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Russians Recapture Dniepropetrovsk

Allies Seize Junction On Rome Road

Front Pushed Forward Three Miles; Eighth Nearing Vasto

Fifth Army spearheads seized the important junction of Sparanise on the road from Naples to Rome yesterday as advance guards of Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's Eighth Army pushed forward along the Adriatic flank to within four miles of coastal Vasto.

Both armies advanced about three miles, but their gains were not so important as the fact that the drives put them in position to launch a combined push northward.

Capture of Sparanise, 13 miles inland and eight miles north of Capua, gave the Americans command of an important rail and road junction where the road to Rome splits into two routes, one swinging along the coastal plain and the other running 30 or 40 miles inland through two river valleys.

May Force Withdrawal

Its loss was expected to force the Germans to execute a new withdrawal north of the Volturno to avoid outflanking. The town's importance to the enemy was shown by four bloody counter-attacks.

Gen. Montgomery's forces, working against strong opposition, consolidated their bridgehead north of the Trigno river, where the coastal road crosses it. A military commentator at Allied headquarters stressed that the Eighth's attack was "merely a curtain raiser" and not a large-scale offensive. He pointed out that three rows of mountains rising 1,200, 1,700 and 2,200 feet give the enemy excellent opportunities for defense.

In the air, Wellingtons made a 1,500-mile round trip flight to make a low-level attack on railway yards and an aircraft factory at Postoina, northwest of Florence, and unescorted Mitchells struck across the Adriatic to bomb 25 parked aircraft on a field at Tirana, Albania. Marauders and Lightnings attacked a viaduct and rail terminus at Terni, on the Rome-Florence railway. Mitchells damaged a railway bridge north of Orvieto and other fighters struck at bridges, trains and transport behind the front.

Nazis Prepare For Bad News

Germany's home front situation is growing more desperate and the high command has asked Nazi leaders to prepare the people for grave new setbacks, reports from neutral capitals in Europe said yesterday.

Stockholm dispatches forecast that German collapse "might come sooner than anyone expected—estimates ranging from a few weeks to months."

German press reports took on a pessimistic tinge in the past week. Stockholm observers pointed out, and the two conferences of Nazi and military leaders this month indicated a stirring of events behind the German censorship.

From Madrid came assertions that German leaders are frankly preparing their people for bad news, possibly for big withdrawals believed imminent in Russia. This setting the scene for bad news was said in Madrid diplomatic circles to be inspired by four developments: (1) German reverses in Russia; (2) Allied air bombing; (3) the growing feeling in Germany that she is left alone in the war; (4) failure of the U-boat war to yield the desired results.

Thousands of Sea Hops, But Losses Are Negligible

Thousands of Allied aircraft have flown the Atlantic in the last year in both directions, but losses have been less than one-half of one per cent, the Air Ministry said yesterday.

The crossings, effected in all kinds of weather, have been made by the RAF Transport Command, U.S. Air Transport Command and planes of British Overseas Aircraft Corp.

Three factors were credited by the Air Ministry for the high safety percentage: Aircraft reliability, high crew training standards, and ground organization.

Irving Berlin in England for GI Show

'This Is the Army' To Have 3-Week London Run

By Arthur W. White
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Irving Berlin, composer-creator of the giant all-soldier musical show, "This is the Army," which already has swept America to the tune of \$2,000,000 for Army Emergency Relief, and is expected to gross \$10,000,000 more there for the same cause, has arrived in London to make arrangements for the show's high-powered ETO appearance.

The soldier-cast of 150, including musicians and stagehands, has not yet arrived, but will be here in time for rehearsals before the gala opening performance Nov. 10 at the London Palladium. The show will run in London for three weeks.

More than 60,000 American and Allied servicemen are expected to see the musical in London, and in several other large British cities. Free enlisted men's tickets for the London performances may be obtained at the CBS Special Service office. There will be several shows exclusively for troops and one-third of all seats at other performances will be reserved for them. Officers will have to pay an admission charge.

Brought here at the request of Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETO commander, the entire proceeds of the production will be turned over to British War Service Charities as a symbol of American gratitude for British hospitality.

A British committee will cooperate with the army in the production, and theatrical producer George Black has turned over

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Irving Berlin, well-known composer of American song hits, gives an autograph to Pfc Sybil Kinsley, after his arrival in London yesterday to make plans for his musical comedy, "This is the Army."

Austria Bombed from South; Berlin Says It's Shuttle Raid

German-occupied Europe felt the increasing squeeze of the Allied bombing offensive from north and south on Sunday when bombers attacked targets in Austria from the south, Allied headquarters in the Mediterranean area announced yesterday.

Berlin radio said large formations of American four-engine bombers struck numerous targets throughout southern Europe and then flew on to Britain, but there was no confirmation of this from Allied sources. USAAF headquarters in London refused to confirm or deny the story, and it might be a typical Nazi "fishing" expedition.

Berlin also said that the bombers had flown from bases in Italy, but the two-sentence mention of the operation in the Allied communique did not specify whether the planes were based in Italy or in Northwest Africa. If they used Italian airdromes, the operation was the beginning of the eagerly awaited offensive on German-held territory from newly-won fields in Italy.

