14 Nazi Airdromes Blasted by USAAF, RAF



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Italy Tense as Sicily End Nears

Air Assaults Hit Defenses **ForInvasion**

Fields in France, Holland Battered; P47s Get 17 in One Day

The Eighth Air Force hurled Flying Fortresses, Marauder mediums and Thunderbolt fighters across the Channel yesterday in the second straight day of Allied blitz on the Germans' air strength in the occupied countries

The raids, third day of attack for the Forts this month, marked the last day of Eighth Bomber Command's first year of operations. Today is the anniversary of the Aug. 17, 1942, raid on Rouen, France, by 12 Flying Fortresses.

Six Luftwaffe installations were hammered by heavy, medium and fighter-bombers yesterday, bringing the two-day total to 14 as the RAF sent swarms of Typhoons and Spitfires to join the battle.

Allied fighters and bombers were shuttling over the Channel from early morning through evening duck exercise.

morning through evening dusk, carrying through its second day the newest nonstop offensive.

Yesterday's attacks, all concentrated on Nazi fields in France, cost three heavy bombers, one fighter-bomber and eight

Destroyed in bitter day-long combats above the Channel and over France itself were approximately 40 enemy fighters— more than 20 by the bombers, 17 by USAAF Thunderbolts and two by Spit-

One Bomber, One Fighter Lost

Sunday's box score, which showed USAAF attacks on eight enemy airdromes in France and Holland, cost one heavy bomber and one fighter, with eight enemy fighters shot down by the Forts, three

Crewmen came jubilantly home from both days of raiding to report hits on every target.

As the last of the day bombers were sprinting home from alien skies, heavy bombers of the RAF roared out from Britain to the continent.

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Fortress targets in the most sustained drive yet aimed specifically at the Luftwaffe's striking power and bases included Poix, Amiens, Vitry en Artois, Lille and Merville, in France, and Vlissinger, Holland, on Sunday, and Le Bourget, Poix and Abbeville yesterday.

The Marauders struck at St. Omer and Abbeville, including the railroad yards there on Sunday, and at the Bernay air.

there, on Sunday, and at the Bernay air-field yesterday. Typhoon fighter-bombers hit the fields at Tricqueville and Amiens-Glisy yesterday, Sunday's Fortress raids were the latest

daylight blows ever delivered by the Eighth Air Force, with the bombers coming home to make their first operational after-dark

Yesterday's big blow was at Le Bourget, (Continued on page 4)

German Flak Destroys Attacking Nazi Fighter

By S Sgt. George A. Good

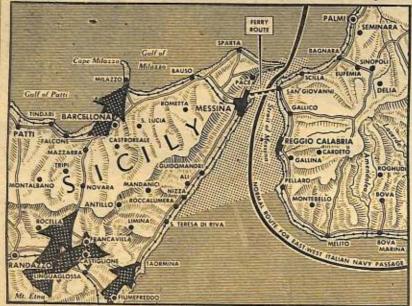
The prettiest thing I ever saw in my life happened the other day while we were coming back from a mission over Germany.

A Nazi fighter plane was blown up by Nazi flak. It was really something

to see. I recognized the fighter at 1,000 yards. He kept coming in for our nose. There I was behind my gun but I couldn't shoot. He was too high. From my ball turret position I would have shot through our own prop. So in those seconds, I sat and watched and prayed a little, I guess, as he kept coming on in. Then, just as he was about to shoot and wing over, a big burst of flak caught him right in the middle and blew him straight

That's the only piece of good German flak I've ever seen.

Allied Guns Cast Shadow on Italy



artillery yesterday as the Allies pursued fleeing Axis troops to Milazzo and Taormina. Meanwhile, the USAAF and RAF were striking at vital points along the coastal railways on the "toe" of Italy-overland escape route for the Axis forces heading for

YanksWhoWent'OvertheHill ToCanadaReinstated byArmy

Scores of young Americans who took "French leave" from the U.S. army before Pearl Harbor and joined the Canadian army "to get into the war" have been "restored to duty" in London without court-martials.

They have been coming back from the Canadian ranks for almost a year, ever since the Army Regulation permitting their return was published, and have been given their old serial numbers. The American army is taking them back not welcoming them back. The attitude

> to allow their return, nothing more. They number more than 75, mostly tough

Six U.S. Naval Vessels Lost

Maddox. The destroyer and three other ships were sunk in the Mediterranean

during the Sicilian operation, the com-

munique said.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (UP)-The

3 Red Columns Near Bryansk

Russian DriveonKharkov Meets Stiffening Nazi Opposition

MOSCOW, Aug. 16 (UP)—The battle for Bryansk, one of the three biggest Ger-man bastions on the Russian front, has begun, according to the latest reports reaching Moscow.

Around Kharkov, where the Russians earlier were reported to be storming the gates of the city, German resistance has stiffened greatly and the Red Army's progress has become steadily more difficult because of increasingly heavy German increasingly

A communique tonight said Russian

roops had advanced another five to nine miles in the direction of Briansk, occupying more than 130 inhabited localities. In the Spas-Demiansk area, southeast of Smolensk, Soviet forces advanced five to eight miles. In the Kharkov area,

to eight miles. In the Kharkov area, fierce Nazi counter-attacks were repulsed, the communique said.

The battle of the Ukraine is developing on an unparalleled scale over hundreds of square miles, with thousands of heavy Russian guns in action day and night in what are probably the most intensive artillery actions since the war began.

Russian troops advancing on the

Russian troops advancing on the Bryansk front today occupied another 20 inhabited localities and captured three strategically important heights. With three spearheads converging on Bryansk, the Reds have reached a point about 19 miles from the city after capturing Karachev and smashing the Germans back across the Szezhet River.

The three drives are being made from the northeast along the Moscow-Bryansk railroad, from the north along the Vyazma-Bryansk railroad, and from the southeast towards the Bryansk-Kharkov

John L. Lewis Accused Of Wasting Gas for Trip

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (UP)—A Washington gasoline rationing board has been asked to investigate complaints that John L. Lewis, U.S. mine leader, was allowed to drive from Washington to Springfield, Ill., "to see his mother."

This was admitted by the director of the local branch of the OPA in Springfield.

Lewis has refused to comment on the



The ferry route between Messina and Italy came within range of U.S. and British

Milan Leveled, Thousands Flee

Milan, biggest industrial city in northern Italy, was reduced almost to a heap of rubble, like Hamburg in Germany, early yesterday morning by the third consecutive night bombing

by Britain-based RAF bombers.

The city's population was virtually in a state of revolution, according to reports reaching Switzerland. Thousands of people demonstrated for peace in the streets, and throngs were fleeing to the country in defiance of a government order forbidding evacuation. is that nothing condones desertion, the circumstances are just mitigative enough of U.S. army camps while the soldiers of the Allies were fighting overseas. They went over the hill to Canada and some of them died at Dieppe.

forbidding evacuation.

The RAF bombers smashed the city in successive waves for an hour and 40 minutes early yesterday in bright moon-light. It was Milan's longest raid and the Italian communique conceded that "very grave damage" was done, in spite of violent anti-aircraft fire. Ten bombers were lost.

Latest absentee to come back, and-typical of most of them, is 22-year-old "Pvt. X," of Chicago, inducted March 5, 1941, who took off from Camp Forrest, Tenn., July 30, and joined the Canadians More than 100 two-ton blockbusters were dropped on Milan's railways and industries in the latest attack, the Air Ministry announced. Fires started 24 hours earlier were still burning when the first bombers arrived and, in addition, an extraordinarily bright moon made visibility "as good as our crews have ever known it," the report added. Flak, although stronger than before, was "by no means severe."

