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Coal Strike Is Called Off Until Oct. 31

Lewis Sends Men Back, Providing Government Operates Mines

WASHINGTON, June 23—America's third coal strike within seven weeks ended today when John L. Lewis instructed the 530,000 striking members of the United Mine Workers to go back to work under a truce lasting until Oct. 31.

The principal provision of the union's truce was that the government retain control of the mines. They have been under the jurisdiction of Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes since the first work stoppage May 2, when President Roosevelt ordered him to take over the mines, by force if necessary.

Failing to reach an agreement with the mine operators, Lewis bowed to the rising anger of the nation generally and sent his miners back to work with these words: "The miners are going to work for their government, not for the coal operators." He added that Mr. Ickes had given assurance that the minimum wages and conditions prevailing would be continued.

A mere trickle of the 530,000 strikers came back on the early shifts, but as union leaders spread word of the truce increasing numbers reported during the afternoon, and a general resumption of work was expected tomorrow.

War Work Curtailed

Already, however, the coal shortage had had its effects on some defense plants, which had curtailed operations because of a looming coal shortage.

Negotiations to settle the dispute have been in progress for months. The union, seeking higher wages to meet rising living costs, asked that the miners pay not only for actual work but also for the time spent in traveling from the mouth of the mine to the scene of operations—"portal-to-portal" pay.

The nation generally, although condemning the strike as a menace to wartime production, agreed that the miners were not unreasonable in their demands.

It is believed the Government may continue to control and operate the mines for the duration of the war. Before he announced the calling-off of the strike, Lewis was trying to reach an agreement with Secretary Ickes for that purpose.

Hugh White, vice president of the Illinois United Mine Workers, indicated that 32,500 striking miners in Illinois would return to their jobs Thursday. Full production cannot be resumed before two or three days, however, it is stated in Washington. Even now, the men are returning to work too late to prevent the closing of several blast furnaces by the Carnegie Illinois Steel Company, largest steel plant in the world.

'Disaster' Averted

The end of the strike averted what Donald Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, said would have "a disastrous effect" on the nation's armament production. He had already announced postponement of the board's plan to increase the U.S. steel output by 1,000,000 tons in July, August and September to meet the reported deficiency of that amount for the third quarter's munitions production. He said that, instead of an increase, "we may get a sharp decrease."

The coal strike began Monday morning, when the miners refused to resume work without new contracts and more pay. They said they were willing to work for the Government, but refused to carry on under conditions laid down by the War Labor Board. The board asked President Roosevelt to use all Government powers necessary to enforce its order to the miners and coal owners to sign a modified form of their expired contract.

Photo of Gen. Andrews Unveiled at Mostyn Club

A large photograph of the late Lt. Gen. Frank Maxwell Andrews, who died in an air crash in Iceland, was unveiled last night at the Mostyn Club in London in the presence of hundreds of American soldiers, their commanding general, Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, and Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee, commanding general, SOS.

Following the unveiling, which was performed by Edwin J. Beinecke, deputy commissioner of the American Red Cross in Britain, the Duchess of Kent toured the building and was presented with a bouquet by Sgt. John Daly, of Detroit.

The club director, William B. Cruise, of Passaic, N.J., and soldier-guests of the Mostyn Club arranged the pictorial tribute to Gen. Andrews.

Invasion Ensemble



Associated Press Photo

From the roped stern of a fast command vessel, Brig. Gen. David A. D. Ogden, commander of an amphibious engineer unit now training in the States for the invasion, watches maneuvers of landing craft under the protection of the amphibians' uniforms—visor-type cap to cut water glare, waterproof overalls and specially treated shoes.

Aerial Photogs Get Air Medals

Pilots Whose Pictures Show Raid Effects Receive Citations

A U.S. AIR STATION, June 23—Thirteen members of an American photographic reconnaissance unit stationed here have been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in completing five or more operational missions over German-held Europe, it was disclosed yesterday.

The medals were presented by Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, commanding general of the Eighth Air Force, at a formal review on an airdrome somewhere in Britain.

Under the leadership of Lt. Col. James G. Hall, of Fort Worth, Tex., who made the first American photographic reconnaissance flight, the fliers have photographed hundreds of square miles of enemy territory. Flying Lockheed Lightnings, they rely on speed and vigilance to avoid enemy flak and fighters. The photographs they bring back have been of great value in assessing bomb damage and revealing vital information about the enemy.

"Shooting" airdromes, factories, fortifications and harbors, the pilots' cameras record details even at great altitudes that enable expert photo interpreters to make remarkably exact evaluations.

Those decorated: Col. Hall; Capt. James S. Wright, Cleveland; Capt. Robert C. Brogan, Glenolden, Pa.; Capt. Vernon N. Luber, Marshfield, Wis.; Capt. Ray C. Mitchell, Lincoln, Neb.; Capt. Hershel E. Parsons, St. Charles, Va.; 1/Lt. Raymond E. Beckley, Belvidere, Ill.; 1/Lt. Robert C. Kinsell, Waterloo, Iowa; 1/Lt. Thomas B. O'Bannon, Philadelphia; 1/Lt. George F. Owen, Redstone, Mont.; 1/Lt. John W. Schaffer, Morgantown, W. Va.; 1/Lt. Howard R. Nielsen, Yankton, S.D., and 1/Lt. Walter D. Shade, Waynesfield, Ohio.

CBS Troops Hold Maneuvers In Swank Section of London

Habitues of a swank section of London, accustomed to seeing American soldiers sight-seeing on leave or hustling about the city on Army missions, were recovering yesterday from the shock they received Tuesday night at the sight of scores of doughboys on battle maneuvers in the heart of the city.

