

Allies Gain, 500 Planes Pound Naples

All 3 USAAF Battle Units In Operation

Bomber, Fighter, Support Groups in Weekend Raids on Europe

The Eighth Air Force's three combat commands—Bomber, Fighter and Support—are ready to begin "continuous operation" in the American part of the Allied air offensive against Nazi Europe from bases in Britain.

In a weekend which the first time saw attacks on targets by all three arms of the Eighth Air Force in the ETO, medium bombers of the Eighth Air Support Command followed Flying Fortresses of Bomber Command and the P47 fighters to France.

As the mediums came home from an attack on the Abbeville railway yards, Brig. Gen. Robert C. Candee, Eighth Support commander, declared it was "just the beginning of continuous operation . . . we hope to conduct operations when the Fortresses can't."

Only Two Forts Lost

The Forts carried the burden of the weekend attack, hammering industrial targets in Amsterdam, Holland and northwestern Germany, and returning home 25—1 winners of a bitter duel with German fighter planes.

Two of the bombers were reported missing after combats over northwestern Germany in which, according to early figures, more than 50 Nazi fighters were destroyed.

None of the mediums was lost in their Friday evening raid, and none of the P47s, which with Allied fighters covered both operations, was reported missing. Three German fighters were shot down during the medium raid on Abbeville.

RAF activity over the weekend in western and northern Europe was limited to intruder attacks against targets in the Low Countries, from which one aircraft was reported missing.

Some of the Fortress gunners who came back from Germany Saturday said the Luftwaffe forces attacked more persistently than ever before. One formation fought off more than a score of attackers which hammered at them for more than half an hour. The German fighter pilots appeared to be veterans, the USAAF airmen said.

Clouds Over Target

In Saturday's raid one large formation of B17s reached Germany but was unable to find the target because of dense cloud banks. On the way home they found an opening over what appeared to be a large German industrial city and dropped their bombs.

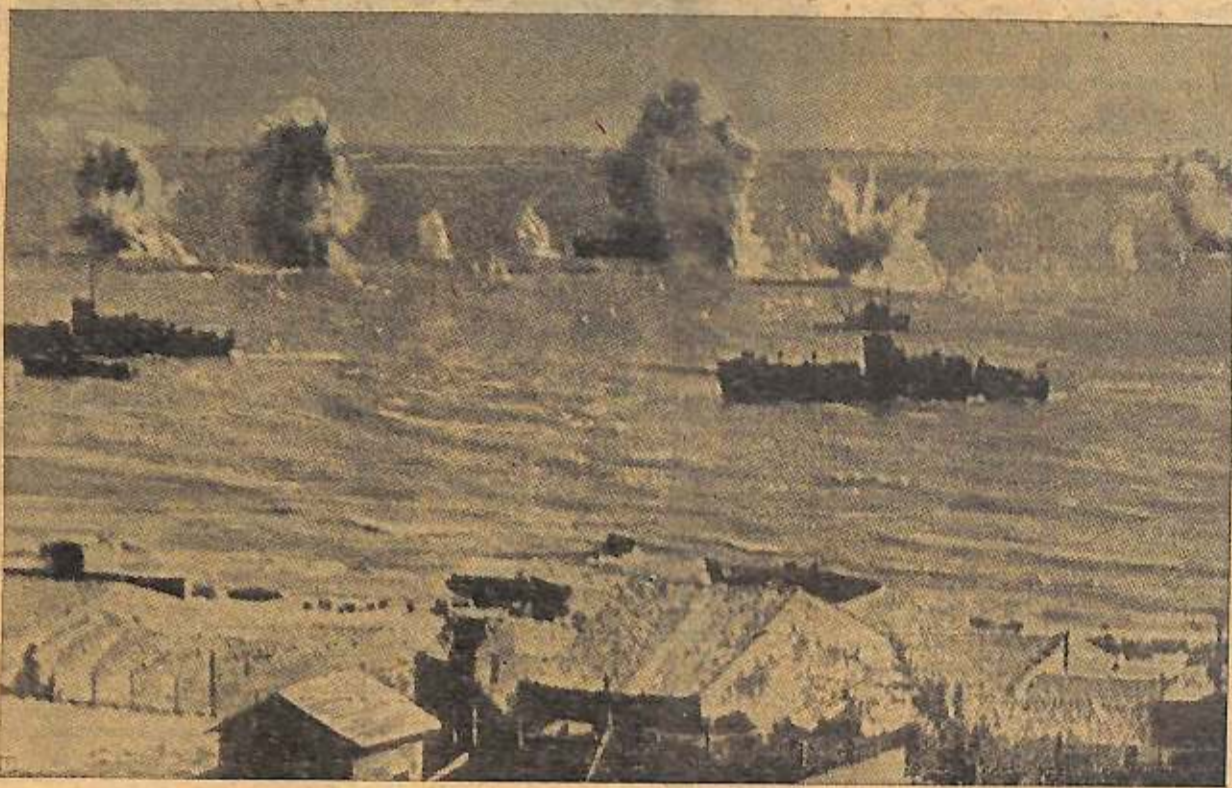
The bombers that went to Amsterdam had brief openings in the clouds which enabled them to make their bomb runs, but the cloud gaps closed quickly and they were unable to observe results.

The Fortresses over Germany were homeward bound when they were hit by swarms of German fighters.

The unusually large number of fighters encountered, in excess of 200, indicated the enemy apparently is maintaining its strong defenses over northwest Germany despite demands from other fronts, it was pointed out.

Maj. Virgil L. Emerson, 26, of Ames, (Continued on page 2)

Landing Craft Move Ashore Under Axis Gunfire



Landing craft loaded with U.S. troops of the Seventh Army slide onto the beaches near Gela under inaccurate Axis light cannon and machine-gun fire churning up the Mediterranean surf.

200 U.S. Planes Destroy 7 Jap Ships, 49 Zeros

20-Minute Attack Called More Intense Than Pearl Harbor

WASHINGTON, July 18—More than 200 U.S. Liberators, torpedo planes and Corsairs, in an air onslaught described as even more intense than the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, sank seven Jap ships and destroyed 49 Zeros in 20 minutes yesterday morning near Bougainville Island, largest and northernmost of the Solomons.

This third blow in two weeks to Jap shipping in the Solomon area resulted in the certain destruction of one light cruiser or destroyer leader, two destroyers, a sub chaser, a tanker and two merchant ships. Six U.S. planes were lost, headquarters announced.

The previous night Fortresses, Liberators and Avengers droned over the Bougainville area for nine hours rendering prized Jap airdromes useless. Huge fires were started.

82 Tons on Munda

On New Georgia, 160 miles southeast of Bougainville, more than 100 Dauntlesses, Avengers and Forts dumped 82 tons on Munda airport. Other U.S. dive-bombers swept over the palm trees to strafe Bairoka, the Japs' only overland supply route to the coast from Munda, but which is now cut off by U.S. Marines blocking the trail about two miles from Munda. Land operations on New Georgia have slowed up due to heavy tropical rains.

Since June 30, U.S. planes and warships have sunk 17 Japanese warships and three cargo vessels, probably sunk (Continued on page 2)

Navy Helps Patton Take Rail Center

Third of Sicily Captured; Biggest Raid Stresses Roosevelt Message

While Allied air forces pounded home the Roosevelt-Churchill "surrender-or-else" ultimatum with their greatest attack on the Italian mainland, American troops swept through Agrigento and Porto Empedocle over the weekend and Britain's Eighth Army inched its way within seven miles of Catania in bloody fighting.

Agrigento, a vital rail and communications center, was taken by the U.S. Seventh Army with the help of heavy shelling by U.S. warships.

With one-third of Sicily now in Allied hands, it was a bad weekend for Italy. Her 207th division headquarters staff was captured, complete with commanding general. Axis prisoners mounted beyond 30,000. And RAF night bombers, flying from Britain, struck telling blows at transformer stations serving the two main north-south supply routes of Italy's electrified railways.

Biggest Raid on Italy

Five hundred heavy and medium bombers—officially described as the strongest force ever to attack the Italian mainland—cascaded high explosives on Naples Saturday.

Docks, railways, industrial areas and a torpedo factory felt the mammoth attack, begun by RAF Wellingtons and followed in daylight by American Liberators, Fortresses, Mitchells and Marauders of both North African and Middle Eastern commands. Smoke rose 12,000 feet, and the Naples arsenal exploded in a sheet of flame from Fortress bombs.

Agrigento, vital rail and communications center in southern Sicily, fell with 4,000 prisoners to Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U.S. Seventh Army on Friday, after intensive bombardment by the U.S. Navy, it was announced yesterday.

Hundreds of mules were impressed to carry ammunition up the hills for the 155mm. "long Toms" which smashed an Italian attempt to bring up reinforcements for a counter-attack. The Italians surrendered by the hundreds as the two creeping barrages, from land and sea, closed in on their positions.

15 Miles Gained

The big 155mms. also paved the way for U.S. Rangers to enter Porto Empedocle, a few miles west of Agrigento. The two captures advanced the Americans' left flank 15 miles west of its last reported position. The U.S. lines now run 22 miles inland, pushed there after the tankers repulsed a counter-attack by the Hermann Goering division near Barrafranca. Two of 16 German tanks were destroyed.

In the center of the Allied front, Canadians were reported advancing inland from Caltagirone, the important mountain-country railway and highway junction.

The most stubborn fighting of the campaign was taking place a few miles south of Catania, where the Hermann Goering division and supporting troops were reported to be maintaining fierce resistance with the help of Axis bombers and fighters. The key point of the fighting was the 400-foot long bridge at Primosolo, seven miles south of the city, where the Dittaino, Gornalunga and Simeto rivers come together on their way to the sea. Catania is now in flames, Algiers radio said. The situation in the city was re-

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Sicily Casualties Light; American Injuries Least

ALLIED COMMAND POST, North Africa, July 18 (AP)—A compilation today of reports received in the last seven days showed Allied casualties in the invasion of Sicily to have been amazingly light.

There were proportionately fewer Americans injured than Canadians and British. The greatest number of killed, wounded and missing were among airborne troops.

One division of British land forces effected a landing on the eastern coast without a single man being killed or wounded seriously enough to require evacuation. Hospitals prepared in North Africa to receive between ten and twenty thousand wounded are actually caring for a fraction of the numbers expected.

Ultimatum Impressed Italians; Allies Form Sicily Government

The Churchill-Roosevelt message to the Italian people, urging them to choose now whether to "die for Hitler and Mussolini, or live for Italy and civilization," has made a deep impression on the people, according to reports reaching Madrid, and informed circles in Rome hinted yesterday at unexpected political developments.

American and British newspapers were almost unanimous in the view that the message was timed on the basis of information in Allied hands concerning the deterioration of Fascist influence in Italy.

The warm welcome which citizens of Sicily and even some Italian soldiers gave to Allied troops, particularly Americans, supported the theory that Italians generally may be at the point of an open break with Mussolini and the Axis.

Rome Announces Appeal

The Roosevelt-Churchill message was given even quicker distribution than was expected in many Allied quarters. Supplementing the broadcasts from Algiers, London and New York and the leaflets dropped by Allied airplanes, the Fascist News Agency itself apparently was obliged in self-defense to announce the appeal a few hours after it was made.

Meanwhile, on Sicily, the United Nations established their first new government on European soil—the Amgot, or Allied Military Government of Occupied Territory. Brig. Gen. Frank L. McSherry, U.S. Army, and Maj. Gen. Lord Rennell, British Army, have been appointed joint heads under Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, military governor.

Operated by American and British officers who have been training for months for the task, Amgot is responsible for civilian administration and the enforcement of Gen. Alexander's proclamations. The power of the Crown of Italy was immediately suspended for the duration of the occupation, but most laws were retained and the civilians assured that their (Continued on page 2)

Attack on Italy May Come Soon

Allies May Strike as Soon As They Control East Coast of Sicily

WASHINGTON, July 18 (UP)—There is good reason to believe the Allies will attack the Italian mainland before the occupation of Sicily is complete, provided the campaign on the island proceeds as well during the next few days as it has since the landing, according to official observers here.

It is pointed out that with the eastern strip of Sicily, including Messina, occupied with overwhelming forces, there would be no immediate necessity to clean up the isolated elements in the mountains west of the island.

The Anglo-American plan, it is believed, will be to strike at Italy and also prepare for action against Sardinia and Corsica to gain a position for invasion of southern France when the time comes.

Those close to Balkan affairs in Washington think that once the Allies are in southern Italy they may not only bomb Axis points throughout the Balkans but move troops across the Adriatic to join up with the Yugoslav and Greek guerrillas.

Laundry on Line Means Fliers Safe

By Richard Wilbur

A BRITISH AIR SEA RESCUE MARINE BASE, July 18—With a string of GI wool underwear, pants and socks drying in the afternoon sun above deck, two British rescue launches of the Air Sea Rescue Service steamed into harbor here yesterday carrying nine survivors of a Flying Fortress which had ditched in the North Sea shortly before noon.

The survivors were picked up from "one and a half dinghies" within an hour and a half after their Fort, the Snowball, attacked by more than 25 Focke Wulf's and Me. 109s on its return trip from the big Saturday raid on northwestern Germany, went into the sea 30 miles from the Dutch coast.

For most of the crew it was the 13th operation in the Snowball. For Snowball it was the third and last time of being shot up by enemy planes. This time the Snowball looked like "a sieve before it sank," one member of the crew said.

In a cabin on one of the launches, 2/Lt. Joseph P. Shames, of De Kalb, Ill., bombardier, told from his bunk how one of the crew's dinghies, damaged in the Fort during the savage German attack, wouldn't inflate fully after the crew bailed out.

