German supply line.

At 0245 o'clock American 155-mm. "long toms" opened a barrage on a railroad station two miles east of San Agata. The station marked our proposed beachhead and the fire of explosions was to be our direction pointer. The barrage was to lift at 0300 o'clock—our "H" hour—and be shifted to our objective—high tableland.

"They will point it out to us like a candle in the sky," said the colonel.

The point at which we landed was not defended, had no barbed wire and no mines. A point to the east appeared to be heavily fortified.

Those first few minutes after the landing were anxious ones for us in the second wave.

When no sound came from shore we grew apprehensive.

"No landing can be that quiet," muttered S/Sgt. Lorne Heipel, of Detroit. Not even the flash of tracer fire—only an occasional falling star to mock us. But finally a blinker light flashed its story of success: "Landing unopposed—come on in."

We came ashore in amphibious "ducks." On either flank boats raced shoreward with mobile artillery, tanks and bulldozers to clear the way. We passed destroyers lying at pointblank range off a fifteen hundred yard beachhead ready to blast any shore defenses which "so much as yawned."

The sleepy enemy had gotten a few machine-guns in action by the time we landed, but they were quickly wiped out by rifles, grenades and bazookas. Already the engineers were laying wire matting over the sandy beach, and the metallic sound of sledgehammers "nailing it down" was the only noise to break the uneasy quiet.

Temporarily Lost

For a time we were unable to find the way through to the road. It was imperative we leave the beach before the 88s could be turned against us. Already fire from the grove beyond had sprung up.

A tank smashed an opening through the beick stormwall and squeezed through a narrow railroad culvert beyond. We followed on foot, for the "ducks" were unable to make it.

Our surprise attack had flushed a bevy of Germans. Small arms fire and hand grenades sputtered throughout the orchard. Everyone was shouting the countersign, even the Germans who had soon picked it up. So great was the confusion that there was more noise than damage.

Officers and key non-commissioned men quickly sensed a mistake in direction and the troops swung east to reach their objective. This, plus the fight in the orchard, put us behind schedule and we made haste to get to higher ground. Thunderous explosions of 88s about 30 yards to our right were an added incentive. But the guns from the destroyers

and cruisers further offshore soon finished off that troublemaker.

Resistance increased as we reached the road. The Jerries who had escaped from the orchard were in the hills now, warning comrades who manned cement pill-boxes overlooking the road. Our progress slowed down to a nerve-racking walk or crawl. Already gray dawn which would unmask us was on the horizon.

Any point of resistance which delayed us more than momentarily brought a call: "Bazookamen up forward."

We left the road and climbed. Despite the pressing time factor, it became necessary to call frequent halts. Men who carry mortars, machine-guns and ammunition must rest and accompanying riflemen must protect them. Every halt drew immediate heavy fire from the enemy entrenched on higher ground. It called for cool heads, and the Americans had them.

On the road mobile 105s and tanks were churning up and down, protecting the flanks. Two Mark Fours trying to escape were caught in San Agata's main street by artillery, and for an hour those symbols of German might burned fiercely, throwing black smoke over the town.

Tanks roamed through the town, spraying sniper-infested houses with machine-gun fire. A Sherman tank driven by Pvt. George F. Stinger, of Madison, Wis., overran and smashed an Italian tankette.

Only Basic Ammunition

By 8 o'clock we were secure in the hills. But the delay in getting the "ducks" loaded with ammunition, through the stormwall had left us with only basic ammunition. That's not a very healthy condition when there are Germans on three sides of you.

The next four hours were the most trying. Prisoners indicated some of the enemy had pulled out last night, leaving only a skeleton holding force in the ridge which had stymied the American advance four days.

The navy continued to throw in a salvo now and then, and Allied planes provided cover although Axis bombers did slip through once to have a try at our fleet.

But those demon 88s, well dug in, were beginning to get our range, and try as we did those German machine-guns who seemed never to run out of ammunition could not be entirely cleaned out. Sometimes I tried to imagine they were our machine-guns, but unfortunately Hitler's variety sounds off with a brittle rapid snort, while the Yankee make gives forth like a barber cutting hair with hand clippers.

