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Red Seizure Of Zhitomir Is Imminent

Russians Within 10 Miles Of Rail Center; Gain On Other Fronts

Dispatches from Moscow late last night said that the capture of Zhitomir, key German base on the last lateral railway before the Polish border west of Kiev, was expected hourly.

Latest reports placed one prong of the Russian thrust west of the Ukrainian capital less than ten miles from Zhitomir after another swift advance. The Russians last night were within shelling distance of the town.

It was believed that the Russians, after taking Zhitomir, would strike northward at Korosten, already being threatened by another Red Army column. Korosten lies astride the Leningrad-Odessa railway.

Gains in White Russia

As the Russians rolled forward in an ever-widening arc west of Kiev, new gains were scored by other Red Army units in the Ryechitsa area at the southern tip of White Russia. There the Germans were pressed back farther toward the Pripiet, and Nazi forces in threatened Gomel had but two escape routes left. These were the endangered Pinsk line and the railway to Minsk.

Strong Soviet attacks on almost every sector of the long front in Russia were reported by Berlin, which said that all were repelled. Berlin claimed that German units west of Kiev were being reinforced to halt the Soviet drive, the danger of which has been admitted by Sertorius, German commentator, who stressed the peril of encirclement it held for Nazis within the Dnieper Bend.

In the Kereh Peninsula the Russians fought their way to the approaches to the town of Kerch, which was reported to be in flames, set fire by the Germans. Russian brigades were being extended hourly as the Soviet invasion of the eastern end of the Crimea gained force.

A flare-up in fighting at the north end of the Crimea was reported by Berlin, which said that Russian detachments which had advanced across the Sivash Sea were wiped out.

Son of Winant Nazi Prisoner

Envoy Hears Nazis Hold Flier Missing in Raid On Munster Oct. 10

Lt. John G. Winant Jr., son of the U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain, who was listed as missing after his Fortress was shot down in the Munster raid Oct. 12, is in a German prison camp, it was disclosed yesterday.

News of his son's safety reached the ambassador two days ago but he kept it a secret until formal War Department notification reached Mrs. Winant at the family home at Concord, N.H. A message from Bern, Switzerland, said a Swedish representative of the International YMCA talked with the pilot last week on a tour of German prison camps and found him in good health and good spirits at air camp three.

Fellow fliers said that Winant's bomber, Tech Supply, was shot down by a German interceptor while flying at 25,000 feet over Holland, after the target had been bombed. Five parachutes were seen drifting from the Tech Supply.

It was Lt. Winant's 13th mission. Fliers and ground crews at Winant's station were overjoyed.

"It's wonderful news," said Col. Edgar M. Wittam, of Portage, Pa., post commander. "It also provides us with much hope for the remainder of our men who went down on the Munster raid."

Probably more pleased than anybody, however, was Sgt. E. M. Clark, of Ellensburg, Wash., who packed Winant's parachute before he took off. "I'm glad his chute opened," Clark said. "It sorta makes you feel like you're doing something worthwhile."

Kill Nazi Officers Trying To Escape Going to Soviet

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 12 (UP)—Sixteen German officers were executed by the Nazis for trying to escape to Sweden, according to the Malmoe correspondent of Dagens Nyheter, the Stockholm newspaper.

The officers were undergoing special training before being sent to Russia, says the correspondent. According to the correspondent, the German military police foiled the escape plan.

First P47 Aces Awarded DSC for Combat Heroism

Capt. Charles P. London, of Long Beach, Cal., America's first P47 fighter ace, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for outstanding courage in combat with superior forces of enemy fighters, Eighth Air Force headquarters announced yesterday.

London, who has completed 70 combat missions, is on his way back to the States to lecture and instruct student fighter pilots.

The fighter ace destroyed his first German plane June 22, and became an ace July 30 when he shot down his fifth.

Weather Slows Allies in Italy; Bombers Active

Anglo-U.S. Troops Beat Off Counter-Attacks In the Mountains

Strong German counter-attacks, thick mud and heavy Nazi demolitions all but brought the Allied advance in Italy to a standstill yesterday, but in the air Allied bombers finished cutting off southern France's rail link with the peninsula by two heavy attacks near Cannes.

Only in the Fifth Army's Mignano sector was there any real fighting. German troops counter-attacked fiercely for the third time in as many days, but the Americans and British drove them off and slogged forward through the valley beyond the Mignano heights, toiling up slippery hills toward open country, where Allied tanks can go to work.

Besides blown-up bridges, blasted roads and extensive minefields, the Fifth had to fight against deep mud that bogged down trucks and put the burden of transporting ammunition and supplies on weary shoulders.

The Eighth Army, preparing large-scale attacks against strong German positions on the north bank of the Sangro river, limited its operations to patrols. Its troops were subjected to intense shelling by the enemy throughout the day.

New German preparations for withdrawals were evident along the western coast. To Thursday's information that the enemy has begun demolishing port facilities at Leghorn and Pescara was added yesterday the news that the breakwater of Gaeta harbor has been destroyed.

