

Axis in Full Flight; Italy Pounded

Reds Drive Nazis Back In 3 Areas

Kharkov's Fall Imminent; Smolensk Gap Widened; Bryansk Key Taken

MOSCOW, Aug. 15 (UP)—Relentless Russian pressure is forcing the Germans back in each of the three main sectors of the vast battlefield between Kharkov and Smolensk, reports received here today say.

The capture of Karachev, key to Bryansk, was announced tonight. Only 21 miles from Bryansk itself, Karachev is on the main railway from Bryansk to Orel. It lies 21 miles east of the last German stronghold west of Orel. Behind Karachev lies an almost impenetrable forest and the Desna River, which flows into the Dnieper. Behind these barriers, the Germans are expected to establish their summer line.

The Red Army is fighting in the outskirts of Kharkov and the fall of the city is imminent. Soviet armored columns, with infantry in support, are pouring through the gap torn in the German defence lines about Spas-Demyansk, just southeast of Smolensk.

The Germans in all sectors are resisting bitterly, but appreciable new advances have been made over the whole battlefield.

Fighting was in progress today west of Kharkov itself. Russian columns which have by-passed the city were driving west, possibly aiming for Poltava, the railway town. The railway itself, the last major route open between Kharkov and Poltava and western areas, was cut by the Russians four days ago.

Desperate Counter-Attacks
Desperate German counter-attacks were being made in an effort to keep open the last remaining rail link—the line running south towards Dnepropetrovsk. The Russians repulsed blows by armored forces and infantry, and the Germans suffered severe losses.

Russian troops advancing on Bryansk, the key German railway communications center on this part of the front, have pushed on another two and a half to five miles and occupied more than 60 new localities.

Bitter fighting was going on in this area. Eight thousand Germans were killed in one area in swaying struggles extending over three days. Three of the five railways leading from Bryansk have already been cut.

The third of the Russian offensives—launched suddenly on the Germans in the area between Smolensk and Bryansk—is developing well. The Russians captured Spas-Demyansk the first day and have driven forward four to six miles to capture more than 20 localities.

U.S. Air Fleets Attack All Day

American and RAF air fleets roared across the Channel all day yesterday against Nazi targets on the continent.

As the day-long attacks continued into the dusk, first target to be announced was the Luftwaffe airfield at St. Omer, France, which was attacked by B26 medium bombers of Eighth Air Support Command.

Formations of four-engined bombers later were seen flying towards the continent.

Spitfires swept against the coasts of Holland and Belgium, and with Typhoons were over Brittany. Two FW190s were shot down and others damaged for the loss of four RAF fighters, the Air Ministry announced.

Earlier, an enemy E-boat and a Heinkel 111 bomber were reported destroyed by a Whirlwind bomber.

Photographs taken from Flying Fortresses over Bochum, in the heart of the Ruhr, during last Thursday's USAAF raid against Reich industrial targets showed bomb hits on steel plants deep in the heavily defended zone known to bomber crews as "Happy Valley." It was announced at Eighth Air Force headquarters. It was the first U.S. penetration of the Ruhr proper.

Peace Rumors in Finland
STOCKHOLM, Aug. 15 (AP)—A Swedish newspaper in a dispatch from Helsinki, Finland, said the Finnish capital was alive with speculation and rumors about Finland's prospects "for making peace."

'Luftwaffe Out of Action In Sicily'—Coningham

AIR FORCE HQ, Sicily, Aug. 15 (AP)—The Luftwaffe is beaten and practically out of action in this area, Air Marshal Sir Arthur Coningham declared today. The maximum Allied air strength will be given to ground forces from now on, he said.

Coningham, chief of the Mediterranean Tactical Air Force, said that while German aircraft were still very good, the crews' morale, fighting spirit and efficiency had diminished noticeably.

"The heart has gone out of the Luftwaffe," he added. "The German Army is now learning to fight without its air force. I expect we shall have this tremendous air superiority for the rest of the war and it will increase steadily."

90 Nazi U-Boats Sunk Since May

FDR-Churchill Statement Says Allied Building Beating Subs

More than 90 Nazi U-boats were sunk during May, June and July, an average of almost one sub a day for the three-month period, a joint statement by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill revealed yesterday.

The announcement of progress in the battle against the German submarines was the first statement made by the two leaders since their meeting several days ago, believed to have taken place somewhere in the United States. The statement was issued simultaneously in the U.S. and London.

"Our offensive operations against Axis submarines continue to progress most favorably in all areas," the statement read. "The steady flow of trans-Atlantic supplies on the greatest scale has continued unmolested, and such sinkings as have taken place in distant areas have had but an insignificant effect on the conduct of the war by the Allies. In fact, July is probably our most successful month, because the imports have been high, shipping losses moderate and U-boat sinkings heavy," it said.

Before the invasion of Sicily, the statement added, more than 2,500 warships, transports, supply ships and landing crafts proceeded across the Atlantic and through the Mediterranean with the loss of only about 80,000 tons. Subs which attempted to interfere with these ships suffered severe losses, it said.

Meanwhile, the tonnage of shipping in the service of the United Nations shows "a considerable net increase," it was stated. During 1943 new ships completed exceed sinkings from all causes by more than 3,000,000 tons.

The statement concluded with a warning that the United Nations should not relax their efforts against the submarines, and cautioned that the enemy still has large U-boat reserves completed and under construction.

Allies 18 Miles from Messina; Crowds Demonstrate for Peace In Bomb-Battered Milan, Turin

Milan Is Hammered By Second Raid In Three Days

Street mobs clamored for peace in the streets of northern Italy's cities yesterday after the second heavy raid on Milan in three days by Britain-based bombers.

The demonstrations, according to reports from neutral borders, started in Milan and spread to Genoa and Turin in the wake of fire and desolation left by an armada of RAF Lancasters across Italy's second largest industrial center.

While the Lancasters were thundering over Milan Saturday night, swift Mosquito bombers slashed across German skies and dropped bombs on Berlin to complete the pattern set by last Thursday night's double blow at Milan and the German capital.

One Bomber Missing
One bomber failed to return, the Air Ministry announced yesterday.

At Milan, simultaneous blows were delivered on two targets—the Breda Armament works, Italian equivalent of the German Krupps, in the San Giovanni district on the outskirts, and industries and railroads near the center of the town.

The Breda works produce locomotives and rolling stock as well as bombs, shells, machine-guns, aircraft parts, armored vehicles and electrical machinery.

Fires were still burning in Milan Saturday when a reconnaissance plane flew over the city before the second attack that night.

Photographs of the Thursday targets revealed that the Isotta Fraschini and Innocenti Aero Engine works and the Alfa Romeo Aero Engine works were blasted. Other damaged plants included the Vianervese steel foundry, which makes turrets and shells, the Bianchi car and truck works, and several metal plants.

Crews attacking industrial areas near the center of the city saw flames directly over the Breda works and fires below the flares.

The whole Milan operation was a long-range quick attack. The Air Ministry (Continued on page 2)

Corfu Gets First Air Raid As RAF Hits Seaplane Base

MALTA, Aug. 15 (UP)—RAF Beaufighters attacked the enemy seaplane base at Corfu, Axis-held island off the northwest coast of Greece, for the first time of the war on Aug. 12, it was revealed today by air headquarters here.

Hangars were bombed and several seaplanes anchored in the bay were heavily machine-gunned.

The War in Europe

The Axis was being hammered without let-up on every front last night as the world waited tensely for the new Allied moves expected to result from the Roosevelt-Churchill talks in America. These were the latest developments:

The Allies pushed to within 18½ miles of Messina, with the German troops in full flight. Allied air force pounded constantly at evacuation beaches at Messina and at targets in southern Italy. (Page 1, col. 5.)

Crowds demonstrated for peace all day in northern Italian cities, following more heavy raids by the RAF on Milan, now Italy's "Hamburg." (Page 1, col. 3.)

Italy declared Rome an "open city," immune from bombing attack, but both the Allies and Italy admitted proof must be established of the removal of all military forces from the city. (Page 1, col. 4.)

Africa-based Liberators, in a 2,600-mile mission, smashed the plant in Hungary which produces one-fourth of the Messerschmitt output. The raid proved that all parts of Germany are now accessible to Allied bombers. (Page 2, col. 1.)

Russian armies reported progress on every front, capturing, among other places, Karachev, the town considered the key to Bryansk. (Page 1, col. 1.)

Proof Awaited Rome Is 'Open'

Allies Won't Consider City Immune from Bombing Until Certain

Italy's government, to the intense relief of Rome's raid-frightened population, officially declared the capital an "open city" over the weekend, but the United States and Britain warned—and Rome officially agreed—that the city would not be considered immune from bombing until its non-military status had been verified by a neutral power.

Under international law, the Italians must carry out the following measures to make Rome a truly "open city": (1) Evacuate the king, the government and all its departments; (2) remove all military forces, both German and Italian; (3) close all factories producing goods for the war effort; (4) close road and rail facilities to troops and war supplies; (5) shut down the string of important airfields around the city, and (6) remove all defenses, including anti-aircraft guns.

Closing of road and rail facilities to military traffic would be a serious blow (Continued on page 2)

Nazi Retreat Speeds; Sicily Battle in Final Hours

American troops drove within 18½ miles of Messina yesterday as German rearguards gave up the fight and raced for Sicily's bombed and battered evacuation beaches.

The battle of Sicily was in its final hours, with Allied planes roving almost at will over the enemy's shrinking bridgehead, machine-gunning troops and boats on the beaches, and striking in force at Nazi concentration points in southern Italy.

German rearguards were reported to have broken off contact with the British Eighth Army at all points on the east coast, five miles south of Taormina. Dispatches from the front said they withdrew swiftly, but the Eighth Army's pursuit was held up by mines and demolitions.

7th Controls North Coast
The American Seventh Army, supported by American naval vessels constantly hurling shells into enemy positions, pushed close to Milazzo, the secondary Nazi port, and virtually completed occupation of the north coast.

North of Randazzo, which was captured Friday, British and American forces were within five miles of Francavilla, cutting across rough mountain trails in pursuit of the fleeing Germans. The Seventh Army had sealed off the road from Francavilla to the north coast near Oliveri.

The Germans continued to use demolitions and suicide rearguards, but their resistance has weakened under the relentless Allied drive.

Along both north and east coasts American and British warships kept pounding at the enemy. A crushing barrage from the sea apparently doomed Milazzo to early capture, and on the east coast the Royal Navy carried out another heavy bombardment of Taormina.

Mainland Defenses Battered
British warships also shelled Vibo-Valentia, a potential Axis defense base on the Italian mainland. Large fires were started and a coastal vessel was blown up. The air forces pounded half a dozen towns on the mainland, Palmi, Pizzo, Mileto, Valentia, Nicola, San Biaseo and Rosarno. Palmi, a disembarkation point for troops crossing from Sicily, was hardest hit. During the day medium and light bombers scored hits on railway buildings, starting fires and causing several large explosions. At night RAF and RCAF Wellingtons dumped a heavy weight of bombs. Meanwhile fighters shot up gun emplacements near Vibo and Valentia.

In the straits of Messina bombers (Continued on page 2)

Prime Minister Sees FDR As Joint Staffs Meet

Prime Minister Winston Churchill returned to Quebec yesterday after several days spent in preliminary conferences with President Roosevelt in the United States.

While Mr. Churchill was away, chiefs of staffs of the U.S. and Great Britain conferred at Quebec on the conduct of the war. The American representatives included Gen. George C. Marshall, Adm. Ernest J. King, Lt. Gen. Henry H. Arnold, Adm. William D. Leahy and Lt. Gen. Brent Somervell.

Mr. Roosevelt and the Prime Minister met privately, with no other statesmen and no staff officers sitting in, Quebec heard. This was done, it was said, so they could be completely agreed on the points at issue before the full conference opens.

Important French Force Ready to Assist Invasion

An "important" force of French troops was reported to be ready to participate with the Allies in a European offensive whether in Italy or elsewhere, Gen. Roger Leyer, chief of staff of the united French army, has asserted.

Algiers radio reported that the French committee of National Liberation had prepared negotiations for a London meeting concerning the status of the French merchant navy.

Joes and Generals Okay the WAACs

By Richard Wilbur
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The WAACs have settled down to work.

For two weeks now members of the First WAAC Separate Battalion have been working as plotters in highly secret Eighth Air Force operational rooms, as switchboard operators, as secretaries and stenographers, as cooks and KPs.

Yesterday the Joes and the generals who've been working with the girls at Eighth Bomber and Fighter Commands summed up what they'd decided after watching the WAACs handle their jobs for some 14 days.

A sergeant in the mail distribution section at Bomber Command headquarters said he was surprised at the efficient way WAACs assigned to his section get things done.

A major, hustling through the corridors of A-1 section, offered the comment: "By God, they're damned good, I'll tell you that."

The only complaint from the WAACs themselves to date, according to a WAAC first sergeant, came from several who don't feel they have enough work to do.

Here's an idea of WAACs on the job at (Continued on page 2)



Messhalls at some Eighth Air Force stations are well-occupied these days. It's probably because American women, taught to cook by mother, have taken over the kitchens. Here, two soldiers line up for a meal as WAACs dish out their merchandise.

Messerschmitt Plant Battered By U.S. Planes

Africa-Based Libs Fly To Hungary, Closing Ring on Axis

The last gap in the ring of Allied bombers surrounding Germany was considered closed yesterday as a result of a smashing blow delivered by Liberators of the U.S. Ninth Air Force, based in the Middle East, on the vital Messerschmitt factories at Wiener Neustadt, 30 miles from Vienna. The raid, first blow at Germany from Africa, proved that every part of Nazi Europe now is within range of bombers based in Russia, Africa or England.

Flying 2,600 miles round trip, the planes dumped more than 150 tons of high explosive on the factories, which have produced 400 fighters a month—one-third of the entire Messerschmitt output—and smashed most of one month's production standing on a field awaiting testing or delivery. All of the planes were "accounted for," U.S. headquarters said.

Crews of the raiding planes reported they were virtually unmolested by either flak or fighter opposition. They said huge fires broke out in the buildings.

Plant Not Camouflaged

The Germans had been so confident of the factories' inaccessibility that they had concentrated everything from the raw materials to the finished product under one roof and had not even camouflaged it. Many of the raiders had taken part in the bombing of the Ploesti oilfields in Rumania.

Col. Edward J. Timberlake, of San Antonio, leader of "Ted's Flying Circus," who flew in the lead plane, piloted by Capt. Kenneth M. Caldwell, Kansas City, Kan., said: "I think we had a good day. As we turned away, I could see innumerable bursts on the target." He was greeted at the end of the 12-hour flight by his brother, Brig. Gen. Patrick W. Timberlake, of the Mediterranean Air Command Headquarters.

2/Lt. Jack Mehlman, of Chicago, bombardier in the last group of planes to cross the target, reported his bombs "hit smack in the center of a U-shaped assembly building. I saw one fire that looked like an oil fire flame up to about 500 feet."

S/Sgt. Isaac Jacobs, of Orefield, Pa., said: "Our bombs ran down one side of the U. I think we made a J out of it."

Rome - - -

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to both Italian and German armies, since nearly all railways and highways center at Rome. Observers in Washington, London and many neutral capitals said this would mean virtually abandoning southern Italy.

Rome radio announced the step only 24 hours after heavy U.S. bombers had dropped 500 tons of bombs on the capital's railway yards in their second raid on the capital.

Proof to Allies Needed

Rome said Marshal Badoglio had notified the Allies through neutral channels two weeks ago and had received no reply, but the State Department in Washington said it had not yet received such a communication and added that no declaration would be effective until the non-military status of the city had been verified by a "protecting power suitable to us."

The Italian government officially upheld this view. In a broadcast apparently designed to check a premature feeling of safety, Rome radio warned the population that the declaration would be ineffective until proof of its completion had been presented to the Allied governments. Rome's people had gone wild at the news, thousands flocking to the Vatican and calling the Pope until he appeared and gave them blessing.

