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King Dismisses Mussolini

U.S. Heavies Follow RAF To Nazi Port

1,800-Mile Trip to Arctic B17s' Longest; Mediums Attack Belgium

American heavy bombers pounded the German ports of Kiel and Hamburg in daylight yesterday, only a few hours after the RAF had unleashed its heaviest blow of the war and within 24 hours of the USAAF's first raid on Nazi targets in Norway. The RAF's "heaviest yet" attack also was on Hamburg.

The mission to Hamburg marked the first time Eighth Air Force heavies had followed up an RAF night attack.

American medium bombers also were out yesterday, attacking industrial sites near Ghent, in Belgium.

The unprecedented 24 hours of attack was opened in daylight Saturday when Flying Fortresses hammered the Nazi U-boat bases in Trondheim, near the Arctic Circle on the far northwestern coast of Norway, and an aluminum plant 65 miles from Oslo.

Sicilians Cheer 7th Army
The Trondheim raid, covering 1,800 miles round-trip, was the longest U.S. mission yet in this theater and possibly the longest raid ever carried out by Fortresses anywhere.

That night, RAF heavy bombers in "very great strength" dumped more than 2,500 tons of high explosives on Hamburg, Germany's largest port and submarine building center.

The RAF force set three records of its own: The bomb load was greater than any announced before, it was dropped in the record time of 50 minutes, and only 12 planes were lost during the night's operations, the lowest yet percentage for a major assault.

Another force of RAF bombers—Lancasters—struck without loss at the port of Leghorn on Italy's northwest coast on their way back from North Africa.

Aluminum Plant Blasted
The Fortresses were making the fifth USAAF bombing operation of the month Saturday when they struck Trondheim, Nazi submarine base and repair center far up the northwestern coast of occupied Norway, and an aluminum plant at Heroya, near Oslo, and much closer to bases in Britain.

It was the first American raid on Norway and brought to five the number of Nazi-held countries to which the Forts and Liberators have flown from England. The first four were France, Holland, Belgium and Germany.

Some of the crew members, who came back with stories of dead-accurate bombing which left fires and explosions

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Eighth Air Force bombers travel approximately 1,800 miles round trip from England to blast U-boat bases in Trondheim, Norway. RAF heavies dump 2,000 tons of bombs on Hamburg, in northwest Germany.

The Battle in Sicily As Il Duce Resigns



Axis forces now are squeezed in Sicily's northeast tip as U.S. Seventh Army captures Marsala and traps more than 25,000 Axis prisoners between Trapani and Palermo, Sicily's capital city. Other U.S. columns press against Axis rearguard units on the north coast. British and Canadians meet stubborn resistance at Catania.

ETO's Greeting to WAAC Over; Members Stand Reveille Today

By Philip Bucknell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WAAC REPLACEMENT DEPOT, England, July 25—The WAACs are ready for work after a week of parades, reviews and dances. The ETO's greeting to the First Separate Battalion of the WAAC to land has ended.

The festive atmosphere here will be replaced this week by the routine the WAACs have been trained to perform. They have been oriented, given physicals, classified, assigned and entertained by a program that was topped off with Bob Hope. They like it, but they came over here to work, they point out, and are anxious to begin their jobs with the Air Force.

Jap Seaplane Carrier Sunk

ALLIED HQ., Southwest Pacific, July 25—U.S. torpedo and dive-bombers with a strong fighter escort sank a 9,000-ton Japanese seaplane carrier and its 20 aircraft Saturday morning out of a convoy attempting to run supplies into Buin, main Jap base in the northern Solomons.

Land-based enemy fighters attempting to intercept were driven off with the loss of five Zeros. Three U.S. fighters were lost.

As American troops were tightening the ring around Munda on New Georgia, U.S. dive-bombers blasted the Jap base with 60 tons of bombs.

In New Guinea a strong force of Mitchells with P40s escorting made long bombing and strafing sweeps along the coasts of Huon Gulf, about 40 miles east of Lae, and destroyed 12 barges and either destroyed or seriously damaged 13 more barges. Other attacks were made on barges in Cape Busching area. One, apparently loaded with oil, exploded and two others were set afire.

Both in the Solomons and in the northwestern islands, Allied bombers have attacked Japanese seaplane bases. Rekata Bay on Santa Ysabel Island received a visit from Mitchells and Dauntlesses. Installations were attacked and fires started. Taberfane in the Aru Islands was attacked yesterday afternoon by formations of RAAF Beaufighters. They damaged three floatplanes caught on the beach and strafed shore installations along the coast.

Big China Air Victory
CHUNGKING, July 25—Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault's 14th Air Force de-

Casualties Far Below Last War

WASHINGTON, July 25—American Army casualties are about one-quarter what they were in the first world war, although the United States has been in the present war longer.

Acting Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson revealed that Army casualties up to July 7 totalled 65,130. The total in World War I was 248,589. Of the casualties in the present conflict, 7,471 soldiers have been killed as compared with 37,568 in the last war.

In this war only 673 men have died of wounds which were not immediately fatal, while 12,942 died of such wounds in the world war.

Badoglio Appointed As Premier of Italy, Rome Radio Reveals

Badoglio Declares: 'The War Continues'; All West Sicily in Allied Hands As U.S. Takes New Towns

With dramatic suddenness last night Rome radio broadcast the news that Dictator Benito Mussolini had been dismissed from office and that the King had assumed the post of commander-in-chief, with Badoglio as Prime Minister.

The radio said: "The King has accepted the resignation of the prime minister and secretary of the Fascist party Benito Mussolini and has appointed in his place Marshal Pietro Badoglio."

The radio then broadcast the text of two proclamations signed by King Victor Emmanuel and Marshal Badoglio.

Marshal Badoglio, in his proclamation taking command of the military government, said: "The war continues."

The text of the Rome announcement is: "H.M. the King has accepted the resignation from the post of chief of government, prime minister and secretary of state, by his excellency Cavaliere Benito Mussolini.

"The King has appointed as chief of the government, prime minister and secretary of state, his excellency Cavaliere Marshal of Italy Pietro Badoglio.

"H.M. the King Emperor has issued the following proclamation to the Italian people: 'Italians, from today I assume the command of all the armed forces. In the solemn hour which has occurred in the destinies of our country, each one must again take up his post of duty. No deviation can be tolerated.

Orel Fight Near Decisive Stage

The battle for Orel was rapidly approaching its decisive stage last night as Russian forces, having turned the German offensive into slow but steady retreat, pushed doggedly north along the Kursk-Orel line, gradually reducing the chances of escape for the German troops in the Orel sector.

South of the city, where the Germans were putting up the stiffest resistance reported anywhere on the front, Soviet forces fought their way into the railway town of Zmiyevka, representing an advance of 12 miles in six days. Eighteen less important towns and villages also were captured.

North of the city the Nazis hurled in the bulk of their air forces in an attempt to stem the Russian advance. A decision is imminent in this area, the United Press reported from Moscow last night.

Russian forces were heartened in their struggle by a special order of the day from Premier Stalin, which revealed that Hitler's abortive summer offensive had cost Germany more than 70,000 men killed, 2,900 tanks and 1,392 planes, as well as a huge amount of other material.

The order, congratulating three generals and the troops under them, pointed out that the Germans not only had been pushed back to their starting point after achieving an advance of only 17 miles, but at points they had been pushed back at least 15 miles beyond their original line.

"Thus the plan for a summer offensive must be considered completely frustrated," Stalin said.

"Every Italian must stand firm in face of the grave danger which has beset the sacred soil of the fatherland.

"Italy by the valor of her armed forces, by the determined will of all Italians will find again the road of her destiny.

Signed:
Vittorio Emanuele.
Countersigned:
Badoglio."

The dramatic news came as virtually all of Sicily except the northeastern corner was in Allied hands.

The U.S. Seventh Army had occupied the major ports of Marsala and Trapani, then swept east and captured Termini, 20 miles southeast of Palermo.

With the Axis in flight from the west and the Americans in possession of more than 50,000 prisoners and much booty, including 200 artillery pieces, everything was ready for the battle of the Etna triangle—the final operation to drive the Axis out of Sicily.

It was a race against time, and Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's armored columns were rolling swiftly along the north coastal road toward Messina in an effort to get behind and encircle the enemy before he becomes solidly entrenched behind the Etna defense line running northwest from Catania to the coast.

Somewhere near the center of this line Canada's First Army was pushing forward against desperate resistance from the German 15th Panzer Division. And at the sea end, outside Catania, Britain's Eighth Army remained stymied by fierce resistance from German panzers. The

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21-Year Rule Comes to End For Italy's 'Sawdust Caesar'

Benito Mussolini, the man who reconstructed Italy, gave it an empire and lost it again, has ended 21 years of supreme power by his resignation.

Son of a blacksmith, Mussolini increased the world importance of his country in exchange for total obedience to his new political system and his word.

Formerly a Socialist editor, Mussolini came to power in 1922 together with his Fascist party.

This total change in his political beliefs was brought about by open disagreement with the Socialist party's last war policy. His own Fascist party was created by him to counteract Socialism, although he continued to apply some of its principles in the field of social legislation.

He founded the first elements of the Fascist party in Milan in March, 1919.

This included the first storm troops. His first followers pledged themselves to fight socialism, and communism together with any enemies of the country who tried to throw away Italy's fruits of the war.

Italy at that time was ripe for a revolution.

At the Fascist congress at Florence in 1919 he was called "Il Duce" for the first time—in recognition of his leadership.

In 1922, confident of the country's support, he decided to strike. On October 24, at the Naples congress, he issued a statement challenging the government.

"The government shall either be given to us or we shall take it, closing in on Rome and seizing the miserable dominant class by the throat," it declared.

Three days later a mobilization of the blackshirts took place and on October 28 the "march on Rome" was begun.

'Peace' Shouts in Rome, Other Cities, Reported

MADRID, July 25 (UP)—Shouts of "Peace" and "Make Rome an open city," were heard at a huge demonstration in one of the central squares in Rome, according to reports reaching Madrid by way of France.

Many peace meetings took place in Venice, Milan, Turin, Florence, Bologna and Trieste on Tuesday, according to these reports. The police and blackshirts are said to have ignored them.

Strikes were reported spreading in factories throughout northern Italy, especially among workers on the night shift. Sabotage of electric supplies, both for power and lighting, is said to be frequent.

Axis Sees Sign Of Balkan Drive In Crete Raid

Speculate On RAF Raids As Prelude to Invasion Hike in Sicily

The German-held island of Crete, logical Allied stepping stone to Greece and the other Balkan countries, now is feeling the weight of Allied aerial might, and Axis capitals speculated yesterday on the possibility of an imminent "Third Front" in the Balkans.

Bombers and fighters of the RAF and the Greek Air Force on Friday struck enemy installations on Crete in the heaviest assault since the island was lost to Germany in 1941. There was speculation whether the attack was the first step in a softening-up process for an offensive, as were the aerial assaults on Pantellaria and Sicily.

Bulgarian troops meanwhile were reported streaming into Greece to strengthen the occupational forces there, and security forces also were being reinforced to cope with increased Greek guerrilla activities and sabotage.

Central Guerrilla Command

Guerrilla activity was causing increasing concern to the Axis throughout the Balkans. Neutral capitals heard that 100,000 rifles and adequate ammunition recently had been dropped by parachute to patriots in Greece and Yugoslavia.

