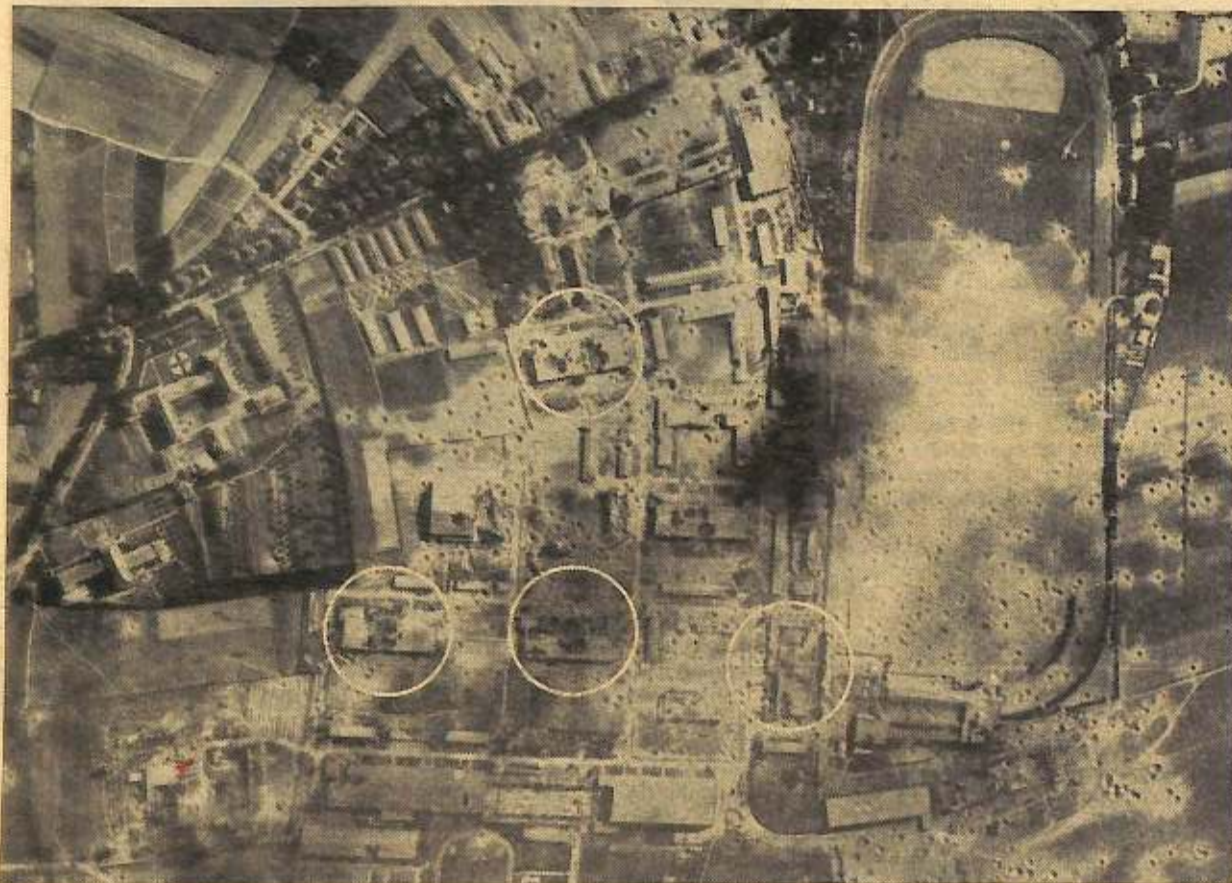


Allies Trying to Cut Off Southern Italy

Forts Destroy ME Plant in Their Longest Raid



This is the way Messerschmitt factories at Regensburg, Germany, looked a few hours after the Tuesday raid by Flying Fortresses of the Eighth Air Force which attacked the vital German base near the Austrian border and then flew on to Africa—a 1,400-mile trip. Circles indicate wrecked factories which once built fighter planes for the Luftwaffe. In upper left, a hospital and its ground are untouched, evidence of the accurate bombing. The B17s were under constant attack by enemy fighters from Antwerp to the Alps, according to reports from Africa by Col. Curtis LeMay, commander of the B17 task force.

Allied Bombers Keep Up Siege Of Nazi Europe

Formations Out All Day; Marauders Hammer Airdromes

BULLETIN

American heavy bombers attacked two German airfields in Holland in daylight yesterday, an Eighth Air Force communique said late last night. Thunderbolts and Spitfires escorted the bombers.

American and Allied bombers and fighters kept up the daylight siege by air of Nazi Europe yesterday, streaming in vast formations from the English coast all day long.

First specific targets announced last night were the enemy airfields at Poix and Glisy, near Amiens, in France. The two airdromes, targets of nearly two weeks' continued hammering by USAAF and RAF forces, were attacked early in the day by B26 Marauders, and RAF Mitchells went back later to give Poix a second strafing.

Fighter planes were in the Channel air all day long, sweeping against the Nazi invasion defenses, while fleets of other bombers were seen heading out from the English coast towards evening. Early reports said six Allied fighters were lost for the destruction of seven enemy planes.

Heavy Toll of Nazi Fighters

Meanwhile, first reports to Eighth Air Force headquarters from the Flying Fortresses which Tuesday struck Regensburg, Bavaria, in the USAAF's first trans-Europe shuttle mission, told of a heavy toll of German fighters by the bomber formations and of direct hits on the target factories.

Heavy and persistent interception was put up by the Luftwaffe as the Forts cut to the heart of Germany and bombed the big Messerschmitt aircraft factory at Regensburg, the reports said. Nazi fighters began their attacks in groups of 20 to 30 just after the bombers passed Brussels, and continued to a point 30 miles east of the target, more than 500 airline miles from London.

There was no official total of the number of fighters destroyed.

'End in Sight,' Says Smuts

PRETORIA, South Africa, Aug. 19 (AP)—"A great turn has come in the war," Gen. Jan Smuts, South African premier, said today. "Hard work and bitter fighting are before us, yet we know now the end is in sight. We are on the final march."

Jap Troop Convoy Smashed; Libs Strike Again at Air Base

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Aug. 19—The major part of a Japanese troop convoy trying to land reinforcements on the island of Vella Lavella, recently occupied by the Allies, was wiped out by U.S. warships in a 30-minute moonlight engagement, it was revealed here today.

Intercepting an enemy fleet of invasion barges, the U.S. ships seriously damaged two escorting destroyers, one of which was possibly sunk, crippled a third and then turned on the barges, most of which were destroyed. Occupants of scattered remnants of the barge fleet, however, were able to land and supplies were also put ashore by the enemy, it was said. No land action has been reported on the island so far.

All WAACs Here Sworn in Army Auxiliaries Drop an 'A' And Become 'WACs' For Duration

Conversion of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps to the Women's Army Corps of the U.S. Army was completed 12 days ahead of schedule in the ETO yesterday when the last enrolled members in this theater were inducted and sworn in "for the duration and six months" of the present war.