Raids - - -

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announced that the planes flew more than 800 miles to Milan, and loosed their bombs in 22 minutes. As it is less than 700 miles by air from London to Milan, the Lancasters must have approached the target at an oblique angle.

Milan is in chaos, according to people arriving at the Italian frontier from the city. They said that the evacuation of the blitzed city has now become a general flight, with thousands camping in the open outside the city.

Since the raids, refugees said, peace demonstrations have been redoubled.

The Air Ministry did not reveal the targets in Berlin hit by the Mosquitos in their attack. It merely stated that "objectives" were bombed.

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"Mama, lookit de boid."
"Dyah boy. That is a bird."
"Well, it choips like a boid."

Twenty-five English children, evacuated from England early in the war, arrived in London yesterday from the U.S.

Oscar Grabs a Bite



Pvt. Richard C. Reedy, of Mayo, Md., and an Ordnance depot, Eastern Base Section, SOS; has trained a crow which has become the mascot of his station. The crow, named Oscar, accompanies Pvt. Reedy on and off duty, and usually hops down for a bite from his messkit during mealtime.

200,000 Italian Troops Isolated

Greek Garrisons Reported Virtually Hostages Of Germans

ISTANBUL, Aug. 13 (delayed) (AP)—While Italy hesitates between war and peace, an uneasy stalemate loaded with explosive possibilities has descended on Greece, where more than 200,000 Italian soldiers are virtual hostages in the hands of a few strategically placed German units, according to the latest reliable reports.

The general Italian evacuation, which began a few days after the Fascists fell in Italy, has been arrested. The Germans are reported to have rushed into all strategic points, especially ports, seized command of all transport, stripped the Italian high command in Greece of authority and forbidden Italians to move freely within the country.

Most members of the Italian high command have submitted to the indignities, pending orders from Rome. The Italian government, temporarily at least, appears to have left its forces in Greece without guidance.

Sicily - - -

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destroyed three small craft and damaged 14 others, while other craft strafed the beaches, machine-gunning evacuation craft and waiting troops. Warhawks damaged a 300-foot ship, one of the largest seen in the straits.

Possible Last Stand

Observers at Allied headquarters forecast the Nazis might make a temporary stand in the 3,000-foot range of hills southwest of Messina. Here there are 15-inch shore batteries with a theoretical range of 22 miles.

A United Press correspondent who traveled into Randazzo after the Seventh Army said that the strategic Nazi center "looked as if Mount Etna had toppled over on it." Hardly a building was left standing. What U.S. bombers did not wreck German demolition squads destroyed.

The same correspondent said the extent of the German demolitions was much greater than the Americans ever dreamed of. Not only did the Nazis wreck railways and blow up bridges, they also started heavy landslides across the roads and left a trail of mines.

"The road to Berlin," one American officer said, "will be paved with mines."

18 Entrants in War Bond Speaking Contest for GIs

Eighteen contestants have entered the public-speaking contest for soldiers on "Why I Buy War Bonds," scheduled for 8 PM tomorrow at the ARC Rainbow Corner, Shaftesbury Ave., W1, officials of the London War Bond Office announced yesterday. Entries will be accepted up to noon tomorrow.

A \$1,000 war bond purchase yesterday by 2/Lt. Forrest G. Vick, of Spring Hope, N.C., brought to \$17,325 the total cash sales since the London office opened last month.

'BeTough,' OCS Class of 71 Told By Gen. Devers

Fifth Graduating Group Warned to be Ready For Invasion

AMERICAN SCHOOL CENTER, England, Aug. 15—Seventy one enlisted men were commissioned second lieutenants in the U.S. Army over the weekend during commencement exercises of the fifth class of officers' candidates trained in this theater.

Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETO commander, made the principal address and told the graduates from 27 States and representing ten branches of service to toughen themselves for the coming invasion of enemy-occupied Europe.

"The day will come when we will cross these narrow waters and strike the enemy with all the force at our command," Gen. Devers said. "That invasion will continue until Nazi Germany is a dead page in history and the Nazi armies have surrendered unconditionally."

"Toughen yourselves," Gen. Devers warned. "The weak have small chance to survive."

Personnel Chiefs Attend

Attending the graduation with the ETO chief were Maj. Gen. Miller G. White, chief of personnel of the War Department; Brig. Gen. Russell B. Reynolds, chief of military personnel division, Army Service Forces; Brig. Gen. P. E. Peabody, U.S. military attache at the American Embassy, and other high-ranking American and Allied officers.

Before the commencement ceremonies, Gen. Devers inspected the ASC installations with Col. Water G. Layman, post commandant. Demonstrations in assault tactics, flame throwing and weapons were given by students from the Military Police school Basic Officers and Officers Candidate schools.

The 71 graduates, from 27 States and ten branches of service:

Charles L. Addison, Arcola, Va., Inf.; Earle A. Anderson, Baltimore, Md., Transportation Corps; George N. Anderson, Baltimore, Md., Eng.; Edward H. Bacon, Kingston, Pa., QM; Marshall E. Baker, Chandler, Pa., Air Force; Edward J. Balfe, Richmond, Ind., Inf.; Elmer A. Carlson, Rosindale, Mass., Medics; Louis Comenzo, Bridgeport, Conn., MP; Dale A. Counts, Holston, Va., Medics; Jim H. Cronkite, San Francisco, Air Force; Raymond Decker, New York City, N.Y.; Eng. Joseph A. Delahay, Beacon, N.Y., Eng.; Rudolph A. Diamond, Baltimore, C.W.; Albert D. Dickinson, Hartford, Conn., Eng.; Andrew S. Donnelly, Tampa, Fla., Fin.; William A. Dumont, Auburn, Mass., Medics; Howard E. Eads, Calhoun, Ga., Ordnance; Lester Eber, Rochester, N.Y., Air Force; Robert J. Endres, Owatonna, Minn., Fin.; Laurence O. Gibbons, Williamsport, Pa., Medics; Lee C. Gismegan, Eureka, Cal., Fin.

Benjamin J. Goldin, Bronx, N.Y., MP; Harry A. Goldstone, Connetquot, Pa., Medics; Milo G. Gordon, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Ord.; Wilkie C. Harradine, Rochester, N.Y., Air Force; Robert L. Hetzer, New London, Wis., Air Force; John H. Hitchner, Los Angeles, Eng.; Reuben Hoberman, Toms River, N.J., Air Force; William F. Hogan, Syracuse, N.Y., Air Force; Bernard Israelsky, Plainfield, N.J., QM; William S. Jameson, Washington, Md.; Wayne H. Keith, Los Angeles, Air Force.

Edwin E. Kersgard, San Jose, Cal., Air Force; Otis W. King, Birmingham, Ala., QM; Charles J. Kling, Eau Claire, Wis., Inf.; John F. Kreider Jr., Morgan City, La., Inf.; Donald C. Litzberger, Huntingdon, Pa., Ord.; Robert R. MacGill Jr., Baltimore, Md.; Paul A. Mansell, Rye, N.Y., Air Force; John W. McKorkle, Meridian, Miss., Air Force; George W. McKinstry, Dorchester, Va., Ord.; Frederick R. Miles, Ewart, Mich., Ord.; Robert D. Miller, Detroit, Inf.; Alex Moore Jr., Chicago, Inf.; Carter W. Neeley, Hornbeck, Tenn., QM; Ira C. Nelson, Trappe, Md., Inf.; James E. Newton, Salt Lake City, Air Force; Eugene V. Nickerson, Ponca City, Okla., Air Force; Charles W. Nicholson, Crowley, La., Inf.; Antony Nolfi, Campbell, Ohio, Air Force; Ralph Nyborg, Brooklyn, Eng.; Joseph V. O'Leary Jr., New York, Inf.; Sidney L. Ordover, Chicago, Inf.; George J. Padua, Washington, Air Force; Henry E. Park Jr., Chicago, Air Force; Daniel A. Pandis, Cleveland, Eng.; Roe E. Seeger, Downers Grove, Ill., Ord.

Earl W. Shaffer, Waldo, Kansas, QM; Jerome F. Spiegel, Evanston, Ill., Air Force; Joseph A. Spinella, Moran City, La., Inf.; William C. Stewart, Gadsden, Tenn., Air Force; Albert D. Thilman, Waterloo, Ind., MP; Allan J. Welch, Brooklyn, QM; Donald White, McCordsville, Ind., Eng.; Charles F. Wilkins Jr., Newport, Ark., Medics; Carl E. Williams, Newport News, Va., Ord.; Floyd Williams Jr., Phoenix, Ariz., C.W.; Kenneth E. Winstrom, Zeeland, Mich., C.W.; Walter Wlodarski, Toledo, Ohio, Inf.; and John A. Yevick, Scranton, Pa., Inf.

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- Monday, Aug. 16
- 5.45—Spotlight on Les Brown and his Orchestra
- 6.00—News (BBC)
- 6.10—Personal Album—Anita sings your favorite songs
- 6.25—GI Supper Club—With Col. Charlie Hogan
- 7.00—Sports—Latest baseball scores, presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter
- 7.05—Band Wagon—With Toby Reed and Abe Lyman and Orchestra
- 7.30—Your Broadway and Mine—With Ken Murray, Marie Wilson, Jimmy O'Brien and the Nicholas Brothers
- 8.00—News From Home—Nightly roundup of the news from the U.S.A., as presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter
- 8.10—Fred Waring—With the 55 Pennsylvania
- 8.25—Miniature
- 8.30—Front Line Theater—Alice Faye and George Brent in "This Thing Called Love," with Lawrence Welk's Orchestra
- 9.00—News (BBC)
- 9.10—Interview with Col. Cass Hough—Capt. John Vrostos interviews the U.S. Army Eighth Air Force pilot, who tells of his 780 mph P-38 power dive
- 9.15—Moods in Music
- 9.30—Fibber McGee and Molly
- 10.00—Final Edition—Latest world, ETO and sports news, as presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporters
- 10.10—Jimmy Lunceford and his Orchestra
- 10.30—Sign off until Aug. 17 at 5.45 PM.

As Goering Visited Battered Hamburg



Field Marshal Hermann Goering, chief of the Luftwaffe, who four years ago last week (Aug. 11, 1939) boasted to the world that "no hostile aircraft can penetrate the defenses of the German air force" . . . and . . . "no bomb shall drop on the Ruhr," chats with a young anti-aircraft gunner in Hamburg, the largest seaport in Germany and target of more than 100 successful air raids by the USAAF and RAF.

Libs Smash Big Jap Oil Base In Longest Raid in So. Pacific

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Aug. 15—United States Liberators of the Fifth Air Force smashed at the heart of the Japanese oil supply in Borneo yesterday in the longest raid ever carried out in the South Pacific theater.

The Libs flew from bases in Australia to Balikpapan and back without loss—a flight of over 2,500 miles.

As the B24s swung back over the target before heading for home, two large groups of refineries and two oil reservoirs were blazing. In the harbor a ship believed to be a tanker received a direct hit from a 500-pound bomb.

Although the attack was made at night, it was similar to the Liberator raid on Ploesti, Rumania, because of the great distance the planes had to travel to the target and also because of its successful outcome.

Jap Planes Destroyed on Ground
Liberators also raided Kahili airfield in the Solomons and photographs taken shortly afterward revealed that out of 42 aircraft caught on the ground, 32 were either burned or badly damaged.

Escorting Corsairs and Warhawks shot down 11 of 30 Zeros which intercepted the Libs raiders. Two U.S. fighters were lost but one pilot is safe.

On New Georgia, the U.S. advance on Bairoko is progressing slowly. After overcoming all resistance at Zieta, a small

village on the coast of the Solomon island, the Yanks are now only three and one-half miles from Bairoko itself.

Other targets for Allied air forces during the past few days have included Vila airfield, enemy batteries and supply depots on the south coast of Kolombangara; various installations in Rekota Bay on Santa Isabel; shipping off Kieta and Cape St. George; barges and other targets along the south coast of New Britain.

Bomb-Load on Japs Increased

The bomb-load dropped on the Japanese in Burma in July was an increase of more than two-thirds over the June figure, Brig. Gen. Clayton Bisell, Commander of the 10th U.S. Air Force in India, revealed today.

The vital Myitnge bridge, which was bombed on July 3 was still unusable, Bisell said, and last week he had personally seen the Japanese throwing pontoons across the river near the wrecked bridge.

In addition, the Mu River bridge had also been wrecked, thereby hindering the Japanese supply routes leading into northern Burma.

Not a single U.S. plane has been lost due to enemy action for the last four months and during July only two planes had been lost—both of them due to the weather—although operations had been carried out on 27 of the 31 days.

WAACs - - -

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Fighter Command during one of their first working days in the army.

Switchboard: Between calls, which average around 250 an hour, Pfc Reeves declared she likes her job because she feels it is important. One of the Anglo-American difficulties at first, she said, is the difference in telephone terms. "Are you through?" means "Are you ready to begin?" in British, while it means "Are you finished?" in American.

Behind Pfc Reeves was Cpl. J. D. Gorman, of Baird, Tex., a maintenance and operations switchboard man, checking the telephone traffic to see if more lines will be necessary at Fighter Command. Farther down the board, Pvt. Brady Grigsby, of Cordia, Ky., was doing the same behind Pvt. Eleanor McNicol, of Denver.

Operations Room: Outside this strictly guarded place, Pvt. Juanita Simon, of Detroit, Mich., a plotter, said: "You know that saying that girls can't keep a secret. It's wonderful to be entrusted with military secrets."

Asked how long she had been working in the operations room, Pvt. Simon opened her shapely trap, shut it, gulped, and swallowed. Military secret.

Pfc Jean Bishop, of Hillsdale, Mich., another plotter, said she used to be a spot welder at Ford's Willow Run plant, where Liberators are made, but found it "too boring, because you were always doing the same work over the same piece." Plotting for Eighth Air Force operations seems a lot closer to helping out in the war, she said.

Brig. Gen. Frank O'D. Hunter, chief of Eighth Fighter Command, had a few words to say about the WAACs. From their early efforts, he believes they will live up to the standard of efficiency set by the outgoing WAAF unit, he said. His "American-spoken English," he added, had caused some trouble to his WAAF secretary. "I'm from the deep south. I've now found a little sergeant from Mississippi, and she seems to understand me very well," he said, "even if I am from Savannah."

Sheer female stockings, and some sheer female—uh—underpants, floated on the clothes line outside a barracks near the

administration building. Inside the barracks, lined with the usual GI cots and wooden foot-lockers, the shelves held such unusual GI equipment as powder-boxes, a doll, and a good many male pictures. On one bed reposed Geraldine, a kitten. "We took her over from the boys," 1/Sgt. Virginia Reddie, of Snohomish, Wash., said. "I don't think they were feeding her properly."

Capt. Frances S. Cornick, of Norfolk, Va., company commander of the WAAC unit at Bomber Command, on a brief visit at Fighter Command, looked out the barracks window at the sole boundary line between WAAC and GI quarters—a canvas fence surmounted by one strip of barbed wire. "And that's all that separates them? Oh, ma soul," said the captain. It was explained to her that the WAACs here will move to another side of the post as soon as new barracks for them are completed.

WAACs at both Fighter and Bomber Command headquarters are replacing WAAF units. In some departments—operations room, finance section, PX—they are replacing enlisted men, who are thereby released for combat.

At Bomber Command, Pvt. Violet Loncar, of Chicago, replacing an enlisted man in the PX, said she sometimes gets involved in long explanations when a GI, spotting bright, edible-looking packages on the shelves, won't believe they are strictly WAAC products in the cosmetic line.

In the mail distribution section, Sgt. Joseph Algozzini, of New York, said that when he was stationed at Miami Beach WAACs assigned to his post weren't much inclined to work. "I'm surprised how anxious they are to work hard here," he said, referring specifically to his two assistants, Pfc Muriel Baskoff, of Chicago, and Pvt. Pauline Barney, of Malone, N.Y.

