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Smolensk Captured, Reds Smash West

5th Smashes Way to Hills Over Naples

Eighth Army Only 25 Miles From Foggia as Allies Sweep Northward

The Fifth Army, smashing its way forward through heavy concentrations of German artillery, mortar and machine-gun fire, yesterday captured Cava Di Tirreni at bayonet point and occupied hill positions from which they can see Naples burning in the distance.

Half way across the Littari mountains, which cut off Salerno from the plains surrounding Naples, the Anglo-American troops under Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark were advancing on Nocera last night.

On the Eastern coast, the great Nazi airbase of Foggia, together with 12 of its satellite fields, already has been abandoned by the Germans. The Eighth Army has reached the Ofanto river only 25 miles away from Foggia, late reports said. Between these two main forces, two other columns are striking northward. The right flank of the Fifth is moving up the Sele river valley and has taken the small villages of Senerchia and Valva while other troops are moving north from Potenza.

Fifth in Toughest Fight

The toughest fight of all is taking place in the steep ravines and gorges of the mountains through which the Fifth is taking the shortest route to Naples through the plains southeast of the city. The Germans are well entrenched in carefully prepared positions but are being pushed back by severe hand-to-hand fighting. The Germans also are throwing tanks into the battle in an effort to hold up the Allied advance. As yet there has been no break-through in the German line.

On the other fronts, the Allies are pushing ahead with little opposition except from snipers, mines and demolitions. Gen. Montgomery's forces have been reinforced and are moving swiftly toward the Foggia airfield. There has been no indication that the Germans intend to make a fight for the great air base, which, if taken, would give the Allies a field within close bomber range of Albania, Yugoslavia and Greece. Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary and Austria would be within the range of Allied heavy bombers.

Since the Salerno landings on Sept. 9, the Allies have taken more than 2,000 prisoners and a large amount of German equipment. Meanwhile, reports that new Allied landings are about to be made farther up the Tyrrhenian coast or across the mainland along the Adriatic, came from Vichy radio and via reports from Madrid. The concentration of strong Allied air and naval forces at Sardinia and Corsica indicates that another landing may be made in the Leghorn area, on the right flank of German forces retreating northward in Italy.

Naples itself was reported to be as dead as Pompeii, located along the route the Fifth Army is taking toward the port.

Algiers radio announced last night that Bastia, last big Corsican port in German hands, has been captured by French Commandos and American Rangers, making it practically impossible for the Nazis to evacuate their remaining troops by sea. Masses of giant troop-carrying trans-

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Just 12 Shopping Days Till Christmas—in ETO

AN EIGHTH BOMBER STATION, Sept. 26—"Twelve more shopping days to Christmas."

That's the kind of sign greeting soldiers at most Eighth Bomber station canteens these days.

Christmas—even in England—still comes on Dec. 25, but Oct. 12 is the last day for Americans in the ETO to take advantage of the program under which the PXs do your Christmas shopping for you and see to it that presents get back home in time.

With PXs closed on Sundays and the first of the month for inventory, there are, as of today, 12 more shopping days to "Christmas." Credit for the first such sign goes to Cpl. H. E. Parker, of Houston, Tex., store manager in civilian life.

Radio Man Spots Fake Flash, Saves B17 Wing from Ambush

Alert 'Sparks' Recognizes Message in Code as Sent by Enemy

By Bud Hutton

AN EIGHTH BOMBER STATION, Sept. 26—A Flying Fortress radio operator who thwarted a German attempt by means of a fake radio message to ambush American bombers during a raid, and who on another attack brought an entire wing safely home through his alertness, today was recommended for the Distinguished Flying Cross by his group commander.

The operator is T/Sgt. Norman Rowe, 21-year-old former mill hand from Rochester, N.H., crew member of the B17 House of Lords and veteran of 22 missions against the Reich and targets in the occupied countries.

The recommendation for a DFC was approved by Col. Frederick W. Castle, of Washington, commander of the House of Lords' B17 group.

Picks Up Code Message

Coming back from Germany, early in his string of 22 missions, Rowe picked up a message:

"Abandon operations and come back." Rowe was suspicious. He re-checked the message before handing it up to Capt. U. S. Adams, of Ogallala, Neb., his pilot.

There were errors in some of the identifying symbols, and Rowe, checking



T/Sgt. Norman Rowe

once more and querying the sending station, decided it was a fake message, intended to draw the Forts into a fighter or flak ambush.

