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Augusta Seized, Landings Near Catania

First Sea-Borne Yanks Land in Sicily



Planet Photo
These infantrymen, rushing through the Mediterranean surf onto the beaches of Sicily, are the first United States ground forces to win a foothold on Europe. This scene is probably near Gela, on the southwest coast, where it was announced that Americans had made the initial landing. Picture telephoned to New York, radioed to London.

Americans Counter Fierce Tank Attacks; Air Blockade Is On

Rome Reports Major Sea Base at Augusta In British Hands; Airfields Pounded; England-Based Planes Hit Turin

Allied troops drove deep into Sicily yesterday on their fourth day of invasion apparently seizing their second big port at Augusta and their first inland stronghold, the rail junction at Ragusa. While Gen. Bernard Montgomery's Alamein veterans fought north along the coast toward the prized Catania plain with its many Axis airdromes, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's American tank troops were waging—and winning—some of the heaviest fighting of the invasion campaign near Gela.

In the air Allied air forces set up a virtual blockade of Sicily. Heavy, medium and fighter bombers struck again and again at enemy troops and transport on the ground, and hammered at the ports Italy would use to reinforce her besieged island—Messina, Reggio, and San Giovanni. Meanwhile, Britain-based RAF bombers struck at the Italian motor center of Turin in a great 2,000-mile round-trip flight.

The whole picture was that of a successfully progressing offensive, and on one of the Sicilian beaches, where he had landed to see the battle in person, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Allied commander in chief, declared: "The coordination of the British and United States forces could not have been better had they been one and the same nation."

Air Forces Seek To Isolate Sicily

Smashing air attacks on the ports feeding Italian reinforcements to Sicily indicated yesterday that the Allied air forces, having established supremacy in the skies over the invasion island, now are driving to isolate the island and pound its defenders into the ground.

A heavy hammering by Liberators of the Italian mainland terminals of the Sicilian ferry, Reggio and San Giovanni; a damaging fortress smash at Messina, the Sicilian end of the line; a "heavy, concentrated" attack on Turin in northern Italy by British-based RAF night bombers—these and other operations painted a picture of carefully planned assaults by raiders based all the way from Britain to the Middle East.

This was the picture in brief: 1—San Giovanni and Reggio: More than 100 Middle East Liberators of the Ninth Air Force, attacking in four waves, dumped more than 325 tons of high explosive on the twin targets Monday. (Continued on page 4)

Landings Reported Near Catania

Striking a new blow to cut off Axis troops moving down upon Gen. Montgomery's advancing Eighth Army, British forces were reported to have made new landings on the beaches near Catania yesterday while American troops in the west repulsed enemy tanks in heavy fighting beyond Gela.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's American forces were engaged in the heaviest fighting of the campaign in their two-way thrust inland from Gela and west from Licata to the port of Agrigento. Allied headquarters said that in fighting off the newest enemy counter-attack they had destroyed a large number of tanks—possibly some of the 60-ton Tiger tanks being used by the enemy—and taken many prisoners.

On the east coast, Gen. Montgomery's British and Canadians captured the big inland town of Ragusa, first big point away from the coast to fall, and apparently also overwhelmed the fine natural port of Augusta, although this report, by Italian radio, was not immediately confirmed. Florida, nine miles west of Syracuse, also was captured, and Palazzolo, on the main road from Syracuse to Ragusa, was occupied.

Yanks, Canadians Join

Ragusa, which holds the key to the vital Comiso airfield a few miles west, was the last big Axis stronghold separating the American and Canadian forces across the Cape Passero area.

Canadian and American troops joined hands in its outskirts yesterday and immediately began a joint effort to overwhelm it. The town is an important junction for the coastal and inland railroad lines running from Syracuse west to Gela and Licata.

The Axis report of Augusta's capture came after a strong force of (Continued on page 4)

7th and 8th Armies In Action in Sicily

ALLIED HQ., North Africa, July 13 (UP)—The invasion forces in Sicily are known as the 15th Army Group, under command of Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, deputy commander-in-chief to Gen. Eisenhower, it was officially announced today.

They comprise: The Eighth Army, under Gen. Montgomery, with Canadian forces added, and the Seventh U.S. Army, under Maj. Gen. George S. Patton.

Yanks, Tommies Fight as One, Eisenhower Comment on Sicily

ALLIED FORCE HQ., North Africa, July 13—"The coordination of British and United States forces could not have been better had they been one and the same nation," Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, commander-in-chief of the Allied armies, said today after an inspection tour of his Sicilian command.

Gen. Eisenhower crossed the Mediterranean yesterday in a destroyer to confer with his generals and inspect the widening invasion bridgeheads.

Included in his tour was a visit to the headquarters of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, commander of American land forces in Sicily. There he heard reports on the destruction of numerous tank attacks and the American advance against an Italo-German force north of Gela.

Gen. Eisenhower said he was satisfied with the progress made by Allied troops and declared that everything was running nicely.

The general landed on a beach teeming with troops and supplies. At the far end of the beach more troops

were landing. The men marched out of the boats in single file and proceeded toward the front lines through the vineyards which lined the shore.

Further along the coast Gen. Eisenhower saw tanks rolling along the beach after being unloaded.

As the general's destroyer approached the Sicilian coast it passed through the armada used in the invasion. His ship weaved its way through the transports, cruisers, destroyers and other craft carrying ammunition and tanks. Shells from an enemy battery on the shore fell a half-mile astern as his ship cruised along the coast.

At the Pachino Peninsula Gen. Eisenhower went ashore again. He climbed down the side of the destroyer into an amphibious jeep which carried him to the beach, where he talked with soldiers about their experiences in the assault landing.

During his ride around the countryside he halted his jeep to ask a Canadian captain to convey his welcome to the Canadians who had joined his command.

Germans Shift Main Offensive To Byelgorod

Halted in North, Enemy Hurls Weight Against Southern Wedge

MOSCOW, July 13 (AP)—The Russian armies at Byelgorod today were combating a concentrated attack by Gen. von Kluge's armored columns on the ninth day of the Kursk offensive.

Dropping all efforts to break through on the northern end of the salient, the Germans threw almost their entire available weight at the Russians holding the line around the Byelgorod wedge in the south.

According to reports available today, the Russians, who disposed of 2,622 German tanks and 1,126 planes in the first eight days, were giving the enemy no more quarter than in the previous battles which had thrown German plans completely out of gear.

The struggle in the Byelgorod sector, Red Star reported, demonstrated the superiority of the Russian KV tank over the 60-ton German Tiger tanks. In clashes between KVs and Tigers victory was undeniably on the side of the KVs, dispatches said.

30% Are Mark Sixes

Izvestia estimated that 30 per cent of the German tank forces on the Byelgorod front consisted of heavy Tigers.

The 88mm. cannon they carry is capable of a range of 2,000 yards, making it effective both as an offensive weapon and as fire shield for smaller German tanks following in the wake of the Tiger.

The Tigers have constantly tried new tricks. Early in the battle they ranged themselves in open places and waited motionless for 20 to 30 minutes without firing a shot in order to draw Russian fire.