NCO in charge of the finance section, T/Sgt. Sam Malone Jr., of Decatur, Ala., claimed he got a shock when he started explaining military correspondence to WAACs just assigned to his section, and they took the words right out of his mouth. "They've really had army training," he declared, and Pfc Alice Murray, of Philadelphia, agreed.

Brig. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, chief of Eighth Bomber Command, said: "I hope the WAACs can do as well as the WAAFs have done, and I'm sure they can. I'm particularly pleased by their very serious attitude."

New State Night Meetings Listed By Mostyn Club

Rainbow Corner Schedules Salute to British Civil Engineers

Men from Indiana meet tonight at 7.15 at the Mostyn club, 17 Portman St., London, W.1, in the second of new series of State Nights. Program for the week:

- Monday—Symphonic recordings, 9 PM.
- Tuesday—Movies, 6.15 PM and 8.15 PM.
- Wednesday—Horseback riding, 5.45 PM; Wisconsin night, 7.15 PM; glee club rehearsal, 7.30 PM; ping-pong challenges, 9 PM.
- Thursday—Conversational French class, 6.30 PM; Ohio night, 7.15 PM.
- Friday—Graduates' reunion—Army ADM. school, Jonesboro, Ark., 7.30 PM.
- Saturday—Dance, 8-11 PM.
- Sunday—Outing, 11.30 AM; tea, 4 PM.

The State Nights: Aug. 23, Texas; 25, Massachusetts; Rhode Island and Connecticut; 26, Washington and Oregon; 30, New York; Sept. 1, California; 2, Florida and Georgia; 8, North Carolina; 9, West Virginia; 13, Mississippi and Arkansas; 15, Oklahoma; 16, Pennsylvania; 20, Virginia; 22, Utah, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado; 23, South Carolina; 27, Michigan; 29, Maryland, Delaware and Washington, D.C.; 30, Kansas; Oct. 4, New Jersey; 6, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont; 7, Iowa; 11, Illinois; 13, Missouri; 14, Alabama; 18, Minnesota; 20, Nevada, New Mexico and Arizona; 21, Tennessee and Kentucky; 25, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska.

Milestone

Program for the week at the Milestone club, 2 Kensington Ct., London, W.8:

- Tuesday—Fishing party, 2 PM.
- Wednesday—Dancing class, 7.30 PM; club dance, 8.30 PM.
- Thursday—Softball, 10.30 AM.
- Friday—Swimming, 3 PM.
- Saturday—Horseback riding, 11 AM; Milestone Varieties, 11.30 PM.
- Sunday—Softball game and picnic, 11 AM; open house, 6-9 PM.

Columbia

Program for the week at the Columbia club, 75 Seymour St., London, W.2:

- Tuesday—Gym workout, 10 AM; swimming, 12 noon; softball, 7 PM; dance, 8 PM.
- Wednesday—Gym workout, 10 AM; swimming, 12 noon; movies, 7 PM; snooker finals, 7.30 PM.
- Thursday—Gym workout, 10 AM; swimming, 12 noon; gym workout, 6 PM; softball, 6.30 PM; dancing lessons, 8 PM; musical quiz, 8 PM; classical recordings, 9.30 PM.
- Friday—Gym workout, 10 AM; swimming, 12 noon; Edith Duta, pianist, 8 PM.
- Saturday—Gym workout, 10 AM; picnic to Kew Gardens, 2 PM; dance, 8 PM.
- Sunday—Music hour, 11.30 AM; swimming, 12 noon; dance, 9 PM.

Rainbow Corner

RAINBOW CORNER, Shaftesbury Ave., London, W.1, will meet at the British Institute of Civil Engineers tomorrow night at 7. Program for the week:

- Tuesday—Open house, 3-6 PM.
- Wednesday—Trip to Light, 11.15 AM; quiz program, 9 PM; variety show, Phyllis Dixie, 9.30 PM.
- Thursday—Open house, 3-6 PM; Carnival, Burgess Meredith, 8 PM.
- Friday—Dance, 7.30 PM.
- Saturday—Open house, 3-6 PM.
- Sunday—Movies, 2-5 PM; dance, 7.30 PM.

Washington

Program for the week at the Washington Club, 6 Curzon St., London, W.1:

- Tuesday—Dancing lessons, 2.30-5.30 PM; dance, 8.30-11 PM.
- Wednesday—Beginners' conversational French class, 7-9 PM; ping-pong tournament, 8 PM.
- Thursday—Beginners' class in conversational German, 7-9 PM; shorthand dictation practice, 7-9 PM; softball match, 7 PM; variety show, 10.30 PM.
- Friday—Beginners' class in conversational Spanish, 7-8.30 PM; shorthand dictation practice, 7-9 PM; movie, 8.30 PM.
- Saturday—Dance, 8.30-11 PM.
- Sunday—All-day ramble, 9.30 AM.

Queens

CHELTENHAM, Aug. 15—Program for the week at the Queens Red Cross club here:

- Monday—Camera club, 7.30 PM; beginners' course in photography, 8 PM; dancing lessons, 8 PM.
- Tuesday—American-British club, 7.15 PM; beginners' French class, 7.30 PM; movies, 8.15 PM.
- Wednesday—French class, 7.30 PM; German class, 7.30 PM.
- Thursday—House committee meeting, 6 PM; dance, 8.15 PM.
- Friday—American-British musical circle, 7.45 PM; tango and rumba lessons, 8 PM.
- Saturday—Movie, 8.30 PM.
- Sunday—Picnic, 11 AM; golf team leaves for match at Cleeve Hill, 1.45 PM; transcribed concert, 2 PM; dance, 8.15 PM.

Hans Crescent

Program for the week at the Hans Crescent club, Hans Crescent, London, S.W.1:

- Tuesday—Tour of London, 10 AM; golf matches, 12 noon; golf instruction, 2-5 PM.
- Wednesday—Tour of London, 10 AM; lunch and outdoor swimming, 12 noon; golf matches, 12 noon; golf instruction, 2-5 PM; table tennis tournament, 8 PM.
- Thursday—Tour of London, 10 AM; golf matches, 12 noon; golf instruction, 2-5 PM; dancing lesson, 7.45 PM.
- Friday—Tour of London, 10 AM; golf matches, 12 noon; golf instruction, 2-5 PM; sports committee meeting, 6.30 PM; dance, 7.50 PM; night owl cabaret, 10.45 PM.
- Saturday—Team leaves for golf tournament, 9 AM; tour of London, 10 AM; swimming party, 10.30 PM; tea dance, 3 PM.

Belfast

BELFAST, Aug. 15—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:

- Monday—Dancing classes.
- Tuesday—Movies, 7 PM.
- Wednesday—Date night, boxing, wrestling.
- Thursday—Dance, 8-11 PM.
- Friday—Picnic, 10 AM; baseball, Pillrollers versus Mustangs, 3 PM.

Northampton

NORTHAMPTON, Aug. 15—Program for the week at the Red Cross clubs here:

- Tuesday—Dance, Market Sq., 8.30-11 PM.
- Wednesday—Dance, Market Sq., 8.30-11 PM.
- Thursday—Dance, Market Sq., 8.30-11 PM.
- Friday—Cinco, 9.30 PM; bingo, 10 PM.
- Saturday—Trip to cattle market; trip to Ward's model locomotive, 11 AM; dance, Market Sq., 8.30 PM.
- Sunday—Sulgrave Manor bus trip, Plough Hotel, 10 AM; cycle picnic, Plough Hotel, 10.30 AM; tea dance, Market Sq., 3 PM.

Newbury

NEWBURY, Aug. 15—Program for the week at the Red Cross Club here:

- Tuesday—Dancing class, 8 PM.
- Wednesday—Table tennis.
- Thursday—Dance and open house, 7.30 PM; German classes, beginners, 7.30 PM; advanced, 8.30 PM.
- Friday—French class, 8 PM; dancing class, 8 PM.
- Saturday—Variety show, 8 PM.
- Sunday—Tour of town, 11-1 PM; baseball, 1.30 PM; recorded concert, 5-6 PM; dance, 7.30 PM.

Luftwaffe Tougher Foe Than Japs

Colonel Who Fought In Pacific Flying Over Europe

A USAAF BOMBER STATION, England, Aug. 15—Combat flying over enemy-occupied Europe on any given mission is twice as dangerous as it is in the air over the Pacific war theater.

Experience in both theaters brings that reaction from Lt. Col. Elliott Vandevanter Jr., of Baltimore, leader of an Eighth Air Force B17 group which has taken part in six missions since arrival here from the Far East.

Col. Vandevanter is also quick to credit the Luftwaffe with being a much stronger enemy than the Japs, whom he fought as a Fortress pilot with a distinguished Bomb group from bases in the Philippines, Java and Australia.

"Over here aerial warfare is more scientific than it was when I was in the Pacific," the Colonel said. "Here we fly armadas of planes, each ship a cog in a big machine. In the Pacific, our missions often sent one ship and its crew out alone. Whereas fliers in this theater get specific targets with minute details surrounding the operation, we were merely told in the early days of the war there was Jap shipping in vicinity and to just go get 'em."

The Colonel got his flight training at Kelly and Randolph Fields following graduation from West Point in 1939. He received pilot's wings in June, 1940, and was assigned immediately to a bombardment group. His outfit went to the Philippines two months before Pearl Harbor, and was at Del Monte field when neighboring Clark Field was shattered by the first Jap attack on the islands. On



Lt. Col. Elliott Vandevanter

that day he and his unit began bombing Nips, and they kept it up for many more weeks.

"Often we took off for a spot where we thought Jap ships might be without knowledge of the weather or the target. The Nip ships were usually there, however, so we'd bomb hell out of them, then head back only to find our base had been 'visited' and shot up, so we would land at another field, sometimes a thousand miles away. We never stayed in one place long. When I left Clark Field, I took only what I was wearing and later borrowed a razor. That was my entire wardrobe until I got to Australia weeks later and found some Aussie shorts."

Aerial War in ETO 'More Scientific,' Pilot Says

It was while operating off Java that he had what he classed as "the experience" of his Pacific fighting. "We were out alone to bomb Bali, and just as we came over the target—at about 30,000 feet—all of the engines and the electrical system cut out, all at once. To top it off, a swarm of Zeros were heading up our way. Fortunately the bomb bay doors were open, so we glided towards the target, and the instant we reached it the electrical system and engines cut back in. We dropped the bombs, then headed for the first protective cloud—there were ten Zeros on our tail."

When Java fell, Col. Vandevanter's was the last remaining tactical Fort on the island. Before the last Jap attack, he took his plane up and kept it in the air until things had cleared sufficiently for landing to cart off about 25 American airmen.

"We've come a long way since then," he said. "The training now is 100 per cent better than it was before the war. When a crew goes into battle now it is definitely trained for everything the enemy has to present."

It seems like ancient history now, the Colonel says, when he thinks back on the Philippine fighting days when combat crews did everything from maintenance and bomb-loading to flying and fighting.

"In the ETO we have a well-coordinated team. Our ground crews and personnel are such that the combat crews have only to fly and shoot and bomb. The men in the air know everything is well taken care of by those on the ground."

Sponsor Orphan On First Payday

Fighter Squadron Raises £100 Immediately After Arrival

It didn't take the officers and men of one USAAF fighter squadron long to join the long list of donors to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund.

Recently arrived in the ETO, they collected £100 on their first pay day in this theater with which to help "a boy between the ages of two and five." The check, turned over by Lt. H. T. Carter and Sgt. W. J. Newberry, raised the fund total to £26,964 4s. 7d.

Scores of other new units, not entirely familiar with the fund, have inquired as to how they may sponsor a war orphan.

Procedure is simple: Get your group together, agree on an amount, get the money. Mail or deliver the check or money order to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund, Printing House Sq., London, EC4.

Funds are administered by the American Red Cross, which bears the cost of administration so that every cent contributed goes to the needy child. One hundred pounds will aid one war orphan for five years. A photograph and history of each child, together with regular reports on its progress, will be sent to the sponsoring group.

Inaugurated Sept. 26, 1942, the War Orphan Fund has received approximately \$111,000 in voluntary contributions from American soldiers, sailors and civilian technicians in the ETO. The fund's goal is £50,000. During the last war The Stars and Stripes was instrumental in raising money to help 3,444 orphans of allied nations.

LOC Technicians Donate Second £100 to Churches

BELFAST, Aug. 15—Employees of the Lockheed Overseas Corp. have made their second £100 donation to bomb-damaged Belfast churches. The money, raised through collections at inter-denominational services at LOC sites, was given to the Newtownards Road Methodist church by Capt. Verne H. Warner, chaplain for the LOC.

Posthumous Legion of Merit Awarded Col. Krum, ETO PRO

A posthumous award of the Legion of Merit to Col. Morrow S. Krum, ETO public relations officer, for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services," was announced yesterday.

Col. Krum, who was killed when the airplane carrying the late Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, ETO commander, crashed in Iceland on May 3, came to Great Britain in June, 1942, as PRO for the Eighth Air Force, and three months later took over a similar assignment for the entire theater.

The citation stated that "Col. Krum was successful in evolving a solution of many complex problems. Through vision and foresight he initiated long-range planning and presented a splendidly conceived plan for future operations."

"This plan was ultimately approved by the War Department and placed in effect within the European Theater of Operations. Col. Krum's understanding of,

and his cooperation with, the press and the British authorities, military and civilian, established and maintained for the United States Army very satisfactory public relations.

"His judgment, resourcefulness and leadership were an inspiration to all who served with him and were of great value to his country," it concluded.

Col. Krum was 46, and in the last war saw 11 months' service as an aviation cadet. After the war he went from reporter to aviation editor of the Chicago Tribune in ten years, later becoming public relations chief for the Studebaker Motor Car Co.

Despite Col. Krum's cordial relationship with the British, he was an enemy of unnecessary Anglicisms in American speech. On his desk was a penalty box into which Americans, civilian and military, were made to put a shilling for each uttered phrase of British idiom. At his death the box was emptied for The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund.

Fort Pilot Learns Death Reports Of Crew Greatly Exaggerated

A USAAF BOMBER STATION, Aug. 15 (UP)—Lack of oxygen on the Fort, Tinker Toy, as she was returning from a raid on Mamburg, caused three imaginary "deaths" and a lot of confusion which is still being straightened out here. It all happened like this.

On the way back from Hamburg, Lt. Frank Chapman, of Old Orchard, Me., pilot of the Tinker Toy, heard

Air Unit Marks Year Overseas

THE — AIR DEPOT, England, Aug. 15—Soldiers entertained unit personnel and more than 200 guests at a week-end anniversary party here commemorating this organization's first anniversary overseas.

Cpl. Stanley D. Keister, of Akron, Ohio, acted as master of ceremonies at a Saturday entertainment program featuring Sgt. Lorenzo E. Trailer, of Falmouth, Ky., who played a guitar and sang hillbilly songs; S/Sgt. Frank J. Mastandrea, of Brooklyn, harmonica player; Sgt. Ward E. Gleason, of Pontiac, Mich., and Pvt. Salvatore J. Sportelli, of Bridgeport, Conn., who did several comedy skits.

The athletic side of the program featured a baseball game between the All Stars and the station team with the Stars edging out a 2-1 victory.

Movies, taken by Sgts. Paul R. Sanchez, of Denver, and Morris S. Blakeman, of Coopersville, Ohio, showing the group's activities since its organization, were shown.

Catholic and Protestant Sunday services, conducted by Chaplains Gordian W. Murphy, of Union City, N.J., and Edward B. Wyckoff, of Los Angeles, concluded the observance.