Safely home after the mission, the House of Lords crew learned that no such message had been sent.

The DFC recommendation went in (Continued on page 2)

23 Silver Stars, 54 DFCs Among 178 Air Force Awards

Twenty-three awards of the Silver Star, third highest U.S. Army decoration for gallantry in action, are included in a list of 178 awards to men of the Eighth Air Force, it was announced yesterday by ETOUSA headquarters.

The awards also include one Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star, 54 Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Oak Leaf Clusters to the DFC, 54 Purple Hearts and one Oak Leaf Cluster, ten Air Medals, 16 Oak Leaf Clusters and 17 Soldier's Medals.

Marauders Hit Nazi Air Base

Photos of Fortress Targets Reveal Bomb Hits on Shipping, 'Dromes

USAAF Marauders kept up the increasing tempo of the Allied onslaught against German invasion defenses over the weekend by sweeping over the Channel to hit the Longuesne airfield in northern France. No planes were lost in their raid late Saturday—the fourth successive day of aerial blows against the Continent.

Crewmen reported that despite adverse weather conditions they successfully bombed the target. Only moderate flak was encountered and the few enemy fighters which ventured near the Marauder formations were driven off by escorting Spitfires.

Widespread Damage

Meanwhile, reconnaissance photographs of last week's Fort targets at the French Atlantic port of Nantes and airfields at Terlin-Bastard, northwest of Brest, and Vannes-Meucon, 70 miles north of Nantes, revealed widespread damage.

At Nantes, hits were scored on enemy shipping and warehouses. A number of ships moored in the port were hit, including a 580-foot tanker, 450-foot merchant vessel, and a 330-foot armed escort ship. A floating dock was damaged and

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Knox, Stark and Nelson Visit Marauder Stations

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, Adm. Harold R. Stark and War Production chief Donald M. Nelson visited several U.S. airfields over the weekend.

Secretary Knox and Adm. Stark, accompanied during their inspection of a B26 station by Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, Eighth Air Force commander, and Brig. Gen. Robert C. Candee, Eighth Air Support Command chief, commented on the spirit of cooperation now existing between the Army Air Force and the Navy in a short talk to the crews.

Later in the day, Nelson, accompanied by Brig. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, Eighth Air Force Bomber Command chief, made a surprise visit to the P47 station commanded by 23-year-old Lt. Col. Chesley G. Peterson.

Ringed Kiev Totters; Soviet Armies Mass For Dnieper Sweep

Deadly Peril Grows for Germans in Crimea; Nazis Fleeing Toward Poland Are Pounded by Land and Air

With Russian armies surging onward following capture of vital Smolensk, Moscow triumphantly declared last night that "the gates to the west have been thrown wide open." Certain it was that vengeance-mad Soviet forces were at least picking the locks to those gates.

Without pausing in their smash west, Russian armies were hounding the Germans fleeing from Smolensk on "Napoleon's Road," and the Red Air Force was helping with hammer blows on Nazi columns.

Littered wreckage of enemy trucks and motorized vehicles dotted the highways leading from Smolensk, which fell Saturday along with Roslavl, key rail junction southeast of what had been the key German bastion in Russia, around which pivoted the entire strategy of the Wehrmacht.

On the 800-mile front from Smolensk to the Sea of Azov the Russians were continuing frontal assaults on key cities and were ready for massed crossings of the Dnieper River itself.

Bitter fighting raged at Kiev, where the Russians were reported to have forced their way into the suburbs of the Ukraine capital.

Three separate prongs of a Red Army pincer had drawn tight around the city. Desperately trying to hold Kiev and hold back the menace to all German forces in southern Russia, the Nazis were launching as many as six great counterattacks daily without success.

Reported Forcing Crossing

Late last night, dispatches from Moscow reported that the Russians were forcing the Dnieper at Kiev under murderous fire of German guns on the western bank. There was one report that German rearguards at Kiev were fleeing.

New advances brought Soviet armies within striking distance of Gomel, center of the sector lying between Smolensk and Kiev. At few places were the Russians more than 40 miles from Gomel.

Below Kiev, steadily advancing Reds were at the approaches of Dnepropetrovsk and within a few miles of the Dnieper itself along the entire stretch running northward from Dnepropetrovsk to Kiev, threatening Kremenchug and Zaporozhe.

Along the Sea of Azov Cossacks were sweeping out ahead of the main armies, now approaching the southern half of the line from Melitopol to the Crimea. The Germans were frantically evacuating the last remnants of their forces in the Kuban, and the collapse of their lines along the Sea of Azov, plus the great withdrawals farther north, spelled deadly peril for Nazi troops left in the Crimea.