While units attached to Eighth Air Force stations in Britain were abandoning auxiliary ranks and joining the Army without interruption of working routine, WAC headquarters yesterday brought to London the first five enrolled members to arrive in the ETO, and had them sworn in by Col. Ralph Pulsifer, ETOUSA Adjutant General. It was announced they were the last five in this theater to be inducted.

They were T/3 Evelyn Tubbs, Wyoming, Del.; T/4s Claudia Couch, Atlanta, Ga., and Violet Bachman, Richmond Hill, N.Y., and Cpls. Joy E. Dunlop.

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Whew! Hitler Has Bomb So Potent He's Scared

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 19 (UP)—The secret weapon stories reached their ultimate today. Germans here reported that Germany had found out how to break down the atom so that atom bombs can now be produced.

But there is one flaw about this weapon, said the Germans. The bomb is so powerful that, if it was used against Britain, the effects might destroy the whole world—even Germany.

So, the Germans said, the atom bomb will not be used.

Bissell Is Leaving India For Important New Job

NEW DELHI, Aug. 19 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Clayton H. Bissell gave up command of the Tenth U.S. Air Force in India today to be succeeded by Brig. Gen. Howard C. Davidson. The formal announcement of the transfer said Gen. Bissell had been "selected for a new assignment of great importance" and would return to America in a few days.

Shells, Bombs Spray 80-Mile Peninsula; All Europe Alerted

U.S. Warships Join in Pounding Mainland; More Nazi Troops Enter North Italy; Censorship Veils Rome Crisis

A mass bombardment of southern Italy, in which U.S. warships joined for the first time, sprayed bombs and shells across the Calabrian peninsula yesterday behind German and Italian forces streaming north to a better defense line.

Neutral correspondents hinted big developments in Rome, but censorship prevented explanation. Throughout Hitler's unhappy fortress, from invasion-watchful Norway to the rebellious Balkans, there were signs of growing Axis uneasiness over the next Allied blow—undoubtedly the principal question before President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill at Quebec.

Europe Prepares For the Invasion

From Norway to the Balkans all Hitler's occupied countries showed growing tension and nervousness yesterday in the face of new signs that, with Sicily taken, the long-feared Allied second front invasion might not be far off.

A major development in Italy was reported by Swedish correspondents in Rome, but censorship prevented disclosing what it was.

Algiers radio told the people of the occupied countries to get ready for the invasion. "It is time for you to prepare all your actions, to perfect your preparations. All those elements which are to contribute in any way to the success of the eventual operations on French metropolitan territory must be fully equipped to carry out their tasks."

"You must prepare yourselves day by day and week by week for the role you will have to play at a future date, which may be near, in the liberation of your country. . . . We urge you to perfect all preparations in the shortest possible time. But . . . you must not give yourself away prematurely."

An Italian diplomatic mission now in Lisbon went there to seek a negotiated peace with the British, a Swiss correspondent on the Italian frontier reported, but the Italian legation in the Portuguese capital said the mission was there merely to meet Italian diplomats arriving from Chile on Sunday.

The same Swiss source quoted a high Italian officer as saying Italy could not continue in the war any longer. "If we continue," he was said to have declared, "Italian towns and industries will be completely destroyed. The Italian people are tired of fighting."

Italy was not the only country frightened by future prospects. In Norway 6,000 Nazi guards have been on the alert for the last four days, manning machine-guns in front of police stations and other centers, Stockholm heard. Whether they were alerted for invasion or civil revolt was not clear.

At the other end of the Axis fortress, Hungarians suddenly went on a peace spree after the appearance of American planes over Vienna and Budapest the other day on their way to bomb Wiener Neustadt.

Italy Hammered From Sea and Air

Heavy warships of the U.S. Navy bombarded the Italian mainland for the first time yesterday, shelling bridges and power stations 20 miles north of the Messina Straits, as the Allies hammered from sea and air to isolate the 80-mile Calabrian peninsula from the rest of Italy.

Italian forces have evacuated Reggio, the town opposite Messina, Algiers radio said last night. "The Axis positions at the toe of Italy have become untenable due to Allied bombardments," it said, "the Italians have left Reggio for Palmi, 35 miles to the north."

The attack gained strength as British military sources in London disclosed that the Germans have been moving troops into Italy in considerable strength in recent weeks and apparently intend to fight for at least the northern end of the country.

Allied headquarters in North Africa revealed simultaneously that the Italian Sixth Army was destroyed in the Sicilian campaign—the fifth army the Italians have lost since 1940. The Sixth Army numbered 300,000 men in two corps, with 1,700 guns and 150 tanks.

Palmi Gets It Again

The American warships, identified only as heavy units, hurled shells at targets on the shores of the Gulf of Gioia, on the Italian west coast, atop the "toe." They concentrated on Palmi, the oft-bombed railway junction near the Messina Straits.

Violent explosions were reported at Gioia Tauro and Palmi among bridges and power stations.

While the U.S. Navy banged away on the west coast, a British cruiser and a force of destroyers hurled shells into coastal batteries across from Messina. Singling out the enemy batteries least accessible to aircraft, or artillery in Sicily, the warships subjected them to a thorough pummeling.

While American and British artillery kept up occasional exchanges with Italian coastal batteries across the Messina straits—Algiers radio said several enemy batteries have been knocked out—Allied bombers and fighters chased the Axis armies into southern Italy, bombing and machine-gunning trains, trucks and road

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Secrecy Veils Quebec Parley; Only 10 Know Invasion Plan

QUEBEC, Aug. 19—Secrecy veiled the conferences today of President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and their military advisers as they prepared a sweeping program for the prosecution of the war on all fronts.

Not more than ten men know the complete story of the conference, although at least 400 military and political authorities are aiding in mapping the war plans.

Specialists are called one by one into the home of the governor-general, where the President and Prime Minister are conferring. Each contributes his particular knowledge and leaves. None knows the testimony of the previous expert.

President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill operate on a round-the-clock basis, but most of the work is done in the evening. Sitting in the summer sunroom of the citadel, they discuss the reports submitted by their advisers.

At times they visit the adjoining room where the chiefs of staff meet. There they examine secret maps, blueprints and files. Two hundred yards away, in the

Chateau Frontenac, military conferences are held continuously. Often the discussions are interrupted by the voice of the Prime Minister or the President on the telephone, saying: "Send the Norwegian minefield expert" or the "bomb load authority," or whoever they want to question.

The chief of staffs draw up reports, in which the combined military and geographical knowledge of all the experts is distilled. On the basis of these reports, strategy for the defeat of Germany and Japan is being planned.

Unconfirmed reports today said the President and the Prime Minister are discussing a direct invasion front on which the armies now massed in Britain would invade the continent at several points. Selection of an Allied commander-in-chief for this decisive operation is one of the points on the agenda, according to an authoritative spokesman.

It is expected that the appointment of a military chief will be made in the next few days, although his name may not be made public until the invasion has begun.

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Second Front

"We are ready to go any minute." This terse statement made yesterday by General Eisenhower indicates the curtain is ready to rise on the thrilling new play "Second Front."

The production, we feel, will satisfy the most critical member of the United Nations audience, for with it will come the liberation of occupied Europe and relief for embattled Russian armies. Troops now taking the center of the stage will not, however, be the first to participate in this production, for fighting on the Second Front has been growing in violence for many months.

