

Yanks Driving Inland at Salerno

USAAF Blows Spark New Blitz Threat to Bridgehead

Forts, B26s Strike Hard At France

Nantes, on Bay of Biscay, Pounded; Yanks Make 1st Night Sortie

USAAF Flying Fortresses and Marauders, hammering Nazi targets in France for the second day in a new offensive after five days of inactivity, yesterday smashed German naval installations at Nantes, at the mouth of the River Loire, and enemy airfields at Beaumont le Roger and Tricqueville.

The B17s' blow at the big Bay of Biscay port and the B26s' pounding of the two air bases, coming a few hours after RAF bombers had raided Berlin and targets in northwestern Germany by night and also struck hard at the important rubber factory at Montlucon, close to Vichy, carried round the clock a new series of air blows from bases in Britain.

Strike in Paris Area

The offensive was resumed late Wednesday with heavy USAAF attacks on German industry in the Paris area. Liberator blows at airfields in northern France, and a Marauder assault on the Nazi fighter base at Merville, France, where fuel and ammunition dumps were blown up.

This was the first time in the European theater, Brig. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson said, that Fortresses and Liberators attacked at dusk and landed at night. The Eighth Bomber Command chief's report that the mission was a success suggested that the USAAF, hitherto operating only during the day, was approaching the night and day operation forecast by Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker months ago.

Six Big Bombers Lost

Six heavy bombers, including five Forts and one Liberator, and two fighters were lost in Wednesday's operations, which were supported by P47 Thunderbolts and RAF, Dominion and Allied fighters. Sixteen enemy planes were destroyed.

The Fortresses which penetrated into the Paris area pounded the important Cie d'Applications Mecaniques ball-bearing works, the Hispano-Suize plant where German fighters are repaired and overhauled, and the Caudron-Renault Me109 repair plant. Other Fortresses blasted one of the Nazis' most important fighter bases, the airfield at Romilly on the Seine.

Meanwhile, Liberators were roaming other airfields in northern France, and Marauders, carrying on their one-a-day schedule, were hitting Merville airfield, their 58th mission in less than two months. Yesterday's raids likewise had fighter support. P47s backed up the Fortresses which went to Nantes, and Spitfires covered the Marauders over much-bombed Beaumont and Tricqueville.

RAF Typhoons kept up harassing attacks on enemy shipping yesterday while their larger brothers were striking inland. Two Typhoon fighter squadrons caught two German naval escort ships going into harbor at Le Havre and, attacking in waves, set them on fire and left them badly damaged, in spite of in-

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WACs Toss a Coin To Decide Promotion

A MEDIUM BOMB WING HQ, Sept. 16—One promotion was available for one of two deserving WACs in the Adjutant's office here. The choice was between Pfc Evelyn J. O'Neill, of Washington, and Pfc Frances N. Wells, of Hawesville, Ky.

Both had identical service records, including their induction dates, Jan. 27, 1943. Both became privates first class the same day, and both were diligent in their duties.

While the adjutant—Maj. C. C. Vega, of Tampa, Fla.—stood by, the girls solved his dilemma in true GI style. They flipped a coin.

The coin showed heads, and Pfc O'Neill won a technician fifth grade rating.

Delivered Warships to Allies



Adm. Dzara, who delivered two Italian battleships, five cruisers and four destroyers into Allied hands at Malta, salutes a guard of honor shortly after his arrival.

Russians Race For the Dnieper And Kiev Itself

Nazis to North Face Peril Of Rout; Novorossisk, On Black Sea, Falls

Russian troops raced toward the Dnieper River yesterday, bringing nearer a climatic assault on Kiev, pivotal German stronghold in the Ukraine. Two Red armies advanced on two great towns in the Dnieper bend, Zaporozhe and Dniepropetrovsk, as the Germans threw in tank and aircraft reserves to cover their retreat.

Farther north, the German retreat threatened to turn into a rout as the Russians pursued enemy forces fleeing from Nezhnin, 80 miles northeast of Kiev.

Black Sea Port Falls

Meanwhile, a special order of the day by Marshal Josef Stalin announced that Russian land and sea forces had stormed and occupied the Black Sea port and naval base of Novorossisk, southern anchor of the German line in the Kuban. The town was taken after five days of bitter fighting.

On the Bryansk front, the Russians announced the capture of Lubochna and Dyatkovo, 20 and 25 miles north of Bryansk. Berlin radio, which previously announced the evacuation of Bryansk, yesterday claimed the city was still held by the Germans. Reports from the front said that fighting for the city was still in progress.

North of Bryansk the Russians appeared to be moving on the vital Smolensk-Bryansk rail line. Berlin radio admitted German troops had been pushed back.

Russian forces sweeping onward from Nezhnin threatened to cut three of the most vital railroads in southern Russia. Occupation of the city by the Reds cut the last lateral line linking the German northern and southern armies. Now the lines from Kiev to Poltava, from Kharkov to the Crimea and from the Sea of Azov to the west are endangered.

Germans Control Vatican Cut Contact With Outside

BERNE, Sept. 16 (UP)—German parachutists now control the Vatican City and have forbidden people to pray in St. Peter's Cathedral, according to a diplomatic courier back from Rome.

About ten AA guns have been placed in St. Peter's Square below the steps of the Basilica, he says. Contact between the Vatican City and the outside world has been cut completely, and an underground Italian radio calling itself "Free Milan" said the Germans were holding the Pope as a prisoner. This was unconfirmed.

Over 100 Ships Of Italy's Fleet In Allied Ports

More than 100 Italian warships have surrendered in Allied ports since announcement of the armistice with Italy, Algiers radio said yesterday.

Thirty-eight units of the Italian fleet—four battleships, seven cruisers, 13 destroyers and 14 submarines—are now at Malta.

Ten Italian warships, escorted by British surface craft and planes, arrived in Alexandria from Malta yesterday morning. They are the 35,000-ton battleships Italia and Vittorio Veneto, four cruisers, including the 7,000-ton Eugenio di Savoia, and four destroyers.

