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Repair Depot Battered In Joint Attack

American Flying Fortresses and light RAF bombers swarmed over Nazi-held France in daylight yesterday, striking four Luftwaffe airfields and a key aircraft depot in the second consecutive joint attack by the two

Shuttling inland on an elaborate time-table, the bombers, with U.S. and allied fighters, cut deeply into German plane strength in the West with well-timed blows from all altitudes. The day's operations cost eight bombers and

The multiple raids came only a few hours after the last RAF night bombers had winged home from a heavy attack on the important railway center of Aachen, at the juncture of the German, Belgian and Holland borders, through which German anti-invasion equipment is being rushed to the Western front. Twenty RAF bombers are missing from the raid.

Fighters Began Offensive

Mosquitos, Beaufighters and Typhoons of RAF Fighter Command began the latest offensive against German fighter fields when they ranged far in France and the Low Countries to strike at airfields and rail centers in before-dawn attacks. Several fields were attacked twice within

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Then, after daylight, large formations of Flying Portresses droned over the Paris area to bomb the aircraft repair and assembly plants at Villacoublay, the aircraft factory and field at Le Bourget and the airfield at Amiens-Glisy. RAF Bostons and Typhoon fighter-bombers attacked the German airfields at Abbeville and Triqueville in France.

USAAF P47s escorted one B17 formation, and RAF, Dominion and Allied fighter squadrons supported the RAF bombing operations yesterday. The Thunderbolts destroyed three FW190s and the Allied fighter squadrons added another three. Preliminary reports indicate that the B17s destroyed "more than 45 enemy fighters."

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Two P47s Lost
Two of the four Allied fighters lost were Thunderbolts.
The carefully scheduled attack obviously was aimed at reserves and active air groups massed by the Luftwaffe within easy-shifting distance of the French invasion ports, and spurred squadrons of FW190s and Me109Gs up to meet the

threat. Early but incomplete reports from intelligence officers showed that more than 45 enemy fighters were destroyed by Fortress gunners, a mark well within the six-to-one ratio the Forts have set up in combat with the Nazi interceptors.

Appropriately enough—since yesterday was Bastille Day, Republican France's (Continued on page 4)

ETONavyBond DriveTops94%

U.S. Naval personnel in Europe brought a successful War Bond campaign to a close this week with more than nine out of every ten sailors in the command signing monthly allotment forms for the purchase of bonds.

Returning from a tour of all American naval installations in the British Isles, Lt. Cmdr. Harold M. Gilmore, co-ordinator of the Navy's War Bond drive, said that 94.5 per cent of all hands in this theater were enrolled in the plan.

Although the campaign got under way a few weeks late when Lt. Cmdr. Gilmore's ship was torpedoed in February, while en route to England, the re-

ary, while en route to England, the response by bluejackets here was quick. Only three months were needed to reach

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"Everyone caught on to the benefits of bond buying in a hurry," the co-ordinator explained. "Even men with heavy family allotments already in force signed up for the minimum \$6.25 per month. Others converted cash on hand into bonds. Thousands and thousands of dollars now will flow regularly into the Treasury from Navy pay offices here through the sale of these bonds. Men in Comnaveu certainly have proved the slogan 'Navy Dollars are Fighting Dollars!"

U.S. Will Give Back Mines

WASHINGTON, July 14 (AP)-President Roosevelt declared today that the U.S. Government would comply with the anti-strike law provision for the return of the coal mines to private operation as soon as practicable.

Forts, RAF Two of Sicily's 10 Big Airfields Pound Nazi Airdromes Fall to U.S.; Allies Control Air

Air War' Is On; Axis Waning

Allied air forces, waging what Algiers radio described as "the greatest concentrated air offensive ever mounted," sowed destruction the length and breadth of Sicily yesterday as signs grew that Axis power in the skies was waning.

One unidentified pilot even went

so far as to describe the enemy's air position as "critical." He apparently based it on these factors:

When American Fortresses attacked the arport at Catania Tuesday, bombing aircraft on the ground, firing hangars and blasting the runway, only six fighters came up to meet them and three were shot down. shot down.

When American Liberators from the Middle East dumped more than 200 tons of bombs on the Crotone fighter base in southern Italy Tuesday, not a fighter appeared.

And when Fortresses raided Milo air-drome in western Sicily, only 15 fighters appeared and of these only two attacked.

Aerial Traffic Jam

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An index of the growing strength of the Allied air attacks on Sicily was a statement by NBC's announcer Ralph Howard, in a broadcast from Algiers to New York, that "air traffic over Sicily is becoming so congested that pilots are requesting traffic control."

The Fortresses that struck at Catania ahead of the northbound Eighth Army wrought havoc among parked enemy fighters, scored direct hits on two large langurs and left three fires burning among the workshops. Reconnaissance pictures

hangars and left three fires burning among the workshops. Reconnaissance pictures showed 98 per cent of the bombs landed on the target. Other heavies struck at Enna, Sicilian communications center in the middle of the island.

Besides smashing Crotone with high explosive and incendiaries, Middle East Liberators pounded Vibo Valentia airdrome, also in the Italian "toe," wrecking three hangars, hitting administration buildings and munitions storage sheds and setting aftire eight planes, some of them twin-engined transports. twin-engined transports.

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Meanwhile fighter-bombers spread
destruction from one end of Sicily to the
other. A U.S. broadcaster speaking from
Algiers said that in Tuesday's operations
they destroyed at least 150 trucks,
damaged an equal number, wrecked six
locomotives and 45 freight cars, sank five
merchant vessels, damaged two destroyers
and bombed airfields from dawn to dusk.
In all the day's operations, including
fighter cover over the still-continuing unloading operations on the beaches, 42
enemy aircraft were destroyed for the loss

enemy aircraft were destroyed for the loss of seven Allied planes.

Monday night's attack on Turin by British-based RAF Lancasters—"the heaviest yet made on any target in Italy from bases in England"—was directed realized a salient section. against a railway center through which supplies pass from France and Germany

King, Queen Are Hosts To Stimson at Palace

Making a social call as his only formal activity of the day, Secretary of War Henry Stimson had tea with King George and Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace

yesterday.

It is expected that Mr. Stimson will hold a number of important conferences today, and visit several British and American Army installations.

Luftwaffe Fields, Plane Most Concentrated YanksRoutCrackPanzerUnits British Push North



U.S. General Sherman medium tanks roll from tank landing craft onto the Sicilian beaches. Yesterday U.S. armor under Gen. Patton's command met and hurled back a German tank assault near Gela.

U.S. Troops Twice Driven to Sea by Goering Tanks Before Hurling Foe from Gela; Gen. Patton Leaped from Barge to Lead Attack

The story of how American troops, led personally by Lt. Gen. George S. Blood and Guts) Patton, twice were driven to the beach at Gela by German tanks and each time hurled the enemy back until the bridgehead was firmly secured, was told yesterday in dispatches from the front.

The fighting, in which warships were used against tanks for the first time, was the fiercest so far reported in the invasion, and cost the Germans a heavy toll, Allied headquarters said

yesterday.

his troops.

drove the enemy back.

Two German tank regiments—probably units of the elite Hermann Goering panzer division which lost ten relatively old Mark Six tanks at Gela Sunday—held Gela when Seventh Army units began their landings, according to a dispatch yesterday from Noel Monks, London Daily Herald correspondent aboard a British destroyer.

Yard-by-Yard Fight

The ensuing 24 hours saw the fiercest

Shells from American and British war

Yanks Closing

150 Japanese Killed On New Georgia

roops hacked steadily toward the main Japanese base at Munda today in what was believed to be the final phase of the expedition to capture New Georgia Island. At least 150 Japanese were killed in stiffbattles near the base yesterday, dispatches

Two strong points were taken and American troops captured artillery and large quantities of other war materials.

