

# Forts Raid Germany, B26s Attack in France



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# Axis Forces Evacuating Sicily

## B17s Pound Ruhr Plants; 25 Missing

### U.S. and Allied Fighters Escort Bombers in 4-Way Blow

American heavy bombers struck three simultaneous blows at the heart of Germany's war industry in daylight yesterday, slashing deep into the Reich to end two weeks of inactivity. While Flying Fortresses rained heavy explosives and incendiaries on synthetic gasoline plants at Wesseling and Gelsenkirchen, in the Ruhr, a third formation of the heavies hit industrial targets at Bonn, 15 miles southeast of Cologne.

Meanwhile, Marauders of Eighth Air Support Command, escorted by Allied fighters, raided the Luftwaffe airfield at Poix, in France. Crewmen reported good bombing results.

Escorted by Spits, P47s The Forts, escorted by P47 Thunderbolts and Spitfires part of the way to and from the Ruhr, encountered heavy fighter opposition. More than a score of enemy planes were destroyed. Twenty-five Fortresses are missing, the highest loss since 26 B17s failed to return from Bremen and Kiel on June 13.

Yesterday marked the 24th U.S. raid on German targets, and the 82nd on European targets by heavy bombers.

Large fires were left burning in the target areas in the Reich, and bomber crews reported successful bomb runs despite the heavy flak and fighter opposition.

Both Wesseling and Gelsenkirchen are important fuel sources for the Luftwaffe. The plants attacked by the Forts yesterday produce high-grade gasoline suitable for aircraft motors.

Important Rail Center Bonn, the third U.S.A.A.F. target, is an important railroad center on a trunk line serving the Ruhr and southern Germany. It is also the site of a precision instrument factory.

Capt. Clark Gable flew with Maj. Theodore R. Milton, of Washington, in the lead Fort on the Gelsenkirchen raid, standing throughout the six-hour flight to shoot a gunnery training film. His ship landed with 15 flak holes in it.

German radio claimed that the Fortress squadrons were dispersed by German fighters and forced to drop their bombs at random.

Formations attacking Bonn praised the support provided by U.S.A.A.F. Thunderbolts and RAF Spitfires, which destroyed three of the enemy without loss.

RAF Strikes Ruhr Shortly before the U.S.A.A.F. bombing missions, the RAF struck targets in the Ruhr and Rhineland, raided railroad yards in France and the Low Countries and laid mines in enemy waters.

Keeping up the attack on German fighter bases, the Marauders scored hits on dispersal areas and runways at Poix, in France. The mediums encountered intense flak and several were damaged, but there was no fighter opposition and all the bombers returned.

Flak fragments punched holes in the nose of the plane piloted by 1/Lt. John H. Spatts, of Wayne, Pa., but bombardier 1/Lt. Clement La Vein, North Andover, Mass., was too busy to notice it until the target was reached. "I had just ordered 'bombs' when a fragment broke my glasses," La Vein said. "I never did get to add 'away.'"

Lt. Col. Glenn C. Nye, of Raleigh, N.C., (Continued on page 4)

## Axis Reports B24s Raid Isle North of Japan Again

German radio, quoting reports from Tokyo, said that the defense of northern Japan announced that eight American B24 aircraft appeared over the northern Kuriles this morning.

Three of the attacking planes were shot down. The Japanese lost one aircraft, the radio asserted.

U.S. Liberators bombed Paramushir, outermost of the Kurile Islands, which stretch between the Japanese island of Hokkaido and the Kamchatka peninsula in Siberia, on July 29, starting fires and scoring hits near enemy ships. Paramushir is 860 miles from the U.S. base of Anchorage in the Aleutian Islands.

## Patton, Roosevelt at Sicily Outpost



Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, commander of the U.S. Seventh Army, discusses progress of a battle near Cerami, Sicily, with Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, son of former President Teddy Roosevelt, at a forward observation post.

## Nazis Say Reds Attacking On 300-Mile Front

### Soviets Don't Confirm This But Admit Great Kharkov Push

New Russian offensives—along a 300-mile front stretching from Kharkov north to Vyazma—were reported yesterday from sources in Berlin. However, the Russians, usually slow to announce new drives, gave no confirmation of these reports in their communique except that the Soviet Army is still tightening its stranglehold on Kharkov itself.

Berlin officially said that the Russians have opened up with attacks south and southwest of Vyazma, while broadcasts from Berlin revealed that the Red Army was fighting along the Yartsevo-Kirov front along the railway line from Vyazma to Smolensk, and only about 30 miles from Smolensk. The German capital also claimed the Red Army is approaching the outer belt of Briansk's defenses.

Official Russian reports said Soviet troops were within eight miles of Kharkov from the northeast, and severed more than a ten-mile stretch of the main lifeline of the Kharkov-Poltava railway 25 miles west of the city, while the big drive farther west rolled ahead, though fresh German tank divisions were called in, capturing 50 new points.

The coordination of Soviet tanks, infantry, artillery and aircraft was one of the main reasons for the continuation of high-speed battles in the direction of (Continued on page 4)

## Restriction Lifted On Xmas Packages From U.S. to ETO

Relatives and friends of American soldiers in the ETO will not have to show a "request letter" to the postal authorities in order to send Christmas parcels to this theater—if parcels are mailed between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15—according to a circular from the office of the Postmaster General in Washington. But after the 30-day period is up a letter from the soldier requesting the articles once more will have to be shown.

The size of the parcels still will be limited to five pounds in weight, or 15 inches in length, or 36 inches in length and girth combined.

The folks back home will be asked to endorse each one "Christmas parcel," and special efforts will be made to ensure that all parcels thus marked, and mailed in the specified period, arrive in time for Christmas. Clothing, food, and other articles supplied to soldiers should not be sent from the States, the circular says, and not more than one parcel a week will be accepted for mailing to a soldier from the same person.

To ensure that letters and cards sent by ETO soldiers to the States arrive in time they should be mailed by Dec. 1, postal officials said. Parcels should go by Nov. 15.

## Draft Battle Looms

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12—Congressional feeling against the conscription of fathers is growing. Rep. Adolph Sabath (D., Ill.), chairman of the House Rules Committee, today declared that he favored enactment of legislation prohibiting the drafting of fathers.

## Business Plans Post-war Jobs For Forces, Industrialist Says

By Richard Wilbur  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Business firms in the United States are making plans to assure every soldier a job after the war, and there will be more opportunity for employment than ever before in American history, Eric Johnston, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said yesterday in London.

Most industries already have made arrangements or guarantees to rehire former personnel now in the armed forces, Johnston said. Other firms, he said, are working out programs to absorb the remainder of returning soldiers into their industries.

Johnston is in England at the request of the British government to discuss means of post-war cooperation with British business men.

Regimentation of the American people by government control after the war would be impossible, Johnston declared. "The American people are sick of regimentation already," he said, "the only danger is that we'll throw out these control agencies too soon. The people will throw them out through Congress, just the way they got rid of agencies like the National Youth Administration."



Eric Johnston At the age of 45 Mr. Johnston is the youngest man ever to be president of the (Continued on page 4)

## Yanks Land Behind Lines Again As Foe Flees Across Straits

### Big Nazi Force Trapped by Americans In North; Allied Planes Blast Retreat As Fortresses Strike Near Rome

German evacuation of Sicily, proceeding night and day under the protection of fierce anti-aircraft barrages and Nazi fighter planes, was in full swing across the Messina Straits yesterday, correspondents with the Eighth Army reported last night.

The Germans are evacuating thousands of troops every 24 hours, the reports said.

News of the withdrawal followed quickly upon Allied headquarters' announcement that American infantry and tanks, making their second "end run" around the enemy in three days, smashed ashore eight to ten miles behind the German flank on the north coast before dawn Wednesday and probably trapped large Axis forces at Cape Orlando.