It looked bad when shortly before noon a column was reported marching eastward along the coastal road. A company in reserve was sent out to deal with the new threat.

At 1241 a sweatsoaked runner, Pvt. Frank McElreath, of Simpsonville, S.C., raced up to the battalion command post. "We are here to relieve you sir," he said. "My battalion is just a little piece out of town now."

Red Sox Gain Initial Victory In Depot Tilts

Ordnance Cardinals Still Lead in Softball Playoffs

By Irv White

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

ORDNANCE DEPOT, Aug. 10—The Red Sox (Engineers) batted around in the last half of the fifth inning to tally six times and defeat the Cardinals (Ordnance MTS), 6-1, for their initial victory in the softball "Little World Series" at this station. T/5 Charles Smith, Lancaster, Pa., held the Cards to four hits as they sustained their first loss in 15 contests. The series standing is Cards two, Red Sox one. Smith's triumph evens his count with his rival Sgt. Mike Neshimka, of Elizabeth, N.J., at one-all.

Neshimka held the Engineers to one hit going into the fifth. He led 1-0 as a result of a Card score in the second and then the dam broke. Top-kick Bob Carpenter, of Cincinnati, singled, Catcher T/5 Bill McKernan, of Chicago, walked, and T/5 Harry Klocinski, of Toledo, Ohio, singled to score Carpenter with the tying run. The bases were loaded as Third Baseman T/5 Everitt Hartshorn, of New Egypt, N.J., juggled a grounder by Pfc Clark Ewing, of Gorin, Mo. Then Neshimka got into hot water as he walked Right Fielder Cad to force in the tie-breaking counter. Another bobble by Hartshorn, a run-scoring fly by T/5 Albert Robbins, of Baltimore, and the final hit of the frame by Shortstop T/5 Glenn Stokes, of Lima, Ohio, all combined to make up the total.

Yankees Nose Out Dodgers

In the third of their five-game post-season series, the Yankees (Co. A) took a 2-1 lead as they nosed out the Dodgers (Co. C) by the same score in ten innings. The Bombers were ahead, 1-0, as the Bums came to bat in their half of the seventh. They knotted the count on singles by First Baseman McDaris and Center Fielder Tyszk. Pitcher T/3 A. O. Jackson, of Muncie, Ind., had previously put his team ahead when he singled home Shortstop DiBiase in the last of the second. The game was broken up after two were out in the last of the tenth as Kentucky's T/5 William Gault hit safely to send Emmet Jewell, of Chattanooga, Tenn., across with the winning marker.

Jackson allowed but three hits—Tyszk made two—struck out five and his battery mate was Pvt. Jim Steigerwald, of New York, while T/3 John Roth, of Darien, Conn., gave up four safeties and fanned six. His catcher was T/4 Frances Miles, of Indianapolis, Ind.

The Cardinals also did their bit at the local RAF annual sports day when they defeated a Canadian aggregation by 6-3, although out-hit, 11-6. Batteries were Pilot Officer R. J. Fawcett, of Toronto, Ontario, and Sgt. Ron Henry, of Regina, Saskatchewan, and Neshimka and Pvt. Milt Plon, of New York, the Cards' regular catcher. T/Sgt. Arthur Bristow, of Wilmington, Del., got three of his team's hits.

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Beta Theta Pi Meeting
The second meeting of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity will be held at the Number Three Grosvenor Sq. Club on Saturday, Aug. 21. Reservations, which must be in by Aug. 17, should be sent to Jack Mandigo, American Red Cross, 12 Grosvenor Sq., London, W1.

Lost
RING, Canisius College, 1930, large signet with ruby stone. Cpl. Harold J. Maroney, care of Help Wanted Dept.

CANDID Camera Cover, made of leather with purple velvet lining, lost in Grosvenor Sq. area, on or about Friday, Aug. 6. Capt. L. V. Dolan, care of Help Wanted Dept.

Personal
T/Sgt. John Haas and T/Sgt. Balmore get in touch with T/Sgt. Melvin A. Feisenbaum, care of this department, who has some money for you and will send it as soon as he hears from you.