U.S. dive-bombers and fighters supported the ground forces, dumping 32 tons of bombs on the Japs and destroying four

Berlin radio, heard here today, said

against Ballale airfield, on Bougainville Island, about 200 miles northwest of New Georgia. Thirty-four tons of bombs were

Toward Big Port Of Catania

Two of the ten principal airfields in Sicily were captured yesterday by American troops spreading out from the bridgehead at Gela, on the

island's southern coast.

They were at Ponte Olivo, slightly north of Gela, where the Americans threw back the crack Hermann Goering panzer units in the fiercest fighting

ing panzer units in the fiercest fighting of the invasion during the weekend, and at Comiso, just west of Ragusa, which they captured Tuesday.

Capture of the two important airfields provided added facilities for Allied air forces, which already were virtually in control of the skies over Sicily.

Two other towns—Palma, 15 miles northwest of captured Licata, and Naro, ten miles inland in the same area—also were scized by units of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Seventh Army, it was announced at headquarters.

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The American successes, accomplished in the face of the only serious opposition reported yesterday, were supplemented by still other gains by the Allies.

Headquarters confirmed the capture early yesterday morning of the important harbor and naval base of Augusta, north of Syracuse, and to the north Gen. Bernard Montgomery's Eighth Army swept through the town of Priolo in a concerted thrust toward the plains south of Catania, another important seaport.

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Algiers radio said new landings from the sea had been made near Catania to help Montgomery's advancing forces, and Berlin radio reported that a whole regiment of British paratroops landed on the Catania plain Tuesday night to attack the Axis rear. Berlin said these had been wined out.

Between the Americans on the left flank of the invading forces and the British on the right, Canadian troops continued their advances and captured the town of Modica, 25 miles northwest of Cape Passero.

10,000 Prisoners

The continuing successes rolled up by the Allied troops on the fifth day of invasion—gains that have given him control of the whole southeastern corner of Sicily—prompted London observers to comment that even if the Germans do mount major counter-attacks now there is no chance the Allies can be pushed off the island.

In five days the invading troops have penetrated as much as 30 miles in some places and taken 10,000 prisoners, the Allied communique said yesterday.

The Allied strength on Sicily was estimated by the Axis as ten divisions—three of them American. Berlin dispatches to Swedish newspapers added that strong American landings had been made at Gela.

fighting of the expedition, and four times the town changed hands. As the Americans fell back the second time to the beach, Monks reported, Gen. Patton leaped from a landing barge, waded ashore and took personal command of his troops. ships screamed over the doughboys' heads and into the German tanks. Wave after wave of fresh American troops swarmed ashore from troopships and landing barges. Yard by yard the Americans

The next big objective undoubtedly was (Continued on page 4)

only was the town retaken, but the Ger-mans were several miles beyond the town ReportRommel and the American forces were well esta-Killed in Crash Patton's own courage and the high

STOCKHOLM, July 14 (UP)—An underground German radio station has stated that Marshal Rommel was shot down by a British plane when he was flying to Sicily in order to take command

flying to Sicily in order to take command of the Axis forces there, according to reports in a Swedish newspaper.

The German underground station continued "Allied planes fought their way through a strong fighter escort and hit Rommel's plane with their guns. Rommel's plane then caught fire and crashed into the sea."

Other high Axis officers in the same plane are also believed to have been

plane are also believed to have been killed, the radio said. Their names are given as Gen. Siegfried Westphal and Lt. Col. Kiel, as well as three Italian staff officers.

Navy Air Force Gets New 'Hellcat' Fighter

WASHINGTON, July 14 (AP)—The United States Navy, already the world's leader in the development of carrier-based fighter planes, has a new championship contender with the significant name of "Hellcat," it was revealed today by the Truman Committee, which said that the Hellcat was capable of exceptional performance.

Mention of the Grumman-built Hellcat model F6P lifted the plane from the secret list, but further details presumably must await battle tests which may not be

Ring on Munda Arms, Materials Seized,

WASHINGTON, July 14-American

from the South Pacific said.

American troops had occupied Rovana Island, a heavily wooded reef a few miles north of New Georgia. Heaviest air attack in the Solomons was

dropped and five fires started.

Allied headquarters in Australia announced two more Jap warships were probably sunk Monday night in the second Kula Gulf battle, bringing the toll of ships sunk to six. Only slight damage was sustained to Allied vessels.

fighting qualities of his troops earned warm congratulations from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower when the commander-inchief visited Patton's headquarters after the battle. Yesterday officers at Allied head-quarters in North Africa said there were indications the Axis might be planning to concentrate its main strength against the

blished.

Old Bill Crew Receives 17 Awards

July 14—Two Distinguished Service Crosses, eight Silver Stars and seven Purple Hearts have been awarded mem-bers of the crew of the Fortress Old Bill for a single raid.

for a single raid.

Old Bill, the B17 named after the cartoon character of Bruce Bairnsfather, Stars and Stripes artist in the field, returned from the raid over northwest Germany May 15 badly battered and with eight of its 11 crewmen wounded. The ship was finally landed at its home field without brakes, without flaps, with one engine shot out, the plexi-glass nose completely shot away, the oxygen system useless and the top turret smashed.

For the mission, Capt, William D.

For the mission, Capt, William D. Whitson, the pilot, of Denton, Tex. received the DSC, the U.S. Army's second highest award, and the Purple Heart for wounds. Though wounded before reaching the target, Whitson kept his damaged

ing the ship for a while on the way back, but he rallied in time to take the controls and make a difficult landing.

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The bombardier, 1/Lt. Robert W. Barrall, of Berwick, Pa., also was awarded the DSC and the Purple Heart. In the attack which shattered the nose, Barrall shielded himself with his bomb-sight but received slight wounds. He crawled back into the nose and released his bombs over the target. Then he went to the radio room to administer first aid to his wounded comrades. When the to his wounded comrades. When the Germans attacked again, he dashed to the nose of the plane and successfully fought off a frontal attack. Though wounded a second time, he was able to fly the ship part of the way home.

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, ship on its course and successfully navigator. In addition to performing his labeled the objective. Weakened by his objective wounds, Whitson was relieved from pilotrepeated frontal assaults until mortally

American positions in that sector, rather than against the British Eighth Army

advancing up the east coast.

wounded.

2/Lt. Harry L. Holt, the co-pilot, of Tallulah, La., received the Silver Star and the Purple Heart. When the oxygen system was shot out, Holt flew the Fortress without oxygen while the pilot went to the rear for emergency oxygen testiles. When the silver seturned to the went to the rear for emergency oxygen bottles. When the pilot returned to the cockpit, Lt. Holt was almost unconscious from lack of oxygen, but he still had Old Bill under control. Soon the pilot was wounded and Holt, now revived, took the controls again until he was wounded by a 20mm, shell which exploded in the cockpit.

The Silver Star and the Purple Heart also were awarded to T/Sgt Albert W. Haymon, Stamford, Conn.; T/Sgt. (Continued on page 4)

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Newsreel Caesar

From the temporary safety of his Rome headquarters Mussolini has wired the defenders of Sicily, "I am with you in spirit in your magnificent fight for the defense of the Fatherland."

We know it must be a comfort indeed to the defenders of Sicily to have their leader with them . . . in spirit.

It is true that II Duce was at one time with his troops in person; but in the newsreel only. The passing years have proved that the actual distance between Mussolini and his forces increases in direct ratio to the proximity of enemy forces.