Tuesday and Wednesday, for example, between 2,500 to 3,000 sorties were made by the Allied Air forces on the Fortress of Europe. Recent raids included those on the great Messerschmitt factories at Wiener Neustadt and Regensburg, where production of the aircraft needed by the Nazis to defeat troops attacking the Fortress of Europe was slowed if not stopped. The rest of the 2,500 to 3,000 sorties were aimed chiefly at Nazi fighting planes and air installations in Germany, France, Holland and Belgium.

To overlook the importance of this tremendous "prelude to victory" would be an injustice to the hundreds of thousands of air soldiers who have participated in preparation for the curtain-raising attack on Europe.

So on with the play... may the next act prove to be short and sweet.

The Cost of the War

Uncle Sam's war expenditures, which for the last three years have averaged close to \$90,000,000 daily, are expected by the Treasury Department to reach \$265,000,000 a day during the fiscal year which started July 1.

Actual expenditures on the war program during the three years July 1, 1940, to July 1, 1943, were \$104,424,000,000.

The Treasury Department has estimated that the actual spending during the current fiscal year will amount to \$97,000,000,000 for war purposes or about \$10,000,000,000 less than allocated by Congress for war.

Military and governmental experts all believe that the expenditure of this vast sum of money will enable us to win the war in the shortest possible period of time, and a speedy termination of the present conflict is being given primary consideration by every American civilian and soldier.

A George Cross Blessing

No word of ours can add to the following tribute offered by Evelyn Dimech, whose home is in Malta. We quote:

"I wonder if there is some way that I can express my thanks and those of the rest of my family to the Americans who have assisted in defending Malta. This little island, which has become so famous through its tribulation, is our home, and although we were in England, having fled from the Nazi terror in Belgium while it was suffering its martyrdom, we were constantly filled with anxiety for our relatives and friends.

"We used to read of the heroism displayed by the small force of defending airmen, among whom were some American pilots. Nowadays, however, the conditions are reversed and we read daily accounts of the stupendous forces of the American Air Army which are raining down destruction on the very cities and airports of Italy whence came the vicious attacks on our cherished island of classic memories and gallant history. Of a certainty the tables are completely turned, and although Malta has suffered deep and serious wounds our friends from the New World are going far towards repaying the score.

"Malta has long been a British colony and we realize full well how gallantly and tenaciously the Mother Country stood by this small speck of land in the Mediterranean during her ordeal. The United States, however, has come to our aid through no such ties of national duty, and we can never sufficiently express our gratitude.

"The entire Maltese population will, I am sure, join me in saying 'Alli il berek l'America' (God Bless America)."

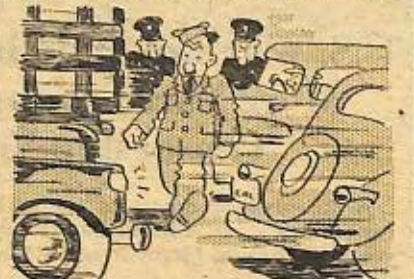
Hash Marks

* * * Two gossip bats were winging their way through the misty twilight. On their way they spied a third bat—a goofy looking specimen swinging morosely from the limb of a tree. "Poor Joe," observed one of the gossips, "he's got men in his belfry."

* * * Lightning does strike twice in the same place—just ask Forest Ranger Francis Bush. Lightning struck his lookout post in an Oregon forest. It knocked a spoonful of apricots right out of his hand, bounced away and started a fire in nearby timber. Dazed, but unhurt, Bush grabbed a phone to report the blaze. And then lightning struck again. It jumped through the window, blasting the telephone right out of his hand. This time Bush played safe—he walked to town for help.

* * * A woman livened up London court proceedings by commenting, "Every time my husband takes me out he tries to lose me in the crowd."

* * * You can give the Los Angeles police department credit for trying to keep GIs



intact until they face the enemy. After a long debate on the problem, the coppers decided to issue tickets to men in the armed forces when they jaywalk—just like everybody else.

* * * Even the cats are aiding the war effort back home. Lady Wimpy, a cat of questionable origin but unquestioned ability, solved the mice problem to the satisfaction of lady employees at a Missouri ordnance plant. Now she has received an award for meritorious contribution to the war production drive. Lady Wimpy produced four kittens, who will soon be assigned to mice control in various departments.

* * * Signs of the times: A Massachusetts hotel, pressed with a labor shortage, offered guests a 50 per cent reduction on their one buck rooms if they made their own beds.

* * * Cpl. Julian Brazemore, of Blackville, S.C., now over here somewhere, is one GI who often wonders what the score is. Two years ago the Army issued him a horseshoeing kit and it hasn't been unpacked yet. This modern smithy belongs to ordnance and has plenty to do—but it's making gadgets for trucks.

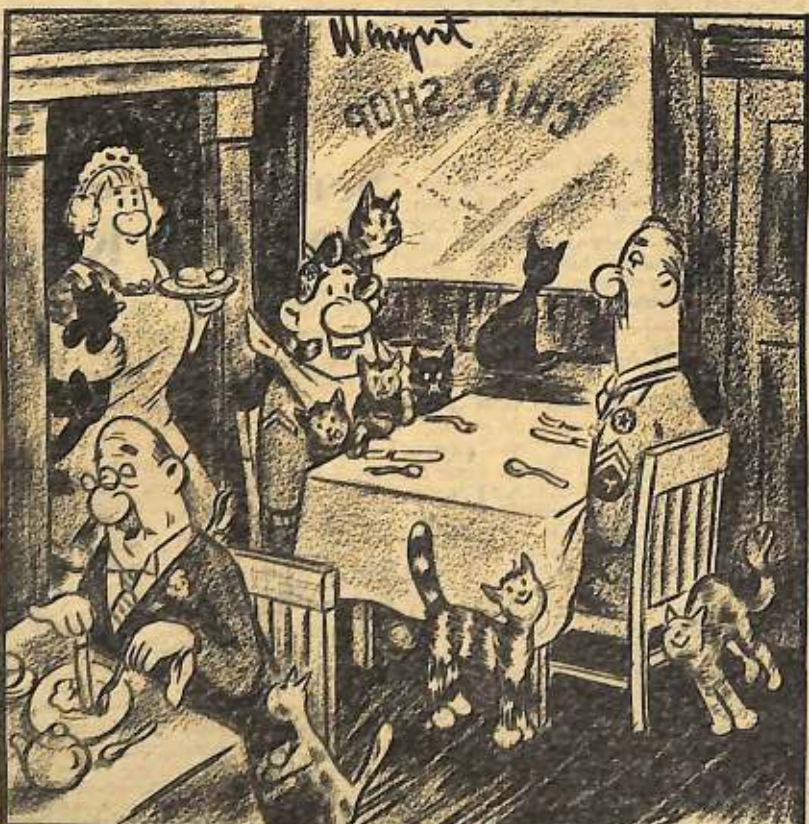
* * * Here's a man bites dog story—or something: Mrs. Edith Bell, of Berkeley, Cal.,



has a very sensitive dog, so she says. And to prove it she has obtained an injunction in court which prohibits the neighbors from "making faces and loud and unseemly noises" at her pooch.