The band, directed by Sgt. Harlan F. (Spanky) Andrews, of Mandan, N.D., included:

Pfc. Walter Boskey, Red Bank, N.J.; Pvt. Cosmo J. di Pasquale, Dayton, Ohio; S/Sgt. Frank S. Martin, Camden, N.J.; Sgt. Robert T. Miley, Avado, Ohio; Pfc. Edward R. Underwood, Chicago; Cpl. Alfred S. Bryant, El Paso, Tex.; T/Sgt. Lester E. Adams, Troy, Ohio; Pvt. William H. Stoll, Mauch Chunk, Pa.; Cpl. Harry Newton, Nesquehoning, Pa., and T/S Fred Foltz, Cincinnati.

the grim voice of the radio operator announce over the intercom: "Waist gunners Pope and Bang are dead."

Chapman shook his head sadly as he continued the flight. Then came Pope's voice over the intercom: "Radio operator Myers and Bang are dead."

As Chapman puzzled over that, a third message came: "This is Bang, Pope and Myers are dead." Chapman sent the copilot, Lt. Melvin R. Hecker, of Chicago, back to find out just what was going on. It turned out that all three were alive, but very confused.

Later, it developed that the radio operator, T/Sgt. Edwin R. Myers, of Leavittsburg, Ohio, thought that one waist gunner, S/Sgt. Charles F. Bang, of Arlington, Va., was dead twice. Bang thought Myers was dead, and had actually seen icicles forming on the eyelids of the other waist gunner, S/Sgt. Edward J. Pope, of Kittery, Me., who meanwhile reported that Bang was dead.

Here are their stories:

Myers said: "Bang came into the radio room with the walk-around bottle, and started making motions with his hands. I finally decided I'd better look around. I'd just gotten into the waist when I found Bang lying on the ball turret, stretched out cold, and I knew he was a goner. Pope, the other waist gunner, was out cold, too. I was out of oxygen but plugged Bang in on the emergency, and went back to the radio room."

Bang said: "Pope passed out from lack of oxygen, but was lying there with his chest heaving, so I knew he was alive. I plugged him on the emergency oxygen, and then I must have passed out. I came to later and went into the radio room. Myers wasn't there, so I thought he was out. Then I heard guns firing and ran out to the waist, and found Myers at work."

"In the meantime, Myers, who was out of oxygen and had the bends, fixed up Pope. We looked down at Pope and saw his chest heaving and ice forming on his eyelashes, so we shook our heads and went on about our work."

Myers said: "I went back to the radio room and sat down and couldn't get up because of the bends. I must have passed out. Pope came in later, found me, and reported me dead. I don't know what Lt. Chapman thought about it."

Chapman said: "It was very confusing, and we're still unable to figure out the sequence in which they passed out and revived."

"Fortunately we had only one attack. The ball turret gunner, S/Sgt. John J. 'Snuffy' Wardell, of Providence, R.I., got him. It must have been at about 1,300 yards, which I believe is some sort of record."

Other members of the Tinker Toy were Lt. Sidney Novell, Norristown, Pa., navigator; Lt. Wilson W. Cupp, Newark, N.J., bombardier; T/Sgt. Otha H. Frost, Denver, engineer, and S/Sgt. Robert S. Guggenheim, Syracuse, N.Y., tail gunner.

RAF Award for Yank

RAF flying officer James A. McCairns, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., now a resident of England, has been awarded a bar to the DFC for "completing numerous sorties displaying a high degree of skill and determination throughout." He got the military medal a year ago and the DFC in April.

'Yanks Abroad,' From Iceland, On ETO Tour

Eight Other USO Shows Scheduled on Circuit During Week

"Yanks Abroad," the first USO-Camp Show troupe to come to the ETO after entertaining troops in Iceland, opens in the Birmingham area today.

Members of the unit, who spent two months among the icebergs giving more than 100 performances, including a two-week jaunt to isolated outposts, are Frank Conville and Al Bernie, comedians; the Foley Sisters, dancers; Penny Beaumont, accordionist; and Rose Ann Stevens, singer. A British pianist, Billy Mason, and a drummer also have been added.

Eight other shows are on the ETO circuit this week. "Variety Show," featuring Diana Ward, English singer, which opened last Monday in the London area, switches to Essex, and "Jive Time," Billy Guest's outfit, goes to the Bury St. Edmunds district.

'GI Gang' Still Going

Yvette, blonde singer who survived the Clipper crash to give 150 shows for American troops in the ETO, has arrived back home, but her "GI Gang," which played without her last week, still is going strong in Essex.

"Hollywood Time," featuring Adolphe Menjou and Grace Drysdale, goes to the Wellingtonborough area; "Band Wagon," with an eight-piece soldier band, is scheduled for the Liverpool district, and "Bally Laffs," starring George Freemas and Del Ohrel, goes to points around Plymouth. "High Lights and Hilarity," featuring Hank Ladd, goes to Hampshire, and Don Rice's "Fun Marches On" plays the Bedford area.

780 mph Pilot On Air Tonight

Communiques from three towns in Massachusetts will be read next Sunday on the "Your Town" program over the American Forces Network.

The news letters have been written by Jack Conway, of the Boston Record-American and Sunday Advertiser, Bob Price, of the Springfield Daily News, and Louis Pfeiffer, chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Bedford. The program is heard from 10.15 to 10.30 Sunday morning.

Tonight at 9.10 Cpl. John Vrotsos, Stars and Stripes radio reporter, will interview Lt. Col. Cass Hough, of the Eighth Air Force, who was decorated recently for experimental work in which he dove a stock P-38 more than 780 miles per hour.

A new feature has been added for sports fans. Each Saturday night, following the regular Stars and Stripes "Final Edition," Cpl. Vrotsos will present a roundup of the week's sports news from back home.

Fighter Station Revue Starts Run Wednesday

A USAAF STATION, England, Aug. 15—The Special Service Section of this fighter station will present its first original GI revue, "Yankee Doodle Not So Dandy," for a two-night run Wednesday and Thursday.

Written and directed by Pfc Leslie E. Weiner, of Far Rockaway, N.Y., "Yankee Doodle Not So Dandy" features skits, songs and dances with a GI flavor.

Leading performers in the cast of 30 enlisted men include: Cpl. Anthony Donadio, of Baltimore; Cpl. John MacCutcheon, of Paterson, N.J.; Sgt. James Hines, of New York; Cpl. Robert Moore, of Pittsburgh, and Pvt. Hyman Finkle, of Bronx, N.Y. Settings are under the supervision of Cpl. A. A. DeCosta, of Philadelphia, and Sgt. Eric W. Arje, of New York. S/Sgt. Pat Franchi will handle the lighting.

Bomber Station Forms Orchestra in a Week

A USAAF BOMBER STATION, England, Aug. 15—For speed in organizing a dance orchestra this unit claims the record—a 12-piece band formed, rehearsed and ready for service in one week. Cpl. Samuel R. Whitney, of Carrier Mills, Ill., leads the orchestra, which he formed in collaboration with 1/Lt. Charles J. Brickley, Special Service officer.

Other members are:

- S/Sgt. David H. Belt, Belleair, Ohio; 1/Lt. John R. Rumisek, Beaver Falls, Pa.; Cpl. F. Alex Crittenden Jr., Pelham, Ga.; Cpl. Wesley H. Shipley, Oak City, Utah; Cpl. Paul T. Anderson, Knoxville, Tenn.; S/Sgt. Edwin S. McCoy, Pasadena, Cal.; Cpl. Duane W. Long, Martin, S.D.; Pfc. Robert S. Williams, Buffalo, N.Y.; 1/Lt. Mac L. McGroarty, Tulsa, Okla.; S/Sgt. John H. Reilly, Cambridge, Mass., and Cpl. Edward W. Kobs, Toledo, Ohio.

Army Nurses Decorated

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15—Two Army nurses have been decorated for heroism, the War Department announced. 2/Lt. Edith E. Greenwood, of North Dartmouth, Mass., received the first Soldier's Medal ever awarded to a woman for rescuing her patients in a hospital fire, and 2/Lt. Dorothy Skikorski, of Green Lake, Wis., received the Air Medal for valor during an airplane flight in the South Pacific.

Yankee Hurlers Set Down Brownies; Indians Climb

Tribe Second as Tigers Slide to Fifth; Cards Split

NEW YORK, Aug. 15—The New York Yankees had to rely on their pitching staff at St. Louis over the week end, and the moundsmen did not fail the Bombers. On Friday, the Ruppert Rifles blanked the Browns, 4-0, behind the nine-hit pitching of Spud Chandler. Yesterday, Bill Zuber allowed two blows as the New Yorkers edged through with a 2-1 triumph.

Chandler notched his 15th triumph in Friday's contest, Johnny Niggeling, who had led for six frames, was tagged with the loss.

The lone St. Louis marker yesterday came in the third inning when Don Guttridge singled, stole second and continued to third on Ken Sears' wild throw. He scored as Crosetti kicked Cliff's grounder. The Yankees took the lead in the second on Nick Eiten's 11th homer, then scored the winner in the seventh as Eiten singled, went to second on Sears' single, advanced to third on Joe Gordon's sacrifice and came across on Lindell's infield out. It was Zuber's fifth triumph and Bob Muncief's ninth setback.

Griffs Dump Bengals, 11-3

Yesterday and Friday were two bad days for the Detroit Tigers. After going into a tie for second on Thursday, the Detroiters dropped two to the Senators and wound up in fifth. The Griff's dumped the Bengals, 11-3, Friday at Briggs Stadium. Milo Candini gave the Tigers six blows and scored his ninth decision. Stubby Overmire was set down for the fifth time.

Yesterday, the Nats edged past the Tigers, 7-4. The count was tied at four-all in the ninth when Mickey Vernon singled, scoring Angelo Giuliani. Jake Powell followed with another bingle which scored George Case and Vernon. It was Early Wynn's 13th victory and Hal Newhouser's 11th loss.

The Chicago White Sox managed to outlast Boston, 3-2, Friday at Comiskey Park. Johnnie Humphries pitched six frames to rack up his ninth win, while Tex Hughson, who went all the way, suffered his eighth setback.

Thornton Lee Yields 3 Hits

The Chisox came back to take another close one yesterday, 2-0, from the Beantowners behind the three-hit pitching of Lefty Thornton Lee. The winners scored both their runs in the third inning on Luke Appling's double. Yank Terry was the loser.

Two victories over the Philadelphia Athletics—their fourth and fifth straight—pushed the Cleveland Indians right into second place in the League standings. Two three-run innings—the fourth and seventh—gave the Tribe their 6-4 victory Friday. Don Black gave the Indians ten hits, losing his eighth game. Mel Harder allowed eight hits for his fifth victory.

Yesterday's contest was a slugging bee with the Indians on the long end of the 12-9 score. Chubby Dean chalked up the victory as the winners got six runs in the fourth off loser Everett Fagan and continued off Lou Ciola.

One Game in Loop Friday

In the only National League game played Friday, the Braves came from behind at Boston to beat the Chicago Cubs, 5-4, on Butch Nieman's third homer in the tenth with one on. Claude Passeau went the distance for the Cubs, sustaining his eighth defeat. Nate Andrews started for the Braves, gave way to a pinch hitter in the seventh with Danny MacFayden taking over on the hill and gaining the triumph.

The Braves continued yesterday, winning the eighth of their last nine games with a 3-2 decision over the Bruins. Tommy Holmes' single in the fifth scored Heltzel and Manny Salvo with the winning runs. Ed Hanyzewski, who hurled eight innings, was dropped for his third loss while Salvo notched his fourth, allowing six blows.

The Cardinals split a double-header with the Giants at Ebbets Field yesterday, the Redbirds taking the opener, 11-1, the Giants coming through in the nightcap, 8-0. The Cards won the first game in the first inning on Ken O'Dea's triple with two on. George Kurowski homered in the second and Stan Musial in the ninth. George Munger allowed the Giants nine hits for his fifth victory while Johnny Wittig was the loser, his 13th.



George Munger

Cliff Melton baffled the Cards in the second tilt, allowing eight scattered hits while racking up his sixth victory. The Giants picked up a run in the first, two in the fifth and five in the seventh. Gus Mancuso hit his first homer of the season in the seventh with one on. Murry Dickson was charged with his second setback. Harry Walker, Card center fielder, singled in the first inning of the second game, extending his hitting streak to 24 games, then he collided at second base with Dick Bartell and was carried from the field with a two-inch spike wound in his head.

The Cincinnati Reds brought more woe to Flatbush with a double win over the Dodgers, 9-2 and 4-3. Elmer Riddle had an easy time of it in the first game, notching his 15th victory as the Reds slapped Ed Head for four runs in the

Chalky Wright for Army Not Maritime Service

NEW YORK, Aug. 15—Former featherweight champion Chalky Wright was wrong in thinking that he would spend the duration in the blue and white of the Maritime Service. His draft board has decided he will spend the war wearing the khaki and OD of Uncle Sam's Army. Because Wright failed to notify his draft board that he was sworn into the Maritime Service a month ago, he has been ordered to report for induction on Aug. 28.

Bearcats Win With Benamati

Keep Lead in Fighter Loop With 3-1 Victory Over Coppers

By Dick Pine

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

FIGHTER STATION, Aug. 15—With Sgt. Attilio Benamati, of Arnold, Pa., hurling a one-hit game, the Bearcats made it three in a row, moving into first place in the National League softball chase here, downing the Coppers, 3-1. Benamati had the losers eating out of the palm of his hand throughout and save for a lucky hit in the seventh, which was followed by two misplays in the field, he would have chalked up a perfect game.

M/Sgt. Mike Pletscher, of Buffalo, N.Y., hammered home a pair of runs in the fifth with a double to break a 1-1 tie and insure the victory. 1/Sgt. Peter Ferraro, of Corona, N.Y., did the catching for the winners.

The Shamrocks also continued their winning ways, smothering the Mud Hens, 10-1. Lt. Milton Freedman, of Fall River, Mass., showed the way with the willow, accounting for four runs with as many hits. Pvt. Bernard Satsky, of Baltimore, was the winning hurler with Pfc Ed McCarthy, of New York, behind the plate.

In the other National League game, the Red Liners nipped the Busy Bees, 2-1. The winners tied the count in the seventh on a walk and a triple by Cpl. George Boero, of Oakland, Cal. They went on to win in the ninth when T/Sgt. Jack Patton, of Pittsburgh, singled and came home on a double by S/Sgt. Ed McPhillips, of Cincinnati. T/Sgt. Al Rajki, of Bath, Pa., pitched his Hollywood Hotel club to an 8-3 win over the Comets.

In the lone American loop contest, the Bulldog Juniors rapped the Signalmen, 9-2. Cpl. Joe Weidener, of Dayton, Ohio, hurled a steady game while his mates, led by Sgt. Gene Davis, of Dallas, Texas, and S/Sgt. Don Heffner, of Crown Point, Ind., battered the Signals for 13 hits.

The Bulldog Fliers let go a barrage of base knocks, one of them a home run with the bases full by Lt. John Eaves, of Edmund, Okla., in smashing the Fighters, 10-2, to strengthen their hold on first place in the Brass Hat League. Lt. Caleb Reeder, of Miami, Fla., and Lt. John B. Coryell, of Williamsport, Pa., were the winning battery.

sixth inning and Bill Sayles for five in the ninth. Head was the loser.

The second game was tied at 2-2 in the ninth when Bucky Walters doubled. Lonnie Frey singled, sending in two runs for Walters' ninth decision. Bill Lohman was put down for the eighth time.

The Pittsburgh Pirates halted the Phillies' seven-game winning streak by taking a double-header at Shibe Park, 8-2 and 2-1. In the first game, the Bucs mauled three Phillie flingers for 14 hits as Jack Kraus lost number seven. Bob Klinger allowed five hits and walked six in winning number ten.

In the second game, Al Gerheuser held the Pirates hitless until the seventh when singles by Tom O'Brien and Maurice Van Robays drove in two markers. Max Butcher was credited with his sixth victory as Gerheuser suffered his 11th loss.

Dienhart Gets Purdue Post

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Aug. 15—Former Notre Dame footballer Joe Dienhart has been named assistant Purdue football coach. Dienhart has held positions at St. Joseph's College, RPI and Indiana. For the last two years, his St. Joseph's teams have won the Indiana intercollegiate football and baseball titles.