The soldiers were men assigned to the Central Base Section, who went on an "invasion" footing in mock defense action. Patrolling streets in full battle regalia, poking rifles through hedges, the Yanks gave a start to strollers in West

RAF Raid on Ruhr Concludes Heaviest Month of Bombing; Italian Ports Again Hit Hard

40% of Naples Arsenal Destroyed; Hits On Torpedo Plant

ALLIED AIR FORCE HQ., June 23 (AP)—RAF Wellingtons, carrying their nightly burden of bombs in the Allied air offensive against Italian cities, hurled two-ton "block-busters" into the key railway center of Salerno, 30 miles northeast of Naples last night, only 12 hours after American Mitchells had heavily damaged the same area.

As the drive to smash Italy's war industry from the air continued, the North West African Air Force command announced that reconnaissance photos showed that 40 per cent of the royal arsenal at Naples had been destroyed by raiding Wellingtons and American Flying Fortresses.

The photos showed that severe damage had been inflicted on objectives in the industrial district of this main seaport of southern Italy.

Heavy Damage at Naples

Other damage inflicted in the Naples attacks included at least three direct hits on a torpedo factory, the smashing up of large portions of an airplane frame works, several hits on artillery barracks and other buildings on motor transport depots.

The camera also recorded at least 25 hits on the central station and railway sidings, ten hits on locomotive sheds, two hits on a roundhouse, one hit on a turntable and the destruction of many freight cars on the track.

At nearby Cancelli, smashed by a second fleet of Fortresses, the entire motor-transport and shore depot had been devastated and 16 buildings destroyed. Twenty-four hours after the raid, four fires were still burning.

Other reconnaissance photos showed that there had been no movement of rolling stock at Battipoglio, near Salerno, since the raid by American Mitchells.

Ship and Barges Sunk

Apart from the Wellington raid on Salerno the only North Africa Air Force activity reported was the sinking of a medium-sized vessel which was towing half a dozen barges, 30 miles off the southeast coast of Sardinia on Monday night.

Beaughters of the Northwest Africa coastal command spotted the ship and swept through a barrage on the escorting destroyer and a tug got two direct hits. The ship blew up and sank, leaving a mass of wreckage on the surface.

The Beaughters then promptly attacked the barges and the destroyer, but results of the attack were not observed. In the Salerno attack, the Wellingtons planted two-ton bombs squarely in railroad yards and near barracks. A large fire and several smaller fires were started. Enemy night fighters failed to appear and flak was light. All the raiders returned safely.

Salerno is on the main electric railway from Naples to southern Italy and there are many rail sidings and repair depots in the town.

Decisive Hour Near, Moscow Tells Army

Russia's Army was warned tonight that the decisive hour in the battle was coming. "Prepare for the decisive battle under the leadership of Stalin, who is guiding us towards victory," stated Moscow radio in a special broadcast to the troops. "The hour is not far off when our fatherland will again breathe freely and will blossom into new life."

Berlin radio claimed last night that Russian preparations for major operations had been reported west and southwest of Moscow.

End. The men, who are confined usually to duties like clerical work, guard mount or KP, held "action posts" for two and a half hours. Among the amused spectators were numerous other American soldiers in town on furlough.

From one slit trench came the remark: "This is a fine place to be spending your tenth wedding anniversary." It was voiced by T/Sgt. Robert E. Wechse, of Chicago.

No incidents, aside from several cases of astonishment among London's Home Guard, were reported.

\$1 Buckle, Non-GI, Does Its Bit for U.S.

U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, June 23 (AP)—A dollar belt, non-GI, with a big fancy buckle, probably saved the life of Sgt. Benjamin "Gabby" Kaplan, of Camden, N.J., on a recent raid over Germany.

Kaplan, waist gunner of the "Lady Luck" Fort, felt something hit him during a scrap with enemy fighters, but did not realize what it was until removing his flying suit on his return.

"A shell fragment fell out of my clothes. It had ripped through my Mae West and torn the hooks off the parachute. The belt buckle was bent all to hell, but it had stopped the fragment."

Huls Used to Be Rubber Center, Crews Report

But It Isn't Any More; One Fort Returned on Two Left Engines

By Andrew A. Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, June 23—When the crews were briefed for the raid on the chemical works at Huls at the northern end of the Ruhr yesterday, S2 officers told them: "They make synthetic rubber at Huls."

When they returned, the crews told S2 officers at the interrogation, "They used to make synthetic rubber at Huls."

The crew of the B17 Dearly Beloved barely got home to tell about it. Dearly Beloved was well into Germany when one engine on the right wing quit. 1/Lt. Eugene G. Haynes, of Birmingham, Ala., said it was best to stick with the formation and drop the bombs on the target. A few minutes later, the engine on the right side stopped and Lt. Haynes had no choice.

The plane started down. It gathered speed as it dropped and was falling off 600 feet a minute at 400 miles an hour.

Unable to Jump

The crew thought it was all over, but the force of the plunge kept them pinned to their stations and they couldn't have jumped if they wanted to.

Things began to pop as they roared down; loose parts hit the top of the plane, and the compartment that holds the life raft on the right side of the radio room flew open and the raft went out.

Lt. Haynes finally leveled the ship off at zero altitude and they limped for home with two engines, both on the left side of the ship. As soon as they leveled off the crew started to throw out anything that they could wrench loose. Radios were torn out and thousands of rounds of caliber-.50 ammunition went out in boxes. They saved enough ammunition to defend themselves.

They only had to use their guns once on the way home. Dearly Beloved met a lone German fighter plane whose pilot hadn't heard that it was suicide for a single fighter to attack a Fortress. He came in and the Dearly Beloved gunners destroyed the German in short order.

Flak—From the Side!

Lt. Haynes and his crew didn't have any more trouble until they passed the Zuyder Zee. They had flown out of the mouth of the Dutch sea and were flying from 50 to 100 feet above the North Sea when the guns from a small island opened up with a broadside.