The Russians, knowing the Tigers' heavy weight and poor maneuverability made them vulnerable at close range, soon learned to hold their fire until the German monsters were only 100 to 150 yards away. One Red artillery unit wiped out 80 German tanks, including 35 Tigers, in a two-day battle.

Non-Fascist Rule for Italy In Peace Terms by Allies

Peace terms for Italy have been broadcast by an Allied headquarters spokesman to the Italian people, according to Algiers radio.

They are: 1—The unconditional surrender of the Fascist regime and the armed forces supporting it.

2—The opportunity of the Italian people to choose any kind of non-Fascist government and thus become a respected member of a family of free peoples.

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Jap Ships Sunk in Aleutians
WASHINGTON, July 13 (UP)—One Japanese cargo vessel was sunk, another left sinking and the other two damaged when U.S. army bombers and navy Catalina patrol bombers attacked them 280 miles southwest of Holtz Bay, Attu island last Saturday, the navy communique announced yesterday.

Ex-U.S. Marine Gets Secret MC

F/O Harold F. Marting, former U.S. Marine corporal from Indianapolis, Ind., now flying in the RCAF, has been awarded the Military Cross for "gallant and distinguished service," the nature of which is a military secret, the Air Ministry announced yesterday.

The story of how Marting won the MC, third highest of all British decorations for valor in the field, will not be told until after the war, an official said. Marting was a member of the USMC from 1927 to 1931. He enlisted in the RCAF in 1940 and was commissioned in 1941.

Mae West to Return to Films

HOLLYWOOD, July 13—Mae West is returning to the screen after a two-year respite. Mexico will provide part of the background for her film, whose title has not yet been announced.

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U.S. Airplane Insignia Altered to Aid Visibility

WASHINGTON, July 13—New markings, designed for greater visibility, will be painted on Army and Navy planes throughout the world, it was learned here today.

The new insignia is the same white star on a blue field, but to the circle has been added a white rectangle attached horizontally with a red border enclosing the whole design.

It was developed after a long series of visibility tests on old markings. The new insignia can be made out at 60 per cent greater range than the old U.S. one or those used by the Axis.

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Hash Marks

If the Japs think they can save their face by turning their backs, any GI we know will fix THAT too.

Health tip from the Minneapolis Times: "A glass of milk and a kiss at bedtime are relaxing." But, mister, we don't like milk!

Joe Bosnyak is fed up with cats. He told a superior court judge in a Chicago divorce plea that his wife was so fond of



cats that it was nothing for him to wake up in the morning with a cat's tail curled around his neck. Finally his wife told him there was no room for HIM in the home. Joe got the divorce.

Down in Tampa, Fla., a harassed clerk was registering shipworkers for pay-as-you-go income tax deduction when she asked one of the workers to give his last name first. Every time she asked the guy he replied, "First." Finally she began tearing her hair and in desperation asked, "What's your last name?" "Last," replied the guy without a smile. The clerk was saved from a nervous breakdown when she finally discovered that the workers name REALLY was Last Gale First!

The Navy classification system apparently carries things to a fine point. A Californian named Herbert Mailman signed up for duty—was put to work in a station post office.

Judging from the furious blasting of Sicilian defenses, some ex-Colgate football stars must have led the assault on Syracuse.

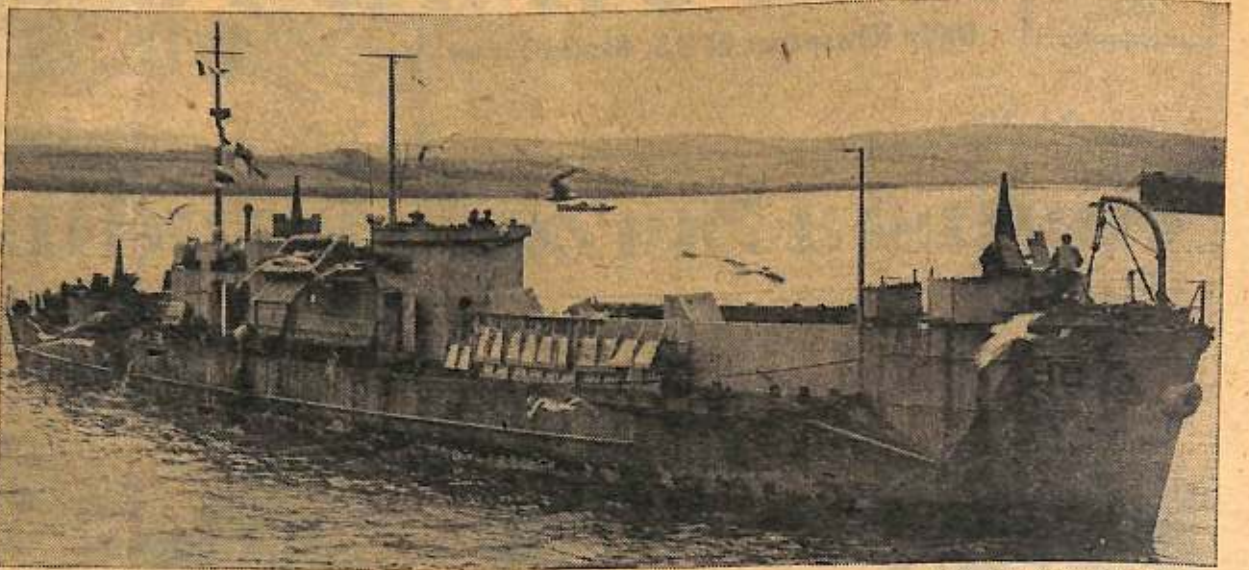
Hanging helplessly from the end of his parachute, Lt. Henry Matson, of Perry, N.Y., saved himself from a Jap attack



by giving a realistic imitation of a Nip flier. After shooting his plane down the Japs dived at Matson when he jumped. But Matson screwed his face up to make it look like he had buck teeth and grinned at them. They took one look and flew away and left him.

Volunteer fireman Ed Anderson, of Lyons, Kansas, was dressing in the middle of the night to answer a fire alarm when his wife suddenly called a halt to the proceedings. "Take those off," she screamed, "you're not going to wear MY slacks to any fire!" J. C. W.

'Like a Gigantic Fourth of July'



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

A new type American landing craft, because of its high speed, has been praised by high officers in Africa. The vessel, officially known as "Infantry Landing Craft (large)," carried most of the Allied troops to the shores of Sicily. Its special features are: laddered gangways dropped on both sides as the craft moves into shallow water (replacing ramp) and tapered bows instead of square, thus enabling higher speed.

Shellbursts, Flares, Tracers Lit Gela As Yanks Landed

The following dispatch, delayed in transmission, is the first detailed account received in London of the landings of American troops at Gela, Sicily.

By Richard McMillan United Press War Correspondent

ADVANCED ALLIED BASE, July 12 (delayed)—"It looked like an amusement park on the Fourth of July."

That was the description of Gela, given by the captain of a landing barge, as American troops poured onto its beaches; with enemy 88mm. guns and other shore batteries blazing away from in front and fire from American and British cruisers and destroyers thundering from behind.