Germans Plug Riviera Gap

MADRID, Nov. 12 (AP)—The Germans are plugging the last gap in their Mediterranean wall defenses between Marseilles and the Pyrenees, as they are apparently convinced that the chain of shallow bays along the coast would not afford sufficient protection against the Allied offensive which they fear may be imminent.

Bulldozer Buries Japs In Bougainville Attack

ADVANCED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Nov. 12 (UP)—The U.S. has discovered a new assault weapon—the "bulldozer."

During the landings on Bougainville island, in the Solomons, one of these giant machines, normally used for leveling out ground, emerged from a landing craft. Raising its big steel scraper as a shield against machine-gun fire, it thundered toward a Jap pill-box. Just before reaching the enemy position it dropped the scraper and covered the pill-box with a mound of earth. Then it drove over the mound, crushed the pill-box and buried the Japs.

Nazis Draw Finland Troops

Cairo radio said yesterday that according to reports from Sweden, German troops have been withdrawn from Finland in order to offset losses on the Eastern Front.

GIs Now May Cable Amounts As Low as \$10 Home Free

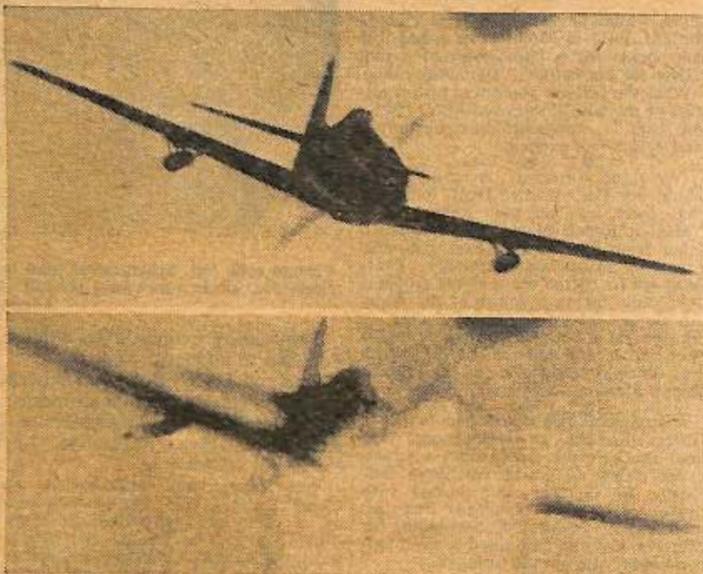
The minimum amount that ETO soldiers can send home free of charge by cable has been reduced from \$25 to \$10, it was announced yesterday. The reduction, it is expected, will enable more sixth and seventh grade men to get in on the service.

Men now can give any even amount, \$10 or over, to personnel officers or unit commanders, who then turn it over to the finance department for free cabling. Any such amount can be deducted each month from pay for the same purpose.

Soldiers sent back \$100,000 in April,

RAF Strikes Again at German Supply Lines to Italian Front; Libs Hit Third Bearings Plant

P47 Kills a Secret Weapon Plane



U.S. Army Air Force Photos

This FW190 never got a chance to use its "secret weapon" rocket guns (slung under each wing) on U.S. bombers en route to blast Hitler's factories last week. A P47, escorting their "big friends," caught it off guard and zoomed in for a kill, as the camera shows: top, guns open up; bottom, bullets find target, exploding one rocket.

Planes, Tanks Support Troops Moving Inland on Bougainville

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Nov. 12 (UP)—Led by strong forces of tanks, and protected by a great air armada, American army and Marine troops drove inland on Bougainville Island yesterday in a strong bid to capture the whole of the Solomon island.

Gen. MacArthur's communique today said the Augusta Bay bridgehead now was firmly in Allied hands and reinforcements had been landed. Yesterday, Marine troops killed half of a Jap landing force on the Laruma river defense line.

Meanwhile, planes hammered away at enemy supply lines and airfields on the island and held off any serious Jap air opposition with strong fighter support over the Augusta Bay battle scene.

Bombers blasted another Jap cruiser at Rabaul, scoring a "near miss," while other U.S. bombers sunk a destroyer near Kavieng, New Ireland. In the central Solomons, a small formation of Jap aircraft attacked U.S. shipping. Anti-aircraft batteries accounted for seven enemy planes destroyed.

In a raid which proves the Allied Pacific air power is rapidly growing, Liberators from Australia swept 2,000 miles across tropical seas to blast vital oil installations at Surabaya, on the former Dutch island of Java. Despite bad weather, returning pilots said the raid was "very successful."

A Naval spokesman said today that the U.S. paratroops had left Choiseul island, in the Solomons, after having diverted the attention of the Japs from landings on Bougainville.

10th AF Blasts Burma

NEW DELHI, Nov. 12 (UP)—Liberators of the 10th U.S. Air Force delivered a successful daylight attack on Heho airdrome on Thursday.

Panicky Rumanians Jam Roads Near Red Front

BERNE, Switzerland, Nov. 12 (UP)—Tens of thousands of panic-stricken peasants are evacuating eastern Rumania before the advancing Russian armies can reach them, according to reports here tonight. They are jamming up all the main roads along which the Germans are trying to rush reinforcements to the eastern front.