In the early days of the war, after Italy had stabbed France in the back and bombed London, we remember a newsreel that was taken here in England. It showed the Prime Minister and his wife calmly sailing down the Thames in a small launch seeing for themselves the damage bombs had wrought.

When Italian cities are bombed now by

When Italian cities are bombed now by retailating RAF planes Mussolini never calls to view the damage. In fact, recent months have found the self-styled Caesar strangely reticent about airing his views. Where formerly he dearly loved to stand pouter-pigeon fashion on a balcony to address the tens of thousands, now he shows an amazing preference for the back row spot instead of the driver's seat.

It is not in our power to predict the future; but it is our thought that Il Duce would gladly get much farther from the Italian scene than he now is. That if it were at all possible, he would fee to the sanctuary of a neutral country with all the loot he could bear. And from there, while the Italians he has duped into the present positions felt the full force of the present position felt the full force of the invaders' might, he would piously cable, "Fight on, brave countrymen, I am with you . . . in spirit."

Tiger by the Tail

After ten days, during which they have suffered terrific losses in manpower, tanks and planes, the German forces in the Orel-Kursk-Byelgorod front find themselves just about where they began at the outset of the current offensive, comments the Washington Post.

It is now apparent that Hitler had hoped to break the Russian line through sheer weight of numbers and metal. According to all accounts the concentra-tion on this front of German tanks was beyond anything ever seen in so restricted a sector. That does not appear to have helped the Nazis, however, for the Russian lines have held.

This is a fact of tremendous importance. The very circumstance that the Germans were this year far less ambitious in their offensive plans than they were in 1941 and 1942 was indicative of their declining strength. But modest as their objectives were, they appear to have been formid-able obstacles. Minor gains in the Byelgorod area are altogether out of proportion to German losses. Yet Hitler cannot afford to call off the offensive, for Yet Hitler it would be a fatal confession of weak-ness. Besides, it might give the Russians the opportunity they seek, to take the

offensive themselves. The Nazis, it appears, are caught in a web of their own spinning. web of their own spinning. At a time when the Axis is receiving punishing blows in the Mediterranean Hitler finds he has a tiger by the tail on the Eastern Front. He cannot afford to hold on and he can't afford to let go.

The Good Old Days

"Give us the good old days." Many a time we have heard this wish expressed in public. It seems to be standing order number one with all ration grumblers.

For the majority of the grumblers we join in the hope their wish comes true, for should they gain possession of "Aladdin's Lamp" and rub it while mumbling "Give me the good old days," the surprise that would come with the granting of their cherished boon would prove startling we are sure

prove startling we are sure. Our ancestors, who lived in the "good old days," would have looked with envy on many a rationed grumbler, for they got along without sugar until the thirteenth, without coal until the fourteenth, without buttered bread until the fifteenth, without potatoes until the sixteenth, without coffee until the seventeenth, without matches until the eighteenth and without gasoline until the nineteenth century.

Matter of fact, folks today are living in a land of milk and honey compared with our ancestors, who got by as best they could in the "good old days."

Ration grumblers, please note.

Hash Marks

Note to GIs: The Station Hospital unit at Camp Edwards, Mass., adopted "Stinky," a deodorized pet skunk, as a mascot. Oddly enough Stinky spends most of his time in the officers' barracks—or in the first sergeant's tent.

Today's daffyntion. Morning: the time of day when the rising generation retires and the retiring generation rises.

After reading this little story we don't think we'll ever take a drink again—well, for three days, anyway. A San Diego



esident was hailed into court and charged with making whisky which he sold for \$5 a bottle. Officers said the defendant admitted making the evil brew from squirrels, chinese lizards and other tasty creatures. He added whisky then aged the conglomeration for two years.

Hendrik Grinderslav, seeking a divorce in a San Francisco court, said he didn't like it when his wife kept him awake nights with warnings not to roll over on the six pekingese dogs she kept in bed with him, but he drew the line when she brought home four possums.

Fun on the home front, Some Tulsa, Okla., residents didn't like the nickname "Dog Pound" Road which was applied to the thoroughfare leading to the dog pound and they really got mad when signs bearing that name were put on the street corners. The street now bears the highsounding name, North Columbia Avenue.

The band fell out on the double when word got around Greiger Field, Wash., that the plane of Brig. Gen. Walter Peck, commanding officer of a bombardment wing, was heading for the field. The plane landed and the band struck up, "Hail, Hail the Gang's All Here." Amid all this furor outstepped the plane's only occupant —Pilot Raymond Peck, the general's son —a mere second lieutenent. a mere second lieutenent.

This younger generation is really on the ball. Telegraph messenger Billy Sellman wanted to buy a pair of shoes, but a



crowd at Watson's shoe store made it impossible. A few minutes later he came running up shouting, "Telegram for Mr. Watson!" The crowd parted, let him pass. Inside he handed the telegram to the manager. It read: "Please, sir, I would like to buy a pair of shoes." (Signed) Billy Sellman. J. C. W.

Landing Barges Crossed Ocean

Brought Men, Tanks From U.S., Britain; Other Sidelights

The "Little Navy"—the fleet of small ships, meant for inshore duties, which sailed into the thick of the invasion after traveling across thousands of miles of rough Atlantic—played a big part in the opening round of the battle for Sicily, Desmond Tighe, Reuter's correspondent with the Mediterranean fleet, reported yesterday.
Hundreds of them-tank landing craft

infantry assault boats, motor launches and MTBs—gathered in the Mediterranean for the attack after chugging through the Bay of Biscay—from Britain and across the Atlantic from United States and Canadian

They had fought off submarines in the Atlantic and, while laying up in North African ports before the invasion, they had beaten off one enemy air attack after another until the time came for them to deliver the troops and tanks to Sicilian

Some of the American tank landing craft were built in the Middle West and came down the Mississippi River to make the Atlantic crossing crammed with troops and tanks.

The commanding officer of one of these boats, who only a short time ago was a Chicago district attorney, admitted having

little knowledge of the sea but said he was "picking up a lot," and wouldn't change his present job for the world.
"It was anything but a joke crossing the Atlantic," he said. "The sea was so rough at times the wings of the bridge went under water."

Conditions about a the ships also were

Conditions aboard other ships also were hard. The boats were not made for long

hard. The boats were not made for long trips but some of their officers—young Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve men in their early twenties with little or no prewar knowledge of seamanship—brought them safely through.

When "invasion day" came the ships came out of their harbors and steamed toward Sicily—vast convoys of them extending for miles, each tightly packed with troops, tanks, guns and other war equipment. A strong wind swept the sea and made a rough passage, but the "Little Navy" made it. Navy" made it.

One Man in Augusta

A lone Greek destroyer was credited yesterday with the capture of the Augusta naval base Monday. Only one man remained in the seaport normally populated by 17,000 people.

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The capture followed a heavy naval bombardment by a squadron of cruisers patrolling the coast between Augusta and Syracuse. The Navy bombarded the hillside town of Melilli, eight miles southwest of Augusta, when it threatened the west flank of Allied troops moving north. Then Augusta itself was shelled and captured.

Petrified With Fear

Allied troops encountered stiff fighting by some Italian troops, yet others, apparently petrified by the speed and magnitude of the expedition, "behaved like sleepwalkers," S. L. Solon, British

Three Italians manning a machine-gun nest 200 yards from the beach sat for ten hours undiscovered without firing a shot. Then they showed a white flag and walked out to surrender. They explained that the sight of the armada offshore had petrified them.

That was an isolated case, however.

Watermelons Bought For a Cigarette Each

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, July 14 (UP)—aAllied soldiers are buying watermelons and cantaloupes for a cigarette each from Italian farmers.