"But we hitched onto the other dinghie and we all managed on one and a half dinghies," he said.

Time spent trying to pump up the damaged dinghie and tying it together with the whole one went fast until the Air Sea Rescue Service found them, according to 2/Lt. E. H. Eastlund, of Tuettin, Mich., co-pilot.

Three of the enlisted men declared that it would be hard to say enough for the Air Sea Rescue team. "Those boys are really on the ball," S/Sgt. Robert F. Martin, of Velasco, Tex., radio operator, said.

S/Sgt. Arturo Chacon, of Del Rio, Tex., tail gunner, figured that the Snow-

ball hit the water at 11.15 AM and that the crew was picked up at about 12.45 PM. Later, in a Royal Navy dispensary to which the airmen were taken, five of the crew discovered their wrist watches were still working and agreed that they hadn't been adrift more than an hour and a half before they were rescued.

Snowball crew members for whom this was the 13th trip, said they never thought it would end so luckily.

"There wasn't a spot on the ship that wasn't hit," S/Sgt. Willard Hunter, of Bloomfield, Ill., gunner, said.

Three engines were knocked out, both wings were damaged, and the section of the Fort from the radio room to the tail "looked like a sieve" just before they ditched, T/Sgt. Thomas B. Dye, of Steubenville, Ohio, ball turret gunner, said.

The Snowball was crossing the coast, heading towards England after an undisturbed hour over enemy territory when between 25 and 30 FWs and MEs

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'Nazi Flak Is Tougher,' Tokyo Raider Decides

A MEDIUM BOMBER STATION, England, July 18—The lead bombardier in the formation of mediums which Friday made Eighth Air Support's first attack of the war was Capt. Frank Kappler, of Alameda, Cal., who bombed Tokyo last year from one of the B25s which Maj. Gen. James Doolittle led over Japan.

"We didn't see any anti-aircraft fire over Japan and we were over the island for 45 minutes," Kappler said. "We were only over France 11 minutes and there was plenty. It's tougher here."

Another medium bomber veteran on the Abbeville raid, Maj. Wilson R. Wood, of Chico, Tex., took part in the sinking of one Japanese submarine in the Pacific, and a German U-boat off the coast of Florida.

Sicilian, Ex-Brooklynite, Saves U.S. Parachutists

Was Dodgers Neighbor 14 Years—and Wants To Go Back

WITH U.S. FORCES, Southern Sicily, July 18—Two American parachutists having their hair cut in the shadow of a church near Comiso told the wonderful story of the Sicilian who had left his heart in Brooklyn.

He had lived 14 years there and he wanted desperately to go back. When he found a party of American parachutists cut off and surrounded in the hills he set to work to help them at once. For three days he took food and water up to them in his mule cart. He carried their wounded down and saw they reached a casualty clearing station. Often he was under fire.

He continued until he and his mule were almost exhausted. Finally he was wounded by shrapnel himself. But before he went to the hospital he managed to get a message through, and all the parachutists were rescued.

Sergeant Captures General

Reconnoitering towards Sortino, Sgt. Hampson, of a tank regiment, single-handedly captured the commander of the Napoli division, a major general and all his staff, including the artillery commander.

Hampson found a road ahead blocked by two blazing enemy tanks. He went forward on foot to reconnoiter, peeped over the stone wall bordering the road and saw the general and his staff in a field. He went in still on foot, told them they were surrounded, and brought them all back to divisional headquarters.

'Chutists Had Tough Time

Some American parachutists had a grueling time on the night of the invasion. 2/Lt. Houston Tubb, of Winter Garden, Fla., said some of them fell into trees and got tangled up and were forced to remain there until dawn before they could cut themselves free. Then they took on any enemy they came across.

"We silenced several guns which we discovered later were firing on British then landing on the beach below the town. We didn't know it at the time and, believe me, we were just as pleased to see the British as they were to see us. We joined up and captured a railway station together."

Hitler's Secret Flop

The Allies have captured what the men jokingly call "Hitler's secret weapon"—the German No. 6 six-barreled mortar. This is the weapon which, according to Axis boasts, would fire a liquid air shell capable of killing everything within 1,000 yards of where it exploded. Yesterday one of the shells exploded 17 yards from an Eighth Army man; he was un-injured.

'Seeps' In Action

For the first time in this war American-made amphibious jeeps are in service. They are doing a useful job, British Tommies driving them as instructed by Americans in North Africa just before the invasion.

'Bomb Rome,' Italians Say

A spokesman for a group of Italians who had suffered in the bombing of Syracuse made an odd request to a correspondent who saw them after they were taken prisoners. "Why don't you ask the British to bomb Rome?" he asked. "It's ridiculous to regard it as an historic monument. Syracuse is just as historic, and look at it now."

Injun Chief There

One of the most colorful sights along Gen. Montgomery's route as the Eighth Army commander motored forward to his front line armored patrols was an American Red Indian chief of the Pawnee tribe. He was astride a mustang from the Sicilian hills, riding bareback as his ancestors did on the prairies, with a rope bridle. So easily and gracefully did this particular soldier ride that he seemed to be a part of his mount.

With him rode, or walked, hundreds of parachutists of the same American task force. They made, according to one British correspondent, the most colorful picture ever seen on or off the screen.

"Wearing suits with half-length leg boots, American-type helmets, carrying rifles, tommy-guns, and miniature American flags, they were mostly lean, wiry six-footers, rather handsome of face. No transport having been dropped with them they had commandeered colorful peasant carts each of which had panels on sides and backs decorated with paintings of which Michelangelo might not have been ashamed."

Five U.S. Generals

Of the five division commanders of the U.S. Seventh Army in Sicily, only two are over 50 years of age. Only one entered the Army upon graduation from West Point. One rose from the ranks after enlisting as a private. All major generals, they are:

Terry De La Mesa Allen, 55, born in Fort Douglas, Utah, who led his First Infantry Division in landings on the North African coast and through the Tunisian campaign, winning the Distinguished Service Cross. He attended West Point, and then was graduated from the Catholic University in Washington before being commissioned as a second lieutenant of cavalry in 1912. He has commanded the

U.S. Ranger Chief Accepts DSC, But Rejects Promotion

WITH THE AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY, Southern Sicily, July 15 (delayed) (AP)—Lt. Col. William D. Darby, leader of the famous American Rangers, accepted the Distinguished Service Cross from Lt. Gen. George S. Patton yesterday, but declined his offer of full colonelcy and command of an infantry combat command.

It was the third time the young Ranger chieftain had turned down similar offers. Twice during the Tunisian campaign he rejected command of such teams.

"I feel I can do more good with my Ranger boys fighting than I could with a combat team," he explained. The Rangers like Darby because he fights by their side—or ahead of them—in every action.

He was with his men as they swept through Gela on invasion day and captured 500 prisoners. Darby and 18 Rangers caught 52 Italian officers in one hotel and went in after them with hand grenades and automatics. When it was all over the Italians came out with their hands up.

famous First Division since May, 1942.

Troy H. Middleton, 54, born in Hazelhurst, Miss., who enlisted in the Regular Army as a private in 1910, was commissioned a second lieutenant two years later, and now commands the 45th Infantry Division. He served in France in the last war and received the Distinguished Service Medal for duty as a battalion and regimental commander of the 47th Infantry and the Silver Star for gallantry. He became commanding general of an infantry division in October, 1942.

Hugh J. Gaffey, 48, born in Hartford, Conn., commissioned second lieutenant, Field Artillery, in 1917, after graduation from the University of Pennsylvania, now commanding the Second Armored Division. He holds the DSM for service as chief of staff of the Second U.S. Army Corps during the period which covered the battle of El Guettar and other North African engagements.

Lucian K. Truscott Jr., 48, born in Chatfield, Tex., commissioned second lieutenant, Cavalry Reserve, 1917, after attending Cleveland Teachers' Institute, now commander of the Third Infantry Division. He led the American Rangers operating out of British bases and holds a DSM for gallantry at Port Lyautey in the North African campaign.

Matthew B. Ridgway, 48, born in Fort Monroe, Va., graduated from West Point and commissioned second lieutenant of infantry in 1917, now commander of the 82nd Airborne Division. He has commanded the 82nd since prior to its organization as one of the first two airborne divisions of the Army.

Naples Blasted As Allies Gain

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ported becoming more critical every hour. Reynolds Packard, United Press correspondent, said one of the great stories of this war, when it is finally written, would be the story of the defense of the bridge by British parachutists dropped around it Thursday night. Some of them rounded up all the Italians nearby, he said, and 200 others captured the bridge itself.

Then began the fight to hold it until the infantry fought their way north from Lentini and relieved them. The 200 held it for 24 hours, though they were slowly picked off by attacks from the air and the ground.

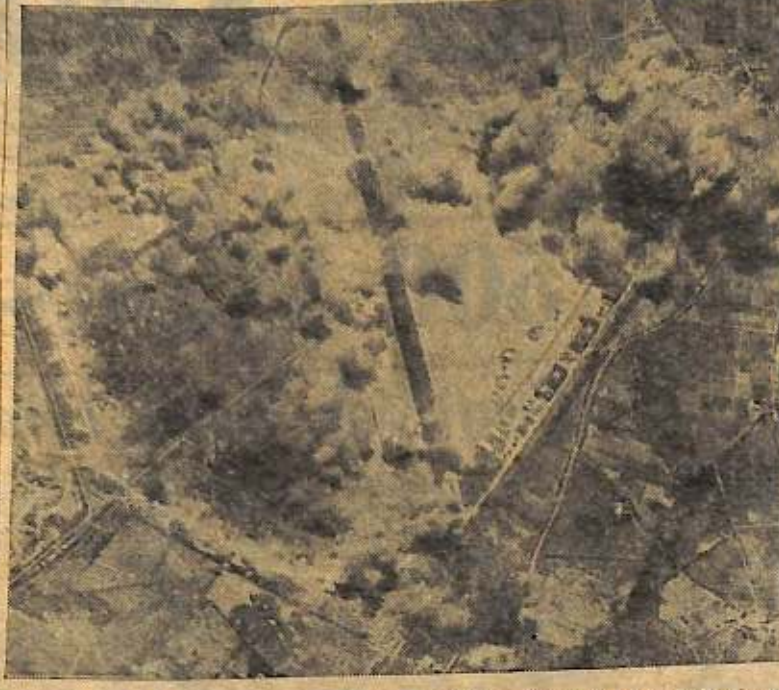
But the infantry was delayed getting through the Lentini bottleneck. When it finally arrived the 200 parachutists had been overwhelmed only three hours before—but not before the Axis threw in seven battalions to do the job. But in the 24 hours they held it the air troops had removed the Italian dynamite from beneath the bridge. And so the bridge still stands.

Although the British still were meeting stiff resistance, observers at Allied headquarters forecast Catania's fall was only a matter of hours. Allied warships continuously poured shells into the suburbs north and south of the port, and North African medium bombers plastered it Friday night.

In this operation and the round-the-clock hammering of Naples, 40 Axis planes were destroyed for the loss of 13 Allied aircraft.

Britain-based Lancasters of the RAF took a hand in the battle of Sicily by striking at electric transformer stations on the two main railway trunk lines in Italy. Three of these were near Bologna, where the Brenner Pass supply line passes southward, and one near Genoa, where the other main route leads down the west coast. These were attacked Thursday night. On Friday night the Lancasters returned to Bologna, and also hit at two stations near Milan, one of which receives power from the largest Italian hydro-electric stations at Cardano Isarco.

Heavies Batter Sicilian Airport



Bombs from U.S. heavies pepper runways and installations at the Axis-held airport near Catania, in Sicily.

Three USAAF Arms in Attack

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Iowa, led one group of attacking Fortresses in Daisy June IV. "About 20 miles off the German coast we ran into between 20 and 30 fighters, Emerson said. "They really came in. We had a running battle for over half an hour, and then they broke off. The fighters were persistent as hell. It was obvious from the way they flew that they were not cadets."

Sgt. Alfred Drabms, of Middleport, Pa., a ground crew member at Hickham Field, Hawaii, during the attack on Pearl Harbor, flew as tail gunner on Daisy June IV.

"It was steady shooting for 30 minutes," said Drabms. "There were at least 20 separate attacks. I got one Me.109 for certain, about 600 yards from our ship, and I saw him explode."

"I've never seen the Germans attack with a more concentrated force," declared Staff Sgt. Arthur H. Block, 22, tail gunner of the ship Tarfu Jr., who sent three of the fighters down.

Left waist gunner on the ship Tarfu Jr was S/Sgt. Jey R. Bosh, 26, of Mansfield, Ohio, who finished off another persistent FW190 after 75 bursts. "I got him dead for sure," said Bosh. "I knocked his tail off and he went into a spiral, trailing smoke."

S/Sgt. Claude E. Deverger, of Fielding, Ill., ball turret gunner on Ain't We Scared? related: "We saw about 40 or 50 fighters after we began the return trip. They attacked mainly from head-on."

After Friday's medium raid, it was disclosed that the complete crew of the mediums wears the flak suits designed by Col. Malcolm Grow, chief surgeon of the Eighth Air Force.

1/Lt. Thomas G. Trainor, of Haverhill, Mass., a bombardier, gave the body armor credit for saving him from serious injury when a fragment of flak hit his suit in the back, tore a three-inch hole in the canvas cover and glanced off the metal lining.

Col. Sam Anderson, of Greensboro, N.C., wing commander who went in a bomber in the leading element, said afterwards that he was "well pleased with the results."