The German garrisons in Bessarabia, Bukovina and Moldavia have been ordered to stop the evacuation at all costs, according to these reports.

Hundreds of Rumanian refugees have already been arrested.

In many districts the evacuees are not even waiting to pack their belongings. Entire farms are being abandoned in the mass flight to safety.

U.S. Destroyer Sunk

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12 (AP)—The Navy Department announced today the destroyer Beatty was sunk by an enemy plane in the Mediterranean Nov. 6. It was the twelfth U.S. naval vessel lost in the Mediterranean and the fourth destroyer announced as lost this week.

Railways on Riviera Hammered From North, South

The Allies' two-way round-the-clock aerial offensive was taking shape yesterday as a concentrated onslaught to smash every German transport line into Italy and to wipe out the dwindling roller-bearing plants that supply the Wehrmacht and the Luftwaffe.

The British Air Ministry announced yesterday that RAF planes based in Britain had delivered another smashing blow at vital rail arteries along the French Riviera Thursday night, only a few hours after U.S. heavy bombers of the Northwest African Air Force had pounded the same lines at Cannes by daylight.

This climax to a great Armistice Day aerial offensive marked the fourth heavy Allied blow at routes through which the Germans are trying to reinforce their hard-pressed Italian front.

More Bearings Plants

Simultaneously it was announced in Africa that Liberators of the 15th U.S. Air Force had swept in unescorted from their Mediterranean bases to blast the ball-bearing factory and railway yards at Anney, in the French Alps near the Swiss border.

Just 24 hours previously Libs of the same force had blasted the large Villaperose ball-bearing works near Turin. The importance of both plants had been multiplied by the Forts' smashing raid on the main German bearings source at Schweinfurt a month ago.

Flying 600 miles across Europe to Cannes, the RAF bombed the coastal railway between France and Italy at several points, the main attack at Cannes being heavy and well concentrated, according to an Air Ministry communique.

The daylight attack by U.S. bombers was directed at the Anthoer Viaduct, between Cannes and St. Raphael, which carries the coastal line across the foot of the Esterel mountains. Reports from Algiers said that the railway had been cut as a result of the raids, RAF Wellingtons had struck another viaduct near Genoa 12 hours previously.

Mt. Cenis Tunnel Blocked

The Riviera thoroughfare became paramount to the Nazis with the sealing of the Brenner Pass through the Alps from Germany to Italy by American NWAAF bombers Wednesday and the blasting of the Mt. Cenis tunnel, at Modane, France, by a British-based RAF force Wednesday night.

The tunnel was reported to have been blocked completely. Swiss reports said that damage at Modane was enormous.

Simultaneously with Thursday night's RAF assault on Cannes, RAF Mosquitos, in one of their biggest missions, bombed Berlin, the rubber and transportation center of Hanover, and targets in the Ruhr.

These night raids followed Thursday's heavy day attack on Munster, in northwest Germany, by British-based American Flying Fortresses, and assaults on the Cherbourg Peninsula in France by U.S. Marauders.

Goering Reorganizing Nazi Fighter Defenses

BERNE, Nov. 12 (AP)—Reichsmarshal Goering, back in full command of the German air force, is directing a complete reorganization of the home fighter defense to increase its efficiency and raise the number of planes required in any given area, it was ascertained today through a source whose information should be accurate.

The report was supported by pictures of Goering on tour published in a number of German papers. Goering was shown inspecting flak surrounded by civilian crowds, talking to factory girls and watching soldiers at the shooting range in Cologne and other bombed towns. The "fanfare," the informant said, provided a cloak to Goering's real objective which was an alteration of the air defenses.

Pope to Stay in Rome

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 12 (AP)—The Pope will not leave Rome to accept "security" in any territory of a belligerent power, the Rome correspondent of Stockholm's idningen said today. The Pope still hopes that Rome will be regarded as an "open city." A week ago the German envoy to the Vatican again offered the Pope sanctuary in Liechtenstein.

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Japan's Difficulties

To realize the importance of external and internal communication for the Japanese, it must be borne in mind that the first purpose of the Jap occupation of Malaya and the Dutch East Indies was to acquire raw materials which the Japanese needed for war. Without the means of transport the raw materials of these countries become of little value and the territories themselves mere liabilities because they absorb military forces which could be better used elsewhere in view of the mounting offensive of the United Nations.

But Japan is losing 750,000 tons of steel per year to American submarines and bombers in the Pacific. Japanese figures of new ship construction are not known, but her building program of wooden ships, junks and sailing boats in occupied territory will never be able to take the place of steel tonnage needed for ocean-going traffic.

To correct the situation the Japs are frantically trying to solve the shipping problem, the seriousness of which they must have realized immediately after their occupation of the Dutch East Indies, for they started at once to salvage scuttled ships and claim to have refloated many of them. But refloating scuttled ships cannot suffice to maintain a regular inter-island traffic, which for peace-time purposes required 350,000 tons of shipping, to say nothing of the shipping needed to maintain wide flung operations in the Far East. These difficulties will increase rapidly as Allied naval forces are strengthened in the Pacific, and as Allied air forces gain new strategic bases from which to operate against Japan's sea lines of communication. And although Jap military and naval leaders may be fanatic, they can also add, and when they add the columns of available shipping space at their disposal, they discover each day that it is growing smaller, and with its shrinkage drops their hope of victory in the Pacific.