The communique did not identify the targets, and said only that heavy clouds made observations of the results difficult. Nazi radio's story of the attacks, broadcast many hours before the Allied communique was announced, said that 300 U.S. bombers, escorted at the start by 200 fighters, had attacked unnamed places in Germany and Austria, causing "major damage" at one place.

DNB (German news agency) said bombs were dropped over a fairly large area between Vienna and the northern approaches to the Alps. The last big raid in the Vienna area was carried out against the Wiener Neustadt airplane factories Oct. 1 by Liberators based in Northwest Africa.

In addition to the Berlin reports, dispatches from Budapest to Stockholm said that Hungary had suffered her first bombing of the war. The dispatches said that bombs and incendiaries, as well as leaflets, had been dropped in several towns in southwestern Hungary. These accounts also suggested that it was a shuttle raid from Italy to Britain.

Rommel C-in-C. in Italy?

BERNE, Switzerland, Oct. 25—Marshal Erwin Rommel has become commander-in-chief of German forces in Italy, a dispatch to La Suisse de Geneva, passed by German censor, said today.

N.Y. Investigates Beauty's Slaying

25 Sleuths Probe City's 'Most Baffling Case'; Escort Detained

NEW YORK, Oct. 25—New York faced one of its most baffling murder mysteries in recent years today in the death of beautiful Patricia Lonergan, 22-year-old wife of a Canadian airman, whose nude body was found in the bedroom of her luxurious Manhattan apartment yesterday. She had been bludgeoned to death apparently with an antique table lamp. It was not known whether she had been criminally assaulted.

Deputy Police Inspector Patrick Kenny assigned 25 detectives to the case, calling it the most perplexing murder in recent years. They detained a 43-year-old interior decorator as a material witness. Last person known to have seen her before her death, he told police he had toured night clubs and hotels with Mrs. Lonergan from 7 o'clock the previous night to 6 AM.

Mrs. Lonergan, heiress to a brewery fortune, was found dead by a Marine captain, Peter Elser, who had called to take her to dinner. He was admitted by a maid and, becoming impatient when Mrs. Lonergan failed to appear, summoned the maid to find her. When the maid found the bedroom door locked, she and the captain broke into the room.

Two diaries and an address book found in the apartment are being examined for clues.

Wayne Lonergan, with whom the dead

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2 Yank Dieppe Captives Land With 3,351 Back From Reich

By Richard Wilbur
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A SCOTTISH PORT, Oct. 25—Singing "Roll out the barrel, we've got the blues on the run," 3,351 Allied prisoners of war—among whom were two American members of the Canadian Army—arrived in relays at the dock here today.

The Americans were Pvt. John A. Fleming, of Highland Park, Mich., and Sgt. Everett Oglesby, of Manila, Ark., both members of the Essex Scottish Regiment, who were captured in the Dieppe raid. [Twelve other Americans are arriving in another large group tomorrow.]

Ship whistles echoed through the harbor in a wild welcome as tenders carried the British, Canadians and Americans—all repatriated from German prison camps—ashore from the Empress of Russia and the Drottningholm, the ships which

brought them from Sweden on the last lap home.

Most of the men were too excited to eat food prepared for them as part of a large official reception, and could only gulp down tea as they talked.

Fleming and other Canadian Army men told how German guards at their prison camp kept expressing hope the war would be over in three months. When the prisoners said they thought the war would last at least another year, the German guards would back away and say, "Nein, nein."

The former prisoners said they would have starved without Red Cross parcels sent to them. They recalled giving food from the parcels to a German guard on the train that brought them from prisons on the first repatriation lap. After eat-

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Site of Huge Dam Back in Soviet Hands

Reds Bypass Krivoi Rog; Nazi Lines Crumble as Big Trap Develops

The last remaining vestiges of a German defense line along the lower Dnieper collapsed last night with the Russian capture of Dniepropetrovsk, in the northeast corner of the Dnieper Bend, and Dnieprozerzhinsk, 20 miles to the west.

An order of the day from Marshal Josef Stalin announced this fresh triumph in the great Russian offensive in the south. The victory was to be hailed in Moscow by 20 salvos from 224 guns, the second such celebration to be witnessed by U.S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull and British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden.

Dniepropetrovsk is the site of the great Dniepropetrovsk dam, blown up by the Russians as part of their "scorched-earth" policy in the retreat before the German Army in 1942.

In Krivoi Rog Suburbs

Announcement of the twin victory came after earlier dispatches revealed that Red Army columns had stormed their way into Krivoi Rog, vital communications and steel center southwest of Kremenchug within the Dnieper Bend.

Other Soviet forces had bypassed the city to the west and reached a point less than ten miles from the important railway running from Znamenka to Nikolaev, Black Sea base in the southwest.

While this northern jaw of a developing pincer movement closed down on vast German forces within the loop of the river, a southern arm was pressing on relentlessly after cracking the entire German line from Zaporozhe to Melitopol.