* * * Shed a tear in your beer for Pvt. Joe Little, of Montana. Joe used to work in a Montana cannery. Now he's with the army in the Southwest Pacific attached to mess hall—spending his time emptying a lot of the cans he used to fill.

J. C. W.



"They sure do like pussy cats over here don't they?"

How Did the Yanks Do in Sicily?

Tops, Reports British Newsmen, Lauding Ingenuity

How did the American soldier perform in the Battle of Sicily, his second campaign in World War II against the Wehrmacht and his first invasion of European territory? The answer is given in this dispatch by a British war correspondent, written before the conquest of Sicily was complete.

By Alexander Clifford

Daily Mail War Correspondent

I was sailing across from Africa to Europe in a ship carrying Gen. Patton and the headquarters of the American Seventh Army.

All the way over I found myself trying to assess the officers and men round me as potential soldiers.

I found I knew, dangerously little about the American Army and nothing about how it would react in given military circumstances.

One felt curiously lost and vulnerable. I had worked with the Eighth Army for three years and I felt I knew it very thoroughly.

One had felt safe with it because one could judge how it would behave. But the Americans were an unknown quantity. There was an absurd inclination to treat them as not quite serious.

I think that arose from hearing in real life so many accents one had only heard previously in films. Instinctively, one thought of Hollywood.

Now I have seen the Americans invade Sicily. I have lived with them and watched them fight. And I should like to set down what I found.

Perfect Landing

I landed with the First Division, under General Allen, at Gela and, as everybody knows, the landing was completely successful. The organization was perfect. But that was almost to be expected from Americans.

The matter in question was something entirely different—the matter of fighting qualities. The chance to judge it came very swiftly.

There were Italian tanks in the streets of Gela that morning while landings and unloadings were still going on. The next day there were German tank regiments within 300 yards of the shore. Tanks were bombarding ships.

We had no anti-tank guns ashore, and only three tanks. The situation could hardly have been more serious.

I am ashamed to say I was pessimistic. I did not know the Americans, and I ventured to doubt whether they could handle this. I was taking bets that we should lose this particular bridgehead.

Ingenuity Won

But the Americans produced qualities that brilliantly saved the day. They improvised with the most admirable swiftness and aptness. There were men in the streets learning as they went along how to fire captured Italian anti-tank guns.

On the spur of the moment someone invented a short-range anti-tank technique with howitzers. Men from the rank of brigadier downwards put their hand to getting fresh guns ashore and setting them in position.

And it was all done with great smoothness and calmness. Somehow—it may have been the memory of certain films again—one had expected a certain drama-



U.S. infantrymen, after five weeks of hard fighting during which many of them got first taste of real war, march up a narrow street near Messina during the final battle for Sicily.

tic urgency, an atmosphere of tense excitement.

But they went about it with great deliberation. Orders were given in slow, even conversational, voices over the telephone. And all the time the unloading went on smoothly and rhythmically on the edge of the tank battle.

The German bid to smash this bridgehead was finally repelled when the tired, hungry Americans, after 36 hours' fighting, made a night counter-attack. I have never lost any bet more gladly.

The way that division behaved could not have been better. It inspired the most complete confidence. But that was the First Division, a division of great tradition and reputation.

Rookies Come Through

It had come fresh from battle experience in Tunisia. Let me tell about the 45th Division, which had never heard a shot fired in anger until it landed.

It started off completely raw. It landed an hour late—fortunately this did not matter, because there was only slight resistance. Then it moved inland and it did well enough against the Italians.

You could see at once it had the equipment and the training and the courage. But it didn't have that essential battle instinct which can only come from experience.

Now skip three weeks and watch the 45th attacking that razor-backed stronghold near San Stefano, which men rightly called "Bloody Ridge."

This time they had got that instinct all right. They knew at once whether any given shelling was dangerous or not. They knew just what to do in either case.

Their courage now was disciplined, and they went about things with a briskness and purposefulness deeply impressive.

They stormed that ridge after just the right amount of shelling, and took it from the Germans. In three weeks they had become first-class soldiers.

Grow Up Fast

I do not believe that either the British or the Americans start off as very good soldiers. But both can become good soldiers, and the Americans do it very fast. They grow up much faster than our army did in the first years of the war.

There are two obvious explanations of this, two great advantages which the Americans have over us.

First, they have started off with really excellent arms and equipment. Second, they can learn from all the mistakes we have made.

But I think there is a third reason why Americans become good soldiers so quickly. It is something to do with the quality of the men themselves.

Partly it is that they are naturally adaptable and naturally mechanically minded.

You might think these Americans are accustomed to such a high standard of living that the filth and hardship and unpleasantness of war would be specially difficult for them. But the days of hard working and hard living are not far behind them in history and there is no softness about them now.

Equipment 'Magnificent'

Most of their equipment is magnificent. There is a suspicion of over-elaborateness about some of it, but doubtless experience will produce modifications.

Most of it is thoroughly successful in the field. Their deep steel-helmets make our old-fashioned trench-warfare model look positively medieval.

Their transport is strong and beautifully functional. And they have avoided multiplicity of designs. Jeeps prove far better in the field than big staff cars.

Their half-track vehicles have been markedly successful in some of Sicily's rough country. And their amphibious vehicles were one of the big successes of the landing.

There are so many things to admire in practice from their lavish use of artillery-spotting to their system of self-service and communal washing-up in their messes. And there is honestly very little to criticize in these experienced Seventh Army Divisions.

Some Faults

Their system of sign-posting and information could be more thorough. That was one lesson the Eighth Army learned very thoroughly in the pathless wastes of the desert.

In Sicily time and gasoline have been wasted by the Americans driving along an apparently open road and then being turned back by some unsuspected demolished bridge.

Too many headquarters were insufficiently labelled. Too many military policemen were ill-informed.

Then, compared with the Eighth Army, the Seventh Army looks uncomfortably overdressed. Boots, long trousers, wool shirts with long sleeves, and ties are not suitable for this glowing Mediterranean summer.

The British look far more appropriately clothed in their shirts and shorts.

There are still too many minor points of difference in custom and routine and terminology between the two armies which could, and should, be ironed out.

Now that they are working so closely together, the maximum of uniformity is necessary. And I believe that in the majority of cases the American practice will be found preferable.

This American Army is not hampered by clogging traditions. It is new and well thought out. And it has the great virtue that it learns very fast.



Song Of A Cowhand

By my home in the west In the land I love best There's a horse in the ranch yard corral. There's a peg on the wall Near-side of her stall, And a saddle hangs there for my pal. An' I dream of the day Comin' soon now I pray When I'll mount up and ride the wide range.

With a rope at my side Held secure with raw hide: Instead of a weapon that's strange. Then I'll sing me a song As I gallow along Free from worry, homesickness and war. An' I'll live once again A life that is sane For I know what I've been fightin' for. E.M.L.