A Record in Records

Additional demands for phonograph records made by fighting units overseas, and an unexpected demand from hospitals, prompted the folks at home, led by the American Legion, to promote a "Records for our Fighting Men" campaign.

Volunteer workers made a house-to-house canvass for old phonograph records required by manufacturers, for from the old records they secure the shellac, now a war scarcity, needed in producing the new recordings.

Last year collectors turned in enough old records to enable manufacturers to produce 370,000 new discs for the troops. This year the objective was enough to enable the production of a million.

Thanks to the efforts of volunteer workers, the million new recordings are now being made up into packages and sent to units overseas, to hospitals at home and to ships and stations of the Navy. A kit of new recordings is made up of 48 selections, the choice being dictated by the music section of the Library of Congress with advice from the Army. It includes chiefly good, popular numbers of an up-to-date character.

But all this doesn't mean you can expect a package of 48 hot jive numbers in tomorrow's mail. It will take time to manufacture, pack, ship and distribute the million recordings.

So be patient, jive jammin' GIs... the recordings are on the way.

Hash Marks

Fellows, this is definitely the last straw! The other day we overheard two Yanks get into a heated argument. One turned on the other and said, "For tuppence ha'penny I'd punch you in the nose!"

Funniest incident we've heard of in ages. When British Seaman Tom Hathaway learned that Canadian Seaman Bill



Ellis, whom he met at a USO club in Boston, lived in Montreal he fished into his pocket for a photograph of a girl. "Ever see her before?" Hathaway asked. "What the hell are you doing with a picture of my wife!" screamed Ellis. "She's my sister," replied Hathaway calmly—and a riot was averted.

We stand corrected. A recent article about our Help Wanted Dept. intimated that there was no such animal as a "Messkit Repair Shop." Now comes a letter from Lt. John A. Everhard, who says now he has seen everything. Everhard swears by the beard of the prophets that while taking a course at the Army Air Forces School of Applied Tactics, in Florida, he saw a platoon (part of a QM shoe repair and laundry outfit) which was officially designated as a Messkit Repair Platoon. So there!

His commanding officer had told Pvt. George Sprecht, of Minneapolis, that guys in the outfit would need a super-duper excuse to get an emergency furlough. But Sprecht came through with flying colors—he explained that his mother, a Lt. in the ANC, was sailing for overseas duty and he wanted to say goodbye to her. He got the furlough.

Christmas is almost here. The post office at Santa Claus, Indiana, has received its first letter of the Yule season. It



comes from an American soldier on an unidentified island. The writer told Santa Claus that there was just one thing he wanted—a spray gun for flies and mosquitos. He was sent one by return mail, we understand. Ummm, that gives us an idea!

Signs of the Times. The manpower shortage has hit even the federal court in Minneapolis. There aren't enough jurors on hand. Maybe crime does pay now. J. C. W.

Ex-Chef for Holland's Queen Dishing It Up for GIs Here



Veteran cook Sgt. Scherpenzeel, who has dished it up for queens and Hollywood celebrities, wields a fork on a pot-full of hot dogs destined to be gobbled up by his hungry soldiers.

Some lucky United States soldiers in England are getting meals literally "cooked to a Queen's taste."

Their chef is Sgt. John van Scherpenzeel, 42, of Los Angeles, now cooking for a headquarters company mess. A native of Amsterdam, he served his apprenticeship in leading hotels of the Netherlands, and also at the Royal Palace of the House of Orange. In those days his most distinguished patron was Queen Wilhelmina.

Van Scherpenzeel emigrated to the United States in 1928, and was employed as a chef by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios, where he pleased the delicate palates of America's queens of movieland, among them Hedy LaMarr and Norma Shearer—among the kings was Clark Gable.

Enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1942, van Scherpenzeel served for a time in an amphibious engineer unit, and then was sent to Britain, where his reputation as a chef soon won him a transfer to headquarters.

Queen Wilhelmina, Sgt. van Scherpenzeel says, always liked good food, and she preferred the "good old Dutch dishes." Such as? Well, such as one called boer en met kool worst.

It's a combination of kale, mashed potatoes and sausage and, if you want to try it, here's how van Scherpenzeel says

it's done: "Take the kale, cook it, mix it with the mashed potatoes, add salt and pepper and the juice from the sausage, mix it all together, and serve with the sausage arranged neatly but firmly on top."

He has not tried it on any soldiers, but not because he isn't willing; it's only that kale has not come his way as an article of Quartermaster issue. He contents himself with fixing sausages in a special manner unknown to the Dutch—but widely accepted throughout America as "hot dogs."

As to the tastes of the movie queens and kings, van Scherpenzeel said Miss LaMarr was most fond of any kind of chocolate confection—as long as it was plentifully garnished with rich whipped cream. Clark Gable's favorite dish was "a good thick juicy steak."