Italy Impressed By 'Ultimatum'

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personal and property rights would be respected. One of the members of Amgot, it was disclosed, is Charles Poletti, who filled out Herbert H. Lehman's term as Governor of New York last year.

The attitude of Sicilians and Italian prisoners disclosed great bitterness against Il Duce. Italian soldiers taken prisoner were almost unanimously opposed to Mussolini and the Fascist regime, while only one-third of the officers still were loyal to him.

"We blame Mussolini and the Germans, not the Allies, for the bombing of Italian towns," some said. A spokesman for one group of Sicilians told a correspondent that Rome should be bombed.

American-speaking peasants, many of whom had lived long in the United States, used good old American profanity to describe the parentage of Mussolini and Hitler. The citizens gave the Allied soldiers wine, refusing payment, but asking for food if possible because their rations had been so short.

Sicily's Fall 'In 3 Weeks'
WITH SEVENTH AMERICAN ARMY, Sicily, July 16 (delayed) (AP)—"Ruthless offensive" today has firmly established the American Seventh Army under Lt. Gen. George S. Patton in an untakable bridgehead six days after the initial landing that paves the way for a quick clean up for what may be fall of Sicily within the next three weeks.

Nelson May Visit England
WASHINGTON, July 18 (UP)—WPB Chief Donald Nelson may visit England and Russia this year for an inspection of war industries, one of his close associates

Eaker Honors Allied Airmen

HQ., EIGHTH AIR FORCE, July 18—Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, commander of the Eighth Air Force, decorated airmen of the United Nations in a mass ceremony here yesterday.

Receiving awards were 29 officers and men of the RAF, the RCAF, the Royal New Zealand Air Force, the Norwegian Air Force, the Polish Air Force and the Fighting French Air Force.

Gen. Eaker bestowed the awards in recognition of heroism mainly in conjunction with USAAF flights. Recipients ranged in grade from wing commander to leading aircraftman.

Typical of the deeds was that of Leading Aircraftman Frank S. Millington, of the RAF, who received the Soldier's Medal. With disregard for his own safety, Millington swam out to and rescued a drowning member of a U.S. bomber crew.

Present at the saluting base with Gen. Eaker was Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Harris, chief of Bomber Command.

Captured Airfields Ready To Be Used in Two Days

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, July 16 (delayed) (UP)—An RAF announcement said today newly captured airfields had been made ready for use only two days after they fell into Allied hands, through the work of an organization the Allied forces in Sicily have set up for reconditioning them immediately.

On one such captured airfield the airmen found a German Air Force wine cellar. They were able to have wine while they worked. Other German and Italian stores provided them with food and various comforts.

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two warships, and damaged four warships and one cargo vessel. A total of 304 Japanese planes have been destroyed. American losses as admitted in communiqués are 53.

In northeastern New Guinea U.S. and Australian planes bombed Japanese positions at Bobdubi, five miles from Salamaua, supporting the Allied ground forces which have pushed into this area after capturing Mubo.

Kiska Attacked
In the North Pacific, Liberators, Mitchells and Lightnings blasted Jap positions on Kiska four times yesterday. These air attacks followed bombardments from the sea by U.S. warships during the week.

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox questioned on Kiska attacks today said, "We propose to drive the Japanese out of the Aleutians. When we are going to do it I can't talk about now." It was suggested to the Naval chief that perhaps Gertrude Cove, scene of the surface attack, was an ideal spot for landing operations.

He smiled and said he didn't know what the enemy had built up on the cove, which lies southwest of Kiska harbor.

Rescued From Jap Island
ALLIED HQ., South Pacific, July 18 (AP)—About 150 seamen who spent a week on a Japanese-occupied island in the New Georgia group in the Central Solomons, after the U.S. ship Helena sank in the first battle of Kula Gulf, have been taken off safely in a daring rescue by American destroyers, it was revealed today at the headquarters of Adm. William F. Halsey.

Chaplain Dedicates Hostel
HOYLAKE, July 15—Chaplain F. O. Taafel, representing Col. B. G. Wallace, commanding this WBS district, took part in ceremonies here in which a plaque was unveiled at "Roosevelt House," a are war workers.

Russians Open Offensives On 3 More Fronts

Advances in Orel Sector Threaten to Encircle Big Nazi Force

Red Army forces have gone over to the offensive on three more sectors of the Russian front, Berlin admitted yesterday.

The German communique revealed that the Russians were attacking on the Donetz, on the Mius front which stretches north from the Sea of Azov, and on the Krimskaya sector of the Kuban bridgehead. Break-throughs, claimed to be local, were admitted on the Donetz and Mius fronts.

Moscow has not yet announced the fresh attacks, but reported an advance by Russian forces of another eight miles on the Orel front.

The Russians are steadily widening their breaches in the German lines north of the city, and the encirclement of substantial enemy forces is thought in Moscow to be imminent.

Heavy air battles are still being fought out over the Orel front, in spite of the bad weather that is limiting the movement of tanks and heavy artillery.

Encirclement Threatened

Russian troops appeared to be closing the back door to Orel. By widening the breaches in the German lines north of the city and to the east, they have come closer to the encirclement of large enemy forces.

Meanwhile, the Germans are continuing to move troops from other sectors of the front, particularly the Orel-Kursk area, in an effort to stem the Russian advance.

In places the Nazis are being thrown into the fighting straight from the march, and one such unit, a complete infantry regiment, was wiped out by the Russians in a single battle.

Seamen's Insurance Rate Reflects U-Boat Defeats

Improvement in the Allied shipping situation was reflected yesterday in an announcement by the War Shipping Administration that effective immediately the rate for seamen's life insurance has been cut almost 50 per cent. It was reduced from \$7.50 a month per \$1,000 to \$4.

The administration also issued a statement by Adm. Emory S. Land, War Shipping Administrator, warning merchant vessel officers and crews against any disclosure of how the defeat of the Axis submarine menace has been accomplished.

Rescue - - -

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appeared and headed for it, Lt. Shames said. "All hell broke loose," he said. "They got one of our engines right away and then proceeded to work us over. It seemed like they were concentrating on the Snowball."

When the Snowball was disabled, the German fighters took turns attacking in pairs, he said.

Shaky in the launches after their ordeal, the crew settled down as soon as they got on land, and saw two waiting ambulances. As Shames, with one eye bruised and discolored, got in, a British sailor joked: "Think they're going to believe you when you tell them where you got that black eye?" The Fort fellows were joking themselves by the time they reached the dispensary.

1/Lt. William E. Peters, of Highland Park, Ill., pilot, surveying his battered crew and himself, said: "I'll bet we look as if we'd been on a 48-hour pass."

Other members of the crew rescued yesterday were S/Sgt. Jesse P. McGee, of Ironton, Mo., right waist gunner, and T/Sgt. Elliott Atwood, of Cusick, Wash., top turret gunner.

Commanders of the British rescue launches were Lt. C. J. Fleming and Lt. Coles.

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Monday, July 19

5.45—Spotlight Band—Hal MacIntyre and his Orchestra.

6.00—News (BBC)

6.15—Personal Album—Shirley Ross sings your favorite songs.

6.30—GI Supper Club—Top bands and tunes.

7.00—Sports—Presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.

7.05—Fitch Band Wagon—Featuring Toby Reed, Barney Lowe and his Orchestra.

7.30—Your Broadway and Mine—Deems Taylor, Jimmy Dorsey, Helen O'Connell and Eddy Condon and his Orchestra.

8.00—News from Home—Nightly round-up of the news from the U.S.A., as presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporters.

8.15—Fred Waring Program—Salute to Scribner Naval Base.

8.30—Frontline Theater—Bing Crosby, Dinah Shore, Kenny Baker, Tommy Dorsey's Orchestra in "Holiday Inn."

9.00—News (BBC)

9.10—Musical Miniature—Artie Shaw and his Orchestra.

9.30—Fibber McGee and Molly.

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

10.10—Dance Time.

10.30—Sign Off until Tuesday, July 20, at 5.45 PM.

Soldiers to Hold 4 State Nights At Mostyn Club

Men From U.S. Territories And Washington, D.C., Meet Tonight

Four state nights will be held this week at the Mostyn club, 17 Portman St., London, W.1. Men from Washington, D.C., the Philippine Islands, Alaska, Hawaii and the Canal Zone will gather tonight at 7.15.

Alabama soldiers serving in the ETO will meet tomorrow night. Nevada, New Mexico and Arizona night will be held Wednesday and Illinois night will be held Thursday.

Program for the week: Tuesday—Swimming party, 11.30 AM; softball, Mostyn versus Victory club, 7 PM; movies, two showings, 6.15 and 8.15 PM.

Kingston KINGSTON, July 18—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here: Tuesday—Secretarial service, 7.9 PM; "Stars in Battledress," 7 PM.

Charles St. Program for the week at the Charles St. club for nurses, London, W.1: Tuesday—Movies, 8 PM.

Marshall Ct. BOURNEMOUTH, July 18—Program for the week at the Marshall Ct. club: Monday—Bicycle and swimming party, 1.30 PM; Musical appreciation program, 9.30 PM.

Kettering KETTERING, July 18—Program for the week at the club here: Monday—House committee meeting, 8 PM.

Duchess St. A children's party will be held today at 4.30 PM at the Duchess St. club for Negro soldiers, 1 Duchess St., London, W.1. Program for the week:

Washington Program for the week at the Washington club, Curzon St., London, W.1: Tuesday—Individual dancing lessons, 2.30-5.30 PM; dance in cafeteria, Rosato's band, 8.30-11 PM.

Milestone Program for the week at the Milestone club, 2 Kensington Ct., London, W.8: Tuesday—Softball in Kensington Gardens, 10.30 AM; reception and open house, 6-9 PM.

Hans Crescent Movies will be shown tonight at 9 o'clock at the Hans Crescent Club, Knightsbridge, London, S.W.1. Program for the week:

Kettering KETTERING, July 18—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here: Monday—House committee meeting, 8 PM.

Liberty Program for the week at the Liberty Club, 12 Upper, Woburn Pl., London, WC2: Tuesday—Open house, 8.10-11 PM.

New Yorker in RCAF Gets George Medal for Heroism Sgt. Clinton L. Pudney, of New York, RCAF gunner, has been awarded the George Medal for removing dead and injured fellow crewmen from the burning wreckage of a Halifax which crashed in a practice flight, it has been announced.

Orphans' Penny Fund Honors Missing Crew

A USAAF BOMBER STATION, England, July 18—Six months ago, men of a bomber crew at this base began emptying their pockets of pennies and depositing them in a can strapped to a mascot dog's neck before each mission.

One day the crew failed to return from a mission, the dog wandered away and Burke forgot about the fund. The other day the bank located the Corporal and today The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund is swelled by £2 5s.

RAF Delivers Airfield to U.S.

Service Command Accepts Its Second British Installation

By Sgt. Dow Flint Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND STATION, July 18—The second British airfield and depot to be presented to the Eighth Air Force Service Command was formally turned over to the American forces in a ceremony here yesterday.

The presentation was made by Air Vice Marshal L. N. Longhurst, of the RAF, and the station was accepted by Col. John J. O'Hara Jr., of Diboll, Tex.

Then, with the American flag flying from the flag-pole, Maj. Gen. Henry J. F. Miller, commander of the Eighth Air Force Service Command, succinctly summed up the job ahead for this station in 20 words:

"It's up to us to show the British what we can do with this field as of today at 2.45."

The Air Vice Marshal, in presenting the field to the Americans, said:

"I would like you all to appreciate that whatever we of the British Air Force can do to assist we will do, I hope that you will take every possible advantage of it. Any time we can be of help I hope that you will come and see us, and I know that whatever help can be given you will get."

Col. O'Hara accepted the field for the U.S. Army.

Others present included Sir William Ashcroft, Air Cmdr. J. H. Simpson and C. A. Stevens, Group Capt. P. D. Robertson, L. G. Harvey and J. D. F. Denholm, Wing Cmdr. C. W. Pollock, P. W. Bingham, R. Barrett and J. W. White, Flight Lt. H. A. Williamson, Col. J. W. Ott and Capt. James Henry.

The field has been used by the American forces as a supply and repair depot for some time. It was originally designed for the defense of Britain. Construction was actually started in 1941.

The first Americans to be stationed here arrived Aug. 18, 1942. Since that time it has expanded and now it is one of the largest repair and supply depots in the British Isles.

Second U.S.-Built Field Opens

A MEDIUM BOMBER STATION, England, July 18—The second airfield in England built entirely by U.S. Army engineers was officially opened here Saturday.

Brig. Gen. Robert C. Candee, chief of Eighth Air Support Command, and Brig. Gen. Cyrus R. Moore, ETO engineer head, were present at the ceremony.

The men in the engineer unit under the command of Lt. Col. Paul C. Brown were congratulated for their rush job on construction of the field.

Col. Carl R. Storrie, of San Antonio, Tex., took up the duties as station commander.

Yanks Plan Party for 20 Kids But 42 Show Up and Have Fun

By Arthur W. White Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, July 18—Soldiers at this camp gave up their candy rations and money to stage a real American-style party yesterday for 42 British children from two nearby towns. They originally planned for 20, but when the kids heard what was in store for them 42 piled aboard the truck, "and the boys just kept on pulling them aboard until they had the lot."

Some of the men who dropped in for the party, which was held at the Aero club, had returned not many hours earlier from a raid on Germany.

Pvt. Wilbur "Sonny" Gray, of Los Angeles, who first suggested the entertainment, travelled 22 miles on his bike after work to the nearest large town to buy the toys and games for the kids, then plugged home again balancing them on the handlebars, with a small puppy he had bought stuffed into the pocket of his field jacket.