These guerrilla forces, a Greek spokesman said, now are operating under a central command and are holding their main forces in readiness for any Allied move in the Balkans. The Yugoslav guerrilla leader, Gen. Mihailovich, also has said that his Chetnik fighters are prepared to strike in coordination with any Allied attack.

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Germans held firm here in spite of particularly heavy casualties.

The harbor of Taormina, on the eastern coast 20 miles north of Catania, was shelled by an Allied flotilla Wednesday night, it was disclosed yesterday.

The air forces, dealing their heaviest blows now at Italy rather than Sicily, struck a paralyzing blow at the Bologna railroad bottleneck, in the longest Fortress raid yet made in the Mediterranean, a 1,500-mile round trip from North African bases.

Pilots said the trip was "almost like a sight-seeing tour" with no opposition either from enemy fighters or ack-ack. An ammunition train was blown up, a large proportion of the rolling stock was destroyed, and the freight yard was plastered with bombs. RAF and RCAF Wellingtons made three night raids on San Giovanni, and mediums hit Marina di Catanzaro and Marina di Paola at the foot of the Italian peninsula.

With all western Sicily under American control, the Seventh Army spent the day mopping up. Cheering crowds showered Gen. Patton with flowers as he entered an unidentified "large city," and Italians everywhere were giving the Americans an enthusiastic reception exceeding anything yet encountered.

With the capture of Trapani the Allies acquired still another big, well-equipped harbor like Palermo and an airfield that was the Axis' most important airbase in the west. Marsala, on the extreme western tip of the island, yielded many prisoners and much booty.

The 60-mile line on which the Axis is expected to make its final stand runs from Catania 25 miles inland to Regalbuto, thence northward to the coast. The first section of this line, from Catania to Regalbuto, apparently was in the hands of German troops, the rest defended by Italians.

Rome radio, telling of the presence of numerous landing barges near Acireale, 10 miles north of Catania, hinted that the Allies had attempted to land men behind the German lines on the east coast.

War Shorts

Pope Denies Axis Reports—

Vatican radio, in a weekend broadcast, denied Axis reports the Basilica di San Lorenzo was almost completely destroyed in the Rome raid. It said Pope Pius certainly did not believe the pilots intentionally damaged the church, and it quoted him as pointing out that churches also had suffered in England.

Bulgaria May Want Out—

Bulgaria may try to get out of the war soon, according to reports reaching Turkey from Sofia, says United Press. Revolts breaking out regularly among anti-fascists in Bulgaria are causing the government deep concern.

Berlin Recalling U-Boats—

Berlin dispatches to Sweden quoted official yesterday that at least part of the Nazi U-boat packs had been recalled and disbanded. The crews, it was said, were being trained in new methods while subs operated singly in "pinprick" tactics just outside Allied harbors.

Belgians Report Atrocities—

The Belgian government-in-exile said yesterday trustworthy sources reported that German authorities in Belgium were resorting to torture to get confessions or to punish Belgian patriots.

Fortress Gunner Flies Over Home in Norway

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, July 25—There were tears in the eyes of one Eighth Air Force gunner when he left the briefing room Saturday morning. He was Norwegian. The target was a little town he knew well, not far from his home.

"When we were over the target, the snowcapped mountains in the distance made me homesick," the blond Norwegian said sadly. "I almost felt like bailing out and staying a while."

The bombing was excellent, he said, and while he hoped no Norwegians were killed, he was glad to see German industries in Norway destroyed.

The gunner, whose name was withheld, left Norway several years ago and went to America to live with his aunt in Hoboken, N.J. He joined the Norwegian Air Force at the beginning of the war and recently transferred to the USAAF.

Norway Raid Forts' Longest

RAF Batters Hamburg With Heaviest Load In Follow-Up

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throughout both target areas, were Norwegian-born U.S. citizens.

One Fortress was reported missing as the bombers checked in at their bases, but wire dispatches from Stockholm said that a Fortress made a forced landing in Sweden Saturday, 15 miles from the Norwegian border.

The weekend hammering of German targets began with Friday afternoon's low-level attacks by RAF medium and light bombers and fighters, climbed with intruder attacks Friday night, and burst with deadly precision on the Germans in Norway during Saturday's daylight. Saturday night's blows by the RAF brought the war back to the Reich itself in devastation across Hamburg's great waterfront which crew members said was beneath a four-mile-high pall of black smoke as the bombers started home.

Other RAF forces attacked the Ruhr and northwestern Germany.

The Eighth Air Force B17s carried out their longest operation to date in bombing the U-boat base at Trondheim, last reported haven for the German super-ship Tirpitz, and the newly constructed aluminum and magnesium works at Heroya, 65 miles southwest of Oslo.

The round trip to Trondheim is approximately 1,800 miles and at least one group of Eighth Air Force heavies was in the air for 12 hours. The bombers made the over-water trip at a low altitude where the crews did not have to use oxygen.

Target Obscured

A third formation of Forts headed for another German stronghold in Norway but held their bombs when they ran into dense cloud formations over the occupied country and could not be certain of their target.

Seventeen enemy fighters were listed as destroyed.

The bombers going to Trondheim covered more than the distance of a round trip to Berlin in breaking the previous Eighth Air Force distance record of 1,000 miles set by the Liberators in their attack on Bordeaux May 17.

Photographs taken during the run on Trondheim revealed a concentration of hits on the target. None of the bombs fell in the harbor itself, indicating that the majority were directed on the target area. Photographs also revealed that heavy damage had been done to the naval repair shops and docks.

Crewmen reported meeting fairly heavy flak concentrations, but the fighter opposition was light. A maximum of 25 German planes was reported in the air against any one formation.

Big Sub Base

The base at Trondheim is used as a refueling and refueling station for German submarines and warships which are a constant threat to the supply lines to Murmansk. Beside the battleship Tirpitz, two 10,000-ton cruisers of the Admiral Hipper class have been reported operating from the Trondheim Fjord.

The installations at Heroya, known as the Nordiske Letmetall plant, are operated by the German combine, IG Farbenindustrie.

Eighth Air Force officials stated that Bomber Command had been waiting for the completion of the plant so that its destruction would represent not only the ruin of a source of war material for Germany but also a waste of the man-hours poured into the plant's construction.

Crewmen attacking Heroya reported only light opposition. While clouds were dense for most of the trip, bombardiers said they had a clear, uninterrupted run on the target.

"The Fortresses coming and going over the target looked like traffic at Broadway and 42nd St. in the good old days," said 1/Lt. Thomas E. Mulligan, of Albany, N.Y.

WAACs March Past Their New Commander



Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, Eighth Air Force commander, takes the salute from a contingent of WAACs during a review Saturday at a depot in England.

Even Greater Output Needed

WPB Executive Points Out War Today Takes Big Toll of Materials

CHICAGO, July 25 — Production figures for the United States are astronomical and impressive—but they are still falling short of the requirements of the armed forces, Charles E. Wilson, executive vice-chairman of the War Production Board, told the Association of Commerce in a weekend speech.

Forecasting a long and stubborn war in spite of recent successes, Wilson cited the German losses of 2,600 tanks and 1,200 planes in the eight-day Orel offensive as a guide by which to judge losses in full-scale modern warfare.

He said that May output was far below that required and that production picked up in June but still didn't satisfy the Army and Navy demands. The June goal was six and one-half billion dollars; six billion was produced. Despite this, in June, 7,000 planes, a new high, were made, and 1,676,500 tons of shipping produced, more than the entire output of 1941. More than 100 warships were launched in this first six months.

Demands for planes, tanks, ships and other war materials will be 40 per cent higher next winter than now and another 24 per cent higher in 1944, he said.

The figures, he said, must be regarded "not as units that will roll like a triumphant wave over the enemy, but as units which in a large part may be battered and broken as they smash their way through the walls of the Axis."

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stroyed 16 Jap planes and probably destroyed 19 more for the loss of one American plane on the ground in an air battle in which more than 100 Japanese bombers and fighters attempted to bomb two American advance bases in the Hunan Province.

All the U.S. pilots are safe. The Japanese attacked in four waves. P40s, greatly outnumbered, intercepted several waves which dropped their bombs before reaching the target. Accurate bombing by the others was impossible and there was only minor damage to ground installations.

The Americans destroyed ten Zeros and six bombers and probably destroyed 12 more Zeros and seven bombers. They were known to have damaged six Zeros and three bombers.

Wild Ponies Banned, Infantry Makes CO Sad With Ocarinas

— INFANTRY DIVISION, England, July 25—When the CO of this outfit finally placed a ban on ferrets, dogs, rabbits, wild ponies and all the other mascots his boys have been collecting since their arrival in England, he thought his troubles were over.

That was before the ocarina came to camp.

Ocarinas are sweet potato whistles which make a noise sort of like a piccolo if you blow in them. They sound equally piercing whether played by an expert or a beginner. The range in notes is limited—the volume almost unlimited.

At first nobody paid much attention to the ocarinas. A couple of the boys would get together, trill through the scales and let it go at that.

Then an enterprising GI named Lou discovered that the old favorite, "Sweet Sue," was a breeze on the sweet potato whistle. All you had to do was figure on three main stops and you had it.

Within 24 hours every soldier in the company was giving out with "Sweet Sue" in the key he liked best. Sometimes, for variety, three or four would

Army Routine Replaces Holiday Atmosphere For WAACs

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he was proud of them and glad to have them all assigned to the USAAF.

Col. Harvey H. Holland, the post commander, was there, too, with Gen. Knox. Col. Holland has been in charge of the WAACs' welfare since they landed, and has, he said, enjoyed their stay at the camp.

A lunch was given by Col. Holland for the guests, and, for the first time in the ETO, WAAC KPs were on duty at the tables, directed by S/Sgt. Margaret McCance, of Long Beach, Cal.

In a corner of the barracks street, strange noises of female voices were heard. In the center of a crowd of girls was 1/Sgt. Virginia "Rosie" Rosekrans, of Chicago, leading her company in the singing of the battalion song:

"Our troops are tops, They can't be beat. Our officers, the best you meet. Success in battle is our theme We'll follow the steps of Pallas Athene. And we'll soon be marching on to victory."

(Pallas Athene is the emblem of the WAACs.)

Their company commander, Capt. Frances S. Cornick, of Norfolk, Va., came along so the girls started to sing "Carry me back to ol' Virginny."

"This," said Capt. Cornick, "is apple-polishing in a big way." But she sang, too.

First To Go To Work

The company was splitting up. On the bulletin board the names of 71 girls had been posted. They were the first WAACs of the battalion in the ETO to go to work. Yesterday they went to London to attend a course at a communications school.

They had two special coaches on the train. Civilians gaped, soldiers, sailors and airmen of the United Nations cheered and waved.

London, the WAACs decided, was just the place they had been wanting to see for a long time. WAACs, the GIs who happened to be around the neighborhood when the girls moved into their billets decided, were just the people they had been wanting to see for a long time.

Within a few minutes of moving in—and the billets are in a house that looks like a de Mille set before the depression—Joels and Janes were doing balcony scenes that Romeo and Juliet never thought of: "Where do you come from?" "Anyone from Texas?" "See you at the Washington club."

The WAACs had fun. They like London and being with the soldiers. The Red Cross took them on tours of historical places and bombed areas. The soldiers took them to pubs and dances. They have spoken to Guards from Buckingham Palace.

But—at 6.30 in the morning they will stand reveille. Work for the WAACs has started.