The crew said that it was a novel experience to have flak coming at their ship from the side instead of below.

At several points, the crew was ready to bail out. At one Lt. Haynes thought he had better turn the ship back and land in Belgium.

"We all came up to the radio room and were ready for a crash landing in the water several times," said S/Sgt. Frank C. Latto, waist gunner, of Grand Junction, Colo.

Today Dearly Beloved has been torn down at the hands of her ground crew and tomorrow she will be ready for Bremen, St. Nazaire or Huls again.

10,000 Tons of Bombs Hit Valley in 31 Days; USAAF Also Out

RAF night bombers, striking a heavy blow at the Ruhr chemical town of Mulheim, rounded out yesterday a month of the most intensive air bombardment ever delivered—31 days that saw 10,000 tons of explosives and incendiaries lay waste all the Ruhr's major production centers.

Within hours after the RAF completed its latest pounding of the Reich's rich industrial region, USAAF heavy bombers were reported crossing the English east coast. In the absence of a communique at a late hour last night, no details of their operation were available.

With the bombing of Mulheim, air observers said, the RAF's job to strangle the heavy industry of the Ruhr is almost complete. Only a few isolated towns like Gelsenkirchen, steel and chemical manufacturing center, Herne, producing coal and chemicals, and Hamborn, less than 70,000 population, have not been visited by a major force of bombers.

Huls Still Burning

Meanwhile, photographs made from Flying Fortresses Tuesday during their bombardment of the Reich's second largest synthetic rubber factory at Huls—the USAAF's first expedition into the Ruhr—disclosed that no part of the target escaped hits and that highly combustible portions of the plant were exploded and set on fire. Fires were still burning yesterday.

Several large explosions were recorded by the cameras as group after group of heavy bombers passed over the target, each selecting a different portion of the widely dispersed factory for attack.

Cameras photographing the results of a simultaneous attack by another Fortress formation at Antwerp showed a number of bomb bursts on the Ford Motor plant, adjacent to the General Motors factory, and on dockside warehouses. Both plants are used for repair, assembly and supply of spare parts for Axis motor transport.

Enemy Short of Rubber

Headquarters, ETOUSA, said the Huls plant occupies "a key position in the German economic and war machine" because the enemy's rubber shortage is known to be serious. "Rubber stocks appropriated from France and other occupied countries are believed to have been almost completely expended by 1941, and since that time the Germans have relied more and more upon synthetic rubber, plus meager supply provided by blockade runners."

The Allies' growing air superiority was made clear in tabulations released in London showing that 1,400 German aircraft which crossed Britain's coasts between Jan. 1 and June 19 dropped little more than half the 2,000 tons of bombs released in a single hour by the RAF, during its record raid on Dortmund May 23.

A month's concentrated bombing of the Ruhr—30 days that saw 10,000 tons of bombs poured down on seven cities in the most intensive pounding of a small area ever known—was rounded out

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Biggest Award List for Airmen

Four Silver Stars, third highest valor award; one Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual combat; 56 DFCs; 258 Air Medals, and 836 awards of the Oak Leaf Cluster for the Air Medal, were among 1,155 awards to officers and men of the Eighth Air Force announced yesterday. The largest list yet, it brings the total of awards to 3,499.

Posthumous award of the DFC was announced for S/Sgt. Raymond J. Henn, of Middletown, N.Y. The Oak Leaf Cluster for the Air Medal was awarded posthumously to Capt. Owen L. Kunze, of Alpina, S.D.; 1/Lt. Robert K. Flynn, of Blair, Neb.; T/Sgts. James Anderson, of Jersey City, and Robert W. Woody, of Charleston, S.C., and Sgt. Bryon W. Smith, of Kansas City, Mo.

Recipients of all the awards will be published in The Stars and Stripes. Because of the number, however, they will be printed over a period of several days. Those who won the Silver Stars, Soldier's Medal, DFCs and Air Medals are listed on page 4 today.

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Japan Watches Anxiously

The Mediterranean Sea is no longer just a battlefield, observes the New York Times. It has become once more a great highway. Final clearance of the passage from Gibraltar to Suez puts the Allies in control of a vast naval belt, which, with the single interruption of the enemy-held East Indian Archipelago, girdles the circumference of the earth. The effect on global strategy is bound to prove profound.

From the beginning of the war Britain has fought desperately hard to keep the Middle Sea open, sacrificing even the armor of her island home to maintain the fluctuating battle. With our help the long battle has been won. From Spain to Turkey the whole Axis flank lies open to attack. The attack is developing with such power as the air has never carried before, and this summer's fighting will map its course.

The effects of the opening of the ancient waterway are obvious. Together with our increased successes over the Axis submarines, the new sea route has made it possible for us to receive millions of tons of shipping. The slow convoy passage around Africa is automatically cancelled. The Near East, South Russia and India can be supplied directly from our main bases in a third of the time it took before. This relieves shipping in every theater of the war, Atlantic and Pacific included.

Japan is watching developments in the Mediterranean with anxious eyes. Once we establish our footholds on Southern Europe, the bulk of the Mediterranean Fleet will be freed for action elsewhere. Madagascar stands ready as a halfway base for a strong naval concentration in the Indian Ocean. The Japanese fleet, already harried by our growing strength in the Pacific, will find itself caught between two fires, unable to extinguish either. Dominance of the Middle Sea is a long step toward victory in the East as well as in the West.

Army Service Forces

Women now constitute approximately 70 per cent of all civilian employees of the Army Service Forces in Washington, D.C., and 30 per cent of all Army Service Forces civilian personnel in the field. The Army Service Forces has a total employment at present of approximately one million, and represent roughly 85 per cent of the total War Department personnel.

