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In Air Blows On Europe

B26 Assault on Airfield Opens Day; RAF Hit Rhine at Night

Fleets of Allied warplanes droned across the Channel to Europe yesterday and wrote finis to the fourth year of the war in another all-day session of blast and fire for Nazi installations.

Mass formations of American and RAF bombers and fighters shuttled from airfields in Britain to targets across the water, rounding out what may total up to the biggest month

may total up to the biggest month yet in the Allied air offensive against the Wehrmacht.

The day's raids, kicked off by a Marauder blitz on an enemy airfield, a power station and chemical works in France early yesterday morning, came after another night saturation raid by the RAF on the industrial area of Munchen-Gladbach-Rheydt, in Germany's Rhineland.

Mosquitoes also made night attacks

Mosquitoes also made night attacks on Duisburg, and intruders continued the unceasing assault on Luftwaffe fields in the occupied countries. The night's work cost 28 bombers.

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The Marauder mediums of Eighth Air Support Command which led the day's virtually unbroken procession of Allied air might across the Channel struck the Luftwaffe 'drome at Lille-Vendeville, went on to hammer a power station and then a chemical works at Mazingarbe, near Bethune, in France.

One Marauder and one of the swarm of Spitfires which escorted the B26s were reported missing in the early attacks, which also included solid blows at the St. Pol airfield by RAF Mitchell mediums and Typhoon fighter-bombers. Three enemy lighters were destroyed, pilots reported.

For the busy Marauder formations which had attacked on 14 days of the month, hitting 21 targets for the loss of four bombers, it was the second mission within 12 hours or so. Late Monday they drubbed enemy targets near St. Omer without loss

without loss. Yesterday's single Marauder lost was the sixth since the mediums were inte-grated with Eighth Air Support. Before that, they lost ten planes in two missions with Bomber Command.

Heavy damage was reported on all of yesterday's early targets. There was no fighter opposition, but heavy flak.

Power Station Supplies Coal Mines

The power plant and chemical works were those of the Bethune Mines Company. The chemical plant had four batteries of coke ovens, and manufactured synthetic ammonia, synthetic alcohol, fertilizer, benzol, ether, mephanol, synthetic petrol and nitric acid. The power station ties into the grid that supplies the coal mines at Bethune

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The Lille-Vendeville German airdrome is five miles south of Lille. It is now

is five miles south of Lille. It is now occupied by a fighter training unit.

Lt. Col. Cecil C. McFarland, of Wakeeney, Kan., group air executive, who rode in the lead ship said: "The chemical works were one large red slush." Speaking of the smoke, I/Lt. Phillip Bridges, of Stevenville, Tex., reported that "It came up in huge spirals and covered the entire target area." Lt. Bridges was bombardier-navigator of the plane piloted by Capt, Robert A. Porter, of La Salle, Ill.

S/Sgt. Edgar L. Bowman, of McComb.

S/Sgt. Edgar L. Bowman, of McComb, Miss., tail gunner of the ship GI 5th, piloted by I/Lt. Edward L. Lunkenheimer, Evansville, Ind., said he saw strings of bombs from one box of the formation dropped in a straight lineacross several buildings of the chemical

Crewmen of Shuttle Fort Interned by Swiss Listed

The names of the crew of the Fort, Battle Queen—Peg of My Heart, which came down in Switzerland on Aug. 17 during the shuttle raid on Regensburg, were made public by the Eighth Air Force vesterday.

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They had been listed officially as missing in action since it was not known whether there were any casualties. However, the German News Agency reported from Berne that all ten were interned, and it is probable that none was killed.

The crew: 2/Lt. Stephan P. Rapport, of Webster, N.Y. pilot: 2/Lt. Elmer R. Holloway, Fairmouti, Ind., co-pilot: 2/Lt. Grover J. Bovd, Gastonia, N.C., navigator: 2/Et. Charles O. Ryan, Wichim Falls, Tex., bombardier; Sgt. John S. Scott, Brooklyn, top turrel gunner: Sgt. Theodore Obsharsky, Jersey City, N.J., ball turrer gunner: Sgt. Blair C. Neal, Altoonia, Pa., right waist gunner: Sgt. Joseph W. Russell, Troy, N.Y., left waist gunner; and Sgt. Ricardo Robledo, Santiago, Dominican Republic, tall gunner.

No Let-Up Hope Goes Through Scene in New Movie



1/Lt. Burgess Meredith (left), former film star, in private's uniform, Bob Hope, and T/Sgt. Frank I. Tebrugge, of Chicago, go through a scene for the film "Welcome to Britain" yesterday after Hope's arrival in London from Africa.

Bob Hope Back Here With Nazi Dirk, Italian Maternity Medal

By Arthur W. White

Bob Hope, pretty tired but still smiling, is back in London with Frances Langford and the rest of his troupe after slugging out 70 USO shows in three weeks for American and Allied troops in Africa and Sicily.

He now is the proud possessor of a beautiful tan, a medal which is the German version of the purple heart, a vicious-looking dirk which a doughboy lifted from a Nazi general, and—most cherished of all—one of

Mussolini's "Mother Medals," presented World War II to a super-productive Fascist mother. The one he's got has about 12 stars on

the ribbon, but he doesn't know whether the Italians hand out the stars on the same basis as Yanks get hashmarks.

Bob crept into London in the early hours a couple of nights ago, and has been lying low trying to catch up on a few hundred hours' sleep which everyone says are owing to him. He's given more than 200 shows in the ETO and Mediterranean since he arrived in England at the end of

June, and now he's going home.
Yesterday he didn't feel like staying in any longer, so he put on his hat and went along to Dean's Yard, Westminster, where the newly-opened Churchill club is,

where the newly-opened Churchill club is, to help out the army.

The British Ministry of Information and the American Office of War Information are collaborating in producing a semi-humorous film for American soldiers about to come to the ETO entitled "Welcome to Britain." 1/Lt. Burgess Meredith, film star before he joined the army, plays the part of an ordinary GI, three weeks in the ETO, who runs into quite a bit of trouble during his travels. By watching him stick his peck out in some watching him stick his neck out in some

Assured—Churchill WAACs Now WACs: Despite Criticism Official Last Midnight

The WAACs officially dropped an "A" at midnight last night to become WACs members of the Women's Army Corps of the U.S. Army, in for the duration and six months.

The conversion in the ETO became complete yesterday when a cable arrived from the War Department confirming the appointment of all ETO officers, except one. 1/Lt. Catherine Falvey, a Massachusetts state legislator, did not apply, and plans to return home.

Conversion of the last WAAC enlisted members over here was completed Aug. 19, 12 days ahead of

Reds Capture **Vital Junction** In New Drive

Threaten to Cut Railway **Behind German Lines** On Central Front

A powerful Russian Army yesterday launched an attack at the heart of the German Kiev defenses as Red forces swept forward in a push to encircle Stalino and drive the Germans out of the Donetz Basin, one of the richest areas in

all Europe.