'Lonely Hearts' Helping WAACs

GI Husband and GI Wife Reunited; Girls Find Soldier-Relatives

The old Lonely Hearts Department of The Stars and Stripes has been working overtime since the arrival of the WAACs; so have Chaplain G. Strippey and Roland L. Bourgeois, of Washington, the Red Cross field director. With hearts in springtime, this combination has:

United husband and wife; arranged numerous boy-meets-girl set-ups, and found several brothers for sisters.

First WAAC wife to meet her husband over here was T/5 Rosalie Burnette, who was given a 24-hour pass to meet Sgt. Paul E., who has been in the ETO for 14 months.

"Oh! Paul," she exclaimed, when she met him. The Red Cross arranged accommodation.

Pfc Rosalie Jones saw her brother S/Sgt. Joseph Abbato, of Baltimore, for a bit; she thinks her husband, S/Sgt. Fred W., is over here and hopes to see him soon.

Found RAF Boy Friend

Pfc Margie Stalcup, of Dallas, Tex., talked on the phone with her RAF boy friend, John R. Pickwell, whom she met in the United States.

Pfc Doris Israel, of New York, found her cousin, Pvt. Arthur Rosenthal, also of New York, waiting at a dance to see her.

Pfc Mary W. Sullivan, of Erie, Pa., got into communication with a girl friend, Lt. Mary Brugger, an Army nurse.

Pvt. Hugh H. Kennedy, of West Palm Beach, persuaded a three-day pass out of his squadron commander, Capt. W. W. Brier, to visit his sister, Pfc Elizabeth K. Hamilton. Pfc Hamilton has already met her boy friend, S/Sgt. Gilbert Burton, of Anderson, S.C., who is on the same post.

Pfc Elizabeth Freda, of Pittsburgh, is looking for her brother and for her boy friend, and Pfc Ingrid Caspersen, of Holbrook, Mass., is looking for brother Charles.

Missing Relatives Dept.

Pfc Marylou Anderson, of Dayton, Ohio, is looking for her sister, 2/Lt. Mildred Anderson, Army nurse, and Pfc Elizabeth Reese, of Milwaukee, is looking for Lt. H. G. Finch, of the RCAF.

Sgt. Beryl Longnecker, of Wichita, Kan., is looking for S/Sgt. N. R. Longnecker, and Pfc Cosette M. Dion, of W. Hartford, Conn., is looking for her brother, Fl/O Louis C. Dion.

Pvt. Mildred H. Allen, of Roanoke, Va., is hoping that her husband, Capt. William E. Jr., is in this theater and that he will get in touch with her soon.

Air Raid Hero Awarded Medal

— INFANTRY DIVISION HQ, July 25—Pvt. John J. Tworyszczuk, of Moosic, Pa., was decorated with the Soldier's Medal yesterday by Col. Philip Wood, of Bar Harbor, Me., for heroism displayed two months ago when German raiders bombed an English south coast town in which Tworyszczuk was staying on furlough.

As the Germans were dropping their bombs and machine-gunning the streets, Tworyszczuk heard a woman scream for help from a house nearby, which was collapsing. He ran to the building and supported an overhead beam while the woman and a child crawled to safety.

The wall collapsed, virtually burying Tworyszczuk, whose arms, legs and chest were cut and bruised by the falling debris. Despite his injuries, he helped other soldiers and civilian defense rescue squads take the wounded to hospitals.

Tworyszczuk and Pvt. Paul Zayatz, of New York, and John C. Corona, of La Belle, Pa., who also were wounded in the raid, have been awarded the Purple Heart.

English Actors To Stage Show For Chicagoans

Largest Sectional Group In ETO Meets Monday At Columbia Club

Noted British entertainers will appear in a show at a meeting of the Chicagoans, the largest sectional servicemen's organization in the ETO, Monday, Aug. 2 at 8 PM at the Columbia club, 75 Seymour St., London, W. 2.

Present at the "Night of Stars" show will be Webster Booth, Robert Morley, Cyril Ritchard, Nervo and Knox, Tommy Trinder and Flanagan and Allen.

Club officers will be elected in a short business meeting preceding the show.

Victory

A German class will be held tonight at 7 at the Victory club, 15 Seymour St., London, W. 1. Program for the week:

Tuesday—Softball, 7 PM.
Wednesday—Dance, Eddie Carr's band, 8-10:30 PM.
Thursday—German class, 7 PM; Jack Maney at the piano, 9-11:30 PM.

Duchess St.

Program for the week at the Duchess St. Red Cross club, 15 Seymour St., London, W. 1:

Tuesday—Gym workout, 10-12 AM; swimming, 12-1 PM; gym workout, 6-8 PM; dance in Skyline Room, Frank Rosato's orchestra, 8 PM.
Wednesday—Workout in gym, 10-12 AM; swimming, 12-1 PM; baseball, Hyde Park, 6-30 PM; movies, 7 PM.

Cheltenham

CHELTENHAM, July 25—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:

Monday—Baseball meeting, 7:30 PM; camera club, 7:30 PM; dancing class, 7:45 PM; beginners' class in photography, 8 PM.
Tuesday—American-British club, room 59, 7 PM; beginners' French class, room 61, 7:30 PM; tango class, Games Room, 7:45 PM; movies, 8 PM.

Rainbow Corner

The Royal Army Pay Corps band will play at a dance at 8 tonight at the Rainbow Corner, Shaftesbury Ave., London, W. 1. Program for the week:

Tuesday—Open house in Rainbow Room, dancing, 3-6 PM; Salute to the Medical Department, 7 PM.
Wednesday—Show by 40-piece RAF band, 9:30 PM.
Thursday—Eagle club broadcast to America, 3 PM; Western night in Rainbow Room, 8-10 PM.

Bournemouth

BOURNEMOUTH, July 25—Program for the week at the Marshfield Red Cross club here:

Monday—Cycle picnic to Poole Harbor, 2 PM; Musical appreciation program, 9:30 PM.
Tuesday—Softball game, Meyrick Park, Nebraska versus New York, 2:30 PM; Dance, 8-11 PM.
Wednesday—Golf, tennis, horseback riding, 2 PM; Movies, 9:30 PM.

Milestone

Program for the week at the Milestone Club, 2 Kensington Ct., London, W. 8:

Tuesday—Fishing party, 2 PM.
Wednesday—Dancing class, 7:30 PM; club dance in Panel Room, 8:30 PM.
Thursday—Softball in Kensington Gardens, 10:30 AM.
Friday—Swimming, 3 PM.
Saturday—Horseback riding party, 11 AM.
Sunday—Picnic and box lunch, 11 AM; reception and open house, 6-9 PM.

Former Mormon Missionary Returns Here as Fort Pilot

Preached in Hyde Park On His First Visit To England

By Andrew A. Rooney
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, July 25—The last time Bob Hodson was in England he was trying to convert people to The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints from a platform in Hyde Park. That was in 1938.

He's back now jockeying a B17 over Germany and France—1/Lt. Robert Gee Hodson, of Provo, Utah, pilot of the Fort The Gay Cabellero.

Hodson was 19 at the time he was here as a volunteer Mormon missionary. He worked out of Leicester, Nottingham, Derby and London.

"I know I've got a different job to do this time," Lt. Hodson says, "but I feel that first things come first, and I don't know of anything more important to the survival of religion than the defeat of the Nazis."

The tall, quiet Mormon has been on more than ten raids. He admits that his faith gives him confidence for his job and a belief that he has just a little better chance of getting through the war than the man without his religious faith.

He doesn't talk much about Mormonism around the station, and while the men in the crew of The Gay Cabellero swear by him as a pilot, they confess they don't know much about his religion.

"I find most of the fellows at an airfield aren't particularly interested in religion, so I don't say much about it," Lt. Hodson says.

There were more than 100 Mormon missionaries in England when Lt. Hodson was here, and the director often used to send the younger members to Hyde Park to speak to the crowds that gather at that English counterpart of New York's Union Square.

"I've found it a lot easier to fly over



Stars and Stripes Photo
1/Lt. Robert G. Hodson

Germany than address a crowd there at Hyde Park. I've been there a few times since I've been over here this time, just listening, and some of those old boys who used to heckle me are still there. I used to use a time-worn dodge with those hecklers.

"I'd say after a tough question, 'This old gentleman in the brown suit has the effrontery to ask the following question,' and all the time my mind would be whirling around trying to get the answer."

Lt. Hodson enlisted in the Air Force after completing his second year of missionary work in New York and Pennsylvania.

"I'd like to continue flying after the war," Lt. Hodson says, "unless I go back to Brigham Young University to finish the year I missed."

Another Month For 'St. Mark'

The Eve of St. Mark, Maxwell Anderson play being presented by the Army in conjunction with the Red Cross, will be continued through August. It is presented nightly except Monday at the Scala Theater, London.

Officials of the Theatrical Section, Special Service, announced demands for tickets are such that they have arranged to lease the theater for another month.

Since its opening July 4, the drama of Bataan has played before 18,000 persons. Capt. William Stern revealed that audiences in the 1,050-seat theater have averaged about 95 per cent of capacity.

Tickets can be obtained by U.S. servicemen at the ARC Rainbow Corner and at ARC officers' clubs. Allied servicemen may obtain them at the Trafalgar Sq. ticket pool.

Equip Medics On Lend-Lease

Approximately 90 per cent of the medical supplies and equipment required by the United States Army in the ETO are being furnished by the British, the Medical Procurement Section, Headquarters, SOS, announced.

Nearly all the 1,600 items on the United States medical procurement program in the United Kingdom for 1944 have been allocated by the British under reverse lend-lease, the section said.

Although the program has been worked out on a long-range basis, there were instances where emergencies were met immediately. Twenty-six American surgical teams were equipped in one week by the British Ministry of Supply with more than £50,000 worth of surgical supplies and equipment.

Among the items furnished will be a supply of the newly developed Stannard Irrigation Envelopes, a dressing for burns which has replaced the American type wet dressing. The Stannard dressing was developed after successful use by the RAF following the discovery that constant saline baths heal burns quickly.

All the smallpox vaccines needed by the American troops are being furnished as they are needed, doing away with the necessity of keeping large supplies on hand.

June Arms Output Again Below Military Schedules

WASHINGTON, July 25—For the second consecutive month production for the U.S. Army fell below schedule in June, but the Department of Commerce said that the general leveling off of arms output in recent months was due principally to temporary factors—changes in the types of war material needed.

Once the required adaptation in manufacturing processes, administrative arrangements and schedules was completed, the department said, production would resume its upward curve, although at a slower pace, until the war-time peak was reached.

The failure to meet the Army production schedules in June was disclosed by Robert P. Paterson, Assistant Secretary of War, who is acting-secretary in the absence of Henry L. Stimson.

Planes Drop Mail Sacks To New Guinea Outposts

WASHINGTON, July 25—Mail sacks are now being dropped by USAAF fighter planes to ground troops in advanced positions in New Guinea.

Reporting to the War Department, Lt. Hayes D. Brown, of Wiggins, Miss., pilot of the first delivery plane, said "The troops had been told we were on our way, so they were waiting in clearings when I flew over the trees at an elevation of about 100 feet and tossed the sacks overboard. There were about two letters for every man."

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Bombers Claim Record War Bond Sale in ETO

HQ. — BOMB GROUP, July 25—This post claims Sgt. Andrew J. Saunders, of Waverly, Tenn., is the record War Bond buyer in the ETO.

In one purchase, Sgt. Saunders bought \$3,750 worth of bonds from Capt. John P. Duncan, of St. Louis, bond officer. Sgt. Saunders has purchased a total of \$5,000 worth of bonds.