These Red Army hordes evidently were driving straight west toward the lower stretches of the Dnieper. Between these two surging Russian hordes German armies were rapidly being crunched into a trap. Their escape gap west has narrowed to 50 miles.

Drive On From Melitopol

Further increasing the Nazi peril was a smash west by Red Army forces pushing on across the Nogaik steppe after clearing Melitopol. In addition to the extra outflanking threat posed by this drive to the Germans enclosed within the Dnieper Bend was the increasing peril it meant for Nazis in the Crimea.

The last German escape railway from the Crimea passes through Kherson, a prime goal of the Russian Melitopol army.

Hitler's commanders, watching their lines crumble, their best divisions meet defeat after defeat and their entire position in south Russia worsen hourly, threw in more troops, planes, tanks and artillery and fought back violently.

But the Red Air Force enjoyed superiority on all sectors, particularly west of Melitopol. Last night Moscow reported that motorized units already had reached Semenovka, halfway between Melitopol and the Perekop Isthmus.

Heavy Fighting at Kiev

To the north, Kiev, capital of the Ukraine, remained the focal point of heavy fighting raging along the whole western bank of the Dnieper to a point just south of Gomel, along the White Russian front.

Kiev was invested from both north and south, and bloody battling was continuing at both ends of the city. The Germans were believed to have 14 divisions trying to hold Kiev.

Along the entire front from Kremenchug to Gomel, unprecedented tank battles were progressing, with the Russians crushing German defenses and pushing ever westward.

The farther the Russians roll the enemy back, the greater becomes their pile of booty. At one point the Red Army encircled and wiped out the whole of the German 23rd Panzer Division, whose commander was killed.

U-Boat Battle Off Portugal

LISBON, Oct. 25 (UP)—A battle between an Allied convoy and U-boat packs has raged for two days outside Portuguese territorial waters, Lisbon maritime circles said early today. At least one U-boat was said to have been sunk and several Allied ships torpedoed.

Gen. Clark Gets Naples Degree

NAPLES, Oct. 25 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark received today the honorary degree of doctor of political science from the royal University of Naples.

Connally Urges World League

Senate Gets Bill Asking U.S. Participation in Halting Wars

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25—Opening one of the most important Senate debates in a generation, Sen. Tom Connally (D-Tex.) won applause from both floor and gallery today by demanding that the U.S. dedicate its "influence and might to the maintenance of world peace and the suppression of military aggression, wherever it may lift its venomous head."

The chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee took the floor to urge adoption of his resolution that the U.S. "join with the free and sovereign nations in the establishment and maintenance of international authority with power to prevent aggression and preserve the peace of the world."

Although every indication pointed to eventual approval of the resolution by an overwhelming vote, 14 senators headed by Claude Pepper (D-Fla.) introduced an amendment asking that an "international organization" be set up vested "with the power, including military force, to suppress military aggression and preserve world peace."

Sen. John A. Danaher (R-Conn.) proposed that the nations taking part in the present war forgo any territorial gains made as the result of it.

Connally told the Senate preservation of world peace could not be attained by the U.S. alone but only through cooperation with the other strong nations.

"Isolationism failed," he said. "Let us try collective security. The U.S. cannot write a pattern of its own and expect all the other nations to accept it in detail."

Sen. Arthur H. Vendenburg (R-Mich.) described Connally's resolutions as a forthright expression of American intent to see the war and peace through to a "victorious finish."

Huge Middle East Field Dedicated by Gen. Royce

CAIRO, Oct. 25—Maj. Gen. Ralph Royce, U.S. Army chief in the Middle East, today dedicated Payne Field, one of the world's largest airports, through which warplanes and transports are carrying war weapons to the Far Eastern fronts in ever-increasing volume.

The mammoth airdrome, which last spring served as a base for a British reconnaissance squadron, was expanded in 58 days to accommodate six times its former traffic. Its 70 buildings serve 1,150 officers and enlisted men.

The field was named for Lt. Col. John Payne, of Austin, Tex., who was killed Jan. 11 on a Ninth Air Force bombing mission over enemy territory.

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Polish Courage

Warsaw has passed through another week of terror, with Gestapo round-ups in the streets and mass shooting of Polish hostages in public executions...

A week ago, Gestapo agents swooped suddenly, blocked streets with motor lorries and rounded up dozens of Poles. Many others were shot as they tried to escape...

Then came the brutal blow, for the Germans brought twenty hostages clothed only in their underwear and shot them dead in Independence Street. The following day, twenty more were shot dead in Pius Street...

The German excuse for these executions was that unknown people had murdered German soldiers in those streets and at the spots selected for the revenge massacres.

German armoured cars are still circulating in the streets of Warsaw and the shootings go on, for the Polish spirit has not been broken by the terror tactics of the Nazis.

Say Polish patriots in a message to London from Warsaw: "Poland will not be frightened by this senseless, cruel action. In answer to this kind of terror, further action will be taken by the underground Poles."

And their day of retribution is not far off.