In a sudden advance, the Soviet troops captured a town called Glukhov and thus threatened to cut the great lateral railway which runs behind the main German way which runs behind the main German positions. On this railway hinges the defenses of Kiev. Sixty-six miles beyond Glukhov lies Bakhmach, toward which the Soviet troops are advancing. Its capture would destroy the German lateral communications just behind the line from Briansk right down into the heart of the Ukraine. Ukraine

Vital Junction Captured

The fall of Yelnya, one of the most essential German positions for the defense of their great Smolensk base, in the Russian central front offensive, was announced triumphantly by Stalin in an order of the day yesterday, and last night the Soviet radio monitor in London could hear through his headphones the crash of salvos from 124 guns fired in Moscow in celebration of the victory.

Recapture of Yelnya, a traffic junction which Stalin called "the most important center of resistance" in the Smolensk area, put the Soviet armies within about

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45 miles of Smolensk itself.

Representing an advance of about 50 miles, the capture of Yelnya followed that of Kharkov, Orel, Byelgorod and Taganrog in the list of victories during the heaviest and most effective summer offensive operations the Russians have ever

on the Taganrog front, the Russians were preparing a giant pincer to crush the German forces in the Donetz Basin. One arm of the pincer drove on from Taganrog, hammering the remnants of the retreating German forces. Last night the conquerors of Taganrog were more than half way along the coast of the Sea of Azov to Mariupol, the big German base 70 miles away. executed.

Politics No Factor, From Moscow

QUEBEC, Aug. 31 (AP)—In his long-awaited world broadcast from Quebec, Winston Churchill today declared that whenever a second front was opened in Europe it would be done only when there was every chance of military success and would not be swayed by political considera-

The Prime Minister said that the Quebec conference was concerned principally with "inflaming" the war against Japan, and therefore it would have been embarrassing to the Soviet Union to be

Mr. Churchill said he was looking forward to the opening of the third front, presumably referring to Japan. Italy, he said, was paying a terrible penalty for having been misled by the Germans.

Won't Squander Lives
Referring to a second front, Mr. Churchill said that he could not tell when it was likely to happen, and added: "Wherever the great blow is struck, you may be sure it will be because there is a good prospect of continuing success and our soldiers expended in accordance with sound military plans and not squandered for political considerations of any kind."
Any speculation on when the war would end, Mr. Churchill said, was "vain and unprofitable."
He said that soon it was hoped to hold a united nations conference at which the Soviet Union would be represented. Such unity of decision between three great opponents of "Hitlerite tyranny" would be greatly desirable.

"Don't Blame Soviet Criticism" Won't Squander Lives

'Don't Blame Soviet Criticism'

Mr. Churchill said he did not blame Mr. Churchill said he did not blame Russia for any criticism she had levelled at her Allies for not having opened a second front on the Continent. He said that no country had ever withstood such a devastating attack as that thrown at the Russians. The terrific aerial attack against Germany would not be possible were it not for the magnificent stand of the Russians against Hitler's forces, he pointed out.

Mr. Churchill declared: "We may be

Mr. Churchill declared: "We may be sure that France will rise again, free, united and independent to stand on guard with others over the generous tolerances and brightening opportunities of human society, which we mean to rescue and rebuild."

build."

The Prime Minister said that at present Britain's principal activity against Japan of necessity centered in India. He expressed extreme confidence in Lord Louis Mountbatten's appointment as commander-in-chief in southeast Asia.

"To judge by the latest news from the Russian battlefront," the Prime Minister said, "Marshal Stalin is certainly not wasting time. The entire British Empire sends him our salute on the brilliant summer campaign and on the victories of

summer campaign and on the victories of Orel, Kharkov and Taganrog, by which orei, kharkov and Taganlog, by when so much of Russian soil has been relieved and so many hundreds of thousands of its invaders wiped out. The President and I will persevere in efforts to meet Marshal Stalin."

Forces May Defer Income Tax Payments Until 1944

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31—Members of the armed forces on active duty do not have to file income tax returns or pay income taxes until at least March 15, 1944, the War Department announced

1944, the War Department ruling allows servicemen on active duty as of Sept. 15 to defer the filing of estimated federal income and victory taxes and the payment of such taxes until March 15, 1944, the War Department said. No application to the Collector of Internal Revenue for such deferment is necessary. The for such deferment is necessary. The War Department said the ruling had been sent to all posts, camps and stations by the Adjutant General.

Urges Peace-Time Draft To Maintain Big Reserve

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (AP)—Rep. Andrew May (D.—Ky.), chairman of the House Military Committee, yesterday demanded compulsory peace-time military training. He declared the United States should "carry the big stick at all times in case any other big-stick boys get ideas" May announced he would seek legislation requiring every able-bodied male between 17 and 21 to take a full year's training, plus follow-up one-month refresher courses.

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(Continued on page 4) ETO Americans Join British In Day of Prayer on Friday

U.S. officers, enlisted men and other personnel will join the British in obsertible National Day of Prayer and vance of a National Day of Prayer and Dedication, proclaimed by the King of England, on Friday, anniversary of Britain's entry into the war, it was announced yesterday at Headquarters, ETOUSA.

Every chaplain in the ETO will hold

brief religious services for American troops to mark the occasion.

In London, a special prayer period will be held in the square adjoining billets from 11 to 11.15 AM. Chaplain Chester R. McClelland, senior chaplain of the Central Base Section, will give the opening prayer. Herbert Agar, of the American and other civilians.

Street Church.
Enlisted men will assemble at 10.30 AM. Officers will assemble at 10.45 AM, and form on the north side of the square. Four ranks of riflemen and a band will be part of the formation. Places will be reserved for personnel of the American Embassy, the American Red Cross and other civilians.

the National Day of Prayer and Dedication.

The Psalms will be read by Chaplain Judah Nadich, Singing of "The Star Judah Nadich, Singing of The Star Spangled Banner" and "God Save the King" will close the ceremony.

A similar service for Catholic personnel will be held at the same hour at Farm Street Church.

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foreign minister, went to Moscow, where he signed a ten-year non-aggression pact with the Soviet. With Russian neutrality assured, Hitler became ever more demanding and abusive. He completely disregarded the appeals of President Roosevelt and the warnings by Britain and France that they would adhere to their pledges to protect Polish independence. The Climax The climax came the night of Aug. 30 when Hitler sent a 16-point-program for the settlement of the disputes to the Poles

the settlement of the disputes to the Poles with an ultimatum to answer immediately. On the morning of Sept. I, saying that the Poles had refused to answer, he ordered his armies to attack.