Photographs taken at midday Sunday loss of six U.S. naval vessels was an-nounced in a Navy Department com-munique today. The ships lost include the submarine Pickerel and the destroyer

Photographs taken at midday Sunday showed three oil fires burning in a fac-(Continued on page 4)

Contact With Swiss Cut as RAF Leaves Milan Flaming Ruin

'End of Campaign in Sight,' HQ Declares As Americans and British Sweep On And Planes Pound Beaches

With the Battle of Sicily virtually over and thousands of persons clamoring for peace in bomb-leveled Milan after a third consecutive night bombing, there was strong evidence throughout yesterday that big events were stirring inside Italy.

Telephone and telegraph communications between Italy and Switzerland, which remained open even through the events following Mussolini's downfall, were cut early in the morning. Rome radio's transmissions departed mysteriously from its normal routine, omitting the 5 PM news bulletins and broadcasting nothing except music and one statement in Maltese from 1 PM to late last night.

Unconfirmed Quebec reports said the U.S. and Great Britain had decided to reject the declaration of Rome as an open city unless Badoglio accepts the Allied demand for unconditional surrender. Whether this news had reached Rome through the Vatican was not known, but significantly informed circles in Berne received reports that Badoglio was swiftly carrying out the conditions necessary to make the capital immune from attack.

Messina Within Artillery Range

Smashing through German rearguards in the most spectacular advances made in Sicily in weeks, American Seventh Army troops swept into the outskirts of Milazzo and Taormina and Castiglione yesterday, bringing the Axis escape port of Messina at last within reach of Allied long-range artillery.

Long-range coastal guns on the Italian mainland began a giant duel with the British across the Messina Straits late yesterday in a desperate effort to hold off the advancing Eighth Army now four miles north of Taormina, on the east coast, within 18 miles of Messina.

Increasing Allied pressure, speeding up the Axis retreat on all sectors, destroyed the Germans' last chances of clinging to their dwindling bridgehead and led officers at Allied headquarters to declare, a little solemnly, that "the end of the Sicilian campaign is now at hand."

Allied air forces immediately turned the might of their bombs against southern Italy, ripping a trail of destruction from the "toe" northward 300 miles to Viterbo-a non-stop offensive from dawn pite of ack-ack comparable only to the Ruhr, explosives rained down on the Messina beaches, barges and

Many Germans Escaping

Air officers conceded that the Germans were succeeding in evacuating many of their troops—the crossing takes only 15 minutes and the small evacuation craft in use are needle-in-the-haystack targets for Allied bombers, especially at night, Nevertheless, an RAF senior officer said, "We have made quite a hole in Jerry's

fleet."
The Americans, who raced forward more than 12 miles into Milazzo, the coast town 16 miles from Messina, north coast town 16 miles from Messina, seized a port the Germans had found useful for evacuating heavy equipment and beaches suitable for small craft.

Prisoners were being rounded up too fast to count but the booty in U.S. hands now includes 293 75-mm. guns, some larger rifles and 188 tanks of all british fliers returning to North African

bases brought the first word of Taor-mina's capture after weeks of shelling from the sea. They reported Eighth Army motorized units moving into the

(Continued on page 4)

Launch New U.S. Cruiser, First of Larger Class

CAMDEN, N.J., Aug. 16 (AP)—The cruiser Alaska, first of a new type, was launched at the yards of the New York Shipbuilding Corp. yesterday.

No official statistics of the size, tonnage or armaments of the vessel were released. The U.S. Navy department said she was larger than the present 10,000-ton cruisers with their eight-inch guns but smaller than a battleship.

Messina-30 Miles Away



Stopping outside Brolo, a small village on the northern coast of Sicily only 30 mifes from Messina, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Seventh Army commander, gets first-hand information on the second American landing behind enemy lines from Lt. Col. Lyle W. Bernard, of Highland Falls, N.Y., who figured prominently in the daring expedition which was executed last week.

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Excellent Timing

A raid, 2,500 miles round trip, probably the longest yet carried out by any bombers anywhere in this war, was made when Australian-based Liberators of the U.S. Army Air Force struck the Japaneseoccupied oil center at Balikpapan on the west coast of Borneo.

The weight of bombs carried was not heavy; but two refineries, seven huge oil tanks and a tanker anchored in the harbor were destroyed.

Most important, however, was the demonstrated fact that Japan's main oilfields are now within range of our heavy bombers, especially those fields most economical for the supply of fuel to the battlefields of the Southwest Pacific.

Japan started this war with limited reserves and counted on securing needed war supplies by military conquest. Early victories in the South Pacific seemed to verify the wisdom of her course, for although oil wells taken from the Dutch were destroyed by retreating troops, Japan was able to restore the wells and rebuild the refineries.

Now, just as the Nips get ready to cash in on the military conquest of an oil supply, Liberators have destroyed the fruits of victory and blasted Nipponese plans into a cocked hat.

The timing was excellent.

Service Ribbon Rules

The War Department has released new rules on wearing the foreign theater service ribbons.

The first rule covers two of these decorations, the ribbons for the European-African-Middle Eastern theater and for the Asiatic-Pacific theater. Any GI who was permanently assigned to duty in either one of these areas can sport the proper ribbon. But there are plenty of Yanks who are on temporary duty in various hot spots, and they can get the ribbons, too. There are two ways they can do this: One is to serve for more than 30 days in a row in either of these theaters. The other is to get into actual combat with the enemy. Your combat record must be proved. You've got to show either a combat decoration or a certificate from a high-ranking officer which states you were in there mixing it up with the enemy.

And there's one more ribbon. This is the American theater ribbon, for service in the area around home but outside the continental limits of the United States. You can wear it if you tangle in actual combat, under the same rules for combat mentioned before. There are other ways to pick up this baby rainbow. Those are to be a member of the crew of a ship or a plane for more than 30 days in a row, if the ship or plane makes frequent trips over or through ocean waters beyond the U.S.A. It doesn't matter if the boat or aircraft is based in the United States, so long as you travel out over the ocean beyond the continental limits. And to top off the rules, you can't wear two ribbons for service in the same theater. Doubling up doesn't go.

Freedom and Education

Three thousand students have arrived in Free China since last January from the occupied areas, bringing the total of students evacuated from Japanese-held territory and now studying in Free China schools to 30,000, according to a spokesman of the relief committee for students from the occupied areas.

The spokesman also reported that nearly one-sixth of the 3,000 had come from middle schools in the occupied areas, while the rest were college students. Women students numbered approximately one-fourth of the total. One of the principal factors, the spokesman emphasized, which led the students to trek through the most difficult territory in China was their strong belief the Japs would soon be de-feated and China entirely restored to the National Government,

Chinese students who arrive from occupied China are required to take a special examination, according to their respec-tive academic standing, and are then assigned to different institutions of learning maintained by the Free Chinese government which expects to build a new China after the war, led by men and women educated, in part, during the present bloody struggle:

Hash Marks

Someone just asked us if the green in the ETO ribbon was for brussels sprouts. How green was my ribbon?

Gls Harold and Gerald Kenny, identical twins, have a lot of fun fooling people. When one is confined to camp, MPs are never quite sure which one is stepping out—and girl friends are never quite sure which one is showing up.

We've often wondered if blood transfusions had any undue effect on the per-sons taking in the new corpuscles. Pvt.



Bradley Crawford, of a coast artillery outfit on the Pacific coast, says it has—and that GI blood is powerful stuff. A physician appealed to Crawford's outfit for blood appealed to Crawford's outfit. for blood donors to save a young girl's life. The girl quickly recovered, but shortly afterward her parents returned home to find her missing. She was discovered rolling the galloping dominos in a hot crap game—and cleaning up. a hot crap game-and cleaning up.