Tomatoes go four for a cigarette.

Before the Allies came the Italians

Before the Allies came the Italians were rationed to one cigarette a day. Hence the favorable rate of exchange. "We have been wondering why you didn't come earlier," some Sicilians who speak English told the troops. Italian prisoners, herded into enclosures, seem quite happy—the food is so good compared with their Italian army rations. Two young Germans taken in this area, both about 16, were described by a guard as "cocky and arrogant."

The road through Syracuse and beyond was strewn with Italian bodies, and pill-boxes stand shattered like miniature mausoleums. Allied troops are winning not because of an Italian collapse, but because they are fighting better and possess better equipment and more of it.

Invasion Newspaper

A newspaper for "Allied troops at sea somewhere between Tokyo and Berlin" was published aboard one transport carrying Canadian troops to the inva-sion. Called the "Bush Shirt Bugle," after the khaki tropical tunics worn by the soldiers, it was written in such a way that the troops could send copies home through the censorship.

U.S. Nurses on Sicily

American army nurses have already been landed on Sicily. Eighteen are serving at a field hospital near Licata where they have been working day and night handling casualties.

Italian Offer to Help

Many Italian soldiers taken prisoner in Many Italian soldiers taken prisoner in Sicily gave themselves up and then offered to help the Allies in their conquest of the island, Algiers radio said. The radio station supported its statement by putting an American soldier of Italian descent on the air.

The Italians were very bitter about the way in which the Germans were treating them," the American said. "Italian officers had lodged several complaints with their high command that German officers of low rank were above them in Keep y

Here is the first batch of Italian prisoners captured in Sicily. British tommies guide the men through Axis minefields to ships which will take them off of the island and probably to North Africa. command. Also that German soldiers refused to salute them.

"Germans also frequently molested Italian women. Finally even the German air force general commanding in Sicily gave orders to his men to behave in a better way. But it was too late. The population had been seriously antagonized."

Typical of the antagonism of the Sicilian people toward the Fascist government was the comment of a farmer: "We grow and grow and they keep taking and taking for Italy and Germany until it is no use to grow more,"

Food for Civilians

Sicilians who have been severely rationed for food, cigarettes and other supplies for many months found the Allied invasion brought them a welcome windfall. Large quantities of supplies already are being unloaded for the civilian populations in conquered territory, it was officially disclosed at the Allied command

on a smaller scale it was working the other way, too. Civilians in some sections were reported eagerly giving cheese, bread and fresh water to the invading troops, and to be turning out to cheer

Yanks, Canadians Race

A race reminiscent of the one between the First and Eighth Armies for Tunis during the African campaign took place Monday and Tuesday between the Ameri-cans and Canadians advancing on Ragusa. The Americans, under Gen. Patton, won the race by just a short margin.

Patton, won the race by just a short margin.
United Press reported from Algiers:
"The lead war story of The Stars and Stripes (Algiers edition), which has more complete accounts than any other newspaper published in North Africa, published in two-column bold-face type: 'American and Canadian forces almost simultaneously reached the outskirts of simultaneously reached the outskirts of Ragusa.' "

Meal for Tourists

Keep your feet dry.

A breakfast menu issued to soldiers on one invasion transport was entitled Special Breakfast for Sicilian Tourists." It read:

Stewed fruit of the Island.

Oats rolled. Fresh fish knocked unconscious by lowering first landing craft. Grilled breakfast bacon.

Fried eggs, next issue from Cafe Royal,

To Order: Marsala wine, pistachio nuts, and Il Duce.

Invasion Success Severe Blow To Axis Propaganda at Home

For weeks and even months the Axis press has been full of such statements as "We are ready—let them come," the correspondent points out.

"Now they are there," he says. "It would be an extremely hard blow to Italian and German public opinion if it should prove impossible to throw out the Allies. The Axis partners are pledged by their propaganda, and must now take the consequences."

Italian workers are demonstrating against the war in factories at Milan and Turin and street demonstrations have taken place in Bologna and Florence. The demonstrators were only dispersed when demonstrators were only dispersed when the police threatened to fire on them, according to travellers from northern Italy

according to travellers from northern Italy reaching Switzerland.

The Berlin correspondent of the Basler Nachrichten says: "The first official optimism in Berlin concerning the situation in Sicily is suddenly disappearing and no reasons are being given why except that the Allies landed far stronger forces than was orginally thought."

BERNE. July 14 (UP)—Great anxiety about Sicily, both for military and for propaganda reasons, is evident in Berlin, says the correspondent there of the Tribune de Geneve today.

For weeks and even months the Axis press has been full of such statements as the press has been full of such statements as the statements as trained troops he has at his disposal.

Rome estimates the Allies have landed a whole army in Sicily, with numerous armored units and guns of all calibers, the correspondent

armored units and guns of all calibers, the correspondent continued.

"How was such an accumulation of men and material possible on Italian soil when Mussolini said a fortnight before the invasion that the enemy would be nailed to the beaches?" he asks. The reply, he goes on, is that Mussolini's words, according to people in Rome, should not be taken too literally; he admitted in the same speech that a certain penetration after landing was possible but would not constitute a successful invasion.

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The Berlin correspondent of the Basler optimism in Berlin concerning the situation in Sicily is suddenly disappearing and that the Allies landed far stronger forces The Rome correspondent of the Rome correspondent of the Rome correspondent of the Swiss newspaper Die Tat says that the more fighting there is in Sicily the more silent become Italian officials in Rome.

The revelation of the high Allied generals directing the operations made the deepest impression on Italian public opinion, he continues, and Italian propaganda now paints the consequences of defeat in the darkest colors.

PRIVATE BREGER



"Remember, if the Germans catch you spying around their planes, you're supposed to be a gremlin!"

American League All-Stars Down Nationals, 5-3

ULSTER ROUNDUP

Diamond Loop Set for Second Round of Play

Blues, Pelicans to Play Off First Round Tie in One Game

By Sheamus McWhite

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BELFAST, July 14—The Stars and
Stripes didn't get to cover the Battle of
the Marne, but its representatives were
present last Friday night at the meeting
of Northern Ireland baseball league
managers, held at the American Red
Cross.

There were some wonderful speeches, particularly since the occasion marked the closing of the first round of league play and rules for the second round were up for discussion. Principal speaker was none other than Pvt. Ed "Deacon" Behnen, moundsman for the Blues who, until their defeat at the end of the line by the Agitators, had a 1.000 average but now are tied with the Pelicans. The big right-hander and Capt. Paul DiMaggio, of Lake Charles, La., for the Pelicans got together on an early game, and there followed some of the sweetest combination feinting, jockeying and double playing for position that has been seen in a long time. These NI managers are just as good at politics as they are at baseball—and that ain't bad.

Leader of the Opposition

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Among the wisest is S/Sgt. Joe Aycock,
Alexandria, La., mentor for the Agitators,
who led His Majesty's Loyal Opposition
to any kind of play-off that might affect
the chances of his rapidly climbing gang
for that trip to London and an ETO
championship in the fall. Aycock advocated letting the second round decide the

championship in the fall. Aycock advo-cated letting the second round decide the whole thing (he's tied with the Composite Command Dodgers for second place), but after much discussion and general love making—refereed by Capt. Frank Willis of Special Services—it came to this: The Blues and Pelicans will play it off, soon as possible, one game only. The winner of the first round will play the winner of the second round—in a three game series. Then the top Air Corps team (by league stand-ing) will go to the Air Force tourna-ment in England. The top SOS team (likewise by standing) will go to represent Uster in the SOS series. Thus, with two teams assured of a pleasant overseas journey one of these days, we're off to a season.