The attack by the Nazis was spearheaded by hundreds of planes which attacked airfields, traffic junctions, communications and military bases. Later, the Germans claimed that their air attacks were so successful the first day that they virtually destroyed the Polish air force in 24 hours. Land forces attacked from Slovakia in the south; East Prussia in (Continued on page 4)

Enters 5th Year

Hitler Won First Round

By Invading Poland

Four Years Ago

At 5.30 AM, four years ago today, German armies invaded Poland from three points and World War II was on. Two days later Britain and France redeemed their pledges and went to war

with the Nazis.

The attack on Poland had been pre-

ceded for weeks by a typical Nazi war of nerves, with Hitler alternating demands

and violent accusations. He demanded the Free City of Danzig and the evacua-tion of the Polish corridor until a plebi-scite could determine whether the people wanted to join the Reich or remain with Poland. He accused the Poles of perse-

cuting people of German blood and said that Poland intended to attack Germany.

On Aug. 23 Ribbentrop, German foreign minister, went to Moscow, where

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China's Strength

That "friendly powers" as long ago as 1938 asked the Chinese military authorities whether they could continue to resist Japan is claimed by the National Herald, free China's English language newspaper, in an editorial. "Through-six years of war," the paper says, "China has fought against immense odds and under tremendous difficulties. After the withdrawal from Hankow the military authorities were asked by the envoys of Friendly powers whether China would continue to fight. The answer was a definite affirma-Live."

Through all these years Japanese military offensives and peace feelers have taken their numerous turns in trying to reduce China to submission; but China's undaunted resolve and determination to carry on has remained unchanged. It is the Japanese government that has undergone numerous changes on the grounds of the failure of its China Incident policy. China's government, on the other hand, has gained strength, sustained by a free people, for China's strength lies in her freedom, and free China will always be strong.

Rocket Gun

From Moscow comes word of a new Russian rocket projectile that weighs only 50 pounds yet will pierce seven inches of armor plate. The projectile is launched from a three-rail track fitted under each wing of a Lagg monoplane. The rocket has a low initial velocity which avoids destructive recoil on the plane, and, at the same time, it's accurate. Hits have been made up to a range of about 2,000

In the early days of the blitz nothing seemed to be able to stop the new German tank as it smashed its way across France and deep into Russia. Now it appears to be little more than a sturdily constructed coffin.

But the race goes on and it will continue as long as we have wars, until each new offensive weapon finds its defensive or counter-offensive equal,

Farm Report

Crops this year in America are 18 per cent over the 1928-32 average, which we used to think was about the limit in farm production, and the "Old Man" you left at home on the farm is getting along "blamed good." Matter of fact, he's turning out bigger crops and more livestock than he did when you were back there by his side.

Total production, including livestock, will be five per nearly a third greater than the good years just preceding the war, and in the process of producing we've managed to turn the old reserves of corn and wheat into meat . . . and we'll need it badly next year.

In the corn belt, despite a wet season and a poor start, the crop will come close to last year's record production, and at present prices that's plenty good. Given a little luck and weather the home folks will break another production record and get set for 1944, when they expect to raise the biggest all-round crop in the history of farming.

Perhaps you're interested in how the folks made out this year on the farm. what with labor shortages and priorities adding to their normal troubles. Well, some of the little jobs didn't get done. Boards are off the barn and weeds are heavier along the fence; but the main things, the crops, went in on time, the livestock was properly looked after, and the harvesting done on schedule, even though it required the part-time help of the home-town banker, the school principal, the kids who used to spend their summers up on the lake, and weekend help from the local chamber of commerce. Girls and women pitched in and did a big job this year, bigger than ever Dad worked 16 hours a day seven days a week, and the nation has the food it will need to carry on a global

Oh yes, and next time some wise guy tells you the folks at home don't even realize there's a war going on, just up and give him a swift punch on the nose,

Hash Marks

If any of you guys happen to be sweltering in the heat of an English summer, you can think of the Wayes and gnash your teeth. After two months of simmering summer, Wave non-coms stationed in tropical Washington have received permission to work in their shirt

Explaining the fountain pen shortage to civilians, the Parker Pen Company says in its ads, "Make no mistake. . . . There'll



be Parker '51' pens to serve valiantly in the hands of our fighting men. says the chairborne troops are unarmed?

Remember that old adage, if you show a baby a group of objects whatever he grabs indicates what he will be when he grows up? The latest version is, if baby grabs a gun he will be a soldier; if he grabs a boat he will be a sailor; if he grabs the nurse, he will be a marine.

This little verse just arrived from Tunisia via carrier pigeon:

There is a young dame in Algiers.
Who makes all the fellows give cheers.
She likes to make merry; and ain't mercenary

All she wants is free beers.

T/5 Jack Haber writes in to say that Company "C" of an Engineer avn. battalion can produce some odd combinations of initials from the supply records. For instance, they have their own GI, George Ivey; their candidate for the Chaplain's bench, TS, Tony Seay; the initials of the beefiest guy in the outfit are BIG. And then there is John A. Polito whose initials JAP bring him plenty Polito whose initials JAP bring him plenty of ribbing.

A corporal who handles public relations for a rather large unit is walking around with a slightly red face these days. Recently he met a sergeant who had been feeding his office with a number of newsyitems. The Cpl. complimented the correspondent and patronizingly asked him if he had ever worked for a newspaper before. "In a way," replied the sergeant mildly, "I was literary editor of the New York Times before I came into the army." York Times before I came into the army.

Maybe its war nerves, but people back home do the darnedest things. Walter Johnson, of Washington, couldn't see a



Civilian Defense Parade from where he stood. So he shoved his way to the front of the crowd. When police told him to move back, he got so mad that he ran up and down the street stamping on the .oes of spectators in the front row.

Soldier, you don't have all the troubles. news that even in a citified place like dear ole Chicago the residents are suffering an unprecedented epidemic of chigger bites. J. C. W.

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BELVEDER



GALLIPO

COMPARATIVE SIZE

of

Taranto

Mountains Keep Roads Along Coast Within Range of Guns

The geography of southern Italy fits in with the Allied pattern of naval and aerial attack designed to stop the Axis flight from the boot of Italy.

The mountain backbone down the middle of the Italian peninsula forced the railroad and highway builders to do their work on the comparatively narrow coastal lowlands that run the full length of the western shore-from just above the Strait of Messina to Genoa.

Allied warships lying 15 or more miles off shore can lob high explosive shells onto the mainline tracks almost at will. Because of the mountains there are few crossroads or railroads connecting the east and west coast main routes. result is a transportation bottleneck which the Allies are turning to their advantage.

Along the west coast of Italy the Allies have struck hard, both since the fall of Sicily and before. All the way from the tip of the "toe" to beyond Naples, Allied

bombers have smashed at the vital points of the railway.