Mayor Fires Obese Women

NEW YORK, July 25—Mayor F. H. LaGuardia has put six overweight policewomen on the retired list. "He's no nymph himself," one of them said.

Handle Dried Eggs Like a Girl, Treat Them Nice, Chef Advises

By Sheamus McWhite
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

AN AIR DEPOT, N.I., July 25—Leave it to a civilian to bring cheese cake into the kitchen. J. R. Higgason, civilian chef at the hospital here, doesn't mix it with the food, but he stirs his batter with knowledge gained from years of experience with women and victuals.

Higgason has a suggestion for Army cooks using powdered eggs: "Remember that they must be handled like women. Treat them nice and they will do anything for you."

Caution must be observed, however, he points out. High heat will toughen and spoil eggs of any kind.

His main thesis is that dried eggs can be as satisfactory as fresh eggs if cooked properly.

Some of the things dried eggs have done for chef Higgason in return for proper treatment are: Cup custard or custard pie that his patrons demand

Yanks, London Cabbies To Vie at Checkers

American soldiers have been challenged by London taxi-drivers—to a checker tournament.

L. H. Devant, secretary of the "Badgers," the taxi-drivers' checkers club, issued the challenge through the Washington Club, and soldiers there are organizing a team to meet the drivers. At least eight pairs of players are expected to take part.

Bob Hope Starts Last ETO Tour

Comedian Ends Theater Performances Sunday In London Show

Bob Hope starts his last ETO tour today in Scotland. Then, after a Northern Ireland trip, he will return to London Sunday for his last show in the British Isles at the Odeon Theater, Leicester Sq.

Only soldiers of CBS and the Allied forces can be admitted because of the limited number of seats, the Theatrical Section of Special Service, SOS, announced yesterday.

Officers' tickets are available at Special Service, CBS, and those for enlisted men may be obtained from their unit special service officers.

Hope's USO-Camp Show played Friday to the recently arrived WAAC contingent.

Eight More on Tour

Eight other shows are on tour this week. Two which have played regularly—"Yvette and Her GI Gang" and "Hollywood Time," starring Adolphe Menjou and Grace Grydals—are not booked. Yvette has given her last ETO performance.

Hank Ladd's "High Lites and Hilarity" is scheduled for the Swindon area, and "Rudy Starita and His Starlites" go to points around Preston.

"Fun Marches On," featuring Don Rice, is in the Bury St. Edmunds district; "Bally Laffs" around Andover, and Hal Le Roy's "Broadway Time" in the Bristol area.

Willie Shore's "Band Wagon" is scheduled for a second week around Birmingham, "Jive Time" remains in the Norwich district, and "Show Time" plays points around London.

WAACS Stage First Show

WAAC REPLACEMENT DEPOT, England, July 25—The first WAACS to give a cabaret show in this country appeared with Bob Hope and Francis Langford at an officers' dance at this depot.

The MC was Pfc Margie Belle Needham, of Los Angeles, who is secretary to the Society of Motion Picture Artists before she came into the WAACS. Pvt. Oona M. Murray, of Monterey, Cal., conducted a chorus and sang. A Hawaiian dance (with grass skirts) was performed by Pfc Monica Webber, St. Paul, Minn.; Clare Dickman, San Francisco; Mary B. Wahl, Fairfax, Minn., and Pvt. Eldene Vincent, Vallejo, Cal.

Pfc Margaret E. Streibich, of Advance, Ind., and Evelyn O'Neill, of Washington, played the piano.

Soldiers Select Favorite Tunes for 'Forces Choice'

American troops in the ETO can select their own favorites for "Forces Choice," a program of popular recordings broadcast over BBC each Sunday at 5:20 PM.

The program is designed for the fighting services and the home front workers behind them. Each weekly feature is dedicated to one of the Allied services, and an "all-American" program rolls around about every four weeks. Requests should be mailed to "Forces Choice," BBC, Bristol.

BBC "American features" include Fred Allen, Sunday at 12:35, Command Performance, Monday at 7 PM; Mail Call, Thursday at 9:25 PM, and Jack Benny, Friday at 9:25 PM.

Streamlined Phone Book

CHICAGO, July 25—The Chicago Telephone Company has saved 15 tons of paper by streamlining its new phone book. The book carries 25,000 more listings than last year's edition.

Eight Donations Boost Orphans' Fund to £26,055

July Among Best Months Yet, With £472.19.7 In One Week

Eight contributions amounting to £472 19s. 7d. boosted The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund to £26,055 8s. 2d. over the weekend, and fund headquarters reported July already is one of the best months for donations since the fund was launched ten months ago.

One of the contributions recorded over the weekend was the second of £20 from men of the Eighth Air Force Rest Home-2/Lt. Royal Firman Jr., said the amount needed to make up the £20 was collected from a visiting general who turned up without his "short snorter." Those who were paid a dollar by the general turned the money over to the fund.

From HQ of an Ordnance Depot came £107 1s. 10d. to aid "a worthy and needy orphan." The money was sent to the fund by Maj. John M. K. Davis on behalf of his men.

Blondes Favored

Blue-eyed blondes were favored by two units, both of which collected the necessary £100 to help an orphan for five years. Capt. Louis E. Scheuler, of an air operations station, sent £102 7s. 9d. from men under his command, while Capt. Dan A. Ritchley Jr. turned over £100 collected from men in an Infantry regiment.

Chaplain Eugene L. Lamb passed on a request from soldiers "under my spiritual care" to help a four- or five-year-old Catholic girl with £100 they raised in a month.

A partial contribution of £33 10s. was received from Lt. Riordan, of an Air Force Bomb Group, which already has sponsored two orphans and is on its way to a third.

The last two contributions, of £5 each, came from Sgt. L. Wood, of an Air Force Bomb Squadron, to the General Fund, and from the personnel of a General Hospital who asked that the money be used as a gift to their orphan, David S.

Air Force Unit to Sponsor A 'Fat Boy War Orphan'

A USAAF RECLAMATION STATION, England, July 25—Funds to sponsor a "fat boy war orphan" are being raised by the 54 men and two officers of this unit.

Half of the required amount was contributed at the first dance in this area held by American troops. A dance Aug. 15 commemorating the outfit's first anniversary in the ETO is expected to produce the additional £50.

Committee in charge of the drive includes Capt. John L. Saunders, 2/Lt. James Litman, of Springfield, Mass.; S/Sgt. G. R. Smith and Pfc Fred Gutwein, of Eagle Rock, Cal.

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- 7.05—Fibber McGee and Molly—with the Kings Men.
- 7.30—Your Broadway and Mine—Frank Sinatra, Allen Reed, Dorothy Gish, Olive Landick and the Golden Gate Quartet.
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- 8.10—Fred Waring Program.
- 8.25—Miniature—A musical Spot.
- 8.30—Front Line Theater—"Love Comes to the Great Gildersleeve" with Fibber McGee and Molly, Tommy Dorsey and his orchestra.
- 9.00—World News (BBC).
- 9.10—Moods in Music.
- 9.30—Fitch Bandwagon—Carmen Cavallero and his Rumba Band.
- 10.00—Final Edition—Latest world, sports, and American troops news, presented by your Stars and Stripes reporters.
- 10.15—Gene Krupa's Orchestra.
- 10.30—Sign off until 5.45 PM Tuesday, July 27.

Army Wants to Know How You Like AFN

The Special Service Section has asked The Stars and Stripes to request service men and women to submit their answers to the following questions:

1. Have you listened to any of the American Forces Network radio programs?
2. If so, how was the reception?
3. What is your APO number?
4. Have you any program suggestions?

Mail this form to the American Forces Network, care of The Stars and Stripes, Printing House Square, London, ECA.

Cardinals Lead Bums by Six and a Half Games

Redbirds Blank Giants, Braves; Yanks 7 Ahead

Dodger Outfield Sets New Major League Mark For Putouts

NEW YORK, July 25—The St. Louis Cardinals' pitching staff did the brunt of the work for the world champions over the weekend—and proceeded to add another game to the Redbird lead over the Brooklyn Dodgers as St. Louis racked up a 1-0 victory over the Giants on Friday and then came through with a 4-0 whitewash of the Braves last night.

Harry Gumbert and Howie Krist authored the 1-0 triumph on Friday setting the New Yorkers down with five hits. Kendall Chase, pitching for the Giants until the eighth, gave the Redbirds six hits, losing his seventh, while Gumbert was the winner.

Max Lanier, veteran southpaw, pitched and batted the Cards to their victory over the Braves. Lanier held Boston to four hits, singled twice to drive in the first St. Louis tally in the fourth and scored the final run in the seventh. Not a Brave got past first after the second inning. Manny Salvo, who went the distance, gave up ten blows and lost his third of the year.

Cubs Celebrate

The setback by the Cardinals was the second horse collar for the Braves in two days. Celebrating Manager Jimmy Wilson's 43rd birthday on Friday, the Cubs whacked Boston, 5-0, then, on Saturday, took up where the Cards left off by trouncing the Giants, 7-1.

Claude Passeau heaved five-hit ball in Friday's tilt, while Jim Tobin was banged for the defeat, his seventh. Bill Lohman was the loser yesterday as Hank Wyse won his fourth game in a row and his fourth of the season, allowing eight hits.

The Dodgers started off on the right foot Friday, clipping the Reds, 2-0, but they stumbled badly as they moved to Pittsburgh yesterday, losing to the Bucs, 6-1.

Friday, the Dodger outfield of Louis Olmo in left, Augie Galan center, and Frenchie Bordagaray in right equalled the major league record for the most outfield putouts in one game when they retired 18 Reds while Whit Wyatt blanked Cincinnati, 2-0. Wyatt, appearing for the first time in over three weeks, was credited with his fourth victory, while Johnny Vander Meer dropped number 11.

Sewell Notches 15th

Rip Sewell's dippy-doodle ball was working to perfection for the Pirates yesterday as he won number 15 for the season and number nine in a row. Rube Melton, Brooklyn starter, was charged with his seventh defeat.

Yesterday's decision made it two straight in two days for the Pirates. Johnny Gee, six-foot-nine right-hander, relieved Bill Brandt in the third inning and saw his mates rally with three markers in the same frame to win out over the Phillies Friday, 3-2. Al Gerheuser, hindered by three errors, was tagged for his ninth loss.

Even with a change of scenery yesterday the Phillies were unable to get back on the right side of the road, losing to the Reds at Crosley Field, 5-3. Gerald Walker's three-run double in the fourth gave Cincinnati the win. Clyde Shoun, relieving Ray Starr in the fourth, was the winner, Anton Karl the victim.

A combination of their own efforts and those of the rest of the league helped the Yankees to continue on their merry way to the American League flag. Hank Borowy joined Friday's shutout parade as gave up five hits to the Browns to take a 1-0 decision. The Yanks tallied in the second when Bill Dickey's double scored Charlie Keller from second, Keller having gotten that far on Mike Chartak's boot of Keller's grounder. Denny Galehouse gave up only three hits as he lost his eighth.



Spud Chandler

Al Hollingsworth relieved him. Yesterday the Yanks split a double-header with the White Sox but gained half a game as both the Tigers and the Senators were set down. The Bombers took their opener at the Stadium, 5-1, then dropped the nightcap, 5-3.

Spud Chandler notched his 12th victory in the first game, allowing the Sox but five hits while the Bombers blasted out 11. The Sox turned around in the second to garner 12 blows off Marius Russo who suffered his fourth loss, while Edgar Smith, reinstated by Manager Jim Dykes, chalked up number six.