ULSTER ROUNDUP Blues, Airmen Divide 2-Game Belfast Series

Fliers Take First, 1-0, Lose Second by Same Score

By Sheamus McWhite

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
BELFAST, Aug. 19—The Blues, first-round Northern Ireland league leaders, avenged their earlier defeat at the hands of the visiting Airmen from England yesterday, taking the All-Stars by the same score they had been beaten by last Saturday, 1-0. Pvt. Ed "Deacon" Behnen, Blues' left-hander, struck out 17 and gave up four blows, Cpl. F. S. Niergarten, of St. Paul, Minn., loser, allowed seven hits. Although it took the Blues ten innings to rack up their triumph, the Airmen did their little job in an abbreviated eight-inning affair at Ravenhill. Behnen allowed seven hits, was wild in spots, while Sgt. Herb Jenkins, of Maiden, S.C., Airmen's right-hander, turned in as tight and clean a performance as has been seen here in a long time, giving the Blues three hits.

A pitchers' duel and anybody's ball game all the way, it nevertheless wasn't decided so much by pitching as by the disconcerting fact that the Deacon simply didn't have the hitting strength behind him. If he could have borrowed a couple of the Navy's hefty apple-knockers for a while it might have been a different story.

Pelicans Clipped, 8-1

Well, anyway, 4,000 folks had a good afternoon, and a couple of snorts, Oscars, or something are due Capt. Frank Willis, Special Services, of Lexington, Ky., and Capt. Ed Davis, Eighth Air Force Composite Command, who spent three weeks working on the show (proceeds of which went to the RAF Benevolent Fund).

The Airmen weren't entirely satisfied; Sunday afternoon they went out to the Pelicans, now in second place, to hand our people an 8-1 defeat. Wherefore, since the boys say they had a fine time eating eggs in Ulster, they may now proceed back to England with everybody's blessing.

NI League standings, figured earlier this week, gave the Agitators first place, with .833; Pelicans second, .750, and Redbirds third, .714. The standings are figured with one win awarded each league team on withdrawal of the Flying MPs, so that on this basis both the Pelicans and Redbirds are within one game of Sgt. Joe Aycock's leaders.

These Redbirds, with one leg in the cellar at close of the first round, have made a remarkable comeback. Lt. Bill Porter, of Oklahoma City, Okla., revamped their lineup and, behind S/Sgt. Gordon Jenkins, of Columbus, Ohio, right-hander, started things off by beating the Agitators, 1-0. Then they shellacked the Bulldozers, 10-2, beat the Doggers, 2-1, and edged out the Blues, 1-0. Only losses have been to the Pillrollers, 4-2, and the Mustangs, 5-3.

Golf Tourney Stymied

The golf tournament here is somewhere in the rough, with Pvt. Joe Maruszewski's Eighth Air Force stuck in a bunker. This is due to the fact that, after all, there seems to be a war on and they've even got pros like Joe, who used to run the Hollywood Country Club, in the Army. In short, the Air Force up here is training on Sundays. Games will be played, however, on a when-as-and-if basis.

Composite Command sports and entertainments, according to Maruszewski, are being set up on a new basis, with things in charge of a GI committee headed by 1/Lt. Henry H. Dalton. Members, besides Joe, are: M/Sgt. William Eshbaugh, Essex Sells, N.J.; Sgt. Marty Kelly, Shenectady, N.Y.; Sgt. Aaron Eidek, Birmingham, Ala., and Cpl. James Fraley, Dalton, Mass.

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Busy Brownie

By Pap



Tough Grind of Army Students Precludes Playing on Gridiron

By Stanley Woodward

New York Herald Tribune Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Aug. 19—When the dead issue of Army enlistees playing inter-collegiate athletics, i.e., football, was revived recently, a responsible officer distracted himself from the important business at hand and said merely that the answer is still no.

Since then, more than 300 fumble foundries have closed down on football for the duration. One graduate, who is accustomed annually to raking in several hundred grand in football admissions said, "For years we have been handling an ROTC unit, and when the Navy came and asked us to handle a group of about 1,000 trainees, we said no, we would stick along with the Army. Then, what does the Army do to us? It tells us that the boys cannot play on our athletic (football) teams. What do you think of that? After we've had an ROTC since the last war?"

The righteous indignation of the graduate manager is heartrending. He can't use the civilian tatters left on the campus and the Army won't let him use the soldiers. In short, he is extremely likely to find himself, in the near future, undertaking an essential occupation.

It seems that intercollegiate participation fits into the Navy's program, and not into the Army's.

The Army boys work from 6 AM to 10:30 PM, and are off from 3 PM Saturday until 7:20 PM Sunday. The boys play baseball, box, play football and basketball, and the hours of exercise are carefully fitted into the program.

The Army thinks, apparently, that while certain of its units are getting ready to assault Italy and inching through the jungles surrounding Salamaua, that other units, not detailed to such maneuvers, should not be fiddling with forward passes and off tackle plays for the glory and exchequer of Notre Dame or Dartmouth.

One of the closed Army colleges is Fordham—and they really work up there. Your correspondent got the following observations from some of the boys up there:

"We are here to study German, Italian, European history, military tactics, etc."

"Our tough program of physical education is secondary."

"We'd be sore as hell if anybody were let off for a football junket."

"We're trying to be part of the Army."

Football Dodgers Sign Heineman of Texas A and M

NEW YORK, Aug. 19—Ken Heineman, Texas A and M forward passer, has signed a 1943 contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers eleven.

Meantime, across the East River, President John Mara, of the football Giants, announced the signing of another Texan, Passer Emery Nix, of Texas Christian. Mara also announced signing four of last year's men—Oneal Adams, Frank Liebel, Hubert Barker and Len Younce.

Santa Clara Out For Duration

SANTA CLARA, Cal., Aug. 19—The University of Santa Clara has announced the abandonment of football for the duration. Santa Clara was the Sugar Bowl champion in 1936 and '37.

Brooklyn Buys Bill Hart

BROOKLYN, Aug. 19—Branch Rickey, Dodger president, yesterday announced another deal. He has purchased Third Baseman William Hart, of New Orleans. Hart, 28 years old, leads the Southern Association in homers and runs batted in and has a batting average of .230. He will join the Dodgers after New Orleans finishes the season's schedule.

Phillies Split With Cards; Yanks Drop Two to Tribe

Duke Eleven to Play Nine-Game Schedule

DURHAM, N.C., Aug. 19—Duke University has announced the following nine-game football schedule:

Sept. 18—Richmond, at home; Oct. 2—Carolina Preflight, at home; Oct. 9—Navy, at Baltimore, night game; Oct. 16—North Carolina, at home; Oct. 30—Georgia Tech, at Atlanta; Nov. 6—North Carolina State, at Raleigh; Nov. 13—Virginia, at home; Nov. 20—North Carolina, at Chapel Hill.

The schedule includes a two-game series with North Carolina and the resumption of competition with Navy.

Carl Hubbell Ends Giant Losing Streak; Bums Beaten Twice

NEW YORK, Aug. 19—Freddie Fitzsimmons' Phillies split a swing shift twin bill with the St. Louis Cardinals at Shibe Park yesterday with the Quakers halting Harry Walker's 29-game hitting streak in the second game.