Teams to Furnish Own Umps

Rules on umpires won't be changed Each team will furnish its own. He'll stand behind the plate, thanks to Sgt. Aycock, who declared, "If any referee don't want to take a chance behind a catcher, we'd better all quit." For reasonable protection, however, the umps reasonable protection, however, the umps will wear a catcher's breastplate and football shoulder pads. You do need plenty of padding in this league, where they don't trifle with penny ante baseball. As for baseballs, this, too, is a problem, but has been fairly well solved. Each team will bring one new ball and one used one. Any over the fence go to the Irish, who are catching on fast at Ravenhill. Awful fast.

The meeting ended on a satisfactory note, with plenty accomplished and every-body relatively happy. At least there weren't any complaints or walkouts—and here, by the way, an Oscar or something is due some of these isolated teams who've played from behind with shortages of rime, men and equipment all the way. Particularly the Flying MPs, who, although in cellar position, stuck it out all the way and didn't forfeit a game.

Golf Circuit Still on Way

While we're on the subject of smart managers and such, it wouldn't hurt to put in the name of that cagey old Hibernian, Jerry Patrick, of the Navy. After hurling challenges all over ETO, he finally got a rise out of Central Base Section and may get a chance to take his tion and may get a chance to take his sluggers there. It has to be done "through channels," and the Paul Jones boys up here are keeping their bats well

The golf league is still in process of organization, with Pvt. Joe Maruszewski, Eighth Air Force Composite Command,

working on it.

This is because, with July 12 the deadline for entrants, these were the only brave
hearts not asleep in the deep. Miss Irene
Boyce, of Ann Arbor, Mich., Red Cross
program worker in charge of entrants,
has decided to be nice about it and give
lem another week. Play will begin Saturday at Windsor Tennis Club, Belfast.

Help Wanted -AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, Printing House Sq., London, EC4.

RAINCOAT, green alligator skin, lost in officers' mess at — on June 24; captain's bars on each shoulder, name and serial number stencilled on the inside. I offer the finder another raincoat or trenchcoat, to be purchased by finder at my expense, not to exceed \$20, or if this is not expense, not to exceed \$20, or if this is not antisfactory finder may have my last quart of sutsfactory finder may have my last quart of Rourbon—Capt, F. M. Grem, — Medical Bu., APO 305.

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Senators May Schedule **Unlimited Night Games**

PHILADELPHIA, July 14-Permission has been granted the Washington Senators to play an unlimited number of night games during remainder of the season.

The unprecedented action was taken during a joint meeting of the American National Leagues, following President Clark Griffith's request that the Senators be allowed to play all their games at night, except Sunday and holiday doubleheaders.

Ulster Tennis Pairings Listed

Red Cross Competition Matches to Be Played By July 24

BELFAST, July 14—Pairings for the first round of the American Red Cross tennis competition here have been drawn and matches must be played on or before Saturday, July 24. They may be arranged by telephoning the club's program office, which furnishes racquets and balls and makes dates for the course. There are 12 entrants. 12 entrants.

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M/Sgt. Logan Harrigan, of Cincinnati, Ohio, drew a first-round bye to the second round, in which he will play the winner between Cpl. Vaughn Kelly, of Detroit, and Pfc George Griffiths, of Philadelphia.

Dr. W. W. Roberts, of Los Angeles, of Lockheed, got a bye and will play the winner between Cpl. Edgar O'Rourke, of Bear Lake, Mich., and Pvt. John Mitchell, of Buffalo, N.Y.

Pfc Ed McCloy, of Philadelphia, drew a bye and will play the winner between Sgt. H. C. Coulson, of Long Mount, Col., and George McCutcheon, of Lockheed.

Jack Lippert, of Hollywood, Cal., Lockheed, got a bye and will play the winner between Morrow Hallman and Roger Hope, both of Lockheed.

Roger Hope, both of Lockheed.

Minor League Results

International League Tuesday's Games

Tuesday's Games

Syracuse 4, Newark 0
Baltimore 8, Jersey City 0 (first game)
Jersey City 8, Baltimore 7 (second game)
Buffalo 11, Montreal 3
Toronto 3, Rochester 2
W L Pet. W L
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Newark 44 38 536 Baltimore 38 40
Syracuse 40 39 506 Buffalo 38 43
Montreal 42 42 500 Jersey City, 34 51

Eastern League

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Tueday's Games
Scranton 11. Springfield 2
Elmira 6, Utica 1 (first game)
Utica 3, Elmira 2 (second game)
Albany 9, Binghamton 4
Other teams did not play.

W L Pet.
Scranton 48 17 738 Binghamton 36 34
Wilkes-B're 39 26 600 Hartford 31 33
Elmira 39 31 559 Springfield 25 41
Albany 36 31 537 Utica 15 56 American Association

American Association
Tuesday's Games
Indianapolis 8, Kansas City 7
Milwaukee 6, Louisville 2
St. Paul 6, Toledo 5 (first game)
Toledo 5, St. Paul 4 (second game)
Columbus 6, Minneapolis 2 (first game)
Minneapolis 4, Columbus 3 (second game)
Minneapolis 44 (27 603 Minneapolis 35 37 486
Milwaukee 41 28 596 St. Paul . 35 39 473
Columbus . 39 33 542 Louisville . 33 40 452
Toledo . 37 37 500 Kansas City 25 44 362

Southern Association

All games postponed.

W L Pet

Knoxville . 4 2 .667 Little Rock 5
Nashville . 4 2 .667 N. Orleans
Atlanta . 5 3 .625 Memphis . 2
Montgomery 6 4 .600 Birmingham 1 Pacific Coast League

Pacific Coast League

Tuesday's Ganies

Portland 5, Hollywood 2

Los Angeles 2, San Diego 1

No other games played.

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Portland ... 45 42 ...517 Oakland ... 37 50 ...425

San Diego ... 43 46 ...483 Sacramento 29 57 ...337

American League Heads Accept Sewell's Apology

PHILADELPHIA, July 14 — The American League has formally accepted Luke Sewell's apology for his aspersions

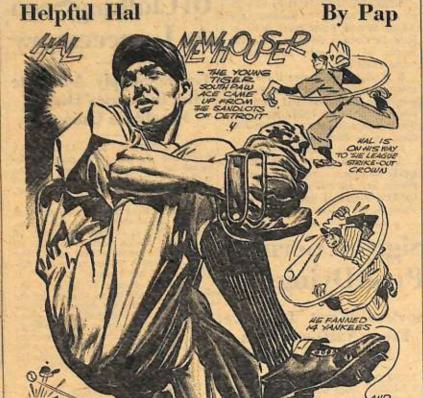
Luke Sewell's apology for his aspersions on League umpires.

The St. Louis Browns' manager, who allegedly said the American League umpires were afraid to call close ones on the New York Yankees, tendered his apology during a league meeting here.

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Scalders Edge Vikings, 8-5

— FIGHTER STATION, July 14—In a well played and hotly contested extra-league baseball game here, the — Fighter Squadron Scalders kept close on the heels of the league-leading Vagabonds by defeating the Independent Vikings, 8—5.

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The winners spotted the Vikings four runs in the first inning, but picked up two of these in the third and tied it up in the fourth. Neither team was able to cross the plate again until Sgt. Gy Woleslagle, of Cokesburg, Pa., homered to center in the first of the seventh to put the Scalders ahead, 5—4.