At least the younger generation has plenty of faith in this man's army. In Gastonia, N.C., a Pfc was accosted by a beaming youngster who asked for his autograph. Strangely enough, the Pfc was a modest lad who gulped, "You don't want my autograph, I ain't done nothing great." "Maybe so," said the kid, "but there's always a chance you'll win the Congressional Medal of Honor."

Here's a kid's dream come true. The manpower shortage is causing circuses to hire kids as roustabouts. So there's no more sneaking in under the tent; the kids work a while and see the big show for

Excitement on the home front. In Brooklyn, where anything is liable to happen and usually does, a Fulton street trolley went out of control. Before the motorman could run alongside and disconnect the trolley pole, the car had smashed into a moving van, a light truck and a coupe, injuring 15.

Even the cows back home are feeling the effects of the increased tempo of war-time living. At least that's what we are



bovine. Bossy escaped from the stock-yards, bowled over a cop, scared some gals, and wound up grazing on the lawn of former Gov. Harold Stassen's home. Cops helped cut down the beef shortage with

PRIVATE BREGER

Put 'Solved' to Air Problem By Bud Hutton Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

After 82 Raids, Forts

A year ago today, 12 Flying Fortresses lifted from an airdrome in Britain and set out for France on the beginning of an experiment.

Against the consensus of a great many Allied—and even some American—military experts, the 12 B17s were out to establish the first premise of an aerial equation: Given—daylight, a target, bombers designed for the job and crewmen who knew how to fly them. To find—could the bromide phrase, "high altitude, daylight precision bombing," be fulfilled?

Vesterday 82 raids 15 722 34 tons Against the consensus of a great many

Yesterday, 82 raids, 15,722.34 tons of bombs and one year later, the answer was precisely what it was in the dusk of that first day of all-American raiding:

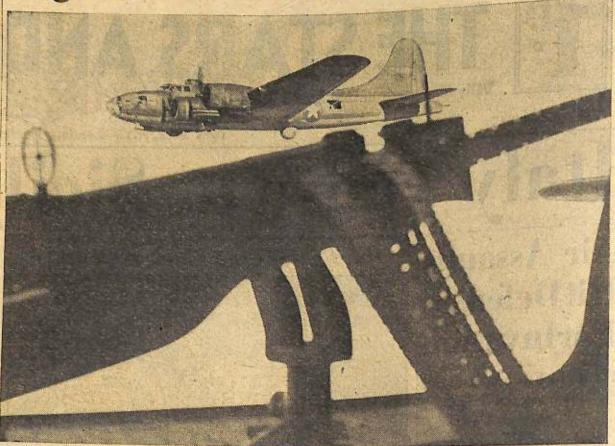
Light Fighter Opposition

On that first raid, 120-odd American airmen flew out to Rouen, railway and communications center in northern France. They all came back. The bombs were on or near the target. Provisionally, they had established that good planes, in good weather, could go out and bomb accurately in daylight. There was only one catch: Just three enemy fighters had gotten through a protecting screen of Spitfires to the Forts. One of them was "damaged."

The B17s had not been subjected to a mass attack by determined fighter pilots. Their defensive power was unknown. If they were to bomb, and do it accurately, in daylight, they had to have defensive

Given — .50 cal. machine-guns, 13 of sem. To find—Could U.S. bombers them.

EighthAirForceIsYearOldToday



Across an alien sky the Fortresses go out to attack in tight formation, daring Nazi interceptors to come within range of the .50 cal. machine-guns which loom so large in the fulfilment of "high altitude, daylight precision bombing."

Definitely destroyed in that year were 1,728 German fighters, with 671 probably destroyed and 870 damaged.

Bombed—accurately and with growing weight—were targets in France, Holland, Releasing Germany and Narway. Fighty.

Belgium, Germany and Norway. Eighty-eight targets were attacked in France, 36 in Germany, 17 in Belgium, Holland and Norway, totals which include repeat visits to the same target as an additional target

hit.

Thus, in the cold statistics at Eighth Bomber headquarters, in the thickening black of an unemotional graph, is the answer to the second equation: Could the heavies' .50 cal. guns beat off the Luftwaffe and give pilots and bombardiers a clean shot at the target?

The fighters were beaten off, the bombers got through.

Brig. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, Eighth Bomber chief, sums it up this way:

way: "During its first year in combat, the Eighth Bomber Command has proved

to destroy their objectives by accurate concentration of bombs from high alti-

"(2) The ability of our formations to penetrate at will to the heart of Germany in daylight; and
"(3) The defensive power of the American heavy bombers against the strongest

Axis fighter opposition in this global air

Everyone Agrees

The strong part of the position is that virtually everyone in the business of bombing agrees with that. A year ago they didn't.

they didn't.

In those August days of 1942, when the numerically puny Eighth Air Force was starting out on what it now can afford to call its "great military experiment," a good many people who were supposed to know based their evaluations of the B17 Fortress on the B17C airplanes sent to the RAF long before the white star of the USAAF was known here.

The B47C or Fortress Locathe B47C

USAAF was known here.

The B17C, or Fortress I as the RAF called it, was not a very good airplane, The RAF sent it to Brest to bomb the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau. With its seven guns (five of them .30 cal.) and no tail turret, it didn't do very well. The RAF sent it to Oslo. It didn't do very well there, either. So the RAF called for waivers and sent the B17C to the bushes, to Coastal Command.

A lot of folks wrote a lot of power pieces decrying the B17. Very probably Hermann Goering and a lot of Luftwaffe brass sat back and beamed with satisfaction.

So the war went on, and finally the war came to Aug. 17, 1942, and a dozen Flying Fortresses went out to Rouen.

Flying Fortresses. B17s. But there in small print, it said these were B17Es. The B17C had become the B17E and B17F.

Changes in Forts

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There had been some changes made, and those changes—power turrets, 13.50 cal. guns, engines and design modifications—formed the basis for Gen. Anderson's statement yesterday.

In that year the Eighth Air Force has grown from a unit capable of carrying 170 tons of bombs to the enemy in eight raids (and shooting down two enemy fighters in the process) to an organization which in July of this year toted some 3,600 tons of bombs to almost every corner of the Nazis' European lebensraum in nine raids.

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That first month of bombing didn't That first month of bombing didn't cost a plane; last month's cost 108. There isn't a man in the Air Force who will argue with you about the statement that last month's attack was a good deal more than 108 times as effective as the first month's.

beat off the 20mm, cannon and 13mm.

Machine-guns of the Luftwaffe fighters?

As of midnight, Aug. 15, 1943, 419

Eighth Air Force heavy bombers were reported missing on 82 missions.

Definitely destroyed in that year were 1,728 German fighters, with 671 probably destroyed and 870 damesed. came home.

Next month—it is no secret—they are going to do the same thing; but more. And the month after that. And the month after that. And as many more months as are necessary.

All of which will take more than Fortresses. It will take Liberators— which for one reason and another, mostly which for one reason and another, mostly a matter of numbers, haven't had the work to do and the glory to win which have been the lot of the B17s. It also will take medium bombers and fighters and ground crew men and intelligence officers. A year after they went to work Eighth Air Force chiefs think they have all of these and are going to have a lot more.

Fighter Command Victory

Fighter Command's operations, for instance, have brought a distinct victory in a comparatively small way. Ninety-nine enemy fighters certainly destroyed, 28 probably and 59 damaged at a cost of 38 U.S. fighters.

The most important thing about Fighter Command's score, however, is that it is an index of things to come.

The P47 Thunderbolt can hold its own and more against the Me109G and the FW190A1.

FW190A1,

This theory was clinched on July 30 when P47s engaged in one of the greatest aerial dog-fights of the war.