The landing, supported by bomber formations and powerful fire from American warships, coincided with resumption of large-scale Allied air attacks on the Italian mainland and new advances on all sectors in Sicily.

The evacuation reports said at least 80 vessels are plying steadily across the Messina Straits in an attempt to take off the bulk of the German troops. Strong rearguards, well entrenched with mortars, machine-guns, artillery and dynamite for road demolition, have been left to hold back the Allied columns pushing toward Messina.

Evacuating Equipment In spite of the intense ack-ack over the straits, Allied planes pounded embankment beaches and jetties incessantly and also struck hard at the bases on the Italian mainland where the evacuated forces will collect after the crossing.

The Germans are determined to save all equipment and have passed the word that "a passport to Italy is a gun," informing the troops that if they want a place on the boats they must bring their weapons along, the Eighth Army sources said.

The British found only a skeleton force protecting the Messina approaches along the east coast, but it was strongly equipped with mortars and a battery of possibly 16 88mm. guns.

The success of the American landing on the north coast became assured when the commando battalion which fought its way ashore in the rear of the main German defense line linked up with the Seventh Army's main force early yesterday.

Fought Way Ashore The Americans, landing east of the Cape Orlando-Randazzo road, probably outflanked this highway and destroyed one of the last remaining lines of Axis communications, Allied headquarters said.

The troops fought their way ashore near the mouth of the Naso River, in the vicinity of the Cape Orlando headlands. A series of heavy German counterattacks were beaten back with aid from the warships. Afterwards the Navy stood off shore and pounded fixed enemy positions while the landing troops established a bridgehead. Other Seventh Army forces hit the German lines in a frontal attack in an effort to join up with the beach raiders.

Randazzo, last important junction point left to the Axis in its narrowing (Continued on page 4)

Spokesmen revealed that American troops on New Georgia comprise marines and elements of 25th, 37th and 43rd divisions.

U.S. Liberators raided supply dumps in Rekata Bay on Santa Isabel Island in the Solomons. Flights of Bostons sank four barges filled with oil drums near Gasmata, in New Britain, and strafed barge hideouts round Lae. Flights of Mitchells destroyed three barges in Vitiav Strait and 11 on coasts of Heon Peninsula. In the northwestern sector Beau-fighters raided the Jap seaplane base at Taberfane in Aru Islands, destroying three small boats and one floatplane on the water. From six floatplanes which intercepted one was shot down and two damaged without loss to ourselves.

## 2 Medals Given Pvt. for Rescue

Pvt. John J. Tworyszczuk, 33, of Newark, N.J., has been awarded the Soldier's Medal for rescuing a woman and her child trapped under a wall of a building hit during a day raid on an English coastal town. He also has been decorated with the Purple Heart for injuries received during the rescue.

Tworyszczuk was in the town square when German fighter-bombers, coming in from the sea with their guns blazing, dropped bombs on a hotel on the opposite side of the street.

Although he had been hit by pieces of brick and wood, he ran into the wreckage of the hotel and dragged a woman and her nine-year-old daughter out.

Despite injuries received during the rescue he continued to help evacuate injured people. Pvt. Tworyszczuk was hospitalized for five weeks.

Paris 'Hotbed of Rumors,' Indignant Berlin Claims

Paris was denounced yesterday by an indignant Berlin broadcast as being "a hotbed of ridiculous rumors," and then quoted several: "All U.S. parachutists are Negroes who cannot be seen at night." "The Americans have built a parachute with which one can go up as well as come down." "They have also built tiny submarines which can go up the River Seine."

Sarcastically commenting upon the last rumor, the radio said that when repairs were carried out in the bed of the Seine, and part of it was laid dry, many Parisians took it as confirmation of the submarine story.

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Pacific War

Over six years ago there was a skirmish between Chinese and Japanese troops at a bridge outside Peiping. It was the beginning of a war that has brought misery to the peoples of China, the Philippines, Indo China, Burma and the islands of the Pacific.

For more than four years China alone bore the brunt of Japanese armies, whose barbarity and vicious ferocity could not destroy the Chinese will to resist.

Then came Pearl Harbor and continued victory for the Nipponese until a year ago, when the first news of an American combined land, sea and air attack on an island in the southwest Pacific was flashed to the world. That island was Guadalcanal, and although the Japanese sacrificed 40,000 lives in its defense it now lies securely in our hands, and what looked like a small operation has turned out to be the first thrust of an Allied offensive designed to destroy the so-called invincible Japanese military machine.

During the past year attack has followed attack. Now we have pierced the outer island ring of the Japanese defensive circle. And while there are still many Pacific islands in the hands of the Japs, the ring needs to be pierced only in one spot to enable offensive forces to get at the heart of Japanese resistance and avenge the cruelty of Japanese soldiers in China and the Philippines.

Thus, belatedly, our debt to China is being discharged, as Japanese soldiers are called to terrible account for the torture and slaughter of thousands of innocent people, from Shanghai to Nanking and from Pearl Harbor to Australia.

And while our road back will be long and hard, we're on the way and the path leads straight to Tokio.

Allied Offensive

The Germans themselves now speak bluntly of the progress and strength of the mounting Russian offensive. In yesterday's news agency release the following statement was made: "With masses of material of a magnitude quite unknown until now, the Soviets are trying to force a break through the German front and with it a decision of the war."

And as day after day reports bring nothing save continued announcements of German withdrawals and defeats on every front, including Sicily, it grows painfully apparent to the Germans at home that something has gone wrong with their war machine.

This fact, coupled with the depressing effect of Allied round-the-clock bombardment of German industry, must soon shake the Nazis' faith in themselves as well as in their army; bringing with it the realization that the great dream of Nazism was only a criminal illusion and that ultimate defeat is certain.

The New Conference

The Washington Post referring to the arrival in Canada of Winston Churchill and his staff for another conference refers to the meeting as a second piece of evidence that events are marching faster than the expectations of the President and the Prime Minister. The first testimony, claims the Post, came at their last conference. This began on May 11, or the day after the Germans had surrendered in Tunisia. Clearly the conquest of North Africa must have been envisaged in January at the Casablanca conference. What brought Mr. Churchill over, undoubtedly, was the speed of the resplendent victory.

Presumably our two leaders at their May meeting completed plans to expedite the invasion of Sicily. This occurred on July 10, and within 15 days Mussolini had been kicked out, leaving the entire Italian peninsula in a ferment. It is this rapid denouement that has brought Mr. Churchill, within three months of his last visit, to America again.

The inference must be drawn that events have run ahead of the schedule projected in the minds of our President and the British Prime Minister.

The lesson is clear that at their sixth meeting our two leaders must take time by the forelock. To be forewarned is to be forearmed. The Axis has been cracked wide open, and statesmanship, which is another word for steersmanship, must reckon upon the rapid disintegration of the European parts of the monstrous machine.

The present meeting between our two wartime leaders, should prove the most important on record and we expect the war news will reflect this fact in the very near future.

Hash Marks

An Army intelligence test asked examinees to define the word "adjutant." One soldier said it was a stork of rare species found in India. Checked in Webster's dictionary, this answer was found to be right—but it was listed as a secondary definition.

Fun in the occupied countries. Belgian children's games now revolve around sabotage in protest of Nazi occupation.



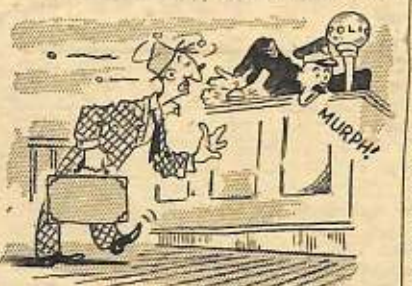
Favorite trick is stealing Nazi officers' pistols in crowded buses and trolleys and putting rationed sugar in carburetors of German vehicles, causing them to bog down.