The Vikings put one across in the last of the seventh to tie up the ball game, but the winners took advantage of misplays and two hits to garner three runs

plays and two hits to garner three runs in the extra inning. A nice catch of a long drive by Sgt. Jim Darrell, of Springdale, Pa., with three aboard ended the

game Winning battery was Sgt. John Wielenea, of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Pvt. Burt Kopperud, of Minneapolis. The losers' battery was Pvt. Pete Dudeck, of Scranton, Pa., and Pfc Elmer Kataska, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Headquarters Nine Raps Canadians, 7-1; RupeStars

Cpl. Ed Rupe, fire-baller of Oklahoma City, set the — Canadian Hospital nine down with two hits as the Headquarters Company gain a 7—1 victory.

The Americans took an early lead in the first as Cpl. Elgin Smith, of Minneapolis, tripled with the bases loaded for three of their five first-inning runs. The winners scored two more runs later in the game, with the Canadians tallying their lone run in the seventh when Sgt. Burris, first baseman, singled, then went Burris, first baseman, singled, then went to second and scored on an error in the outfield. Pvt. Charles Hepler, of Greens-boro, N.C., led the Yanks at the plate, getting three for four. Losing hurler was S/Sgt. Handley, who went the route for the Canadians.

Mitchell Yields Three Hits As SBS Phils Blank Reds

SBS, HQ., July 14—Behind the three-hit pitching of Cpl. Henry Mitchell, of New Iberia, La., the — Station Hospital Phils turned back the Hq. Co. Reds, 4—0, in a SBS Southern League game last pight

Mitchell issued no walks and fanned ten batsmen, while permitting one man to reach third base. The victory kept the Medics undefeated in league com-

Terranova Draws With Avila HARTFORD, Conn., July 14-Phil Terranova, 126, recent kayo conqueror of NBA featherweight king Jackie Callura, and Angel Avila, 127, Mexico City, fought a ten-round draw. The decision was booed by the crowd.



SPORTS

American League

Tuesday's Games
American League All-Stars 5, National League

New York 43 30 .589 St. Louis . 35 37 .487.
Detroit ., 38 34 .528 Cleveland . 35 38 .479
Washington 40 37 .520 Boston . 35 39 .474
Chicago . 35 36 .493 Philadelphia 34 44 .436
Yesterday's Schedule
No games scheduled.

National League

Tuesday's Games
American League All-Stars 5, National League W L Pct. W L 48 24 667 Philadelphia 34 42 47 34 .580 Boston . 32 40 38 35 .521 Chicago . 33 43 39 37 .513 New York . 30 46

Yesterday's Schedule No games scheduled,

Leading Batters American League

LIBERATOR BASE, July 14-In one of the closest pitcher's battles seen at this station, the — Squadron notched its 13th consecutive victory, and fourth -0, win over the - Service Squadron softball team.

The pitchers, Pvt. Bob Krupa, of De troit, for the Service Squadron, and Cpl Ed Kota, of Dowanda, N.Y., had the game in hand almost throughout, and were backed up at all times by errorles

189 Colleges Dropping Football for Duration

NEW YORK, July 14-The Associated Press discloses that 189 colleges are giving up football for the duration because of the man-power shortage and transporta-

tion difficulties.

Most of the schools are small, but several bulwarks of the popular collegiate sport include Harvard, Mississippi, Georgetown, Mississippi State, Tennessec, Kentucky, Auburn and Baylor.

by Chic Young

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Bobby Doerr, VinceDiMaggio Hit for Circuit

Dutch Leonard, Surprise Starter for Winners, Bests Cooper

PHILADELPHIA, July 14—Although they were outhit, 10—8, the American League All-Stars won their eighth vic-tory in 11 starts in last night's renewal of the All-Star classic, subduing their National League oponents, 5—3, before 31,938 fans at Shibe Park here. The S61,174 the cash customers paid will go to the major leagues' Bat and Ball Fund which supplies servicemen with athletic equipment.

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The Nationals drew first blood in the opening half of the first inning, but the big blow of the game came in the second when Boston Red Sox Second Baseman Bobby Doerr homered into the left field stands after Chet Laabs, St. Louis center fielder, and Jake Early, W a s h i n g t o n W a s h i n g t o n catcher, walked. Mort Cooper, Cardinal right-

hander, was the los-ing pitcher — his second All-Star loss



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in a row — with Bebby Doerr
Emile "Dutch"
Leonard, Washington knuckleballer,
surprise American League starter, the
winner. Joe McCarthy, manager of the
winners, picked Leonard after a conference with his squad before the game.
Dutch, who was well rested, got off to
a shaky start in the first inning as Stan
Hack and Billy Herman touched him for
bingles followed by Stan Musial's fly to
center which scored Musial.

Deciding Run in Third

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The Americans scored their deciding run in the third inning on successive doubles by Ken Keltner and Dick Wakefield. Vern Stephens, the next hitter, sacrificed Wakefield to third and Johnny Vander Meer, Cincinnati southpaw, came in to relieve Cooper on the mound. Vander Meer fanned Rudy York on three pitches and Chet Laabs on four.

The winners added another run flashily in the fifth as George Case, Washington right fielder, singled and went to third on a hit and run single by Stephens. The

a hit and run single by Stephens. The count on York reached three and two when Case broke for home and Stephens for second. Catcher Walker Cooper threw to Billy Herman at second and Herman's return to the plate was wide with Case scoring and Herman charged with an error.

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Vince DiMaggio, Pirate outfielder, was the big gun in the Nationals' seventh inning attack. Vince tripled to left field, then scored when Brooklyn's Dixie Walker flied to Wakefield.

Their final run came in the ninth when DiMaggio, up for the third time, got his third hit, a four-master over the left field wall.

No Yankees in Lineur

Dahlgren, Philadelphia . 76 292 41 94 323 Hack, Chicago . 70 Home Run Hitters . American League—Stephens, St. Louis, 10.

National League—Ott, New York, 14; Nicholson, Chicago, 10.

Runs Ratted In . American League—Etten, New York, 54; Stephens, St. Louis, 53.

National League—Herman, Brooklyn, 59; Nicholson, Chicago, 53.

Liberator Squad Notches 13th Consecutive Victory

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Here are the box scores:

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York, Detroit, Ib
Laabs, St. Louis, cf
Early, Washington, c
Doerr, Boston, 2b
Leonard, Washington, p
Newhouser, Detroit, p
(d) Heath, Cleveland
Hughson, Boston, p

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(b) Walker batted for Sewell in the seventh.
(c) Frey batted for Javery in the nioth.
(d) Heath batted for Newhouser in the sixth.

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Summaries: Runs batted in—Doerr, 3; DiMaggio,
Musial. D. Walker, Wakefield. Two-base hits—
Keltner, Wakefield, Musial. Three-base hit—
DiMaggio, Home runs—DiMaggio, Doerr, Sacrifices—Stephens, Early. Left on bases—National 8,
American 6. Bases on balls—off Cooper 2; off
Vander Meer 6; Newhouser 1; Javery 3; Hughson 2. Double plays—Hack to Herman to Fletcher;
Vander Meer to Marion to Herman to Dahlgren,
Winning pitcher—Leonard. Losing pitcher—Morton Cooper. Umpires—Rommel, American, plate;
Conlan, National, first; Rue, American, second;
Dunn, National, third, Time; 2 hours, 7 minutes,

64 RAF, RCAF Veterans Join **USAAF** Here

Two Air Gunners With 66 Raids Between Them **Among Transferees**

Two veteran air-gunners with 66 operations between them were among 64 American fliers and ground-staff men who transferred to the USAAF from the RCAF and RAF in London yesterday. They were 2/Lt. Ivor F. Dorrell, 22,

of Willoughby, Ohio, who joined the RCAF in Oct., 1940, and flew on 36 operations, mostly against the Channel ports and enemy shipping, and 1/Lt. Donald W. Vollett, 22, of Pontiac, Mich., Lancaster tail-gunner, who has 30 raids and a Ju88 to his credit.