No portion of the manpower program is regarded as of more importance by the War Department than the substitution of women in place of men eligible for the draft. Whenever the employment of a woman releases a male employee for military duty it is apparent that a double advantage to the war effort has been achieved; a man has been made available for the fighting forces, and the continuance of the job he quits has been assured.

The Army Service Forces is already mapping out a program to increase the employment of women wherever possible, always, however, for the purpose of replacing, not displacing, a man. No male employee obviously should be supplanted by a woman worker unless he is needed in some other activity, whether in the armed forces or in war industry.

Outside Washington, D.C., the Quartermaster Corps is now employing more than 33 per cent women; Signal Corps approximately 40 per cent; Chemical Warfare Service is employing 42 per cent; and Medical Corps is employing almost 50 per cent. These women are driving pick-up trucks and repairing automobiles at depots, grinding lenses, operating lathes and testing heavy artillery; drawing maps, running machines and acting as guards on military property; in fact, performing a large variety of work formerly regarded as the exclusive role of men and for which in many instances women were for some reason or other considered unfitted or incapable. Total war has totally exploded some of those rusty industrial myths. The gals are proving it.

Hash Marks

GI version of the oldest gag in the world: "Say, buddy, who was that lady I seen you outwit last night?"

Having a little spare time on his hands, an attorney walked into a county clerk's office for a hunting license. "I want to spend some money foolishly," he told the woman clerk as he opened his bill-fold. She automatically reached for the marriage licenses, but the error was soon corrected.

The now famous order of regulation "GI" soldiers is increasing. Latest candidate is Cpl. G. I. Delaughter from South Carolina.

We hear it's not so easy for dogfaces to visit WACKS back in the States. At lots of posts the order is the GI must



have an invitation from a gal, then must stand an inspection by the area guard. If he takes a WAAC off Post he must sign her out and when he brings her back he must sign her in again, just like athletic equipment.

An Italian prisoner of war, waiting repatriation to his homeland, wrote this letter to his captain: "Dear Captain, I am now awaiting repatriation to Messina. There have been certain changes there since my application to return—and I don't feel like returning to a place which doesn't exist any more. Please help me in this matter."

Main street strollers in Chickasha, Okla., were upset when they heard muffled puppy whimpers without any visible source. A passing postman solved the mystery by fishing an unhappy puppy out of a mail box.

GI Philosophy: If you want to throw a party on the QT, don't get more than one blond and one QT.

CC/S J. M. Smith, who gets all that title for being boss baker at a Seabee camp in N. Ireland, reports conditions in



London are somewhat puzzling. While on leave, says Smith, I was standing at a hotel entrance. Beside me stood a high ranking British officer—very high rank. Along comes a soldier; it was dark, the pubs were closed and maybe he was lost, or something. The soldier says, "Hey, mister, call me a cab will ya—I gotta get home." "Excuse me," says the Britisher. "I'm not the doorman; I'm a RAF officer." "That's fine, that's fine," replies the GI, "I gotta get home tonight—call me a plane!"

J. C. W.

Finishing School for P47 Pilots

Experienced Airmen Get Final Lessons On Gunnery

By Andrew A. Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE FIGHTER STATION, England, June 23—This is an Army institution of higher learning. It is a finishing school for pilots who will be pointing the blunt noses of their P47s at Nazi fighters high over Germany, France and Belgium.

Gunnery from a fighter plane is a tough job. It takes practice and long hours of training. The P47 pilot is faced with the task of flying 13,500 pounds of machinery in circles at upwards of 400 mph to outmaneuver the Jerry fighter, and at the same time aim a stream of small projectiles at the German plane flying 400 mph in another direction.

It is like trying to shoot through the brass ring with a .22 on a runaway merry-go-round.

At this station, commanded by Col. Jack W. Hickman, of Tampa, Fla., experienced fliers are brought in from the States. They go up in the planes they will fly in combat, knock the rust off their rolls, lazy eights and Immelmans and do a lot of shooting.

The instructors here are men with combat experience, most of them RAF transferees. Head man among them is Maj. Selden Edner, a 25-year-old veteran who has five German planes to his credit. He came from San Jose, Cal., to join the RAF.

Best in the Business

The other men at the field who have worked with Maj. Edner for more than a year swear that he is the best in the business. "I'm embarrassed to wear the same rank on my shoulder as Maj. Edner does," another major on the field commented.

The men learning aren't green pilots. They are experienced pilots who are tired of training—they are anxious to get to work, but they are glad to get all the gunnery experience they can before they see action.

Many of them are RAF transferees who are learning the difference between the performance of a Spit and a P47, and some are fresh from U.S. training schools. There are all kinds. Take Lt. Windmayer—2/Lt. Frederick C. Windmayer, of Chicago—he was a buck sergeant on the line at Hickam Field when the Japs struck their blow at Pearl Harbor. He was boiling mad and determined to avenge his friends who were killed by the Japs. He was accepted as an Air Force cadet, returned to the States and trained as a fighter pilot on the West Coast. When the time came that he was ready to go after the Japs, he was shipped to the ETO.

Natchery. Lt. Col. Melvin F. McNickle, of Doland, S.D., is in charge of the whole replacement program at the field. He emphasizes that the station handles plane replacements and ground personnel replacements, as well as fighter pilots. "We get everything in here," Col.



8th Air Force Command Photo

After a morning's work in the air a group of fighter-pilots gather around the 16mm. projector and gridded assessing screen to see what they hit with their camera guns. With this device instructors can tell whether the pilots hit the target or not, and pilots are able to see their mistakes in approach.

McNickle says. "We get twin-engined pilots to convert into P47 pilots. As a matter of fact all replacements for fighter groups in the British Isles come through us."

"We get planes here and make minor modifications on them, and when an operational group needs them we ship them out. We like to keep enough good ships on the field to carry out the training program, but naturally we have to give the best planes to the operational groups."