Eight Italian vessels have found haven at Cyprus and 28 have reached Palermo. The eight at Cyprus were a gunboat, two minesweepers, three auxiliary schooners and two small cargo ships. They carried about 200 Italians who had escaped from the German-held Dodecanese Islands. The refugees said that fierce fighting was going on between Italians and Germans in the Dodecanese.

Two Italian destroyers arrived at Algiers and later left for another destination, Allied officials announced.

17 Reported in Turkey

ISTANBUL, Sept. 16 (UP)—Seventeen Italian warships have entered the Turkish port of Marmaris, near Rhodes, according to the Turkish newspaper Cumhuriyet, which has close contacts with the Germans. Another paper reported five others at a small port nearby, but Allied naval sources had no confirmation.

Threat to Bridgehead Is Believed Smashed; Eighth Narrows Gap

Allied Grip Is Secured on 7½-Mile Stretch; Huge Reinforcements Enable Clark To Swing onto the Offensive

After six days of bloody hand-to-hand fighting to hold their bridgehead in the Salerno area, the Fifth Army yesterday fought its way up from the plains against strong German counter-attacks and took the offensive.

First reports from the front after the drive was launched came from Algiers radio, which said that the enemy was retreating and that the bridgehead now is approximately seven and a half miles deep.

The main offensive was aimed at German forces in the triangle formed by the coastline and the Sele and Volore rivers, northwest of Altaville, ten miles south of Eboli. The German defenses there have been smashed and they are retreating with the Allied forces in pursuit. One of the first objectives of the Allied forces undoubtedly will be to clear the heights overlooking the coastal plain where the main weight of German artillery is located.

Gen. Bernard Montgomery's Eighth Army racing northward from the toe of Italy was only 25 miles from the southern end of the fighting front, and is expected to be in contact with the German forces within a few hours, Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of the Fifth Army, announced yesterday in an order of the day.

"Side by side with the Eighth Army, the Fifth Army will advance to occupy Naples, Rome and other cities to the north, and free Italy from German domination," Clark's order said, adding that the beachheads now have been secured and that "not one foot of the ground will be given up."

The Allied offensive was launched after the Fifth Army had been reinforced from the sea, although the beaches at all times were under an artillery barrage from German 88s entrenched in the hills back of the harbor. When sufficient troops, guns and tanks had been landed Gen. Clark gave the order for the offensive to be started under cover of a heavy barrage from naval vessels.

Huge Air Support

Overhead the entire weight of Allied air power supported the troops by attacking German troop concentrations, roads and gun positions, and in general acting as close-support artillery.

Berlin radio said: "There were moments when the U.S. command was ready to give up the action, but after orders from the high command reinforcements were poured in and fresh efforts made to hold the bridgeheads at any cost."

Details of the advance were not available at a late hour last night, but it appeared that the German divisions, battered by the guns of the battleships and by Allied bombings, were forced to fall back when fresh troops were thrown into the battle. The German force consists of five infantry and armored divisions, most of them veterans of the African and Sicilian campaigns.

Berlin 'Identifies' Outfits

Berlin radio, which 48 hours ago predicted an overwhelming victory for German forces in the Salerno battle, now has adopted a more cautious attitude, and admits that the American and British troops are putting up unexpected resistance.

Previously, Axis radio announced that the American 36th and 45th Infantry and the 1st Armored Divisions were in action, and they now add that the 46th and 56th Infantry Divisions also are engaged in the battle. British troops, it was added, include the 10th British Army Corps and the 1st British Tank Division.

In Washington, Secretary of War (Continued on page 4)

Maj. Gen. Crawford Named Deputy Chief of SOS Here

Appointment of Maj. Gen. Robert W. Crawford, until recently in command of U.S. Army Forces in the Middle East, as deputy commander and chief of staff of SOS, ETUSA, was announced yesterday by Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee, SOS chief.

Gen. Crawford, who will be 52 today, was born in New York State and was graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1914. Crawford also is a graduate of the Army War College, the Command and General Staff School and the Engineers' School.

Brig. Gen. William J. Weaver, who has been chief of staff, was appointed SOS deputy field commander.

Gen. Lee, making a third change in his staff, announced the appointment of Col. Royal B. Lord, former director of the War Department Bureau of Public Relations and former chief of operations for the Board of Economic Warfare in Washington, as SOS chief of operations.



Maj. Gen. Robert W. Crawford

Case of the Pen Being Mightier Than Sword?

WITH THE U.S. FIFTH ARMY, Sept. 15 (delayed) (AP)—The "first contact" between the Fifth Army and the British Eighth Army was established by Daniel DeLuce, Associated Press war correspondent, and another Eighth Army correspondent who drove across 100 miles of "No Man's Land" from the British sector in the south of Italy to the Salerno bridgehead.

Two days and two nights of driving took them ahead of Eighth Army patrols. They encountered no Germans, but at one time heard a report there were a few Nazi armored vehicles ahead of them.

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Mussolini's Resurrection

The publicity the Germans are giving to the rescue of Mussolini and the build up which Hitler gave the fallen dictator in his last speech to the German people have but one purpose. It is clearly of the utmost importance to Hitler that the German public should learn from Italian developments the lesson that a Duce (or a Fuehrer) is blameless and that his removal spells public disaster.

In his recent speech Hitler went out of his way to argue that the disaster which, in his view, has now befallen the Italian people dates from the overthrow of Mussolini, the man who, according to Hitler, fought to the end to save the situation by urgent demands for greater sacrifices and the elimination of traitors and saboteurs.

Whatever use Hitler may be able to make of Mussolini in Italy, he is determined to try to use his version of Italian events as an additional argument for the German people to continue their support of their own Fuehrer.

But it won't work for long. Mussolini has been thoroughly discredited in the eyes of his own people and he has never been respected by the Germans. Salvaged from the dustbin of history by Hitler, he lacks even the character of Charlie MacCarthy and, to make matters worse, he is not even funny. While he may still have a nuisance value to the Nazis, this value in time will boomerang and when that day comes Hitler will catch the full weight of the blow.