They caught the Luftwaffe unawares by going all the way to Germany and shot down 25 Me109s and FW190s.

The medium bombers of Eighth Air Support Command only recently have begun a stepped-up program. The first use of the mediums was on May 14, 1943, when, as a unit of Eighth Bomber Command, they made a low level attack through heavy concentration of anti-aircraft fire at Ijmuiden, Holland. After one more low level attack, at a cost of ten planes, the mediums were transferred to the Air Support Command under Brig. Gen. Robert C. Candee, who announced that a continuous series of attacks would be made. that a continuous series of attacks would

11 Raids in Ten Days

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The first raid under new management was on July 16 against the railroad marshalling yards at Abbeville. The "continuous attacks" promised by Gen. Candee started on July 25. Coke ovens at Ghent and Zeebrugge, and airfields at St. Omer, Tricqueville, Woensdrecht, Abbeville, Merville and La Trait were bombed during I1 missions in ten days, and with the loss of only two bombers.

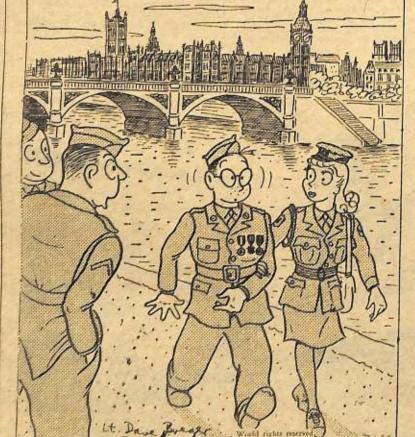
Behind Bomber, Support and Fighter Commands, Eighth Service Command supplies bombs and machine-gun bullets, flying clothes and the new type of noze gun it developed in this theater. It modifies planes and makes repairs too big for the regular maintenance crews. It takes mobile repair units to Fortresses that have belly-landed in a farmer's oat field and fixes them up.

Air, Corps supply is handled by Service Command, and that means everything from a tiny screw to a B17. It conducts 85 schools for the training of personnel—operates rest homes—an airline of its own—a thousand different things that most men hever think of.

There are more men in Service Command.

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"Charlie says not to forget he wants his medals back by ten o'clock!"

Eight Squads Survive First Flier Playoffs

FighterThunderboltsStop Bomber Commandos In Feature Tilt

By John Cowman

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Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent
EIGHTH AIR FORCE HQ., Aug. 16
—Amid strong competition, in which four runs was the biggest lead of any one team, eight squads survived the first-day eliminations of the Eighth Air Force softball tournament being held here today and tomorrow to decide the Air Force representatives in the ETO softball championships to be held in London Sept. 9 and 10. In what was the outstanding contest of the afternoon, the Bomber Commandos were stopped by the Fighter Thunderbolts, 11—9, in an extra-inning thriller. Pfc Kenneth Hall, of South Bend, Ind., who relieved Sgt. Joe Dupilka, of Flint, Mich., got credit for the win, both allowing the Bombers ten hits while their teammates collected the same number. Cpl. Judson Moss, of Houston, Tex., got a circuit blow in the first, and Sgt. Rex Von Ahn, of Sac City, Iowa, got one in the fourth.

Three Bomber Outfits Win

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The Bomber Unknowns collected seven hits to squeeze out the Ordnance Wolves 2—0, the Wolves getting three safeties. In the afternoon's upset the Bomber Command Liberator team defeated the muchheralded Air Support Exhaust Stacks, 5—1. The Service Command Reds were outplayed and outhit by the Bomber D team, who won out, 6—3.

Cpl. Tom Rosenberg, of Cut Bank, Mont., hurler for the Service Command Yellowjackets, kept the Bomber E batters taffled most of the afternoon, and chalked up four strikeouts as he turned in a five-hit, 3—2 victory, while pitching to Cpl. John Williams, of Medford, Mass. In an easy victory, the Fighter Comets clipped the Service Command Blues, 8—5. Behind the pitching of Sgt. Gerald Du-Behind the pitching of Sgt. Gerald Dupuis, of Saganaw, Mich., the Lightnings took a 2—1 thriller over the Fighter AAAs. Completing the winning battery was Sgt. Leonard Walls, of Fairmont,

In the final game of the preliminaries, the Air Support squad clipped the — Fighter Station Eagles, 4—3.

Dodgers Trade Melton, Orengo

BROOKLYN, Aug. 16—Branch Rickey, Dodger president, continued his rebuilding of the Dodgers yesterday, tradorengo to the St. Paul Saints, of the American Association, and an estimated \$40,000 for First Baseman Howard

Schultz.

Rickey said, "This is not an ordinary deal, it's a big deal involving a lot of money. Schultz is a fast runner, and a powerful hitter. After my recent visit to St. Louis, I went to St. Paul and watched him play several games."

Schultz, currently hitting .294, is 21 years old and six feet, six and one-half inches tall. Classified 4-F because of his height, he was expected to leave for New York last night. Leo Durocher says Schultz will enter the lineup as soon as he arrives. as he arrives.

Nebraska Gets Lewandowski

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 16—The University of Nebraska has named Lew Lewandowski as head football coach. He has been on the Cornhusker athletic staff for six years. Lewandowski such the control of the contr staff for six years. Lewandowski succeeds Lt. Glenn Presnell, who went to the North Carolina Navy Training School.

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Bambino's Clouts Put Scribe on Spot Cards, Dodgers,

Fans Set Him Right About Homer at Polo Grounds

By Caswell Adams

NEW YORK, Aug, 16-Oh my, what trouble. I can't even see Miss Duffy for the mail on my desk. And all because I stuck my nose in on an argument over whether Babe Ruth ever hit a home run into the center field bleachers at the Polo

All I did was print a bleat from Sgt. Jerry Lewis to the effect that Dick Maney

was completely daffo in even suggesting that Babe Ruth ever struck his prodigious wallop into the stands mentioned.

Then the deluge. Letters, postcards, telephone calls, all supporting the contention of Maney, some supporting their contentions with photographs.

Maney writes, "Sir, your reckless correspondent, Sgt. Jerry Lewis, who challenged my letter, wherein I said I'd seen Babe Ruth hit two home runs into center field bleachers at the Polo Grounds,



New York Times Photo

should be taken into protective custody until he regains his memory. "And Ford Frick, who told you he

completed tomorrow night

Air Support Nine Downs

Hornsey Red Sox, 11-1

TippyLarkin'sSuspension

Lifted by N.Y. Commission NEW YORK, Aug. 16—The New York State Athletic Commission has lifted the

State Athletic Commission has litted the brief suspension of Tippy Larkin on Tippy's promise to fight Ruby Garcia tomorrow at MacArthur Stadium. The original suspension was caused by Larkin's failure to appear at MacArthur Stadium last Tuesday.

The move by the commission makes possible Larkin's fight with Harry Teaney at Madison Square Garden on Friday.

Hit Two to Center Field Bleachers In Two Days

covered every game Ruth played at the Polo Grounds and 'never saw such a stunt,' should crawl under a pier and hide there for the duration. Headline, New York Times, June 14, 1921, reads, 'Babe makes history with drive into center field

"The Times reporter wrote in his story 'No other player has even threatened the mark which Ruth reached vesterday.' The historic hit was made off Howard Ehmke. The very next day, Ruth hit and the control of the contr even longer home run into center field sector off George Dauss. Ruth hit two homers in each of the games cited, the last off Dauss being his 23 of the season. He pitched four innings of the first game, then went to the outfield, when he was relieved by Carl Mays."