Gray, a medic, three soldier musicians—Sgt. Robert M. Jordan, Austin, Tex.; Cpl. Willard H. Sapp, Lebanon, Ky., and

The Forts Prove They Can Take It

Battered Bomber Keeps Going Despite Head-on Collision With Nazi Fighter

EIGHTH BOMBER HQ, July 18—Ground crews are working on three Eighth Air Force B17s which must have discouraged a lot of Jerries over France on the last couple of raids; one of them flew home after a head-on collision with a Focke Wulf 190, another has an engineer's report to prove the pilot got back with practically no plane at all, and you can see what happened to the third in the photo at the right.

Crippled in a collision with a German plane which was out of control, the Fort, "TS," brought its crew safely home to England. The collision happened when the ship was returning from the Bastille Day bombing of the Nazi airdrome at Amiens-Glisy.

TS made a perfect run over the target, dropped its bombs and was heading for home under cover of a strong force of American Thunderbolts, when three FW190s slipped through the escorting P47s and attacked the Fort.

S/Sgt. James J. O'Donnell, of Dumont, N.J., the top turret gunner, turned his gun on the one on the left. 2/Lt. Robert C. Black, of Peach Bottom, Pa., the bombardier, picked out the right ship, and the ball turret gunner, S/Sgt. Arthur L. Tucker, of River Bank, Cal., took the FW on the side.

Black's fire poured into the belly of the enemy plane and it zoomed up out of control. The last burst evidently hit the pilot and the FW crashed into the Fort's No. 3 engine with an impact that knocked the big bomber out of formation.

The collision tore off the propeller as the FW did a cartwheel over the wing, cutting half-way through the wing and a third of the way through the horizontal stabilizer.

Radio Out, Turrets Jammed The radio equipment was knocked out, the top and ball turret jammed, the glass in the ball turret shattered, and all the instruments "went crazy," according to 2/Lt. Edwin R. Manchester, pilot, of Wilmington, Del.

The No. 3 propeller crashed into the No. 4 engine, tearing off the top of the cowling and the cover of a valve, allowing the oil to pour out.

As the Fort fell out of formation, it was attacked by six more FWs before five Thunderbolts arrived and drove them off.

Losing height over the Channel, the crew of TS threw overboard everything movable. First, the waist gun was tossed out, then thousands of rounds of ammunition went over the side as the crew sang "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition."

Creeping into a coast airfield, the plane landed on its fuselage—the undercarriage was crippled.

"It was better than some landings we made on wheels," the crew said.

It was the TS's fifth raid and each member of the crew is now eligible to receive the Air Medal.

No Plane at All

Both an engineer's report and the crew of Ruthie agree the ship they flew back from Nantes was no plane at all.

Just after the Fort loosed its bombs, enemy fire punctured two gas tanks, tore part of the fuselage into shreds, knocked the wing flaps down into the braking system and wrecked the hydraulic system, and punctured one of the landing wheel tires.

A 20mm. shell pierced the floor between the waist gunners, Sgt. Walton Reece, of Joplin, Mo., and Sgt. Eugene Ponte, of St. Louis, and entered the radio compartment, wounding Sgt. Glenn E. Johnson, of Garner, Kan.

The waist tail gunner was crippled and Sgt. John C. Ford, of Highland Park, Mich., was hit in the leg. Then a shell ex-



T/Sgt. Harris Goldberg stands in a gap in the fin of a Flying Fortress battered by Nazi fire.

ploded in the ball turret, seriously injuring the gunner, who continued to fire until he became unconscious.

Lt. Robert L. Campbell, of Liberty, Miss., the pilot, signalled the leader with a lamp—the radio was out—to send an SOS when he was preparing to land.

"When I started to land," he said, "I discovered we had a flat tire. I held her on the runway as long as I could and then whirled her around in front of the control tower, but she stayed up."

"The report I got said the ship was a total loss. Boy, she was."

The Fort in the picture lost its tail in a flak storm on the Bastille Day raid. Twenty-five FW190s then attacked the crippled craft, but flew off when a formation of Spitfires was sighted. The Fortress returned to its home base without casualties.

British Transfer Depot to Army

A MILITARY SUPPLY DEPOT, England, July 18—This military general supply depot and arsenal has been turned over to the American Army by the British government under reverse lend-lease. It is another link in the chain of supply being forged in the ETO under the direction of Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee, commander of SOS ETO.

The arsenal was formally accepted for the Army by Col. Charles O. Thrasher, commander of a base supply section.

Anglo-American cooperation was extolled in addresses by Col. Thrasher and the new American commander of the post, Col. Clarence E. Higbee, of San Francisco.

The new installation will be broken down into quartermaster, ordnance supply and ordnance maintenance workshops. The quartermaster storehouses will be directed by Maj. George J. Scott, of New Britain, Conn. The ordnance supply section will be operated by Capt. Thomas S. Cherry, of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Capt. R. E. Willoughby, of Cullen, Tex., will supervise the ordnance maintenance workshops.

Other "GI poppas" were Pvt. William Privett, Magna, Utah; S/Sgt. Mack Inlay, Hurricane, Utah; Pvt. Carl A. Peterson, Alva, Okla.; T/Sgt. C. F. Shell, Pensacola, Fla.; T/Sgt. J. G. Kronick, Rodeo, Cal.; Cpl. Edward Barch, Apollo, Pa.; Cpl. John Beckman, Philadelphia; Pfc Pat Finnigan, New York; Sgt. S. L. Edward, Houston, Tex.; Cpl. Al Caechione, Columbus, Ohio; Cpl. Henry Pelerzi, Syracuse, N.Y., and Cpl. Milton Myers, New York.

Alumni Roll Call

Colleges listed on this week's Alumni Roll Call are Tufts, Mount Union, Rhode Island State, Connecticut State, Bucknell, M.I.T., Cornell, Western Maryland, Arizona and University of Pennsylvania.

Former students of these schools are requested to send their name, rank, unit, APO number and class year to the Alumni Secretary, The Stars and Stripes, Printing House Square, London, EC4.

Beta Theta Pi's in ETO Complete Organization

Beta Theta Pi members in the ETO completed plans for future meetings at an organizational session at 3 Grosvenor Square, London. Present were:

Lt. Col. B. H. Watt, Wabash, '13; Maj. D. L. Springer, Washington State, '36; Capt. W. S. Moore, West Virginia, '40; R. C. Bachus, Missouri, '27; O. F. Vordermark, Indiana, '29; W. H. Sparr, Colorado Mines, '39; J. H. Haigh, Michigan, '40; L. S. T. Moran, Michigan, '41; P. K. Sun, Wittenburg, '35; W. Parchman, Cincinnati, '42; S. Young, Penn State, '27; J. W. Hansen, Cincinnati, '31; S. M. Davis, Nebraska, '41; J. G. Robinson, J. J. Schulle, Denison, '40; T. J. Gillooly, West Virginia, '41; W. E. Macdonald, Ohio State, '40; W/O L. C. Black, Michigan, '41; Sgts. R. G. Waters, Kansas State, '42; J. Coltingham, Washington State, '42; R. O. Bush, Michigan, '41; G. N. Eckho, Ohio, '38; D. McCocharn, North Carolina, '34; M. J. O'Connor, Iowa, '42; E. D. Jeel, North Carolina, '43; Cpls. C. L. Heelin, Ohio State, '26; J. J. Plum, Chicago, '31; Pvt. R. Seals, Lehigh, '43; Jack Mandiga, UCLA, '31, and John Tangeman, Cincinnati, '38.

Gen. Collins Inspects Installations at WBS

HQ., WBS, July 18—A two-day inspection of installations in a WBS district was conducted by Brig. Gen. LeRoy P. Collins, commanding WBS.

Installations inspected included those commanded by Maj. W. T. Ennis, Maj. Theodore Golden and Maj. MacBurney, Capt. J. A. Anderson, Capt. C. Hinton, Capt. S. F. Richardson and Capt. Doyle. 1/Lt. Arthur K. Rouse, 1/Lt. G. S. Coats and 1/Lt. Oakley F. Householder, and 2/Lt. W. H. Cox.

Fighter Station GI Show

A U.S. FIGHTER FIELD, England, July 18—An all-soldier show, directed by Cpl. Herbert S. Alpert, of New Haven, Conn., was presented here over the weekend. The band accompanying the stage show was led by S/Sgt. Chase Wilkins, of Cortland, N.Y. Cpl. Milton Balsam, of Brooklyn, played his new song, "Lilly From Piccadilly."

Bob Hope Unit In 55th Show

Bob Hope and his USO-Camp Show troupe, who have given more performances for American soldiers in the States than any other unit, already have staged 55 shows—22 of them last week—since their arrival in the ETO three weeks ago, a tabulation showed yesterday. Soldiers packed the Colston Hall, Bristol, Saturday night to hear them broadcast over the BBC. This week they go to the Cheltenham area.

Movie star Adolphe Menjou, who since June 9 has given 40 performances with Grace Drysdale's "Hollywood Time," one of the ten other shows out this week, spent Saturday in a camp hospital with a severe cold. But he said he was going on as usual when the show opened in the Bedford district yesterday.

Comedian Stubby Kaye, who was hospitalized with a leg infection at the beginning of this month, is now back at work and plays the London area with "Show Time."

"Band Wagon," which hit the road for the first time last Monday, has been augmented by a new soldier-band. They will play points around Birmingham.

"Rudy Starita and his Starlites," all-girl band, go to the Liverpool district; "Live Time," Billy Guest's swing outfit, is scheduled for points around Norwich; and Hal LeRoy's "Broadway Time" plays the Newbury area.

Don Rice takes "Fun Marches On" to the Bury St. Edmunds district, and "Bally Laughs," one of the newest shows, goes to the Andover area.

Hank Ladd's "High Lights and Hilarity" will take over from Bob Hope in the Bristol district, and "Yvette and Her GI Gang" are scheduled for Northern Ireland.

Red Cross Opens 73rd Service Club in ETO

A U.S. FIGHTER STATION, England, July 18—The American Red Cross opened its 73rd club for U.S. servicemen in the British Isles here today when the aero club at this station was officially turned over to the men.

Col. Ralph Cannon, station executive officer from Toledo, Ohio, accepted the club from William Brewster, Red Cross zone director. M/Sgt. Richard Kullberg, of Providence, R.I., and Sgt. Oren Albrecht, of Stony Brook, N.Y., spoke for the enlisted men in the station.

Bucs Cut Cardinal Lead; Bums 3 1/2 Games Behind

Pirates' Triumph Friday Followed by Double Victory

NEW YORK, July 18—The Pittsburgh Pirates made the St. Louis Cardinals look anything but world champions as they rapped the Redbirds three times in two days over the weekend at Pittsburgh. The defeats narrowed the Cards' lead over the Brooklyn Dodgers to three and a half games.

The Pirates chased Howie Krist off the mound with a five-run rally in the first inning as the Bucs slapped the Redbirds, 9-5, on Friday. Truett Sewell, scoring his 13th victory of the year, aided his own cause with three hits, including a single in the big first which scored Maurice Van Robays and Bob Elliott. George Munger relieved Krist in the first.

Yesterday the Bucs extended their winning streak over the Cards to four straight with a double victory in a twin bill. Max Butcher went the distance for the winners, scoring a 7-3 victory, his third of the season, in the opener. He yielded eight hits while the Pittsburghers were rapping out nine off Harry Brecheen, Krist and George Munger. Munger was charged with his third loss.

Dodgers Snap Losing Streak

In the second game, which the Pirates took, 3-2, Wally Hebert was the winner, going the full distance and yielding eight blows. Harry Gumbert and Munger gave up eight, with Munger again charged with the loss.

The Dodgers finally snapped out of their losing streak at Boston yesterday, after losing Friday, 3-2, decisioning the Braves, 7-5. Curt Davis pitched eight innings, winning his sixth of the year, while Danny MacFayden, who took over from Manny Salvo in the sixth, lost his first decision after returning to the majors after a two-year layoff. Dolph Camilli helped the Brooklyn cause with his ninth homer of the year in the sixth.

The Braves had to come from behind in the ninth inning to edge the Dodgers on Friday, 3-2. First Baseman Johnny McCarty drove Elmer Nieman across with the game-winning triple in the ninth. Kirby Higbe, who started on the mound for the Bums, was heaved out by Umpire Bill Stewart for squawking about balls and strikes in the second inning. Johnny Allen came in until the seventh, when Freddy Fitzsimmons took over and fed McCarthy the home-run ball and was charged with the defeat. Nate Andrews was the winner.

Reds Knock Cubs, 6-5

After an open day on Friday, the Reds scored a 6-5 victory over the Cubs yesterday. Although outlived, 12-11, the Reds staged a five-run rally in the seventh, knocking out three pitchers. Paul Derringer, who started for the Bruins, was charged with his ninth setback with Ray Starr getting credit for the victory, although Elmer Riddle came in to halt the Cubs' ninth-inning rally at two runs.

In the only other games over the weekend in the National League, the Phillies and the Giants split at Shibe Park yesterday. The Quaker boys took the first tilt, 2-1, with Mel Ott's boys coming through with an 8-7 decision. It took the Phillies until the ninth to score two runs and reward Dick Conger for his two hit pitching. Schoolboy Rowe, pinch hitting for Conger, singled and scored the tying run on Coaker Triplett's triple. Triplett tallied the winning run on a wild pitch by Ace Adams, who relieved Johnny Wittig in the ninth.