Mandolin
IF the soldier who gave his mandolin to Lt. Wiley A. Landrum, of Engineers, last September for transportation overseas was left in touch with the lieutenant, care of this department, it will be returned to him.

Jablonsky Qualifies as a Paratrooper



All-American football star at West Point Military Academy in 1938, and a four letter man at the Academy, Lt. Col. Harvey Jablonsky has just been assigned as executive officer of a parachute infantry regiment.

Spitball, Banned Since 1920, Still Being Used in Big Leagues

By Stanley Franks

New York Post Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Aug. 10—Although the delivery was banned in 1920, it's an open secret that the most effective pitch in both major leagues is the spitball, which the heroes are throwing with increasing frequency.

The penalty for using it is a ten-day suspension, but the rule hasn't been invoked in the 23 years it has been on the books.

A high-ranking official, whose name cannot be mentioned now, will propose a less stringent penalty at the next joint meeting. He admits that the umpire will feel freer to take action against the culprit if the penalty is merely dismissal from that day's contest. He knows that the umpires are fully aware of the practice, but are reluctant to dock a man ten days on nothing more than suspicion. It is almost impossible to prove that a spitball has been thrown because the catcher can rub off the moist spot in his glove and there is no discoloration on the ball since the pitcher loads it with the honest sweat of his brow.

Burleigh Grimes, manager of the Toronto club in the International League, advocates that the spitball be restored as a legal pitch—he threw it in 1935, and under the rule a man already in the majors in 1920 was unaffected by the ban. He claims the moist ball will prolong the careers of many pitchers. It is Grimes' contention that baseball needs all the pitchers it can get.

Examining the batting averages, we'd say that there is too much emphasis on defense and the hitters are the ones who need the break.

Minor League Results

International League Monday's Games: Rochester 4, Syracuse 1; Buffalo 3, Newark 2. Eastern League Monday's Games: Wilkes-Barre 1, Scranton 0. American Association Monday's Games: Columbus 3, Milwaukee 2. Southern Association Monday's Games: Knoxville 4, Montgomery 0 (first game); Knoxville 6, Montgomery 1 (second game); Memphis 5, Birmingham 1. Pacific Coast League Monday's Games: Los Angeles 84 30 737, Hollywood 52 63 452; San Francisco 72 41 637, Oakland 49 65 430; Seattle 58 55 513, San Diego 49 66 426; Portland 56 57 496, Sacramento 35 27 310.

Zivie Scores Over McCoy
PITTSBURGH, Aug. 10—Aging Fritzie Zivie proved there was life in the old boy yet, scoring a fourth-round TKO over Sgt. Young Kid McCoy, at Forbes Field last night.

Ryder Team Defeats Hagen's Challengers

DETROIT, Aug. 10—Craig Wood's Ryder Cup golf team beat Walter Hagen's challengers, 8 1/2 to 3 1/2, in the finish of their two-day series for the benefit of the Red Cross. The Cup team won six of the eight singles matches before 10,000 spectators at the Rolling Plum Hollow course here.

The Cup squad clinched the series when Byron Nelson came in with a four and three victory over Willie Goggin. The challengers got their two singles victories when Navy Lt. Lawson Little defeated Gene Sarazen, six and four. Chick Harbert beat Jimmy Demaret, four and three.

Flier Playoffs Start Next Week

16 Softball Squads to Vie For Eighth Air Force Crown

EIGHTH AIR FORCE HQ, Aug. 10—The athletic field here will be swarming with softballers next Monday and Tuesday when 16 teams from the Eighth Air Force begin eliminations to decide the championship squad of the Air Force.

The first games will begin Monday afternoon at one o'clock, one loss eliminating a team, with the final contest at 6 PM Tuesday. The winning team will be presented with a cup and each player on the squad an appropriate award by a high-ranking Air Force official.

Four diamonds are being put in shape for the tournament by Lt. Chester Smith, of Greenville, S.C., Special Service officer here, who will supervise the eliminations.

Each command has chosen representatives through inter-squadron, wing, and group competition, with Bomber Command the best represented, sending five teams, the Service Command four, Fighter Command three, Air Support Command two, and one each from Composite Command and Headquarters.