(Note to editor: Ruth was then pitching for New York Yankees. The Yankeeshadn't yet built the Yankee Stadium and were using the Polo Grounds for home

Panthers and Pelicans Advance ToBristolSoftballSemi-Finals

By Paul Lange Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BRISTOL, Aug. 16-Two semi-finalists have been determined in the softball tournament being staged here to decide the representative of the field forces for the ETO championship. They are the Panthers of the -Tank Destroyer unit and the Pelicans of the - Infantry. The other semifinalists will be chosen tonight. The remainder of the tourney will be completed tomorrow night
Pvt. John Gleason, of Kansas City, pitcher for the Eagles, of the — Field Artillery, suffered his first defeat in nine games when he was tripped by the Daredevils, of the — General Hospital, 7—1. Cpl. Jack Tafelski, of Dearborn, Mich., was the winning hurler. T/5 Vincent Caputo, of Midland, Pa., and T/5 Stanley Lewandowski, of Cleveland, homered for the winners. Pfc Henry Albright, of Lawrenceburg, Ind., had a perfect day at bat for the Eagles, getting three for three. In a game in which the lead changed four times, the Pelicans upset the highly touted Wolverines of the — Engineers, 7—6. S/Sgt. Willard Wizrberg, of Chicago, allowed but two hits. Pvt. Bill Alexander, of Steubensville, Ohio, hit for

Minor League

International League Sunday's Games ochester 9. Jersey City 3 (first game)
rsey City 14. Rochester 5 (second game)
ewark 8, Montreal 4 (first game)
outreal 1, Newark 0 (second game)
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Eastern League

Eastern League
Sunday's Games
Utica 9, Eimira 6 (first game)
Elmira 2, Utica 0 (second game)
Albany 3, Binghamton 2 (first game)
Binghamton 4, Albany 1 (second game)
Hartford 3, Wilkes-Barre 1 (first game)
Wilkes-Barre 5, Hartford 4 (second game)
Scranton 6, Springfield 5 (first game)
Scranton 2, Springfield 1 (second game)
Scranton 69 37 651 Wilkes-Ba'e 56 49
Elmira 59 48 551 Hartford 4 52 49
Albany 57 49 538 Utica 25 76

American Association

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Sunday's Games
Louisville 10, Milwaukee 1 (first game)
Louisville 2, Milwaukee 1 (second game)
Indianapolis 4, Kansas City 3 (first game)
Indianapolis 4, Kansas City 0 (second game)
Toledo 5, St. Paul 3 (first game)
Toledo 3, St. Paul 2 (second game)
Columbus 22, Minneapolis 5 (first game)
Columbus 25, Minneapolis 4 (second game)
W L Pet.
Milwaukee 63 48 .568 Louisville 54 55 .4
Columbus 63 50 .558 Minneapolis 53 60 .4
Indianapolis 59 50 .541 Kansas City 47 60 .4
Toledo 56 57 .496 St. Paul . 48 63 .4

Southern Association

Southern Association
Sunday's Games
Little Rock 2, Birmingham I (first game)
Little Rock 9, Birmingham I (first game)
Nashville 3, Montgomery 2, (first game)
Montgomery 3, Nashville 2 (second game)
New Orleans 8, Memphis 5 (first game)
New Orleans 8, Memphis 1 (second game)
New Orleans 3, Memphis 1 (second game)
Knoxville 6, Atlanta 4 (first game)
Knoxville 10, Atlanta 2 (second game)
W L Pet. W L
N, Orleans 27 16 .628 Little Rock 24 22
Knoxville 25 19 .568 Memphis 22 27
Montgomery 28 24 .538 Atlanta ... 19 28
Nashville 22 19 .537 Birmingham 15 27

Pacific Coast League

Pacific Coast League
Sunday's Games
San Diego 4, Los Angeles 1 (first game)
Los Angeles 1, San Diego 0 (second game)
Seattle 5, Oakland 2 (first game)
Oskland 3, Seattle 0 (second game)
San Francisco 9, Sacramento 7 (first game)
San Francisco 6, Sacramento 2 (second game)
Hollywood 7, Portland 6 (first game)
Hollywood 4, Portland 3 (second game)
Hollywood 4, Portland 3 (second game)
W L Pet.
Los Angeles 91 31 .746 Hollywood 56 67 .45
San F'cisco 77 44 .636 Oakland ...51 71 .418
Seattle ...63 58 .521 San Diego 51 72 .419
Portland ...61 60 .504 Sacramento 37 84 .306

Army Takes Over Aqueduct NEW YORK, Aug. 16—The Aqueduct race track will be taken over temporarily by the Army for a five-week period for the purpose of training troops. The track, however, will open on schedule for the fall meeting Labor Day.

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American League Sunday's Games

Sunday's Games

New York 7, Chicago 2 (first game)
Chicago 4, New York 3 (second game)
Cleveland 6, Washington 2 (first game)
Washington 4, Cleveland 0 (second game)
Detroit 5, Philadelphia 4 (first game, 11 innings)
Detroit 3, Philadelphia 2 (second game)
Boston 3, St. Louis 2 (first game)
Boston 4, St. Louis 0 (second game)
W L Pet, W L Pet,
New York 65 40 619 Detroit 54 50 519
Cleveland 55 49 529 Boston 52 55 486
Washington 58 52 527 St. Louis 45 59 433
Chicago 55 51 519 Philadelphia 40 67 370
Vectorday's Cames

Yesterday's Games

Washington at Cleveland New York at Chicago Boston at St. Louis Other teams not scheduled.

National League Sunday's Games

St. Louis 11, Brooklyn 3 (first game)
Brooklyn 4, St. Louis 3 (second game, 10 nnings)
Cincinnati 5: New York 4 (first game)
Cincinnati 6, New York 5 (second game)
Boston 5, Pitsburgh 1 (first game)
Pitsburgh 11, Boston 1 (second game)
Chicago 5, Philadelphia 2 (first game)
Chicago 3, Philadelphia 0 (second game)
W. L. Pet.
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W L Pet, W L St. Louis . 69 35 .663 Boston . 48 54 Chicago . 49 57 Pittsburgh . 57 50 .533 Philadelphia 50 60 Brooklyn . 55 53 .509 New York . 39 67

Yesterday's Schedule

Pittsburgh at Boston Cincinnati at New York Chicago at Philadelphia (night game) St. Louis at Brooklyn

Leading Hitters

American League

7-6. S/Sgt. Willard Wizrberg, of Chicago, allowed but two hits. Pvt. Bill Alexander, of Steubensville, Ohio, hit for the circuit for the losers.

Behind the one hit pitching of Sgt. Ernest Capito, of Roanoke, Va., the Cubs, of the — Anti-Aircraft unit, defeated the — MPs, 2-0. Pfc Luke Magliaro, of South Orange, N.J., connected for the only MP hit.

A four-run rally in the fourth inning helped the Panthers down the Leopards, of the — Meds, 6-2. T/5 Walter Wolgar of Detroit, was the winning pitcher, giving up only four hits. Pfc George Freeland, of Wilton Junction, Iowa, clouted a homer for the Leopards.

Neat teamwork helped the Panthers win their second game of the day at the expense of the Cavaliers of the — Cavalier, 7-2. M/Sgt. James H. Butcher, of Tacoma, Wash., hit a homer for the Panthers. Best hitter for the Cavaliers was Pitcher Louis Rosenblum, of Washington, who garnered a double and a single.

New York, 15; DiMaggio, Pittsburgh, 13.

Runs Batted In

American Lengue—Etten, New York, 80; York,
Detroit, 74; Johnson, New York, 70.
National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 85;
Elliott, Pittsburgh, 73; Herman, Brooklyn, 70.