The Giants put on their own ninth-inning rally in the second game scoring five runs for their 8-7 triumph. Three singles and two walks set the stage for Joe Orenego's triple driving in the winning runs. Adams, doing his second relief job of the day, was credited with his seventh win. Joe Medwick, playing his first game for the Giants after being traded by the Dodgers, went hitless in the first game and got two in the second, including a single in the ninth-inning rally.

Yankees Continue Streak

Fresh from their successful Western invasion, the New York Yankees notched two over the Philadelphia Athletics, winning 6-5 on Friday and 5-4 yesterday, running their winning streak to six games and ten out of their last 11.

Friday's game gave Marius Russo his second triumph of the year. Charley Wensloff started for the Ruppert Rifles, but gave way to Russo in the seventh. The Mackmen used three hurlers, Jesse Flores going as far as the third when Orrie Arntzen came in. He was derricked in the seventh for Henry Besse, who was the losing pitcher.

The Bombers came from behind yesterday, scoring twice in the ninth for their 5-4 margin. With the score tied since the fifth, the A's went ahead in the ninth on three straight singles. Roy Weatherly opened the Yanks' half of the ninth with his third homer of the season, tying the score. The Yankees loaded the bases and the winning run came in on Joe Gordon's long fly scoring Bud Methany. Reliever Jim Turner scored his sixth victory, Don Black his sixth defeat.

Dutch Leonard, making his first start since his All-Star triumph Tuesday night, put the Washington Senators back into the American League pennant picture with a four-hit, 3-0, shutout over the Red Sox at Griffiths Stadium last night. Leonard won the ball game in the seventh inning with Priddy on third. Dutch attempting a squeeze play, bunted a single to open the bottom of the ninth. Sox first baseman, Fred Goetz, grounded out to shortstop, Lou Poffo, who was the winning pitcher.

Preflighters Scheduled To Play Indians, Yanks

NEW YORK, July 18—The New York Yankees have arranged a novel double-header for July 28 with all proceeds being turned over to the government for war bonds. The first game will be a League contest with the Cleveland Indians.

The second contest will pit a combined Yankee-Indian team against the North Carolina Preflight squad which boasts such stars as Buddy Hassett, Johnny Pesky, Joe Coleman, Ted Williams, Harry Craft and Dusty Cook.

Swimmers Take Chelsea Trophy

Sweep All Events for Ninth Victory in Ten Meets

U.S. Army swimmers racked up their ninth victory in ten starts Friday night as they captured the Chelsea Trophy Meet cup at the Chelsea Baths. The winners swept all six events to amass 18 points, eight more than their nearest opponents, the Wembley Swimming Club.

The 100-yard free-style trophy, not part of the competition, was won by Lt. Willard Garvey, of Wichita, Kan., who swam the distance in 59 and four-fifths seconds. When only one entry was allowed in the diving event, Capt. Walter Rotkiss, of Westville, Ill., entered for the National Fire Service, whose diver was unable to be present, and took second place.

Lt. Taylor Drysdale, former Olympic swimmer, of Detroit, holder of the world mark in the 300-yard individual medley, took the 66 and two-third yard backstroke event in 44 seconds.

According to the swimmers this "clean sweep" was to avenge their surprise defeat by the Beckenham Swimming Club at Beckenham last week.

Here are the summaries of the other events:

66 2/3-YARD FREE STYLE—Lt. Garvey, first; Wembley, second; National Fire Service third. Time—55 2/5 seconds.
66 2/3-YARD BREAST STROKE—T/3 Hyman Leiderstein, Pittsburgh, first; NFS, second; Willesten, third. Time—47 2/5 seconds.
100-YARD MEDLEY RELAY—U.S. (Lt. Drysdale, Capt. Carl Lindstrand, West Chester, Pa., and Leiderstein), first; NFS, second; Wembley, third.

DIVING—Capt. Kenneth Willard, St. Louis; Lt. Willard Garvey, Wichita, Kan.
133 1/3-YARD FREE-STYLE RELAY—U.S. (Lt. Garvey, Capt. Lindstrand, Sgt. Leiderstein and Capt. Willard), first; Wembley, second; NFS, third.

was Leonard's sixth win and Tex Hughson's seventh loss.

The Sox had no trouble at all in blasting the Senators, 4-1, on Friday night. Milo Candini, losing his second decision of the season, gave up seven hits, seven walks and three runs in eight innings while Oscar Judd held the Griffs to five blows. Jim Tabor, Boston third sacker, added the final tally by stealing home in the ninth.

The Browns made it two and then three straight over the Cleveland Indians Friday and yesterday. Bob Muncrief authored a 4-3 decision for the Browns Friday night. Although he yielded 11 hits—including homers by Jeff Heath and Mickey Rocco—he kept the blows well scattered. The Browns' win was all the more remarkable since they could touch three Indian twirlers for only four hits. However, three walks and singles by Mike Kreevich and Mark Christman scored the four runs in the first inning, icing the game for Muncrief. Kreevich's hit chased Lefty Al Smith, who was put down for the third time this season.

Denny Galehouse gave the Tribe six hits as the Browns went out ahead, 3-1, yesterday. The Browns scored all their runs in the seventh on walks to Harland Clift and Galehouse, followed by doubles by Don Gutteridge and Chet Laabs. It was Galehouse's sixth victory and Allie Reynolds was tagged with his fifth setback.

Good pitching on both sides resulted in a split double-header for the White Sox and the Detroit Tigers yesterday. Both teams being idle Friday. Bill Dietrich pitched seven-hit ball winning 5-2, for his fourth victory in the opener. He reached his peak in the eighth inning by fanning Ned Harris, Pinky Higgins and Rudy York. Lefty Hal Newhouse was charged with his seventh defeat.

Tommy Bridges, pitching the second game for the Tigers, allowed four hits, winning, 3-0, and fanning 11. Buck Ross gave up five raps and lost his fourth.

Flores Might Have Been Bull Fighter

His Father Hoped He'd Collect Bulls' Ears

By Jack Smith
Associated Press Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA, July 18—Back in Guadalajara, Mexico, old Juan Flores always loved the bulls and the gory excitement of a Sunday afternoon with the matadors, and when his youngest-born, Jesse, began growing tall and strong, Juan hoped that Jesse soon would bring him bulls' ears as souvenirs of the "toros" he had slain.

Jesse is 26 now, and he has yet to fight a bull. But Juan has a fine collection of baseballs.

And if the Philadelphia Athletics' olive-skinned Mexican rookie maintains his early season record—one that has set the baseball industry to chatting—old Juan probably will be just as pleased that Jesse didn't turn out to be another Belmonte after all.

His First Big League Game

Jesse never saw a major league baseball game until opening day, Apr. 20. But within the next three weeks he won three games and lost one (because of poor support), and created a minor sensation by going 15 and two-third innings against Washington, allowing only five hits and no runs for a 2-1 victory.

In the same period he outpitched such veteran masters as Dutch Leonard, peer



Jesse Flores

of the American League's knuckleball hurlers, and Tex Hughson, who won 22 games last year for the Boston Red Sox. Connie Mack brought this good neighbor up from Los Angeles of the Pacific

Bomber Command Seeking New ETO Baseball Laurels

By Sid Schapiro
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BOMBER COMMAND HQ., July 18—With a record of 13 straight victories under their belt—including wins over such top-notch ETO baseball teams as the Travelling Circus outfit and the Central Base Section Clowns—the Eighth Bomber Command nine is flying high.

Individually, the Bombers possess considerable background as ball players. First among them is Southpaw Ross Grimsley, of Americus, Kan., who has two no-hit, no-run games to his credit. In his last six contests he has fanned 73 batters. Prior to his entrance into the Armed Forces, Grimsley put in two years as a hurler in the Ben Johnson League.

HOW THEY STAND.

American League
Friday's Games
New York 6, Philadelphia 5
Boston 4, Washington 1
St. Louis 4, Cleveland 3 (night game)
Other teams not scheduled.
Saturday's Games
New York 5, Philadelphia 4
Chicago 5, Detroit 2 (first game)
Detroit 3, Chicago 0 (second game)
St. Louis 3, Cleveland 1
Washington 3, Boston 0

	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
New York	45	30	.600	Chicago	37	37	.500
Washington	42	38	.525	Boston	36	41	.468
Detroit	39	36	.520	Cleveland	35	41	.460
St. Louis	38	37	.507	Philadelphia	34	46	.425

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

National League
Friday's Games
Pittsburgh 9, St. Louis 5
Boston 3, Brooklyn 2
Other teams not scheduled.
Saturday's Games
Pittsburgh 7, St. Louis 3 (first game)
Pittsburgh 3, St. Louis 2 (second game)
Cincinnati 6, Chicago 5
Brooklyn 7, Boston 5
Philadelphia 2, New York 1 (first game)
New York 8, Philadelphia 7 (second game)

	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
St. Louis	48	28	.632	Philadelphia	36	43	.456
Brooklyn	48	35	.579	Boston	33	41	.436
Pittsburgh	42	35	.545	Chicago	34	44	.436
Cincinnati	40	38	.513	New York	31	48	.392

Yesterday's Schedule
Brooklyn at Boston
New York at Philadelphia (two games)
St. Louis at Pittsburgh
Chicago at Cincinnati (two games)

Bill Poma Yields Five Hits As Ordnance Cor. Wins, 4-0

ANDREWS FIELD, July 18—Behind the five-hit hurling of Cpl. William Poma, of Detroit, the Ordnance Company blanked the Bomb Group, 4-0, in a seven-inning inter-field contest. Poma fanned nine.

Batting honors went to T/4 Tony J. Angelo, of Benton Harbor, Mich., who hit for the circuit in the third frame, and T/5 Frederick A. Butz, of Denver, Col., with a three-base blow in the fourth.

It was the second victory of the week for the Ordnance outfit. Previously they trounced the Evacuation Hospital, 14-4, in an exhibition contest climaxing the Wings for Victory celebration at a nearby town.

Salisbury Holds Weight Contest

SALISBURY, July 18—The first weight lifting competition in the ETO was held at the Red Cross club here yesterday with Pvt. Arnold Craner, of Millville, N.J., besting Cpl. J. F. Hertzog, of Philadelphia, and Sgt. P. V. Nardy, of Yonkers, N.Y. Hertzog also took the dead weight competition.

Natators Place For ETO Meet

Ipswich Competition First Of Series Before ETO Tourney

IPSWICH, July 18—Entries to represent this section in The Stars and Stripes ETO swimming and diving championships were chosen here today in the first of a series of sectional eliminations to be held throughout the ETO.

Winners were picked from a small group of contestants as most of those who had entered could not attend because of military reasons.

Demonstrations on water safety and life saving were given by Foster Blaisdell and James Carnahan, ARC instructors, who are holding courses for all units in the ETO.

The — Engineer 200 yard free-style relay team took that event with another Engineer squad taking second.

An English comedy team of Henry Lambert and Sidney Alexander, members of the Ipswich Swimming Club, gave the crowd a laugh when they gave an exhibition of what not to do in life saving and artificial respiration.

Trophies were presented to the winners by Bob Armstrong, director of the local ARC club, under whose supervision the eliminations were held.

The winners were:
50-yard free style—Pvt. Vaughn Farnell, Youngstown, Ohio.
50-yard breast stroke—Pvt. Andrew Dimantopolis, Providence, R.I.
100-yard individual medley—Pvt. Andrew Dimantopolis, Providence, R.I.
200-yard free style relay—Pfc Joseph Jennings, Newcastle, Pa.; Pvt. Vaughn Farnell; Pfc Charles Griffin, Topeka, Kan., and Pfc Maylon Hunsucker, Candor, N.C.

Hudak Fans 21, Loses, 2-1

BOMB GROUP, July 18—Cpl. Eugene Hudak, of South Bend, Ind., struck out 21 batters in an 11-inning softball game here, but was the losing pitcher. The Ordnance Company nipped the Bomb Group, 2-1.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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

DOG, Alsatian (German Shepherd), 5 months old, answers to the name of "Blitz," very well marked, \$10 reward.—T/5 Norman Potter, —Sic Co. Wing, APO 634.

WILL the soldier who found a wedding-ring at the London ARC Victory club about two weeks ago, and was unable to discover the owner, please communicate with Bob Hutton, director, at Welbeck 5491?

LOST: RING, gold and white-gold wedding ring engraved "Henry to Marie," in dining room of Victory Club, London, July 2, between 12 and 2 P.M. Please return to information desk, Victory Club, London.

Wanted: An Eagle Squadron outfit, now part of the Eighth Air Force Fighter Command, wants an eagle for a mascot. Notify Lt. Rodney E. Dresser, Special Service Officer, APO 637.

APOs Wanted
PFC Reuben Whitman, Lt. James W. Talbus, Pvt. James M. Lauchon, Pvt. Gustav Tamaska, Sgt. Melvin T. Torrey, Pvt. Beryl E. Tarwath, S/Sgt. Charles Vesig, Pvt. Floyd E. Underwood, Lt. Carlton Sharratt, O/C Ben Lee Tutts, Pfc Hapney T. O'Shea, Pfc Barr O'Rourke, Pvt. Rudolph Skutley, Stanley Skiba, Pvt. Pert Tobias, Capt. Theodore Vostburgh, Sgt. George Verba, Pvt. Walter Tjanzes, T/5 Peter Tonnuci, T/Sgt. B. P. Seislock, Pvt. Seymour Pesky, S/Sgt. Wesley W. Vos, Pvt. Arthur Santarelli, S/Sgt. Charles E. Vandrashke, Sgt. E. Hoefke, Cpl. James De Louche, Pvt. Quentin Hoffman, Lt. Joe Oscar Easton, Pvt. Hassel A. East, Lt. Lloyd G. L. Calhoun and Pvt. David H. Halm.