Devil Diver Drives

By Pap



HOW THEY STAND.

American League

Friday's Games

New York 4, St. Louis 0
Washington 11, Detroit 3
Chicago 3, Boston 0
Cleveland 6, Philadelphia 4

Saturday's Games

New York 2, St. Louis 1
Washington 7, Detroit 4
Chicago 2, Boston 0
Cleveland 12, Philadelphia 9

Yesterday's Schedule

Washington at Cleveland (two games)
Philadelphia at Detroit (two games)
New York at Chicago (two games)
Boston at St. Louis (two games)

National League

Friday's Games

Boston 5, Chicago 4 (10 innings)
Other games postponed.

Saturday's Games

St. Louis 11, New York 1 (first game)
New York 8, St. Louis 0 (second game)
Cincinnati 9, Brooklyn 2 (first game)
Cincinnati 4, Brooklyn 3 (second game)
Pittsburgh 8, Philadelphia 2 (first game)
Pittsburgh 2, Philadelphia 1 (second game)
Boston 3, Chicago 2

Yesterday's Schedule

Pittsburgh at Boston (two games)
Cincinnati at Chicago (two games)
Chicago at Philadelphia (two games)
St. Louis at Brooklyn (two games)

Leading Hitters

American League

Appling, Chicago ... 104 398 40 134 .337
Wakefield, Detroit ... 103 439 62 143 .326
Curtis, Chicago ... 87 293 47 92 .314
Stephens, St. Louis ... 86 326 44 97 .298
Hockett, Cleveland ... 90 392 49 113 .296

National League

Musial, St. Louis ... 106 422 73 150 .356
Herman, Brooklyn ... 107 406 51 132 .325
Cooper, St. Louis ... 81 293 47 92 .314
Wyc, New York ... 102 402 39 125 .311
Vaughan, Brooklyn ... 105 426 83 136 .305
Tipton, Cincinnati ... 106 381 58 110 .305

Home Run Hitters

American League—York, Detroit, 21; Keller, New York, 18; Stephens, St. Louis, 14.
National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 17; Ott, New York, 15; DiMaggio, Pittsburgh, 13.

Runs Batted In

American League—Eiten, New York, 79; York, Detroit, 71; Johnson, New York, 67.
National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 82; Elliott, Pittsburgh, 72; Herman, Brooklyn, 69.

Stolen Bases

American League—Moses, Chicago, 36; Case, Washington, 34; Tucker, Chicago, 22.
National League—Vaughan, Brooklyn, 13; Lowrey, Chicago, 9; Gouline, Pittsburgh, 8.

Leading Pitchers

American League—Chandler, New York, 15-4; Grove, Chicago, 10-3.
National League—Sewell, Pittsburgh, 17-4; Cooper, St. Louis, 17-6.

London Softball Standings

Here are the standings in the London Mayfair and Marble Arch softball leagues:

Mayfair	W	L	Pct.	Marble Arch	W	L	Pct.
G-2 Ent.	8	1	.888	G-2 Officers	8	0	1.000
Training Center	7	3	.700	Officers	4	4	.500
London Playboys	6	3	.667	Eng. (SOS)	4	4	.500
GPA	7	5	.583	CWS	3	4	.429
Hu. Det.	6	5	.555	Embassy	1	5	.167
AG Ent.	3	3	.500	AG Off.	1	7	.125
Navy	2	5	.285				
PRG	2	6	.250				
AWCS	1	11	.083				

Kallaher Fans 42 in Two Tilts

AIR DEPOT STATION, Aug. 15—Forty-two strike-outs achieved only three days apart in two games which gave his teammates, the Air Depot All-Stars, two victories and a berth in the semi-finals of the Eighth Air Force Service Command baseball eliminations is the amazing record of 20-year-old southpaw, Cpl. William Kallaher, of Birmingham, Ala.

The All-Stars advanced in the semi-finals by winning the third and deciding game of a three game playoff with the Air Depot Yanks, 6-2. The Yanks won the first game of the series, 5-0, behind the five-hit pitching of Sgt. Frank Guidotti, of Sacramento, Cal. The All-Stars evened the count with a 3-0 victory in which Kallaher fanned 22 batters. Opposing pitcher was Cpl. Don A. Ross, of Minneapolis, Minn.

The second game was a battle between two Alabama boys since Kallaher's opponent was Pfc William Coker, of Montgomery, Ala. Both hurlers allowed six hits.

Kallaher's record of 42 strike-outs revealed that he retired the side in seven of the 18 innings one, two, three and fanned no less than two men in each of the other innings. No men were walked in either game. He gave up a total of eight hits in the two games. Although the All-Stars have an impressive record, the Yanks' loss was only their fourth in 24 games.

Bombers Will Represent Wing in Flier Tourney

BOMB WING HQ, Aug. 15—Led by M/Sgt. John Gantus, of Los Angeles, their manager, the Bombardment Squadron won the right to represent this wing in the Eighth Air Force softball tournament by making a clean sweep in the wing playoff.

In three one-sided contests they defeated other bombardment squadrons, 11-1, 6-1, and 9-1. They have won seven of eight games played in the league playoff, and then triumphed over the Service Group, 7-6.

They boast a powerful mound crew in T/Sgt. Robert Green, of Dalton, Ill., Sgt. John Redavauga, of Johnston, Col., and Sgt. Alvin Adleth, of Reading, Ohio, each of whom took one game in the elimination.

Artillerymen Win, 6-1, In Regent's Park Softball

Pfc John "Red" Gleason, of Kansas City, Mo., hurled his seventh consecutive victory, fanning ten men and allowed only two hits, as the Field Artillery defeated the Infantry, 6-1, in an ARC softball game at Regent's Park yesterday.

Cpl. Pearl Umbrell, of Fannettesburg, Pa., of the Artillerymen, homered in the fourth with none on. Losing battery was Pvt. Joseph Martin, of Versailles, Ill., and Pfc Jerry Gilmore, of Berwick, La. Martin allowed eight hits and struck out four. Cpl. John Yeager, of Milton, Pa., did the signal calling for the Field Artillery.

Scribe Wants University Prof To Roll for Him

Experiments Show Shouter Has Edge in Shooting Square Marbles

By Caswell Adams

N.Y. Daily Mirror Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Aug. 15—I notice with delight that crap shooting is very popular these days, particularly among soldiers, and that professors are now dabbling in the sport of throwing the cubes on a blanket. Tossing the cubes has always been a great pastime for servicemen, but the entrance of college professors in the intricacies of the game is something new.

Soldiers have always been good crap shooters, and it is a proven fact that Marc Antony was a wizard. He shot craps most of the time when not out with Cleo or making speeches at someone's funeral. The Togad warriors way back always gambled their cabbage on the cubes. And lately there was quite a stink when news leaked out that regulation Army equipment for convoys included lots of dice, unloaded. And then there was the report that prisoners of war in Germany had petitioned the Red Cross for hundreds of Parchesi sets.

Popularity of Parchesi

The sudden popularity of Parchesi, a rather dull game in which cardboard men are moved over lines to home base, baffled the Red Cross minds—that is, until some enterprising soul remembered that the men were moved around the board by totalling up the numbers thrown on dice. Then, via the grapevine, came the news that prison camp asheans were filled with Parchesi boards, but that the dice were retained. Then only did the light break.

Now comes Professor Joseph Rhine down at Duke and a solemn investigation of crap shooting. The professor says that the mind can control the dice. He believes that when the shooter shouts, "Come seven, come eleven," that the chances of him getting his number are better than if he'd been silent. He and his assistants have tried to throw eight or higher, or seven or lower, at will, and one time they threw the dice almost 7,000 times and called their shot better than 3,000 of those times. That's better than the odds say.

'Eigher from Decatur' a Necessity

He doesn't say whether he and his assistants use such imploring to the cubes as "Eigher from Decatur," which is absolutely necessary in my book when looking for an eight, or whether "Six me, bones," has the desired effect. He refrains from mentioning "Big Dick," which is always used loudly when in search of a ten, or whether the time honored "Baby needs new shoes—three is a help." And he surely says nothing about the mind dominance of a fader who bets against the shooter.

The fader certainly exerts as much mental work as the shooter, because he has the same monetary interest in the toss. I wish that the good professor would go further into the study and find out whether the yell of the fader when he shrieks "snake eyes" and "box cars" in the earnest hope that the shooter will throw two or 12 is in vain or worth the throat effort.

A Night in Louisville

Ever since one night in Louisville, before the Kentucky Derby, I have felt very strongly on that matter. Every time I held the dice a man across the blanket would shout in a voice that could be heard on the back stretch at Churchill Downs—and we were in a downtown hotel—"snake eyes," and I would obligingly throw a deuce and have to reach for more money—if any. That man certainly dominated my dice that night. Eighty dollars worth.

And the odds against making a two are 35-1 and against a three, which is just as distressing as a two, are 17-1. There are three ways to make a seven, a six, or an eight, but the odds against a seven are 5-1, while against a six or eight they are 6-1. And Prof. Rhine reports that he and his studious crapshooters got more sevens than they should have by the percentages. I'll let you throw for me next time, professor. I wish you'd been in Louisville.

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HONEY-MEN IS DIVIDED INTO TWO TYPES—ONE—THEM WHICH WILL MAKE AN APPROACH, NAMELY, TH' HOOMIN-OR PRACTICAL TYPE— AN' TWO—THEM WHICH WON'T MAKE AN APPROACH, NAMELY TH' FINE AN' NOBLE—OR IMPORINATIN' TYPE!!

ANY MAN KIN BE GOT BY TH' STRATEGIC RETREAT!! IN TH' CASE O' TH' FIRST TYPE— THEM WHICH WILL MAKE AN APPROACH—YO' RETREATS—BUT NOT QUITE FAST ENUFF!! THIS GIVES TH' VICTIM—OOPS!!—AH MEANS TH' YOUNG GENNILMAN— TH' ILLUSION TH' YO' IS RELUCTANT BUT THET HE'S WINNIN'!!

THIS ILLUSION USUALLY LASTS UNTIL TH' WEDDIN'— AN' WHEN TH' PORE IDIIT—OOPS!!—AH MEANS TH' HAPPY BRIDE GROOM— REALIZES HOW HE'S BIN TOOK IN— IT'S TOO LATE!!— IN TH' CASE O' TYPE NUMBER TWO—THEM WHICH WON'T MAKE AN APPROACH—

YO' STARTS TH' RETREAT ANYHOW!!— WHEN HE SEES YO' SOMETHIN' HE FIGGERS YO' GOT NATCHERLY WORTH HAVIN'— SO, TH' MINUTE HE STARTS PURSUIN' HE HAINT IN TH' NUMBER TWO CLASS ANYMORE— HE IS NOW TYPE NUMBER ONE— AN' YO' PROCEEDS FUM THAR!!

'Blooper' Puts Sewell on Top Of Mound Heap

Rip's Freak Delivery Has National Leaguers Whiffing

By Chester L. Smith
Pittsburgh Press Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 15—As this is written, Rip Sewell, of the Pittsburgh Pirates, has just lost his second game in succession; the St. Louis Cardinals gave him a good combing, 8-3, on Aug. 6, and the Phillies took a toe-hold on the strength of a pair of errors and beat him 2-1 in the morning game on Aug. 11, but the Ripper, a 35-year-old Alabamian who is a cousin of Manager Luke Sewell of the Browns and Joe Sewell who had a long and distinguished career as an American League infielder, is still "The Pitcher of the year," and will continue in that role until somebody better comes along. That should call for an explanation and here it is.

Sewell is still the leading pitcher in both leagues. He has won 17 games—11 in a row before the Cards stopped him—and dropped only four. He had never had more than 17 victories in any single season before, so you can understand it's a new experience for him to be the boss of the moundsmen, but he has been a good pitcher for a long time.

Something New Has Been Added

In addition, the Ripper has given baseball something new and that entitles him to considerable distinction, even if he hadn't won a game, for baseball is one sport that goes along year after year with only the actors changing.

The Sewell variation is variously called the "blooper pitch," the "rainbow ball," the "whoopsy-do," the "skyscraper" and the "parachute pitch." It is nothing more than a change of pace or a slow ball, but it is the highest pitch ever seen and takes the longest time to reach the plate after it leaves Rip's hand. The ball actually soars from 15 to 25 feet in the air, and when it gets to the catcher, it is falling almost vertically toward the ground. Not infrequently, the catcher's glove is within an inch or two of the dirt when the ball plunks in, but if it's over the platter, the umpires have to call it a strike for it has fulfilled the definition and passed over the plate between the batter's knees and shoulders. You can imagine how the ump's like to see it coming. It drives them crazy.

Uses It Sparingly

Sewell uses the pitch sparingly. He says it is effective even when it is smacked, because it throws the hitters completely off in their timing. They get to expecting it and, as a result, are as flatfooted when it doesn't come as when it does. Sewell has a fair fast ball to go with his "blooper," good control and another pitch that is only about half as slow as his ultra-ultra one. When he mixes them up, he's a tough hombre to score on.

Some batters get mad when the Ripper throws them the "blooper." In an early series against the Cubs—from whom Sewell already has won six times—Dom Dallessandro made two furious but futile attempts to connect and then yelled: "If you give me that thing again, I'm coming out with this bat and knock your brains out." He got it again—and struck out.

Thought He Had Answer

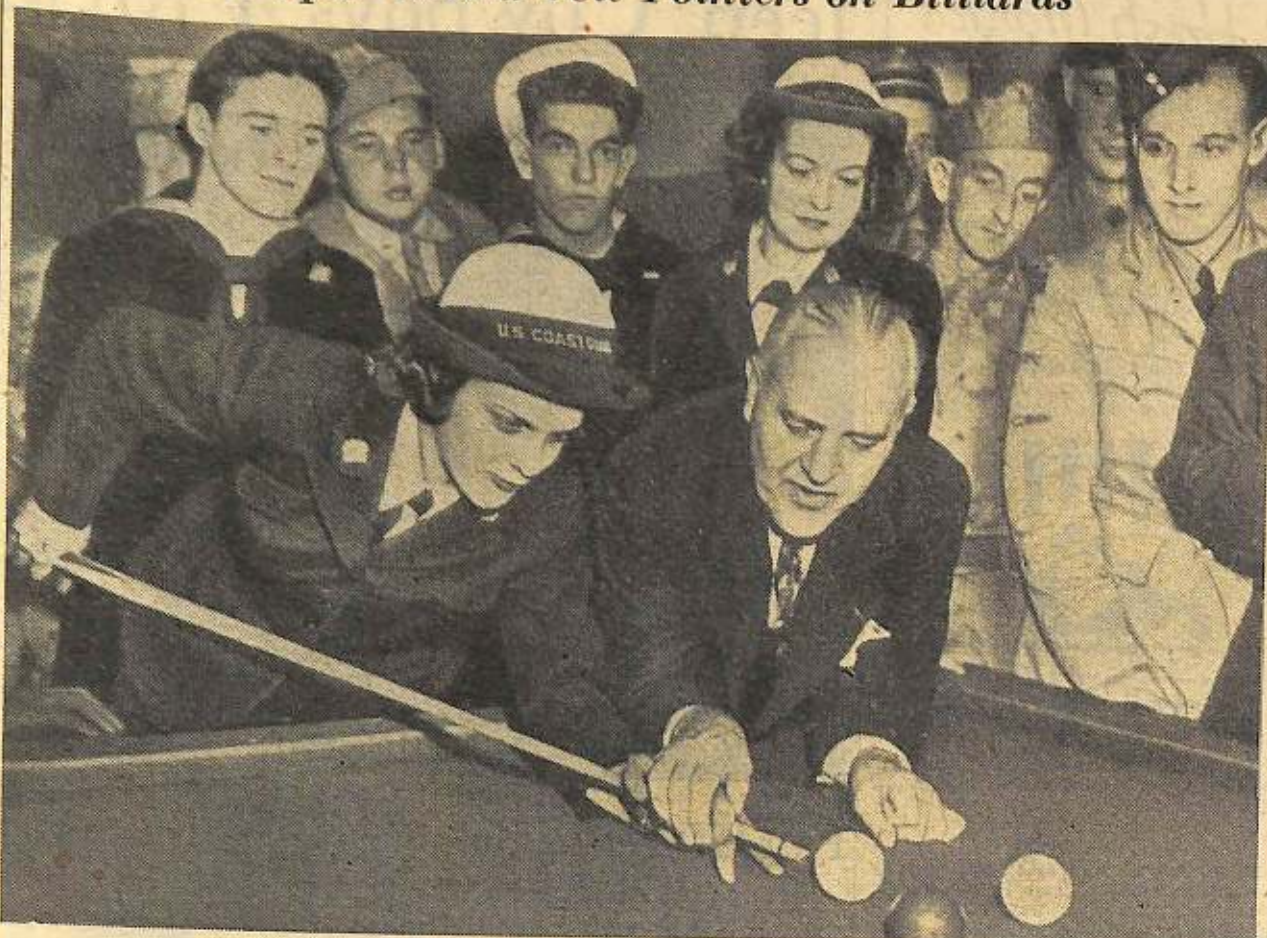
One of the Boston Braves thought he had the answer the other day. When the "blooper" appeared, he got down on his knees and swung. The ball rolled lazily to the second baseman, and the poor Brave, who had to get on his feet before he could start running, was out by 30 feet.