"Flares burned and there were great yellow-red explosions among the defense works," the captain related. "Tracer bullets slithered over beaches and machine-gun shells whined across the water. Above us was a mighty chorus of airplane engines. We could see troop carriers droning overhead like giant night-hawks, clearly lit up from the inside with open bomb racks that had just dropped their paratroops.

'Shells All Around'

"Ack-ack splintered and crackled in the sky, and shells plopped all around us. We had a glancing hit from an 88 on the bridge armor, but it ricocheted off, just leaving a visiting card in the form of a dent."

All this time troops were pouring out of barges onto the beaches. Firing Tommy-guns, they stormed into the town, where they met the enemy. These they quickly hurled back to the clifftops. As more invaders reached the shore, they saw other troops on clifftops madly fighting to seize an airdrome.

"They seized it after a battle in which all the fireworks you ever saw would have looked like poor stuff in comparison," the captain went on. "Glares from fires,

tracers and other arms lit up the town below the cliff. The port was another 120 feet below the town.

"We saw that the piers were blown up by the enemy, so we landed our troops on a beach nearby, with scores of other craft disgorging fighting men armed to the teeth. There was no scrambling. It could not have been more orderly on a parade ground. Our boys were cool and well trained. They went in to win."

The sea was teeming with invasion craft of every type. Even amphibious jeeps scurried in and out among bigger ships, drove up the beaches and then raced off to join the fight.

The landing had been carried through in a fairly heavy sea. "It was a grand job," said the captain of one craft. "The sea was so rough that some of the men were seasick. They laughed it off, were sick again, then went into action with all their guns blazing.

Land-Sea Duel

"We landed our troops and mortars 15 minutes after the first landing," the skipper said. "By 11 PM the town was captured, but the battle raged on beyond. Enemy casemates with powerful artillery continued the bombardment of the invaders, but Allied cruisers took them on.

"It was a pretty spectacle. Whenever an enemy gun post flared as its cannon fired, our cruisers got to work. The fire from our cruisers was deadly. We saw their salvos land on pillboxes. By 6 AM the last shore batteries were silenced.

"During the night we were sniped at by rifle fire in addition to the shelling. Enemy troops were hidden in the brushwoods and on the cliff tops. At dawn, Allied infantry stormed up and flushed the enemy from their hiding places, either shot or bayoneted them or forced them to surrender.

"German dive bombers raced over for lightning attacks, but Spitfires and Lightnings, flown by British and American pilots, kept the skies clear. The air forces, like other branches of service, did swell work."

Meanwhile, enemy searchlights glittered in the darkness, seeking out planes and sweeping out towards the sea.

"The Navy took the searchlights on as

well," said the captain. "We could hear a roar of salvos, then red shellbursts showed around the lights, which suddenly died and never came to life again."

The skipper of another landing barge used picturesque language in describing the landing of troops from his craft.

"We went in on the front porch with a worm's-eye view of the show," he said. "Then our men weeded the enemy out of the brushwood."

Inland the battle progressed and the Allied forces heaved the enemy back beyond the town and the airfield where fighting clanged and flared all night long. The countryside was lit up by fires from bursting bombs and shellfire from offshore. Meanwhile, through the night landing barges ferried equipment, ammunition, gasoline and food from transports to the fighting men battling amidst the roaring cauldron.

Troops from some of the landing barges jumped into four feet of water and waded to the shore, shook themselves like terriers and ran forward to the battle lines. As some vehicles landed mines exploded along the shore, but no anti-personnel mines were apparent.

Firing as they Landed

Transports lowered amphibious vehicles, which took off in the water under their own duck-power and began spitting fire as soon as they got into range.

During one phase of the battle Axis planes bombed the beaches.

"What a show," exclaimed another landing-barge captain. "Some of my ship's crew were civilians six months ago, but they behaved magnificently under fire. Not even the zing-zing-zing of those machine-gun bullets made a bit of difference to them."

This craft faced an intense barrage from shore batteries, machine-gun nests and rifle-fire from Axis troops hidden in the gorse and scrub in the clifftops.

One young American, Lt. H. G. Stender, of Darien, Conn., said in spite of this, not a soul was wounded on the boat.

"The good Lord was certainly with us," he added fervently. "In moments like these, you certainly realize that there is someone up above looking after us."

It's Going Nicely

"It's going nicely." This terse statement given by Gen. Eisenhower indicates his satisfaction with Sicilian operations.

News reports trickling out from that embattled island confirm the general's appraisal. Allied landings were made with slight loss, and excellent bridgeheads were quickly established. True, the main enemy forces, supposed to be concentrated in the interior, must still be engaged and beaten, but there are indications that Allied blows from the air have already disorganized enemy communications and blunted a menace that was greatest in the initial stages.

Now several airfields are in our possession, and these, together with others in Africa, should enable the Allied air force to exploit an air supremacy long enjoyed in the Mediterranean. Another real advantage enjoyed by our side is command of the sea. This will enable Gen. Eisenhower to supply and reinforce his troops almost at will.

The next few days should suffice to test the strength of the two opposing armies. If early enemy counter-attacks are held, Sicily will soon be ours, and the attack on the Italian mainland will follow.

Yes . . . things are going nicely in the Mediterranean.

Trifling Economies

WPB orders at home which required manufacturers to snip off a pocket from every suit of pyjamas, an inch from every shirt tail and which banned leg-o-mutton sleeves, seemed like another one of those many petty governmental restrictions to the home folks; but figures available today prove the value of those small savings.

The seven clothing orders issued by WPB have saved a quarter of a million yards of dress fabric, sixty million yards of lingerie, fifty million yards of men's and boys' suiting and, in all, nearly a half billion yards of cloth.

That's quite a saving for spendthrift Americans; but it doesn't stack up to Britain's announcement that clothes rationing in two years has resulted in saving 2,400,000,000 apparel dollars, or enough to pay for 15 battleships, or 50 cruisers, or 130 destroyers.

Remember, too, what works in civilian life, also works in the Army. You can play your part. See that what the civilians save . . . you don't waste.

Jap Fighter Pilot

The Japanese combat pilot is a mixture of sagacity and childlike gullibility, of cleverness and almost incredible carelessness, in the opinion of Maj. Rector, who fought the Japanese as a fighter pilot in both the American Volunteer Group and the Army Air Forces, and is credited with 12 combat victories.

Supporting his statement Maj. Rector backs each argument with examples to prove. On one occasion, the American forces received radio warning that 12 Japanese fighters were on the way to attack the American air base. Ten of our fighters went up to make interception. They formed at high altitude and waited until the Japanese dove to attack the drome. Then they dove from their position of vantage, caught the Japs wholly by surprise, and shot down 10 of the 12 enemy fighters.

Although Jap pilots carry parachutes, Maj. Rector never saw one of them used. He said that on one occasion he set a Japanese fighter plane ablaze. Flying over it, he saw a big fire in the cockpit, with the pilot still alive and in control of the plane. The pilot put the ship into a steep dive, apparently intending to crash with it. The fire became too hot, however, and he baled out at 400 feet, but made no effort to open his chute. He was badly burned about the legs when his body was found.