The Gable taste, van Scherpenzeel added, is shared by several million GIs.

Letters Home Rate as Tops With the Folks, and Philatelists

NEW YORK, Nov. 12—Those letters that soldiers, sailors and marines are sending to their wives, sweethearts, parents and friends back home often have so much sentimental value that the worth to philatelists of the envelopes bearing them generally has been overlooked.

Manhattan's leading philatelists re-

ported that thousands of collectors have been buying envelopes and card messages mailed from war theaters because through the collection and study of the mysterious markings on such "covers" the history of any war within the last 100 years can be traced.

The collectors are as anxious to obtain "franks" and military cancellations as the postage stamps and postmarks that they provisionally replace.

Although millions of such letters reach the United States weekly, their recipients are so anxious to read them that the envelopes are forgotten and destroyed. This decreases the supply, so that the few that are available bring relatively high prices.

The really rare ones are those mailed in a battle period on some distant shore. William Watson, a Weehawken, N.J., resident, received a strange-looking card from a friend stationed in the Solomons early this year. The printed inscription was in Japanese, but the familiar "free" was in the corner, and a short message was on the face.

The Marine who had written it later sent a letter, in which he explained that a small supply of these cards had been taken from a package found in a conquered Japanese camp. The Americans had only a limited supply of stationery, so they began to use them to send messages back home. A few had been dispatched before a colonel prohibited their use. The remaining ones were burned. Watson since has been offered over \$25 for his copy by a number of "war-cover" collectors.

Censorship may be a nuisance to all concerned, but it has one good point: Stamp collectors pay good money for envelopes which have censorship markings or labels. There are hundreds of different types; some are common, others scarce, but all of them have some value.

Even President Roosevelt, whose philatelic hobby is well known, has turned from a collection of adhesive stamps to the accumulation of envelopes sent to him by members of the armed forces. Through them he can get a living history of the war as it progresses in its elimination of oppression through the world.

Prisoner-of-war cards and envelopes are particular favorites, and because they are comparatively scarce, prices range from 50 cents to \$10 each.

Even V-mail forms are being sought after, and while few will want to sell such personal messages, they do have a monetary value.

This Is The Army

LAST Tuesday we printed an item telling how an ETO inventor had put to good use the "gang plank" method of catching mice. Yesterday we found that the mice, at least, weren't beating a path to the inventor's door.

Briefly, the method works like this—according to its inventor: A ruler is laid on a table, one end extending out and a piece of cheese on the extended end. When Mickey Mouse saunters way out to get the tidbit, his weight topples ruler and mouse into a half-filled pail of water.

However, one 1/Lt. Donald M. MacLeay wrote us yesterday that the gang plank method proved a complete flop where engineer mice were concerned. (The Lieutenant is with an engineer outfit.) He said engineer mice learn fast, and while one engineer mouse trots out to the end of the ruler to get the cheese, another engineer mouse sits on the other end, holding the ruler and his companion firmly in place.

To engineers, though, this sort of a setback serves to inspire greater mental effort. We have it straight from Lt. MacLeay that he is working on a counterbalancing system which will project BOTH mice into the pail when the cheese is lifted. This is secret weapon stuff, though, and details cannot yet be revealed.

Add coincidences: Seaman Mark Murray sat in a London pub, dreaming about things back home in Cuba City, Wis. There was a tap on his shoulder; he looked up, then jumped—with amazement. The tapper was his brother Glen, a corporal in the U.S. Army. The boys hadn't met in over two years.

A WOMAN CAN go for 24 hours without squeaking a word. Well—almost 24 hours. Nurse Grace Decker, a second looney from Vineland, N.J., assigned to a Northern Ireland station hospital, wagered on the matter and won—but it wasn't a 100 per cent silent deal.

In the round-the-clock speaking strike, Nurse Decker broke out with only two words, "Hello Joey." She received special permission to greet Joey M., four-year-old son of an ARP warden killed in a Belfast raid.

Joey visited the hospital to meet the gang who is sponsoring him under The Stars and Stripes War Orphan program. Since Nurse Decker is a member of the group, her rivals in the bet gave the all-clear on "Hello Joey." Anything else was no soap.

Second add coincidences: S/Sgt. Lewis E. Baish, of Sharon, Pa., a payroll clerk in a bombardment group, has run across two sets of successive serial numbers in his unit. Sgt. William G. Ashe, of Wilson, N.C., ASN 14149350, and Sgt. J. Leloudis, of Rocky Mount, N.C., ASN 14149351, met in the enlistment line at Camp Croft, S.C. Following a one-year separation they landed together over here.

Meantime, Sgt. Edward A. Chledowski, of Chicago, ASN 10601178, and Sgt. Jan Spurgiasz, of Brooklyn, ASN 10601179, hit the USAAF together transferring from the RAF last August.

Notes from the Air Force

WESTERNLAND van Leiter III, known to the boys with whom he flies as "Mungo," is in the hoosegow. While under the guidance of Hendrik Wilhem van Loon, the author, back in the States, Mungo steered clear of trouble, but since he joined the Air Force it's been one scrape after another. Now the British have him under quarantine for six weeks or so.