Reggio, the ferry port across from Messina; Palmi, the disembarkation point used by the Germans to evacuate their troops from Sicily, Sapri, Salerno, even Naples have been targets.

In addition, British warships have lobbed shells ashore at Vibo Valentia, a potential Axis defense base, and at Castellammare, the big Italian shipyard just south of Naples.

Taranto, the great naval base beneath the Italian "heel," and Foggia, the airdrome well up the east coast, have been frequent targets. Foggia only last week was battered by a surprise, three-prong raid led by Lightnings at tree-top height and followed up by Fortresses and Liberators. The same day Wellingtons smashed Taranto with two-ton blockbusters.

Invasion Beachheads

The coastal lowlands offer invasion beachheads the full length of the peninsula's important west coast, beachheads similar to those so well exploited on Sicily's southern shore.

Even where the mountains run close cause as an aerial beacon, it is of little

just north and south of the city.

Terrain favorable to amphibious landings swings up around the heel of the Italian boot but the important military and civil installations and headquarters are concentrated in the western and northern sectors of Italy.

If the Allied high command seeks a precedent for invasion-from Sicily-of the boot of Italy, it need go back only as far as 1859.

Hailed as Italy's Liberator

Garibaldi, hailed then as now as Italy's liberator, stormed across the Strait of Messina on Aug. 8 of that year and marched up the Italian peninsula to win Naples and prepare for the unification of

Garibaldi suffered from one disadvantage that does not plague the Allies today. The citadel of Messina resisted siege and did not fall until nearly six months later, while the first Italian parliament was meeting in Turin and Victor Emmanuel had been proclaimed king of Italy.

Though their objective is the samethe boot of Italy-the direction of the Allied attack may be different. Garicoast, as they do at Naples where baldi had neither airplanes nor para-Mt. Vesuvius has been serving the Allied troopers, nor did he control the Mediterrancan Sea as does the Allied Navy. He had to take the shortest water jump This strategic harbor could be caught he could and work his way along the between landing parties on wide beaches entire peninsula. The Allies have a wider choice.

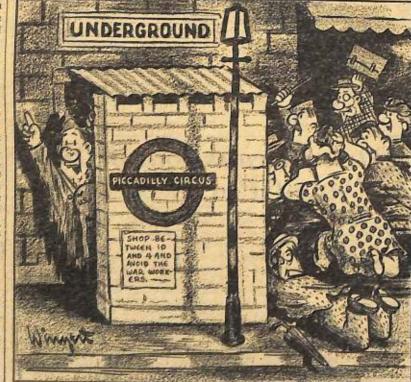


In these dark days when stench of musty death Grasps every nerve and fibre that's in you And your black soul has spent its gasping breath. And so you dream, poor blighted pariah! You hold each mem'ry in life's tarnished cup, And drain it dry, but the taste is bitter. Tomorrow's over, once the sun is up. Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow Are yesterdays and when 'tis done, 'tis done,

No feeling now of grief nor sob of sorrow

No feeling; now your very brain is numb.

You live-You eat and drink; you fight and sleep, Exist in body, but you rot in mind. All love and passion lie in mounded heaps, Sardonic crosses marking meager time. Fight! Fight! You damned sanguinary wretch. Kill! 'Til the tissues of your 'prisoned mind'
React to naught but sanctity of sleep,
And they'll lead you. The blind will lead the blind. G. I. Bard.



"Taxi!"

Hagen on Ropes As One of Golf's Great Figures

Refusal to Play Challenge Match With Kirkwood Gives Tipoff

By Oscar Fraley

By Oscar Fraley
United Press Sports Writer
NEW YORK, Aug. 31—This will be only a pitch and putt short of sacrilege to many divot devotees, but black golf outfits are in order to mourn the competitive demise of Walter Hagen.

The bulky, ruddy-faced Hagen has been Mister Golf ever since the knickerwearing days when he broke down the social barriers and brought the pros into the clubhouse. As he swung his boisterous, rollicking way through the fairways and rough, Sir Walter was always your man to accept a challenge, whether it was for money or marbles.

So it came as a terrific shock to us, who admired him above all for his competitive spirit, when he refused a grudge invitation by Joe Kirkwood, of Philadelphia, to play a \$2,000 match with the loser giving a grand and all proceeds to charity. It wasn't the Haig of old who refused.

Tried to Quit PGA

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The situation which brought about this challenge occurred in the recent Ryder Cup matches at Detroit when Hagen used his beating of Kirkwood in a test match as an excuse for booting Kirkwood off the challenging team. Joe was sore, claiming he had driven all night before the match. He tried to resign from the PGA, but his home district chapter refused to accept his resignation.

but his home district chapter refused to accept his resignation.

Hagen, when apprised of Kirkwood's challenge, said, "Who wants to watch two old men play golf. Joe got mad because I beat him in a practice game. I've been beating him for 20 years. He can't play golf anyway, he's just a trick shot artist."

There was a day when Hagen would have accepted the challenge, enjoyed a huge night before the match, and then probably have appeared in top hat and tails and whaled the daylights out of Joe. Kirkwood never pretended to be the golfer that Hagen was, but his sense of professionalism was hurt and Hagen should have made his words stick—or else.

Daredevils Cop Softball Crown

SOUTHPORT, Aug. 31—The — Hospital Daredevils captured the WBS softball crown and won the right to represent the base section in the ETO championships in London Sept. 8, 9 and 10 when they blanked the Seaforth Barracks, 8—0, here yesterday.

It was the fourth victory and second shutout for Cpl. John Talsalski, of Detroit, who allowed the Barracks squad only one hit. Batting honors were shared by Cpl, Stanley Lewandowski, who drove in two runs, and Catcher Cpl. William Armstrong, of Cleveland, who homered with one on. S/Sgt. L. Mantocon got the only safety for the Barracks. Losing battery was T/5 Ernest Pranlkowski, of South Bend, Ind., and Pfc Norman Champaign, of Detroit, who did the mound and receiving work for the Barracks in all the eliminations.

eliminations.

The Daredevils defeated the favorite

— Port Ramblers, 4—0, earlier in the
tournament, after trouncing the — Engineers, 10—2, and the Jockeys, 6—1.
The Barracks squad won only one
game by a wide margin when they defeated the Fencebusters, 15—2. They
edged out the Buckeyes, victors in Saturday's preliminaries, 3—2, and had to play
ten innings to overcome the Hospital ten innings to overcome the Hospital Chiefs, 2—1. In other games played, the Ramblers beat the Crackers, 5—4, in nine innings and the Fencebusters defeated the — Replacement Depot, 2—1, in nine

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REUNION and meeting of Dowagiac residents will be held at the Eagle Club, Charing Cross Road, London, W.C.2, Sept. 22: 8 PM. For those who cannot attend, another meeting will be held

Brave Breaks Ankle in Slide at Home



Bainbridge Naval Gridders May Have Top Eleven in East FirstRoundTilt

By John F. Chandler

SPORTS

Associated Press Sports Writer

BAINBRIDGE, Md., Aug. 31-If football names and experience mean anything, some of the East's major elevens can be-gin quaking in their cleats right now because those are the things that the Bainbridge Naval Training School has the

Bainbridge jumped into the football scene so fast that its nickname, "Commodores," is just as tentative as its schedule which Ensign Joe Maniaci, head coach and former Fordham and Chicago Bear backfield star, hopes to announce later this week.