In the years which preceded the war, long arguments resulted over the merits of Japanese airmen. Their quality was generally questioned by American fliers, particularly by those who had met them in battle over China. Early engagements with our own air force failed to develop the predicted weaknesses; but later reports all seem to verify pre-war predictions and support Maj. Rector's report. The bravery of a Japanese fighter pilot can never be questioned; but his fighting judgment is far from good.



"What's this? A lecture on the bombsight?" "No! Only our sixpenny slot machine has jammed again."

O'Sullivan's Make It a Family Job at Swindon ARC Club

By Philip Bucknell Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

SWINDON, July 13—Pop doesn't rest his feet on the radiators; Mom isn't doing much knitting right now, and Daughter hasn't got time for dates. Otherwise the atmosphere is real homey.

It's the O'Sullivan family of Chicago—Stephen and Mary, who used to do catering for the New York Central railroad, and daughter Peg, who was a private secretary until the war came along. Then the family went as a group to the Red Cross and asked what they could do to help. The ARC said they could do plenty.

Pop is now chef at the club here, Mary is manageress and Peg is the chief cashier.

But it was not that easy. On the way over their ship was torpedoed. "It was no fun," says Peg. "Because of the way the ship was sinking we had to be thrown into the lifeboats and we were nearly eight hours adrift before we were picked up by a corvette. And that wasn't the worst of it. The submarine that did it then proceeded to machine-gun us, and

both mother and I were hit by tracer bullets."

Peg still shows a scar on her leg from the ordeal, but the whole family thinks it worth it.

"Sure, and the boys here are the best people I've ever met in all my life," states Pop. "There's not much time to get out of the club, what with all the work there is to do, but it's just as well," says Mom, "right here we feel we're back home."

The boys at the club, too, think it worth it. T/3 John Skonier, of Pittsburgh, remarks that the presence of a whole family group "makes the club like home. We call Mister and Missus Mom and Pop and Peg is just Peg to us all."

Sgt. Thomas Nixon, of Scranton, Pa., and Sgt. J. W. Trammell, of Eldorado, Okla., were too busy enjoying Pop's cooking to say much. "Real homey," they said and went right on eating.

Not only the boys like it. Richard T. Gardiner, of Bedford, Va., the club director, says "Not only are the boys and I lucky to have the O'Sullivan family here, the Red Cross is darned lucky to have 'em. They made our Mothers' Day program here a wonderful success."

Cooper to Start for National Loop in All-Star Tilt

Bombers Blast Circus Outfit For 12th in Row

Ross Grimsley Stretches Strikeout String to 73 In Six Games

BOMBER COMMAND HQ., July 13—The Eighth Bomber Command nine, behind the seven-hit pitching of Cpl. Ross Grimsley, of Americus, Kan., beat the Traveling Circus, 11-5, here yesterday. It was the 12th in a row for the winners. Grimsley fanned 12, running his total to 73 in six games.

The game started out as a pitcher's duel between Grimsley and Pvt. Charles Carroll, of Manhattan, N.Y., who, up to then, were both undefeated. Carroll also has pitched in Africa. The Circus boys started their scoring in the first inning, when Cpl. Andy Nemtuda, of Gary, Ind., walked, went to second on a sacrifice and later scored on a single by S/Sgt. Hugh Gustafsen, of Winnipeg, Canada.

The Bombers came back with a run in their half when Pvt. Eugene Lynch, of Long Island, N.Y., doubled to right, scoring on a single by Cpl. James Beane, of Highpoint, N.C. The losers' team went ahead in the second on a walk, error and single by Pvt. Dale Krenzien, of Fremont, Neb.

Big Sixth Inning

The winners' big inning was the sixth as they started to bomb Carroll. Beane opened the inning with a single to center. Pfc Nick Frecaro, Joliet, Ill., walked, S/Sgt. Crady Corrier, China Grove, N.C., fouled out and the Circus hurler then purposely walked Sgt. Clarence May, of Phoenix, Ariz., a lefty, in order to get at Cpl. John Laboda, Newark, N.J., who hits from the right. But Laboda upset Carroll's plans by hitting a long triple to right center to clear the bases and put the Bombers out in front by four runs. He later scored when Lynch got his third hit. The Bombers kept up their attack, getting another tally in the seventh and three more in the eighth.

With a nine-run lead to work on, Grimsley slowed up and allowed three runs on hits by Nemtuda, Krenzien and a two-base hit by Cpl. Frank Oslawski, of East Chicago, Ind., and two walks and an error.

Lynch, Beane, Laboda and Frecaro were the hitting stars for the Bombers, while Nemtuda, Krenzien, Gustafsen and Oslawski were the big guns for the Circus.

N. Ireland Title Still Undecided

BELFAST, July 13—Capt. Paul DiMaggio, of Morgan City, La., of the Pelicans, is looking for an ark in which to carry a baseball team—and he won't need a big ark like Noah's.

The captain was asked today when his outfit will play off their Northern Ireland first round pennant tie with the Blues. "Today, maybe," he replied over an orderly room phone. "Wait a minute, I'll go have a look" (pause)—"No, tomorrow, maybe. We're ready as soon as it quits raining."

A similar report came from the Blues. The winners will play the second round leaders later in the summer for the league championship and a trip to England for a chance at the ETO title.

Meantime, the USNOB nine awaited arrangements for a challenge game with Central Base section. Navy, while not in the N.I. League, will play a number of scheduled exhibition games with league teams. Only new league team in the second round will be the Eighth Air Force Mustangs.

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Baseball

GAMES WANTED: We have what we believe is a very good outfit composed of various former pro and semi-pro players. In our initial contest we defeated the Bombardment Group, 24-5, giving you some idea of the caliber of our boys play.—Lt. William Fuchs, Station Athletic Officer, APO 638.

APOs Wanted

M/SGT. Fred Aggers, Norman O'Neill, Jack Lyden, Sharon, Pa.; **Lt. John Genthner,** Alington, Pa.; **Capt. James W. Spencer,** Maysville, S.C.; **Warren Thomas,** Aberdeen, S.D.; **Allen O. Hartford,** Redland, Cal.; **T/Sgt. Clyde A. Christford,** Mandi, Okla.; **Sherman L. Drawdy,** Savannah, Ga.; **Anthony Pagan,** Jamestown, N.Y.; **Sgt. H. Garrett,** Evansville, Ind.; **Pvt. Max Braverman,** Chicago; **M/Sgt. Chester Carl Hot Springs,** Ark.; **Cpl. Raymond N. Ellis,** Pasro, Wash.; **Lt. Albert C. Johnson,** Bainbridge, Ga.; **Pvt. Russell P. Frum,** London, Long Beach, Cal.; **Butler, N.Y.;** **Capt. London, Long Beach, Cal.;** **Stanley Gurocki,** John Podgurski, Meriden, Conn.; **Pvt. Timothy O'Keefe,** West Springfield, Mass.; **O. D. Barnes,** Meridian, Miss.; **Lt. Johnny Hayes,** Birmingham, Ala.; **T/Sgt. Michael Neshimka,** Hamilton, Sheffield, Ala.; **Sgt. Noel Leiminger,** Elizabeth, La.; **Hally Wood,** Los Angeles, Mich.; **Lt. J. Secedens,** Fleet, Lt. Harwell E. Saffran, T/Sgt. George E. Fleet, Lt. Linton J. Chappell, Lt. Jennie Bloom, James D. Marlow, Lawrence Christian, Lt. Al Gerould, Sgt. Clyde Patrick, S/Sgt. Walter C. Budzik, and Sgt. Dick Kinney.