Philippine Independence

Senator Millard Tydings, Chairman of the Senate's Insular Affairs Committee, has introduced a resolution providing for immediate independence for the Philippine Islands.

According to the Associated Press and the United Press, the resolution would modify the old Act calling for complete independence July 4, 1946, and would authorize the President to enter into negotiations with President Manuel Quezon of the Philippines within 30 days after the resolution's adoption...

The Senate resolution would also pledge the United States to continue the fight for liberation, and would set up a legislative council representing both nations to formulate the post-war economy defense and relationship of the two governments.

As soon as the Independence Proclamation has been announced representatives of Congress and the Philippine Commonwealth would begin conferences on post-war relations. The U.S. would be represented by three Senators and three Representatives appointed by the President. Philippine delegates would be appointed by President Quezon.

The resolution said: "The people of the Philippines have established by their wisdom in peace and gallantry in war their right to take an equal place in the family of free nations. The United States should recognize the independence of the Philippine Islands as a separate and self-governing nation."

The Americans who died with the Filipinos on Bataan would all vote "Yea."

It's Better to Give

It's Christmas once a week to the children of a British Orphanage and members of an Old Folks Home, both located near the Headquarters of SOS, thanks to the good sportsmanship of officers and men of the U.S. Army Printing Office.

Unsolicited, the GI's in the printing detachment placed a large box in a conspicuous place in the hallway of their building and each week they donate their candy, cookies and gum for distribution to orphans and old folks nearby.

As one GI expressed it: "Gosh, it sure gives a fellow a swell feeling to think of the joy those little tykes and the old folks too will get from my ration."

That seems to sum up the feeling of all his buddies, and we mention this example of voluntary giving in the hope the idea will spread.

Certainly we can all remember how important candy was to us when we were small. As men, our ration will hardly be missed; but properly shared, it will give joy to many less fortunate than ourselves. And those who share will soon learn that it is better to give than to receive.

Hash Marks

Thwarted Ambitions Dept.: The Letters to the Editor column in the Washington Evening Star recently carried a short communication reading, "Sorry, but I find the perpetual-motion gadget I wrote to you about the other day won't work at all."

Why draft board clerks go whacky. A guy showed up at Selective Service Headquarters in Pueblo, Col. and said he



needed a new draft card. His name: Leianszueisszesszes Willhiminzisszissz-loizzii Hurrizziszszizii. P.S.—His friends call him Leo Ward for short.

Screwiest Alibi of the Week. Because James Higgins, of New York City, is afraid to ride on a subway, he is being held as a draft dodger. He told FBI agents that he failed to report for examination because he was afraid that if he passed he would have to take a subway to the induction station. A subway may be rougher than a tank, at that!

We've just heard about a unit over here that has mixed Army, Navy and Merchant Marine personnel. On inspection days there's a sharp contrast of blue and khaki. If the GI's buttons aren't shined they have to take a hike, and we do mean a long one. If the nautical guys don't pass they have to go rowing on the Serpentine, we hear.

For ingenuity, we nominate Pvt. Bill Lewis, of Oregon. He was headed for his wedding and missed the bus. But he made it on time—after hitchhiking rides on a garbage truck, ambulance, Model-T Ford, and a street sprinkler.

A 1/Lt. was cycling merrily along the area surrounding a medium bomber station over here when he espied a lovely



young damsel sitting on a porch. He applied the brakes to his speedy vehicle, stopped, and proceeded to get acquainted. At least, he proceeded until an authoritative voice from inside the house bellowed in a veddy British accent, "Tell that Yankee to get the hell out of here." The Lt. jumped on his bike and peddled away, without even looking around. Even if he HAD looked around, he never would have guessed that the girl's boy friend, a USAAF corporal who had very nicely faked the trick accent, was relaxing smugly inside the cottage.

PRIVATE BREGER



"Insists on the helmet! Got beamed last time!"

Sea-Going Jeeps Sneer at the Water

Ordnance Experts Waterproof 'Em To Perfection

By Philip H. Bucknell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer AN ORDNANCE EXPERIMENTAL STATION, Oct. 25—Knowing jeeps, it is hardly surprising to see one drive down a beach into the sea until only the driver's head and three inches of wind-screen show above the water, and then come out, shaking itself like a dog after a swim.

But it is surprising to see a stately Diamond-T perform these aquatic feats; and a two-and-a-half-ton truck with trailer looks crazy doing it, too.

This is the kind of thing that does go on at this station, because, at the moment, its first job is the waterproofing of vehicles—waterproofing to such an extent that land vehicles can operate even when water is lapping over engines' vital parts.

In campaigns, and in rehearsals, it has been found that if water off the beach to be attacked is shallow, landing barges cannot get in close enough to the shore to enable the ramp to touch solid ground. Vehicles landing, therefore, have to plunge into perhaps four feet of water, which normally would play hell with the ignition system, apart from the effects of water seeping into the engine.

In cooperation with the British, Ordnance got busy discovering a way to prevent sea water swirling over the top of the engines, impairing the efficiency of the vehicles.