The Redbirds took the opener, 6-0, behind the six-hit hurling of Howie Krist. Loser Jack Kraus was tagged for five runs in the first two innings. The nightcap was quite a different tale, with Al Gerheuser scattering seven blows for a 6-3 triumph. George Munger was the mound victim.

Carl Hubbell ended the New York Giants' six-game losing streak by hurling his mates to a 3-2 decision over Pittsburgh Pirates in the second game of their double-header at the Polo Grounds. Hank Gornicki, who received credit for winning two games for the Pirates on Tuesday, came in during the eighth inning of yesterday's opener to win, 7-6, in ten innings and his third mound victory in two days. Pete Coscarart's third hit of the game drove in the winning run for Gornicki. King Carl worked the route in the nightcap and a two-run rally in the sixth inning gave him win number 253 of his career.

Rookies Fail for Flock

Any resemblance between the Brooklyn Dodgers and a major league ball team seemed a case of myopia as the Bums dropped two tilts to the Chicago Cubs, 7-5 and 15-6. Claude Passeau registered his 12th victory in the opener as the Bruins took advantage of wildness by Rookie Harold Gregg, who had been brought up from Montreal Tuesday. Kirby Higbe was the loser in the second game after he relieved Rex Barney, who came to the Flock with Gregg. Hank Wyse was the winner.

At Boston, the Braves and the Cincinnati Reds split their bill when Jim Tobin bested Elmer Riddle for the Braves in the first, 4-3, and Bucky Walters pitched seven-hit ball for the Reds in the nightcap, winning 5-0. Tommy Holmes hit a two-run homer in the opener to give Tobin his 11th win of the year.

The New York Yankees moved into Cleveland yesterday after their successful stand at Chicago—and proceeded to fall before the Tribe, 9-8 and 7-5. Al Milnar won his 12th game of the year in the opener, surviving a five-run ninth inning Yankee rally. Jeff Heath's 14th inning homer with one on decided the nightcap, 7-5.

Hal White Bests Yank Terry

Hal White, of the Tigers, and Yank Terry, of the Boston Red Sox, engaged in a tight pitchers' duel at Briggs Stadium, but a walk and a balk by Terry cost him a 1-0 decision. In the first inning Terry walked Doc Cramer, and when the latter attempted to steal, Terry balked. Cramer went to third on a sacrifice and scored on Rudy York's fly to right. Each pitcher allowed but four hits.

The Philadelphia Athletics extended their losing streak to 12 games at Shibe Park as they were blanked by the Browns, 4-0, behind Bob Muncie's five-hit pitching. Orie Arntzen was the loser. Jojo White, who tripped in the sixth, was the only Mack to get past first base.

The Washington Senators and the White Sox split their double affair at Comiskey Park, the Sox copping the opener, 3-2, in 14 innings, the Griffs coming back in the clincher, 4-2. Guy Curtright singled home the winning run in the opener to give Gordon Maltzgerber a win. Washington's infield made five double plays in the opener to come to within one of equalling the record. Milo Candini received credit for the triumph in the nightcap.

N. Islanders Trounce Air Defense Pirates, 10-4

FIGHTER STATION, Aug. 19—Aided by two fast double plays and home runs by Sgt. Bob Conde, of Ottumwa, Iowa, and Pfc Blackwelder, of Taylorsville, N.C., the — Fighter Squadron North Islanders defeated the — Air Defense Pirates, 10-4, in a league baseball game here yesterday.

The winning battery was Sgt. Tom Owsley, of Hagerman, Idaho, and Sgt. Milo DeCostro, of Oswego, N.Y., while the losers were Sgt. John Schloemer, of Madison, Wis., and Pvt. Bill Reichert, of Forrest Town, N.J.

Standings:
W L Pct. W L Pct.
Scalders 12 3 .799 N. Islanders 8 8 .500
Warhawks 10 6 .625 Pirates 5 9 .357
Vagabonds 10 6 .625 Airscrews 4 11 .266
Dry Runs 10 7 .588 Stumblebums 3 11 .214

Whales Swim to Five Firsts

DEVIZES, Aug. 19—The Whales swimming squad of the — Artillery dominated the swimming meet held at the municipal baths here last night. They captured five events of the eight-event competition with the — Engineer Wolves, Seals and Badgers taking one each.

Snafus Blast Supply Outfit

HENDON, Aug. 19—Banging out 19 safeties in a one-sided affair, the Snafu nine of the — Air Transport outfit defeated the — Supply unit, 19-2, here yesterday. Winning battery was Pfc Lewis Ginin and Sgt. C. H. Anderson, while the losers used two hurlers, Sgt. Knoper and Lt. Manstrom.



Russians Break Deadlock, Push Forward Again

Batter German Reserves Beyond Kharkov and Menace Railways

MOSCOW, Aug. 19 (UP)—Hitler's new attempt to stem the Russian advances from Kharkov and towards Bryansk has failed.

New advances on both these fronts in which scores more places have been taken by the Red Army are again officially reported in Moscow, after the fresh masses of men and machines the Nazis had thrown into the Kharkov battle had apparently stemmed the Russian advance.

Advancing Russian forces, with the main German defense lines behind them, tonight were threatening the last remaining German railway lines out of the Kharkov area, south and southwest of the city.

More than 50 localities have been captured in the latest advances, it was announced tonight. A communique reported that in the Kharkov area, enemy counter-attacks had been repulsed and advances of three to seven and a half miles were made.

The German positions on the right bank of the Donetz, 18 miles south of Kharkov, were smashed following the occupation of Zmiyev after two days of some of the fiercest fighting of the campaign. Russian troops then occupied the main enemy defenses while spearheads of the advancing army harried the German rearguards.

Menaces Rail Lines

This new Russian advance, besides threatening the complete encirclement of Kharkov, is a menace to the last German lines of communication from the city itself.

There are two railways, running respectively from Zaporozhe and Dnepropetrovsk to a junction about ten miles southwest of Meref, the railway town 15 miles southwest of Kharkov. The two lines join at this point, and there is a single mainline railway for the final 25 miles to Kharkov.

If the Russians cut this main railway at any point between Kharkov and the junction southwest of Meref, both routes will be severed and the Kharkov garrison finally cut off.

Zmiyev is 20 miles south-east of Meref. The Russians have already broken through the German positions east of this town.

New gains have been made in the Poltava sector, where the Russian forces are about 70 miles west of Kharkov.

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junctions and harrying small boats off the west coast. Enemy fighter opposition was negligible.

A merchant vessel was sunk and a large landing craft damaged in the Gulf of Eufemia, and another small merchantman was left sinking off Sardinia.

Mitchells hit both ends of a railway bridge at Angitola, and Marauders damaged the railway at Porte di Stalletti, ten miles south of Catanzaro on the east coast. Fighter-bombers wrecked eight troop-carrying trucks, hit an ammunition dump and damaged a number of small trains. RAF and South African Boston bombers raised havoc with a concentration of 25 military vehicles.

The whole aim of the aerial assault was to cripple the coastal railways and the highway communications leading from southern Italy. A dozen attacks have been made on the railway lines which follow the coast along both sides of the Calabria peninsula between the straits of Messina and the narrow neck at Catanzaro. Bridges and tunnels, the most vulnerable points, have been frequent targets.