READING, Aug. 16—The — Air Sup-port Station triumphed over the Hornsey Red Sox, of London, here yesterday, 11—1, Sgt. Willard Wood, of Poughkees-Hans Crescent Golfers 11-1, Sgt. Whilate wood, of ronginces-pie, N.Y., hurled a no-hit game before a crowd of 3,000 spectators who contri-buted over £80 to the American and British Red Cross in the first Anglo-

American baseball game played here.

The losers' only tally came in the second on two infield errors. Sgt. Tremmel, of Quanto, Tex., completed the battery for the fliers.

The Hans Crescent golf team, which had won nine, lost one and tied three, in 13 matches, lost its second match to the Muswell Hill team Sunday, 4—3, before more than 1,000 spectators.

Those playing on the American team were: Cpl. Rick Famlin, Delaware, Pa.; S/Sgt. John Vensburg, Chicago; Cpl. Stan Remsen, Long Island, N.Y.; Cpl. Dick Austin; Cpl. Don Piene, Springfield, Ill.; Sgt. Eli Thomas, Pittsburgh; Sgt. Walter Kupiec, Chicopee, Mass.; Pvt. Joe Doyle, Long Island, N.Y.; Cpl. Ed. Sullivan, Hartford, Conn.; Sgt. John Anderson, Beverly Hills, Cal.; Sgt. Bud Helmer, Lancaster, Pa.; Pvt. Sigmund Raymond, Rockaway, N.Y., and Pvt. Bruce Matthews, Newhaven, Conn.

Cornell Tops Penn State

ITHACA, N.Y., Aug. 16—The Cornell track team won its second victory of the summer, beating Penn State 93 and two-thirds to 37 and one-third.

Split; Cincinnati Wins Twin Bill

Yanks Down Chisox, 7-2, Then Lose, 4-3; Tigers Take 2

NEW YORK, Aug. 16—The St. Louis Cardinals lost a full game in the National League standings yesterday as they split a double-header with the Dodgers, while the Cincinnati Reds were taking two from the Giants at the Polo Grounds.

The Redbirds won the opener at Ebbets Field, 11-3, but the Flock came back in the nightcap, 4—3. Ray Sanders and Stan Musial drove in seven runs with homers in the opener. Lefty Max Lanier allowed the Bums six hits for his ninth victory as the Cards collected 14 off Curt Davis and Max Macon. Davis suffered his eighth loss. Kirby Higbe pitched the nightcap, fanning 11 Cardinals. The Gashouse Gang tied the count at two-all in the ninth, but the Boys From Flatbush went ahead, 3—2, in the tenth. Ernie White was the loser.

The Reds' victories were close—5—4 and 6—5. They took the first in the ninth as Lonnie Frey walked and scored on singles by Max Marshall and Bert Haas Ace Adams, who came in for Johnny Allen in the eighth, was charged with the setback. Clyde Shoun racked up number

Eight Runs in First

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Both teams scored four runs in the first stanza of the nightcap. The Reds tallied once in the third and won the contest in the sixth as Eric Tipton walked, advanced to third on Mel Ott's bad throw and scored on Eddie Miller's fly. Joe Beggs, who came in for Ed Heusser in the first, pitched the rest of the way, winning his third victory. Johnny Allen, pitching from the first to the seventh after relieving Harry Feldman, was knicked for the defeat.

At Boston, the Braves and the Pirates split two, Boston copping the opener, 5—1, while the Bues had an easy time in the clincher, winning 11—1. The Braves sewed up the first game in the eighth with a four-run rally off Wally Hebert, who suffered his eighth loss. Jim Tobin was the victor.

Truett Sewell chalked up his 18th

Truett Sewell chalked up his 18th triumph in the second tilt, allowing four hits. The winning blow was Tommy O'Brien's second homer in the third inning with no one aboard. The Bucs added the seventh three in the seventh three in the sixth, three in the seventh and three in the eighth. Charlie "Red" Barrett lasted six innings, long enough to drop his tenth decision.

Double Setback for Phillies

The Cubs beat the Phillies twice, 5-2 and 3-0, at Shibe Park. Hi Bithorn scattered eight hits in winning his 15th victory in the first game. The Phillies bunched their hits for two runs in the fifth, while the Bruins picked up one in the third, three in the seventh and one in the eighth. It was Kewpie Barrett's eighth setback. Paul Derringer gained his seventh triumph in the nightcap, yielding six hits as he coasted on a three-run margin gained in the first inning. Ex-Cub Bill Lee was the mound victim.

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Out at Chicago, the White Sox and the Yankees divided their double bill, the Bombers annexing the first fracas, 7—2, the Sox the second, 4—3. The Ruppert Rifles tallied two runs in the second of the opener on Nick Etten's walk, Bill Dickey's single and Joe Gordon's triple. Charlie Keller added one more in the third with his 19th circuit blow. Orval Grove was chased in the fourth inning. Ernie Bonham was the winner, while Grove dropped his 11th. The second game was tied, two-all, in the seventh when Joe Kuhel and Vic Castino banged out fourmasters to clinch the game. Gordon Drop Second Match in 14. masters to clinch the game. Gordon Maltzgerger won his third and Marius Russo lost his seventh.

The Indians and the Senators also divided. The Tribe took the opener, 6—2, the Nats the second, 4—0. The Indians slaughtered Dutch Leonard with four runs in the second of the opener, while Vern Kennedy made the Griffs wait until the pitch to talk a laws the second. until the ninth to tally. It was Leonard's 12th mishap and Kennedy's fifth win.

Heafner Yields Six Hits

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Rookie Lefty Mickey Heafner allowed Cleveland six hits as he scored his sixth victory in the second game. Mickey Vernon's homer in the sixth decided the game. Allie Reynolds was the loser.

Rudy York and Tommy Bridges batted and pitched the Tigers to a double triumph over the Athletics at Briggs Stadium, York blasted out two homers in the first game, the second coming in the 11th inning, winning the game, 5—4. Luman Harris, pitching the distance for the Macks, lost his 12th game, while Dizzy Trout, who feplaced Virgil Trucks in the eighth, won his 13th. Bridges pitched six-hit ball in the second game, winning out, 3—2. Bob Harris homered in the second and the Bengals tallied one in the fourth and another in the fifth for Bridges' tenth victory. Roger Wolff was on the short end for the A's.

The Boston Red Sox clipped the Browns twice at St. Louis, 3—2 and 4—0. George Woods, who entered the game in the sixth, won his third victory in the opener, while Denny Galchouse was marked down for his seventh defeat. Joe Dobson hurled for seven innings in the second game and then Mace Brown held

Dobson hurled for seven innings in the second game and then Mace Brown held second game and then Mace Brown held the Browns to five hits as Dobson was credited with his fourth victory. The game was won in the seventh as Tony Lupien doubled in two runs. Steve Sundra, who hurled for eight innings, was charged with his eighth setback.







War Over in 6 Months, Papers Quote Churchill

Premier, Back from Hyde Park, Confers With War Staffs

QUEBEC, Aug. 16 (UP)-L'Action Catholique, the leading catholic newspaper in Canada and organ of the catholic clergy in the province of Quebec, said today that Winston Churchill had told "important persons" that the war may end in six months. It did not say where the statement was made.

The statement attributed to Mr. Churchill has been circulating in Quebec for some days, but only among a few people and was regarded being confidential

A minister in the Quebec Provincial Cabinet is supposed to have said, following a cabinet meeting with Mr. Churchill, that the Prime Minister had said he believed the war might be over in six months.

The newspaper did not mention Japan. Le Canada, French-language Montreal paper, also reported Mr. Churchill, before leaving Quebec, "told several eminent personages that the war would be over in six months."