Relics and Souvenirs
THE Codrington County (South Dakota) American Legion Post No. 17 is doing its relic and souvenir shopping early, it seems, for it has asked that country that along to their buddies from receiving "relics."

Blondie

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



by Chic Young

Cards Ahead In Ordnance Softball Loop

Double Victory Over Flock Gives Them Lead For First Time

By Irv White

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

ORDNANCE DEPOT, July 18—The Cardinals (Ord.) defeated the Dodgers (Co. C) twice—5-3 and 14-3—in this station's softball league to take the National League lead for the first time after trailing the Dodgers all season. The victories were numbers eight and nine for the Cards and the only losses sustained by the Dodgers thus far.

Sgt. Mike Neshimka, of Elizabeth, N.J., had to go eight innings to win over his rival T/3 John Roth, of Darien, Conn., in the first contest. The Bums made all their tallies on home runs with Roth setting the first in the third. With the count 3-1 against them, the Brooks tied it up in the seventh when T/4 Ben Witzke, of Detroit, and T/4 Mario Anastasi, of Scranton, Pa., hit for the circuit. Their happiness was short-lived as T/4 Herman Roe, of Magnolia, Del., doubled in the eighth to score the two runs which gave the margin of victory.

Bosox Triumph Twice

The second game was a wild affair as the Cards took a 12-0 lead with a five-run outburst in the third. Biggest blow in this frame—and the game—was a triple by Pvt. Jerry "Squeaky" DeMuro with the bases loaded. Shortstop Pvt. Joe Garrison, of Huntington, W. Va., got three hits while Pfc Bill Boda, of New Brunswick, N.J., banged out a double and triple. Only bright spots for the losers were the playing of T/5 Harry Shutt, of Pottsville, Pa., at short, and T/4 Frances Miles, Indianapolis, Ind., behind the plate.

In the American League, the leading Red Sox took two from the third-place White Sox, 7-6 and 4-2, while, right on their heels, the Browns captured two from the fourth-place Yanks, 5-2 and 11-4.

Pitcher T/5 Charles Smith, of Lancaster, Pa., won the first for the Sox with hitting a two-bagger in the seventh which scored two, after his team had been behind, 5-6. The White Sox battery were Pvt. Peter Pankiewicz, of Pittsburg, Pa., and T/5 Jim LeVangie, of Dedham, Mass. LeVangie contributed three hits, including a double, to his team's unsuccessful offense.

Homers Break Tie

The second Chisox loss was due to a tie-breaking home run. It came in the fifth with the score knotted, 2-2, and the bases empty. Stokes got two other safe blows. Engineer Pitcher Kolcinski was the only change in the batteries. He allowed six hits, with T/Sgt. Olin McAdoo, of New Britain, Conn., and Cpl. Howard Anderson, of New Brighton, Pa., getting two apiece.

The Browns' (Ord.) battery monopolized the spotlight in their 5-2 triumph over the Yanks (Co. A). T/Sgt. Forrest Argetsinger, of Toledo, Ohio, twirled and Pfc Herb Bernack, of Lackawanna, N.Y., was the winning receiver. The losing battery was T/3 A. O. Jackson, of Muncie, Ind., and Pfc Jim Steigerwald, of New York. In the second game S/Sgt. Stanley "Koodats" Waskins, winning hurler, slugged two triples in his team's 11-4 win. His battery mate was T/5 Marvin Otis, of Portland, Ore. Jackson and Steigerwald again were the losing combination. Leading hitter for the Browns was Pfc Herb "Wolf" Bernack, who garnered three blows, one a triple. In the shortfield position, T/Sgt. Ed Remersma was the star fielder of the day.

3 Teams Tied for Lead In SBS Diamond League

SBS HQ., July 18—A tight finish is in prospect for the SBS Northern Baseball League as three undefeated teams moved into the fourth week of play of the second half.

The Engineer Wolverines, who took the first half title with a victory over the Field Artillery Browns, are once more being challenged by the Brownies while the American School Center Angels, league newcomers, also threaten the Wolverine supremacy.

Here are the league standings:

Team	W	L	Ord.	Yanks	W	L
Eng. Wolverines	3	0	0	1	1	1
FA Browns	3	0	0	1	0	2
ASC Angels	3	0	0	1	0	3
Cav. A's	1	1	0	0	0	3

Frankie Sinkwich Headed For Parris Island Camp

ATLANTA, Ga., July 18—Frankie Sinkwich, America's No. 1 football player in 1942, is leaving for the Parris Island Marine training camp. He will try to obtain a furlough in order to play with the All-Stars against the Washington Redskins next month.

Wally Butts, who was Sinkwich's coach at Georgia University, is on the All-Stars coaching staff.

Whirlaway Out to Pasture

LEXINGTON, Ky., July 18—Several score admirers welcomed Whirlaway, the greatest money winner in turf history, back to green pastures Tuesday. "Mister Long Tail," winner of over \$561,000, is starting a life of ease after being retired June 28.

Pitches Two Shutouts, Goes to Work in Factory

MEMPHIS, July 18—Lefty Frank Verveka doubles in pitching for Memphis and working in a war plant. Friday night he shut out the Atlanta Crackers twice, 11-0 and 5-0, giving up five hits in 16 innings and getting five out of eight himself.

All this took only two hours and 34 minutes, allowing Verveka plenty of time to make his 11.30 shift at the plant.

Dingess Leads Fighter Victory

Combines With DuPilka To Hurl No-Hit, 8-0 Triumph

By Dick Pine

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

FIGHTER STATION, July 18—Sgt. Joe DuPilka, of Flint, Mich., and Cpl. Cal Dingess, of Detroit, combined to pitch this station's softball team to a no-hit, no-run victory over the Fighter Squadron club, 8-0, dedicating this station's new softball field.

DuPilka, who earlier in the season just missed hurling a complete no-hitter, was relieved by Dingess in the last half of the fourth. Dingess continued to hurl perfect ball for the remainder of the game.

The post team took the lead in the first when Sgt. Artie Moschelle, of Altoona, Pa., singled and came home on a double by Pfc Joe Walsh, of Chicago. The post men really carried the mail in the second stanza, scoring five runs on four hits, including doubles by Lt. John Texdahl, of Oakland, Cal., and Lt. Mike Mason, Compton, Cal. Two more runs crossed the plate in the sixth by virtue of a walk and a couple of bingles by Cpl. Pete Iacullo, of Chicago, and Sgt. Mike Harak, of Scranton, Pa.

No little credit is due Lt. Tom Bowie, of Omaha, Neb., and S/Sgt. Edward DeTroot, of Harvey, Ill., under whose direction the new field was constructed.

Cianci to Fight Alex Salazar

LIVERPOOL, July 18—Feature of a British boxing tournament at the Liverpool sports stadium Saturday, July 24, will be an exhibition bout between two U.S. servicemen, Sgt. Mickey Cianci, of Philadelphia, and Pvt. Alex Salazar, of Denver, Col.

Cianci, a southpaw expert, is Eighth Air Force senior welterweight champion and former Montana Golden Glove welterweight king in 1940. During the recent series of tournaments in the ETO, Cianci coached Pfc Gene Donato, of Steelton, Pa., to the AAF lightweight championship and then saw his protege go to the finals of the ETO meet before bowing to Pvt. Frank Missella, of Cleveland.

Salazar hails from an Engineer outfit. The Denver fighter drew a tough assignment in the first round of the ETO tournament in Pvt. Frankie Missella, of Cleveland, and was eliminated after a hard scrap.

Sailors Blank Mustangs, 3-0

BELFAST, July 18—Pfc "Ski" Pekarovits, right-handed fireball man from Lorain, Ohio, USNOB, struck out 14 Air Force Mustangs and won his game here, 3-0. He allowed one hit.

It was the third public appearance of Coach Jerry Patrick's new boy, called in Northern Ireland the "Chattanooga Choo-Choo." Pekarovits, a former Southern League, has allowed five hits in 21 innings. He has collected 26 strikeouts and has given up six earned runs.

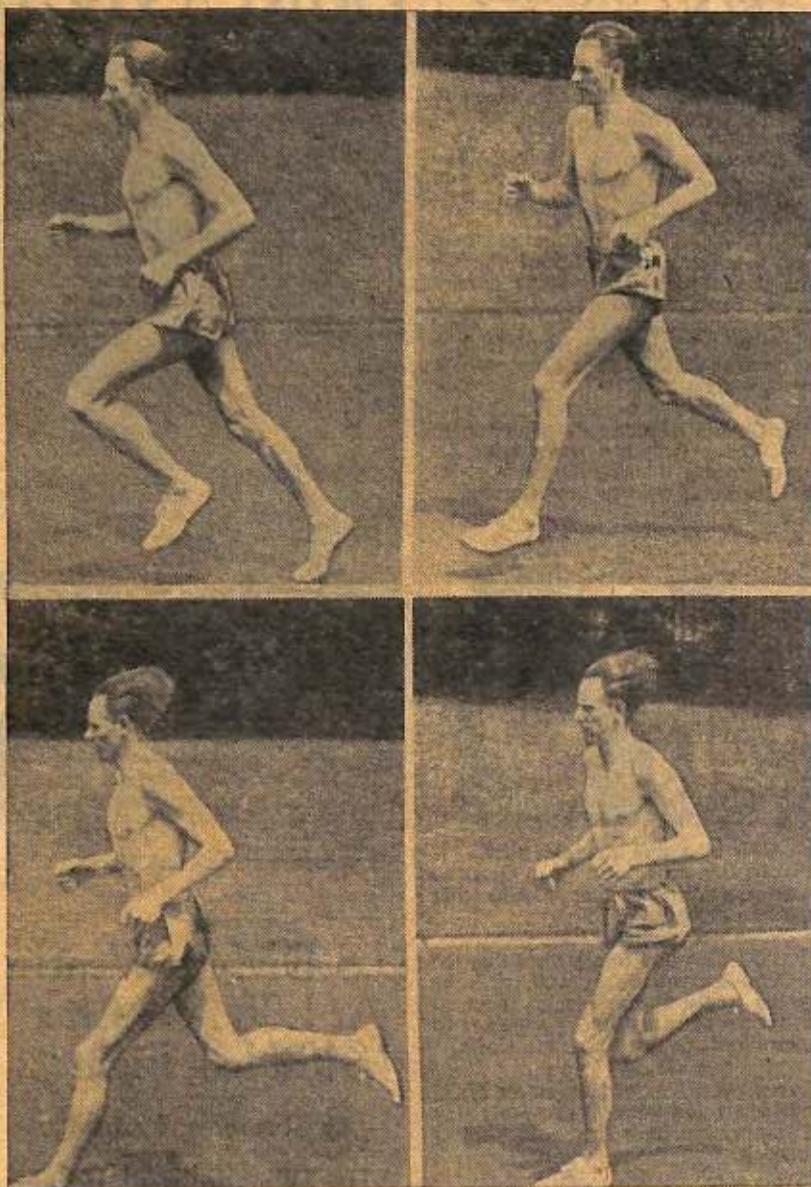
The Mustang-Navy game went scoreless until the sixth, when USNOB's long-range batters got a bead. "Hey you," Hahn, of Trenton, N.J., shortstop, doubled and stole third to set up the first run. Buontony, a Marine from Brooklyn, N.Y., walked and stole second to score on a hit by P/HM2/c J. Scarda, of Ontario, Wis. Pfc Charles Pelligino, a Marine from San Diego, Cal., got the final hit to score Scarda from second.

Artillery Team Downs QMs In Regents Park Softball

Pfc Red Gleason, of Kansas City, Kan., fanned ten men yesterday morning as the Artillery softballers rapped the QMs, 7-3, in the first part of a twin bill sponsored by the Red Cross athletic department.

In the second game, the Ordnance outfit made it 27 in 28 starts as they triumphed over the MPs, 2-1. Sgt. Allan Sander, of St. Louis, and T/4 Allan Douglas, of Lafayette, La., brought in the winning tallies, while Sgt. Dick Richards, of Chicago, was the winning hurler.

Gunder Hasn't Been Stopped



The world's top track man, Gunder Haegg, performs for the magic eye camera before his first meet. Left to right, top and bottom, his increasing speed is indicated by his flowing hair. Yesterday he notched his second straight victory over Gil Dodds after taking the measure of Greg Rice in his first meet.

Minor League Results

International League
Friday's Games
Jersey City 2, Syracuse 1
Newark 5, Baltimore 3
Montreal 7, Rochester 1
Buffalo 4, Toronto 1

Saturday's Games
Syracuse 4, Jersey City 2
Rochester 6, Montreal 2
Toronto 6, Buffalo 1 (first game)
Toronto 6, Buffalo 3 (second game)
Newark 5, Baltimore 3

W	L	Pct.	
Toronto	38	37	.611
Newark	48	39	.552
Montreal	44	44	.500
Syracuse	41	43	.488

Eastern League
Friday's Games
Binghamton 7, Utica 3
Albany 1, Elmira 0
Springfield 12, Wilkes-Barre 6
Scranton 6, Hartford 5

Saturday's Games
Hartford 7, Scranton 1
Wilkes-Barre 10, Springfield 1
Albany 6, Elmira 5
Binghamton 9, Utica 2

W	L	Pct.	
Scranton	48	21	.695
Wilkes-Barre	41	29	.586
Albany	39	33	.549
Elmira	40	33	.548

American Association
Friday's Games
Toledo 13, Minneapolis 4
Columbus 2, St. Paul 0
Kansas City 3, Louisville 1
Indianapolis 3, Milwaukee 2 (first game)
Indianapolis 9, Milwaukee 4 (second game)

Saturday's Games
Louisville 6, Kansas City 2
Columbus 4, St. Paul 2
Toledo 6, Minneapolis 2
Milwaukee 6, Indianapolis 5

W	L	Pct.	
Milwaukee	43	29	.597
Indianapolis	44	30	.591
Columbus	42	35	.545
Toledo	40	39	.506

Stumblebums Tripped In Fighter Loop Tilt, 2-1

FIGHTER STATION, July 18—A rally in the last inning of Friday's baseball game gave the league-leading Scalders a 2-1 victory over the hard-fighting Stumblebums of the Fighter Squadron here.