After smashing the Washington Senators, 12-6, Friday, and climbing into second place, the Detroit Tigers moved up to Shibe Park expecting to clean up at the expense of the Athletics—and proceeded to take it on the chin, 8-4. The victory yesterday broke an eight game losing streak for the A's with Herman Besse credited with his first victory. Prince Henry Oana was the loser, his second setback.

A tight ball game at Griffiths Stadium erupted all over the place Friday night

Dodgers Want Geary, Ex-Pirate Shortstop

BUFFALO, July 25—Huck Geary, Pittsburgh's homesick shortstop, wants to play minor league ball here, his home town. Geary jumped the Bucs some time ago and has been placed on the suspended list.

Meanwhile, the Brooklyn Dodgers, with Arkie Vaughan suffering stomach trouble, are reported after Geary. The only fly in the ointment is the fact that the Pirates still own Geary's contract and whatever move is made must be made with Pirate approval.

Ranger Stars In WBS Meet

Wounded in Africa, Scores In Three Events, Cops Diving Title

TAMWORTH, July 25—A Ranger, wounded in the North African campaign and now recovering in rehabilitation hospital, and an MP, monopolized the honors in the WBS swimming and diving contest here today, held to determine entries for the ETO Championships at Marshall Street Baths, London, Aug. 8.

The Ranger, Pvt. William Sawon, of Stubenville, Ohio, took first place in the 66 and two-third yard free style with a time of 40 seconds, and the 66 and two-third yard back stroke swimming it in 61 seconds. He also swam as a member of the winning team in the free style event and copped the diving crown to boot.

The MP, Pvt. Al Molzahn, of Chicago, took the 100-yard free style in one minute, 14 and six-tenths seconds, the 200-yard free style in two minutes, 52 and four-tenths seconds, and was also on the winning team in the free style relay.

Other results of the meet were as follows:

66 2/3 yard breast stroke—Pvt. Dur-

gin, Brooklyn. Time 51.2 seconds.

100-yard individual medley—S/Sgt. Manny Hamburger, Marshalltown, Iowa.

Time—One minute, 39.2 seconds.

Four-man free style relay—Cpl. Ed. Klun, Ely, Minn.; Pvt. Joseph Smith, Bronx, N.Y.; Pvt. William Sawon, Stubenville, Ohio; and Pvt. Al Molzahn, Chicago.

Griffiss Engineers Rap Headquarters Nine, 4-2

CAMP GRIFFISS, July 25—The Engineers edged — Headquarters, 4-2, to cop the baseball championship here. T/Sgt. Al Smith, of New York, homered with one on for the Isers.

S/Sgt. William Gyrofi, of Proctor, Vt., gave up three base runs, while his teammates collected nine hits off Sgt. Al Jenkins, of Rocky Mount, N.C.

as the Bengals smashed the Senators, 12-6. Tied, 4-4, at the end of the nine innings, the Detroiters chased two Washington pitchers in the tenth with an eight-run outburst which netted Tommy Bridges his eighth decision of the year. The Nats managed to get two runs off Bridges and Hal Newhouse in the home half of the inning, but that wasn't good enough. Rae Scarborough was the loser.

The Senators could do little better against the Indians yesterday, going down, 2-0, before Allie Reynolds' two-hit pitching. Friday, Ray Macks' homer in the seventh defeated the Athletics, 1-0. Mel Harder won the game. Don Black was on the short end of the mound battle. Harder yielded three hits. Hank Edwards did the damage yesterday at Washington in the sixth inning with one man aboard. Mickey Heafner was tagged with his third defeat.

After splitting a double-header with the White Sox Friday, the Red Sox went on yesterday to pound the St. Louis Browns, 5-3, on George Metkovich's first homer of the season in the fifth with two on. Bobo Newsom was the victim of the winning blow and also the victim of Oscar Judd's liner which hit Bobo on the head and bounced into center field. Bobo retired at the end of the stanza. Judd was the winner.

The Red Sox took the opener of Friday's twin bill with the Chisox, 8-7, Chicago coming back in the second, 5-1. Reliever Snipe Woods was the winner.

The White Sox scored four runs in the fourth of the second contest as Catcher Vince Castino's homer cleared the bases. Buck Ross went the distance for Chicago as Heber Newsome was charged with the setback, his eighth.

Blondie

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



by Chic Young

Not Washington's Huskies, But Fliers on Thames



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

The first American crew ever to compete in the Borough of Kingston regatta rows up to the starting mark before Saturday's event. Representing the Eighth Air Force were, left to right: Cpl. Thomas Budington, Old Greenwich, Conn.; Lt. Lawrence Nichols, Weston, Mass.; Lt. Charles Allen, Fulton, N.Y.; Sgt. James Braddee Jr., San Diego, Cal., and Lt. Verle Bevelacqua, Scarsdale, N.Y.

Canadians Have Veteran Nine For Wembley Tilt With Clowns

By Ray Lee

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The opening tilt of the double-header scheduled for Aug. 7th, at Wembley Stadium, will find the CMHQ nine taking on the CBS Clowns with three men who have been team mates since 1933. The second game of the twin bill will pit the All-Stars of the ETO ground forces against the Eighth Air Force All-Stars in the first all-professional game here since the White Sox and the Yanks played in 1918.

Two of these stars will be seen in action around the keystone position, when Shortstop Lt. Jack Richardson, of Guelph, Ont., and manager and Second Baseman Sgt. Pete Giovannella, of Kirkland Lake, Ont., go into action in one of the best infield combinations seen here this season. The third member of the trio that got their start on the school diamonds of Kirkland Lake ten years ago will be Sapper Don Price, center fielder, who is also from Kirkland Lake, Ont. Price, who has an excellent throwing arm, covers plenty of ground in the garden.

The Canadians' mound staff will have two star hurlers in S/Sgt. Ed Smith, of Kingston, Ont., and Sgt. T. Knibbs, another right-hander, who hails from Swift Current, Saskatchewan. These two have built up an enviable string of victories, Knibbs having recently fanned 15 batters while allowing only three hits against the Canadian General Hospital.

Receiving for either of the moundsmen will be Sgt. Bob Sutherst, of Hamilton, Ont., a fast thinker who specializes in cutting runners off at second. Sutherst also will come in handy at the plate.

On Winning Squad Last Year

Besides Smith and Giovannella, the Clowns will also be up against four other men who aided in the Canadian 5-3 victory over the Americans at Wembley Stadium last year. They are Cpl. Jim Smith, Toronto, another good backstop; S/Sgt. Al Fleming, Halifax, at third base; Cpl. Pete Armstrong, Toronto, a strong southpaw hurler; and another outfielder, Cpl. Stanley, of Ottawa. These men have been regular players on the CMHQ nine since it was first organized last year.

Others on the roster are: LAC Whitby, Guelph, Ont., pitcher; Lt. Lanoix, Montreal; F/O Battersby, Toronto, utility infielder 1b; Lt. Charles Blakeman, Toronto, outfield; Pvt. Frank Bartell, Toronto, outfield, and P/O Lutes, Toronto, outfield.

Although the CMHQ team will be made up of men from various units in England, including everything from pilot officers to headquarters clerks, manager Giovannella says, "We'll show Red Schapiro (manager of the Clowns) and his boys just how the American game of baseball should be played."

Drysdale Wins in Backstroke

The only American entered in the Swimming Gala held at the Marshall Street Baths here Saturday night, 1/Lt. Taylor Drysdale, of Detroit, won the 100-yard back stroke event in one minute, ten and four-tenths seconds. Lt. S. Graham Huxtable, who holds the Welsh title with the time of one minute, five and three-tenths seconds, was four seconds behind. When told his time, Lt. Huxtable remarked: "The blasted war!"

Flier Crewmen Lose to Police

Spurt Fails to Overcome Early Lead of Winners

KINGSTON, July 25—For the first time in the history of the event, spectators saw a crew of American servicemen row in the annual Borough of Kingston regatta yesterday, when the Eighth Air Force crew lost to the experienced Metropolitan Police in the second heat of the Services Four race.

Although nosed out at the finish line, the fliers surprised the crowd of approximately 2,000 that lined the banks of the Thames. Led by coxswain Lt. Veryl Bevelacqua, of Scarsdale, N.Y., the Americans sprinted too late to overcome the length and a half lead which the police took at the start of the race and finished the five-eighths of a mile stretch half a length behind.

The crew got a laugh when the Yanks carried out the old tradition of ducking the losing coxswain. Lt. Bevelacqua went into the river immediately following the race.

The crew is coached by Capt. Ed Litchfield and consists of the following oarsmen: Cpl. Thomas Budington, Old Greenwich, Conn.; Lt. Lawrence Nichols, Weston, Mass.; Lt. Charles Allen, Fulton, N.Y., and Sgt. James Braddee Jr., San Diego, Cal.

Hans Crescent Golfers Take Match at Selsden

The American Red Cross Hans Crescent club golf team made it 11 victories against one defeat yesterday, when they beat the Selsden Park team 14 and one-half to six and one-half in the singles, and four and one-half to two and one-half in the four-ball matches, played over the Selsden Park course.

Hans Crescent players were: Cpl. Stan Remsen, Pomencke, Long Island, N.J.; Sgt. Eli Thomas, Pittsburgh; Cpl. Rick Famin, Delaware Water Gap, Pa.; S/Sgt. John Vensberg, Chicago; Sgt. Walter Kupiec, Chicapec, Mass.; Cpl. Don Piene, Springfield, Ill.; Cpl. Dick Austin, Lynn, Mass.; Pvt. Joe Doyle, Long Island, N.Y.; Cpl. Ed Sullivan, Hartford, Conn.; Sgt. John Anderson, Beverly Hills, Cal.; Howard Scoggins, ARC, Baltimore.

Kid Cocoa Suspended

PHILADELPHIA, July 25—Louis Kid Cocoa's boxing license has been revoked by the Pennsylvania Boxing Commission because Cocoa failed to show up for a fight with Jose Basora, a Puerto Rican, last Monday night. Commissioner Leon Raines also suspended Manager Bernie Bernstein, asking the National Boxing Association and New Jersey Boxing Commission to do likewise.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, Printing House Sq., London, E.C.4.

Small leather attache case and traveling bag with zipper fastener, in U.S. Army ambulance by ATS officer given up on way to Paddington, July 21. Contact J/Comdr. M. Trevor, ATS, through this department.

GOLF matches: Cheltenham Red Cross team wants to meet other teams (eight men). Contact Mary Daugherty, Queen's Hotel, Cheltenham, Glos.

Lost and Found: FOUND: PURSE with a sum of money. Loser should address Lt. Col. S. A. McMillion, Engineer Section.

Haegg Sets New American Mile Mark of 4:5.3

Rebels, Wolves Knockout Drops Lead SOS Loop

League Leaders Unbeaten In Second Half Season Play

By M. M. Robins

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent
SOS HQ., July 25—The Stalin Wolves, the Churchill Kayo Drops and the Roosevelt Rebels, each with five victories and no losses, now hold undisputed possession of first place in the Special Service Unit's softball league. The Chain Gang, tied for first with the Wolves at last report, dropped a contest to them to fall back into second place, a game behind. Both the Drops and the Rebels are a game and a half ahead of their nearest rivals.

In the Stalin circuit, the Wolves made it five straight this second of the season by stopping the Chain Gang, 15-7, and the Kings, 5-3. It was their first clash with the Gang—and an important one because the teams were tied for first place. Winning moundsman, Capt. A. T. Hingle, of San Antonio, Texas, went the distance yielding 11 hits. His mates collected ten raps from Pfc John Dzubinski, of Pittsburgh. Capt. E. A. Monier, of W. Medford, Mass., hit a homer for the Wolves in the seventh frame.