Another feature of the combination replacement center and training school is the OTU at the field. The OTU (an adopted RAF abbreviation, meaning Operation Training Unit) is for men who return from a series of ops for further gunnery practice. It doesn't indicate a lack of proficiency (those guys don't get back for more practice), but the men don't like it. They want to get back to work.

The chief instructor of the OTU is a veteran of 63 RAF sorties. "Fighting is like learning the touch system on a typewriter. You have to be able to get your plane into position without thinking about it."

Gunnery Problems

A fighter pilot's problems in gunnery involve angles that demand the split-second solution of trigonometrical problems. The best of them, such as the RCAF genius, "Screwball" Buerling, perform these functions automatically, and he and a few others were born with the knack of calculating speed, distance and fire angles, but the ordinary guy has to learn the hard way.

Another justification for the pilot's training school is that the men must learn the peculiarities of climatic conditions and terrain in England. British maps are different and British signals are different. A pilot has to familiarize himself with these things before he flies operationally.

The newly arrived pilots get a lot of combat flight training and a lot of gunnery theory to go with it. They are shown films taken in actual combat. In some cases the combat films may have been taken from a ship flown by one of the men who now instruct the student pilots. They spend hours on a variation of the Link trainer, and shooting a light-beam projectile at a model plane which can be moved in any line of flight, at any range. The equipment is designed so that the

instructor can tell the pilot what his mistake is.

The students go aloft in Spitfires, P47s and Miles Masters to churn up the sky in dog fights with "enemy" planes often flown by instructors who know how Jerry fights. They fire cine-guns—small motion picture cameras mounted where the guns would be ordinarily. On the same day, or early next morning, while the flights are still fresh in their minds, the pilots are shown the results of their shooting in the projection room.

The films are assessed in such a way that the pilots can tell not only whether they scored hits, but so that they can tell, if they missed, why they missed. Instructors explain faults in approach, angles of deflection and distance at which the "guns" were fired.

Live Ammunition Practice

After this ground training and "camera gunnery," the pilot goes to another division of the school up on the coast, where he concentrates on gunnery with live ammunition fired at sleeve targets towed behind training planes.

Instructors take the student pilots up in a Miles Master, fire at the tow-target, and explain, as they maneuver, what they are attempting to do. The instructor demonstrates the most effective approaches and the best angles of fire, giving the student his range and estimation of relative speed as he attacks.

The dual flights are continued as long as the student-pilot needs them, then he is turned loose in a P47 and after that his performance goes on the record.

He has about 300 rounds of ammunition when he goes up and when he has fired it the target is brought down and the holes counted. The aim is five per cent, a mark he must reach before he leaves the school.

Between flights the student is required to spend from one to two hours a day on the skeet range. This feature has been installed at every bomber and fighter station, but here they have a few new wrinkles. They have a set-up whereby the skeet can be fired directly at the gunners, giving them practice at judging targets coming head on.

Col. Hickman says "a fighter pilot can't get too much gunnery," and his school emphasizes the fact that the best pilot that ever stepped behind a stick isn't any good as a fighter pilot unless he knows his aerial gunnery.

PRIVATE BREGER



"I see he's bein' confined to quarters again."

ARMY POETS

Somewhere in England
You loved him and you married him
And now you have to wait
Until the war is over and
There is an end to hate.
You said you would prefer to be
His wife for just a day
Than not to have his loving arms
Before he went away.
And will you do your duty now
To write him every night,
To pray for him and dream of him
When you put out the light.
You are a brave determined girl
To keep your chin up high
To watch the battle fronts, to hear
The thunder in the sky
And surely God will bless you for
Your faith and courage true
And surely God will keep him safe
And bring him back to you.
James J. Metcalfe.

Two Hearts in Transatlantic Time
When midnight comes, it's six in old New York;
I lie awake, and see her dressing for the
Or pinning up the flowers for a dinner
Or at the phone the way she used to wait,
But now the call is not from me;
I wonder, "Does she share my reverie?"
When six next strikes, it's midnight in
I dress, and reach for mess-kit, knife and
And as the whistles sound, my fancies
I see her in our darkened room at home,
And as I stumble out to reveille,
I wonder, "Is she dreaming now of me?"
Cpl. Stanly Ferber.

Army Gridders Get Ready For Bristol Game

Crimson Tide, Blue Devil Elevens In 'Rubber' Contest Saturday

BRISTOL, June 23—Playing football in June is like going for a swim in the ocean in December, but the Crimson Tide and Blue Devil gridders, U.S. Army elevens, apparently enjoy pushing each other around in all kinds of weather. They meet for the second time in a week Saturday when they collide here at Eastville Stadium in a twilight game starting at 7 P.M.

Last week the Crimson Tide, ETO grid champions from the Artillery, passed its way to a handsome 14-0 triumph over the Devils at Cardiff before a crowd of 7,000 in the first American football game ever played in Wales. Last November, when the teams were known as the Hales and Yarvards, the Devils rolled back the Tide, 9-7, in Belfast. So this third meeting is the "rubber" game.

Both squads have been taking part in two daily workouts all week in preparation for Saturday's conflict. The Crimson Tide has been working on its overhead game which played such an important part in their victory last week. Cpl. Bob Hopfer, back from Buffalo, N.Y., whose passes paved the way for his team's first touchdown against the Devils at Cardiff, and Cpl. Al Bashnett, fullback from Tioga, W. Va., who passed and ran the Tide to its second score, are expected to play prominent roles again.

The Devils, anxious to avenge the setback, will rely on S/Sgt. Arnold Carpenter, of Eau Claire, Wis., to bear the brunt of the attack. Carpenter was one of the outstanding players on the field in a losing cause last week when he gained 85 of his team's 139 yards along the ground.