Flash! Women without stockings will no longer be fitted for shoes by clerks in Dallas, Tex., shoe stores. Bare feet are not sanitary, says the retail shoe association—or maybe the clerks are bashful.

This little story was passed on to us by Lt. Col. J. B. L. Lawrence. Denmark's underground tells about the German and Danish guards who had patrolled the same beat so long they'd begun to chat with each other. One day the German sighed, "Oh, if peace would only come so we could do something besides soldiering."

Spooks on the home front. A Dallas housewife on the verge of hysteria packed her things and went home to mother. But it wasn't husband trouble—it was ghost trouble. It all started when a table turned over by itself and settled on the floor bottom up. Then a bed started floating around, a washing machine danced around the room and several small tables fell over. Two deputy sheriffs, called to investigate, came up with the practical if somewhat prosaic explanation that pressure from a gas leak in a natural gas main near the house was causing the rumpus. But, just to make sure, they left a note for all spooks to please refrain from lighting a cigarette while haunting the house.

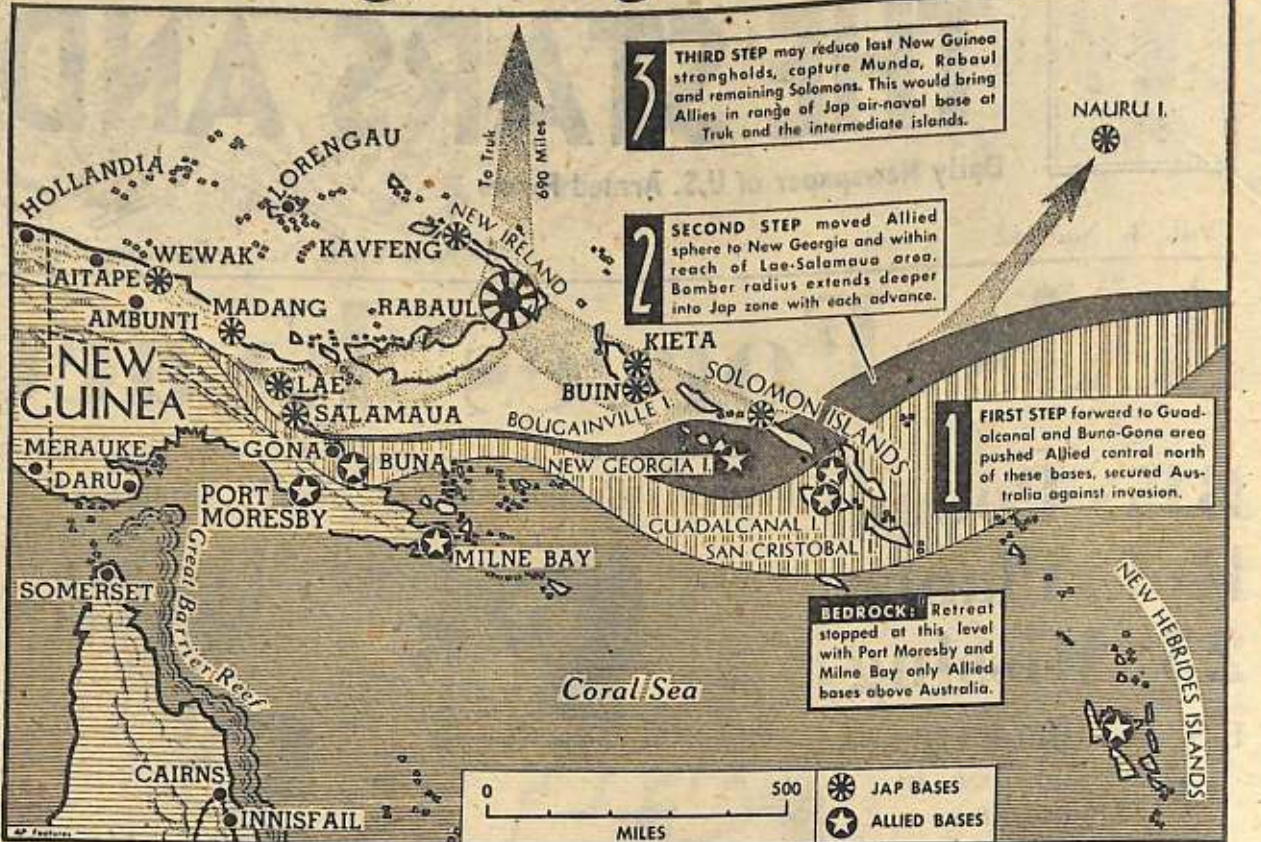
A long-distance phone call aroused the desk clerk at an Omaha police station at 2 AM. The following chatter ensued,



"I'm coming in on the bus from Fremont and I'm really drunk." Two hours later the soused reeled into the station. Accommodating policemen put him to bed in the bull pen.

J. C. W.

The Long, Long Trail to Tokio



Next Phase of Pacific Battle Begins After One-Year Offensive

One year ago today, after eight months of defeats and retreats in the Pacific, the United States had started the first Allied offensive in that theater. The U.S. Marines landed on Guadalcanal and were starting a push that was to be the first break in the vast perimeter of defense that the Japs had thrown around their conquests.

In the eight months that followed the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Japanese swept across the south and west Pacific, spreading a network of bases that extended almost to the shores of Australia. By fortifying each of the thousands of islands they had overrun, they built a wall that surrounded the rich territories of the Philippines, the Netherland East Indies, Malaya and Indo China. If they could hold this wall for any length of time, they would be invulnerable to attack. Time and distance were on their side.

The plan of conquest, as laid out by the war lords of Tokyo, had called for a great triangle extending from the Aleutians, in the north, to Singapore, in the southwest; to New Caledonia, in the southeast. They failed to gain New Caledonia in their first rush of victories and their southeast anchor point was established on Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands. Backing up this point of the defensive triangle was a smaller triangle consisting of Guadalcanal; Papua, in New Guinea, and Rabaul, in New Britain. This small triangle, in turn, defended the main bastion of the southern Pacific—the Truk Islands which the Japs had made their great naval and military supply base.

To attack the main Jap defenses, the Allies must destroy the outer defenses, one by one. The greater the delay in the

attack, the greater resistance the Japs would be able to offer.

Their men and their weapons were on the spot but each man and each weapon that Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Allied commander, could send against them would have to be brought almost 7,000 miles from the United States.

In spite of the disadvantages facing them, the Allies recognized this need for an immediate offensive and, on Aug. 7, 1942, the United States Marines struck the first blow by landing at Guadalcanal and Tulagi, where the Japs had established a great airbase for raiding shipping from the United States to Australia.

Jap Reinforcements

Although Tulagi and other small islands fell rapidly and the airfield at Guadalcanal soon followed, the Japs fell back in the jungle and re-formed. Reinforcements were poured in by air and sea and the Americans were faced with more than six months of slow, murderous fighting that sometimes gained only one mile a day through the jungles and swamps of the island. At sea and in the air, the USAF and RAAF, together with surface units of the U.S. Navy, struck repeatedly at the transports and warships that Japs threw into the fight in an effort to strengthen their land forces.

The turning-point of the campaign came when 27 Japanese transports and warships were sunk or damaged between Nov. 13 and 15.

Even after this smashing defeat, the Jap forces on the island, estimated at 42,000, continued to fight stubbornly. When the battle was over it was estimated that all but 1,500 of these men had been killed or captured. That there are only 62 Japanese prisoners in the United States seems to indicate that most of them on Guadalcanal died.

Simultaneously with the American drive in Guadalcanal, the Australians and the Americans in New Guinea struck at the Japs who had infiltrated to a point within a few miles of Port Moresby, the main Allied base on the south coast of the island.