The Swiss Navy

Remember the old joke about the Swiss Navy? It was always good for a laugh 15 to 20 years ago. Today, strangely enough, land-bound Switzerland does have a merchant navy that is playing an important role in world trade.

It all began after the last war, when the Swiss played a hunch. Without owning a single ocean-going vessel, they established a small marine school where a sprinkling of officers and sailors were trained and then sent to serve on foreign vessels to get practical experience at sea.

Then they took the second step and acquired their own merchant navy. By mid-1942 they owned ten vessels totaling 60,000 tons, and they had persuaded all belligerents to consent to their use of Genoa, Italy—just a few hours by rail from Geneva—as a port of call.

Next they chartered ships belonging to other nationals, including Spanish and Portuguese vessels, to pick up goods at Genoa and carry them to Lisbon, where they could be trans-shipped abroad on still other vessels, Swiss or neutral. It was a little complicated at times; but the Swiss goods got through.

Today the Swiss Merchant Navy takes fine watches, textiles, cameras, typewriters and dyes to America. They take back vital foodstuffs, grains, tobacco and other materials scarce in Switzerland.

And the old joke about the mythical Swiss navy is no longer a joke, for the Swiss have the ships and the ships are manned by competent seamen.

The Coal Shortage

The shortage of coal has become acute; and while there is nothing new about this shortage in Great Britain, the increasing demands of war are making a bad situation still worse.

More than 20,000 miners have left the mines here in Britain each year since the war began. At the same time the use of coal for electricity, gas and steam plants has increased tremendously over the same period of time. Every effort has been made by the Ministry of Fuel and Power to balance production and consumption under such circumstances; but this has been most difficult. Mechanization has been one answer, and equipment for mechanized mining has been rapidly introduced. Efforts have been made to retrieve lost mines and recruit new ones. Mines having a low rate of production per man have been closed and personnel transferred to better productive veins. Open cast coal pits, known at home as strip mines, have been developed; but with all this effort, production still falls short of demand; and a vast tonnage of the best quality coal will soon be needed for future operations. This tonnage must be obtained in Great Britain.

Rationing is an indirect method of securing more coal, and the British people are strictly rationed. They have accepted this rationing with sincerity, and as far as is known the "black market" for coal does not exist. Coke is also being used as a substitute for coal; and both of these methods, adopted by the troops, will help relieve the coal shortage.

Each of us will be doing our part when we use coal, gas and electricity as sparingly as the average British citizen. In the past we have never failed to play the game "all out." In saving fuel, we can and must beat our best.

Hash Marks

Down at a base in N. Africa they are telling the one about the soldier from the deep south who was filling out an application for dependent's aid. He answered "no" to the question of whether he had any dependents. "You're married, aren't you, Sam?" asked the puzzled officer. "Yassah," the soldier replied, "but she ain't dependable."

They've solved the "well-dressed" soldier problem at Drew Field, Fla. Each day a WAC patrols the field seeking a



neat and tidy GI. If she finds one, she turns in his name and he gets a pair of free movie tickets. (We haven't been able to find out whether he gets a date with the WAC or not.)

Speaking of bargains, here's one of the neviest deals we've heard about yet. A Nazi army colonel, being taken among other prisoners to the United States, after being captured in the Middle East, tried to make a bargain with the captain of the transport. He offered to see that the population of America were well treated "when Germany has won the war" if the skipper would see that himself and his men were well cared for on the boat.

You've heard about the proverbial bull in the china shop and about "Ferdinand." Well, here's the story of a 1,000lb. steer that combined the best features of both. The steer escaped from the stockyards in Indianapolis, headed downtown, stopped off-briefly to sniff posies at a florist's, and ended up in a china repair shop—here he lived up to expectations, said witnesses who helped clean up the debris.

For a long long time Reno women have accused firemen at the East Fourth Street station of whistling at them as they



ankled by. But now the secret is out—the offender is "Joe," a parrot living next to the station. Joe sits in the window and whistles at all the pretty babes—and the firemen get the blame.

Our spy back in the States reports that one draftee even went to the trouble of eating his I-A draft card—but it won't keep him out of the Army. He'll soon be in uniform, and the act of swallowing the card cost him ten bucks in court, for all things, "disturbance of the peace."

PRIVATE BREGER



"We shoulda joined the Navy! D'ya ever see SAILORS carryin' packs?"

Negro GIs Making Musical History



Stars and Stripes Photo by Richard Koenig

First Chorus of Race To Sing in Albert Hall in 72 Years

By Richard Wilbur

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

— AVIATION ENGINEERS BATTALION HQ, Sept. 16—Two hundred Negro soldiers, members of four aviation engineers battalions, sat on benches together and sang:

"Mister Tom Jefferson, a mighty fine man, He wrote it down in a mighty fine han' And the rest all signed with a mighty fine han' And they crossed their T's and dotted their I's— A bran' new country did arise."

In a bare Nissen hut here the aviation engineers were rehearsing "Ballad for Americans," one of the songs they will sing before Allied audiences in Royal Albert Hall, where they will give a concert with the London Symphony Orchestra and Roland Hayes, American Negro tenor, on Sept. 28 and 29.

An all-American program, including ten Negro spirituals, has been planned for the concert. The opening night will mark the first appearance of a Negro chorus in the 72-year-old history of Royal Albert Hall, officials of the hall believe.

"That among these rights are life, Liberty, And the pursuit of happiness."

the chorus sang. A soloist put in his line: "That does sound mighty fine," said Sgt. Cecil Jefferson, of Kansas City, Mo.