International League

Monday's Games

Eastern League

Monday's Games

Hulse First in 600, 660

BUFFALO, N.Y., Aug. 31—Bill Hulse, king American miler, won the 600 and 660-yard runs at the Buffalo Uniformed

Firemen's Association track meet here.
Hulse did the 600 in one minute 11
and six-tenths seconds, beating Pvt. Joe
Nowicki, ex-Fordham University runner,

by less than a foot. Al Daily, of the NYAC, was third.

In the 660 handicap race, Hulse, forced wide on the turns, finished in one minute 20 and four-tenths seconds, again nipping Newicki by inches. Bob Green, of Virginia University, was third, Both times by Hulse were new meet records.

Giants Buy Two Players

NEW YORK, Aug. 31—The Giants have purchased Outfielder Charlie Meade, Infielder Buddy Knerr, and recalled Pitchers Bill Voiselle, Ken Trinkly and First Baseman Napoleon Reyes from

American Association
Monday's Games
Minneapolis 5, Milwaukee 3

No games played.

W L Pct.
VW L Pct.

Minor

Anderson, Purdue backfield ace, and Clui Mosher, tackle from the Pittsburgh Steelers, Len Akin, former Chicago Bear guard, and Howard Hickey, of Arkansas and the Detroit Lions. Anderson and Mosher played for Great Lakes last year. Maniaci said, "We'll play a pretty good game, although the boys have played under many systems and the shortage of time will force us to work hard to whip things into top shape."

Maniaci would not reveal his system, but you can take a guess on that after his seven years with the Bears. As aides, Maniaci has Ensign Bill Ragazzo, of the Cleveland Rams and Philadelphia Eagles, and Ensign Maurice Orr, ex-Southern Methodist star.

this week.

Some of the 60 men who turned out for practice would make the average college coach weep for joy. For instance, he has Bill DeCorrovant, of Northwestern, and as running mate, Harvey Johnson, All-Southern Conference back from William and Mary. Also Paul and Ensign Maurice Orr, ex-Southern Methodist star.

Bainbridge is reported seeking Duke and Maryland along with several other service teams. About four games are expected to be played here at the old Tome School, which now houses about 20,000 Naval trainees and is one of the major Naval schools on the East Coast.

Pacific Coast League Monday's Games

No games played.

W I Pet. W L
LosAngeles 101 36 737 San Diego 62 76
S. Francisco 83 52 615 Hollywood 61 77
Scattle 74 62 544 Oakland 59 77
Portland 67 69 493 Sacramento 39 97

Thunderbolts Triumph

FIGHTER STATION, Aug. 31— This station's Thunderbolts kept their state clean when they travelled to the—

Fighter Station to defeat that post's nine, 9—0, yesterday. The Thunderbolts banged out 12 hits to score two in the first, four in the second and three in the

The losers got three scattered hits from the offerings of T/Sgt. Buford Petty, of Williamstown, Ky. Pfc Bill Pronold, of Genessee Depot, Wis., was behind the plate for the winners. Petty fanned eight. Losing hurler was Sgt. Lloyd Wallin, of Chicago, who was relieved in the second by M/Sgt. Lefty Hoar, of Bangor, Mc.

Bucs Get Harry Camelli

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 31-The Pirates have announced the acquisition of Catcher Harry Camelli from the Albany Senators in the Eastern League. Camelli, aged 27, has almost seven years' minor league ex-

At Buffalo Track Meet | As Petty Hurls 3-Hitter

Pill Rollers Win

Mustangs Also Victorious In Opening Games of Ulster Playoffs

By Paul Lange

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BELFAST, Aug. 31—The — Station
Hospital Pill Rollers and the Mustangs,
Eighth Air Force outfit, won the opening
games here yesterday in their two out of
three series to represent SOS, NID and
Composite Command in the ETO softball
championships in London.

In the opening game, the Pill Rollers
staged a story-book finish to defeat the
Redbirds, — Ordnance Depot, 2—1, and
the Mustangs trounced the Dodgers, 9—0.
The Redbirds led, 1—0, going into the
last half of the seventh when the Medics
exploded. 1/Lt. Ray O'Brien, of Columbus, Ohio, crossed the plate with the
tying run and T/5 Harry Carr, of
Ottumwa, Iowa, scored the winning tally
on a high outfield fly by Cpl. Fred Walls,
of'Boston.

It had been a pitchers' duel until then
between S/Sgt. Gordon Jenkins, of
Columbus, Ohio, of the Redbirds, and
T/4 Clarence Kaufman, of St. Louis,
for the Pill Rollers.

Pfc Carl Perry, of Canyon City, Col.,
was the big gun in the Mustang victory,
fanning 13 Dodgers and giving up only
one hit. Pfc Alvin Schwedas, of Calumet City, Ill., was the losing pitcher.
Errors and inability to hit in the pinches
proved costly to the Dodgers.

Wilson Tons Constanting

Wilson Tops Constantino In Griffith Stadium Bout

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31—Jackie Wilson, Negro featherweight, hammered out a clear-cut ten-round decision over Lulu Constantino, of New York, at Griffith Stadium here last night. Wilson kept Constantino off balance continually with left jabs and drew blood from the 21-year-old New Yorker's nose in the fourth round.

o pressed the fight in the ried Constantino up in the last two rounds, foiling the New Yorker's attempted late rally. Wilson is now in line for a title match with Phil Terranova.

Wait a Bit Sets Aqueduct Mark NEW YORK, Aug. 31—Wait a Bit, 11—1 underdog, set a new track record at Aqueduct Park, winning the seven furlong Bayshore Handicap in one minute, 22 and four-tenths seconds, three-fifths of a second better than the old record set by Doublerab on June 13, 1934.

Old College Try

seek home games with nearby schools and service teams.

early rounds, but Wilson countered heavily with a vicious right cross. Wilson

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Aug. 31— Despite the abandonment of varsity foot-ball, the Harvard spirit remains. Yester-day 105 men reported to coach Henry Lamar for an informal team which will





Yankees Edge Red Sox, 3-1; **Cardinals**Split

Wensloff Yields Four Hits As Bombers Take 13th Series

NEW YORK, Aug. 31—The New York Yankees bagged their 13th straight series of the 1943 diamond season at the Yankee Stadium yesterday as they whipped the Boston Red Sox, 3-1, in the only scheduled game in the American

League.