Rip says he developed his freak delivery in the bullpen and entirely by accident. It was his custom, when he was finished with warming up, to loft the ball to the catcher as a sort of signal he was through.

One day he noticed that it kept coming down squarely across the plate, and he wondered what would happen if he tried it in action. So he did, and invariably the result was a popfly or an easy grounder. It didn't take him long to add it to his repertoire.

The mechanics of the pitch are simple, and the ball comes off Rip's hand much after the fashion of shot putting. It has very little spin while in the air and is dead when and if it comes in contact with a bat. But it has made it's inventor famous. The fans love it even when it makes their favorites look foolish.

Pittsburgh's Manager Frankie Frisch says Sewell is his idea of what every pitcher should be—heady, a hard worker, a fair hitter, fast, and an excellent team player.



Willie Hoppe, world's three-cushion billiards champion, shows SPAR Marian E. Sovick how to execute a trick shot during a visit to a Chicago recreation center.

Airmen Topple Ulster Blues, 1-0

'Deacon' Behnen Loses Mound Duel With Herb Jenkins

BELFAST, Aug. 15—More than 2,000 servicemen and Irish civilians saw the Airmen, Eighth Air Force nine, defeat the Blues, Northern Ireland's first-round champs, 1-0, in an eight-inning game at Ravenhill Park here yesterday. Gate receipts of £150 were turned over to RAF Benevolent Fund.

It was a colorful show, with bagpipe music by the U.S. Marine pipe and bugle band and by the RAF brass band, and a review of the teams by Brig. Gen. Edmund W. Hill, commanding NI forces and Sir Basil Brooke, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland. The Prime Minister pitched the first ball.

The game was tightly played, developing into a pitcher's duel between Pvt. Edward "Deacon" Behnen, of East St. Louis, Ill., Blues' southpaw, and Sgt. Herbert Jenkins, of Maiden, N.C., Air Force right hander. The Airmen's run came in the fourth frame.

T/Sgt. Al Smith, of New York, Airmen's catcher, hit over second and advanced to second on a low throw by Behnen to Pvt. Johnny Rose, of Boston. Blues' first sacker, Smith went to third on Behnen's wild pitch to Bojak. Bojak fled out to Sgt. Leonard Baer, of Watertown, S.D., scoring Smith.

Redbird Victory Puts Them on Agitators' Heels

BELFAST, Aug. 15—Pfc Martin Morales, of Detroit, scored two runs for the Redbirds at Ravenhill Park to defeat the Blues nine, 2-1. The win puts the Redbirds within one game of the Agitators, whom they have already beaten, for second round leadership.

"Deacon" Behnen, Blues' southpaw, was out of the game with a bad hand and T/S John Natowich, of Ansonia, Conn., former center fielder, took over. S/Sgt. Gordon Jenkins, of Columbus, Ohio, right-hander for the Redbirds, pitched to T/S Walter Riley.

Powell Succeeds Bill Brown

NEW YORK, Aug. 15—Dr. Clayton Powell has been appointed to the New York State Athletic Commission, succeeding Bill Brown. Dr. Powell, first Negro to be appointed to the boxing board, is a graduate of Howard University and served his internship at New York's Bellevue Hospital. He is president and editor of the Harlem newspaper, the Amsterdam News.

Grunt and Groaners Falling On Lean and Hungry Days

By Glenn Perkins
United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Aug. 15—Whatever has happened to all the claimants to the world's wrestling championship?

We noticed the other day that Jimmy Londos was in the midst of his 11th comeback campaign. It brought back memories of the days when the grunt and groaners never had less than half a dozen world champions. At last reports, however, only four were being billed as the best in the business, and we do mean business. Truth of the matter was, most of the champs couldn't lick Baby Dumping with a blackjack.

The average run of the mill wrestlers travelled in groups, actually being stables, whose individual contracts were owned by one outfit. All but a few got weekly salaries, and got their bread and butter without worrying about the gates they drew or whom they wrestled. Each syndicate had their own champ and a likely

looking Adonis could put in a claim on the title as easily as you would tip a waiter.

Somehow or other, the "sport" enjoyed a degree of popularity. Wrestling (with apologies to the Greeks) was popular in many towns throughout the country where boxing wouldn't draw a handful. The same suckers kept coming back, seeing the same men week after week, twisting the same arms and legs. Most athletic commissions allowed the bouts only if they were billed as exhibitions.

Considered a definite necessity in the syndicate's bag of tricks, was a villain. Anyone who could kick, bite or gouge—and at the same time look like a Japanese general—could always draw a crowd, most of whom came hoping to see him killed. One villain, advertised as a Hindu, went a little too far, however. One night, while "wrestling" in Kansas City, he hit the whole upper half of his opponent's ear off. Anything for a laugh, these wrestlers.

Minor League Results

International League			
Friday's Games			
Jersey City 3, Montreal 0	Other games postponed.		
Saturday's Games			
Syracuse 2, Buffalo 1 (first game)	Syracuse 7, Buffalo 5 (second game)	Newark 6, Rochester 2 (first game)	Newark 10, Rochester 5 (second game)
Baltimore 4, Toronto 1 (first game)	Baltimore 4, Toronto 3 (second game)	Jersey City 3, Montreal 1 (first game)	Jersey City 3, Montreal 0 (second game)
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Toronto .. 79 47 .627	Rochester .. 57 62 .479	Newark .. 67 53 .558	Buffalo .. 56 68 .452
Montreal .. 63 69 .512	Baltimore .. 53 65 .449	Syracuse .. 60 61 .496	Jersey City 44 69 .389
Eastern League			
Friday's Games			
All games postponed.			
Saturday's Games			
Elmira 9, Utica 5 (first game)	Elmira 8, Utica 3 (second game)	Albany 2, Binghamton 0 (first game)	Binghamton 2, Albany 0 (second game)
Hartford 5, Wilkes-Barre 3 (first game)	Wilkes-Barre 6, Hartford 1 (second game)	Scranton 10, Springfield 3 (first game)	Scranton 3, Springfield 1 (second game)
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Scranton .. 67 37 .644	Wilkes-Barre 55 48 .534	Elmira .. 58 47 .552	Hartford .. 51 48 .515
Albany .. 56 46 .549	Springfield 39 57 .406	Binghamton 56 48 .538	Utica .. 24 75 .242
American Association			
Friday's Games			
Kansas City 2, Indianapolis 1	Minneapolis 8, Columbus 3	St. Paul 5, Toledo 2	Milwaukee 8, Louisville 3
W L Pct.			
Kansas City .. 62 57 .521	Indianapolis .. 50 70 .417	St. Paul .. 62 57 .521	Toledo .. 50 71 .413
Minneapolis .. 61 58 .513	Columbus .. 36 62 .365	Milwaukee .. 61 58 .513	Louisville .. 36 62 .365
Saturday's Games			
Los Angeles 90 30 .750	Hollywood 54 67 .446	San Francisco 75 43 .636	Oakland .. 50 70 .417
Seattle .. 62 57 .521	San Diego 50 71 .413	Portland .. 61 58 .513	Sacramento 36 62 .365
Pacific Coast League			
Friday's Games			
Sacramento 2, San Francisco 1	Portland 4, Hollywood 3 (first game)	Hollywood 5, Portland 4 (second game, 10 innings)	Oakland 4, Seattle 0
Los Angeles 9, San Diego 3	Saturday's Games		
Portland 7, Hollywood 0	Seattle 6, Oakland 4	Los Angeles 1, San Diego 0	San Francisco 5, Sacramento 3
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
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The Turnover Is Terrific

UTICA, Aug. 15—The player limit in the Eastern League is 17 men. Utica has already had 58 this season at different times.

Colorado State Drops Athletics

FORT COLLINS, Aug. 15—Colorado State College has abandoned intercollegiate athletics for the next school year, the first interruption in 44 years.

By Milton Caniff

2-Day Softball Eliminations Begin Today

Fliers, Field Forces Will Select Teams For ETO Tourney

Today and tomorrow will be busy days in ETO athletics, with 28 softball squads, 16 from the Eighth Air Force and 12 from the field forces, vying for honors to go to the ETO championships.

The Eighth Air Force, under the direction of Lt. Chester Smith, of Greenville, S.C., will go into action at 1 PM today at Air Force headquarters. Eliminations have been completed in inter-squadron, wing and group competition. Bomber Command is sending five teams, Service Command four, Fighter Command three, Air Support Command two, and one each from Headquarters and Composite Command. The — Photogs and the — Fighter Squadron Thunderbolts are strong contenders for the flier crown, the Photogs having 16 wins and the Fighters 26.

On Cricket Grounds

The field forces will hold their eliminations at Bristol on two of England's most famous cricket grounds, where Capt. Sol Radam, of Akron, Ohio, under whose supervision the contests will be played, has three diamonds ready for the tournament.

The — Engineers are entering an undefeated squad, while the — Field Artillery and the — MPs are not to be overlooked. The — Headquarters Lions are boasting the best mound staff, headed by Lt. John Wodarski, of Toledo, Ohio, who has won ten straight.

Games for the field forces also will start at 1 PM today, with three games played simultaneously. The finals will be held at 7 PM tomorrow, after which a cup will be presented to the winning team and appropriate awards to the players on the winning squad. Other softballers that will be seen in action will be the Cavaliers, Bears, Leopards, Eagles, Wolverines, Tigers and Yellowjackets.

Officials for the tournament will be Jim Carnahan, Tex Blaisdell, and Tom McDougal, all of the ARC athletic department, Chaplain Silas Rooney, of Pittsburgh, who was once the property of the New York Giants, and Capt. Charles McIntosh, of Bay City, Fla.

All-Stars Notch Fourth Straight

FIGHTER STATION, Aug. 15—The Eighth Air Force All-Stars, who are making a 30-day tour of the ETO in which they will play 40 games, added numbers three and four to their string of victories Thursday and Friday evening, when they defeated the Eagles, 13-3, and the Comets, 17-7, Friday.

Lt. V. Tabor, of Greenville, S.C., winning pitcher, and Cpl. Paul Campbell, of Charlotte, N.C., who relieved Tabor, allowed four hits between them. Outstanding for the All-Stars was Pvt. Al Slakish, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., who got two singles and a homer in four tries and stole three bases. S/Sgt. Hugh Gustafson, of Madison, Wis., collected two triples for three trips. Campbell also homered. The Eagles pitched M/Sgt. Letty Hoar, of Machias, Me., and Sgt. Doc Alexopolis, of Ipswich, Mass.

Their 17-7 victory over the Comets Friday was also a free-hitting affair. Campbell got three for four, Cpl. Eugene Thompson, of Needles, Cal., got two doubles in three trips to the plate and Pfc Nick Fracaro, of Joliet, Ill., also of the All-Stars, clouted a homer. Pfc Jim Keeney, of Uniontown, Pa., Sgt. Bill House, of St. Louis, and Cpl. Judson Moss, of Houston, Texas, each collected a homer for the Comets. Losing pitcher, Cpl. Walter Dixon, of Greensborough, N.C., was relieved by Pfc Bill Norman, of Pittsfield, Mass., with S/Sgt. Jim McIlvaine, of Philadelphia, as their catcher.

Two TKOs Feature Salisbury Fight Card

SALISBURY, Aug. 15—Lending a hand to the Salisbury "Holidays-At-Home" program, U.S. Army boxers fought to one decision, one draw and two TKOs before an English crowd of about 3,000 people here Friday.

Here are the summaries: Bantamweight Pvt. Tom McClure, of Bellefonte, Pa., decisioned Pvt. Petie Maynard, Burlington, N.C.; Pvt. Don Sampora, welterweight, The Bronx, N.Y., TKOed Cpl. George Benick, Weirton, W. Va.; Sgt. Willard Steele, Atlanta, Ga., light heavyweight, TKOed Pvt. Raymond Clark, Dayton, Ohio., and Pvt. Glen Carpenter, Hoopa, Cal., light heavy, drew with Pvt. John Robinson, Kansas City, Kan.

Bomber Officers Lose, 14-6

BOMBER STATION, Aug. 15—The enlisted men of the headquarters squadron of this station topped the officers, 14-6, in a challenge softball contest here. Winning hurler was Pvt. Joseph Squillante, of New York, who bested Lt. Murphy, of Albany, N.Y., and Lt. Wormser, of Jehnerette, La. Murphy lasted four innings.

Double Mark for Luke Appling

CHICAGO, Aug. 15—After 14 seasons in the major leagues, Luke Appling reached two milestones within one week. He scored his 1,000th run a week ago

Terry and the Pirates



7-16 THE PHONY GRAVE BY THE FIRE LOOKS REAL... WE'LL LEAVE THE FUZZY LASHED DOWN AMIDSHIPS—WITH FOOD UNDER HIS NOSE—HIS BOYS WILL FIND HIM SOON... THEN WE'LL SWIM BACK...

IS SO, MIST' LOOT-NINT PAT! TIDE GOES!... CONNIE THINK US WAS WATCHED ALL TIME BIG FAKE DANCE WAS ON!

BIG STOOP SHOULD HAVE LANDED WITH OUR GEAR UNDER COVER OF THE CEREMONY—YEP!—THE GUARD IS COMING OUT OF THE SHADOWS—I THINK WE SOLD THE GAG!

REMEMBER THE MAP? WE FOLLOW THIS RIDGE TO THE HIGH POINT WHERE WE MEET STOOP! —DOWN!... I HEARD A NOISE! IS OKIEDOODLE, MIST' LOOT-NINT PAT!

IS ONLY BIG STOOPER WITH THIRST! WHEN HE BUST COKY NUTS, ALWAYS IS SOUND LIKE OUT-OF-TUNE DRUM!

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Turning the Tables

Air power, once Germany's trump card in her bid for world conquest, is now proving her undoing.

The latest handwriting on the wall is a remarkable "balance sheet" issued by the British Air Ministry—a balance sheet which shows how Nazi air might has been dwarfed by the vast, ever-growing Allied air armada.

In the third quarter of 1940 the Germans thought they had shown the world something when they dropped 18,900 tons of bombs on Britain. Goering's proud Luftwaffe was outdoing the RAF by six bombs to one.

Now, let's bring the picture up to date. In the second quarter of this year Germany groaned under the weight of 36,700 tons of RAF bombs, while an enfeebled Luftwaffe dropped 700 tons—50 RAF bombs for one enemy bomb.