In the Cardiff game the Crimson Tide appeared to be in better condition for the fray than the Devils, possibly because it had the advantage of playing only five weeks before, when it defeated the Engineers' Fighting Irish for the ETO title at White City Stadium, London.

However, reports from the camps indicate that both teams will be in excellent shape for Saturday's battle.

"We haven't let up for a minute," said 1/Lt. Edward Sauer, of Danvers, Mass., Crimson Tide coach. "And I'm sure the Blue Devils haven't either. It should be the best game we've played yet."

Konczal Pitches Sixth Shutout For Signal Co.

BOMBER COMMAND, June 23—Winding up the first half of the softball league here, the Signal Co. Maintenance defeated Ordnance, 5-0.

S/Sgt. Lou Konczal, Detroit, Mich., pitched his sixth straight shutout of the first half, allowing one hit that came in the last inning with two out. T/3 Earl Tillman, of Detroit, Mich., hit a home run over the left field fence with the bases full in the first.

In another league game, Headquarters walloped QM, 18-1. Sgt. Joe Schaffer, of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Cpl. Bill Smith, of Philadelphia, Pa., hit two homers each. Cpl. Joe Squallante, of Brooklyn, N.Y., allowed three hits for his third victory against one defeat.

Tigers Claw Panthers In Engineers' Softball

The New York Tigers blanked the Detroit Panthers, 7-0, before 2,500 in a twilight softball game at Loughton, Essex, as part of the athletic program arranged for the city's "Wings For Victory" week. S/Sgt. Denny Estes, of Kings Mountain, Ky., was the winning pitcher and allowed only four hits. The Tigers did all the scoring in the first and fifth frames, a double by Cpl. John Fallis, of New Britain, Conn., scoring two in the first and a double by Estes highlighting a five-run outburst in the fifth.

After the game both teams were entertained at a dinner and dance staged by the civic committee.

Stumblebums Top Pirates

U.S. FIGHTER STATION, June 23—The Stumblebums came from behind to beat the Pirates, 10-4, in this station's baseball league last night. Pfc Herb Moritz, outfielder from Stuttgart, Ark., led the winners with a home run and led the losers with a home run and a single, while Pvt. Harry Turner, of Peru, Ill., had a triple and single. S/Sgt. Dell Sues, of San Rosa, Cal., bested S/Sgt. John Schloemer, of Madison, Wis., on the mound.

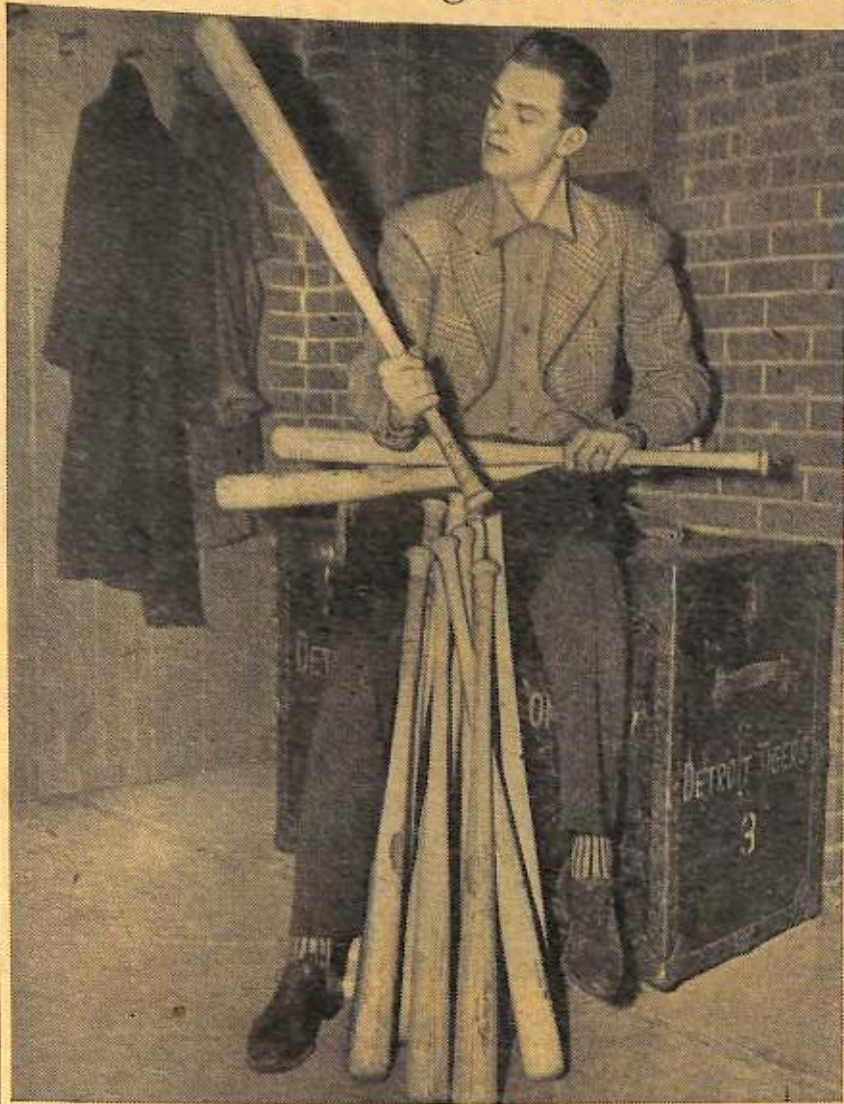
EM Wallop Officers

U.S. TROOP CARRIER BASE, June 23—The enlisted men walloped the officers for a chance here today when the Eagles defeated the Pirates, 15-5, in a station league softball game. Pfc Stewart Deekens, of Amelia, Va., and Pfc Andrew Reagan, of Morgantown, Va., led the winners, while Maj. William Parker, of Birmingham, Ala., and Lt. Louis Westover, of Bay City, Mich., were outstanding for the losers.