Whole Engine Waterproofed

Ten months ago, Capt. Robert D. Baer, of Steele, N.D., and ten men began experimenting (now there are 250 personnel at the station, and Capt. Baer is just about to leave for another assignment). First, some means had to be found of keeping the ignition system from coming into contact with water. After numerous failures, they produced a substance which, smeared over joints and exposed connections, will waterproof an engine indefinitely.

The problem of allowing air to get to the carburettor intake was solved by an extension tube leading up and over the water line—all of which sounds simple. Just ask the men who have been sweating 12 hours a day on the job how simple it was!

Most of the problems have been solved, however, and officers and men from various outfits come down to this station for courses on waterproofing, then take their knowledge back to their units. W/O Richard Ewell, of Louisville, Ky., is one of those men.

Yesterday Ewell brought down a convoy to the shore near this station to test the efficiency of his unit teaching.

"This job," said Ewell, "is not as easy as it looks. To waterproof a jeep will take a good man—a good man, mind you—ten hours, and larger vehicles take about 15 hours."

Behind Ewell's jeep, a beaten-up job that has done over 20 "wades," were a string of vehicles ranging from the Diamond-T to MP's jeeps. After a last-



These ordnance men aren't riding in an amphibious jeep, it's just an ordinary one waterproofed by a special process to enable it to ride through water deeper than the top of its radiator.

minute checkup of the waterproofing (in actual operations this would have been done aboard the carrying craft), he started up the motor and headed for the water-edge.

The jeep plunged into the water like a terrier, the muffled roar of its exhaust booming over the water. Deeper and deeper it went until only a few inches of windscreen was visible over the white wake thrown back by its progress. Level with the shield top, Ewell's head in a waterproof hood made its own wake—and then he started stunting.

Like a London Taxi

He threw the jeep around in the water like a London taxi in a crowded street. As he gyrated around, GIs on the shore got hepped up.

"Look at that little —" one yelled admiringly. "Put wings on the jeep and he'd fly the goddam thing."

When Ewell got back to the shore they crowded around him for final instructions.

"Remember," he said, "get your four-wheel drive into lowest gear, and keep your foot hard down. Then you can't go wrong."

They could, though. Some of them "conked out" soon after entering the water. Others stayed around for a time, but left the lists as soon as they got their hulls down with the waves beating over the cab. Possibly they had let the throttle up as their vehicle dipped into a hidden gully, perhaps their waterproofing didn't stand up.

For the sake of the lame ducks, a large-sized bulldozer was standing out to sea, only its upper works showing above the surface; down below, a secure waterproofing job was proving its worth.

Lumbering and clattering, the bulldozer would come alongside a stationary vehicle and either push or tow it to the shore. This work is an important part in the tactics of beach landings, and is known as beach reclamation. The pilots of the dozer were new on the job and on the shore, a pioneer in this work, S/Sgt. James Odell, of Saginaw, Mich., danced up and down, waving his arms trying to indicate in sign language the right procedure for the job in hand.

"That boy," said Capt. Baer, "doesn't know when to stop working. All the way through he has worked all hours, getting things right. And another, S/Sgt. Wayne Honkala, of Ontonagon, Mich., you can't get him away from the job, either. He is the other reclamation expert."

But they didn't all fall by the seaside. An MP corporal, Carl Hoffmann, of Neligh, Neb., made his first wade without a hitch, and so did several others. "This," said Hoffmann, "is the best fun I've had since I've been in the army."

It seemed to be a unanimous verdict. Officers and men competed for rides. Some had waterproof clothing, most hadn't. In a variety of clothing ranging from denims to rolled-up pants—some even chanced the sea breeze and the cold water to take the trip in their shorts—they clambered on the seagoing trucks,

some on top, some inside. All were laughing and shouting like a picnic crowd at a barbecue.

On shore was a busy gent in swimming trunks clambering around vehicles that had broken down, seeing what went wrong. "That," said Baer, "is another one of the oldtimers, Sgt. Thomas Weatherly, of Detroit. He's 'crazy,' too. One time he had to climb into the cab of a truck that had bedded down in a gully and rescue a driver who had panicked."

Meantime, officers were betting each other bottles of wine and ten shillings that they could make the trip without breaking down. Maj. R. C. Conner, of Los Angeles, is short a bottle of wine right now.

Commenting on reasons for the enthusiasm for the job shown by the learners, Capt. Baer said, "It is not only that it is something different, but they can see that it is something they will have to do one day. It is a job with a point and reason that everyone can see."

Capt. Baer will move off to be Ordnance Officer at the Assault Training Center shortly, and he goes with mixed feelings.

"It's always good to be doing something new," he said, "but hell, I just don't like to leave boys like Odell, Honkala and Weatherly and all the others I have been working with on this job."

'Blood-and-Guts' Patton Turns Out to Be Poet

NEW YORK, Oct. 24—The two-fisted, gun-toting commander of the American Seventh Army, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., known affectionately to his men as "Old Blood and Guts," was revealed yesterday as a poet.

A poem that the editors said would take its place "with the world's great war literature" was published in the current issue of the Women's Home Companion.