"It's embarrassing," said 1/Lt. Duane Freeborne, of New York, bombardier in the Liberator crew of which Mungo is a member. "He got in trouble with the ground crews and flying control when we didn't take him on a raid one day and he chased us down the runway. Then he got in a jam with the mess officer for eating in all the enlisted men's and officers' messes on the base."

Maybe it's because Mungo knows he's famous. His grandfather's profile is on a Newfoundland stamp. He hopped to Britain with his crew and has flown more than 200 hours of submarine patrol. Then British authorities found out he was in the country and put him in quarantine to make certain he hasn't any communicable diseases.

Westernland van Leiter III, or Mungo, is an aristocrat among Newfoundland dogs and he doesn't like dog houses.

Father-and-son Department: Every time the Fortress Pistol Packin' Mama goes out, Maj. Martin B. Feese, of Kansas City, Mo., does an extra bit of "sweating it out." His son, S/Sgt. Robert B. Feese, is the Mama's ball turret gunner. . . . Apart since April, 1942, Maj. Charles H. Anderson, of Lincoln, Neb., and his newly-commissioned son, Lt. Charles Jr., were reunited recently when they discovered they were stationed only eight miles from each other.

THE flying Tyson brothers, who used to burn up American dirt tracks as an auto-racing team and who turned up in England as the only brother team flying a bomber for the Eighth Air Force, are "missing in action" after their first mission over Germany.

They are 2/Lt. Ashbrooke Tyson, 26-year-old pilot of the B17 All Shot To Hell, and S/Sgt. Edwin Tyson, 25, top turret gunner. With one engine afire and flames streaming from the port wing, the ship made its bomb run before the crew bailed out. A gunner on another Fort said he saw ten chutes open from the Tysons' plane.



Some people ask what will happen after the war. Here's something.

Saboteurs Slip Onto Continent, Wreck Factory

Big Creusot Arms Plant In France 'Smashed For Duration'

ALGIERS, Nov. 12 (UP)—The story of how a trained group of French saboteurs sneaked into France more than a month ago and damaged the important armament-producing Creusot works so badly they probably will be out of action for the duration was revealed here today.

The daring expedition resulted in the wrecking of a vital power station at Chalon-sur-Saone, transformers of the Schneider Works and a string of high-tension lines feeding power to Germany. It was described here as the biggest single sabotage job yet accomplished in France.

Most dangerous part of the delicate mission came at Chalon-sur-Aone, involving the destruction of transformers, pylons and numerous buildings.

Tells the Story

One of the men who did the job told this story:

"We crossed the Saone near the factory and hid while getting our material ready. At 9 PM we got close and set a charge under a main pylon of the Bern line and under another near the point of origin of the power.

"We had to crawl on toward the main works then, between two gendarmes 80 yards apart. We crawled across a road on our bellies, however, and climbed two fences around the works without being noticed.

"Once close up to the transformers, I set time bombs inside the main building and started back. Only a few minutes later, it seemed, the first bomb went off.

Fire and Panic

"There was panic in the works. The gendarmes bolted, and the guards did not know what had happened. The flames spread to the oil in the works and rose to a fantastic height.

"Altogether there were 28 explosions, many of them set in other places by my comrades. These works, which provided the Schneider Works and the Germans with 250,000 kilowatts, could not be repaired in less than a year."

Another member of the party told of the attack on the Germalles power station, near Chalon-sur-Saone, where two transformers, vital machinery and 50 tons of oil were blown up.

"By midnight we had set time bombs around three pylons. I tried to get into the main transformer station, after having climbed the fence around it. The place was hermetically sealed except for small ventilators.

"I crawled in one of these head first, pulling my legs in behind. Everything was quiet. I opened the door then and let in my comrades.

"Then I subdued the slumbering night watchman and set about placing charges in two transformers and turning on the

Had Chance at a Buck, But Felt Like a Nickel

AUGUSTA, Me., Nov. 12—An Augusta hunter too embarrassed to give his name tramped the woods for hours looking for a deer. Finally when he was on the verge of going home he spotted a big buck standing still and offering an almost impossible-to-miss broadside shot.

The nimrod took careful aim and pulled the trigger. There was an empty click. He had been packing an empty rifle all day.

Holiday Pay Tiff Prompts Strike

Thousands of Miners Quit When Denied Overtime On Armistice Day

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 12—Thousands of Pennsylvania's soft-coal miners struck yesterday in protest against a government order barring overtime pay for work on armistice day.

Premium holiday pay had been ruled out Tuesday by Secretary Harold L. Ickes, who was placed in charge of the mines after the government had seized them to end the year's fourth general coal strike.

A presidential directive issued earlier in the year listed six holidays on which miners were to be paid time-and-a-half. Four holidays have been observed and only Thanksgiving and Christmas remain.

Byron H. Canon, executive secretary of the Western Pennsylvania Operators' Association, estimated that only about 25 per cent of the mines in the western part of the state were operating yesterday. The wildcat strikes closed a score of mines owned by steel companies.