The Sox got to Charlie Wensloff, Yank twirler, for a 1—0 lead in the fourth inning, but Outfielder Roy Weatherly secured Wensloff's 12th victory with his sixth homer in the fifth stanza with one man aboard. Wensloff yielded only four hits while the Bronx Bombers reached Joe Woods and Mace Brown for nine blows, Woods dropping his fourth game of the year.

Pirates Annex Opener
Over in the National League, the Cardinals split with the Pirates in a Forbes Field double-header, the only games played in the senior circuit. The Pirates copped the opener, 4—3, the Redbirds coming back to blast out an 8—3 decision.

decision.

The Bues won the opener in the tenth as Bob Elliott singled, scoring Kewpie Barrett, who was running for Tommy O'Brien, to climax a two-run rally. The Cards had gone ahead, 2—1, in the ninth, but the Pirates tied the game in the second half. St. Louis went ahead, 3—2, in the top half of the tenth, but the Pirates again saved the game from the fire. Lefty Al Brazle suffered his first defeat since entering the big leagues six weeks ago. Bill Brandt, who took over from Max Butcher in the tenth, was the winner.

Harry Brecheen scattered eight hits in the second game while the Cards collected 13 off Wally Hebert, Xavier Rescigno and Johnny Podgajny. Hebert was the loser, allowing five runs in the third inning. Each team erred twice.

Each team erred twice.



American League

Monday's Games

New York 3, Boston 1
No other games played.
W L Pet.
New York 77 46 6.26 Chicago ...
Washington 69 58 .543 Boston ...
Cleveland 65 57 .533 St. Louis ...
Detroit ... 63 58 ... 521 Philadelphia Yesterday's Schedule

Boston at New York No other games scheduled.

National League Monday's Games

Chicago at Cincinnati No other games scheduled.

Leading Hitters American League

Appling, Chicago Wakefield, Detroit Curright, Chicago Johnson, New York Hockett, Cleveland National League G AB R H Pct. 126 505 87 178 .353 123 470 60 157 .334 119 486 99 154 .317 119 474 48 149 .314 122 475 73 148 .312 Musial, St. Louis
Herman, Brooklyn
Vaughan, Brooklyn
Witck, New York
Nicholson, Chicago

Home Run Hitters American League—York, Detroit, 30; Keller, New York, 24; Stephens, St. Louis, and Heath, Cleveland, 18, National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 21; Ott, New York, 17; DiMaggio, Pittsburgh, 15.

Runs Batted In American League—York, Detroit, 98: Etten, New York, 90; Johnson, New York, 81. National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 102; Brooklyn, 82; Elliott, Pittsburgh, 80.

Gomez Hurling for Semi-Pros

NEW YORK, Aug. 31—Lefty Gomez, former Yankee pitcher now working for the Norden bomb sight manufacturers and pitching semi-pro ball Sundays, allowed a single and two walks against the Black Yankees. "With the bases full, I was awfully disappointed to look around and not see Johnny Murphy," Gomez remarked.

Mrs. Lip Wants Out-Flock Boss Nags Her

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 31-Mrs. Leo Durocher told a judge here what all the National League umpires have known all along-that Leo is "constantly of a nagging disposition and possessed of a very uneven temperament."

She is suing the Brooklyn manager for a divorce, and has asked for unspecified alimony, costs of the suit and the restoration of her maiden name, Grace L. Dozier. Mrs. Durocher, a nationally-known dress designer under the name of Carol King, married the Flock boss in 1934:

Invasion Craft ReadyinAfrica, Germans Claim

Predict Landings in Italy And France; British Raiding Calabria

Berlin radio, reporting that British Commandos raided Italy's southern coast several times in recent days, forecast last night that the Allies soon would invade Italy's "heel" and "toe" and also southern

"Certain events in the British Isles— concentration of major airborne and other special formations in southeast England as well as the presence in southern English harbors of numerous small shipping units—must also be taken into account," it added.

The most recent Allied raid on Italy, Berlin said earlier, took place Sunday when 400 British troops landed southeast of Reggio but "were wiped out by Axis forces," Only 30 escaped, the radio said, and these made their way into the moun-tains where, according to Berlin, they represent no danger to the German posi-

Air Drive Continues

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The air offensive against Italy continued without a break, and pilots back from blistering new attacks on airfields and railway yards close to Rome and Naples, told of the Mediterranean theater's most spectacular air combat—a furious dog-fight between Lightning-escorted Marauders and 75 enemy fighters who pursued the Mediums 100 miles out to sea using special long-range gas tanks.

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Berlin's "picture of the military situation" said that "the concentration of British and American landing craft in the ports of eastern Tunisia and on the east coast of Sicily, together with Allied naval movements in the Mediterranean, gives a certain clue to the next intentions of the American commander-in-chief in this area.

"These preparations by Eisenhower indicate," it added, "that after the replenishment of his divisions weakened during the fighting on Sicily he intends to thrust against Calabria and Apulia, the two southernmost peninsulas of

Second Front Preparations

After forecasting an operation against southern France and conceding the possibility of a major Allied action against the south of Greece and the Adriatic, Berlin added:
"As far as the second front in western

Europe demanded by Stalin is concerned, it is beyond doubt that the British have made preparations on a considerable

Meanwhile a new German technique for repulsing Allied bombers was dis-closed Monday at Aversa, ten miles north of Naples, where Marauders gave the railway yards a "terrific pounding," dropping tons of high explosive and scoring many direct hits on tracks and

More than 75 Axis fighters jumped the bombers. One wave of Messerschmitts attacked as they crossed the Italian coast going into the target, and later a second wave fitted with belly gas tanks for longer range fighting came out to relieve them. The latter followed the B26s and their escort far out to sea on the return trip until the Lightnings had shot down seven and the Marauders ten.

28 Airmen Transferred From RCAF to USAAF

Twenty-eight officers and enlisted men, transferred from the RCAF, were sworn in as members of the USAAF yesterday. They were:

They were:

W/Os Reber E. Courson. Long Beach, Cal.; Arthur W. R. Gibbons, Jamaico Plain, Mass, and Miles A. King, Cambridge, Miss.

Sgis. Emanuel C. Kamen. Brooklyn; James H. Somers, Hamden, Conn.; Donald C. Slade, Kanssa City, Mo.; Ray W. Blake, Seattle, Wash.; Ruben A. Smith, Homer, La.; Vance J. Chipman, Belleville, Mich.; Richard E. Morrison, Cambridge, Mass.; Herbie R. Shanika, Cookeville, Tenn.; Guest Whitaker, McLennen, Tex. Donald W. Chandler, Ashburnham, Mass.; Russell C. Whitmer, San Dimas, Cal.; Jack D. Shattuck, Rutherford, N.J.; William Gorman, Brooklyn; Sidney Pullen, Oakland, Mich.; Herbert O. Johnson, Indianapolis; Marcus L. Tansey, Smithville, Tex.; Archie F. Daniels, Hillsboro, Ill.; Edward J. Downey, Oak Park, Ill.; James C. P. Eastwood, La Sueur, Minn.; Russell J. Smith, Kansas City, Mo.; William A. Smith, S. Coffeyville, Okla.; and Robertson J. Gardner, Springfield, Mass.