Eagles, Steelers Merged

CHICAGO, June 23—The National Professional Football League has performed a legislative flip-flop by approving a merger of the Philadelphia Eagles and the Pittsburgh Steelers after voting against the merger earlier.

Army Beckons Tigers' Star Rookie



Dick Wakefield, Detroit's hard-hitting outfielder, looks over bats that brought him fame while awaiting his call to service. Third among the American League's leading hitters in his freshman year, the ex-Michigan collegian has been reclassified 1A.

Minor League Results

International League					
Tuesday's Games					
Jersey City 4	Montreal 1	(first game)			
Newark 10	Jersey City 1	(second game)			
Newark 6	Toronto 2				
Rochester 6	Syracuse 4	(first game)			
Syracuse 11	Rochester 2	(second game)			
Baltimore 5	Buffalo 2				
Eastern League					
Tuesday's Games					
Hartford 10	Albany 5				
Springfield 7	Utica 0				
Wilkes-Barre 8	Elmira 7				
Only games scheduled.					
American Association					
Tuesday's Games					
Minneapolis 6	Kansas City 1	(first game)			
Kansas City 1	Minneapolis 0	(second game)			
Milwaukee 4	St. Paul 3				
Columbus 5	Indianapolis 1				
Only games scheduled.					
Southern Association					
Tuesday's Games					
New Orleans 2	Atlanta 1				
Chattanooga 9	Birmingham 0				
Knoxville 5	Memphis 2				
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Pct.					
Nashville	38 23	.623	New Orleans	32 32	.500
Little Rock	32 24	.571	Chattanooga	28 28	.500
Birmingham	34 30	.531	Knoxville	25 33	.433
Atlanta	30 30	.500	Memphis	19 38	.333

Samsal Blanks Tigers For Sox

AIR DEPOT BASE, June 23—Cpl. Don Samsal, of Lima, Ohio, hurled the White Sox to a three-hit victory over the Tigers, 6 to 0, in one of two games played here in the "Jeep" baseball league. Samsal retired the Tigers in order in six of the nine innings. Three hits for three runs started the Sox off in the third and they added single tallies in the fifth, sixth and seventh. Sgt. Al Barletta, of Boston, Mass., led the winners with three safeties. The Giants scored early and then staved off late rally by the Hawks to win, 6 to 5, in the other game. The Hawks did all of their scoring in the last three frames, leaving the tying and winning runs on the bases in the ninth. "S/Sgt. Lee Jones, of Dayton, Ohio, and Sgt. Chris Laffleur, of St. Louis, Mo., collected three hits each for the Hawks, while Sgt. George Witko, of Albany, N.Y., collected a pair for the Giants.

Dodgers, Senators Win; Close In On Loop Leaders

Diving Judges Sought By ETO Meet Officials

Officers who have had experience in judging competitive diving are being sought by The Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee for the ETO Swimming and Diving Championships, Aug. 8, at the Marshall St. Baths, London. Officials of the meet are anxious to complete the list of officials and request qualified officers to submit name, rank, serial number and APO addresses.

Sailors Claim Forces' Title

Great Lakes' Nine Has Won 18 of 21 Games; Beat Cubs Twice

CHICAGO, June 23—The Great Lakes Naval Training Station is staking a claim for the baseball championship of the U.S. armed services—and there isn't a challenger in sight to dispute the claim. It's just that Lt. Gordon "Mickey" Cochrane's sailor boys are in a class by themselves.

The Great Lakes' record this season shows 18 victories in 21 games, the most recent triumph coming last Monday when they rapped the Cleveland Indians, 2-1. The win over the Indians wasn't the only one registered against major league competition, either.

The Chicago Cubs, held to one measly run in 18 innings, succumbed twice to the pitching wizardry of the Great Lakes' moundsmen, and the world champion St. Louis Cardinals succumbed by a three-run margin.

The twin triumph over the Cubs has been the highlight of the Sailors' campaign so far. Left-handers Vern Olsen and Johnny Schmitz, both ex-Cub hurlers now in training at Great Lakes, and Right-handers Bob Harris and Tom Ferrick, combined to beat the Cubs, 5-1 and 4-0. In five innings against Harris, formerly of the Philadelphia A's, the Cubs got exactly one hit.

Leading hitters for the Great Lakes' nine are big Johnny Mize and Eddie Pellagrini. Mize, once of the St. Louis Cards and late of the N.Y. Giants, is clubbing opposing pitchers for a .453 average, one point above Pellagrini. Eddie was an up-and-coming infielder with the Boston Red Sox before signing up with Mickey Cochrane's club.



Johnny Mize

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Southport ARC Softball Entries Close Monday

SOUTHPORT, June 23—An eight-team elimination softball tournament will be staged here July 4 by the American Red Cross Palace Club. Entries will be accepted up to next Monday, either by mail or by telephone. Director Frank Kammerlehr said. The telephone number is Birkdale 66151. First-round games are scheduled for the morning of July 4, semifinals in the afternoon and final at night. Teams must provide their own transportation, while the club will furnish meals and lodgings for July 3 and 4 for 12 men and an officer per team.

Dodgers Trip Bulldozers

BELFAST, June 23—Pfc Joe Thompson, of Washington, pitched the Eighth Air Force Dodgers to a no-hit, 2-1, win over the Engineer Bulldozers here last night. Thompson struck out 11 and allowed three walks. 1/Lt. Donald Barber, of Butler, Pa., was the losing pitcher.