But with Kiev's fall evidently at hand and the Russians massed for crossings to the west bank of the Dnieper, still the fall of Smolensk and the Russian smash westward in that sector highlighted the day's sensational news from Moscow.

In that city, Marshal Stalin ordered 20 salvos from 224 guns to celebrate the great victory, which left the Germans fighting and retreating barely 100 miles from the Polish border.

The advancing Russians aimed next at Vitebsk, the White Russian city northwest of Smolensk, where the Germans have erected powerful defenses around the Vitebsk lakes.

Airfield Seized, Allies Close On Vital Finschafen

Powerful Naval, Air Units Blockade Port Held By Doomed Japs

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Sept. 26—American and Australian troops were closing in on the Jap port of Finschafen last night after the capture of the base's vital airfield, Gen. MacArthur's official communique said today.

As ground forces brought up heavy artillery for the final assault, powerful Allied naval units, supported by strong air cover, patrolled Houn Gulf in readiness for any Jap attempt for evacuation by sea.

One feeble Jap effort to break through the Allied blockade of the base resulted in the destruction of five planes, while the remainder of the enemy air fleet was forced to withdraw.

With the capture of Finschafen the Allies will hold the whole of King William cape, which dominates the Houn Gulf—former Jap supply route from Rabaul to New Guinea ports.

Hellcats Aided Navy's Attack in Gilberts

WITH THE U.S. NAVY, Gilbert Islands, Sept. 21 (delayed)—What amounts to a year of Japanese labor has been wiped out by the 105 tons of bombs dropped on main Japanese bases of the Gilbert Islands during the past 36 hours.

Carrier-based and land-based aircraft have wiped out about half of the Japanese installations at Tarawa. Only two Japanese bombers came anywhere near the task force attacking the heart of the Japanese stern defense perimeter, and both of these were shot down by swarms of new Grumman Hellcat fighters.

16s Can Join German Army

German boys of 16 may apply to train as officers in the army, Berlin radio said yesterday.

Airmen Are Laying for Ace Who Leads Yellow FW190s

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Sept. 26—Flying Fortress gunners and Thunderbolt fighter pilots are laying plans to gang up on a German air ace they've been running into consistently during raids over France.

The Luftwaffe pilot, repeatedly recognized not only by his tactics and the markings on his golden yellow FW190 but by his facial features—so close has he come to the B17 formations—is the first German airman Eighth Air Force airmen have come to recognize as a regularly-appearing foe.

The German pilot, leading a formation of FW interceptors against raiding Forts, has gotten away with his attacks thus far by sending in his entire group against one side of a formation, then taking a solo shot at the other side while the B17 gunners were busy.

This week, B17 crews and P47 pilots have agreed to team up on the German the next time he and his yellow-plane circus appear.

"Whoever he is, that guy sure knows how to take every advantage on that buggy, so dolled up it sparkles like a circus wagon," said 2/Lt. Robert Goodwin, of Washington, navigator of the Fortress, Thunderbug, and veteran of more than 20 operational flights.

"I'd swear he's the same smarty we first ran into over Lorient last May 17, and Rennes on May 29. I got time to look around and the way he flies you can't mistake him."

Combat crewmen think the Nazi flier must be "some high muckety muck squadron leader or something" who takes the air when the Forts appear in order to direct and urge on younger pilots in the defense zone of Luftwaffe airdromes.

The German wears a white scarf tucked under his oxygen mask and has three or four American flags painted on his fuselage, apparently talismans for aerial victories.

"That's why we're going to nail him," Goodwin said.



Jugoslavs Buy, Steal Arms to Fight Germans

British, U.S. Officers Relate Stories of Guerrillas In the Balkans

CAIRO, Sept. 26—American and British officers, returning here from Yugoslavia, revealed today that patriot forces there had stolen and even bought arms, ammunition and medical supplies from Italian units during the past few weeks to carry on the guerrilla war against the Germans.

The Allied officers, accompanied by several Yugoslavs, returned here last week after visiting the patriot headquarters and reported that they were impressed with the manner in which the guerrilla-like war was being executed.

"The patriots conduct most of their raids at night against resting Nazi pack horse columns to obtain any kind of supplies available," said one of the officers; "the guerillas creep up noiselessly, thrusting a well-aimed knife and bringing death to whoever is not vigilant."