The Jap advance was stopped and Allies began the long battle toward the enemy bases of Buna and Gona on the other side of the 8,000-foot Owen Stanley mountains and through terrain even worse than that found in Guadalcanal.

Here in the west, as in the east, air power played a major part in the battles. All Allied equipment was flown in by transport and the turning point came when United Nations planes under Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney, totally annihilated a Jap task force of 27 vessels carrying more than 15,000 troops. The air cover for the force was smashed with 102 Jap planes being shot down. The Allies lost three fighters and one bomber.

With the fall of Buna and Gona, in the southwest, and the capture of Guadalcanal, in the southeast, the Jap defensive triangle was shortened to Rabaul; Munda, on New Georgia, in the southeast; and Lae, northwest of Buna and Gona.

Munda Finally Falls

Giving the enemy no rest, the Allies kept up their steady push forward on both of the southern points, and last week—Aug. 6—Munda fell, shoving the southeastern tip of the triangle back to Buin on Bougainville Island, two-thirds of the distance from Guadalcanal to Rabaul. The drive on Lae progressed more slowly, but just as steadily. The Allies have occupied Mubo, less than 50 miles away.

When Lae falls, the next stronghold in the southwest will be Gasmata, in New Britain, and the Jap triangle of defense protecting the Truk Islands will have been reduced more than two-thirds.

This progressive shortening of lines has enabled the Allies to consolidate their forces so that each gain on either leg of the triangle puts them in a position to throw more and more weight against the enemy.

The destruction of this triangle will leave Truk open to attack and, when that bastion falls, the entire Jap line from Singapore to the Aleutians will be weakened, as well as removing any threat of attack on Australia and Allied shipping lines.

Three German Tank Attacks Beaten Off in Yank Landing

By Hal Boyle Associated Press War Correspondent

WITH THE AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY, Northern Sicily, Aug. 12—American elements which landed behind the German lines from assault boats the second time in three days fought all through the night to establish contact with the main body of their forces in the vicinity of Cape Orlando.

The infantry, with supporting tanks, swept ashore just before dawn on Wednesday, seized a number of German prisoners and beat off three heavy counter-attacks before their own troops attacking from the west were able to close the seven-mile gap between them, where the German forces were pocketed by the hazardous amphibious landing.

"It was a good scrap and the fighting was heavy," said a staff officer.

The landing force, which was backed by supporting naval artillery of the United States fleet, met opposition soon after it had landed and dug in. The Allied air forces bombed the German positions in a well-coordinated effort with the navy to help them in every way.

The sound of battle was audible to the main troops fighting their way through the coastal ridges to trap as many Germans as possible.

One of two Nazi attacks during the day was made in force with armor and the Yanks strained to the utmost to hold and try to enlarge their slender bridgehead under the weight of German tank, mortar and small arms fire. Finally they smashed back an enemy armored thrust with anti-tank guns.

When the third and heaviest German attack came about 6 PM—just before dusk is the Nazis' favorite time for a counter-attack—the Americans, charging desperately forward to close the trap on the Germans and at the same time reach

their own troops, took a small village some four miles inland.

"We are getting it from both sides now," the invasion force radioed.

The pocketed Germans were attacking from the west and at the same time the Nazis to the east were trying to force a wedge through to them and destroy the audacious Americans who, for the second time, dared to land behind their lines.

The first time the exploit was tried last Sunday on the beaches east of San Agata it cost the Axis 1,200 Italian and German prisoners when the San Fratello front collapsed as a result of the confusion.

After this double-pronged Nazi attack failed to crack the stubborn resistance of the amphibious force, which was nearing the last of its ammunition, the Germans apparently gave up and performed their usual maneuver—back from the hills towards Messina.

The task of loading and transporting the force for Wednesday's attack on the beaches was compressed into less than one day. Without advance notice the troops were told what equipment was needed then rushed late in the day to the embarkation meet and pass through the perils of beach mines and barbed wire—just as in a full-dress invasion.

For many of these men it was their third ashore to establish African beachheads last November and repeated their success last month on the southern coast of Sicily.

This second overnight sortie behind entrenched enemy positions illustrated anew the continuing close cooperation between the navy and army in reducing Germany's last shrinking rampart in the mountainous northeast corner of this island.



"Now this is a chicken's egg, possibly you've heard of them."

# Wolves' Lead Threatened by Chain Gang

## Loop Leadership at SOS Hq. Unchanged; Rebels Favored for Title

By M. M. Robins

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent  
SOS HQ, Aug. 12—With three weeks' play left in the Special Service Unit's SOS softball season, league leadership is still being held by the Roosevelt Rebels, the Churchill Kayo Drops, and the Stalin Wolves. The Drops, three and a half games ahead of the Medics Aces, and the Rebels, two ahead of the Flaming Bombers, shouldn't encounter too much trouble in winning their leagues' pennants. But the Wolves, only one slim game in front of the driving Chain Gang, may be upset despite the fact they are favorites.

In the Churchill circuit, the Kayo Drops stretched their winning streak to nine straight by beating the Medics Aces, 6-2, and the Mobs, 14-7. It was the second-place Aces' chance to shave down the leaders' margin, but they were unable to solve the three-hit twirling of Cpl. John T. Gapko, of Milwaukee, Wis. The losing moundsman was Pvt. Pete O'Shea, of Ozone Park, N.Y., who was touched for eight blows. Mob pitcher, Cpl. Joe Golin-koff, of Brooklyn, fell victim to the heavy onslaught of the Drops.

### Hingle Goes Distance

The Sad Socks shaded the Sad Sacks, 5-4, to climb from seventh to sixth place in the standings. Winning hurler was 2/Lt. Martin Fulton, of Johnstown, Pa., who allowed seven hits.

In the Stalin loop, the Wolves made it seven straight, nipping the Pubs, 4-3, before they were finally defeated by the Gas House Gang, 10-7. But they recovered to smash the Ramblers, 12-5, keeping a small lead over the hot Chain Gang. Capt. A. T. Hingle, of San Antonio, Texas, went the distance in all three contests, allowing three hits in the first, 14 in the second, and five in the third. T/Sgt. Robert L. Davies, of Owit-ton, Minn., was the winning pitcher, yielding 11 blows. The Wolves had an easy time of it in the Ramblers' game, slugging for 15 knocks and scoring five runs in the big third.

The Chain Gang clipped their rivals for second place, the Kings, 2-1, to creep closer to the Wolves. They scored their two runs in the second on a succession of walks and a double by Pfc George Maslonik, of Chicago, off the slants of 2/Lt. William C. Wilford, of San Francisco.

### MRUs Drop to Fourth

In the Roosevelt League, the Rebels continue to drive towards the championship. They ran their string to seven straight, stopping the MRUs, 6-2. Pfc Phil Hoffman, of Baltimore, Md., had little trouble with the fading champs in holding them to three hits. The Rebels are the heavy favorites to win the playoffs thereby becoming the team selected to represent this area in the London ETO softball eliminations.

The MRUs dropped another game to the Flaming Bombers, 17-3. Their double loss put them down a notch into fourth place, a game and a half behind the SSUs. Bomber pitcher T/3 Walter N. Johnson, of Rochester, N.Y., limited his opponents to seven hits, besting Sgt. Andrew Tack, of Elizabeth, N.J., in their mound duel. Continuing on in winning form, the Bombers nicked the disappointing Bumble Bees, 5-2. Johnson went the distance allowing five hits, two of which were slammed out by Cpl. Kirby Gagneaux, of Donner, La.

The Aces left the cellar to head the second division with a victory over the Gophers in a close one, 7-6. W/O Robert A. Fox, of Cincinnati, scattered nine hits and struck out seven to receive credit for the win.