The battalion men who built this GI chorus up from scratch—Chaplain William M. Perkins, Philadelphia; 1/Sgt. Alexander B. Jordan, St. Paul, Minn., and T/5 James McDaniel, Kansas City, Mo.—watched from the sidelines. A professional rehearsal of "Ballad for Americans" was under way, led by two GIs up from London—1/Sgt. Hugo Weisgall, composer-conductor from Balti-

Cpl. James C. McDaniel, of Kansas City, Mo., assistant conductor, calls for a soft and reverent passage in a Negro spiritual from his chorus of 200 aviation engineers practising for two performances with the London Symphony Orchestra and Roland Hayes, American Negro tenor, in Royal Albert Hall, London, on Sept. 28 and 29.

more, who led a symphony orchestra playing one of his own compositions in July at Royal Albert Hall, and Cpl. Marc Blitzstein, of New York, composer-author of "The Cradle Will Rock," a musical play produced several years ago by Orson Welles.

"The cue," Blitzstein shouted to the soldier-chorus from the stage, "is 'Government of the people, by the people, and for the people.' Then—loud—'Shall not perish from the earth.'"

Some of the soldiers, restless from steady sitting, shifted around in their seats and murmured, "I need complete silence," Blitzstein said.

Let's Hear It

An airplane roared overhead. "I mean you, too," Blitzstein shouted, grinning up at the roof.

In good humor, the aviation engineers took up their cue again—"Let's hear it," Blitzstein said. "Blast it out!" and sang the stretch right. Then they started on:

"The machine age came with a great big roar As Americans grew in peace and war And a million wheels went around and round. The cities reached into the sky And dug down deep into the ground."

A throat-cutting gesture by Blitzstein. "No!" he shouted from the stage. "Too heavy. In that part, you've got to travel like an airplane.

"There are two hundred of us, and we've got to sound like one voice."

Sgt. Jordan, who used to sing with and help direct the famed Tuskegee College choir in Alabama, explained aside how the chorus idea started. A group of 18 in his battalion went around singing Christmas carols in nearby villages. After Christmas, the carolers broke up into quartets, then the quartets gradually grew to choir size.

"We're in a place where there's not much amusement nearby," Sgt. Jordan said. "At nights some of the singers used to stop by in the huts and say, 'Why don't you come out to choir rehearsals?' and more came along each time."

One of the battalions formed singing groups as far back as a U.S. staging area, where it stayed for three months, according to 1/Lt. William Work, of Pittsburgh. "The boys used to get together there and harmonize to relieve the monotony of training films," he recalled.

Rehearsals—Good Fun

The 200 GIs have rehearsed as a chorus two nights weekly during the past month. On the other nights, they've rehearsed in two separate groups. Blitzstein, who has been living up here with one company recently, has alternated leading the two groups, and coordinated them at full chorus rehearsals.

In a PX hut, Blitzstein has also been composing a symphonic poem, based on Negro spirituals, which will be played during the concert.

"It's been wonderful fun," he said, as Weisgall took over the rehearsal, "trying to compose this in the PX, with the guys singing several other songs at the same time, and some of them leaning over my shoulder, correcting me. One guy didn't think some part I wrote fitted in with Negro spirituals—said it sounded Russian. So I had to throw it out."

The chorus, still rehearsing "Ballad for Americans" under Weisgall's direction, sang about Abraham Lincoln:

"But he hated oppression, he hated wrong, And he went down to his grave to free the slave. Man in white skin can never be free While his black brother is in slavery."

Standing on a beer box for a conductor's platform, Weisgall, who will conduct both chorus and orchestra at Royal Albert Hall, waved his arms, drawing music out of the 200 GIs. Army cement-mixers, bricklayers, and carpenters during the day, some of them were getting sleepy during the four-hour night rehearsal. Weisgall's arms flopped suddenly. Some-

one had missed the cue to come in with, "Yeah, Paul Revere had a horse race." "Who's Paul Revere?" Weisgall demanded. Someone raised his hand sheepishly. "OK, pal, wake up," Weisgall said.

They came to the words, "Let my people go." Weisgall wasn't satisfied with the way they sang it. "I want that to be mysterious," he said. "I want it to be religious. It's a plea. You've got to feel it deeply, but with restraint."

Sgt. Jimmy Daniels, of New York, had the line, "Abraham Lincoln said that on Nov. 19, 1863, at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania." The line was a lot different from lyrics that Daniels used to sing as an entertainer in New York and Harlem night clubs. Most of the other chorus members used to sing in Methodist choirs or amateur quartets back home.

"Building a nation is awful tough. The people found the going rough, And thirteen states weren't large enough—So they started to expand Into the western lands."

the chorus sang. Weisgall was satisfied. "All right, that's damn good," he said. Chuckles at his frank opinion swept through the chorus. "You guys are doing very, very well," Weisgall added. "It sounds swell."

As Sgt. Jordan and T/5 McDaniel took over the rehearsal and started the chorus on Negro spirituals, Weisgall, full of enthusiasm, steered for the background. "I honestly think they could be the best chorus in the world, with the right kind of firm direction," he said.

Opening Performance Sept. 28

The chorus was on the spiritual, "Over My Head." These aviation engineers, Blitzstein said, sing "Over My Head" with full knowledge of its timeliness: "Over my head, there's trouble in the air, There must be a God somewhere."

High-ranking officials of the United Nations are expected to attend the opening-night performance Sept. 28, from which the proceeds will go to British war charities. On the 29th, the performance will be given free for all service men and women.

The 200 aviation engineers will leave this backwoods region for a week in London before the concert. They'll spend the week in intensive rehearsals with Roland Hayes, who is expected in England from the United States this week, and with Pfc Ken Cantril, of Springfield, Mo., former member of the St. Louis Municipal Opera Co., who, as special soloist, has virtually the final say in "Ballad for Americans." At the end of the ballad, when Pfc Cantril asks, "Am I an American?" he answers himself affirmatively: "I'm just an Irish, Negro, Jewish, Italian, French and English, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Polish, Scotch, Hungarian, Litvak, Swedish, Finnish, Canadian, Greek and and Czech and double Czech."

So there isn't much left to be said after that, except, as the script directs: "CHORUS (Whistle, in amazement)."