King George's "heartfelt congratulations on a great achievement" were sent to Gen. Eisenhower yesterday at the same time the Allied commander in chief was commending the men of his force and their commanders "for their energy, determination and aggressiveness in driving the enemy out of Sicily."

American Forces Network

Operated by Radio Branch, Special Service Section, SOS, ETO

- 1402 kc. On Your Dial 1420 kc.
- 213.9m. 211.3m.
- (All times listed are PM)
- Friday, Aug. 20
- 5.45—Spotlight on Abe Lyman and his orchestra
- 6.00—News (BBC)
- 6.10—Personal Album—Frankie Carlo sings your favorite songs.
- 6.25—GI Supper Club—with Cpl. Charlie Capri as your GI host.
- 7.00—Sports News—Latest baseball scores, as presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
- 7.05—Kate Smith—with Rags Ragland and Ted Collins.
- 7.30—Tommy Dorsey Program—Dorsey and his orchestra feature "My Reverie," "Cabin In The Sky" and "Trees."
- 8.00—News From Home—a cross-section of America's headlines, presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
- 8.10—Fred Waring—with the 55 Pennsylvanians.
- 8.25—Symphonetta—Tchaikowsky's Symphony No. 6, "Pathetique."
- 9.00—News (BBC)
- 9.20—Charlie McCarthy—with Edgar Bergen and Ray Noble's orchestra.
- 9.45—Memories.
- 10.00—Final Edition—latest world, ETO and sports news, presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
- 10.10—Red Norvo and his orchestra.
- 10.30—Sign off until Aug. 21 at 5.45 PM.

They're in the Army Now!



The first five enrolled members of the WAAC to arrive in the ETO three months ago were the last five to be inducted into the Women's Army Corps of the U.S. Army yesterday at ETOUSA HQ. Being sworn in by Col. Ralph Pulsifer, ETOUSA Adjutant General, are, left to right, T/4 Claudia Couch, Atlanta, Ga.; T/3 Evelyn Tubbs, Wyoming, Del.; Cpls. Helen Rafferty, Norristown, Pa., and Joy E. Dunlop, Detroit, and T/4 Violet Bachman, Richmond Hill, N.Y.

Air Force Band Plays on Radio

Broadcast of Eagle Club To United States Bills Skyliners

Sgt. Frank Primack's "Skyliners," Air Force orchestra, played yesterday on the Eagle Club's broadcast to America. Many of the bandmen were members of name bands before they entered the Army. Several are combat crewmen.

Members of the orchestra are: Cpl. Louis Totans, Baldwin, L.I.; Sgt. Francis Goings, Spokane, Wash.; S/Sgt. Don Wolf, Elkader, Iowa; Cpl. Harry Salzman, Marietta, Ohio; Pvt. Charles White, Hogansville, Ga.; Sgt. William Lynd, Buffalo, N.Y.; Cpl. Joe Vadala, Rochester, N.Y.; T/Sgt. Russell Tesmer, Rochester, N.Y.; S/Sgt. William Lovett, Statesboro, Ga.; Cpl. Leonard Wlezien, Chicago; Sgt. Fred Heilmann, Chicago, and Sgt. Arthur Froda, Woodslee, L.I., N.Y.

Capt. K. Tredwell acted as the master of ceremonies during the broadcast. Others who participated were: S/Sgt. J. W. East, USAAF, Westpoint, Mo.; Pvt. E. G. Rusden, U.S. Army, Taboga, Pa.; S/Sgt. M. Kline, USAAF, Sioux City, Iowa; S/Sgt. L. M. Kharre, USAAF, Lyndbrook, N.Y.; P/O S. C. Coale, RCAF, Montclair, N.J.; Pfc H. A. Senneville, U.S. Army, Holyoke, Mass.; T/Sgt. Sol Cotler, U.S. Army, Pottsville, Pa., and S/Sgt. W. E. Castner, USAAF, Nassa, Cal.

St. Lawrence Hall

READING, Aug. 19—Program for the week at St. Lawrence Hall:
Friday—Movies, 7.30 PM.
Saturday—Dance, 7.30 PM.
Sunday—Dance, 6.30 PM.
Tuesday—Showmobile, 7.30 PM.
Thursday—Dancing class, 7.30 PM.

Peterborough

PETERBOROUGH, Aug. 19—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:
Saturday—Dance, 8.30 PM.
Sunday—Show and dance.
Monday—Buffet supper, 7 PM; Margaret Simms, 8 PM; movies, 9 PM.
Tuesday—Dance, 8 PM.
Wednesday—New Jersey reunion, 7.30 PM.

Liverpool

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 19—Program for the week at the American Red Cross Mount Pleasant club here:
Friday—Variety games, 8 PM.
Saturday—Dance, 8-11 PM; cabaret show, 9.30 PM.
Sunday—Picnic, 11 AM; dance, 7.30-10.30 PM with "Dreams Come True" feature.
Monday—Movies, 7.30 PM.

Southport

SOUTHPORT, Aug. 19—So successful was the inaugural Allied dance at the American Red Cross Palace club last week, the dance will be a regular Wednesday feature.
Program for the remainder of the week:
Saturday—Dance, 8-11.30 PM.
Sunday—Open house, 3-5 PM; supper dance, 5-9 PM; buffet supper, 6-8 PM.

Warrington

WARRINGTON, Aug. 19—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:
Friday—Dance, 8 PM.
Saturday—Talent show, 8 PM; swimming, 9 PM.
Sunday—Dance, 3-6 PM; movies, 2, 4.40 and 7.20 PM.
Monday—Movie, 8 PM.
Tuesday—Movie, 8 PM.
Wednesday—Dancing class, 8.30 PM.

Infantry Entertains Orphan

AN INFANTRY CO. HQ, England, Aug. 19—Jeannie, 12-year-old war orphan sponsored by this unit, celebrated her birthday here at a party held by her foster uncles. She rode around the post in a jeep, listened to the men sing "Happy Birthday," and cut a huge cake. Presents of the outfit included books, a locket, games and candy. Jeannie repaid the men by singing "The Bells Are Ringing."

Terry and the Pirates

A JAPANESE SENTRY HAS STUMBLER ON PAT RYAN AND CONNIE SIGNALLING THAT THE SUSPECTED ISLAND REALLY DOES CONTAIN AN ENEMY LANDING STRIP.



Last of WAACs Sworn In By Army; Now They Are WACs

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Detroit, and Helen Rafferty, Norristown, Pa.

Whereas the forthcoming change in status of the Corps, from an auxiliary serving with the Army to a component of the Army, does not become effective until Sept. 1, when the WAC receives rights to Army ratings, privileges, responsibilities and benefits, as well as going under Army regulations and restrictions, it did not prohibit the WAC from recruiting and inducting members in the ETO before that date.

WAC officers will not be re-enlisted and sworn in. Their transfers are handled through recommendations to and direct appointments from the War Department.

Liberator WACs Get Oath

A U.S. LIBERATOR STATION, Aug. 16—A WAC company attached to this station took time out during lunch to join the Army. They were inducted and sworn in during a three-minute ceremony by Maj. Richard J. Bostick, station commander, in the presence of 1/Lt. Hilda T. Berry, of Ithaca, N.Y., and 2/Lt. Dorothy Marble, of Augusta, Me.