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CPL. Arthur Samuelson, Rochester, N.Y.; Sgt. Caleb R. Reed, Vina, Cal.; Charles L. Johnson, Wardell, Mo.; Pfc Charles Meriz, New Albany, Ind.; Pvt. Richard Nunn, Neb.; Lt. Goulton Holt, Patten, Me.; Pfc Paul de Vinney, New Brighton, Pa.; Lt. Heinie Engel, George P. From, Sgt. Ralph Kluseman, Dubuque, Iowa; Boyce Luncford, Washington, Ga.; James De Weese, Springfield, Ohio; Lawrence Baldwin, Montville, N.J.; Kenneth Cook, Boonton, N.J.; Sgt. Leonard Yahnke, Colver, Pa.; Pvt. Floyd M. Shelby, N.C.; Pvt. Marty Forman, Elizabeth, N.J.; Jack Wisigins, Trenton, N.J.; Maurice Wingate, Sylvester, Ga.; Robert Kelley, Arlington, Fort Worth, Tex.; Lt. Fred Norma E. Harvey, Mass.; William R. Hunter, Pfc Norma E. Harvey, Thomas J. McMahon, S/Sgt. Dempsey W. Allen, Sgt. Kenneth Wahl.

# The Payoff—Golf Winner Gets Reward



Harold "Jug" McSpaden, of Philadelphia, at right, gets first money check for \$2,000 after defeating Buck White, of Greenwood, Miss., left, in the playoff round of the All-American Open golf championship tournament. George S. May, president of the Tam O'Shanter Country Club, over which course the tourney was played, makes the presentation. As McSpaden gets his top money, White receives his prize. McSpaden shot a one under par 71 to beat out White's even par 72.

# Haegg Runs Mile in 4:6.9 In Last Effort in 'America'

NEW YORK, Aug. 12—Gunder Haegg, Sweden's flying fireman, failed in his quest for the legendary four-minute mile here yesterday, but won his eighth straight and last race in the U.S., running the mile in four minutes, six and nine-tenths seconds. Although Haegg failed to match his American record of four minutes, five and three-tenths seconds, the most important thing about the race was Haegg's impressive competitive spirit as he whipped Gil Dodds, of Boston, and Bill Hulse, of the NYAC.

## Minor League Results

### International League

Wednesday's Games  
Buffalo 8, Newark 4 (second game)  
Toronto 4, Jersey City 3 (first game)  
Jersey City 2, Toronto 0 (second game)  
Syracuse 5, Rochester 3 (first game, 14 innings)  
Syracuse 2, Rochester 0 (second game)  
Montreal 18, Baltimore 4

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Toronto	78	44	639	Syracuse	57	60	487
Newark	64	53	547	Buffalo	55	64	462
Montreal	63	57	525	Baltimore	50	64	439
Rochester	57	59	491	Jersey City	46	69	400

### Eastern League

Wednesday's Games  
Binghamton 5, Wilkes-Barre 1  
Scranton 6, Elmira 2 (first game)  
Elmira 2, Scranton 1 (second game)  
Springfield 2, Utica 0  
Hartford 6, Albany 2 (15 innings)

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Scranton	65	35	650	Wilkes-Barre	53	47	530
Albany	54	44	551	Hartford	49	46	516
Elmira	54	46	545	Springfield	37	56	398
Binghamton	55	46	545	Utica	24	72	250

### American Association

Wednesday's Games  
Columbus 2, St. Paul 1  
Louisville 3, Kansas City 2  
Indianapolis 6, Milwaukee 4 (first game)  
Indianapolis 6, Milwaukee 4 (second game)  
Toledo 3, Minneapolis 1 (first game)  
Toledo 15, Minneapolis 2 (second game)

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Milwaukee	60	44	577	Minneapolis	52	56	481
Columbus	59	49	546	Toledo	52	56	481
Indianapolis	56	47	544	St. Paul	47	59	443
Louisville	50	52	490	Kansas City	45	57	441

### Southern Association

Wednesday's Games  
Little Rock 5, New Orleans 3  
Nashville 9, Atlanta 1  
No other games played.

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
N. Orleans	24	14	632	Memphis	21	23	477
Montgomery	26	22	542	Little Rock	20	22	476
Nashville	20	17	541	Atlanta	18	24	428
Knoxville	21	18	538	Birmingham	14	24	368

### Pacific Coast League

Wednesday's Games  
San Francisco 3, Sacramento 0  
Portland 8, Hollywood 5  
Seattle 9, Oakland 5  
Los Angeles 4, San Diego 1

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Los Angeles	87	30	744	Hollywood	53	64	458
San Francisco	73	42	635	San Diego	50	68	424
Seattle	69	36	519	Oakland	49	68	419
Portland	58	57	504	Sacramento	35	80	304

### Davis an All-American

EVANSTON, Ill., Aug. 12—In winning top honors in the 100 and 220-yard dashes, his two specialties, Hal Davis, the University of California sprinter, topped a list of 42 athletes who won places on the annual All-America track and field team.

### Murtagh Gets 'Greetings . . .'

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 12—Danny Murtagh, Phillie second baseman, has been inducted into the Army and will report for duty at Fort Meade, Md., on Aug. 24.

## HOW THEY STAND.

### American League

Wednesday's Games  
St. Louis 9, New York 1  
Cleveland 10, Philadelphia 5 (first game)  
Cleveland 2, Philadelphia 1 (second game)  
Detroit 3, Washington 2  
Boston 10, Chicago 0

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
New York	61	39	610	Chicago	51	49	510
Washington	56	49	533	Boston	49	52	485
Detroit	51	48	515	St. Louis	45	54	455
Cleveland	51	48	515	Philadelphia	40	63	388

### Yesterday's Schedule

Washington at Detroit  
New York at St. Louis (night game)  
Boston at Chicago  
Philadelphia at Cleveland

### National League

Wednesday's Games  
Brooklyn 5, Cincinnati 2  
Philadelphia 2, Pittsburgh 1 (first game)  
Philadelphia 2, Pittsburgh 0 (second game)  
Chicago 3, Boston 0 (first game)  
Boston 6, Chicago 2 (second game)  
New York 3, St. Louis 2 (10 innings)

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
St. Louis	66	33	667	Philadelphia	49	56	467
Cincinnati	54	48	529	Chicago	47	54	465
Pittsburgh	54	48	529	Boston	44	53	454
Brooklyn	53	55	515	New York	38	63	376

### Leading Hitters

American League

G	AB	R	H	Pct.	
Appling, Chicago	100	381	38	126	.331
Wakefield, Detroit	100	428	59	138	.322
Curtright, Chicago	83	276	46	86	.313
Stevens, St. Louis	83	314	44	96	.306
Hockett, Cleveland	87	370	47	109	.295

### Home Run Hitters

American League—York, Detroit, 19; Keller, New York, 18; Stephens, St. Louis, 14.  
National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 16; Ott, New York, 14; DiMaggio, Pittsburgh, 13.

### Runs Batted In

American League—Ettan, New York, 75; Johnson, New York, 67; York, Detroit, 65.  
National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 79; Herman, Brooklyn, 69; Elliott, Pittsburgh, 68.

# Rundus Hurls 9-0 No-Hitter

FIGHTER COMMAND HQ, Aug. 12—Sgt. Joe Rundus, of Bellville, Kan., former moundsman for Elmira in the Eastern League, hurled the Air Force All-Stars to a no-hit, no-run 9-0 victory over the Photo Intelligence squad Tuesday evening at the Photogs' diamond.

Hitting honors for the winners were taken by Pvt. Al Slakish, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., who got three for four, and S/Sgt. Hugh Gustafson, of Winnipeg, Canada, who homered and also got a single. Losing hurler was Lt. John Reese.