Barnstormers Top QMs, 4-3

QM DEPOT, Aug. 10—It was a rough afternoon for Cpl. Fred Miller, of Columbus, Ohio, and his — Depot nine. Miller pitched a five-hit, ten-inning game, struck out 14 with a tantalizing hook and still lost to the — Fighter Station Barnstormers, 4-3.

The Barnstormers made every break count and went into the lead in the third when they pushed three runs home on two errors and bingles by Cpl. Frank Binder, of Cleveland, and Cpl. Pete Bruno, of Kearny, N.J. The Depotmen knotted the count in the ninth knocking the opposing moundman from the hill, but in the all-important tenth misplays again proved fatal.

Binder, the winning Barnstormer twirler, opened the extra inning with a single to left. Cpl. Pete Di Figlio, of the Bronx, N.Y., gained first on a fielder's choice, and when a Depot throw to third went wild in an attempt to catch Binder heading for that bag, Binder scampered home with the deciding tally.

The Barnstormers are looking for games—any time, any place. Contact Lt. Tom Bowie, through the Sports Editor, The Stars and Stripes, Printing House Sq., London, EC4.

All-Star 47s Rap Eagles, 10-7

FIGHTER STATION, Aug. 10—Collecting nine runs in the first inning of an inter-station all-star softball game yesterday, the — Fighter Station All-Star 47s walloped the — Fighter Station Eagles, 10-7.

The All-Stars clinched the ball game when Pfc Aubert Keeney, of Republic, Pa., doubled in the fifth with one on to bring in the tenth tally. Pvt. George Day, of Pearce, Ill., and Sgt. Rex Von Ahne, of Buckman, Iowa, were the winning batteries. Cpl. Art Shea, of Camden, Ark., and Pvt. Raynes Thomas, of Coffeville, Kan., were the losing battery.

Ruby Robert Rejected
MANCHESTER, N.H., Aug. 10—Red Rolfe, former New York Yankee infielder and now coach of Yale's baseball and basketball squad, has been rejected for military service because of ulcers.

Yankees Head West With Flag Almost in Grasp

League Teams Raising Old Cry of 'Stop the Yankees'

By Glenn Perkins

United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Aug. 10—The American League's eastern division is en route west for the last time this year and the cry all along the line is, "Stop the Yankees."

It must be now or never, because nothing short of a disastrous road trip can keep the Yanks from the World Series. Nine games ahead of their nearest rivals, the Yankees open their invasion at St. Louis, thence to Chicago, then Cleveland, and finish at Detroit.

The Bombers' success this season on the road has been mediocre, winning 25 and losing 22, for a percentage of .532. Contrasting their home record of 36 and 16 for .692, you wonder what the baseball adage of pennants won in the west means.

Write to Stadium—or Sportsman's Park

In the National League, with the westerners coming east, the Cardinals seem to need nothing more than completion of the season before counting the World Series dough. The Cardinals open Wednesday with a Polo Grounds series calculated to cause no joy among the Giants. From there they cross the river for their final display before the envious Brooklyn fans, then to Philadelphia, finishing the trip at Boston. They stop off at Cincinnati and then Pittsburgh before going home.

All in all, appearances point to battles in both leagues for second and third places. That is little consolation to teams with high pre-season hopes, but what can be hoped for as long as the Cardinals have Billy Southworth and the Yanks have Joe McCarthy. It is probably possible to reserve series tickets now. Write care of Sportsman's Park, St. Louis, or the Yankee Stadium, Bronx, New York.



American League Monday's Games: No games scheduled. Yesterday's Schedule: No games scheduled.

National League Monday's Games: No games scheduled. Yesterday's Schedule: No games scheduled.

Leading Hitters American League: Appling, Chicago, .333; Wakefield, Detroit, .323; Curtright, Chicago, .319; Stephens, St. Louis, .304; Hockett, Cleveland, .296.

National League: Musial, St. Louis, .345; Herman, Brooklyn, .318; Cooper, St. Louis, .314; Vaughan, Brooklyn, .312; Tipton, Cincinnati, .309.