The hitherto unpublished work was turned over to the magazine, its editors told the Associated Press, by Mrs. Patton, who has cherished it ever since the General wrote it.

Mrs. Patton read two of her husband's poems before the annual Authors' Club dinner in Boston last week. She declined to release the poems for publication, but said the subject-matter was of military nature.

Title of the poem published in Women's Home Companion is "God of Battles." It follows:

From pride and foolish confidence, From every weakening creed, From the dread fear of fearing, Protect us, Lord, and lead. Great God, who through the ages, Hast braced the bloodstained hand, As Saturn, Jove or Woden, Hast led our warrior band. Again we seek Thy counsel, But not in cringing guise, We whine not for Thy mercy— To slay: God make us wise. For slaves who shun the issue, We do not ask Thy aid, To Thee we trust our spirits, Our bodies unafraid. From doubt and fearsome 'boding, Still Thou our spirits guard, Make strong our souls to conquer, Give us the victory, Lord.

Morgenthau Reports to FDR 13 Charges of Nazi Savagery

NAPLES, Oct. 24—Thirteen charges of German savagery in Naples have been forwarded to President Roosevelt by Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau after a tour of Italian war zones, it was disclosed today.

Morgenthau told how the enemy seized prominent Neapolitans, including the Catholic Bishop Cava Dei Terreni, and carried them away as hostages, a United Press correspondent said.

(The Treasury secretary, in Algiers after swinging through southern Italy and blitzed Malta, warned Saturday night in a broadcast that "the day of final victory is a long way off, and the fighting will be tough and bloody." He said he had seen the war "at point blank range" on the Fifth Army's front.)

Morgenthau's 13 main charges against the Germans:

- 1—Destruction of the city's water supply with the blowing up of the city's main aqueduct and the draining of the reservoirs. 2—Destruction of the pumping facilities and sewage disposal system. 3—Destruction of generators and transformers and power supplies for the wheat mills. 4—The complete destruction of the city's transport system. 5—Destruction of the city's communications. 6—The blowing up of hotels and the firing of others. 7—Blowing up of a number of tunnels in the city. 8—Set time-bombs in various parts of the city, many of these detonated after the arrival of Allied troops. 9—Opened the doors of 13 criminal prisons in and around the city. 10—Destroyed the Naples flour mills. 11—Destroyed the university and its library. 12—Robbed the city's hospitals of equipment including medicine, instruments and dressings. 13—Committed atrocities on individuals.

B25s Destroy 24 Jap Planes, Two Big Ships

Aussies Wipe Out Enemy Troops Attempting to Reach Coastline

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Oct. 25—Waves of Fifth Air Force B25 Mitchells swooped down on the ruins of Wewak, New Guinea, and knocked out 24 Jap aircraft, two large merchant ships and 16 barges while 100 miles to the east, at Finschhafen, Aussies wiped out Jap troops attempting to reach the New Guinea coast, where they expected to find ships ready for evacuation of the area.

Other Australian troops quickened their advance towards Madang, the next big port lying before the Allies in New Guinea.

As the Allies once again seized the initiative in the land fighting in New Guinea, their air onslaught against the Japanese was considerably accelerated throughout the southwest Pacific area.

Heavy Allied bombers, in a surprise night attack, struck at Japanese shipping off Buka Island, in the Central Solomons.

Aircraft scored three direct hits amidships on a large vessel resembling an aircraft-carrier, causing a large explosion and fire.

U.S. fighters, based on Bougainville Island, shot down three out of 20 Japanese planes for the loss of one Allied aircraft in a raid on Kahili.

These raids follow further heavy attacks on targets throughout New Britain, where the Japs still apparently hope to build up an air force strong enough to hit back at the massive Allied air forces in the area.

Cheltenham Club to Mark First Anniversary Tonight

CHELTEHAM, Oct. 25—An invitation ball to celebrate the first anniversary of the Red Cross club here will be held tomorrow night at the Town Hall. The "Yankee Castlemens" Engineer orchestra directed by 1/Lt. Dale E. Stout, of Richmond, Ind., will play. The social committee consists of:

Pfc James Morello, chairman, Barrington, N.J.; Sgt. Leon Rozene, Bridgeport, Conn.; Cpl. Richard Gardella, Glastonbury, Conn.; Pfc Mike Figlio, Columbus, Ohio; Pvt. Joseph Buchino, Stratford, Conn.; Sgt. Walter Johnson, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Sgt. James Stokes, Johnson City, Tenn.; Cpl. August Bacolini, Brooklyn; Pvt. Herbert Turkewitz, Brooklyn; Sgt. Joseph Arcemont, Morgan City, La.; and Sgt. Joseph Young, Scarsdale, N.Y.

Milestone Officers Dance Off

A Halloween dance scheduled for Friday at the Milestone Officers Club, London, has been cancelled.

Bury St. Edmunds

Tuesday—Dance; basketball, 5 PM.
Wednesday—Dancing class, 7:30.
Thursday—Four, 2 PM; movies, 8:30 PM.
Friday—Basketball, 5 PM; October birthday party, 7:30 PM.
Saturday—Talent show, 8 PM.
Sunday—Halloween party.