LACs, Gerard L. Newton, Waterbury, Conn.;

LACs Gerard L. Newton, Waterbury, Conn. Ernest E. Furuness, Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada and Lloyd D. Marquess, Brooks, Alberta, Canada

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

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(All times listed are PM)

Wednesday, Sept. 1

Spotlight—Abe Lyman.
News (BBC).
Personal Album—with Anita.
GI Supper Club—Request program.
Sports News—Stars and Stripes Radio

6.25—GI Supper Club—Request plots Radio 7.00—Sports News—Stars and Stripes Radio 7.00—Sports News—Stars and Stripes Radio 7.05—Command Performance.
7.35—Encore—Andre Kostelanetz plays a repeat performance.
8.00—News from Home—Stars and Stripes Roundup.
8.10—The Fred Waring Show.
8.25—Miniature.
8.30—Kay Kyser's Kollege of Musical Knowledge.
9.00—News (BBC).
9.10—Moods in Music.
9.35—Bob Hope.
10.00—Final Edition—Stars and Stripes News.
10.10—Xavier Cugat's Orchestra.
10.30—Sign Off until Sept. 2, at 5.45 PM.

Sees Bulgaria Revolt If Nazi Tie Continues

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 31 (AP)— Civil war will break out in Bulgaria unless the present Filov government is changed, a prominent Bulgarian politician told the Zurich corre-spondent of the Stockholm newspaper

Dagens Nyheter today.

The politician said that only by recalling the former Premier Morchanoff to head the government and rejecting Nazi Gestapo Chief Himmler's demands for political control could Bulgaria avoid internal

(Algiers radio said yesterday the Bulgarian frontier had been closed and the Germans had taken control of the Black Sea ports of Varna and

Danes Continue Nazi Defiance

General Strikes in Nine Cities in Spite of Death Penalty

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 31 (AP)—Germany crushed the Danish military revolution against the Germany army of occupation after two days of bloody battles only to face general strikes today in nine cities protesting against the Nazi dictatorship.

Outnumbered but undaunted, 600 Danish soldiers held the coastal garrison of Naestved from dawn on Sunday until late yesterday afternoon, when their ammunition was exhausted. They were the last Danish forces to surrender in the first widespread military revolt of an occupied country against the Nazi overlords.

Fragmentary eye-witness accounts of the fighting indicated large numbers of Danes and Germans were killed and wounded. Reports reaching Malmoe said 1,000 were killed or wounded in the Copenhagen skirmishes and that in Byborg 430 were killed and at Svendborg 450 were killed or wounded.

German radio reported the Danish

German radio reported the Danish cabinet had "resigned," but reports here said King Christian was a prisoner in Sorgenfri castle and most government members were in jail or under house arrest and scores of other prominent Danes were in prison.

The Danes, as a sign they were not cowed by threats of drastic penalties, launched their strikes in Skagen, Hjoerning, Saeby, Aalborg, Viborg, Aarhus, Grenaa, Fredericia and Svendborg despite the fact that the offense is punishable by death under Gen. Hannecken's martial law decree instituted before dawn on Sunday, when he stripped the Scavenius government of power and sent a Nazi captain to tell King Christian, "You are

Four Years

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the north, and Pomerania and Silesia in

It was the first use of tactics which later became standard procedure for Axis and Allied armies. Armored columns Faced ahead of the infantry, breaking through strong points and encircling Polish troops that were finished off at the infantry's

One third of Poland was in Nazi hands by Sept. 12 and by the 15th, the port of Gdynia, which had held out in the north, ment by both land and naval forces.

The fate of Poland-if it had ever been in doubt-was sealed Sept. 18, when the Russians occupied more than half of the country. Only Warsaw and the surround ing country remained in Polish hands and

the city was bombed day and night.

Warsaw surrendered Sept. 28, and Germany and Russia divided the country between them, at the same time announcing that it was "to the interest of all concerned that the war should cease."

Hitler had won the first round of the

Ploesti Raid Film Released

Newsreels of the USAAF Liberator low-level raid on the Ploesti oil fields will be shown at most London first-run theaters Thursday through Sunday this

U.S. Fliers Who Led Historic Raids



Col. John "Killer" Kane

These Liberator airmen and their Eighth These Liberator airmen and their Eighth Air Force squadrons went to Africa from the ETO for the historic long-range attacks on Rumania's Ploesti oilfields and the Messerschmitt aircraft factory at Vienna. Cols. Johnson and Kane received Congressional Medals of Honor for "heroic action" on the Ploesti attack. Col. Timberlake, leader of a squadron called "Ted's Flying Circus," was raid commander on the Vienna job.

Libs, P38s Get 37 Jap Planes

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Aug. 31—Ninth Air Force Liberators, escorted by P38s, dealt Japanese air strength in New Guinea new blows yester-day when they attacked the much-bombed enemy air base at Wewak and destroyed 37 planes in the air and on the ground, today's official communique says.

The Libs dropped 114 tons of high explosives on the Boram-Wewak airfields as Lightning fighters fought off, without loss, 60 Zeros in fierce battles over the target. P38s were given credit for 25 Zeros shot down. Huge fires broke out in the revetment areas, completely destroying at least 12 planes and damaging 17.

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Meanwhile, B25 Mitchells attacked
Alexishafen in even greater strength and
dumped 55 tons of bombs on supply boats
and barges in the Mandang area. A
RAAF Catalina scored a direct hit on
a Jap cruiser off New Ireland.

In the Solomons, Vought Corsairs
strafed Kahali airfield in Bouganville and
destroyed eight Jap planes on the ground.

Allied land forces at Salamaua hurled

Allied land forces at Salamaua hurled back Jap counter-attack on Kela ridge, killing 40, while advancing to their former

'DerrySkipper Is Commodore

Capt. James A. Logan, commandant of the U.S. Naval Operating Base in Londonderry, has been promoted to the rank of commodore, it was announced yesterday at Headquarters, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe. Comm. Logan is the first naval officer assigned to Comnaveu to receive the newly established rank.

A veteran of 36 years in the naval

A veteran of 36 years in the naval at Londonderry in March. Since graduating from the Naval Academy in 1910 he has served aboard battleships, armored cruisers and submarine tenders. During the World War he commanded the USS Beaver, a submarine tender.