Home Run Hitters 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—Ertan, New York, 74; Johnson, New York, 67; York, Detroit, 64. National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 78; Herman, Brooklyn, 69; Elliott, Pittsburgh, 68.

Artillery Browns Blank Angels, Near SBS Title

SBS HQ, Aug. 10—The — Field Artillery Browns practically clinched the SBS Northern League baseball second half title as they downed the American School Angels, 6-0, behind the six-hit pitching of George Dupak, of Walston, Pa., who fanned eight as he sent the Angels down to their first league defeat.

Sgt. Paul Dennis, of Harrisburg, Pa., collected three for four and Cpl. Ed Patrick hit for the circuit to aid the winners. Cpl. Fran Hecker, of New Orleans, was the losing pitcher. The Browns will meet the — Engineer Wolverines, first half winners, in the playoff for the league crown if they win one more game.

Error in Extra Frame Gives Dry Runs Victory

FIGHTER STATION, Aug. 10—A muffed fly ball, followed by a bad throw in the last of the extra inning, gave the Dry Runs a 10-9 decision over the Aircrests in yesterday's league baseball contest here.

The triumph moves the Dry Runs, who have won six of their last seven games, into fourth place in the league standings. Winning battery was Pfc Smallstig, of Pittsburgh, and Sgt. Bob Ellsworth, of Rochester, N.Y. Losers were Pfc Victor Berger, of Forest Lake, Minn., and Sgt. John Barchosky, of Hamtramck, Mich.



Yanks Advance To Big Jap Base In New Georgia

103 Tons of Bombs Blast New Guinea Base In Heavy Raid

ALLIED HQ., Southwest Pacific, Aug. 10 (UP)—With Munda behind them, U.S. ground forces, supported in the air by Dauntless dive-bombers, advanced on Bairoko harbor, the last big Jap base on New Georgia island.

The progress of the drive is being hampered by heavy rainfalls, today's official communique reports.

Twenty-two tons of explosives were dropped by the U.S. planes on the Jap positions in front of the base.

103 Tons on Salamaua

Another paralyzing blow by Allied bombers struck Salamaua, the assembly ground for all Japanese convoy traffic along the northeast coast of New Guinea.

Heavy and medium bombers dropped 103 tons of bombs on the town and harbor causing fires and explosions. Very heavy damage was done.

The bombers afterwards followed up this attack by bombing and strafing Japanese positions to the south of the base as far as Nuk village.

More concentrated attacks on Vila air-drome on Kolombangara island, probably the next Allied objective in the Solomons, were carried out by U.S. heavy and medium bombers yesterday.

Large fires broke out on the base after planes had dumped more than 63 tons of bombs.

These attacks followed the smashing of Jap attempts to reinforce Kolombangara by American naval forces.

Gens. Lee, Osborn Visit Replacement Depot Here

A REPLACEMENT DEPOT, Aug. 10—Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee, SOS commander, accompanied by Brig. Gen. Frederick H. Osborn, director of the Special Services Division, SOS, War Dept., yesterday reviewed troops here and attended the opening of a 35mm. projection theater, during an inspection of SOS installations.

Gen. Osborn congratulated soldiers who helped redecorate the interior of the theater, and expressed pleasure at the co-operation of the British and American motion picture industries through which the opening was made possible. Before the theater performance the party, which included Brig. Gen. LeRoy P. Collins, Commander WBS, and Col. James A. Killian, post commander, inspected the depot facilities.

ETO-Canadian V-Mail Service Now Available

V-mail letters from American servicemen in the ETO to Canada will be processed and handled by the Canadian Army Airgraph Service, it was announced yesterday.

This will be a facility not provided by U.S. Army postal regulations, which make no extension of V-mail service to points outside the continental U.S., or to points where an APO is not in existence.

Under the new arrangement, the only requirement is to place a British three-penny stamp on the back, lower left-hand corner of the V-mail form. The stamped V-mail letters will be mailed through U.S. Army post offices, where they will be subject to censorship, and then handed over to the Canadian service for processing and final delivery.

London War Bond Office Tops \$15,000 Cash Sales

The London War Bond Office, which opened last month, passed the \$15,000 mark in cash bond sales yesterday.