Lost

RAINCOAT: I inadvertently put my raincoat on an Army carrier wagon parked at a police station, Manchester, July 2, and the wagon went away with my raincoat. Medium GI with MP brassard and handkerchiefs in pockets.—Pvt. Politis, MP Co. (Avn.), APO 635.

Personal

T/SGT. Ernest Thomas—APO 638.—Bomb Group.—Bomb Squadron, is trying to locate his brother, Pfc Hudson Thomas.

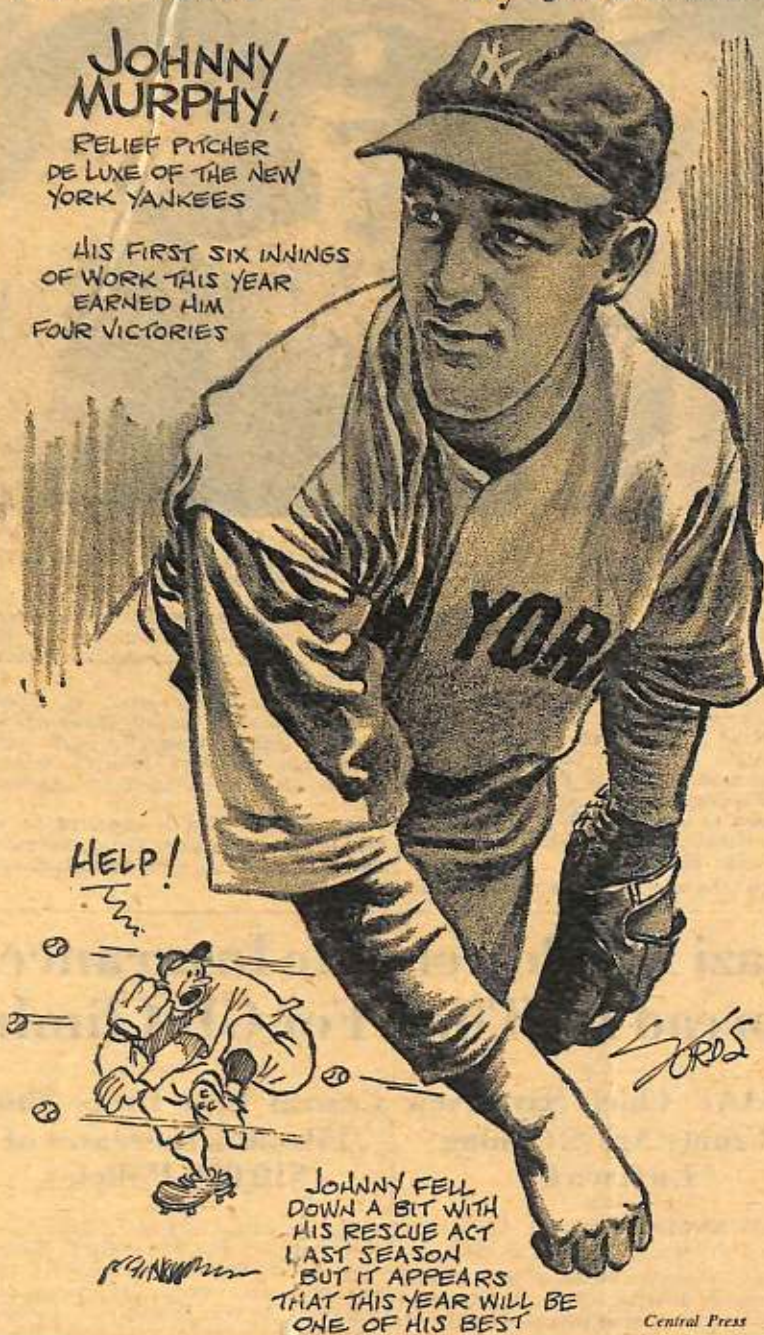
Game Saver

By Jack Sords

JOHNNY MURPHY,

RELIEF PITCHER DE LUXE OF THE NEW YORK YANKEES

HIS FIRST SIX INNINGS OF WORK THIS YEAR EARNED HIM FOUR VICTORIES



JOHNNY FELL DOWN A BIT WITH HIS RESCUE ACT LAST SEASON BUT IT APPEARS THAT THIS YEAR WILL BE ONE OF HIS BEST

Central Press

Sailor Challenges Bob Hope To Return Match on Links

By George S. Ames

Stars and Stripes Navy Correspondent

LONDONDERRY, N.I., July 13—SK1/c John S. Adams, of Los Angeles, Cal., winner of the Paramount Studios golf championship in 1937, today challenged Bob Hope to a match on the local course when the comedian makes his scheduled appearance at this naval base.

Hope, who takes a serious view of his golf, won the Paramount tournament in 1940. He has played Adams several times on the links at Santa Monica and Brentwood.

Adams was the first male opponent to appear with Babe Didrikson when she made an exhibition tour in California. He was a member of the Brentwood championship team in 1939 and holds the course record for the first nine at Santa Monica with a 30 card. He finished the other nine in 35 for an under par total of seven.

Since joining the Navy, two years ago, the Californian has done little playing. He found time recently, however, to play the famous Port Rush international course in 74, three under par.

Adams was a property man for the Hollywood studio prior to his enlistment.

Chval Hurls No-Hitter For CBS Hq. Softballers

CBS Headquarters Company star hurler, Pvt. Dick Chval, of Chicago, twirled a no-hitter against the strong Security Company team in a Unit League softball game, blanking them, 8-0.

Both teams failed to rally until the fifth, when Cpl. Harvey Pulver, of Chicago, tripled with the bases loaded, giving his mates a three-run lead to work on. The victors scored again in the sixth. Working behind the plate with Chval was Sgt. Sidney Siegel, of Trenton, N.J., losing pitcher. Sgt. Gladly Trahan, of Crowley, La., allowed eight bingles.

Nelson Takes Kentucky Open

LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 13—Byron Nelson, Toledo, Ohio golf pro, won the Kentucky Open with 274, four strokes better than Chick Harbert, of Battle Creek, Michigan. Nelson's prize was a \$1,000 war bond, while Harbert got a \$500 bond.

Ray Parker to Assist Handler

CHICAGO, July 13—Raymond Parker, of Kemp Texas, will be assistant to head coach Phil Handler, of the Chicago football Cardinals. Parker will continue playing in the Cardinal backfield.