Vollett, who joined the RCAF in May, 1941, got the night-fighter over Denmark when returning from mining in the Baltic. Among his targets have been Berlin, Hamburg, Essen, Turin, Milan and Genoa. Dorrell was in the 1,000-bomber raid on Bremen. bomber raid on Bremen.

Stirling Veteran

Capt. Ralph H. Angus, of San Fran-cisco, Stirling bomber pilot, transferred with 15 raids to his credit, mostly on heavily-defended German targets.

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Mai, Vernon L. Barrow, Southport, Eng.; 1/Lts. Glenn R. Young, Cochin, Ky.; Henry Pinckes, Winchester, Mass.; Richard G. Beresford, Seattle, Wash.; Raymond E. Werner, Brooklyn, N.Y.; William D. Holland, New York; Nelson Stiller, Buffalo, N.Y.; Richard A. Rann, Perry, Mich.; Louis N. Duesing, Normal, Ill., and V. Garrison, Mt., Victory, Ky.; 2/Lts. Verneon M. Rummel, Leiohatchee, Ala.; Royal E. Collard, Nampe, Ida.; Morris F. Tague, Rolla, Mo.; William T. Doyle, Mt. Healthy, Ohio; Louis U. Weltzel, Zionsville, Ind.; Hubert C. Hartley, Washington; William H. Burner, Long Beach, Cal.; Peter D. MacVean, Rockville Center, N.Y.; Kennich M. Morse, Savannah, Ga.; George Karpoff, Lakewood, N.J.; James F. Emerson, Volga, Iowa, and K. A. Yeast, Molean, Ill.

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Homer B. Ramsey, Delano, Cal.; T/Sgt. Fred J. Bewak, Johnstown, Pa., and S/Sgt. George H. Friend, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Haymon, top turret gunner, was wounded when a shell hit his position, knocking out the mechanism that operates the turret. Blood flowed from a gash in his head but he continued firing his guns, operating the turret by hand to conceal the damage done to his gun position. Later the turret was jammed. Haymon helped to remove the wounded co-pilot from the cockpit, then took the co-pilot's place, flying the ship while the pilot, also wounded, was given first aid.

Ramsey, left waist gunner, shot down one enemy fighter before he was wounded. Though his wounds were serious, he continued to fight, warding off repeated attacks. Later he gave first aid treatment to the wounded radio operator, Bewak, and the cert was the description.

and then set up the damaged radio equipment for emergency transmission.

T/Sgt. Kenneth V. Meyer, of St. Clair,
Mo., and S/Sgt. Edgar S. Nichols, of
Denver, received the Silver Star.

American Forces Network Operated by Radio Section, Special Service Section, SOS, ETO.

1,402 kc. On Your Dial 1,420 kc. 211.2 m. 213.9 m. (All times listed are PM)

Thursday, July 15

5.45—Sign On Program resume.
5.50—Hawatian Music.
6.15—Personal Album—Bea Wayne sings your favorite agais.
6.30—Radio Rhytim Club—BBC presents the Biddy Featherstonningh and his Sestette.

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7.00—Sports—Presented by your Stars and
Stripes radio reporter.
7.05—Kay Kyser and his Kollege of Musical
Knowledge.
7.35—Aldrich Family.
8.00—News From Home—Round-up of the
news of the USA presented by your
Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
8.15—Fred Waring—Salute to the Tank
Destroyer Units.
8.30—Tommy Handley (UTMA)—One of the
BBC's leading comedians.
9.00—News (BBC).
9.10—Musical Ministure—Albert Sandler's
Orchestra.

9.10—Musical Miniature—Aport Sandier's
Orchestra.
9.25—Mail Call.
9.55—Weekend Leave—Notes on local entertianment to helo you on that weekend
leave that may be coming up.
10.00—Final Edition—Latest, World, Sports
and American UK Troop news presented by your Stars and Stripes radio

reporters. 10.15—Freddie Martin and his Orchestra. 10.30—Sign Off until 5.45 PM Friday, July 46.

'Allies Must Divert 50 Axis Divisions'-Moscow

MOSCOW, July 14 (UP)-To be of effective help to the Russians, any Allied Second Front must draw at least 50 German divisions from the battles of the east, authoritative sources said here.

It is felt here that even if the present operations in the Mediterranean went exactly to plan and were extended later to the Italian mainland, they would still have no appreciable effect on the Russian fighting.

Red Star said there were still more tank divisions on the Byelgorod sector than there are in the whole of France and more German troops on the Orel-Byelgorod front than in the whole of the Balkans.

Signs of German Push Dying Out

Soviets Wrest Initiative From Nazis on Ninth Day of Offensive

MOSCOW, July 14 (UP)—Wresting the initiative from the Germans on the Byelgorod front, the Russians appear to be on the way to forcing a decision on the whole 165-mile front from Byelgorod to Orel, according to the latest reports reaching the Soviet capital.

For the first time since the Germans launched their offensive nine days ago there are signs that the attacks on the Orel-Kursk salient are dying out.

On the Byelgorod front the Red Army, pouring more and more tanks into the battle, are gradually clipping off the small wedges which the enemy thrust into Russian lines in the first days of his offensive.

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Russian reinforcements are constantly coming up on the Byelgorod front, to where the Germans had switched the main weight of their attacks after making no impression elsewhere. These reinforcements are delivering heavy counterattacks and gaining the upper hand for the Russians.

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The Germans, unable to withstand the shattering counter-attacks which Russian infantry and tanks alike are dealing out, are being forced to withdraw or divert their attacks to other points where they hope to meet with less resistance

PortUnitMarks First Year Here

— PORT OF EMBARKATION, July 14—A GI pageant, "— Port Passes in Review," depicting events of the past year, will be the feature program celebrating one year's service overseas to be held by this unit on Friday, from 7 to 10 PM. Honor guest will be Col. C. C. Sibley, of Keene, N.H., port commander.

The ceremonies will open with the lighting of a birthday cake and will be followed by a USO show from 7.15 to 8.15 PM. Refreshments will be served from 8.15 to 8.45 PM, and then Maj. W. T. Ennis, of Cable, Wis., headquarters commandant, will take over as master of ceremonies.

The port orchestra, organized by T/4 Larry Ash, of Uniontown, Pa., will make

Short addresses by Col. Sibley and T/Sgt. Boyd Hayes, of Charles City, lowa, and singing of "God Bless America," led by Sgt. George Cramer, of Dallas, Tex., will close the celebration.

Original Cast to Produce 'This Is The Army' in ETO

"This Is The Army," the musical show written by Irving Berlin for the benefit of Army Emergency Relief, will be staged here by members of the original all-soldier cast within a month, it was revealed yesterday by Special Service Division, ETOLISA.

Of the original cast, now presenting the show in the United States, two units will arrive in the ETO. One of the units will present the musical in the British Isles; the other will present it in Africa.

U-Boat War Will Come Back WASHINGTON, July 14 (UP)—"It would be the worst kind of folly to assume from recent good reports that the assume from recent good reports that the Atlantic submarine war has been won," Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox de-clared today. "I have no doubt but what it will break out again."

NEWS FROM HOME U.S. Rationing

Of Clothing Seen As Unnecessary

Textile Supply Adequate But Industries' Output Should Be Changed

WASHINGTON, July 14 (AP)—A production and sales policy program, designed to make rationing of clothing unnecessary for the duration of the war, was announced today by Donald Nelson, war production chief.

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Nelson declared that "We do not need to have clothes rationed in the United States. There is an adequate supply of textiles and textile products to meet all military and essential civilian needs. The major problem is to see that proper distribution and use is made."