Huntingdon

Tuesday—Movies, 8 PM.
Wednesday—Dance, 8:11 PM.
Thursday—Snooker, 7 PM.
Friday—October birthday party, 6:45 PM; bridge.
Saturday—Halloween dance, 8:11 PM.
Sunday—Classical recordings, 8-9 PM.

Murder - - -

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woman eloped in 1941, was being questioned by Toronto police today, it was learned here. The couple were said to have separated some time ago. They have a two-year-old son.

(United Press quoted police last night to the effect that Lonergan had visited his wife and baby son Saturday. Inspector Kenny said he understood Lonergan had scratches on his face when arrested. Jean Murphy, 22, an actress with whom police said Lonergan spent Saturday night and most of Sunday, also is being questioned.)

American Forces Network

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

1402 kc On Your Dial 1420 kc
213.9m. Tuesday, Oct. 26 211.3m.

- 1100—GI Jive.
- 1115—Great Music—Walter Houston.
- 1130—Band Wagon—Woody Herman.
- 1200—Crosby and Trudy Irwin.
- 1230—GI Journal.
- 1300—World News (BBC).
- 1310—Barracks Bar.
- 1400—Sign off until 1745 hours.
- 1745—Program Resume and Spotlight Band—Andy Kirk.
- 1800—World News (BBC).
- 1810—Personal Album.
- 1825—GI Supper Club.
- 1900—Sports—Presented by The Stars and Stripes.
- 1905—Kate Smith Show.
- 1930—The Lone Ranger—Hi Yo Silver, Away!
- 2000—News From Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A., presented by The Stars and Stripes.
- 2010—Fred Waring Program.
- 2025—Boxing Bouts—from the Washington Club.
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2110—Waltz Time.
- 2125—Into Battle—A BBC dramatization of heroic incidents of this war.
- 2135—Fisher McGee and Molly.
- 2200—At Donahue and his orchestra.
- 2230—Sign off until 1100 hours Wednesday, Oct. 27.

Berlin in 1918



Irving Berlin, who sings "Oh how I hate to get up in the morning" in his all-soldier production, is a veteran of the last war, shown above in his 1918 attire.

Irving Berlin in England With Show 'This Is The Army'

(Continued from page 1) the Scala Theater for rehearsals and the Palladium for the London run.

Berlin—short, black-haired and with a slightly nervous grin—wowed correspondents yesterday with "White Christmas" after somebody had jokingly suggested he sing one of his hits.

After the ETO tour, Berlin said, the entire cast will go to North Africa, play for troops there and then break up to be assimilated into combat outfits.

The 150 soldiers, in fact, far from having found a home in the army, have worked harder since the show opened on Broadway, July 4, 1942, than most steady KP pushers, he said. "Soldiers first, actors thereafter," ordered the army, and if men missed any rehearsals they pulled back-stage details—lugging props and scenery around after working hours.

After Broadway they played in America's biggest theaters and finally wound up in Hollywood making a movie version of the show (it hasn't arrived here yet) with which Warner Brothers hope, Berlin said, to make \$10,000,000 for Army Emergency Relief. The fund meets emergencies in the lives of American soldiers' families.

The cast—including 20 Negro soldiers—who put "This is the Army" over—"did a magnificent job for civilian morale and came through with performances that critics agreed reached a new high for soldiers," Berlin said.

"This is the Army" was a follow-up on "Yip Yip Yaphank," a soldier-show that Berlin, then an infantry sergeant at Camp Upton, L.I., N.Y., produced in the last war to raise money for a new camp community house. After Pearl Harbor, the War Department asked him to produce another. It doesn't have any "love scenes, dramatics or heroics."

Berlin wrote 15 musical numbers for the two and one-quarter hour show. Berlin appears in the show to sing "Oh, How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning," the hit of his World War I show.

Yank Concert for British

CAMBRIDGE, Oct. 25—Nearly 1,000 British servicemen cheered a two-hour variety show presented at the Guildhall last night by a Negro Quartermaster truck battalion attached to the Eighth Air Force. Feature of the show was the Peerless male chorus, directed by 1/Lt. Randolph Wright, of Detroit.

Terry and the Pirates



NEWS FROM HOME

7,500 Kentucky Miners Strike; 19 Coal Pits Hit

300,000 Tons of Fuel Lost In First Week of Work Stoppage

HARLAN, Ky., Oct. 25 (AP)—About 7,500 eastern Kentucky soft coal miners refused to enter 19 pits today as "wild-cat" strikes spread in spite of an appeal from officials of the United Mine Workers that the men stay on the job.

Seven new walk-outs were reported in Harlan County, while eight additional strikes were reported belatedly in the Big Sandy field of northeastern Kentucky.

Tom Raney, UMW board member at Pikesville, in the Big Sandy field, said he learned of the eight new strikes there only today, although the men left work on Friday. He accused the owners of purposely not reporting the strikes to the union, which has not authorized the walk-outs. Raney said the eight mines employed 1,800 men.