There now are 16 entrants in the public-speaking contest on "Why I Buy War Bonds," scheduled for Aug. 17 at the ARC Rainbow Corner. The winner of a separate competition being held among 12 installations in Scotland will come to London to compete, and other soldiers who wish to enter may still hand in their names at the London Bond Office.

American Forces Network

Operated by Radio Branch Special Service Section, SOS, ETO.
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- (All times listed are PM)
- Wednesday, Aug. 11
- 5.45—Spotlight on Gene Krupa's Orchestra.
- 6.00—News (BBC).
- 6.10—Personal Album—Cass Dailey sings your favorite songs.
- 6.25—CA Supper Club.
- 7.00—Sports News—Latest baseball scores as presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
- 7.05—Command Performance.
- 7.35—Encore—Andre Kostelanetz and his orchestra.
- 8.00—News From Home—What America is doing, thinking and saying, as presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
- 8.10—Fred Waring.
- 8.25—Miniature.
- 8.30—Jubilee—With Ernie Whitman, Ada Brown, Barney Bigard and Noble Sissle's Orchestra.
- 9.00—News (BBC).
- 9.10—Moods in Music.
- 9.30—Bob Hope—With Frances Langford, Jerry Colonna and Virginia Bruce.
- 10.00—Final Edition—Latest world, ETO and sports news as presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporters.
- 10.10—Earl Hines and his Orchestra.
- 10.30—Sign off until Aug. 12 at 5.45 PM.

New APO Champion Has Perfect Record

HQ.—SERVICE SQ., Aug. 10.—S/Sgt. James Piccine, of Quincy, Mass., has been crowned APO batting champ of the ETO with an average of 1.000. The husband and wife battery has not missed a letter in 245 tries.

The old champion, Capt. G. R. Dinsmore, of Oakwood, Ill., a special service officer in WBS headquarters, failed to receive one of the 350 letters written him, an average of .997.

New Projectors In ETO Movies

35mm. Machines Provide More Floor Space, Larger Images

American troops at large "permanent" installations in the ETO soon will be entertained by movies from 35-mm. projectors, which throw a picture twice as large and have better sound equipment than the 16-mm. equipment formerly used, officials of the Cinema Division of Special Service Section, Hq., SOS, announced yesterday. They emphasized, however, that the new projectors will be comparatively few at first, and most camps will carry on with the old type.

The first two performances with the large projectors, similar to those used in commercial theaters, have already been given, the first Sunday at a USAAF base, and the other Monday at a replacement depot. Yesterday's performance, the first ETO Army showing of a technicolor feature film, was attended by Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee, SOS commander, Brig. Gen. F. H. Osborn, director of the Special Services Division, SOS, War Dept., Brig. Gen. LeRoy P. Collins, commander WBS, and Col. Theodore Arter, chief of Special Service Section, SOS.

More soldiers will be accommodated through the use of the new projectors because those at the back will be able to see the larger and clearer picture much easier, officials said. The machines will be enclosed in specially-built booths, and the space on the floor in the middle of the room, formerly taken by them, will be available for seats.

The break in the program for changing spools, necessary with the 16 millimeter after 1,600 feet of film has been run, also will be eliminated.

19 British Army Leaders Get U.S. Legion of Merit

President Roosevelt has conferred the Legion of Merit on Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, deputy commander in chief in the Mediterranean; Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery, Eighth Army commander, and Lt. Gen. Kenneth A. N. Anderson, First Army commander, the British War Office announced yesterday.

The three, ranking officers in a list of 19 British Army leaders so honored, will be chief commanders of the order. The decorations were granted in recognition of distinguished services in the cause of the Allies.

Sicily - - -

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Allied advance. Wherever cliffs overhanging mountain roads they planted sticks of explosive and covered the highway with debris.

Whole sections of road were obliterated this way at some points, leaving only smooth mountain walls to be bypassed with long detours. Bridges and culverts were destroyed and narrow defiles blocked up.

Front line observers forecast the final push to Messina would be slow, since much of the fighting now is in country impassable for tanks and armored vehicles. The Germans can be driven out of their positions on high ground only by mortar fire or bayonet charges, and the job must be done over each new ridge of hills.