Cpl. Garnet Markham, of Hilliards, Ohio, celebrating her first year in service, said she was so happy she just "felt like crying." Cpl. Emma Rose, cook from Mobile, Ala., left her mess hall to take the soldier's oath, and hurried back with, "I guess being in the WAAC was just a rehearsal for this major event."

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ber of enemy fighters destroyed by the trail-blazing task force, and officials said reports on U.S. losses for the trip were not complete, either.

Seventy-five enemy fighter planes were destroyed by a second group of Fortresses on Tuesday. The second group attacked the key roller bearing plants at Schwenfurt, then battled home through the Reich's heaviest flak and fighter belts. Thunderbolt fighters went out to meet the homing bombers and chalked up 20 more enemy aircraft.

Study of photographs taken by high-flying reconnaissance planes after the B17s had hammered the Messerschmitt factory revealed direct hits on buildings all across the area. A hospital immediately adjoining the factory was untouched. Crack Me 109Gs have been made at the Regensburg plant, second Messerschmitt factory in the south of Europe to be pounded by U.S. planes in ten days. The Wiener Neustadt Flugzeugwerke, near Vienna, was heavily bombed last week by Liberators of the Ninth U.S. Air Force in a 2,600-mile round trip from the Middle East.

RAF night crews who went to Peenemunde told of encounters with Dornier 217 bombers being used as heavy night fighters. The Do 217 is Germany's most versatile big bomber; its use as a night fighter seemed the best commentary on

'St. Mark Eve' Closing Aug. 28

Cast of GI Drama Needs Rest After More Than 50 Performances

"The Eve of St. Mark," Maxwell Anderson's soldier-play which was given to the army and produced at the Scala Theater, London, by the Special Service Section, CBS, and the American Red Cross, will close Aug. 28, it was announced yesterday.

Originally scheduled to play a month from July 4, the opening date, the demand for tickets was so great that it was decided to hold it over for a second month. It is still playing—after 50 performances—to capacity houses, but the volunteer soldier and ARC cast is in need of a rest, officials said.

It was when two of the original cast, Virginia Chew, of the ARC, and S/Sgt. Larry Roemer, of Brooklyn, were taken ill at the end of July that Ann Dvorak, American stage and screen star, stepped into the breach and played Miss Chew's part until she recovered. Pvt. Abraham Knox, of Washington, took Roemer's part.

Plans to tour the ETO have had to be abandoned, officials announced, because of the size of the production and the exigencies of war-time travel.

Tickets for the remaining performances are available through Special Service, CBS, the ARC Rainbow Corner, and the Trafalgar Square Theater Ticket pool.

Luftwaffe fighter strength.

Poix and Glisy were the 19th and 20th airbase targets for the mediums of Eighth Air Support Command. The two raids increased the total number of operations of Eighth Air Force Air Support Command to 26 with the loss of only three aircraft. There were no losses yesterday.

An FW190 fighter was claimed destroyed by the Marauder, Stinking Clinkin, which flew to Glisy. S/Sgt. Ray J. Vignochi, of Ottawa, Ill., tail gunner, said the FW dived to attack, then went into an uncontrolled spin "after I gave a good burst at about 350 yards."

Norway Raid Undid 3 1/2 Years' Work

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 19 (UP)—Three and a half years' work by German engineers and thousands of Norwegian workers was smashed to bits within ten minutes in the American raid on Trondheim last month, an eye-witness said today.

The only building undamaged was a concrete U-boat shelter; all the work-shops, barracks and storehouses were wrecked, the witness reported. A factory turning out agricultural machinery was destroyed, and the gas works probably put out of action for the duration of the war. Fifteen villages taken over by the Germans were left in ruins. Only seven Norwegians were killed, but casualties among the Germans and foreign workers were heavy.

NEWS FROM HOME

Nation's Schools Reported Short 13,000 Teachers

Instructors Leave Classes For Higher Pay In War Jobs

CHICAGO, Aug. 19—Thirteen thousand classrooms in the nation's schools will not open this fall because of a shortage of teachers, Miss Selma Borhardt, vice-president and legislative representative of the American Federation of Teachers, told the federation's convention here yesterday.

Revealing there had been a 21 per cent turnover in teaching jobs in the past year, Miss Borhardt said "teachers are not going to stay in a classroom at salaries of from \$600 to \$1,200 when their pupils who leave school without training are paid twice that sum for routine jobs." She declared that federal emergency aid for the schools was "vital necessary to the welfare of our country."

U.S. Builds Fastest Tank

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (UP)—The fastest tank in action is being built in the United States, according to an announcement by General Motors. A new system of automatic gear changing is being installed in the new M5 tanks, making them the fastest tanks in the world. This system, as well as two V8 engines, was installed in M5 tanks which took part in the invasion of North Africa.

TNT Production Curtailed

WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 19 (UP)—Charles A. Higgins, president of the Hercules Powder Co., said yesterday the United States is producing so much powder and TNT that the government is reducing production. Higgins said new operating techniques enabled them to turn out 50 per cent more than their estimated capacity.

Social Security for Vets

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 — Sen. Arthur Vandenberg (Rep.-Mich.) said yesterday he would introduce legislation setting up a social security system for veterans of this war when Congress reconvenes. Vandenberg plans to separate the issue of soldiers' security from the broad subject of cradle-to-grave economic protection provided in a bill introduced by Sen. Robert Wagner (D-N.Y.) and endorsed by President Roosevelt.

Bomb Output Soars

LA PORTE, Ind., Aug. 19—More than 1,500,000 tons of bombs and 200,000,000 rounds of artillery ammunition were produced last year by the government's 55 munition plants, which are privately operated, Maj. Gen. L. H. Cambell, chief of Army Ordnance, announced.

GIs May Attend Farming Course

A special three-day course in agriculture, dairying and animal husbandry from Sept. 3 to 6 is open at the University of Reading to U.S. Army personnel in the ETO, it was announced yesterday.

One of the United Kingdom's foremost agricultural colleges and experimental stations, the University of Reading's course will deal with British pre-war and wartime farming, artificial insemination, dairying and crop husbandry problems. Students will make field trips to the National Institute for Research in Dairying, at Shinfield, and will visit the model farms of Viscount Hambleden, in Henley.

Those issued passes for the weekend may apply for admission to the course through channels. Applications will be approved by the Chief, Special Service Section, Hq. SOS. Cost of the course, including billeting and mess, will be £1 17s. 6d.

British, U.S. Chaplains Hold First Conference

COLCHESTER, Aug. 19—British and American Army chaplains held their first joint conference here Tuesday.

The conference was organized by Maj. Ralph M. Reed, senior chaplain of the Bomb Wing, Eighth Air Force, and included Col. M. W. Reynolds, senior chaplain, Eighth Air Force; Lt. Col. C. Scott-Little, senior chaplain of the British Army, and Maj. J. D. Lee, senior Methodist chaplain of the British forces.

The keynote of the meeting was an appeal to present the word of God simply to the men of the forces.

By Milton Caniff