In a twilight affair yesterday the All-Stars made it two straight, as Cpl. Ross Grimley, of Americus, Kan., struck out nine and allowed three hits for a 5-1 victory over Fighter Command. Losing hurler Tessoro yielded six hits.

### Fitzsimmons Signs for Year

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 12—Bill Cox, president of the Phillies, has announced that Manager Freddie Fitzsimmons and Coach Chuck Klein have signed contracts through 1944.

## Griffiss Engineers Edge CBS Clowns Behind Gyrofi

Four errors in the final frame cost the CBS Clowns their fourth loss in 40 starts when the Engineers, Camp Griffiss post champs, came from behind to edge them out, 6-5, in a baseball game at Paddington Recreation Grounds Wednesday evening.

The Clowns took a four-run lead in the opening frame, off two walks and three singles, and were out front entering the seventh and final inning, but found the miscues costly, after having out-hit the Engineers all the way. Winning hurler, S/Sgt. Bill Gyrofi, of Proctor, Vt., yielded eight hits and struck out four, for his sixth win in seven starts, while the loser, Sgt. Amey Fontana, of Wampum, Pa., allowed six hits and whiffed six batters.

# Yanks, Cards Lose; Dodgers Subdue Reds

## Phillies Topple Pirates Twice; Bengals Claw Nats

NEW YORK, Aug. 12—Both the St. Louis Cardinals and the New York Yankees had an unfortunate day yesterday, although neither suffered a drop in the major league standings.

The New York Giants reached up from the depths of the National League cellar to slap the Cards, 3-2. Meanwhile, at St. Louis, the vaunted Bronx Bombers were taking a 9-1 mauling at the hands of the Browns.

Mickey Witek's tenth-inning homer gave the Giants their triumph over the Redbirds. Mickey also gave the New Yorkers a two-run lead in the fifth with his first homer of the day. The Cards knotted the count in the ninth. Ace Adams, who took over from Rube Fischer in that stanza for the Giants for his 50th relief assignment this year, gained credit for the victory.

Steve Sundra fashioned a one-hitter at Sportsman's Park as the Browns clipped the Yankees. The lone blow was Charlie Keller's 18th home run of the season in the second inning. The Browns hammered Marius Russo and Jim Turner for 16 safeties, with Don Guttridge leading the hitting with four for four.

### York's Homer Counts

Luckily for the Yankees, the Detroit Tigers took the measure of the Washington Senators, 3-2, at Detroit. Rudy York's homer in the eighth with the bases empty broke a 2-2 tie to give the Bengals the contest. York's clout, which preserved his League lead in home runs, gave Paul Trout his 12th win of the season as he yielded five hits. Dutch Leonard was the loser.

The Cardinals have the resurgent Phillies to thank for the fact that they did not have their margin cut. In fact, the Cards gained half a game as the Phillies rocked the Pittsburgh Pirates in both ends of a twin bill, 2-1 and 2-0. Schoolboy Rowe gave the Pirates only four hits in the first game, shutting them out until the ninth, when pinch hitter Maurice Van Robays tripled and scored on an outfield fly. The victory was Rowe's tenth of the season. Kewpie Barrett held the Bucs to six hits in the nightcap, fanning eight.

The punch-drunk Dodgers came up off the floor, scoring their first victory since July 26 with a 5-2 decision over the Cincinnati Reds at Crosley Field. For seven innings it looked like another routine drubbing for the Dodgers. However, in the seventh, they smacked Ray Starr, Red hurler, for five runs. The Brooklyn barrage included a triple by Rookie Louis Olmo and a pair of doubles by Bobby Bagan and Frenchy Bordagaray. Whit Wyatt held the Reds to seven hits, one of which was Eric Tipton's sixth homer of the season in the sixth with none on.

### Bithorn Chalks Up 14th

At Boston, the Braves won their first victory in eight games against the Chicago Cubs when Charlie Barrett hung up his tenth triumph of the season, 6-2, in the nightcap of a double-header. They dropped the opener, 3-0. The Braves got 13 hits and nine walks in the second game off Ed Hanzyszewski, John Burrows, Paul Derringer and Ray Prim.

Hi Bithorn chalked up his 14th victory of the year in the first game, allowing the Braves nine hits. The Bruins were able to collect only six off the slants of Jim Tobin, but took advantage of three walks and a Boston miscue to pour over three runs on one hit in the fourth inning.

The Indians swept their two games with the Athletics at Cleveland, 10-5 and 2-1. The Tribe mauled Pitcher Lou Ciola in his big league debut, collecting five runs in the second frame and holding the edge throughout with a 13-hit attack. Allie Reynolds, ace Cleveland freshman, won his sixth victory, but faltered in the seventh and was relieved by Joe Heving.

Veteran Southpaw Al Smith won his 11th of the season in the clincher with a brilliant two-hit effort. Jess Flores, Mack hurler, walked Oris Hockett with the bases loaded in the eighth to force in the winning run.

The Red Sox went on a batting rampage at Chicago, blasting two Chicago wrirlers for 16 hits and an easy 10-0 victory. Orval Grove, the League's leading moundsman, started for the Chisox, but was shelved from the mound in the eighth when Boston scored in the seventh. Joe Haynes relieved him. Joe Dobson went all the way for Boston, surrendering only five hits to earn his shutout. Big George Metkovich paced the winners' attack with three blows, including a homer. He also batted in three runs.

### Hambletonian to Volo Song

YONKERS, N.Y., Aug. 12—Volo Song, fast-striding brown colt owned by W. H. Strang, of Brooklyn, won the 18th Hambletonian trotting classic by winning the second and third heats of the three-heat competition at the Empire City track here yesterday before 12,407 fans. Volo Song brought in \$23,263 to Owner Strang.

### Jake Powell Back With Nats

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12—Jake Powell, who has been hitting .270 with the St. Paul Saints of the American Association, is back with the Washington Senators, where he started 12 years ago. The Griffis gave up Outfielder John Marion and cash for Powell.



# Churchill Sees Niagara, Starts On Secret Trip

## Leaves Falls on Special Train After 90-Minute Visit With Daughter

Prime Minister Winston Churchill, in bubbling good spirits after war conferences in Quebec and an hour-and-a-half sightseeing visit at Niagara Falls, boarded a six-car special train yesterday bound for an unannounced destination.

The Prime Minister, accompanied by his daughter Mary, an ATS lieutenant, and a large party, appeared in excellent spirits and gave the familiar V for victory salute to the crowds near his train.

Miss Churchill, seeing the falls for the first time, thought they were "absolutely wonderful," but her father explained he had seen them in 1900. Asked by a newspaper man if he noticed any changes, he said:

"Well, on principle they remain the same. The water keeps on falling over."

As his train rolled into Niagara Falls after brief stops at Montreal and Toronto, a Negro porter ran after it begging Mr. Churchill for one of his cigars. The Prime Minister leaned out of his car, took out the cigar he was smoking and examined it regretfully. Then, apparently changing his mind, he reached into his pocket and threw his cigar case to the porter.

The Prime Minister was on a holiday from world affairs and politics, but national capitals continued to buzz with speculation about the probable decisions to be reached at his talks with Mr. Roosevelt.

Quebec correspondents reported that Wednesday's joint meeting of the British war cabinet and the Canadian war committee undoubtedly determined the part Canadian troops will play in an invasion of western Europe.

An American broadcaster in Quebec said Canadian circles were under the impression the Prime Minister would go to Russia with a message for Joseph Stalin after his talk with President Roosevelt.

# Sicily - - -

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bridgehead, was reported officially to be under fire from American light artillery, indicating the U.S. forces advancing from Casero were within three miles of the town.