Conflagration

Berlin is burning, the Ruhr is on fire, From flaming Orel the storm troops retire; Sicilian straits seethed like hot lard, Hamburg lies smoking and Naples lies charred;

Like Viking torches the Danish ships blazed, In smoke near Vienna a factory's razed;

An old proverb proves Hitler's disaster: Fire's a good slave, but flame's a cruel master.

Sgt. Stanly Ferber.

Navy Gridders Muddle Picture In Sunny South

V-12s Bolster 4 Squads; Others Suffer From Player Dearth

By Chiles Colman
United Press Sports Writer

RALEIGH, N.C., Sept. 16—Uncle Sam's Navy may be the pride and joy of the high seas, but it's causing nothing more than consternation at seven campuses in the Southern Conference.

Four of the member schools—Duke, Richmond, North Carolina and South Carolina—are dauntlessly approaching the football campaign with bright prospects. They've turned their campus facilities over to the Navy's V-12 training program, and that, in turn, assures each of an abundant gridiron turnout.

Other schools in the circuit, however, must limp through the season with inexperienced talent, and not much of that. None of the squads would cut a fancy figure sans the V-12 gridgers, but that's scant consolation for the have-nots.

Keep the Boys Occupied

The pathetic picture was summed up by Lee Milford, of Clemson, president of the conference, when he said the teams without Navy personnel would be "like high school squads—just something to keep us going and keep the boys occupied."

On the other hand, Eddie Cameron, Duke pilot, has so many candidates out for the team, he's having a rough session shaving it to workable size. He expects to reduce his 100-man roster to 50, building around Bob Gantt, all-conference end; several of last year's holdovers, and an unlimited number of Navy and Marine undergrads.

Nine lettermen were among the 90 candidates who answered Tom Young's initial call at North Carolina. South Carolina, with 11 men back from last year's squad and a large naval contingent, also is loaded with formidable personnel.

No Worries for W and M

Richmond, which was ready to fold its gridiron doors for the duration until the Navy stepped in, will present a reasonably accurate facsimile of last year's William and Mary champions. The '42 champions, incidentally, have no football worries as they won't have a team this year.

Other perennials now among the missing include Virginia Tech, George Washington, The Citadel, Furman and Washington and Lee.

Transportation bans have erased several traditional classics, such as Duke vs. Colgate, Duke vs. Pittsburgh and North Carolina vs. Fordham. North Carolina, however, hasn't cancelled its dates with Penn and Penn State, while Duke will visit Navy.

Jimmy Bivins Decisions Bettina in Ten-Rounder

CLEVELAND, Sept. 16—Dusky Jimmy Bivins raised his winning streak to 13 straight by rapping out a ten-round decision over Cpl. Melio Bettina before 18,000 fans here to protect his ranking as the world's number one heavyweight outside the armed forces.

Bettina, holding a three-pound pull in weights, was unable to turn on the steam against the Cleveland Negro. It was Bettina's first setback since he migrated into the heavyweight ranks.

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All in the Stance



Three leatherneck athletes, who are experts in this particular business, demonstrate stance of positions in hip-level firing of a sub-machine-gun, bayonet fighting and boxing as taught to the Marines. Note position of the feet, spaced for balance and rapid movement. Left to right are: Capt. Stephen Stavers, of Brooklyn, former Columbia athlete; Pfc Terance Pane, of Trenton, N.J., former world's middleweight boxing champion, and Tommy Loughran, of Philadelphia, former world's light heavyweight champion.

Pacific Tour by Major Leaguers Gets War Department Okay

WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 16—Two star-studded squads of major league baseball players have been granted permission to tour Pacific outposts for a series of exhibition games, the War Department disclosed today.

Club personnel, consisting of 18 players each, will be chosen shortly after the World Series to permit selection of players on the championship teams. Baseball Czar Kenesaw Mountain Landis said the method of selecting players will be revealed at a later date.

Tentative arrangements provide for each league to name a manager. Then All-Star candidates will be nominated by club managers.

Players making the trip will donate their time and effort, and will travel by Army conveyance. The itinerary is, of course, "a military secret."

Bearcats Claw Coppers, 7-0, 8-0

FIGHTER STATION, Sept. 16—Cpl. Teddy Gurgol, of Hamtramck, Mich., pitched his — Fighter Station Bearcats to a double shutout victory over the Coppers, 7-0 and 8-0, to win this station's National League pennant race.

Gurgol not only whitewashed the Coppers in both games, permitting only one hit in the first contest and two in the nightcap, but also collected a pair of hits for as many runs in the initial encounter and had a field day at bat in the second game, getting three for three including a round tripper and a three-bagger, hammering home four runs.

The burly corporal fanned nine in the first contest and after only a 15-minute rest period, continued his pace in the second game, striking out seven for a total of 16 for the day. Yesterday's triumphs were Gurgol's 12th and 13th win, boosting his team's total to 15 games against two losses.

Toronto, Chiefs Advance In International Playoffs

TORONTO, Sept. 15—The Toronto Maple Leafs defeated Montreal, 7-3, for their second straight win over the Montreal Royals in the International League semi-final playoffs. Nick Strincevich was tagged for nine hits by the losers, while his mates collected seven.

SYRACUSE, Sept. 15—The Syracuse Chiefs annexed the second semi-final game of the International League playoffs from the Newark Bears, 4-3, here yesterday. Tom De La Cruz, 21-game winner, allowed six safeties, Jim Davis gave Syracuse seven.

Texas Circuit Meeting

DALLAS, Texas, Sept. 16—The Texas League, which suspended baseball for the season, will hold a meeting Nov. 13 to decide whether they will resume a schedule in 1944.

Yankees Continue Streak With 7-3 Victory Over A's

Sinkwich Makes Debut With Pro Lions Sunday

DETROIT, Sept. 16—Fireball Frankie Sinkwich, Georgia's All-American, will make his National Football League debut Sunday in the Detroit Lions' backfield when the Lions open their season against the Chicago Cardinals.