(An official British spokesman said at a press conference in Quebec today that Mr. Churchill wished to deny a statement attributed to him to the effect that the war would be over by Christmas, the Associated Press reported.)

Invasion Plans Mapped?

This newspaper declared that the Quebec conference was "no longer a stage in the war but the beginning of the end."

Mr. Churchill joined the conference of U.S. and British chiefs of staffs today after his return from a three-day conference with President Roosevelt at his Hyde Park home. The military leaders are believed to be completing plans for the invasion of German-held Europe from the British Isles at a number of points stretching between Norway and the Spanish border. The White House announced that Mr. Roosevelt would join the conferences later "this week."

The military leaders also are understood to have reaffirmed the "unconditional surrender" terms to Italy, and to have agreed that Rome will not be considered an open city until those terms are accepted. A final review of the Allied Italian policy is expected to be made after Mr. Churchill joined the conference of

Italian policy is expected to be made after the President arrives here.

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city at mid-day, and added that in the center of the line American trucks had

center of the line American trucks had penetrated ten miles east of Randazzo, the hotly-defended junction north of Etma, now in Allied hands.

Reports arriving at Allied headquarters indicated that the Nazis had pulled out of the front lines and left the Italians to hold back the British and Americans. This may have accounted for the sudden spurt in Allied progress.

Official dispatches said a number of

Official dispatches said a number of Germans had been captured in civilian clothes after a vain effort to don mufti and infiltrate through the Allied lines to the beaches. These reports said the Germans in many instances were dying their hair and staining their faces to look like

Allied engineers worked furiously clearing away mines and patching up blown-up bridges and torn roads left behind by the German demolition experts. On their speed depended whether the Allies would be able to capture the main German forces before evacuation.

The powerful 15-inch shore batteries on the Italian mainland were expected to slow the Eighth Army's advance along the north coast. The British now are coming within range of these giant rifles, which can throw one-ton shells 20 miles.

American Forces Network

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5.45 Spotlaht on Lou Breeze and his orchestra.
6.00—News (BBC).
6.10—Personal Album—The King's Men sing your favorite songs.
6.25—G1 Supper Clab—with Cpl. Charlie Capps as your Gl-host.
7.00—Sports News—Latest baseball scores presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
7.05—South American Way—Latin-American music.

7.05—Soluti Austrian
music.
7.30—Downbeat—Tommy Dorsey and his
orchestra.
8.00—News From Home—What America is
doing thinking and saying as presented
by your Stars and Stripes radio

by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.

8.10—Fred Waring.

8.25—Miniature.

8.30—Red Skelton—with Ozze Nelson's orchestra and Harrier Hilliard.

9.00—News (BBC).

9.10—Moods in Music.

9.25—Into Battle—(BBC) "The Fighting Spirit of the United Nations."

9.35—The Music Society of Lower Basin Screet (BBC).

10.00—Final Edition—Latest world, ETO and sports news as presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporters.

10.10—Benny Goodman and his orchestra.

10.30—Sign off until Aug. 18 at 5.45 PM.

Mess Sergeant, B'gosh, Gets Legion of Merit

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16-The mess sergeant has finally gained his reward. The War Department, anxious to accord recognition to food as a vital resource of war, has given the legion of merit to a hero of the army kitchen.

The award, for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service," went to S/Sgt. Edward M. Dzuba, of Schenectady, N.Y., of the 305th medical battalion.

Sgt. Dzuba, the citation said, "has originated many unusual and appetizing recipes for the utilization of leftover scraps. This ingenuity has greatly reduced food losses from waste and spoilage. His messes have been outstanding as to economy, appearance and cookery."

Allies Destroy 48 Jap Planes

Enemy Smashed in Big Air Battles over Solomons, And New Guinea

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Aug. 16-American and Australian air forces destroyed 48 Japanese planes yesterday in 'bitter" air battles over New Guinea and the Solomons, today's official communique reports.

The heaviest blow to the Japs came at Vella-la-Vella, in the Solomons, where U.S. fighters shot down a reported total of 34 enemy planes, including 22 fighters and 12 dive-bombers for the loss of two U.S. planes.

Seven of this total were destroyed over Kahili airdrome when the fighters caught an enemy formation returning to its base, and then heavily strafed many planes caught on the field.

14 More Destroyed

In Watut valley, 42 miles west of Lae, in New Guinea, a formation of Airo-cobras intercepted approximately 12 enemy bombers escorted by 25 fighters and destroyed 11 bombers and three fighters for the loss of three U.S. planes.

Continuing their bombardment of Salamaua, heavy bombers yesterday dropped 99 tons of bombs on Japanese positions near Komiatum. The weather was bad and rain squalls hindered obser-vation of results.

Meager reports from New Georgia reported today that Americans are closing in from the north and south on the enemy center of resistance near Zieta village. Exact position of the Japanese force is not clear, for Saturday it was announced U.S. troops had overcome resistance in this immediate area.

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tory. They also showed that at least 20 more industrial plants had been damaged.

Dispatches from Chiasso, on the Italian-Swiss frontier, said Milan workers swarmed into the streets even before fire brigades had brought the flames under control and shouted new demands for peace. Homeless refugees, these sources said, wandered amid piles of rubble 15 to 30 feet high crying out against the to 30 feet high crying out against the Badoglio government and the king and demanding peace.

rsons who reached the frontier said Milan virtually has ceased to exist as a city. Many people are without food and shelter. Trains have ceased to run. There are no public services. Telephone and telegraph systems are paralyzed. Fire telegraph systems are paralyzed. Fire brigades are helpless to check the flames.

Italian troops with full war equipment have been rushed to the city, these sources said, to guard the ruins, check confusion

and stem the exodus of refugees.

Yesterday's RAF-assault, lasting from ten minutes before midnight until 1.30 AM, started fires that could be seen clearly from the Swiss mountains, Swiss radio reported. Travelers said two towers of the cathedral collapsed, the Sorresco palace was destroyed, the royal palace damaged and the freight yards heavily attacked. Swiss dispatches said most of the bombs were dropped in the city's outskirts, at Brianza, Monza and Bergama.

German Rocket Gun Captured in Sicily



Capt. Robert Brauer, of Boston, inspects a German 210mm. rocket gun captured by the Seventh Army, in a battle in northern Sicily during the last few days. Other Axis military booty, such as this weapon, is pouring into Allied hands on the island as in the closing days of the battle for Tunisia. Already U.S. troops alone have seized more than 250 Nazi 75mm, guns besides many tanks and rifles.

USAAF and RAF Blast Soldiers from Fox Point 14 'Dromes in France And Holland

(Continued from page 1) key airdrome for the Paris defenses and peacetime center of French aviation. The big Luftwaffe administrative and supply installations at Le Bourget were prime targets as the Fortssailed in for their bombing runs. Crewmen said it was "a perfect raid—perfect weather, perfect visibility, perfect bombing and perfect escort."

The Thunderbolts, four of which are missing, had their second biggest day since they began operations here in destroying 17 confirmed enemies. Their high-water mark was July 30, when they chalked up 25 kills after meeting the Forts on the way back from Germany.

The raiding yesterday, as on Sunday, was carried out on a master Allied timetable, designed to dovetail the big night armadas of Lancasters heading out for the Continent, the far-flying Mosquitos heading for Berlin and the thousands of sorties to targets nearer at home.

While the Nazis' first defense against the coming Allied invasion was taking its the coming Allied invasion was taking its second straight day of light, heavy and medium bombing, in which the Thunder-bolts and Spitfires were in the air almost continuously, Vichy radio charged that the bombers had attacked the suburbs of Paris, killing 84 persons and injuring 150 more. But Fortress crews, describing perfect visibility, said they laid their bombs dead on the nerve-center of the Luftwaffe's defenses. waffe's defenses.