Lt. Jim Byers, of Detroit, pitching for the winners, allowed only three hits, while his team mates garnered six blows off the offerings of S/Sgt. Del Suess, of Santa Rosa, Cal., who went the distance. Byers received credit for the win, but was relieved in the last half of the last stanza by Sgt. John Wielenga, of Kalamazoo, Mich., who came in with two men on and none away. Wielenga then retired the next three hitters in order to finish the game.

Draft Hits Cards Again As Brechen Gets Notice

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 18—The pennant-bound St. Louis Cardinals are getting the Army axe again. Southpaw Harry Brechen has been notified by his draft board to report for a physical exam July 26.

With the induction of Southpaw Howie Pollet yesterday and the imminent departure of Brechen, the Cardinals are left with only one regular pitcher, Max Lanier.

Haegg Defeats Dodds in Mile

Time Only 4:12.3, But Loser Is 30 Yards Behind

SAN FRANCISCO, July 18—Gunder Haegg, the swift Swede, stepped the mile in four minutes, 12 and three-tenths seconds here yesterday defeating Gil Dodds, Boston divinity student, by 30 yards.

Dodds, who was beaten by 125 yards last week when Haegg set a new two-mile world mark of eight minutes, 53 and nine-tenths seconds, set the pace in yesterday's race at the start and held the lead for three quarters.

In the last lap, however, he fell victim to the Swede's superb stamina in the last lap. Haegg failed by almost ten seconds to break the world mile record recently set at Gothenburg, Sweden, by his countryman, Arne Andersson. Bobby Madrid, of the Lemoore Army Air Base, and John Fulton, Stanford sophomore, were out of the running after a half mile.

Ensign Cornelius Warmerdam cleared 15 feet for the 42nd time, vaulting 15 feet, three inches. Hal Davis, of the University of California, won the 100-yard dash in nine and seven-tenths seconds despite a pulled tendon in his right leg.

Double Clutchers Throw Washington Hall Yankees

MP STATION, July 18—In their second meeting with the Washington Hall Yankees, this time playing in the sectional baseball preliminaries for the Eighth Air Force Service Command finals, the Adams Hall Double Clutchers nosed out their opponents, 10-9, in a seven-inning game.

During the first five innings of play, Adams Hall held the lead, but in the last of the sixth, the Yanks rallied to tie the score, 9-9. The winners chalked up their winning tally in the seventh while the Yanks were held scoreless by Pitcher Pvt. William Blackwell, of New York. Outstanding hitter for the winners was T/5 Edward L. Sims, of Monroe, La., who got four for six. Losing hurler was Cpl. Charles Grigsby, of Cullinsos, Kan.

Cornell Grid Candidates To Have Five-Day Week

ITHACA, N.Y., July 18—Carl Snavelly, Cornell football coach, announced here that grid aspirants will go on a five-day training week starting tomorrow.

He advised 53 candidates, especially the 12 who are preparing for Navy commissions under "V" plan, to drop football if it interferes with their studies. "Football isn't an all-important activity. It never was at Cornell, and isn't now particularly," he said.

Snavelly mentioned receiving letters from alumni telling of benefits of football to men in the service.

Medwick Goes To Giants for Waiver Price

Brooklyn Outfielder's Sale Further Result Of Upheaval

BROOKLYN, July 18—The Brooklyn Dodgers, as had been anticipated Friday, have sold outfielder Joe Medwick to the New York Giants for the waiver price of \$7,500, bringing the Flock down to the League player limit.

In sacrificing Medwick, a .300 hitter every year except this, the Dodgers made the second move in the hectic house cleaning resulting from last Saturday's club house rebellion. Bobo Newsom, center of the dispute, was traded out of the League to the St. Louis Browns on Wednesday.

Medwick, although not one of last Saturday's rebels, was rather the cause of some of the resentment by the other players against Manager Leo Durocher. This was due to Durocher's refusal to fine his pal from the days when they were together on the Cardinals. The players accused Medwick of loafing and Durocher said he'd fine Medwick unless he snapped out of it.

Spent Most of Season on Bench

But Medwick never did snap out of it and Durocher never fined him. The players were infuriated last Friday at Durocher's action in lifting Dixie Walker and inserting Medwick in the Pittsburgh game. Medwick has spent most of the present season riding the bench, unable to lift his average above .272.

Medwick, 12 years in the National League and the League's leading batter in 1937 when he was a Cardinal, came to Brooklyn in 1940 with Curt Davis for Carl Doyle, Ernie Koy, Sam Nahem, Bert Haas and \$130,000. Medwick, always good at hitting bad outside balls and pulling inside balls to the left, is expected to hit plenty of homers to the short Polo Grounds fences.

Bobo Changes His Mind

ST. LOUIS, July 18—Bobo Newsom has changed his mind and is expected to report here today to pitch part of the double-header against the Cleveland Indians, President Don Barnes revealed following a third phone call in 12 hours with Bobo. Earlier Barnes had stated that Bobo would not play under any consideration, including a pay boost. Newsom earlier offered Barnes \$10,000 for his contract, but Barnes refused. What caused Bobo, who was traded Wednesday after a row with Dodger Manager Lippy Durocher, to change his mind, was not revealed.

Meanwhile rebellion seems to be the order of the day with the Dodgers, the newest rebels being Archie McKain and Fritz Ostermuller, traded to the Brooks for Newsom.

McKain said, "If we can't get together on this thing, I'm going back to my farm in Kansas. It costs more to live in the East than it does in St. Louis and somebody will have to come across with more money."

Ostermuller's reaction was about the same—"Unless there is an adjustment in pay, I'm going back to Quincy, Ill.: instead of Brooklyn."

Advance SBS Swim Deadline

SBS HQ., July 18—The deadline for entries in the SBS swimming and diving contest to be held at the Municipal Bath, Salisbury, on July 31, has been set back to July 25.

The Salisbury meet is to determine the swimmers and divers who are to compete in the ETO finals at the Marshall Street Baths, London, on Aug. 8. All events to be used in the ETO championship will be held at the Salisbury elimination.

The contestants in the SBS meet will be furnished supper, bed and breakfast by the American Red Cross club in Salisbury. Winners will be presented with prizes furnished by The Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee. Swimmers and divers who wish to enter should contact their Special Service Officer or forward their entries to Lt. C. R. Ifft, Hq. SBS, not later than July 25.

A feature of the meet will be a water polo match between an American and RAF team.

Ithaca Latest to Drop Football From Schedule

ITHACA, N.Y., July 18—Little Ithaca College has thrown in the sponge on intercollegiate football. The majority of schools on Ithaca's schedule have given up the sport because no players are available. Ithaca's withdrawal brings the total to 191 colleges abandoning football for the duration.

Meanwhile, Manhattan College, New York, has announced that a meeting will be held this week to decide whether or not to abandon the game. If Manhattan quits, Columbia will be the only remaining New York City college playing.

\$155,000 From All-Star Game
PHILADELPHIA, July 18—The All-Star baseball game enhanced the benefits for servicemen by \$155,000. The receipts were over \$65,000 and the remainder was made up from major league clubs, radio rights and Judge Landis' office.

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Hash Marks

There was a near riot in Louisville, Ky., when a glass jar filled with blue and red ration stamps jolted from a truck and shattered on a downtown street. Wind scattered the stamps for blocks to the delight of several dozen citizens who gave chase.

Our nomination for the meanest man in town is the game warden of Collinsville, Okla. Mayor Earl Spink gave a fish fry for Tulsa county officials, but they ate spam instead. More than 2,000 pounds of fish had been seined from a lake for the feast, but the game warden put them right back.

Ole Dobbin is getting air-minded these days. Oscar Bjorghum was driving his wagon down a Billings, Montana, street when his horse tried to jump through a



high fork in a tree and got stuck. It took the fire department three hours to get the nag down. (We don't know what happened to Oscar.)

From Hollywood comes word that the late John Barrymore's \$10,000 wardrobe is going on the auction block. Included are dozens of many-hued pyjamas, two haggard-looking hats—and one girdle.

Vernon Garrison, of Morganton, N.C., has a smart fox terrier. The other day the dog came home with a dollar bill in his mouth.

If you ever have any trouble with English mice, just get in touch with Capt. David Watkins, of Buckhannon, W. Va. Capt. Watkins, now with Western Base Section, has, after some classy detective work, learned the secret of enticing the local variety into traps.

Richard Henniger spied a clean sheet on an Indiana housewife's washline, laid it on the ground and plopped down for



a nap. In court he explained he liked clean sheets. "Ten days," said the judge, "and change the sheets on his cell cot."

The manpower shortage has caused a drastic shortage in the San Francisco health department. The vacancy is for a rat catcher. So far there have been no feminine takers.

The guys on duty at the guardhouse at Camp Gillespie are smart Joes. They placed Tiger, a tough-looking English bulldog, to guard the phone booth. His ugly presence cuts down the number of unnecessary calls, officials say.

Oddities of the war: Many operators claim that war wages are putting pawnshops back home out of business... because with wages up nobody needs loans. My, how times change.

J. C. W.

Bold Night Thrust Beat Panzers



Wreckage of an Axis tank blocks a street in Gela after American troops had hurled the enemy forces from the Sicilian city. The inscription on the wall means: "Mussolini cannot be touched."

U.S. Division Went In At 1.30 AM After 48-Hour Fight

By Alexander Clifford

Representing the Combined Press

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES, Southern Sicily, July 15 (delayed)—This is the complete story of the experience of one American division during the first three critical days of the assault on Sicily—from the landings, through the bold early-morning attack which routed the crack Goering panzers and made the bridgehead secure.

It was this division that encountered the most serious and organized opposition offered, and their story is the most representative.

There were two outstanding features about the approach to the invasion. One was an astonishing piece of good luck, or more probably good management. The second was nearly a stroke of appalling bad luck.

First, the entire invasion convoy arrived virtually unscathed. The Axis had had enough warning of invasion to fill the Mediterranean with planes and submarines. But we arrived off the coast of Sicily with no trouble at all.

The stroke of nearly bad luck was the sudden roughening of the sea the evening before we invaded.

If it had continued the tiny assault craft would have been almost impossible to handle. And even if the first wave of infantry had been put safely ashore they would have landed weak and miserable with sea-sickness.

Happily, the storm died as quickly as it was born, and only a slow swell made the handling of the smaller boats a little tricky.

This division landed on three beaches, two to the east of Gela and one right in front of the town itself.

Special assault teams of Rangers took

the western beach, and infantry, landing two battalions abreast, took the other two beaches.

Searchlights picked up the assault craft when they were 500 yards away, and the men waded ashore in a hail of machine-gun and cannon fire. But they had no real trouble with mines or barbed wire.

They were able to run through it with very few casualties, and reach the shelter of houses or trees.

The Italians had well-sited pillboxes all along the coast. Until the infantry were well ashore wonderfully accurate naval gunnery played on these defenses. Then the assault troops went to work with bayonets and hand grenades. And this is where the defenses broke down.

By dawn the town was clear of the enemy, and the strongpoints in the outskirts and coastal batteries were being systematically stormed. The beaches were held and unloading began.

Meantime there had been parachute landings inland. This is enormously difficult. Its technique is still in its infancy and to a certain extent what happened in Sicily was experimental.

Chutists Cut Wires

The paratroops were dropped over a very wide area and set about their appointed tasks—cutting telephone wires, attacking headquarters, wrecking transport.

This threw the enemy's second lines of defense into confusion.

At dawn landings began in an incredibly complex system of priorities worked out in the most subtle detail.

Our landing arrangements had assumed that the initial assault would be difficult and costly. In that case infantry got first priority, for the first stage would be a storming stage.

Italian propaganda has inevitably piled the beaches high with Allied corpses, but that is utterly untrue. Our casualties were very light indeed.

But the rhythm of the landing had to go on on the basis of stiff resistance because that was the way it had been planned.

Soon after daylight all the division's infantry was ashore and strong combat patrols began to push inland cleaning up pillboxes and strongpoints in purely infantry fighting.

Vital Crossroads

They discovered quickly that the focal point of the area was the junction of three roads which was commanded by concrete fortifications in every direction. And here most of the fighting developed.

The enemy were disorganized and somewhat bewildered, for their lateral communications had been cut. But the Italians made one sudden counter-attack with tanks, which was repelled with some

difficulty, for there were no anti-tank guns ashore as yet.

And in one of those extravagant gestures of courage which Italians sometimes make half a dozen of their tanks came into Gela and rattled round the streets.

These were destroyed and driven off by improvised tactics with any weapons anyone could find. All possible anti-tank guns were scrambled together from the beaches, and the peril was averted.

At the end of the day we had a solid strip of beach perhaps five miles thick. Superb fighter cover had saved us from any air attacks at all.

The enemy had not yet had time to get his balance again and organize real counter-action.