Clowns Blank Falcons, 8-0

Davis' Hit in First Spoils No-Hitter for Chuck Eisenmann

The CBS Clowns shut out the — Bomb Group Alcon-Falcons, 8-0, in a twilight affair at Paddington Recreation Grounds Wednesday. Lt. Chuck Eisenmann, of Superior, Wis., Clowns' hurler, had a no-hitter well in his grasp when, with two down in the last inning, S/Sgt. Maurice Davis, of Durham, N.C., singled through second.

Eisenmann, who hurled a no-hitter the last time out, faced only 23 batsmen, whiffing 12.

The Clowns started their scoring in the opening frame when Sgt. Bobby Korisher, of Scranton, Pa., leadoff man and second baseman, got a free pass, stole second and came home on an error at short. They showed two more across in the third; three in the fourth and the final two tallies in the fifth. Although they hit safely in the sixth and seventh, they were unable to score. Davis yielded seven blows.

Creighton Tops Lippman In SOS Tennis Final

SOS HQ, Sept. 16—T/Sgt. William Creighton, of Pittsburgh, beat Pfc Seymour Lippman, of Jamaica, N.Y., 6-3, 4-6, 6-1, to win the SOS singles tennis championship. Twenty-six contestants from this area had been entered in the tourney which was sponsored by the — Special Service Company and the ARC.

Fritzie Zivic Getting Hep—Wins When He Doesn't Train

By Dan Parker
N.Y. Daily Mirror Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Sept. 16—Fritzie Zivic, the unpredictable Pittsburgh pug, should be good for at least six more "farewell appearances" after his stint against one Vinnie Vines, of the Schenectady tomato vines, in Madison Square Garden last night.

Zivic, who oddly enough didn't bother to train for the bout, enjoyed one of the better nights in his checkered career. Of course, he was on the receiving end until he uncorked the lethal punch, but that was only two minutes and four seconds after the boys doffed their robes.

Vines, who quit the ring about a year ago and then returned, should have clung to his original decision.

The match was hastily arranged and even more hastily concluded. Everything happened so fast, Vines was reclining on the seat of his trunks before the cash customers had time to form an opinion

Nats Blank Red Sox, 5-0, Behind Niggeling; Browns Win

NEW YORK, Sept. 16—The New York Yankees racked up their eighth straight triumph yesterday at the Stadium, taking the Philadelphia Athletics into camp again, 7-3.

The Yankee hitters, who seem to be sharpening their batting eyes in preparation for the World Series, slammed out ten hits during the fracas, three of them homers by Charlie Keller, Joe Gordon and Bud Methany. Keller's whack was his 27th and came with two aboard in the first inning. Hank Borowy held the Mackmen to six blows.

Johnny Niggeling authored a three-hit, 5-0, shutout for the Washington Senators over the Boston Red Sox at Griffith Stadium. Tex Hughson started on the mound for the Hose, but was sent to the showers in the third when Jake Early's fifth homer of the season put over three tallies for the Griffs.

Seventh Straight for Browns

The St. Louis Browns, who in the last few weeks have begun to look like the pre-season favorites they were supposed to be, walked off with their seventh in a row, topping the Cleveland Indians 4-3, at Sportsman's Park. Al Zarilla's second homer of the season in the seventh with two on broke a 1-1 tie. Al Hollingsworth gained the victory, allowing nine hits, while Mel Harder, who was tagged with his sixth defeat, yielded six.

Catcher Paul Richards' double in the third which scored two runs, and Shortstop Luke Appling's heave into right field in an attempt to nip Richards at second, gave the Detroit Tigers a five-run inning and an 8-2 triumph over the White Sox at Chicago. Rufus Gentry pitched shut-out ball after the second inning and gave the Sox only six hits.

Phillies, Giants Split

In the only National League affair, the Phillies took the opener of a twin bill from the Giants, 1-0, the New Yorkers coming back in the finish, 6-3. Jack Kraus handcuffed the Ottmen in the opener with a four-hitter and won the game in the fifth on Ray Hamrick's single and Merrill May's triple. Van Lingle Mungo was the loser.

The New Yorkers took a three-run lead in the first inning of the nightcap and were never headed despite Ron Northey's 12th homer in the sixth inning and Rookie Andy Seminick's first major league hit, a homer with one on in the seventh. It was Ed East's first victory, Bill Lee's tenth defeat.

American League Wednesday's Games

St. Louis 4, Cleveland 3	W L Pct.
Washington 5, Boston 0	.. 67 79 .493
New York 7, Philadelphia 3	.. 65 71 .478
Detroit 8, Chicago 2	.. 62 76 .449

W L Pct.

New York 87 49 .640	Chicago .. 67 79 .493
Washington 77 62 .554	St. Louis .. 58 74 .439
Cleveland 73 63 .537	Boston .. 62 76 .449
Detroit 71 66 .518	Philadelphia 44 90 .328

Yesterday's Schedule

Philadelphia at New York
No other games scheduled.

National League Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia 1, New York 0 (first game)	W L Pct.
New York 6, Philadelphia 3 (second game)	.. 61 71 .462
St. Louis .. 90 44 .672	Chicago .. 61 71 .462
Brooklyn .. 75 61 .551	Boston .. 58 74 .439
Cincinnati .. 74 61 .548	Philadelphia 59 76 .437
Pittsburgh .. 73 68 .518	New York .. 50 85 .370

Yesterday's Schedule

Philadelphia at Boston
No other games scheduled.

Leading Hitters

American League

Appling, Chicago ..	G AB R H Pct.
Wakefield, Detroit ..	137 540 51 163 .320
Cramer, Detroit ..	125 542 74 163 .301
Curtright, Chicago ..	118 405 57 122 .301
Johnson, New York ..	137 521 62 152 .292

National League

Musial, St. Louis ..	G AB R H Pct.
Herman, Brooklyn ..	136 519 69 172 .331
Witek, New York ..	134 541 56 170 .314
Elliott, Pittsburgh ..	143 542 74 170 .314
Vaughan, Brooklyn ..	132 544 106 168 .309

Home Run Hitters

American League—York, Detroit, 31; Keller, New York, 27; Stephens, St. Louis, 20.