Resistance—in the form of heavy mortar fire and large minefields—was still bitter in this sector. Morocco radio said the Germans were fanatical, defending every inch of ground with no regard for casualties. Several companies, Morocco said, have had their effectives reduced from 200 men to 20.

On the east coast the Eighth Army captured Prajola and Zafferano and pushed north against German rearguards. On the north coast the main U.S. forces were reported consolidating their gains near the captured town of San Marco, inland a few miles west of Cape Orlando.

Front line reports indicated the Germans were finding difficulty moving supplies to forward areas because of Allied bombings of bases and transport.

Flying Fortresses, resuming large scale air attacks on the Italian mainland for the first time in nearly a week, struck in force at Terni, an important railway center 40 miles north of Rome. Northwest African air force photographs showed damage was severe.

A jute factory was almost completely destroyed, rolling mills were badly damaged, a large group of workshops was hit, two trains were left burning, and hits were scored on both the gasworks and the Royal Italian arms factory.

Marauders, escorted by Lightnings, punched several holes in a railway bridge at Marina di Catanzaro on the Italian "toe," and wrecked railway tracks and freight cars. Half of a highway bridge at Angiola, also in the "toe," was destroyed by Mitchells. No enemy interceptors and no ack-ack were encountered.

# American Forces Network

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Friday, Aug. 13

- 5:45—Spotlight on Ted Fio Rito and his orchestra.
- 6:00—News (BBC).
- 6:10—Personal Album—Liz Tilton sings your favorite songs.
- 6:25—GI Supper Club—with Cpl. Charlie Capps as your GI host.
- 7:00—Sports News—latest baseball scores as presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
- 7:05—Kate Smith.
- 7:30—Tommy Dorsey.
- 8:00—News From Home—What America is doing, thinking and saying, presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
- 8:10—Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians.
- 8:25—Symphonetta—a symphonic concert.
- 9:00—News (BBC).
- 9:10—Moods in Music.
- 9:25—Jack Benny—with Mary Livingston, "Rochester" and Dennis Day.
- 9:50—Memories.
- 10:00—Final Edition—latest world, ETO and sports news, presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
- 10:10—Guy Lombardo and his orchestra.
- 10:30—Sign off until Aug. 14 at 5:45 PM.

# Munda Loot Shows Japs Now Have a .303 Rifle

WITH U.S. FORCES, New Georgia Island, Aug. 12 (UP)—Rifles left behind by Japanese forces retreating on Munda showed the Japanese have adopted rifles of heavier caliber than the .25s hitherto used.

In a supply dump, approximately 50 .303 caliber rifles were found. They are slightly larger than the American and the same as used by British forces. The shells are identical to those fired by their heavy machine-guns.

# Club to Observe First Birthday

## Milestone to Celebrate Formal Opening With Party

GLASGOW, Aug. 12—The Red Cross club here has scheduled a week of parties, dances and concerts to celebrate its first anniversary. Men who were present when the club opened will hold a reunion Wednesday at 6:45 PM.

Volunteer workers at the club will stage a Scottish program Monday night. A birthday ball Friday, Aug. 20, will end the anniversary program.

### Manchester

MANCHESTER, Aug. 12—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here, 36 St. Ann St.: Monday—Dinner music, 6-8 PM. Tuesday—Dinner music, 6-8 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 6:30-10:30 PM; RAF variety show, 6:30-10:30 PM. Thursday—Dinner music, 6-8 PM. Friday—Dinner music, 6-8 PM; Cinemobile, 7-9 PM. Saturday—Dinner dance, 7-10:30 PM. Sunday—Open house, 2-10:30 PM; scavenger hunt, 4-6 PM; dance, 6-10:30 PM; ARC floor show, 7:30 PM.

### Milestone

Distinguished military and civilian guests will attend the first anniversary of the formal opening of the Milestone club, 2 Kensington Ct., London, W. 8, tomorrow night. The program will include a buffet supper at 6:30, a dance at 8:30 and the Milestone Varieties at 11:30 PM.

An American Army Engineer band will play at a concert sponsored by the club Sunday, at 8 PM, at the Kensington Gardens bandstand.

### Eagle

Eight Americans in the U.S. and Canadian armed forces were interviewed by Tom Bernard, U.S. Stars and Stripes Navy Editor, during a broadcast from the Eagle club to the United States yesterday. They were: F/O W. S. Grieve, RCAF, Chicago; Cpl. E. P. Kowarski, U.S. Army, Chicago; S/Sgt. M. L. Weil, USAAF, Huntsville, Ala.; S/Sgt. W. L. de Ore, USAAF, Conestogville, Pa.; S/Sgt. Clayton Wildstein, USAAF, Perth Amboy, N.J.; 2/Lt. R. E. Smith, USAAF, Long Beach, Cal.; Signaller Leon Jacobson, Canadian Army, New York; and Sgt. Pilot R. E. Courson, RCAF, Long Beach, Cal.

### Bishop's Palace

NORWICH, Aug. 12—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here: Monday—Croquet match, 3:30 PM; movies, 8 PM. Tuesday—Classical recordings, 8:30 PM; ping-pong matches, 9 PM. Wednesday—Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia and Alabama reunions, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Picnic, 2-8:30 PM. Friday—Tennis party, 3:30-6:30 PM. Saturday—Dance, 7:30-10:30 PM. Sunday—Musical variety show, 3:30-5:30 PM.

### White Chapel

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 12—Program for the week at the White Chapel club for Negro troops: Friday—Fun night, 7:30 PM. Saturday—Amateur contest and dance, 7 PM. Sunday—Boat ride and picnic, 11:30 AM; tea hour with members of the cast of "Panama Hattie," as guests, 4 PM; dance, 7 PM. Monday—Games and puzzles, 7 PM. Tuesday—Movies, 7 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 7 PM.

### Belfast

BELFAST, Aug. 12—Pezzy Gillespie, of Morristown, N.J., new Red Cross assistant here, has planned a series of Sunday picnics for servicemen and technicians. They bring their own girls, who are on the approved guest list, meet at the Chichester club about 10 AM and are taken by bus or train to scenic and historic NI points.

### Bristol

BRISTOL, Aug. 12—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here: Sunday—Coffee hour, 4 PM; dance, 7:30-10:30 PM. Monday—Movies, 6:30 PM; dance, 8 PM. Tuesday—Music, 6:45-7:30 PM; dance, 7:30-10:30 PM. Wednesday—Open house, 8-10 PM. Thursday—Movies, 8 PM. Friday—Dance, 7:30-10:30 PM. Saturday—Coffee hour, 4 PM; dance, 7:30-10:30 PM.

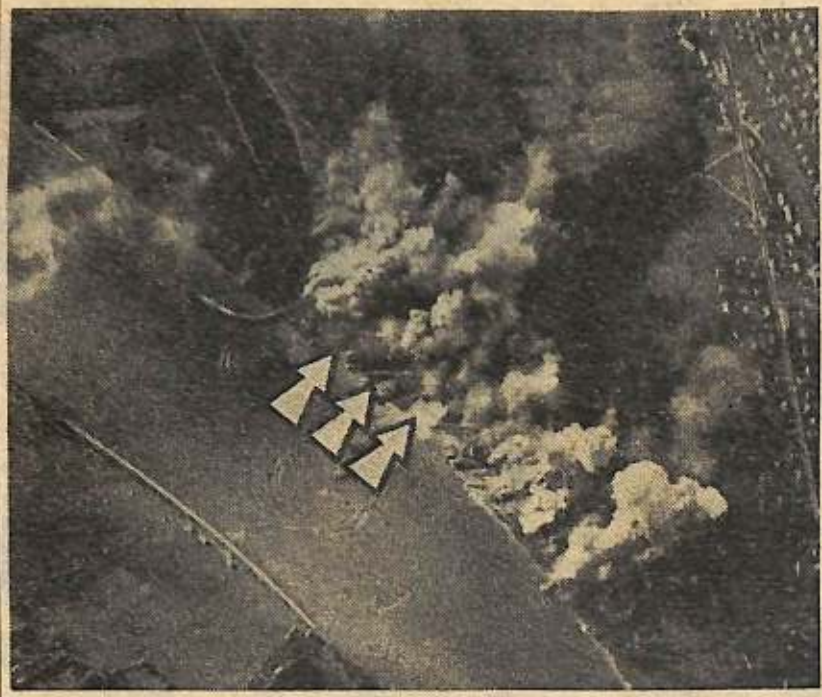
# USO Unit Wows CCRC

A COMBAT CREW REPLACEMENT CENTER, England, Aug. 12—The USO-Camp Show troupe starring the Lowe Brothers, the Gonna Sisters and Diana Ward played to a packed house at this Air Force station. The professionals were aided by Maj. R. D. Grandmontagne, Elyra, Ohio; Maj. George Teck, Wheat Ridge, Col.; Capt. Delbert H. Wilson, wing commanding officer, and 1/Lt. Raymond A. Dunn, Portland, Me.