Blondie

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The Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee ETO SWIMMING AND DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

To be held August 8th, 1943, at Marshall Street Baths, London, England

Preliminaries—2 PM Finals—7 PM

NAME _____ RANK _____

UNIT _____ APO _____

HOME TOWN _____

COLLEGE OR HIGH SCHOOL _____

EVENTS

- 50-YD. FREE STYLE
- 100-YD. FREE STYLE
- 200-YD. FREE STYLE
- 100-YD. BACK STROKE
- 100-YD. BREAST STROKE
- 100-YD. MEDLEY (Individual)
- FREE STYLE RELAY (Four-Man Team, each leg 33 1/3 yds.)
- 1-METER DIVE
- 3-METER DIVE

Approved (Special Service Officer)
Diving competition consists of five compulsory and five optional dives. A list of optional dives must be submitted with this entry blank.
Mail entry blanks to The Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee, Printing House Square, London, E.C.4, before July 31

Brooks Wallop Giants To Gain On Idle Cards; Nats Nip Yankees

NEW YORK, June 23—The Cardinals and Yankees are leading the National and American League pennant races today, just as the experts said they would in making them pre-season favorites to get into the World Series again. But, before the fireworks are over and any flags are won it appears as if the Brooklyn Dodgers and rejuvenated Washington Senators may prove the forecasters wrong.

The Dodgers shaved a half game off the Cards' margin yesterday by beating the Giants, 7-4, at Ebbets Field and climbed to within two games of the idle leaders. Over at the Yankee Stadium, the Senators made the most of an opportunity in their important series with the Bronx Bombers to grasp a close decision, 3-2, cut a full game from the Yanks' lead and narrow the gap between the rivals to two games.

The Dodgers called on a pinch-hitter and a prayer in sustaining a wild emergency rally with two out in the last of the sixth against the lowly Giants to score five runs before the thunder around Flatbush subsided. Trailing 2-1, Leo Durocher's strategy sent Ducky Medwick to the plate as a pinch-hitter with the bases filled. The old Gas Houser responded with a two-run single off Rube Fischer, Arky Vaughan doubled home two more and Paul Waner climaxed the coup with another run-producing single off Fischer's successor, Harry Feldman.

The loss left the Giants in seventh place but dropped them to within a half game of the tail end Cubs.

Lanky Jim Vernon, Senators' first sacker, was his team's hero in the Yankee defeat, driving in two runs and scoring a third off Hank Borowy.

Bosox Tied For Third

Two other games in the American League saw the Boston Red Sox help themselves to a third-place tie with the Cleveland Indians by stopping the Athletics, 7-1, at Philadelphia, and the Chicago White Sox break out of a last-place tie with the Browns by winning, 5-3, in the opener of a four-game series in St. Louis.

Tex Hughson won his eighth game of the season for the Red Sox with a five-hitter against the A's, getting help from Eddie Lake's two-run homer in the second. The White Sox loosed a 12-hit assault against Bob Muncie and Fred Ostermueller, while Johnny Humphries was getting credit for his fifth pitching triumph. The Browns threatened in the last of the ninth and filled the bases with one out but a double play killed the uprising.

In the National League the Braves staged a five-run attack in the second inning to get an early start in a close win over the Phillies, 7-6, at Boston. Phil Masi, Brave third baseman, hit a two-run homer in the sixth off Southpaw Jack Krause. Manuel Salvo, scoring his second straight triumph over the Phils, was the winner.

"Oom Paul" Derringer, Cub right-hander, and Shortstop Len Merullo combined their efforts to defeat the Pittsburgh Pirates, 1-0, in a morning game at Chicago. Derringer held the Bucs to seven hits while Merullo's single scored the only run of the game in the fifth.



American League

Tuesday's Games					
Washington 3	New York 2				
Boston 7	Philadelphia 1				
Chicago 5	St. Louis 3				
Only games scheduled.					
Pct.					
New York	31 21	.596	Detroit	24 26	.480
Washington	31 25	.554	Philadelphia	27 31	.466
Cleveland	27 27	.500	Chicago	23 27	.460
Boston	29 29	.500	St. Louis	22 28	.440

Yesterday's Schedule

Chicago at St. Louis
Cleveland at Detroit
Washington at New York
Boston at Philadelphia

National League

Tuesday's Games					
Brooklyn 7	New York 4				
Boston 7	Philadelphia 6				
Chicago 1	Pittsburgh 0				
Only games scheduled.					
Pct.					
St. Louis	34 19	.642	Cincinnati	27 26	.509
Brooklyn	35 24	.593	Boston	23 28	.451
Pittsburgh	28 25	.528	New York	21 34	.382
Philadelphia	28 26	.519	Chicago	20 34	.370

Yesterday's Schedule

New York at Brooklyn
Philadelphia at Boston
Pittsburgh at Chicago
St. Louis at Cincinnati

Leading Hitters

American League					
	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Stephens, St. Louis	4	151	22	24	.358
Hockett, Cleveland	45	194	27	66	.340
Wakefield, Detroit	50	218	25	69	.317
Higgins, Detroit	48	185	24	58	.314
Cramer, Detroit	41	171	21	52	.304

National League

	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Dahlgren, Philadelphia	53	198	18	71	.359
Herman, Brooklyn	59	216	31	72	.333
Frey, Cincinnati	52	217	28	72	.332
McCormick, Cincinnati	54	222	27	73	.329
Musial, St. Louis	56	218	38	70	.321
Walker, St. Louis	51	193	27	62	.321
Gustine, Pittsburgh	46	162	17	52	.321

Home Run Hitters

American League—Keller, New York, 10;
Stephens, St. Louis, 7; Gordon, New York, 6.

National League—Ott, New York, DiMaggio, Pittsburgh, and Nicholson, Chicago, 7.

Runs Batted In

American League—Siebert, Philadelphia, 36;
Johnson, Washington, 35; Eiten, Johnson, New York, and Stephens, St. Louis, 34.

National League—Herman, Brooklyn, 45; DiMaggio, Pittsburgh, 40; Elliott, Pittsburgh, 34.