The raid on Le Bourget, which is one the two principal depots for singleengined fighters on the western front, was the second instalment in the demolition of the Nazi airdromes. New fighter air-craft are kept there for distribution to operational fighter bases.

Meanwhile, photographs made during the bombing Sunday showed heavy damage to targets.

Vitry-en-Artois, the main hangar and barracks area was shattered by a heavy concentration of bomb bursts. There were many hits on the landing area and bursts could be seen in a dispersal area.

At the Gilsey airdrome near Amiens the bombs formed a carpet completely covering the landing area. The concentration was so heavy the field has been rendered virtually useless, officials said. Direct hits also were scored on hangars, barracks and administration buildings, while main northeastern dispersal area was completely covered by bombs. Many hits on the fuel dumps and barracks were shown at the Merville airdrome. There

Bombs Batter | Providence GIs **Enemy Fields To Hold Meeting**

To Assemble at London Club

The Fox Point Ramblings, residents of the Fox Point district of Providence, R.I., serving in the ETO, will hold a reunion Labor Day, Sept. 1, at the Washington club, Curzon St., London, W1. The club is named after a weekly newspaper, The Fox Point Ramblings, which is printed in Providence and sent to all men of the neighborhood serving in the armed forces.

St. Peter's Hall

IPSWICH, Aug. 16—Program for the week at the St. Peter's Hall Red Cross club here: Tuesday—Baseball, 7 PM: movies, 8 PM. Wednesday—Baseball, 7 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8 PM. Friday—Tour of Ipswich, 3:30 PM; bingo, PM. Saturday—Fin night, 8:10 PM.

Saturday—Fun night, 8.10 PM, Sunday—Music, 4-5 PM; dance, 7.30-10.30 PM.

Marsham Ct.

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BOURNEMOUTH, Aug. 16—Program 'for the week at the Marsham Ct. Red Cross club here:
Tuesday—Bicycle trip to Higheliffe Castle, 2
PM: dance, 8-11 PM.
Wednesday—Movie, 9 PM.
Thursday—Bicycle trip to the River Stour, 2
PM: dance, 8-11 PM.
Friday—Tennis and horseback riding, 2 PM:
'High Lights and Hillarity,'' USO-Camp show, 9.30 PM.
Saturday—Softhall 2 PM: dance, 8-11-30 PM.

9.30 PM. Saturday—Softball, 2 PM; dance, 8-11.30 PM. Sunday—Bicycle and swimming and picnic party, 11 AM; bingo, 9 PM.

Victory

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Program for the week at the Victory Club, 15

Seymour St., London, W1:

Tuesday—Softball, 7 PM.
Wednesday—Dance, 8-11 PM.
Thursday—Tour of rural Westminster, 7 PM;
German class, 7 PM; Jack Maney at the piano, 9-11,30 PM.

Friday—Informal Allied "Good Neighbor Discussion," 8 PM.
Saturday—Tour of London within the Roman Wall, 10 AM.
Sunday—Tour, London within the Roman Wall, 10 AM; picnic and softball, 11,30 AM; open house, 3-6 PM; movies, 8 PM.

Bury St. Edmunds
BURY ST. EDMUNDS, Aug. 16—Program for
he week at the Red Cross club here:
Tuesday—Recreation night, 8 PM,
Wednesday—Dance, 8.30 PM,
Thursday—Movies, 8.30 PM,
Friday—Softball, 7.15 PM; classical recordings,
10 PM,
Saturday—Open house, 8-11 PM,
Sunday—Twilight supper-dance, 7.45 PM,

Three Film Directors Here to Study Releases

Three Hollywood directors, now in uniform, have arrived in London for a series of conferences concerning the future release of educational and combat feature

Britain, it was announced yesterday.

At the first meeting on Saturday, Lt.
Col. Frank Capra and Capts. John
Huston and Anthony Veiller met Sam
Spewack, OWI film section director and
Lack Reddington, director of the Minister. Jack Beddington, director of the Ministry of Information film section. Capra, Huston and Veiller, Army Signal Corps officers, are assigned to producing war films, some of which already have been shown to soldier audiences.

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Changes in Draft Regulations Cut **JobDeferments**

149 'Critical' Occupations Classified by McNutt As Indispensable

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16—In a sweeping revision of selective service regulations, Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the
War Manpower Commission, tightened
government control over job transfers,
established a list of 149 virtually draftproof critical occupations.

proof critical occupations and lengthened the list of non-deferrable occupations.

If these steps fail to relieve manpower shortages, it was reported that the admini-stration probably would go on record as favoring legislation permitting the govern-ment to order workers to accept jobs where they can do the most for the war effort.

McNutt said that the time had come when "every worker must justify himself in terms of contribution to the war effort." He added that "fatherhood does not ex-cuse any man from making his contribu-tion to victory."

Several additions were made to the list of men who cannot be deferred from the draft. They are men engaged in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages, novelties, toys and games; employees of amusement arcades and social, political, fraternal and business clubs; pet shop workers and hotel desk clerks.

Greeks Sail U.S. Ship

NEW YORK, Aug. 16-Nicholas G. Lely, Greek consul general here, an-nounced that the former U.S. Navy submarine chaser PC-622 has put to sea as the King George II. The vessel is the first American-built warship to fly the blue and white ensign of Greece.

Flood Loans for Farmers

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 16-Seventeen ounties in Nebraska and North and South Dakota have been designated by the Department of Agriculture as areas in which loans may be made to farmers to help put flood-damaged land back into production.

Counterfeit Coupons Seized

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 16—United States Attorney Gerald A. Gleeson has announced the arrest of six grocers on charges involving counterfeit ration coupons. He said that thousands of counterfeit coupons were seized in raids.

Soldiers Fight Forest Fire

BUFFALO, Wy., Aug. 16—Two hundred soldiers from Fort Francis E. Warren at Cheyenne were rushed to the Big Horn national forest to help battle a fire described as the largest in Big Horn in 25 years.

Canada's Peace Role

OTTAWA, Aug. 16-Ray Atherton, new American minister to Canada, said yesterday that he is convinced that after the war Canada "is fated to play a pro-foundly important role in the creating of a closely knit, peaceful world."

Letters for Russia

NEW YORK, Aug. 16—The national headquarters of Russian War Relief, primarily engaged in assembling and shipping to the Soviet Union medical supplies, clothing and other relief goods, has also received more than 2,000,000 letters for transmission to the Russian people. The letters reflect the friendly, sympathetic sentiments of various individuals and groups in the United States for their Russian allies.

Patients Play in Hospital Drum and Bugle Corps

A STATION HOSPITAL, England, Aug. 16—When patients at this rehabilitation hospital feel well enough, they're eligible to join the drum and bugle corps organized by 1/Et. Jerry Seders, of Pottstown, Pa., special service officer. Lt. Seders' only problem is that most of the members of the corps will have to be replaced when they return to their units. Members now are Set. George Dunlon Stratton.

Members now are Sgt. George Dunlop, Scranton, Pa.: Pvt. William Stanley, Goldsboro, N.C.: Pvt. Joe Wilkerson, Los Angeles, Cal.: Pvt. Zack Arnold, New Orleans, La.: Pvt. Berkley Hill, Lynchburg, Va.: Cpl, Alden Glessner, Glencove, Pa.: Pvt. James, Cassell, Wytheville, Va.: Pvt. August Bove, Brooklyn: Pfc Ellsworth Burkhardt, Mauch Chunk, Pa.: T/4 David Kaneleas, Previdence, R.I.: Pfc Robert Wiley, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Albert Dowdy, St. Louis, Mo.

Terry and the Pirates By Milton Caniff