# Terry and the Pirates



# First Example of B26s Work in ETO



This is the first picture released so far of attacks on enemy-occupied territory by B26 Marauders, the two-engine medium bomber which the Eighth Air Force took off the secret list this week. Smoke billows from fires started after accurate hits by B26s on the yards surrounding the shipways (arrows) of the Le Trait shipyard in France. Escorted by Spitfires, the B26s made the raid without loss.

# Orphan Has an Ice Cream Party (Which Proves M/Sgts. Human)

U.S. ARMY BASE, Aug. 12—Some sergeants are human—even some master sergeants. Beneath the rough exterior—and all those stripes—there sometimes beats a heart of gold.

Four master sergeants here proved themselves only mortal by taking the lead in throwing a party for Maureen Amelia F., ten-year-old girl whom the sergeants' club had sponsored through

# Forts Hammer Ruhr Industries

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group commander, reported the bombing results as "excellent."

Crewmen on the USAAF raids told of heavy flak.

2/Lt. Alan U. Winholt, 21, of Chicago, said that anti-aircraft fire at Bonn was heavy. "We could have let down the wheels and landed on the flak, it was so thick."

"We laid a nice bomb pattern, but I couldn't see the complete result because of the clouds," said S/Sgt. Clinton E. Hohn, top turret gunner, of Caldwell, Idaho. "About 15 or 25 fighters were around. Two tried coming in on the tail, but the tail gunner gave them a few bursts and they went away."

"When we made the run over the target, all I could see was a lot of flak, smoke and flames—the most I've ever seen," said Flight Officer Marlowe D. Brown, of Seattle, Wash., co-pilot of the Impatient Virgin II.

S/Sgt. John A. Kurek, Buffalo, N.Y., tail gunner, in the Darling Dolly, told how he shot down a Me109 and watched the pilot bail out over Bonn.

### Fighter Escort 'Marvelous'

Practically all the fliers agreed the fighter escort was "marvellous." "They followed us in, left us at the target and then the German fighters came in," said S/Sgt. Vincent R. Barbella, of Brooklyn, tail gunner on the Herky Jerky. "We caught the fighters because we were the tail end of the group. They were coming in on us four and five at a time, and I counted about 100 of them."

The Ruhr attackers made a round trip of about 800 miles and were over enemy territory about two hours.

In other raids on enemy airfields Typhoon bombers attacked Courtrai and Merville. Good bombing results were reported.

A gauge of the damage inflicted on the Rhineland was supplied by the Air Ministry as the RAF Mosquitoes returned from another blow at the heavily industrialized district.

More than 80 per cent of Cologne and 75 per cent of other areas on the west bank of the Rhine have been destroyed in the last three attacks on Germany's third largest city and vital transport center. Targets blasted included 80 factories, the Air Ministry announced.

# Russia - - -

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Kharkov, Red Star reported. Infantry and artillery wage the battle against enemy strongholds while tank forces bypass garrisons, sever communications and capture settlements and hills around enemy bases, threatening encirclement.

At one city the enemy launched numerous counter-attacks assisted by tanks and aircraft. Soviet troops made a sharp turn to the south, cut supply routes and threatened complete encirclement. The Germans left off their counter-attacks and strove to pull out of the city.

The Red air force was called to the scene and assisted the artillery to put up a barrier of bombs and shells before the retreating enemy, who suffered heavy losses. This put a halt to the enemy counter-attack.

The Germans are reported to have switched several tank and infantry divisions from other sectors of the front to try to hold Kharkov.

Farther north, Russian troops thrusting along the railway from Orel have occupied Alexeyavka, 11 miles east of Karachev, and a new big step forward in the advance on Briansk.

### Glider Crash Investigated

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (AP)—The War Department announced that faulty manufacture and inspection caused the St. Louis glider crash, in which ten persons were killed a few weeks ago.

# NEWS FROM HOME

# Labor Shortage Hits West Coast Airplane Plants

## Employees Quit Factories For Armed Forces, Farm Work

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12—Joseph D. Keenan, vice chairman of the War Production Board, said west coast airplane plants not only were thousands of workers short of their needs but were losing them faster than they could hire them.

Those quitting include workers who enter the Army, return to farms to get draft deferments or those who just walk out to hunt other jobs.

With only one exception, the plants are running 3,000 to 10,000 workers short of their requirements, Keenan said. Declaring that the trouble was not confined to the west coast, he pointed out that the Fort war plants in Detroit hired 3,078 workers in July and in the same period lost 3,614.

### Rick Returns to U.S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12—Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker has returned to Washington after his third inspection trip abroad. He reported immediately to Secretary of War Henry Stimson.

### AFL Ignores Lewis' Bid

NEW YORK, Aug. 12—The American Federation of Labor's Executive Council yesterday referred to its annual convention in October John L. Lewis' application for the return of his United Mine Workers to the AFL.

### \$1,000,000,000 Food Program

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (AP)—The administration will ask Congress for at least \$1,000,000,000 to finance the 1944 food program when Congress convenes in September. The money will be used largely to support farm prices and to encourage farmers to produce to the limit.

### Question Anti-Strike Legality

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 12—The constitutionality of the Smith-Connally anti-strike law was questioned in a petition filed in Federal Court asking the dismissal of indictments against 30 western Pennsylvania coal miners accused of conspiring to stop work in government-controlled mines.

# 'We've Showed the World' Eisenhower Tells His Staff

ALLIED HQ, Aug. 13 (AP)—Commemorating the first anniversary of the formation of the Allied Force Headquarters, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, supreme commander-in-chief in the Mediterranean theater, today told 230 staff officers: "We've showed and will continue to show the world that the Allies can fight under one command and as one nation. That is the only way to win the war and the way it will be won."

"We joined forces for one object—to kill," Gen. Eisenhower declared.

He said the original invasion of Africa was the greatest Allied military invasion in history. "Through your hard work you made it an unqualified success," he said.

# Jobs - - - - -

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Chamber of Commerce. He was a captain in the Marine Corps at the age of 21 during the last war.

"I sold vacuum cleaners from door to door after the war," he said, "and gradually worked upwards. Now I have three businesses. I want that same opportunity of advancement for soldiers today."

He stressed that individual efforts are being made by private enterprise all over the country to assure jobs for all soldiers after the war.

As an example of an increased need for workers after the war, Johnston cited the automobile industry. He said that 27,000,000 automobiles were on the highways before the war, and there will be approximately 15,000,000 in use by the time that the war ends.

"I talked to Henry Kaiser just before I left," Johnston said, "and Henry said he's planning to put out a new auto for three or four hundred dollars. There you are—that's going to mean a lot of jobs in itself."

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