This comparison, amazing as it is, would be even stronger if the sheet included the work of British planes based in Africa and the tremendous tonnage dropped by USAAF bombers.

And therein lies another significant clue to the shape of things to come. Liberators startled the world this weekend by bringing the war home to Austria in a devastating raid on a key Messerschmitt plant.

Liberator pilots found every indication that the Nazis felt this stronghold safe from attack. But now the Nazis know better. No Axis war plants are safe from the Allies' air might. The tables have been turned with a vengeance.

Japan Will Be Next

Japan is not to be overlooked when Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt meet in Quebec for their sixth war conference.

It has been revealed that Mr. Churchill has discussed with the war committee of the Canadian Dominion Cabinet the transfer of the Canadian Army, of great British armies, as well as much of the RAF, right across Canada to fight the Japanese.

This transfer of British and Dominion military strength to the Far East and Southwest Pacific would be the largest military switch in history and involve close cooperation between ships of the Royal Navy and America's Pacific fleet.

Naturally, this plan, scheduled to begin after the defeat of Germany in Europe, will take a back seat while more momentous events of the immediate future unfold, but it is not to be overlooked.

It is a clear indication that Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt are resolved that the defeat of Germany will not be followed by a long-drawn-out, disappointing campaign against the Japanese. It is the answer to those critics who have hinted that America will be left to prosecute the war against Japan single-handed.

Make no mistake, Japan's turn will come, and her defeat will be wrought by the great Allied war machine whose teamwork and cohesion increases with each successive campaign.

Rubber at Last

The Japs may hold the rubber plantations, but thanks to American ingenuity, we're going to have more rubber next year than we bought from those plantations in the days of peace.

Already our first rubber factory is in production, and it is the world's largest. Located at Institute, West Virginia, it covers 77 acres, and is turning out 90,000 long tons of rubber a year. That is almost one sixth of what we used to need in normal times, as much as 100,000 Malay natives gather from 18 million rubber trees in a year.

Other plants are opening soon at Louisville, Pittsburgh, Baton Rouge, and Los Angeles. By January we shall be making 750,000 tons a year, one fourth more than we used to buy in pre-war days from the plantations of the Far East," claims Roger William Riss, writing for Readers Digest.

It is hard to visualize the magnitude of this achievement, described by experts as the greatest industrial program ever undertaken. The United States set out to create within two years a brand new industry which would produce enough rubber for swollen wartime needs. We are succeeding in this ambitious effort.

Now, should Japan hold the Malay raw rubber supply for ever we would still be self sufficient, and assisted by Brazilian raw rubber it is questionable if we shall ever again need the rubber of Malay any more than we shall need the silk of Japan, now that we have Nylon.

The battle for rubber has been won, and victory is ours.

Hash Marks

Right Name for the Job Department: There's a chaplain with an engineers' unit over here named Chaplain V. D. Liven-good.

Worry, worry, worry! Pic John Larson, who is convalescing in Walter Reed hospital, received a blood transfusion the other day. Then he started to worry, "Suppose I have inside me the blood of a Dodger-fan—and me a Giant rooster," he moaned.

Fun in court. In Knoxville, a wise guy placed a toy pistol cap under the business end of a judge's gavel. The judge



banged for order—the cap exploded. "The Lord will punish those responsible for this," said he.

Way down at Fort Moultrie, S.C., a newly made corporal asked a pal to paint chevrons on his fatigues. The pal obliged and the two-striper was happy—until nightfall. Then he discovered his "pal" had drawn the stripes with luminous paint.

Now we've seen everything. The other day we encountered an MP who lisp! He's a tough looking guy and does his job well. But it still gives you a funny feeling to have the strong arm of the law grab you by the scruff of the neck and then hear a soft voice saying, "Thir, you were thpeeding."

Anything can happen in Des Moines. L. E. Heifner was raising pheasants for the Thanksgiving trade. He couldn't get enough wire to cover their pens; so he clipped their wings. But the wings grew back faster than he expected and 1,000 of the tasty birds got away—much to the delight of meat-rationed Des Moines residents who took time out to catch the fowl on a "finders keepers" basis.

Subway scene: A GI who had been at the milk bar a little too long jumped on a crowded subway and found himself strap-

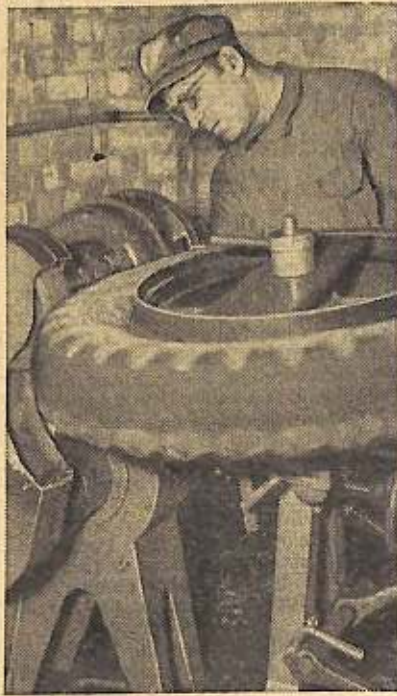


hanging beside a cute little WAAF. He smiled—she smiled. He moved closer—she moved closer. He smiled—she smiled. He reached out for a little hand-holding—she smiled. He squeezed hands softly—received a reassuring squeeze. The subway stopped—the little WAAF smiled and stepped off. The GI continued to stand there, smiling contentedly. Suddenly a startled look came over his face—he looked down and found he was holding hands with a staid British major who was quite amused about the whole deal.

Want ad in a Rome newspaper. "Wanted. Secretary for Marshal Badoglio. Temporary job."

J. C. W.

Jeep Cowboys Provide 78 Jobs



First ETO Tire Unit Fixes 165 Shoes In 24 Hours

By Arthur W. White

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

AN ORDNANCE TIRE REPAIR CO. HQ., Aug. 15—There are 78 men here who dislike guys who play games with their Jeeps—like jumping curbs or slamming on the brakes to make the gal on the pavement sit up and take notice. They're the ones who have to do the sweating when the wrecked tires come in to be repaired.

This is the first tire repair company organized in the Army, according to 1/Lt. Ivan M. Taylor, of Detroit, second in command, and they handle everything in the ETO from the diminutive Peep tire to the colossus on an Engineers' earth mover. Civilian contractors do the work in the States.

When they opened the doors for business a couple of weeks go—the company was lubricating vehicles for the African invasion previously—they ran smack into 10,000 worn tires which had been accumulating since the first Yanks arrived here.

The boys had to set up all the repair equipment shipped from America and improvise many gadgets before they could get started, but now they can retread 90 tires in 24 hours, as well as do "section repair" on 75 more. They "rehabilitate" tubes, too.

Many Owned Shops

Many of them owned their own repair shops back home, or worked in rubber companies doing the same job. Their pet hate is the man who kicks a good tire around.

The 78—soon there will be 145, working three eight-hour round-the-clock shifts—perform in a hot-house temperature.

The tires come in, are inspected for injuries, and if they're too bad are sent to a British depot to be salvaged. The rubber then goes back to the manufacturers to be used again.

Some, still good in the opinion of everybody except the person who turned them in, are shipped out immediately for further service. The others start on the journey through the shops and emerge respectable tires again.

Tires which have a good carcass or casing are retreaded. Those which still



Stars and Stripes Photos

Cpl. Allan Peterson, of St. Paul, Minn., and Cpl. Gregory Battaglia, of New York, remove a jeep tire from a mold (bottom) after new treads have been made. In the buffing room (top right) Cpl. Robert A. Bergeron, of Portland, Me., operates the buffing machine before a cement compound is added. Stacking tires (top left) are T/4 Paul Clark, of Louisville, Ky.; T/3 Joe Dravesky, of Hubbert, Ohio; T/5 Edward Lord, of Housatonic, Mass., and T/4 Bert Wheeler, of Pittsburgh.

have tread wear left, but have a bad cut or break in one part, are "section-repaired." The old cords are cut out and a new section of fabric and rubber is put in where needed. Then it's "practically good as new."

Tires are either grade one or grade two after repair. Grade ones are fit for unlimited service on combat vehicles. Twos are used for administrative or non-combat cars.

First step in the repair process, after inspection, is "delugging"—sawing off the lugs on the tires with a hack saw fitted with a special blade which is dipped in water to lubricate the rubber. "Acc delugger" is T/4 Roy Sampson, of Hooper, Neb., 17 years in the game, who when he really hustles can turn out 30 tires in an eight-hour shift. But when he's finished he's usually paddling—and it's not because the roof leaks.

In the next room Cpl. Robert Bergeron, of Portland, Maine, man-handles the "buffer," a revolving wheel fitted with sharp tacks which tear into what's left of the rubber tread and evens it up for the next process.

He wears an eye-shield for protection against the flying rubber "dust," but it gets into his hair and it's usually only a couple of minutes before he looks like a Fiji islander. He does about 30 in a shift, the "dust" going for salvage. When the tires come off the "buffer" they look just like tubes—smooth and without tread.

The Fourth Stage

Fourth stage is the covering of the carcass of the buffed tires with rubber cement. Pic Peter Mulvihill, of New York, who was welding the brush, learned the business at the Holabird Ordnance Motor Base at Baltimore, where some of his buddies also worked.

Then what becomes the new tread—strips of rubber camel-back about half-an-inch thick, 40 per cent grade C rubber, goes on. Shop boss T/Sgt. Saul Swillinger, of Jamaica, L.I., "after 14 years I still like repairing tires"—was operating the "stitching machine," which puts pressure on the camelback and sticks it firmly to the carcass. Then a special tube goes inside, the tire is mounted on a rim and put into a metal mold heated to 287 degrees F (40 pounds steam pressure). A Jeep tire stays in about 70 minutes, a larger tire for nearly two hours. The mold "cures" the tire and puts on a new tread at the same time.

In "section repair," the injured part is cut out, the inside and outside buffed, cemented, a cord patch is stitched in, and

new rubber is built into the hole. A section air-bag is inside the tire when it goes into the section mold to be vulcanized. Tubes with nail-holes, rips, nine-inch cuts and broken valve-stems are repaired, too.

"When the boys see a tire which has been mistreated they get mad as hell," Swillinger said. "And a lot of guys who don't take care of Army tires would get just as steamed up as we do if they thought someone was trying to climb mountains with the car they had to leave at home."

'101 per Cent for the Boys'

The CO, Capt. Robert L. Brown, of Louisville, Ky., who got his second bar a couple of weeks ago, is "101 per cent for the boys," according to the boys.

The captain is never happier than when someone shows the slightest interest in the rubber business. He likes to tell how practically every man in his outfit chipped in with ideas to make it a first-class shop—built the racks for hanging tires, the table for cutting camelback, the furnace for heating metal, the steam lines, tire spreaders, and hooked up all the machinery. They worked hours overtime experimenting and licking everything into shape.

Here are some tips, straight from the happy 78, on how to keep those ETO tires rolling just a little longer.

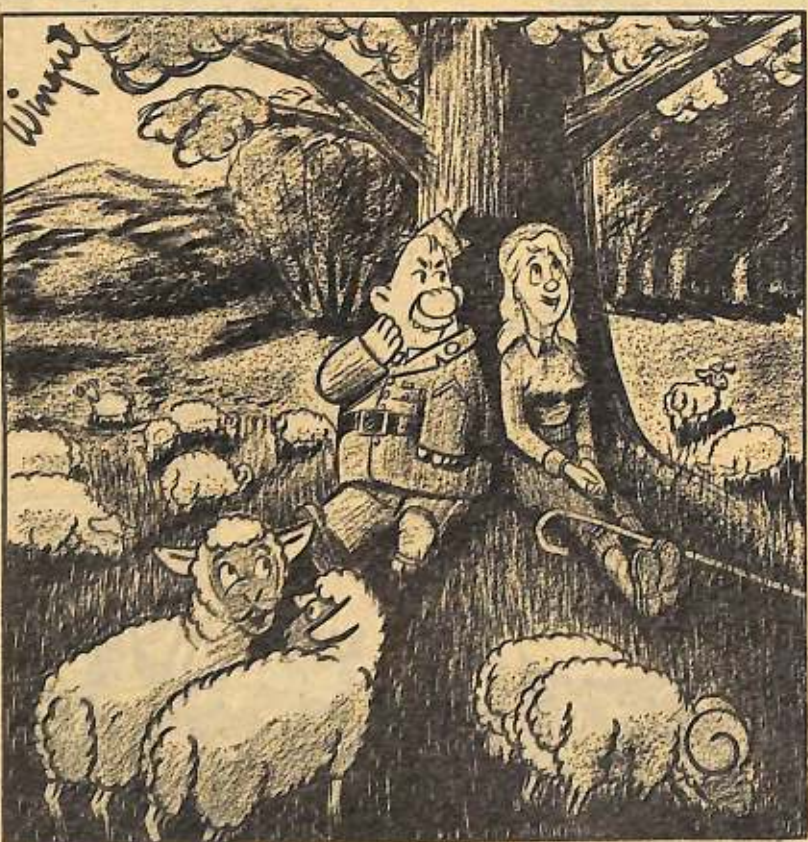
1—Air pressure is most important of all—usually tires aren't inflated enough. A heavy truck tire will lose on an average five pounds a week. Check them daily.

2—When you get a flat stop immediately—a tire can be ruined by going 50 yards on the rim. The casing goes west and that's one of the few things that can't be repaired.

3—As soon as uneven wear is noticed on the front tires, change them with those on the back. If they're not changed they get wheel tramp, bounce and wear twice as fast.

4—Curbs, ruts and stones cause most of the breaks necessitating "section-repair"—drive round them.

5—Tires should be matched according to their outer circumference in inches. If there's a discrepancy of more than one inch, the larger tire gets most of the wear. This usually happens when two different brands are used. Use a tape measure to check. Keep changing your spare round even when you haven't got a flat—do it when you change the front with the back—so that when that eight-inch nail comes along the spare will be the same size as the others, and not take all the wear.



"I'm scared—wolves don't even wear sheep's clothing nowadays."

NEWS FROM HOME Draft of Fathers Will Be Limited To Army Needs

Only A Small Percentage Will Be Conscripted, Official Says

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15—Only a small percentage of men with children will be inducted into the armed forces each month, Lawrence A. Appley, executive director of the War Manpower Commission, said yesterday. They will be called, he explained, "only as needed" after Oct. 1, the deadline for pre-Pearl Harbor fathers.

Defending the conscription of fathers, Appley declared that everything possible had been done to postpone it as long as possible. "Now we have reached a point," he said, "where we can no longer expect that men of military age will want to be relieved of any responsibility in the war effort because they have children."

Assistant Air Chief Named

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15—The War Department announced that Brig. Gen. Howard A. Craig has been appointed assistant chief of air staff. He succeeds Maj. Gen. Barney M. Giles, who was recently named chief of air staff in charge of operations, commitments and requirements.

Prisons Do War Work

CHICAGO, Aug. 15 (UP)—More than 100 prisons are working on government war contracts. Others have taken over jobs formerly done by private manufacturers, relieving canneries and clothing factories for war work. Eight prison plants are filling a contract for 660,000 shirts for the Navy.

WAAC on Eisenhower Staff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15—A WAAC captain, Westray Battle Boyce, personal representative of Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, has arrived at Allied Force Headquarters in North Africa to serve on the general staff of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, according to a War Department announcement.

Child Care Program

DENVER, Col., Aug. 15—The State Board of Health announced that Colorado would participate in the Federal Emergency Maternity and Child Care Program which will help the families of enlisted men meet the cost of obstetrical care and the support of infants up to one year old.

'Mercy' Ambulance Plane

CHICAGO, Aug. 15 (AP)—The Howard Aircraft Corp. announced in a Navy approved statement that it had signed a contract with the U.S. Navy for a new type of "Mercy" ambulance airplane. The new plane is especially designed to carry wounded from battle zones to medical centers in the rear of combat areas.