In the Kings' contest, the Wolves had to come from behind to win. The Kings tallied all their runs in the first inning, and it wasn't until the fourth that the Wolves were able to take the lead with two runs to make the score, 4-3. Capt. Hingle notched another victory, this time at the expense of 2/Lt. William C. Wilford, of San Francisco, who was touched for six hits, one less than the number given up by his rival.

Gang Breaks Even

The Chain Gang broke even with an easy win over the Pubs, 12-0. Dzubinski twirled a masterpiece, striking out 12 and allowing only two hits. First baseman Pvt. Grake, of Shinnston, W. Va., with a double, and Pfc Kubicina, of Warren, Ohio, short fielder, were the big guns for the winners. Cpl. H. G. Murray, of Waynesboro, Ga., reached for 11 blows, was the losing pitcher.

The Rebels continue to lead the pack in the Roosevelt loop, having trounced the Aces, 11-1, and annexed a forfeit game from the Bumble Bees. Pfc Phil Hoffman, of Baltimore, Md., had little trouble with the Aces, setting them down with five hits. The Bumble Bees, league champions of the first half of the season, have never been beaten on the diamond, but were chalked up with five losses due to games forfeited "for military reasons."

Bombers Burn SSUs

The Flaming Bombers burned the SSUs, 5-3. Sgt. John Cowin, of Pittsburgh, winning twirler, allowed three hits while his mates gathered in nine from the offerings of Sgt. Joseph V. Santoro, of Mamaroneck, N.Y. The SSUs turned on the MRUs to edge them out, 4-3. The losers, who haven't regained the winning stride which won them the title in the first half, held the lead 1-0, until the fourth inning, when the SSUs tied it up with S/Sgt. Carmen E. Mercadante, of Amsterdam, N.Y., blasting a triple to bring in S/Sgt. George W. Drago, of Port Chester, N.Y., who had walked. Three more runs in the sixth iced the game for the SSUs. Sgt. Andrew J. Tack, of Elizabeth, N.J., was the losing pitcher.

The seventh-place Spartans spilled the third-place Gophers, 6-4, in another close game. Cpl. Frederick Foley, of Somerville, Mass., relief pitcher, was credited with the win, besting Pfc Norman Parker, of Ridgewood, N.J.

Wessel Hurls One-Hitter

In the Churchill League the Kayo Drops kept up their blistering pace, subduing the Rangers, 10-3, and the Royal Aces, 9-4. Their ace hurler, Cpl. John T. Gapko, of Milwaukee, Wis., allowed as many hits as runs in both games. He was helped in each contest by the hard slugging of Pvt. Elbert C. Lewey, of St. Louis, and Pvt. Al Rogoff, of New York, both of whom poked out extra-base blows. Pitcher 1/Sgt. S. J. Wessel, of Pittsburgh, balanced his Aces' loss with a one-hit performance over the luckless Jr. Commandos, 2-1, making it four out of five games which the Commandos have lost by one run.

The Mobs had an even split in their games, taking the Sad Sacks, 1-0, and losing to the Medics Aces by the same score. Cpl. Joe Golinkoff, of Brooklyn, won the first with a four-hit effort. His opponent on the mound, Pvt. George Traverso, of Jackson Heights, L.I., yielded three hits, but received poor support. Medics Aces Pvt. Pete O'Shea, of New York, hooked up in a pitchers' battle with Mobs' Pfc Marshall M. Harbart, of Michigan City, Ind., and came out on top by a whisker's breadth. O'Shea was nicked for two hits, while Harbart yielded three.

The league standings:

Stalin	Churchill	Roosevelt									
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.			
Wolves	5	0	1.000	KO Drops	3	1	.750	MRUs	2	3	.400
Chain Gang	4	1	.800	Royal Aces	3	1	.750	Aces	2	3	.400
G.H. Gang	2	2	.500	Medics Aces	3	3	.500	Academy	2	4	.333
Rebels	2	2	.500	Mobs	3	3	.500	Commandos	2	4	.333
Diamonds	1	1	.500	Rangers	1	3	.250	Chain Gang	1	4	.200
Ramblers	1	4	.200	Sad Sacks	1	4	.200	Chain Gang	1	4	.200
Pubs	0	3	.000	Jr. Com'dos	0	3	.000	Chain Gang	1	4	.200
				Sad Socks	0	3	.000	Chain Gang	1	4	.200

Slide Rule Captures Arlington Handicap

CHICAGO, July 25—Slide Rule, owned by William E. Boeing, bested a field of eight three-year-olds in winning the 15th annual Arlington Classic, worth better than \$50,000.

Breaking fifth from the barrier, Jockey Zufelt held that spot to the half-mile pole, then started to pull to victory. He moved to third at three-quarters and second at the mile.

In the last quarter-mile he beat Bourmont by one length. The favored Chop-Chop ran third, the time for the winner being two minutes, four and three-tenths seconds. It was far short of the track record of two minutes, two seconds, set by Gallant Knight in 1932.

Four-Way Tie For Open Title

White, Haefner, Harbert, Jug McSpaden Card 211s

CHICAGO, July 25—Deadlocked for first place in the year's richest golf event with three-round scores of 211 are Sgt. Clayton Haefner, of Spartansburg, S.C.; Melvin Harbert, of Battle Creek, Mich., an aviation cadet; Harold "Jug" McSpaden, of Merion, Pa., and Buck White, of Greenwood, Miss., in the All-America Open at the Tam O'Shanter club here. The finals will be held today.

Haefner and McSpaden each shot a 68 while Harbert and White scored 70s. All four missed big chances to move out in front. Haefner muffed his opportunity by hitting two tee shots out of bounds on the 405-yard number six hole. Harbert three-putted two holes, then drove the ball into the lake at the long number 15 hole.

McSpaden blew his chance when he drove out of bounds at the sixth hole and three-putted on the 12th green. White missed ten-foot putts five holes in a row. Despite their hard luck, their aggregate total of 211 is five under par.

Patty Berg Leads Women

Jimmy Demaret stroked a 67 to move into second place, one stroke behind the leaders. At one time tied with Wilford Wehrle for top honors, Willie Goggin shot a 73 for a total of 213. Wehrle got a 75, making his total 215. Byron Nelson also had 215 along with Byrdon Härke, of Bensenville, Ill.; Frank Commisso, of Rochester, N.Y.; Lloyd Mangrum, of Los Angeles; Jim Ferrier, of Chicago, and Bill Kaiser, of Louisville, Ky.

Dale Morey, ex-LSU athlete, of Martinsville, Ind., won the All-America amateur tourney by defeating Bob Cochran, of Chicago, four and three. One down at the end of the morning round, Morey took charge in the afternoon, going ahead on the 23rd hole and staying out front the rest of the way.

Patty Berg of Minneapolis, still holds the women's lead with a 228 score. Betty Hicks, of Long Beach, Cal., is second with 234 and Kaye Byrne, of Rye, N.Y., is third with 240.

Rifle Team Issues Challenge

—ORDNANCE DEPOT, July 25—This unit's rifle squad, after defeating a Home Guard team, 895-745 (enlisted men) and 547-433 (officers), wishes matches with any SOS unit in the ETO. Units interested should write the Sports Editor, The Stars and Stripes, Printing House Sq., London, E.C.4.

Comeback Queen

By Pap



Air Force Meet Persley Stops At Twickenham Cruz Nevarez

The top-notch swimmers and divers of the Eighth Air Force will compete for first-place honors in the finals of the Air Force eliminations to be held tonight at Twickenham Baths. This will be the third preliminary aquatic meet before The Stars and Stripes championships to be held in London Aug. 8.

The first event will start at 7 PM. More than 50 entrants are slated to make an appearance, with the first, second and third place winners receiving medals and the victorious team a cup. Col. C. H. Welch, assistant chief of staff for the Eighth Air Force, will make the presentations.

Although the same events to be used in the ETO championships will be used in tonight's meet, the distances have been set at 55 yards, 110 yards and 220 yards, inasmuch as the length of the pool is 55 yards.

Mickey Cianci Scores Over Alex Salazar in Second

LIVERPOOL, July 25—Sgt. Mickey Cianci, of Philadelphia, stopped Pvt. Alex Salazar, of Denver, in the second round of a scheduled four-rounder here Saturday night, a feature of British benefit, staged in aid of the Liverpool Civil Defense Sports Fund.

Cianci reddened Salazar's nose early in the second round and, at the end of the round, officials stopped the fight, even though Salazar wanted to continue. Both fighters have appeared in fights at the Rainbow Corner in London. Cianci is senior welterweight champ of the Eighth Air Force, and Salazar is from the Engineers.

Behnen Holds 'Derry Sailors

LONDON, July 25—Pvt. Ed "Deacon" Behnen struck out 11 batters while the Blues vanquished the USNOB nine, 6-1, here. Sgt. Harry Barney, of Boston, was the losing pitcher. At Belfast, the Pelicans knocked over the Pill Rollers, 9-4.

Marshall Wayne Now Diving a P38

By Sid Schapiro
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A USAAF STATION, July 25—In 1936 Marshall Wayne travelled to Berlin and returned to America an Olympic diving champion. Today, Maj. Marshall Wayne is looking forward to the day soon when he will do his diving over Berlin in a P38 Lightning.

The 29-year-old former aquatic star is now the squadron commander of a photo reconnaissance outfit at this station. Wayne got his "wings" in October, 1941, when he completed advanced flight training at Maxwell Field, Ala., where he was commissioned a second lieutenant.

He always wanted to make a name for himself, so he could capitalize on it. As he puts it, frankly: "I love the spirit of competition if it leads to a pot of gold."

Made a Name For Himself

Marshall Wayne did make a name for himself—in 1934, 1935 and 1936—when he thrice won the National AAU high-diving title. Then came the Olympic Games.

In the high board event—10 meters or 33 feet—Wayne topped the list of 26 finalists with 113.58 points. Another finalist with 110.60, Two Germans, place honors with 110.60. Two Germans, place honors with 110.60. Two Germans, place honors with 110.31



and 110.15 respectively. In fifth position, with 108.61, was Frank Kurtz, who is now a colonel in the Army Air Force and told the story which led to the currently popular "Queens Die Proudly."

Dodds, Second, Also Below Time Of Old Record

Swede Also Lowers Mark For 1,500 Meter Event

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., July 25—Gunder Haegg came through with a record here yesterday, running the fastest outdoor mile in American history, the time being four minutes, five and three-tenths seconds.

Giving a ten-yard handicap to Bill Hulse, America's best half-miler, and 25 yards to Bob Knowles, Springfield College freshman, and starting from scratch with Gil Dodds and Don Burnham, Haegg took command at the quarter. Here he passed Knowles, with a time of 58 and two-tenths seconds. The field at the quarter was: Haegg, Knowles, Hulse, Burnham and Dodds.

During the second quarter, Dodds caught Haegg, the time being two minutes one and nine-tenths seconds. Haegg was in front at the third quarter, with the crowd yelling for a record. The time here was three minutes one and three-tenths seconds. In the final quarter, Hulse and Dodds kept close after Haegg, pressing the Swede to a record.

Dodds Also Batters Mark

Dodds ran second, also bettering Glenn Cunningham's American outdoor record of four minutes six and seven-tenths seconds. Hulse ran third, but for half of the last lap threatened to finish second.