Runs Batted In

American League—York, Detroit, 106; Ethen, New York, 98; Johnson, New York, 90.

Pirates Purchase Roe

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 16—Elwin Roe, of Columbus, American Association strikeout king, has been purchased by the Pittsburgh Pirates for delivery Sept. 30. Southpaw Roe struck out 125 batters and allowed only 51 runs in 150 innings. He won 14 and lost six.

Mr. Ripley, Please

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Sept. 16—The horse player's dream has come true here. Manuel Alicea, after poring over dope sheets, parlayed \$1 on seven horses at Las Monjas track. All seven came in, Manuel's profit being \$5,909.43.

3 Defense Posts Seized in Drive On Japs at Lae

Americans, Australians Now Only Two Miles From Big Airfield

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Sept. 16—Three plantations defending the big Japanese air base of Lae, in New Guinea, have been captured, and the northern Allied forces are only two miles from the town itself, Gen. MacArthur's communique said today.

Allied troops advancing from the west have captured defense centers at Heath's and Vernon's plantations, and are now pushing down the valley road to Lae. Preparing the way for them, Allied medium bombers have bombed and strafed the road.

Guadalcanal was bombed by Japanese planes Monday night, and the Lunda Point area sustained "some minor

358 Jap Planes Bite Dust in Just 27 Days

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (AP)—American fliers shot down 358 Japanese planes in 27 days and "practically eliminated" enemy air positions prior to the final capture of Munda airfield in the Solomons Aug. 7, the Navy Department reported today.

The Japanese losses included 259 fighter planes, 60 twin-engine bombers and 16 float-planes. These, the Navy said, accounted for all except 20 or 30 of the enemy planes in the Solomons area. American losses were 71 fighters and 22 bombers.

damage," it was announced officially today.

Approaching Salamaua, with Japanese troops fleeing before them, American and Australian forces staged a foot race to see which would enter the town ahead of the other. The first sizeable units of both forces entered the shattered town Sunday, but the Aussies apparently won, claiming to have put a patrol in the previous night.

The Japanese left weapons and large stores of supplies behind in Salamaua. Hundreds of Americans and Australians now walk along the isthmus, souvenir-hunting.

Many Americans, whose uniforms were in tatters after the mountain crossing, have changed into Japanese naval uniforms which they found undamaged in warehouses.

U.S.-Trained Chinese in Action

NEW DELHI, India, Sept. 16 (AP)—Chinese troops, trained and equipped at Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell's Chinese-American training center in India, recently fought a skirmish with 200 Japanese in the Naga Hills country of Northern Burma, wrecking supply depots and bridges, a communique announced today.

Soldiers Speak to America On Eagle Club Broadcast

Jack Payne's band played on yesterday's Eagle Club broadcast to America. Others on the program were: Capt. Treadwell, MC; T/Sgts. Billy Brown, Hollywood, Cal., and Arthur Smith, Norwich, Kan.; S/Sgt. John Huber, Harold, S.D.; Sgt. Edward Koukol, Chicago; Sgt. James Hartman, RCAF, Camden, N.J.; Cpls. D. D. Wolfe, Indianapolis, Ind.; Fred Laybhen, San Fernando, Cal., and Benno Schultz, St. Paul, Minn.

Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM, Sept. 16—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:

Friday—Favorite song recital, 6-8 PM; Showmobile, 10:30 PM.

Saturday—Vicki at the piano, 6-8 PM; hostess dance, 6:30-9:30 PM.

Sunday—Tea dance, 2:30-5 PM; Vicki at the piano, 6 PM.

Clashes in Northern Italy

Algiers radio reported last night that in northern Italy clashes between Italian and German troops continued. In Turin, it said, 2,000 Italian soldiers have encircled a strong German formation and have taken several hundred prisoners.

American Forces Network

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Friday, Sept. 17

- 5:45—Spotlight on Ina Ray Hutton.
- 6:00—News (BBC).
- 6:10—Personal Album—Jean O'Neill.
- 6:25—GI Supper Club—request program.
- 7:00—Sports—Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
- 7:05—Sixty Seconds Over France—Story of four Eighth Air Force Thunderbolt pilots.
- 7:20—South American Way.
- 7:30—Comedy Caravan—Jack Benny as guest.
- 8:00—News From Home—Stars and Stripes roundup.
- 8:10—The Fred Waring Show.
- 8:25—Miniature.
- 8:30—The Tommy Dorsey Program.
- 9:00—News (BBC).
- 9:10—Happy Norman and his Guitar.
- 9:20—The Charlie McCarthy Program.
- 9:45—Hits and Bits.
- 9:50—Suspense—Mystery!!!
- 10:20—Final Edition—Stars and Stripes News.
- 10:30—Sign Off until Sept. 18 at 5:45 PM.

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Rear Adm. Howard L. Vickery

Adm. Vickery Arrives in U.K.

Key Figure in American Shipbuilding to Tour Yards of Britain

By Don Hewitt

Stars and Stripes Merchant Marine Editor

Rear Adm. Howard L. Vickery, USN, vice chairman of the U.S. Maritime Commission, who plays a leading role in America's fabulous shipbuilding program, has arrived in the United Kingdom to confer with British shipbuilders and to tour shipyards as the guest of the British government.

In an interview yesterday, Adm. Vickery stressed the fact that America's shipbuilding and personnel-training programs were not just wartime measures, but had been instituted long before the war in an effort for America to recapture her status as a maritime nation.

The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y., where merchant marine officers are trained, will be continued after the war, said the Admiral, as the Annapolis and West Point of the merchant marine.

Adm. Vickery was appointed to the Maritime Commission in 1940 through special legislation, necessary because of his status as a commissioned officer on the active list of the U.S. Navy. In June, 1942, he was appointed deputy administrator of the War Shipping Administration.

Adm. Vickery's arrival coincided with the completion of the first "C" type ship to be built at a Liberty ship yard under the Admiral's new accelerated program. An east coast ship yard which abandoned its Liberty ship program Aug. 28 in favor of the new larger and faster vessels will launch its first "C2" today.