Army to Re-examine LS Men

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15—The Army will re-examine all enlisted men designated for limited service and whose records show they cannot meet general service requirements, it was announced here. Those who do not meet minimum standards for induction will be discharged, except for those men physically qualified to perform present duties and whose commanders want them.

Legion's Ranks Swell

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 15—American Legion enrolment has reached a record high of 1,136,290, and is expected to climb to 1,500,000 before the end of the year. Thousands of soldiers and sailors of this war, discharged because of wounds or disabilities, have joined.

Liquor Rationing in Michigan

LANSING, Mich., Aug. 15—Rationing of liquor will begin in Michigan Aug. 19. Under the new system bottled liquor may be sold only to holders of permit cards, of which 1,218,000 have been issued.

Occupied Countries Stamp

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (AP)—President Roosevelt purchased for his collection a sheet of the new five-cent stamps of the "Overrun Countries" series at a ceremony attended by Hugues Le Gallais, Minister from Luxembourg, one of the nations honored by the stamp.

Errol Flynn Angered By Marriage Reports

ACAPULCO, Mexico, Aug. 15 (UP)—"I have yet to meet the girl I am going to marry," Errol Flynn angrily said here, denying reports that he had married 19-year-old Nora Eddington.

He admitted that he was "going around" with the girl but insisted that it was nothing serious.

Miss Eddington worked in a cigar store near the court in which Flynn was tried last August on the charge of statutory rape.

Mrs. Dorsey Says Dogs Didn't Ruin Rugs, etc.

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 15—Mrs. Jimmy Dorsey, wife of the swing band leader, offered in Superior Court to bring her three dogs—two cocker spaniels and one "plain every day dog"—to court to prove to the court that they were perfectly well mannered indoors.

Mrs. Dorsey was the defendant in a suit for \$4,070 brought by her landlady who claimed that the Dorsey dogs damaged rugs, furniture and drapes. Judge Myron Westover said that Mrs. Dorsey's offer was unusual and took it under advisement.

The band leader's wife admitted that she and her husband had broken some things in the house. "But my dogs, oh no, never," she said.

Africa Battlefield Scrap Comes Back as Ballast

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15—American merchant ships which used to discharge their cargo in England or Africa and return with sand or gravel ballast in their holds soon will carry scrap from the battlefields of North Africa home to the waiting war industries, according to the War Shipping Administration.

Unloading of thousands of tons of Axis tanks, trucks and planes wrecked in the North African battles has already begun as the first act in a gigantic salvage program recently inaugurated by the Army Services forces. Ten liberty ships and freighters were used to bring home the first consignment.

Bread-Eating Encouraged

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15—Because the War Food Administration wants people to eat more bread, the Office of Price Administration has increased by 40 per cent the allotment of sugar for jam and jelly manufacturers. This gives the people something besides precious butter to spread on their bread. The OPA announced it would also issue an order releasing more frozen fruits for jams, jellies and preserves.

U.S. Conducting Largest 'School'

Army and Navy Training Fitting Men for Many Civilian Jobs

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15—A vocational training program, called the largest adult school system in the world, is fitting thousands of soldiers and sailors for civilian jobs upon their discharge from the services, the Office of War Information reported today.

One out of every three Army and Navy jobs, according to an OWI survey, is practically identical with a civilian job, and many of the other military duties develop skills used in civilian tasks.

When the time comes for demobilization, both the Army and Navy will have their personnel specialists ready to help employers get the men they need and to place the men into the jobs they can fill best, the report said.

The period between the end of the war and total demobilization will be partly occupied by a program toward completing the education and training for such jobs.

Longer Service Required For Officers' Promotions

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (UP)—The rapid approach toward the Army's present goals in numbers of commissioned officers is reflected in a War Department order lengthening the service required for promotions to colonel and lieutenant colonel.

One year's service as a lieutenant colonel now is required for temporary promotion to colonel. Majors must serve nine months before promotion to lieutenant colonel. Previously six months' service sufficed in both cases.

The order was preceded by an increase from three months to six in the length of service in grade required by the Army Air Corps to make an officer eligible for promotion, except for second lieutenants, where no service is required.

In the Army, six months' service in grade is required, now the same as the Air Corps, to become eligible for promotion, except for second lieutenants, where three months' field duty will do.

Major War Developments Are Near, Roosevelt Says

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15—The United Nations are standing on the threshold of major developments in the war, President Franklin Roosevelt said yesterday on the second anniversary of the Atlantic Charter.

"We are determined," he said, "to gain total victory over our enemies, and we recognize that our enemies are not only Germany, Italy and Japan; they are all the forces of oppression, intolerance, insecurity and injustice which have impeded the forward march of civilization."

Apple Crop Threatened

GROTON, Mass., Aug. 15—Members of the Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association are deeply concerned over the labor shortage because there is not enough help to harvest the \$5,000,000 apple crop in the Nashoba Valley.

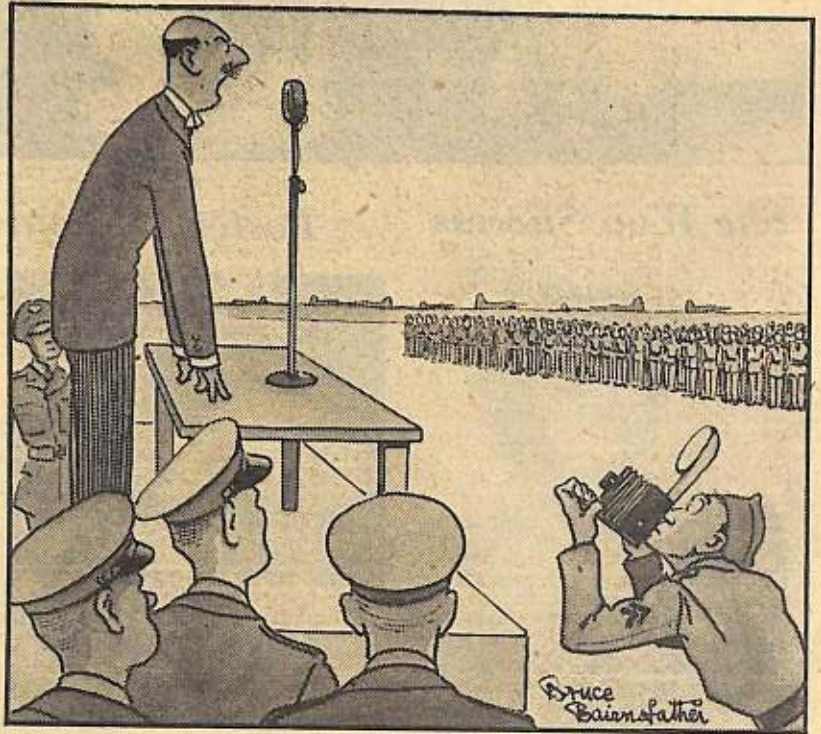
Willkie Says Republicans Can Win 1944 Election

RUSHVILLE, Ind., Aug. 15 (UP)—Wendell Willkie believes the Republicans can win the 1944 presidential election if they eliminate what he calls objectionable symbols to gain the people's confidence.

The 1940 Republican presidential candidate said in a speech here that he would not run again except on a platform based on liberal, progressive ideas, and one which listed international cooperation as one of its major planks.

Liquor Rationing Spreads

BOSIE, Idaho, Aug. 15—Idaho has joined the lengthening list of States rationing liquor. Each adult may have one pint of whiskey, gin, rum, brandy or cordial and one quart of sweet wine a week if he has his liquor permit and proper identification.



"And I can so clearly see, in every one of your faces, that look of invincible determination without which we, etc., etc."

Diane



By Jean Baird

Male Call



By Milton Caniff

Blondie

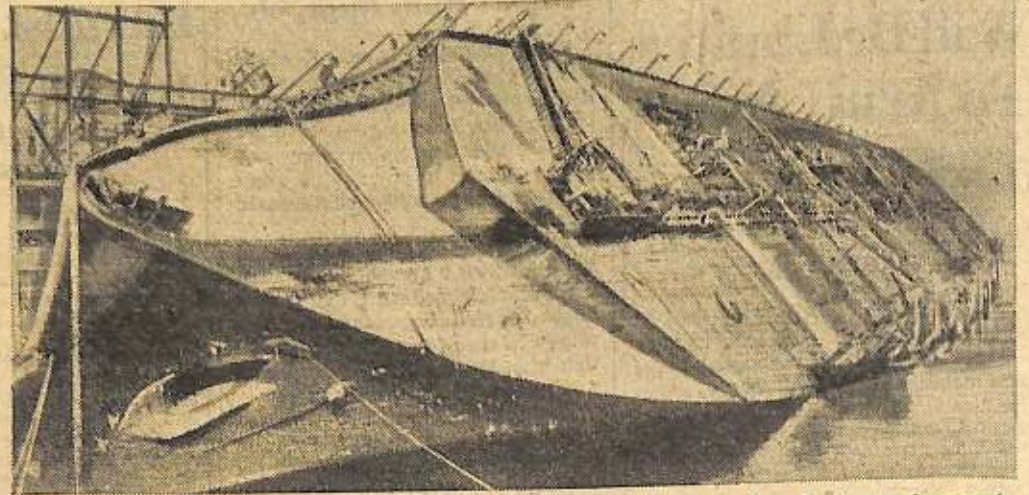
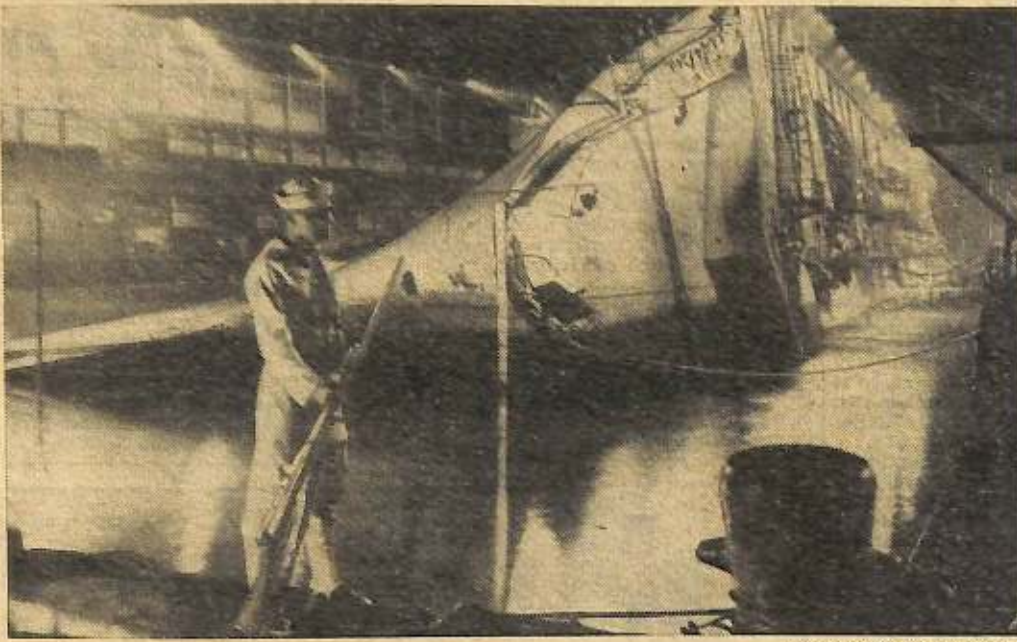


By Chic Young



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Resurrection of the Lafayette from Its Muddy Hudson River Grave



In the greatest salvage task in maritime history, the giant 83,423-ton liner Lafayette last week was dislodged from the mud of Hudson River to an almost upright position. In the picture above, radioed to London, the former Normandie is shown at an angle of 50 degrees. Day and night for months U.S. salvage experts (left) swarmed over the rusty hull, removing its superstructure, sealing ports and closing hatches, making ready for the refloating task. When the job is completed she will be refitted as a U.S. Navy troop transport.

Keystone and Flanet Photos

She Won Success



Keystone Photo

Evelyn Keyes, owner of these lovely legs, took a chance on the standard three-step pattern for success and won. First she was discovered by a talent scout; second, sent to Hollywood, where she posed for publicity photos; third, she met and won a producer's favor—and a fat contract.

WAVE Rubs Down Sailor



Stepping in to free a sailor for sea duty, WAVE Adele Miller, of Los Angeles, Cal., takes over duties at a Naval Medical Center and gives a weary sailor a rub down.

Associated Press Photo

Poster Welcomes Yanks in Sicily



OWI Photo

This poster, which speaks for itself, is evidence of the warm welcome most of the Allied invaders of Sicily have been getting. Pfc Frank Wilson reads the sign after his tank unit had captured the town.

Yank Meets Family in Sicily



OWI Photo

Cpl. Salvatore DiMarco, who left his Sicilian home when he was 15, returned home last week riding in a jeep of the U.S. Seventh Army. Here, DiMarco is shown hugging his sister, while his father and mother look on outside the door of his house in Mezzojusto.

Soldiers Show LeRoy a GI Routine



Stars and Stripes Photo

Hal LeRoy, stage and screen star touring the ETO with a USO-Camp show, gets a few pointers on a GI dance routine from Pvt. Homer Keith, of Dahlonga, Ga., and T/Sgt. Robert Paschol, of Birmingham, Ala.

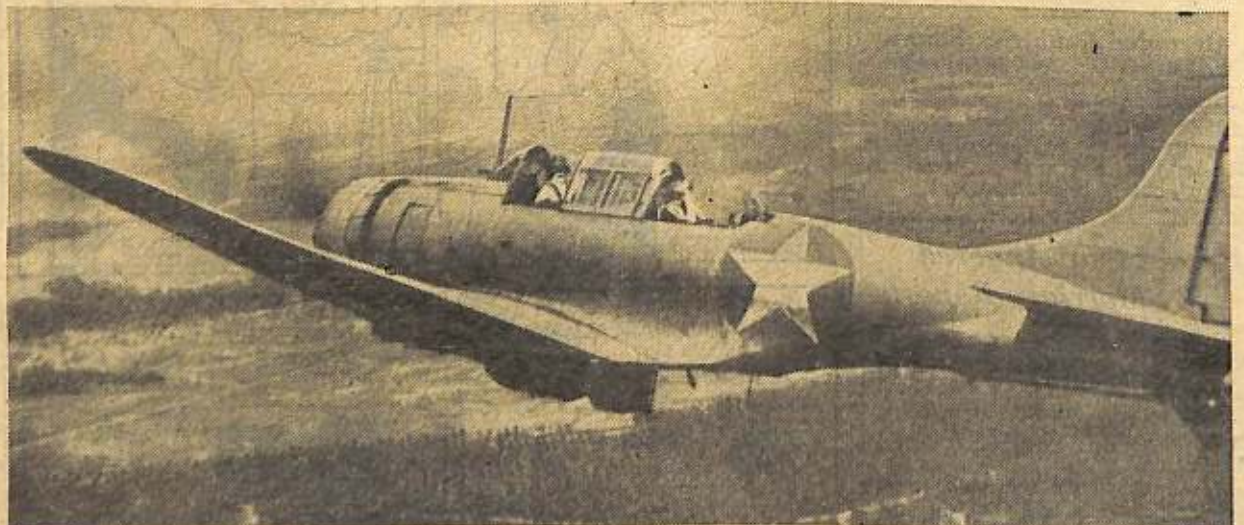
Papuan Manpower Plus U.S. Air Power



Keystone Photo

Papuan natives of New Guinea unload supplies for Allied fighting men from a C47 transport plane which has ferried the material over jungle and mountain. These natives will carry the stuff the rest of the way to Allied camps.

U.S. Dive-Bomber Begins a 'Milk-Wagon Run'



Flanet Photo

A U.S. Marine dive-bomber, loaded with devastation for the Japanese, circles Henderson airport on Guadalcanal before heading for Jap bases in New Georgia. Solomon-bombing missions, because they are made with such regularity, are called the "Milk Wagon runs" by pilots in this theater.