The race was Haegg's greatest effort since landing in the United States seven weeks ago, when he stated it would take seven weeks to get in top shape. He also broke the American outdoor 1,500 meter mark, doing it in three minutes 47 and eight-tenths seconds last night.

The charity event for the Air Force saw Edward Greenidge, of New York, win the 100 yard dash in nine and six-tenths seconds and the 220-yard dash, in each case being followed by Herb Thompson, of Jersey City.

Minor League Results

International League

Friday's Games

Baltimore 4, Jersey City 0 (first game)
Jersey City 6, Baltimore 1 (second game)
Syracuse 3, Newark 0
Toronto 4, Rochester 2
Buffalo 5, Montreal 3

Saturday's Games

Baltimore 5, Jersey City 4
Syracuse 1, Newark 0
Montreal 7, Buffalo 6
Toronto 2, Rochester 1 (19 innings)

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Toronto	61	.39	Rochester	44	.473
Newark	51	.42	Baltimore	42	.472
Montreal	48	.46	Buffalo	43	.50
Syracuse	46	.45	Jersey City	39	.411

Eastern League

Friday's Games

Binghamton 7, Wilkes-Barre 5
Albany 7, Springfield 5
Hartford 4, Elmira 1
Scranton 13, Utica 6

Saturday's Games

Elmira 16, Scranton 2
Binghamton 7, Wilkes-Barre 1
Utica 13, Hartford 6
Albany 7, Springfield 3

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Scranton	52	.24	Elmira	43	.37
Albany	45	.35	Hartford	38	.487
Wilkes-Barre	43	.34	Springfield	31	.458
Binghamton	45	.37	Utica	16	.208

American Association

Friday's Games

Milwaukee 4, Toledo 3
Columbus 5, Kansas City 4
Minneapolis 12, Indianapolis 9
Louisville 5, St. Paul 2

Saturday's Games

St. Paul 4, Indianapolis 3
Milwaukee 9, Columbus 6
Kansas City 7, Toledo 6
Louisville 3, Minneapolis 0

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Milwaukee	48	.31	Minneapolis	42	.448
Indianapolis	47	.35	Louisville	39	.476
Columbus	46	.38	St. Paul	38	.447
Toledo	42	.43	Kansas City	30	.370

Southern Association

Friday's Games

Knoxville 7, Nashville 4
Montgomery 4, Atlanta 2
Little Rock 3, Memphis 0 (first game)

Saturday's Games

Atlanta 10, Montgomery 9
Nashville 8, Knoxville 5
No other games scheduled.

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
New Orleans	13	6	Montgomery	14	.500
Little Rock	14	10	Nashville	9	.11
Knoxville	11	8	Atlanta	10	.16
Memphis	13	12	Birmingham	6	.1316

Pacific Coast League

Friday's Games

San Francisco 13, San Diego 3
Los Angeles 2, Sacramento 1 (first game)
Sacramento 4, Los Angeles 1 (second game)
Oakland 3, Portland 2 (first game)
Portland 1, Oakland 0 (second game)

Saturday's Games

Los Angeles 6, Sacramento 0
Oakland 7, Portland 2
San Diego 8, San Francisco 0
Hollywood 12, Seattle 7

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Los Angeles	72	.77	Hollywood	46	.53
San Francisco	59	.39	Seattle	45	.52
Portland	29	.49	Oakland	44	.55
San Diego	47	.53	Sacramento	32	.66

Wolves Claw Browns, 11-3; Queen Mother a Spectator

SBS HQ, July 25—Queen Mother Mary and the Duchess of Kent were the guests of honor as the Engineer Wolverines trounced the Field Artillery Browns, 11-3, in a SBS Northern League Baseball game last night.

The star of the game was T/5 John Kangas, of Munsing, Mich., who put on the best show of the season around second base and cracked out two hits to lead the Wolverines to victory.

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The Tempo Increases

Coming events cast their shadow before—and the shape of things to come is being cast in no uncertain terms by the shadow of Allied planes over enemy-held territory throughout the globe.

Large formations of heavy bombers from the U.S. Eighth Air Force have made a damaging daylight raid on industrial targets in Norway, ending a five-month air war lull in that sector.

An air offensive on the same lines as that which softened up Sicily has been launched in daylight against Crete, stepping-stone to the Balkans, by more than 100 planes of the RAF assisted by planes of the Greek Air Force.

And the Japanese are by no means being neglected in this increased tempo of air striking power. In London, Elmer Davis, OWI chief, gave a tip-off on things to come in the Pacific theater when he said that the slow yard-by-yard advances in that battle zone do not mean that an island-by-island plan of conquest has been adopted. Here, too, the tempo will increase when necessary airfields are captured.

Bearing testimony to this prophecy, Liberators have flown a 2,400-mile round trip to blast a Japanese naval base in Java, the first bombardment there since Japanese occupation.

And the U.S. Navy has announced that Thursday's air and sea bombardment of Kiska, in the Aleutians, was part of a coordinated drive to pave the way for invasion. Pilots of the Royal Canadian Air Force aided U.S. fliers in the attack.

The master pattern is taking shape piece by piece. And the pieces paint an increasingly foreboding picture for the Axis. The softening-up process is approaching the full-steam-ahead stage and the Axis is the fall guy.

Hitler Fails

Hitler's third bid for the conquest of Russia has failed. This was the triumphant message Stalin gave to the world when he announced, "Yesterday, July 23, by successful operations, our troops have completed the liquidation of the German July offensive."

On July 5 the Nazis began their push which was to see 17 panzer, three motorized and 18 German infantry divisions hurled against the Russian defenses. The world watched and asked the question, "Can the Russians do it again?"

This question has been answered in Stalin's terse, dramatic order of the day. It has been answered in figures which tell the story of a crumpling Nazi war machine—70,000 Germans killed, 2,900 tanks, 1,039 guns, 1,392 planes and more than 5,000 trucks disabled or destroyed since the offensive began.

The Red Army is this year master of the situation along the whole front for the first time since Germany's aggression. This is what Stalin's order of the day means to every Red soldier.

This news comes as the greatest tonic the Soviet people have yet had. More than ever they feel that the moment for a supreme effort under the coordinated strategy of all the Allies has come.

And make no mistake, this superb Soviet effort has done much to set the stage for world-shaking events and hastened the approach of the moment when the curtain will rise on the grand finale of waning Axis military supremacy.

Rats!

The manpower shortage, we hear, has robbed many municipal centers back home of their professional "rat catcher." Women just won't touch the job.

And here the American girls can take a tip from their sisters across the sea who work for the British Pest Control Office and have made quite a success of ridding rat-infested areas.

Say the British lassies, "We think of each rat as a Nazi and we have no difficulty in overcoming a woman's natural dread of rodents."

So, there's your cue, Miss America. With the passing of silk stockings there's no excuse to coyly panic and raise your dress at the sight of a rodent—grab a stick and get busy. We will be convinced that America's war effort has reached its peak when we hear of the first woman rat killer.

Hash Marks

Police of Belding, Mich., pursuing 25-year-old jailbreaker, caught him after he had broken into a school room and written on the blackboard 25 times, "Never Do Anything Wrong. Always Be Honest."

Maybe the Nazis are wising up fast—some of them anyway. Lt. Oscar Slatebo reports that the group of German prisoners he escorted to the good old USA were pretty happy about the whole thing. One even asked how long it would be before he could take out citizenship papers.

A sleepy-eyed GI strolled into a Red Cross club, looked over the vast number of queues lining the spacious lobby and stepped into what he thought was the queue for bed and breakfast—but it was the line for theater tickets. The young girl at the desk looked up and said, "Do you want to take a girl?" Said the



startled GI, "Well, I hadn't thought about it." Urged the sweet young thing, still trying to do her duty, "You'll find it much nicer that way, but you don't have to make up your mind now. You can let me know later." "OK, sister, I will," mumbled the puzzled Joe, "but I'm sleepy—can I get my bed ticket NOW!"

Astounding Observations Dept.: Hearing that the Navajo Indian population is increasing three times as fast as Whites, Chief Henry Chee Lodge, 82, said: "Every white man should have three wives." Amen, brother!

Signs of the times: An 18-year-old Oregon youth, ordered to jail and fined for speeding, was released when he explained that he was hurrying on his way to an army induction center.

For weeks friends promised Roy Bethune, of Macon, Ga., that they would locate a house for him, but nobody produced. So Roy wrote a carbon letter to the 20 friends, "If we don't have a house by September we are moving in with YOU." It worked. Bethune now has a house.

Saaay, these Japanese are carrying their sabotage too far! A Snelingsgrove, Pa., man had a head-splitting case of earache. He was hurrying to the doctor by



bus when a sharp turn threw him against the side of the vehicle. The accident jolted a Japanese beetle from his ear and the earache stopped.

Out in Boise, Idaho, Freeman Frost, newspaper editor, was scheduled to lead a discussion on the manpower shortage. At the last minute he had to send a letter regretting inability to show up. He said, "I'm too short of help to get away from the shop."

J. C. W.

PRIVATE O'SHAUGHNESSY



He Makes Security Your Business

Air Force Officer Kept Busy Designing Posters in ETO

By Bryce W. Burke

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
HQ, EIGHTH AIR FORCE, July 25—Thousands of security posters are being turned out here to remind members of the American forces that lives may be lost if someone talks too much.

In every Red Cross Club in the British Isles, in pubs, restaurants and in other places where Americans gather, these brightly colored warnings strike the eye of those who tend to become talkative about matters which should be mentioned only in the presence of those known to be trustworthy.

These posters are designed by Maj. E. H. Winter, of Savannah, Ga., formerly a commercial artist and theatrical advertising man for a chain of theaters, and who is now assigned to the A-2 section here. When he started making these banners last September, Winter drew each of them by hand. For three months he made approximately 150 a week, and after that distributed them personally. He drew "write to mother" and "don't waste food" posters as well.

The demand for the posters became so great, however, that he had to find someone to reproduce them, and the — Engineers Topographical Co. (AVN) came to his rescue. Now he makes one copy and they make thousands.

"The need for security is very great right now," he explained as he worked on a new poster. "I try to turn out a new poster every month and attempt to change



Maj. E. H. Winter looks over a few of the posters he has designed to remind U.S. forces of the value of security

both the figure and the wording. I think the posters should be very simple, easy to read and to the point. The message must be put over in a very few words that can be read at a glance. The flashy colors serve to catch the eye but the poster won't be read if the message is very long," he explained as he pointed to some of his posters with such

mottos as "Take A Tip, Zip Your Lip" and "Don't Talk. Spilled Beans Means Spilled Blood."

Winter also designed the new shoulder patch for the Eighth Air Force, assisted by Sgt. Douglas Salter, of Toronto, Canada. This insignia will replace the old winged star shoulder flash worn by other Air Force men.

Yanks Greeted Like Heroes in Palermo Cheering Crowds Shower Invaders With Fruits, Nuts, Kisses

By Alexander Clifford

Representing the Combined Press
PALERMO, Sicily, July 22 (delayed)—If only Mussolini could have seen what I have seen this evening—Palermo, capital of Sicily, welcoming with delirious enthusiasm the army that had bombed and conquered it.

Palermo is the biggest enemy city the Allies have yet captured in this war, and in one brief hour its people shed 20 years of Fascist propaganda and welcomed the Americans like beloved heroes.

From Monreale, six miles from Palermo, all the way along we had been clapped and cheered. When the great armored column twisted down the mountain road into Monreale's long, narrow main street there was pandemonium waiting us.