Ford Workers Return

DETROIT, Nov. 12—Striking workers at the Ford Company's Willow Run bomber plant returned to work yesterday. The walkout which began Tuesday involved 2,500 workers and led Ford officials to charge that "the CIO was attempting to take over Willow Run."

The company's charge was described by a representative of the CIO's United Automobile Workers as "a smoke screen designed to cover up its own inefficiency." The strike was ended after a union official had appealed to the workers and arrangements had been made for negotiations on the workers' demand for reclassifications.

oil faucets, while my friends carried the watchman away.

"We were well away when the first explosion went off with an infernal crash. Two minutes later came the second, and black smoke began to cover the countryside. Ten minutes after that the pylons began to blow up."

Northwestern-Notre Dame Tilt On U.S. Forces Radio Today

The American Forces Network will carry a play-by-play description of the Northwestern-Notre Dame football game at 7.45 PM today, provided atmospheric conditions permit short wave reception from the United States. Bill Stern will do the commentary.

Miami, Fort Lauderdale and Orlando, Fla., will be the hometowns heard from on "Your Town," at 10.15 AM tomorrow. Pvt. Johnnie Kerr will read the reports prepared by newspapermen in these towns.

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1402 kc. On Your Dial 1420 kc. 213.9m. 211.3m.

Saturday, Nov. 13

- 1100—GI Live
- 1115—Hi, Neighbor
- 1130—Happy Norman's Ranch House
- 1200—Jay Wilbur (BBC)
- 1230—Pop Concert
- 1300—World News (BBC)
- 1310—Novatime
- 1330—Hello India—Special feature to the GIs in India
- 1400—Sign off until 1745 hours
- 1745—Program Resume and Spotlight Band
- 1800—World News (BBC)
- 1810—Personal Album
- 1825—GI Supper Club
- 1900—Sports
- 1905—"Your Hit Parade"
- 1935—Laurence Wells and his orchestra
- 1945—Northwestern vs Notre Dame, being played at Evanston, Ill.; Bill Stern at the mike
- 1950—Hit Parade
- 2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A. with Cpl. Ford Kennedy
- 2010—Harry James Show
- 2025—Miniature—A musical spot
- 2030—Paul Whiteman Presents
- 2100—World News (BBC)
- 2110—Remember?
- 2120—American News Commentator
- 2135—Jubilee—with Louis Armstrong, Ernie Whitman and many others
- 2205—Saturday Night Variety—the best in entertainment
- 2245—Final Edition
- 2300—Sign off until 0800 hours Sunday, Nov. 14

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- 0800—Program Resume—Organ Recital
- 0815—Melody Roundup
- 0830—Major Bowers' Amateur Program
- 0900—World News (BBC)
- 0915—Hymns from Home
- 0930—Sunday Serenade (BBC)—Scottish Variety Orchestra
- 1015—Your Town—Radio News-Letter from three American Towns
- 1030—Music While You Work (BBC)

Generals Attend Barbeque Feast



Real barbequed ribs swimming in thick gravy are in that big tray out of which Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz is helping himself. Maj. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle looks on during a feast near Algiers, celebrating the 100th mission over German territory by the NWAAF.

OWI Radio Photo

Repatriated British Prisoner Going Home—to Manhattan

GLASGOW, Nov. 12—After 20 months in a German prison camp, Samuel Hickman, a British subject, is going home—to South St., Manhattan.

Captured by the Germans after he spent ten frozen days in a lifeboat after his ship was sunk on a voyage to Russia, Hickman asked only one question when he arrived in Britain with other repatriated prisoners of war:

"How can I become an American citizen?"

Army Cashiers Selfridge Col.

SELRIDGE FIELD, Mich., Nov. 12—Capt. William T. Colman, former commander of Selfridge Field, has been retired from the Army, the War Department announced, under Public Law No. 190, which was passed to deal with "inefficiency."

Colman was retired after his court martial was reviewed by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and a board of inquiry. The court martial had convicted Colman in September on three charges of drunkenness and one of careless use of firearms in the shooting of a Negro private who was his chauffeur, and ordered him demoted from colonel to captain.

A lieutenant colonel found guilty in the Selfridge case of drunkenness and fraudulent transfer of soldiers was dismissed from the service, and a major and a warrant officer also were cashiered. M/Sgt. Myron B. Collins, convicted of accepting bribes in connection with improper enlistments and transfers, was dishonorably discharged and in addition sentenced to 18 months in prison at hard labor.

Count de Marigny Freed, But He May Be Deported

NASSAU, Bahamas, Nov. 12—Count de Marigny, who had been charged with the murder of his millionaire father-in-law, Sir Harry Oakes, strode out of the courtroom a free man yesterday but with a threat of deportation over his head.

The jury came to the verdict after finding that circumstantial evidence was insufficient to convict Marigny, but they did recommend that the Count be deported.

After the trial, Marigny yawned, picked up his hat and coat and, with his beautiful young wife, walked out to a luxurious green limousine, where they rode to their country cottage for a champagne cocktail party.