With America's biggest yards rapidly being converted to the construction of these newer type ships, by April of 1944 the bulk of America's shipbuilding will be engaged in the construction of "Victory" and "C" type ships instead of the slower Liberty ships, the Admiral said.

FDR to See Soong

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (AP)—President Roosevelt has arranged to see T. V. Soong, Chinese ambassador to the U.S., it was announced today by the President's secretary, Stephen Early.

Yankee Cutter, Now British, Fights Subs With U.S. Officer

The former American Coast Guard cutter Champlain, now HMS Sennen since her transfer to the British in 1941, shared in a recent successful action against U-boats while on an Atlantic convoy, the British Admiralty announced yesterday.

At the same time it revealed that the Sennen's first lieutenant, E. M. Ferris, is a former Boston and Akron business man who hopes to become the first American officer in the British Navy to take command of his own ship.

Ferris, a yachtsman, volunteered for the U.S. Navy in 1940, but was turned down as too old. In May, 1941, he discovered that he was about to be drafted into the U.S. Army.

"I knew that at the age of 33 they'd

NEWS FROM HOME

House to Vote On America's Post-War Role

Fulbright Resolution Asks Creation of World Peace League

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16—The Fulbright Resolution favoring post-war international collaboration between the United States and other nations will be voted on by the House of Representatives Monday.

Passage of the resolution, supported by the House Foreign Affairs Committee, will put the House on record as supporting "the creation of international machinery, with the United States participating to establish a just and lasting peace." The resolution, however, does not empower the House to take steps to set up an international organization.

If the House approves the measure, the Senate will probably vote favorably on it. Sen. Tom Connally (D., Tex.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, proposed yesterday that the United States take a leading part in creating a post-war organization of sovereign nations to enforce peace with military power and naval might.

Transport Sailing Revealed

NEW YORK, Sept. 16—A message written in invisible ink and sent to Germany was read at the trial of Ernest Lehmitz, alleged German agent. FBI agent John Willis testified that Lehmitz had confessed writing the letter, which revealed the sailing of a large troop transport.

Prisons to Get War Awards

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16—The War Production Board announced that National Service Flags would be awarded 56 prisons for outstanding war production. Inmates of 130 state prisons are now engaged in war production.

Negro Appointed to N.Y. Bench

NEW YORK, Sept. 16—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey has appointed Francis Ellis Rivers, a Negro, as justice of the City Court of New York. Rivers, 50, a senior assistant district attorney of New York County, will fill the vacancy created by the death of Justice James C. Madigan.

Eisenhower Decorates Spaatz and Doolittle

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Sept. 16 (AP)—Gen. Eisenhower today decorated Maj. Gen. Carl Spaatz with the Legion of Merit and Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle with the Distinguished Service Medal.

Gen. Spaatz was decorated for the organization, quartering, training and maintenance of the Eighth Air Force in Britain, and Doolittle for organizing and carrying out operations of the Strategic Air Force in Africa.

Middle Three College Reunion

Alumni of Lehigh, Lafayette and Rutgers universities will hold a reunion dinner at the No. 3 Grosvenor Square club Saturday, Sept. 25, at 6:30 PM. Motion pictures of last year's football games and the three campuses will be shown. The Stars and Stripes college registration service will accept reservations.

Lord Mayor Inspects Gen. Eaker's HQ



Sir Samuel Joseph, Lord Mayor of London, inspects the camera equipment of Cpl. James Lister, of Baltimore, a U.S. Army photographer covering his visit to Eighth Air Force headquarters. Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, air force chief, looks on.

EIGHTH AIR FORCE HQ, Sept. 16—The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Samuel Joseph, yesterday visited this post as a guest of Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, Eighth Air Force commander. The Lord Mayor inspected units of the RAF and WAAF attached to the USAAF and made a tour of the camp and headquarters facilities. The units were presented to the reviewing party by Lt. Col. William Bailey, of Bellingham, Wash. Assisting Col. Bailey were Capt. H. F. Auferheide, Pittsburgh; Maj. J. L. Williams and Lt. R. L. Russell, Oakland, Cal.

Yanks Driving Inland in Italy

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Henry L. Stimson said that losses on both sides have been heavy and that at one time it looked as though our forces might be pushed back into the sea. Speaking a few minutes before the announcement of the new offensive, the Secretary said the battle for the bridgeheads was still in the balance, though the German attacks had been stopped. He explained that the forces were about the same numerically but that the enemy had a preponderance of tanks and the advantage of interior communication lines, enabling them to bring up reinforcements and supplies more quickly than the Allies. However, he said, the Allies have definite air superiority.

"There has never been any thought of evacuation," he explained. The increasing flood of Allied troops onto the beaches made Gen. Clark's force the largest army engaged in a single battle in the Mediterranean since the start of the war, and it was believed that the magnitude and fierceness of the fighting were draining the strength of the German army in large quantities.

British forces in the eastern section of the Italian mainland, meanwhile, were reported by Vichy to be advancing on Foggia, important road and rail center. Possession of Foggia, with its great airfield, would be a serious threat to German forces fighting at Salerno.

War in Italy Weakens Nazi Forces in Russia

MADRID, Sept. 16 (AP)—Dispatches from Berlin today said that the Allies already had achieved one objective in Italy by drawing large forces of German troops and material there from "other fronts."

The Spanish correspondents obviously referred to the Russian front, where they said the German High Command had pinned defense plans on the coming rainy season.

Balkans - - -

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communication to the rest of Europe snapping ominously, one by one.

Of the five main rail routes linking Italy with the continent, one the Germans have yet to conquer, another was reported to have been cut yesterday, the third is threatened and even the two remaining links are frequently blasted by sabotage.

Reports from France last night said that the Germans were still unable to use the Modane-Mont Cenis line as a result of the armed resistance of Italian troops and the workers of Turin at Susa and Rivoli. French units in the Savoy were also doing their bit with sabotage to keep the line closed.

Terry and the Pirates



By Milton Caniff