The Carabinieri could scarcely clear a path through crowds for the tanks. The balconies of the tall narrow houses were thronged until you wondered why they did not collapse.

Everyone was there, the women in their best clothes, and all of them seemed completely hysterical. They screamed and shouted and clapped and waved flags all at once.

They grabbed you as you passed and ran alongside to shake you by the hand. On the least encouragement they kissed you.

Every time the column halted every

vehicle was inundated beneath a surging wave of people.

Flowers, almonds, apples, greengages and lemons were showered into jeeps and trucks. Some even threw melons!

As the column passed refugees yelled out advice about mines and booby traps the Italians had set in Palermo Harbor.

A priest in full vestments stood by the roadside and blessed our troops as they passed.

If you spoke three words of Italian you were lost. You had to listen to a thousand stories about what they had suffered and why they were glad to see us and how they had been waiting.

Then they would give you an Italian cigarette to show you how terrible they were, and you had to give an English or American cigarette in return.

Finally we clove our way through the throngs. Below us Palermo lay like a huge white splash of buildings spilled along the blue sea.

A Lovely City

Behind us and on both sides the mountains rose purple and jagged and dramatic. All round were woods and orchards and vineyards of emerald green. It is as lovely a site for a city as you can find anywhere. We looked down on it all for a minute and then the column started moving again. From the south, where we entered, there is one broad straight boulevard leading into the heart of the city. And at the start of it Major-General Molinero was waiting to receive the American Corps commander and surrender Palermo.

It turned out that there was some slight hitch about surrendering. To begin with, other American troops had already penetrated the streets, coming from a more easterly direction. Second, Gen. Molinero was not really in command. The commander of some armored corps was really senior, but it was not quite certain where he was.

But in any case there would be no resistance.

Wine and Kisses

Rather sharply the American commander invited the Italian to step into his staff car. He gave orders that no other vehicles were to be allowed in. Then he set off into Palermo to settle the surrender question.

With an American lieutenant and an American war correspondent I set off on foot. At first we passed small mean suburban houses with lemon groves behind them.

Then the houses grew bigger and more urban. People were sitting on the pavement in the cool of the evening and each group gave us a collective cheer. They called out offering us wine and they sprang up to shake our hands.

Then suddenly we were in real crowds—crowds waiting impatiently for the troops not yet allowed in—and they seized on the three of us as targets for their enthusiasm.

Our hands were wrung until they were limp and sore. Men and women kissed us—it was noticeable that there was no

shortage of garlic. We found ourselves laden with flowers and boughs of lemon trees with the fruit still on, and our pockets full of fruit and nuts.

When our hands were full they forced wine down our throats. They slapped our backs and shouted into our ears little bits of English they had learned. Like: "You are welcome," or "America, England, Sicily, I come."

Even Italian soldiers drifting along to be captured joined in the cheering. For perhaps a hundred yards we fought our way onwards through this welcome. But finally we were frankly defeated. Coping with enthusiasm like this is more exhausting than you could believe possible.

Aided by Jeep

An American jeep came up the road in the other direction and we jumped on it quickly and drove back out of the town.

At length vehicles began to filter into the town. So we tried again—this time in our jeep. It was getting dark now, but the people were still waiting, offering wine and throwing fruits and flowers. They stood on the tramlines in the middle of the double-laned boulevard and cheered vehicles going in either direction.

As we neared the center of the town we began to see bomb damage. It was getting too dark to see whether we were in a completely ruined city or not.

But there was an immaculate gendarme, with a cocked hat and silver braid on his blue uniform, standing beside the Palazzo Reale where the surrender had finally taken place, and he recommended us to an hotel, an hotel with electric light, running water and the first linen sheets I have seen since we landed.

Yes, Hitler and Mussolini should have been there today. They would have learned a lot.

60-Mile Forced March

All this came at the end of a day of a tremendous forced march. We pushed forward over 60 miles across mighty mountains during the day. It was an endless procession of evenly spaced tanks and half-track vehicles and guns of all sorts and bulldozers and jeeps and all the complex apparatus of a modern super-mechanized army.

At midday we came to a village called San Giuseppe Jato, and beyond it was a narrow twisting gorge through mountains where the road hung on the side of precipitous rocks for a mile or more. Here one Italian and one German gun had been ordered to make a stand.

In the village they were already serving out free ice-creams to the American tank-crews, but up in the ravine they were arguing.

An elderly German staff sergeant—in private life postman in East Prussia with five children, but nevertheless an experienced soldier—saw that the situation was hopeless.

He told the Italian lieutenant it was useless to fire the guns. Big demolition was the only effective thing.

But the Italian was hot-headed and brave. He started planting mines in the road. Then as American reconnaissance units came out of the village into the gorge he rushed to his gun and fired it.

With his first shot he scored a hit. But an American tank answered immediately and the Italian and two of the other three members of the gun crew were killed beside their gun. The German hid until we came, then surrendered.

Motor Industry Plans Increased Output in Peace

Post-War Program Calls For 50% More Cars Than in 1941

DETROIT, July 25 (UP)—After the war the United States hopes to produce half as many cars again over its output of 4,500,000 in 1941. Already the automobile industry, which is now turning out planes, tanks and military vehicles by the thousand, is planning how it will switch back to building motor cars.

A committee of 12 has been set up by the Automotive Council for War Production to seek assurances from the government that the transition will not be held up unnecessarily by failure to clear their factories of government-owned raw materials and equipment.

WLB Upholds Wage Freezing

WASHINGTON, July 25—The War Labor Board has announced that it will continue to abide by the National Wage Stabilization policy as outlined in the "Little Steel Formula." The board said that "the time has come for labor to realize that if we are going to stop inflation we cannot continue to raise wages in the wage brackets which are not standard."

British AA Crew Begins Tour

CAMP DAVIS, N.C., July 25—The British anti-aircraft battery which arrived in the United States two weeks ago, escorting 2,500 captured Afrika Korps men, has begun its tour of U.S. Army installations in the U.S. It plans to spend a month at each of eight camps, instruct-

Government Workers Adopt Shirt-Sleeve Fad

WASHINGTON, July 25 (UP)—Shorts and open-necked shirts as a summer civil service fashion have been adopted by the "Brotherhood of Sensible Men." The organization, at an open-air meeting here, called for the wearing of such clothes to enable office workers to be more efficient at their jobs.

However, their campaign to persuade the tradition-bound black-coated worker to come to work dressed like a holiday-maker has revealed a reluctance on the part of many to discard their coats, collars and ties.

Charles Plancke, organizer of the movement, said that one reason for the reluctance was that hotels do not allow men to lunch without coats.

ing in the use of the British 3.7 and the American 90mm. gun.

"We aren't going to show the Americans how to shoot, but we're going to show them how we shoot," Maj. R. G. S. Hoare, commanding officer, said.

Output Not Good Enough

CHICAGO, July 25 (UP)—America's astronomical war production figures are impressive, but they are not good enough, Charles Wilson, vice chairman of the War Production Board, declared in a speech here. He revealed that the nation's June production goal of \$6,500,000,000 was missed by \$500,000,000.

Greer Garson Marries

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 25 (UP)—Greer Garson, star of Mrs. Miniver, and Ensign Richard Ney, USN, who played the part of her son in the same film, were married at the Presbyterian Church here yesterday.

Plans Drafted To Peg Rises In Living Costs

New Five-Point Program Will Be Presented To Congress

WASHINGTON, July 25—President Roosevelt revealed yesterday that a new program to keep down the cost of living was being drafted for presentation to Congress. Officials said Mr. Roosevelt referred to the following plans:

1—Steps to cut prices of bread, pork, canned goods and other commodities.

2—Payment of possible wage increases in scrip or bonds that could not be cashed until the end of the war.

3—An industrial feeding program that would reduce the cost of living for many workers.

4—Some variant of the food stamp program for persons with low incomes.

5—A \$350,000,000 to \$400,000,000 food production program with the chief emphasis on dairy products.

This development came a day after organized labor had informed Mr. Roosevelt that unless prices were reduced labor would no longer support the price and wage stabilization program. The President voiced sympathy for labor's position.

Meanwhile the Bureau of Labor statistics announced the first drop in the cost of living index since November, 1940. It was a slight decrease—two-tenths of 1 per cent for city workers in June.

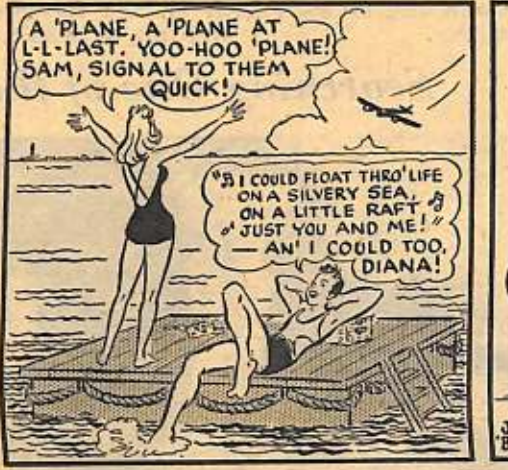
Benning Commander Retiring

FORT BENNING, Ga., July 25—Brig. Gen. Walter Scott Fulton, commander of Fort Benning, said Wednesday the War Department had informed him he would be retired from active service by Sept. 1 because of the statutory age limit, which for brigadier generals is 62.



"Yeah, and unless we get better cooperation from you guys, we'll quit mentioning the war at all in our paper!"

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MALE CALL



JOE PABLOKA



The Army Gives Birth to a New Bugle



The plastic bugle which has now been adopted by the Army is shown here with the old brass bugle, the shiny one. The Fenite plastic bugle is the dull one — it requires no polishing, will not dent, weighs only ten ounces, and requires no warming up with practice notes.

Keystone Photo

A Man Must Have His Mate



Associated Press Photo.

A man, a member of the Eighth Air Force, and a girl, an American WAAC, watch the sunset when day is done in the ETO.

Bob Hope's Grandfather Dies



Associated Press Photo

Mr. James Hope (left), grandfather of Bob Hope, died Saturday night at his home in England less than a month before his hundredth birthday. Bob is shown here in the last picture of the pair taken together.

GI Picnic for Orphans



During meal time at a picnic for 150 Jewish orphans at Cowbridge Pvt. Joe Rittenberry, of Hohenwald, Tenn., holds Leon G. and Raymond J. while Cpl. Robert Williams, of Buffalo, pours fruit juice.

Prowling the North Pacific



Associated Press Photos

One of the new aircraft carriers converted from a merchant ship prowls the North Pacific with a load of F4F Grumman Wildcats in search of Jap planes and shipping.

Boss of Aleutians



Associated Press Photo

Dressed in Arctic garb, Read Adm. Francis W. Rockwell is in charge of the naval forces in the Aleutians. He commanded the force which carried troops to Attu and the warships which have been shelling Kiska the past two weeks.

Searching One of the 110,000



A Canadian infantryman, stripped to the waist, searches a happy Italian captured by the Canadian after they rolled through Rosolini, in the south-east corner of Sicily.

We Don't Know About You Guys, But We Like the Fifth from the Left



Women will wear anything if it's in style. Take a look, for example—all right then, two looks—at the evening dresses for the hot season in the U.S.

Weds British Soldier



Associated Press Photo

Josephine McLane, of McKeesport, Pa., was the first WAAC to be married in the North Africa theater of war. She married British Lance/Cpl. Hubert Heckman several weeks ago.