The salient feature of Nelson's sixpoint plan would be an attempt by the WPB to accelerate the output of massproduced, low-priced clothing, reversing the trend in the industry which, officials said, had brought about a pronounced increase in the emphasis on expensive fabrics. The campaign would discourage the purchasing of unneeded clothing.

Connecticut Paving Way

HARTFORD, July 14-Operation of HARTFORD, July 14—Operation of the Connecticut Post-War Re-employment Plan will begin to function this week. The plan does three things: 1—Tells men where to ask for a job and where to take aptitude tests if needed; 2—Makes available vocational or educational training; 3—Cooperates with industry, labor and established agencies to find jobs.

In the Capitol building here an office is being set up to receive those men who are already being discharged from the services and send them to establishments where men are needed.

Mob Wrecks Town Hall

OLIVE HILL, Ky., July 14-The Town Hall here was wrecked yesterday by a mob of more than 100 men and boys protesting against a curfew order that all minors be off the streets by midnight.

New Canal Lock Opens

SAULT STE, MARIE, Mich., July 14 The new Douglas MacArthur Lock has been put into operation to speed the movement of iron ore down the Great Lakes. The lock is the fourth in the Sault Ste. Marie Canal and was built at a cost of \$14,000,000 in the record time of 13 months.

U.S. to Sell Food Below Cost

WASHINGTON, July 14 — To strengthen existing ceiling prices on food the government aims to purchase and resell an increasingly large part of the nation's food supply. In many cases it will sell at a lower price than cost to forestall a rise in living costs.

Raids (Continued from page 1)

"Fourth of July"-the French Lorraine

squadron made its first attack in Ameri-can-built Bostons flying with a RAF Boston formation. The squadron pre-viously fought in the western African desert.

The airdrome and repair plant at Villa-

coublay, about eight miles south of Paris, employs about 4,000 people. It is a major repair depot for FW190s, Ju88s and He111s, and also serves as an assembly factor.

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Le Bourget, eight miles northeast of Paris, familiar to Americans as the airport at which Lindbergh landed on his 1927 trans-Atlantic flight, has been used as a major storage plant and operations base by the Germans. It is one of the largest bases for Luftwaffe fighters on the Western Front.

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at Le Bourget met the stiffest fighter opposition but bombing was officially described as "very successful."

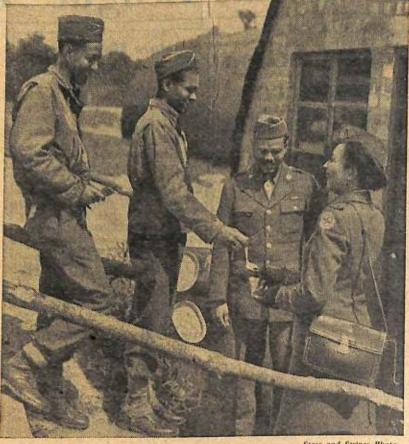
Tuesday night German bombers attacked northeast England, causing damage and casualties. There was also slight. German activities over slight German activity over east and southeast England.

Two German planes were destroyed.

June Raids Here Killed 201

Civilian casualties last month in air raids on Britain totalled 485-201 killed and 284 injured—the Ministry of Home Security announced.

Another Donation for Orphans' Fund



Martha V. Stafford, Red Cross worker from Indianapolis, Ind., at entrance of messhall of the - Engineers Bn. (Avn.) in England, gets an individual donation for The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund from Pfc Harry C. Devine, of New York. Pfc Lester V. Hunt, also of New York and T/5 Joseph Woodard, of Los Angeles watch.

Negro Engineers Raise £400 To Sponsor 4 War Orphans

By Sid Schapiro Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

ENGINEER BN. (AVN.), July 13-Several weeks ago the CO of this Negro outfit, Maj. Christian Hanburger, of Gansevoort, N.Y., told his men about the Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund and announced that only £100 would finance the education and clothing of an orphan for

The following pay day, the men of the battalion voluntarily contributed

Liverpool Bills Concert Artist

LIVERPOOL, July 14-Margaret Simms, ARC concert artist, will enter-tain soldiers with popular and classical selections at the American Red Cross Whitechapel club for Negro troops Friday at 7 PM. A dance will follow at 8 PM.

Sunday, at 5 PM, a soldier show, "Night In Harlem," will be presented. There will be dancing to Billy Shaw's orchestra at 7 PM.

Pvt. Frederick Emery, known as "Lucky and his Horn," was guest artist with Billy Shaw's band at the weekly dance last

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Warrington, July 14—Program for the eek at the Red Cross club here:
Thursday—Dancing class, 7 PM.
Friday—Dance, Co-op Hall, 8 PM; Floor show, Saturday—Dancing, Recreation room, 8 PM.
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Sunday—Cycle tour, 1,30 PM; Dance, Bell Hall, PM; More, 7,30 PM; Swimming, 9 PM.
Monday—Mosie, 8 PM.

GLASGOW, July 14—Program for the week at the Red Cross Service club, 560, Sauchiehall St.; Friday—Movies, 7,30 PM. Saturday—Dancing, 7,30-11 PM. Sunday—Motor coach tour, 10 AM; Ten dance, 2,30 PM; Movie, 7,30 PM.

Sicily (Continued from page 1)

Catania, Sicily's second largest port,

because of the commanding position it holds at the entrance to the airfield-studded Plain of Catania. The Catania airfield was smashed by Fortresses and shelled from the sea Tuesday in prepara-tion for the land attack by Montgomery's desert veterans.

The port and air base of Porto Empedocle, next in the path of Gen. Patton's armored troops, likewise was shelled by American warships in preparation for the attack on the left flank. This port, Catania and the airfield at Biscari were expected to fall at any moment. fall at any moment.

£276—enough for two and three-quarter orphans.

Topkicks Alexander B. Jordon, St. Paul, Minn.; Taylor Ramsey, Chicago; Huett Wilson, Louisville, Ky., and Walter Kennard, St. Louis, were called into the office of Chaplain William M. Perkins, of Philadelphia, to decide which of three Name of the part of the Negro orphans they would select.

"Why not sponsor all three of them?" they asked.

Decide to Sponsor Four

After discussing the matter with special service officer 2/Lt. Robert J. White, of Wilmington, N.C., they decided to raise another £124 and sponsor four children—one for each company. Yesterday they raised the extra £124.

Heralding the arrival of the children was the unit's official publication, edited by Cpl. Edmund C. Greene, of New York.

"For some months now we've been reading in The Stars and Stripes about units all over the British Isles becoming 'foster uncles.' Some of you have tried everything from seeing the supply sergeant to asking your officers outright: 'How does an outfit go about becoming a father?'

"Well, fellows, your worries are over.
The stork has decided to reward your efforts—and is on the way, but fast. Due to added weight he is using a P-38 instead of the customary diaper."

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Sponsored by the unit will be four-year-old Albert S. and his eight-year-old brother, Fred S.; ten-year-old John M., and a fourth child, who has not yet been selected, which they want to be a girl.

Eve of St. Mark' Tickets Still Available for Troops

Although "The Eve of St. Mark" is breaking attendance records at the Scala Theatre, there are still a number of tickets available each day.

Officers may obtain these tickets from he Special Service Office of the Central Base Section, or from the Red Cross Jule Club, Jermyn St.; the Reindeer Club, 7 Clifford St., W.1; or the Charles Street Club, 10 Charles St., W.1.

Enlisted men can get tickets at the Rainbow Corner Club, Shaftesbury Ave., or at the Trafalgar Square Ticket Pool.