Blondie

(By courtesy of King Features Syndicate and the London Daily Sketch)



Dunphy to Broadcast All-Star Game on BBC

Don Dunphy, who broadcast last year's World Series, will be at the microphone at Shibe Park for a special relay broadcast by the BBC of the major league All-Star game.

The commentary, which will include interviews with various players on both teams, can be heard on the Forces network (296.1 and 342.1 meters) at 1.15 PM today.

Lippy May Quit Because of Feud

New York Paper Demands Resignation or Ouster

BROOKLYN, July 13—The feud between Manager Leo Durocher and the Dodger ball team came into the open as a result of a Sunday conference in the dressing room while reporters were present.

The feud started when Durocher was quoted by the New York World-Telegram as saying, "I'm suspending Newsom indefinitely—and for the season if I can make it stick." Durocher denied the action was caused by Newsom's argument with Catcher Bobby Bragan over a dropped third strike. Charging Newsom with insubordination, Durocher said he was misquoted.

Confronted by Tim Cohane, Telegram sports writer, in the dressing room, Durocher admitted he'd been quoted correctly. Durocher decided to resign, but quickly reconsidered.

Last night's edition of the Telegram featured an eight-column editorial on the sports page calling for Durocher's ouster or resignation.

Minor League Results

International League Monday's Games: Jersey City 5, Baltimore 3; Toronto 5, Rochester 1. Eastern League Monday's Games: Elmira 7, Binghamton 4. American Association Monday's Games: Columbus 2, Kansas City 1.

Southern Association Monday's Games: Little Rock 5, Atlanta 4 (12 innings); Montgomery 4, Memphis 2. Pacific Coast League Monday's Games: Los Angeles 6, Seattle 2; San Francisco 5, Hollywood 4; Portland 4, Oakland 2; San Diego 4, Sacramento 2.

Pirates Down Dry Runs, 9-7: Scoring six runs in a wild second inning, the Air Defense Pirates moved up a step in this station's baseball league by defeating the Service Squadron Dry Runs, 9-7, here yesterday.

Home runs were hit by T/Sgt. Neil Davidson, of Appleton, Wis., third baseman of the losers, and by Cpl. James Poldino, of Lindehurst, N.Y., who substituted for Davidson in the third inning. Batteries were: Pirates—S/Sgt. John Schlomer, of Madison, Wis., and Cpl. Teddy Berninski, of Jersey City, N.J. Dry Runs—Pfc Ian Johnson, of Dorchester, Mass., and Sgt. Robert Ellsworth, of Rochester, N.Y.

Sewell, Brownie Manager, Denies He Rapped Umps

ST. LOUIS, July 13—The baseball bombshell fizzled when Luke Sewell, Browns' manager, threw water on previous statements allegedly made by him about American League umpires.

Sewell said, "There never has been any question in my mind about the honesty and integrity of American League umpires. I never wanted to discredit umpires or anyone else in the league."

Sewell had previously said American League umpires were afraid to call close decisions on the Yankees.

Griffiss Engineers on Top

CAMP GRIFFISS, July 13—The Engineers defeated the Supply Company, 4-1 in a league baseball game here. Engineer pitcher, Cpl. Frank T. Sleik, of Milwaukee, won his own game with a home run with two on in the sixth.

Ernie Bonham Or Tex Hughson To Oppose Him

Capacity Crowd Expected At Philadelphia For Classic

By Jack Cuddy

PHILADELPHIA, July 13—Mort Cooper, seeking revenge for last year's defeat at the hands of the American League All-Stars, has been named starting pitcher for the National Leaguers with his brother, Walker Cooper, behind the plate in today's All-Star game at Shibe Park here.

The junior loop hurler in this 11th renewal of the annual classic will not be named till just before game time, but it probably will be either Ernie Bonham, of the New York Yankees, or Tex Hughson, Red Sox twirler.

Manager Joe McCarthy had definitely intended to start Bonham until the Yankee right-hander complained of knee trouble in Chicago, causing McCarthy to state that he would have to wait until game time before announcing his decision.

Five Cards to Start: Billy Southworth, who'll be piloting the Nationals, meanwhile has been counting on a right-hander starting for the Americans and has announced the following opening lineup: Stan Hack, Cubs, third base; Billy Herman, Dodgers, second base; Stan Musial, Cardinals, left field; Bill Nicholson, Cubs, right field; Elbie Fletcher, Pirates, first base; Walker Cooper, Cards, catcher; Harry Walker, Cards, center field; Martin Marion, Cards, shortstop, and Mort Cooper, pitcher.

Southworth also disclosed that Howie Pollet, Redbird southpaw, will not play, having left for St. Louis for a pre-induction examination on Thursday. He added: "I'll certainly miss Pollet—his last three games have been shutouts."

Ford Frick, National League prexy, also revealed that Ace Adams, New York Giants' relief hurler, had been appointed to the regular squad. Adams previously had been named batting practice pitcher to replace Si Johnson, of the Phillies, who refused to pitch during practice.

Meanwhile, Joe McCarthy was still undecided on his lineup, the only definite starters being Ken Keltner, Cleveland third baseman; Vern Stephens, Brownie shortstop; Rudy York, Tiger first baseman, and Chet Laabs, center fielder. The other two outfield posts will be taken care of by George Case, of the Senators; Jeff Heath, of Cleveland, or Dick Wakefield, of Detroit.

It's still a tossup whether Joe Gordon, of the Yankees, or Bobby Doerr, of the Red Sox, will hold down the keystone sack with the back-stopping slot also open.

Ed Rommel, American Leaguer, will ump behind the plate with the other eagle eye positions taken care of by Joe Rue of the American loop and Tom Dunn and Jocko Conlan of the Nationals, with their working positions still undecided.

The classic is expected to draw a capacity 33,000 attendance to Shibe Park with the American Leaguers 6-5 favorites. All the proceeds will go to the major leagues' Bat and Ball Fund for servicemen.

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Bears Sign Two Players

CHICAGO, July 13—Two additions have been made to the Chicago Bears broken lineup. James Logan, former Indiana tackle, and William Steinkeper, of Notre Dame, and former Bear line-man, are the new additions.

Jockey Riezi Injured

JAMAICA, N.Y., July 13—Apprentice Jockey Danny Riezi broke his right leg when his mount charged the fence in a pre-race parade to the post. The horse was uninjured.

Report Augusta Taken; Sicily Air Blockade On

Rome Says Allies Land Near Catania, Far Up East Coast

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Allied cruisers and destroyers buried shells into it from outside its two capacious harbors. Similarly, fighting preceded the capture of Florida.

Meanwhile Algiers radio disclosed that Allied forces had captured the Italian Gen. Bavel, commander of the 206th Italian coastal regiment.

Augusta's reported capture, apparently by the Eighth Army fighting north from Syracuse, and the official Allied disclosure that Syracuse's port facilities were not damaged by the enemy before the port fell, gave the Allies two main ports for use in unloading men and materials quickly. American forces were reported to be already using the smaller port of Licata to the west.

Gen. Patton's forces were said to be meeting stiffening resistance on the west flank as they moved against more experienced Italian divisions and some German forces. Airmen returning to North Africa said the Axis apparently had been concentrating its strength near Agrigento since Monday.