Enter: The Germans

Early next morning the Germans came into the picture. There was a properly staged counter-attack all along the beachhead, and the Hermann Goering Division made a ferocious bid to retake the road junction.

Groups of panzers, about 20 or 30 tanks, began to fight their way towards the coast. The fighting was bewildering and sometimes very critical.

The first thrust got within a mile of the shore, and the most serious of all came within 300 yards of Gela town.

We had a few tanks ashore plus a few anti-tank guns and a few field guns. They were rushed from place to place as danger threatened. It was very necessary and very brave and brilliant improvisation.

The leading German tank was knocked out, and the commander of the unit was inside it. The rest became confused, and bunched undecidedly together.

Thirteen were destroyed on the spot. The rest limped away.

Heavy Fighting

It went on all through the afternoon and fighting was sometimes very heavy.

The Luftwaffe made a maximum effort this day, and several times planes got through to bomb or strafe the beaches. Unloading went on without interruption.

The German counter-attacks had been piecemeal and spasmodic. But, even so, they seriously threatened this particular bridgehead. When night fell on the second day they were still there, fighting and still strong.

That evening the American divisional general made a bold decision. He ordered his whole line to attack at 01.30 in the morning, and the men, though they had been fighting for 48 hours, went gamely in.

The battle raged fiercely across the hills and valleys. But by noon the Americans had won. The whole Axis force was in retreat.

Ponte Olivo airfield fell into our hands and the beaches were freed from shellfire. The landing had finally been made safe.

The Allied Flood

Break any part of a dyke and the water it holds back soon rushes through, widening the breach as it spreads in all directions.

Today we see the first breach in the wall that surrounds the Fortress of Europe. It was made when we were able to land successfully an overwhelming force on the shores of Sicily, proving to all the world we could invade enemy territory across a wider stretch of water than the English Channel and occupy territory far more strongly defended than was England after Dunkirk. Thus we proved we could do what Hitler himself did not dare do.

But Sicily is only a small operation, merely the prelude to mightier attacks yet to follow. The effect of the Sicilian operation on the Axis position, however, is tremendous. Frantic appeals are being made by Italian leaders to Hitler for German aid; but Germany is fully occupied and faces a crisis herself on both the eastern and western fronts. Thirty of her best divisions hurled savagely against the Russian armies near Orel have been held and thrown back. The Nazis were able to launch this eastern thrust only by weakening western defenses. Now they have no reserves to throw recklessly into the Italian peninsula.

Latest reports indicate the Allied position may even be much better than official communiques suggest. The Fortress of Europe has been breached and the irresistible flood of Allied land, sea and air power is sweeping on in an ever-widening arc. It will not stop until it has engulfed all of Europe.

Among the Brave

Under the title "Living Among The Brave," a contributor to the Liege edition of the clandestine newspaper La Libre Belgique describes the impressions made on him by a period spent in a German prison in Belgium. He writes: "It was a revelation to me to observe the spirit of exaltation prevailing among prisoners whose only crime is that of patriotism."

"I saw a long procession of them on their way to the prison yard and was comforted by their proud bearing. They marched in single file, with a firm and sure step, several yards separating each man from the next. I was impressed by their manly and resolute appearance. Among them, marching as though on parade, were smooth-faced youngsters, older men, unshaven, and some elderly whitebeards. They were vigilantly watched by their gaolers to see that no communication passed between them; but, in spite of this, they turned their heads and winked at me or made a surreptitious V-sign with their fingers. Truly these 'conquered' men bore themselves like conquerors. Their pallid, thin faces, however, betrayed more surely than any complaints what physical and moral sufferings they had endured in their long months of captivity. If only the self-seekers, the wasters and the cowards could catch some of the spirit exemplified by the magnificent conduct of these men! I was proud to belong to them."

This statement, by one who has experienced the cruelty of war imprisonment, should be remembered by all those who serve in the U.S. Armed Forces. We will soon strike to save these men, and they are worth saving for there are no finer men. To free them is worth a heavy price, and to pay it may give us the right to live again in Freedom... among the brave.

Martinique... Free French

Martinique, Axis threat to the Panama Canal, is now Free French. Two islands, an aircraft carrier, three small warships and 140,000 tons of merchant shipping are at the disposal of the United Nations.

With huge armies marching up the roads of Sicily, this announcement comes as a sort of anti-climax; but it represents an Allied victory of no mean importance for Martinique capitulated without the use of force. Frenchmen on the islands demanded a new administration and moved in open revolt to secure it. An administration loyal to Vichy, and through Vichy to Hitler, could not stand before a people determined to secure for themselves the freedom other Frenchmen had died to give to them.

The islands under the terms of capitulation remain French, but will join as a new unit of the Free French movement in the struggle to free the old Empire from Axis domination.



"Hey, Cap', does this go in my B bag or A bag?"



Requiescat

A requiem mass was read today in our parish church just over the way for Johnny Williams, its first brave lad To yield up his life for the love that he had For the native land which had given him birth And the joys of youth with its laughter and mirth, And there in its place in the vestry scroll A gold star was placed on its honor roll.

And down the trail of the old Third street hill Which Johnny and all of his gang used to fill With their eager shouts and their boyish laughter, The neighbors came streaming till "the last bell" and after; Out of all the houses in quiet array They came in groups and wended their way To the old stone church in the valley there To join for Johnny in silent prayer.

As I looked about at the church well filled, I thought, "And wouldn't Johnny be thrilled!" For what prouder medal could hero wear Than the tears of old neighbors gathered there!

Jazbo.

NEWS FROM HOME

Living Cost, Up 7.1% in Year, Is Rising Slowly

Food Prices in June Only Tenth of 1% Above May, U.S. Hears

NEW YORK, July 18—The level of living costs in June was 7.1 per cent higher than that of a year ago, but only one-tenth of 1 per cent higher than May, according to statistics compiled by the National Industrial Conference Board. Food prices, which have been leading the upward march of prices, rose only 0.1 per cent in June, while sundries moved up 0.4 per cent, clothing rose 0.1 per cent and fuel and light declined 0.3 per cent. Housing remained unchanged. The purchasing value of the dollar, on the basis of 100 cents to the dollar in 1923, which amounted to 96 cents in May, declined to 95.9 cents in June. It stood at 102.7 in June, 1942.

Fleet Buys War Bonds

WASHINGTON, July 18 (AP)—In marked contrast to their legendary spending habits, American naval officers and ratings are spending about \$900,000 worth of War Bonds monthly, according to Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau. He said 277,000 men in the U.S. fleet were buying bonds.

60-Year-Old Seaman

NEW YORK, July 18—John C. Sheridan, 60-year-old managing editor of a Youngstown, Pa., newspaper, who offered his services to the Navy, but was rejected

FBI Chief Says U.S. Is Free of Sabotage

WASHINGTON, July 18—J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, declared yesterday that "not a single successful act of foreign-directed sabotage has occurred to hinder our war efforts."

Addressing the graduating class of the FBI National Police Academy, Hoover said the coordinated efforts of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies have curbed activities of foreign espionage agents "before they could accomplish their fiendish aims."

"We have, by planning and co-ordination, avoided the hysteria which prevailed in World War I, when innocent persons were persecuted and harmed as the result of ill-advised vigilante activities," he said. "We have kept the home front secure."

because of his age, announced yesterday that he is sailing shortly as second mate on a merchant marine vessel. "I couldn't see myself sitting at a desk," he said, "while 12 out of 15 men on my staff had joined the service."

First DeMolay Member Shot

KANSAS CITY, July 18 (AP)—Louis Lower, 41, first man ever inducted into the Order of the DeMolay, Masonic organization for young men, was shot and killed at Union Station today.

Lower was active in Republican politics for a long time and was one of the leaders in the successful struggle to break the power of the Pendergast democratic machine. He was shot by a man attempting to direct traffic as the early morning crowds jammed the crossing.

Wooden Plant Begins Output

Making C-54 Skymasters, Each Carrying 15 Tons Or 50 Troops

CHICAGO, July 18 (AP)—The first four-engine U.S. Army cargo transport plane to be produced at the \$33,000,000 Chicago factory of the Douglas Aircraft Company will make its inaugural flight July 30, when the huge factory, built of wood, will be dedicated. The giant transports (C-54 Skymasters) are the largest planes in full-scale production in the U.S. They carry 15 tons of cargo or 50 fully equipped and armed soldiers. They are a wartime version of the craft originally developed for airlines as trans-continental luxury planes.

The new plant is the world's largest built of wood, according to its designers. Steel saved for other war uses amounted to 30,000 tons.

Drug With Healing Power Surpassing Sulfa Is In Use

WASHINGTON, July 18—A new drug called Penicillin, effective in many cases where sulfa drugs fail, is now being used by the U.S. Army Medical Corps.

A War Department announcement said that it has shown amazing healing properties in cases of infected burns, compound fractures and infection of both bone and flesh. While it is ineffective against typhoid and dysentery it successfully combats many kinds of bacteria.

Doctors are still experimenting on new uses for this latest cure. There is not enough of it yet for wide use, the War Department said, but the Army hopes soon to have sufficient quantities for difficult cases.



"Better enjoy yourself while yer here, 'cos yer in fer a hell of a time when yer come out . . . going on that raid without permission."

Comic strip 'DIANA' by Milton Caniff. Panel 1: Diana and a stranger meet. Panel 2: Diana and a man in uniform talk. Panel 3: Diana and a man in uniform kiss. Panel 4: Diana and a man in uniform talk.

Comic strip 'MALE GUY' by Milton Caniff. Panel 1: A man and a woman talk. Panel 2: A man and a woman talk. Panel 3: A man and a woman talk. Panel 4: A man and a woman talk.

Comic strip 'JOE PABOKA' by Ham Fisher. Panel 1: A man in a military uniform talks to a group of men. Panel 2: A man in a military uniform talks to a group of men. Panel 3: A man in a military uniform talks to a group of men.

Another Solomon Island Captured



Planet Photo

American marines haul ashore a light artillery piece onto Rendova Island, in the Solomons, during the invasion of the island two weeks ago. Two days later, the Jap garrison on the island was wiped out and U.S. artillery began shelling Munda airport, 14 miles away on New Georgia. This is the first picture received so far of the Solomon landings.

Hailing the Conquering Sub Heroes



Returning to their base at Dutch Harbor, Alaska, after a cruise in the Pacific, during which she sank five Japanese ships, this U.S. submarine and her gallant crew are given a surprise reception. The Navy band is lined up on the pier to serenade the valiants of the undersea fleet.

Along the Jungle Road to Tokyo



Planet Photo

An Australian and American soldier halt their peep to read the sign on the coastal highway near Oro Bay in New Guinea. This same road was extended farther up the New Guinea coast last week when Allied troops captured Mubo, about 200 miles northwest of Oro Bay.

Wallowing in Watermelons



Keystone Photo

This is a scene after a watermelon-eating contest, many of which are taking place back in the States. The girl, Tee Mathews, of Cypress Gardens, Fla., and Sgt. Bob Ruccione, of New York, won the mixed event.

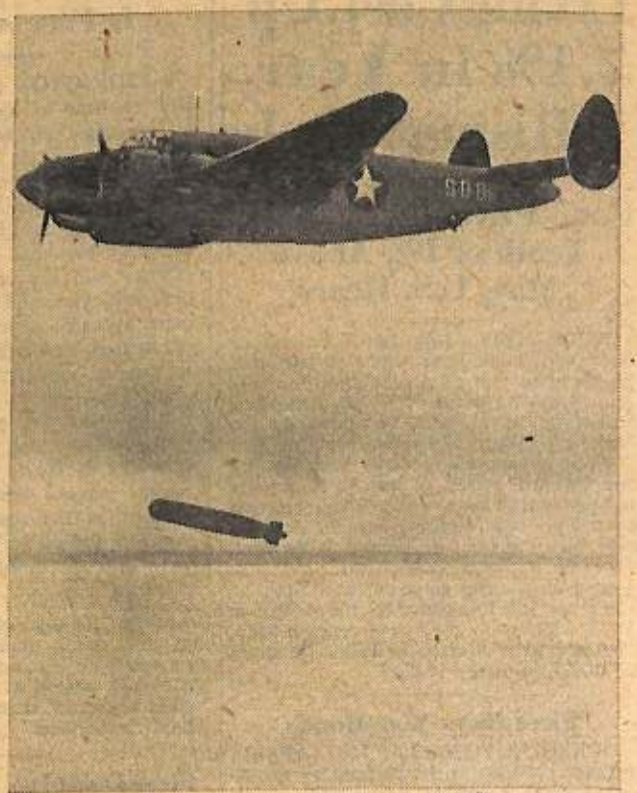
WAVE at Work



U.S. Navy Photo

Mary Dodge, of Boston, used to be a check teller in a bank, but now as a WAVE she is learning to be an aviation metalsmith at the U.S. Naval Training School at Norman, Okla., after completing four months of boot training.

A Tin Fish From the Sky



Keystone Photo

A flying tin fish is launched as a PV5 Vega Ventura, new U.S. Navy land-based bomber, on patrol off the Florida coast, drops a torpedo in one of its final practice flights before going out to sink enemy submarines.

Gremlins Paint Highways of the Sky



Associated Press Photo

Each of these Gremlin-painted trails, merging into distinct patterns, represents a formation of Eighth Air Force Flying Fortresses knifing their way off the coast of France during a raid last week.

Okay Brother, It's Your Move



Stars and Stripes Photo

Pvt. Al Cortez, of Pittsburgh, studies the situation before making his move during a checker game with Doris Hall, English dancer, who waits the cue for her number in the USO Camp Show "Jive-Time," which played in the Bedford area last week.