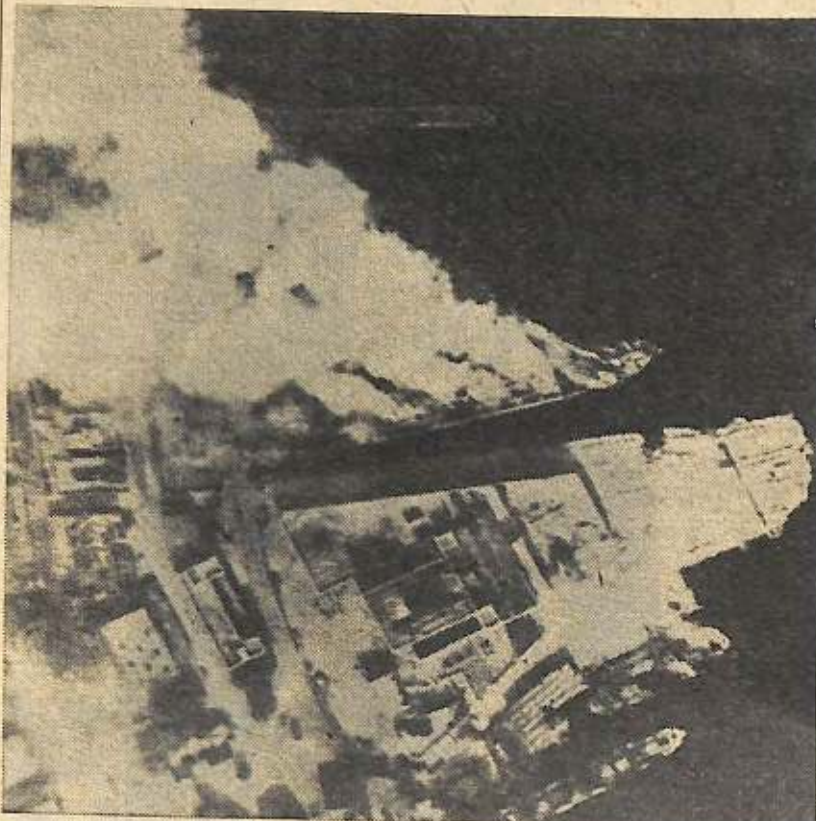
Rail and road transport both on the Sicilian bridgehead and the Italian toe was raked by relays of Allied planes, with slight opposition.

Allied headquarters reported American Warhawks, commanded by Col. Arthur Salisbury, of Sedalia, Mo., exploded an ammunition train of 30 cars Sunday near Cape Milazzo, on the north coast. P40s put four locomotives out of action, destroyed 18 vehicles and damaged 60 others.

Terry and the Pirates



B17s Smash Up an Italian Liner



Planet Radio Photo
Direct hits from Flying Fortress rock and set ablaze a 20,000-ton Italian liner tied up at a dock in Naples harbor after a heavy air raid by U.S. bombers which flew from bases in North Africa.

Fort Bombs on 3 Engines, Crawls Home on Only One

A USAAF STATION, England, Aug. 10—Every engine on the Flying Fortress Poisonality was out of operation at one time or another during the Eighth Air Force's smash at the Fiesler aircraft factories in Kassel, Germany, on July 30, but she dropped her bombs on the target and she got home again.

The story of the crew's fight to nurse their limping battleplane home came out today.

Five of the crew were wounded, one was killed, and Poisonality herself was so badly riddled she was a wreck beyond repair, but she completed her mission—dragging the last few miles on one engine, a power plant that had frozen up 22 minutes before reaching the target and then thawed out again just in time to be useful.

Before the Belgian coast was sighted on the return trip from Kassel, 14 enemy fighters jumped on Poisonality and filled her with holes. Four men were wounded by 20-mm. shells, and the left waist gunner died later from wounds in the chest and neck.