The coal strikes in Alabama and Indiana have cost the United States 300,000 tons of coal in one week, Charles Wilson, acting chairman of the War Production Board, said today. The effect on steel output is even graver than the decline in the output of the coal mines, he said.

Ask Foreign Affairs Study

NEW YORK, Oct. 25—Wendell L. Willkie, 1940 Republican Presidential candidate, declaring that foreign policy was a matter of too much importance "for us to blindly delegate to a few specialists" asked that the American people take an interest in foreign affairs. Willkie spoke at an Astor Hotel meeting at which the first annual "Freedom Award" was presented to Walter Lippmann, the columnist.

Soap Boom in America

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (AP)—Americans have been buying soap this year faster than it has been manufactured under government restrictions. A government department said that purchases have been made at the rate of 1,832,000,000 pounds a year, or 90 per cent of the 1940-41 average use.

Auto Industry's Plane Output

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (AP)—The automobile industry has produced more than \$4,000,000,000 worth of planes, engines and other aircraft equipment since it actively began aeronautical production, the Automotive Council for War Production reported today.

Knox Urges Interdependence

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., Oct. 25—The interdependence of the British Empire and the United States was "the greatest factor that will contribute to our ultimate victory," Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox said here on the 150th anniversary of Williams College.

Eleanor Powell Weds Marine

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 25 (AP)—Eleanor Powell and actor Glen Ford, were married Saturday night at her home here. Ford is a sergeant in the Marine Corps.

Prisoners - - -

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ing, the guards became "food drunk," they said.

If 10,000 troops were sent into Germany armed with tins of coffee, they'd just about win the war, a British repatriate declared.

An American football game, played Oct. 9 by RCAF, Canadian Army and American prisoners at Stalag 8B in Upper Silesia, was recalled by Alfred Reid, a member of the Royal Scots Regiment. Two of the Americans were parachutists captured at Salerno, he said.

Of the 3,351 repatriates, 2,487 were sick prisoners and 864 were "protected personnel"—officers and men of the medical services, and chaplains.

A Scottish chaplain, who had lost an arm as a combatant in the last war, was the first person to step on the dock.

It was a day for the British. Just after disembarking, a British private said to a British major in the reception party: "Now I know what I'm walking on." "It belongs to you," replied the major.

Twelve U.S. Army men are among another shipload of Allied war prisoners expected at a British west coast port tomorrow.

The Air Force's Jack of All Jobs



Keystone Photo

P38 Lightnings now are on escort duty with the Eighth Air Force and have seen action in every theater—as fighter-bombers, low-level attack planes, long-range bomber escorts, or reconnaissance aircraft. Here, Col. Frank James, of Huntington Park, Cal., and Lt. Russell Guske, of Fort Huron, Mich., discuss the P38's performance after a recent mission.

Fort Finds Itself in the Middle Of Nazi Night Raider Mission

AN EIGHTH BOMBER STATION, Oct. 25 (UP)—Returning at night from a routine trip to an English coast town, a gunless Flying Fortress unwittingly joined a formation of German bombers in the belief they were Americans, and flew alongside unnoticed despite bright flares and a brilliant moon.

The Fortress, a "hangar queen" whose guns had been dismantled, was piloted by 1/Lt. Warren F. Bacon, of Portland, Ore., who was not aware that German planes were attacking a nearby town as he approached his blacked-out field and requested the control tower to fire a flare.

"Right after that I saw red and yellow flares popping all around," Bacon said. "I thought for a minute it was damned good service on the part of the tower, but I sort of wondered how they fired flares so far.

"There was a plane above and ahead of us, and I figured it was another ship coming in for a landing. I was all set to tag behind him when I saw the so-and-so drop a flare—and then a bomb. At that time we were a good distance from the field.

"I didn't waste any time losing him, and I circled the field again. A few moments later I saw a plane silhouetted against the moon. It was a Ju88. It came our way dead level, passing us about 50 yards astern as though on urgent business. We saw about eight of those guys from various distances, but none of them seemed to know we were there.

"Sitting up there was some experience. There were all sorts of colors from flares and ack-ack. The night was beautifully clear, and the searchlights looked like the Northern Lights. We saw one of the enemy ships burst into flames over the town they were attacking and dive right into the earth."

Bacon came in for his landing with a German bomber flying close behind, control tower officers said, but night fighters drove the German off, subsequently shooting it down.

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Dance for Sailors, Marines To Be Navy Day Highlight

Navy Day will be celebrated in the ETO Wednesday when enlisted bluejackets and marines hold a dance at Porchester Hall, London.

Made possible by a donation from the Lockheed-Vega Employees' Buck-of-the-Month-for-Victory Club, the affair will be highlighted by prize awards for the best looking couple with the girl in uniform and the best looking with a civilian guest. Prizes will be offered in other contests.

A number of WRNs, ATs, WAAFs, WACs, CWACs and ARC girls have been invited, but the men also may bring their own guests.

Special entertainment by British stars are on the program. Music will be furnished by W/O Frank Rosato and the ETO Dance Band.

By Milton Caniff