Axis Holds Counter-Blow

However, the heaviest German forces were believed still in the vicinity of Trapani and Palermo, held there until the Axis can be sure no other landings are planned.

The Germans claimed virtually to have "liquidated" the U.S. troops around Gela and asserted, according to a Berlin correspondent of one of the Stockholm newspapers, that the few remaining American detachments were fighting in "hopeless positions."

The reported landings near Catania—now immediately confirmed at Allied headquarters in North Africa—evidently were designed to break up the enemy's forces guarding the Catania plain from Gen. Montgomery. Capture of this plain, described as the military prize in Sicily, would give the Allies 150 square miles spotted with airfields which could serve as a great base for air operations against the mainland of Europe.

Ground operations were being supported by Flying Fortresses from Africa, and returning pilots told of seeing inland Sicilian cities smoking from Allied artillery fire.

British-Based Bombers Pound Turin; Sicily Struck from South

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blanketing railway yards and the ferry installations at both places and starting fire in gasoline and ammunition dumps at Reggio. No enemy fighters were met but ack-ack was heavy. One Liberator failed to return.

2—Messina: Flying Fortresses from North Africa attacked the Sicilian end of the ferry Monday, destroying two railroad bridges.

3—Turin: RAF night bombers from Britain, flying 2,000 miles round trip, struck in force at Turin, center of Italy's motor industry, causing damage the Italians admitted was considerable. The enemy said 101 persons were killed and 203 injured.

4—North Africa fighter bombers kept up their slashing attacks on enemy troops and supply lines on Sicily, maintained their "umbrella" over unloading operations on the southern beaches and over the advancing Allied troops, and struck Sunday night at unidentified Sicilian ports and at Monte Cervino airfield in Italy. Twenty-eight Axis aircraft were destroyed in these operations, for the loss of 11 Allied planes.

5—Off Sicily Sunday night RAF torpedo planes smashed at an Axis convoy attempting to bring up reinforcements of men and supplies to Sicily, setting two escorting Italian destroyers ablaze from stem to stern, sinking two merchant vessels, badly damaging a third and possibly hitting two troopships.

RAF Takes a Detour

The RAF raiders which struck at Turin from England tried a new trick to confuse the enemy. Instead of returning directly over the 700-mile pathway they had followed to northern Italy, they apparently swung far to the westward, probably detouring out toward the Atlantic to avoid Axis fighters. This detour accounted for the 2,000-mile round trip.

Turin was raided last on Feb. 4 when RAF night attackers dropped two-ton and four-ton bombs and thousands of incendiaries.

The North Africa communique said large numbers of enemy motor transports had been destroyed or damaged on Sicily by the fighter bombers' strafing, while medium, light and other fighter bombers were hitting at Sicilian air fields.

Stimson in ETO for Conferences



Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson in London with Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETO commander, and Stimson's aide, Lt. Col. William Wright.

Secretary of War Henry Stimson visited Eighth Air Force headquarters yesterday, examined the post, and was the luncheon guest of Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, Eighth Air Force commander, together with Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETOUSA commander; Maj. Gen. Alexander D. Sures, head of the War Department Bureau of Public Relations in Washington, who accompanied Mr. Stimson to the ETO; Brig. Gen. Frank O'D. Hunter, Eighth Fighter commander, and other high officials.

Later, Secretary Stimson visited Eighth

Bomber Command headquarters, where he was greeted by a color guard. He toured the post, and attended an orientation lecture.

He was the dinner guest of Prime Minister Churchill at 10 Downing St. Monday night. Others present were Ambassador and Mrs. John G. Winant and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

Mr. Stimson also is expected to see War Minister Sir James Grigg this week, and to visit various army installations in the ETO.

Nazi Air Power Spread Too Thin

USAAF Chief Says New Fronts Are Straining Luftwaffe

LOS ANGELES, July 13 (AP)—The answer to "What's wrong with the Luftwaffe?" is merely a matter of mathematics—a case of dividing a given force between a growing number of fronts—Gen. H. H. Arnold, U.S. Air Force chief, said today.

Gen. Arnold, who was making a tour of inspection, posed the question himself and then answered it thus:

"Take any number and divide it again and again to allow for the growing number of battlefronts, and you have decreasing air power on any one front. It is a question of simple mathematics."

He pointed out that the Luftwaffe functioned as a single unit in the Polish and French campaigns.

The Air Force chief said there were now very few planes that the British and Americans were not using in common, and spoke of increasing cooperation between the two nations in the training of personnel and the interchange of equipment. He also referred to the USAAF's training plans:

"We are not keeping American boys on the fighting front until they are worn out. We have brought more than 9,000 officers and men of the Army air forces back to the United States to help with the training of new men."

Club to Greet St. Mark Cast

The cast of The Eve of St. Mark will be present tomorrow night at 9 o'clock at the open house of the Milestone club, 2, Kensington Ct., London, W8. Robert Freund, club director, has invited soldiers to attend the open house with their dates.

Huntington

HUNTINGTON, July 13—Program for the week at the Priory Red Cross club here:
Wednesday—Dance, 8 PM.
Thursday—Bridge night.
Friday—Tennis party, 7 PM; bowling matches.
Saturday—Dance at Town Hall, 7:30 PM.

Swindon

SWINDON, July 13—Johnny Stiles' orchestra will play at a dance from 8 to 11 PM tomorrow night at the American Red Cross club here. Program for the week:
Wednesday—Table tennis coaching and tournament.
Thursday—Movies, 8 PM.
Friday—Regular dance, 8-11 PM.
Sunday—Concert and tea dance, Johnny Stiles' orchestra, 3-6 PM.

Life Insurance For GIs Climbs

Central Base Units Show 15 to 30% Increases of \$10,000 Policies

The percentage of Central Base Section soldiers with a \$10,000 policy in National Service Life Insurance jumped 15 to 30 per cent last month in most units, following the War Department announcement that insurance regulations were relaxed for 120 days, CBS officials announced yesterday. This month's figures will show an even greater increase, they said.

A "considerable percentage" of American soldiers outside London have taken out maximum policies, and some units have achieved maximum coverage, officials of the London Insurance Office stated yesterday.

Soldiers without the maximum have until midnight, Aug. 10—28 days—to take out insurance without having to undergo a medical examination and without medical history statements.

Up to that time, insurance may be taken out even by men now hospitalized, or men who previously have been rejected for any reason whatever.

Commanding officers, insurance officers and unit personnel officers were instructed more than a month ago to interview every man who didn't have \$10,000 worth.

Soldiers who don't take out the maximum will be required to sign a statement giving their reasons which will be filed with their permanent army records so that it will be available if dependants ever file claims for the insurance, charging that it had been applied for.

London War Bond Drive Tops \$3,400 in First Week

Officers and enlisted men bought \$3,468 worth of War Bonds last week at the new London War Bond Office. Eighty-two new allotments were made during the same period by men of London units in the first week of the bond drive.