2/Lt. William J. Holloway, of Tucson, Ariz., navigator, and 2/Lt. Edward C. Piech, of Sayerville, N.J., bombardier, were knocked down and stunned when a shell exploded in the oxygen tank aft of the nose hatch. This shell started a fire which was extinguished by Peterson and the top-turret gunner, T/Sgt. William A. Glenn, of Burdwell, Tex.

The fighters kept up the attack until the pilot ducked into clouds over the Belgian coast, but Poisonality had been hitting back. The gunners, even the wounded, stuck to their posts. Four fighters were knocked down.

Clouds gave Poisonality protection, but not security. She was running on one engine. One was out, frozen. Two others had been stopped for lack of gas, and the one remaining was sucking up the last fuel. But, as the Fort lost altitude, the frozen engine thawed sufficiently to take over.

Everything movable was jettisoned. Still the pilot was afraid he would not be able to make England. He ordered the crew into the room of the radio operator, T/Sgt. William A. Harvey, of Montclair, N.J., and prepared to ditch the ship. But the last engine held out. The Fort crossed the English coast at 1,000 feet, and the pilot set her down at a half-finished RAF field.

War Hits Broadway
NEW YORK, Aug. 10—"Westup," a plane identification game, is the latest craze on Broadway. The letters stand for wings, engine, fuselage, tail, undercarriage and peculiarities.

Bullitt to Run for Mayor
PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 10 (AP)—William C. Bullitt, former ambassador to Russia and France, will run on the Democratic ticket for mayor against the incumbent, Bernard Samuel.

Mosquitoes Flown From Canada
Canadian-built Mosquitoes are now being delivered to the British Isles by trans-Atlantic flights, the Air Ministry announced yesterday.

Argentine Shipments Banned
WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (AP)—United States export trade with Argentina was virtually suspended with a blanket revocation of individual export licenses by the Office of Economic Warfare. The order was described as having the approval of the interested Argentine authorities.

Britain Assumes Base Cost
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WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (AP)—Work is progressing so smoothly on the righting of the U.S.S. Lafayette, formerly the Normandie, that officials believe it might be unnecessary to edge the vessel out into the Hudson River to finish the job.

Gun Barrel Output Soars
CANTON, Ohio, Aug. 10—Officials of the Timken Roller Bearing Co. here disclosed yesterday that the plant is producing heavy gun barrels at a rate of 6,000 a month. The rate was 300 a month several months ago before a revolutionizing method of boring the barrels was put in use. The new method employs a seamless tube piercing process and has reduced from six hours to 15 seconds the time required for the boring of 75 and 40-mm. gun barrels.

Soldiers to See Movie Filmed
An excursion to the movie studio in Teddington to see the filming of "Candlelight in Algeria" will be sponsored by the Red Cross Liberty Club, 12 Upper Woburn Place, London, W.C.2, tomorrow at 1 PM. Five soldiers will be included in the party.
Movies will be shown at the club tomorrow at 8 PM, and dancing classes will be conducted Friday at 1.30 PM.

Bury St. Edmunds
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The first 40 American soldiers to apply at the Rainbow Corner, Shaftesbury Ave., London, W.1, will be dinner guests of the WAACs, WAFs, CWACs, ATS and Wrens tonight at 7 during the Corner's salute to the women's services.

NEWS FROM HOME

OWI Director Sees Opening Of Third Front

Davis Refuses to Predict When New Landings Will Occur

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (AP)—Elmer Davis, director of the Office of War Information, predicted the opening of "a third front" yesterday but refused to venture a guess as to when it might be launched by the Allies.

Back from a three-week tour of England, Africa and Iceland, Davis said he regarded the operations in the Mediterranean as a second front and that a third front would be opened "eventually."

Asked when the war would be over, he replied, "Nobody knows," but he added, "it won't be over until the mass of the German Army is decisively defeated." He discounted reports that Hitler was losing his power.

Davis declared that while the bombing of Germany had "an enormous effect" in reducing production and breaking down morale, he did not believe that Germany could be defeated by air power alone.

Chicago Convention Favorite

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (AP)—Chicago appears to be the favorite choice of both Democratic and Republican parties for the 1944 presidential conventions. Officers in both parties have hinted at the selection of the city, if for no other reason than that it is centrally situated.

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By Milton Caniff