Ashore, Comm. Logan served as instructor in navigation, head of the mathematics department and head of the Post-Graduate School at the Naval Academy. He was secretary of the War Plans Division in the Office of Naval Operations, Washington, and was aide to the commandant of the 14th Naval the commandant of the 14th Naval District in Hawaii.

APO Unit Has Anniversary

Twelve men of the — Army Postal unit celebrated the first anniversary of their organization with a party over the weekend. Those present were 1/Lt. Ted Adolfson, S/Sgt. Andrew Sorrentino, Sgt. Joseph Weinberg, Sgt. Owen P. Travers. Sgt. Michael Zuraw, Cpl. Morris, E. Speck, Cpl. Roy S. Pace, Pfc Herbert L. Juneau, Pfc Alvin B. Smith, Pvt. Jacob W. Drey and Pvt. Henry B. Kidd.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31—Col. Herman Feldman, of the Quartermaster Corps, said the American Seventh Army was the best equipped and supplied army in U.S. history. "We've learned precision supply, which, like precision bombing, is one of the most important factors in this war," he said.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31—Col. Herman Foldman, of the Quartermaster "Road" film with Bing and Dot. Tonight, with the rest of the company, he's going on the air in a recorded program on the BBC Forces wavelength from 8 to 8.30, and on Monday night from 7.30 to 8 on the American Forces Network.



Col. Edward Timberlake



Col. Leon Johnson

Dr. Pugh Lauds Troops' Morale

Dr. William Barrow Pugh, chairman of the General Committee of the United States Army and Navy chaplains, today was scheduled to visit military installations in Scotland. On Friday he is to return to London to participate in the "Day of Prayer" ceremonies marking the fourth anniversary of Finaland's entrance. fourth anniversary of England's entrance into the war. After trips to Londonderry and Belfast, Dr. Pugh will go to North Africa.

Africa.

The spirit of the troops in the ETO is "fine," Dr. Pugh said after an inspection tour of ground and air force bases in Britain. He praised the work of the "trained Ministers and Fathers our Chaplain's School in the States is sending into the compaty zone." into the combat zone.

"Where there are no chapels, the officers and men have adapted themselves to conditions and are holding services, in improvised buildings, often nothing but little iron huts," Dr. Pugh said.

"I have been utterly amazed by the progress being made for the well-being of our boys for their recreation, entertainment and off hours. Consequently, the spirit of the troops is fine.

"The extensive work of the Red Cross

"The extensive work of the Red Cross is highly commendable, considering the difficulties they have had to face."

Dr. Pugh praised the British churches for cooperating with the American Army. "It is a demonstration of church unity without parallel," he said.

Landon Hits Food Policy

KANSAS CITY, Kan., Aug. 31 (AP)-KANSAS CITY, Kan., Aug. 31 (AP)— Citing the "growing fear that the admini-stration is fooling foreign peoples with the same expansive, iridescent promises" it had tried on Americans in the past ten years, Alfred M. Landon, 1937 Repub-lican Presidential candidate, demanded a "realistic and continuous" food program.

Best Equipped Army in History

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31—Col. Her-man Feldman, of the Quartermaster Corps, said the American Seventh Army

USAAF to Get Trans-Atlantic **Air Battleships**

Bombers Can Cross Ocean, Drop Load and Return Without Refueling

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (UP)—Giant new bombers which can carry immense bomb loads across the Atlantic and then fly back again without refueling are described by Gen. Henry Arnold, chief of the Army Air Forces, in the magazine, "Army Ordnance."

These "flying battleships," as Gen. Arnold calls them, are armed with cannon larger than the present 37mm. guns and are operated on a new principle, the details of which are secret.

The bombers will have mounted triple turrets operated from central aiming positions on the plane's fire control system. They will be equipped with a new and revolutionary gun sight and will carry "super block busters."

Absenteeism Causes Coal Lag

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (AP)—
"Enormous absenteeism and indifference"
on the part of miners was blamed by the
publication of the soft coal operators
for the serious lag in coal production since
the spring strike. The publication said
the slogan "No Contract—No Sweat"
was in full operation in some sections.

World Cooperation Asked

TRENTON, N.J., Aug. 31—H. A. Smith, chairman of the New Jersey Republican party, said in a speech here that the "only real safety for America lies in the recognition of the interdependence of independent nations."

July War Production Up 3%

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (AP)—The War Production Board announced yester-War Production Board announced yester-day that the output of war materials had increased by three per cent in July. The announcement did not say specifically how close the production came to schedule, but it asserted that in many programs "production problems have been largely licked and peak production rates have been achieved or are not far off."

Bob Hope -(Continued from page 1)

of the scenes the army hopes new arrivals

of the scenes the army hopes new arrivals here will steer clear of difficulties. Yesterday Meredith, all dressed up in private's uniform, couldn't figure out how much his cab fare was, and Bob Hope, a helpful pedestrian, gave him a hand. Bob worked in so many gags that Anthony Asquith, the British director, had to keep asking the crowd to keep the laughs down.

Five American soldiers from the "Eve of St. Mark," T/Sgt. Frank Tebrugge, Chicago; Sgt. William McHale, Chester, Pa.; Cpis. George F. Michels, Rochester, N.Y., and Thursten B. Stabeck, Minneapolis, and Pvt. Abraham Knox, N.Y., had walk-on parts.

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The filming ended rather abruptly when some difficulty arose concerning whether or not the proper permission to film there had been obtained. So Bob went home, mobbed by autograph-hunters, promising to finish the scene elsewhere today.

His report on Sicilia is phort and award.

His report on Sicily is short and sweet. He was so near some of the bombs there that it wasn't funny, but all he'll say is: "We had a few near, but it's nothing to what the boys down there had to put up with."

Bob's company, comprising Frances Langford, Tony Romano and Jack Pepper, played, among other places, at Tunis, Bizerta, Bone and Palermo. They flew from place to place in everything from a Fortress to a shaky transport, and bounced along dusty roads in jeeps until

bounced along dusty roads in jeeps until they couldn't sit down.

Bob said sometimes Frances' hair was almost solid with dust after a hard day's touring. The biggest soldier-audience they had in Sicily was 19,000.

He has signed photographs taken with Gens. Eisenhower, Patton and Doolittle—"a really great military trio."

Bob says of the job the troupe did—"If the boys liked us, if we helped them smile just for a little while, then we did our job."

When he returns to the States he's going

By Milton Caniff

Terry and the Pirates

A JAPANESE TASK FORCE ATTACKING AN AMERICAN ISLAND BASE INTENDS TO REARM AND REFUEL ITS AIRCRAFT AT A HITHERTO SECRET AIRFIELD, 100 MILES AWAY ... BUT THE AMERICANS HAVE DISCOVERED THE SCHEME IN TIME TO REACH THE LANDING STRIP SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE JAP SUPPLY SHIPS