"It's a good start—but only a start," 1/Lt. I. C. Ownbey, London W.B. officer, said Monday. "We've set out to get every man in the ETO to take out at least a \$37.5 class B allotment, and we won't be satisfied until that aim has been achieved."

"Training for the public speaking contest on 'Why I Buy War Bonds,' scheduled for Aug. 16 at the ARC Rainbow Corner, should be in full swing in every London unit, under the leadership of company commanders and the enlisted men who are now attending conferences at my office," he said.

NEWS FROM HOME

Truman Report On U.S. Planes Leads to Suits

U.S. Demands Damages Of Curtiss-Wright For 'False Claims'

WASHINGTON, July 13 (UP)—Damage suits against ten high officials of the Curtiss-Wright Aircraft Corp., based on the Truman Committee's report, have been filed by the U.S. government at Lockland, Ohio. The action charges the company with conspiracy to defraud the government by presenting false, fictitious and fraudulent claims about their aircraft.

The Department of Justice said a Federal Grand Jury investigation would be undertaken if preliminary inquiry shows prosecution is warranted.

(Assistant Secretary of War Robert Patterson, according to the Associated Press, said the situation at the Lockland plant, charged by the Truman Committee with supplying defective aircraft to the Army, "had been much less sensational than some of the inferences drawn in recently published statements.")

(However, Mr. Patterson said, "a falling off in inspection procedures" at the factory "confirmed the greater part of the information furnished by the Truman Committee.")

Murray Asks Labor Coalition

WASHINGTON, July 13—Philip Murray, president of the CIO, in a nation-wide broadcast, urged a labor coalition of the CIO, the AFL and the Railway Brotherhood in support of Roosevelt's "Victory Program." He said there had been "too much labor baiting, too much administration baiting and too much politics as usual."

Firemen Take War Jobs

LOS ANGELES, July 13—Almost half of this city's firemen are working at other jobs in off hours and 658 are employed in spare time war work, Chief John H. Alderson announced yesterday.

6-Year Jap Casualties

NEW YORK, July 13 (AP)—Dr. Wei Taoming, Chinese Ambassador to the United States, addressing a war fund rally here, said the Chinese had inflicted 2,662,000 casualties on the Japanese during six years of warfare.

Feather Duster Murder Weapon

MONTGOMERY, Ala., July 13—Police announced yesterday that Mrs. Dave A. Holloway, 33, had confessed slaying her 54-year-old husband, who died after more than 150 small wounds had been inflicted on his body with what detectives believed to be the handle of a feather duster.

Pilot Talk - -

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Do you want to try one wheel?
J—I certainly do, Sir.
Z—Let me take a good look at you. You do not have any flaps and will need plenty of field.
J—Whatever you say, Sir.
Z—Better bail out. How much gas have you got?
J—About 30 gallons. (pause) That fellow didn't do a very good job of gunning on me.
Z—I'm afraid of a landing.
J—You aren't half as scared as I am, Sir.
Z—It's not so bad. (to station) His plane is in bad shape, I'm going to have him bail out NE of —. (to Johnson) We'll go up to 10,000 feet. Did you come back alone?
J—No, Sir. One of the boys came back with me.
Z—Be sure you hold your legs together when you go over, and count ten. Try shaking it once more.
J—Yes, Sir.
Z—You don't have to "Sir" me up here. Head her out to sea.
J—Yes, Sir. Is it OK now?
Z—Open up the canopy.
J—It is open, Sir. It's been open for a long time.
Z—OK, mighty fine. The crate is heading out to sea.
Col. Zemke didn't have anyone to talk to after that. Johnson turned his plane over, dumped himself out and left the Thunderbolt roaring out towards the sea by itself. The plane hit harmlessly in the water and Lt. Johnson parachuted safely to the ground.

Yank Paratroops Encountered Sabre-Swinging Cavalrymen

Italian troops made an old-fashioned sabre-swinging cavalry charge Saturday night in the initial attempt to drive off American airborne troops landing on Sicily.

The Americans were not yet completely assembled, but they beat off the cavalrymen and established contact with seaborne forces landed a few hours later.

Prisoners Cheerful

Between 900 and 1,000 German and Italian prisoners were brought to North Africa from Sicily Monday. They all seemed in high spirits and most of them were smiling broadly when they stepped off the boats. They ranged from generals to youths in their teens, generally unkempt in appearance and with badly worn uniforms.

Rails Handicap Axis

The old bogey—poor railroads—will hinder Hitler in any attempt to rush troops into Italy to bolster the weakest corner of his "fortress."

British military observers estimated it

would take at least five days to move four divisions—60,000 men—into Italy, but they doubted he would risk moving them from the Balkans with the ever-present threat of a new Allied blow there. The only other place reinforcements are available is Germany itself and the only two railroads from the Reich to the toe and heel of Italy are within range of Allied bombers.

Sicilians Mostly Friendly

Three British sentries in Sicily had their throats cut Monday night. In spite of this incident, most of the Sicilian people in conquered territory seem friendly, Allied soldiers reported, according to United Press.

Timely Reconnaissance

Four Italian lieutenant colonels walked up to an Allied patrol and surrendered. They explained they had been making a "personal front-line reconnaissance."

Wooden Dummy Guns

Serious Axis shortages of vital supplies are becoming more and more evident as the Sicilian battle progresses. The official statement that some Italians captured were armed only with wooden dummy guns may indicate that the Fascists are shorter of equipment and material than was previously believed.

It has been known for some time that the Italians lacked large quantities of tanks, heavy guns, anti-tank guns, trucks, locomotives and aircraft.

'I'm Eisenhower'

When Gen. Dwight Eisenhower stepped ashore in Sicily astonished soldiers stared at him. "How do you do, I'm Eisenhower," the Allied commander-in-chief told an officer.

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(All times listed are PM)

Wednesday, July 14, 1943

- 5.45—Sign On—Program resume.
- 5.50—Joe Loss and his Orchestra.
- 6.00—News (BBC).
- 6.15—Personal Album—Dave Lane sings your popular favorites.
- 6.30—Baseball Summary—Don Dumphy brings a transcribed summary of the all-star game.
- 6.45—Camp Concert (BBC)—Entertainment by British Army personnel from camp in the field.
- 7.00—Sports news—Presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
- 7.05—Command Performance—Martha Raye, Rudy Vallee, Ethel Bartlett.
- 7.35—Andre Kostelanetz and his Orchestra.
- 8.00—News From Home—Nightly round-up of news from USA—featuring the Stars and Stripes radio reporters.
- 8.15—Fred Waring Program—Salute to Aberdeen, Maryland.
- 8.30—Jubilee—Les Hie and his Orchestra, Benny Carter, Ivy Anderson and the King Cole Trio.
- 9.00—News—(BBC).
- 9.10—Musical Miniature—Richard Crooks.
- 9.30—Bob Hope Program—With Skinnay Ennis, Jerry Colonna, Vera Vague and Francis Langford.
- 10.00—Final Edition—Latest World, Sports and U.K. American Troop News—Presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
- 10.15—Earl Hines and his Orchestra.
- 10.30—Sign Off until 5.45 PM Thursday.