Dancing Champs Picked

Championship combinations in five dancing classes were determined Thursday night in the all-London club competition at Hans Crescent. The winners:

Fox trot—T/Sgt. Charles Neil, of Philadelphia, with Miss Vicky Gore, Moxton; waltz—Pvt. Albert Vande Veld, of Chicago, with Miss Lynn Hannigan, Hans Crescent; tango—Sgt. Victor Lunberg, of Big Rapids, Mich., with Miss Ethel Weeks, Columbia; rumba—Pvt. Manuel Fond, of Argentina, with Miss Vera Halverson, Columbia; jitterbug—Cpl. Sam Danca, of Chicago, with Miss Thelma Thomas, Hans Crescent.

Gilbert and Shore Head Show for British Cadets

American comedians Billy Gilbert and Willie Shore, plus the latter's USO-Camp Show troupe, will entertain 1,700 British army cadets tomorrow at 3 PM at a special show in London's Victoria Palace Theater. An American band from an engineer general service regiment will play the boys to their seats.

Col. E. J. Blakeley, CBS chief of staff, will be host to Gen. Sir Guy C. Williams, colonel of the Royal Engineers and commandant of the Middlesex cadet force; Brig. Gen. Paul R. Hawley, chief surgeon of the U.S. Forces in the ETO, and Lt. Gen. Floyer Acland, former military secretary of the British War Office.

Sponsored by the U.S. army, which plans similar attractions until all of the 200,000 members of the cadet force have seen an all-American show, it will be followed by another at 5.30 PM which is open to all members of the Allied services.

Anti-Sub Vessels Not Needed

NEW YORK, Nov. 12—Contracts for 327 anti-submarine vessels are being cancelled, Navy Secretary Knox disclosed here as Rear Adm. L. W. Murray, of Canada, was asserting at St. John, N.B., that the U-boat menace "will never again be as serious as last winter."

Knox said new war requirements put emphasis on amphibious landing craft and made increased production necessary.

NEWS FROM HOME Greatest Carrier Fleet in History In Wake Attack

Complication of Holding Defensive Efficiency In New Operation

CHICAGO, Nov. 12—The greatest fleet of aircraft carriers ever assembled in one place in naval history took part in the devastating onslaught on Wake Island last month, Assistant Secretary of Navy Ralph Bard revealed yesterday.

The Wake attack, Bard said, represented something new in military operations—the complicated handling of huge forces of surface warships and aircraft with the maximum defensive efficiency.

The Pacific island, which fell to Jap forces two weeks after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, was blasted for 48 hours last Oct. 5-6.

Lehman Nominated Relief Chief

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 12—Herbert H. Lehman, former New York governor, was nominated director general of the United Nations relief and rehabilitation administration by a unanimous vote yesterday. Tingfu Tsiang, a delegate from China, proposed the nomination.

Nazi Weather Maps Ruined

BOSTON, Nov. 12 (UP)—Capture of a powerful German meteorological station on an island off Greenland, announced by Secretary Knox, makes it virtually impossible for the enemy to make adequate weather maps of England or of Europe, Rear-Admiral E. H. Smith, of the U.S. Coast Guard, commanding the Greenland naval patrol, pointed out.

New Helium Supply Discovered

NEW YORK, Nov. 12—Discovery of helium in western New Mexico, in even larger amounts than exist in Texas, heretofore the Army and Navy's main source of supply, was disclosed by the Federal Bureau of Mines.

Hundreds of P38s a Month

BURBANK, Cal., Nov. 12 (AP)—Lockheed Aircraft Corp. reported an accelerated schedule would enable it to turn out as many Lightning fighters daily as were produced in a month at the time of Pearl Harbor. The new quota will run into hundreds of planes per month.

Bible Rationing in U.S.

CHICAGO, Nov. 12—A shortage of Bibles has compelled the Chicago Bible Society to start rationing. Demands for Bibles and Testaments are 40 per cent ahead of last year and the paper supply has been cut ten per cent, Dr. Robert T. Taylor, president of the society, said.

New Sacrifices from Labor

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 12 (AP)—President Roosevelt, in a letter to the sixth annual CIO conference, said, "We are reaching a period when new demands will be made upon labor to set aside their personal preferences in favor of the necessities of the country."

See WLB Contract Approval

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12 (AP)—The War Labor Board was reported to be ready to approve the agreement by which John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, and Fuel Administrator Harold Ickes ended the coal strike.

Soldier-Musical 'Skirts' To Benefit Charity Funds

EIGHTH AIR FORCE HQ., Nov. 12—The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund and the USAAF and RAF Benevolent Funds will share the proceeds of the Eighth Air Force's new soldier-musical, "Skirts," scheduled to open Dec. 10, it was announced yesterday. Final arrangements for the premiere have not been made, but the show will be staged the first three weeks in either London or Norwich, according to 2/Lt. Arthur G. Brest, of New York, the director.

Later, "Skirts" will play in Liverpool, Cambridge and one other town not yet chosen, after which it will tour American camps.

A feature of the production sponsored by Special Service will be WAC drum majorette Sgt. Dorothy R. Gisser, of Chicago. Officials said there still were several roles to be filled.

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Terry and the Pirates