Patriot workshops, foundries and tanneries are hidden in the forests of Bosnia, he said. "You approach a deserted farmhouse, with no sign of life visible, but 20 men are working inside making guns and taking spare parts from captured German arms."

"I visited the hospital which was a chain of log cabins hidden in a forest. There was no proper equipment to deal with the dysentery, cholera and tetanus cases which are the result of the two years' acute food shortage and heavy fighting. Only the seriously ill have blankets."

180,000 in Partisan Army

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 26 (UP)—The Swedish newspaper Dagbladet reported today that the Yugoslav partisan armies now number more than 180,000 and that high ranking British officers are serving as advisers at the partisans' headquarters in Dalmatia.

Terror Starts in the Balkans

Wholesale burning of villages and the shooting of hostages is being increased by the Germans in the Balkans in an effort to stamp out the opposition of the guerrillas who are now being aided by Italian troops.

In spite of these desperate reprisals, German communications between northern Yugoslavia and Italy have now been almost completely cut, according to Cairo radio yesterday.

Yanks Save Candy Rations, Throw a Party for the Kids

AN EIGHTH FIGHTER CONTROL SQDN., Sept. 26—More than 100 children from a neighboring village were entertained at a lawn party by officers and enlisted men of this station yesterday. For several weeks the men saved their candy rations for the occasion, and the children got ice cream, cookies and lemonade, to boot.

A USAAF AIRFIELD, Sept. 26—Engineers building this field for the Eighth Air Force yesterday entertained 37 British girl orphans from three to 14 at the Aero Club.

Spokesman Charges Ford Failed in Output Aims

DETROIT, Sept. 26 (UP)—A full investigation into the operation of Henry Ford's bomber plant at Willow Run is being demanded by a spokesman who claims to represent 35,000 workers at the plant.

Letters have been sent to President Roosevelt and the Secretary of War demanding an enquiry on the grounds that its production record, according to the claim made by the spokesman, is one of "the outstanding failures of the war."

23 Silver Stars In 178 Awards

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1/Lt. Roland T. Knight, of Centerville, Tex., and Peter Theodore, of Orange, N.J.; T/Sgt. Houston Cummings, of Halesville, Ala., and Richard D. Hawkins, of Port Lewis, N.Y., and S/Sgt. Lester W. Saunders, of Chicago.

For saving the lives of two crew members and extricating the bodies of three others killed when a Marauder crashed and burst into flames, 1/Lt. Gaden Shore, of Lewiston, Idaho, and M/Sgt. LeRoy E. Livingston, of Thermopolis, Wyo., received Soldier's Medals.

Chicago Gunner Cited

Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETOUSA commander, presented one of the DFC awards to T/Sgt. Irving E. Narter, B17 ball turret gunner from Chicago, and cited him "for courage, coolness and skill on 20 missions and for destroying one enemy plane."

The awards:

Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star
Lt. Col. John H. DeRussy, San Antonio, Tex.

Silver Stars

Colt. William M. Reid, Sarasota, Fla., and Archie J. Old Jr., Atlanta, Tex.; Lt. Col. George L. Robinson, Corona Del Mar, Cal.; Herbert O. Wagneman, Moorpark, Cal.; Donald K. Fargo, Grand Cape, La.; Benkin R. Lawrence Jr., Mt. Clemens, Mich.; Joseph J. Preston, Elgin, Minn.; Addison E. Baker, Akron, Ohio; Maj. William R. Calhoun Jr., Birmingham, Ala.; Glenn

Yanks Advance Through Battle-Scarred Italian Town



U.S. infantrymen of the Fifth Army advance through the dusty ruins of Battipaglia—small Italian village near Salerno which exchanged hands several times between the Allies and Germans during the grim days of the battle for the Salerno beachhead. Fifth Army troops are now more than 15 miles past Battipaglia in the drive for Naples.

Film Completed On Russian War

Lt. Col. Frank Capra, three-time Academy Award winning movie director now making films for the Army Signal Corps, announced yesterday that "Battle for Russia," a sequel to "Battle of Britain," has been completed. The new picture consists of Russian and German war films.

"Battle of Britain," originally made by the Signal Corps for use by the Army, is being shown publicly at two London theaters—the Tivoli, on the Strand, and the London Pavilion, Piccadilly.

Capra also said that a full-length picture on the fighting in Tunisia, entitled "Operation Acrobat," was being completed and that Capt. Clark Gable's film, concerning two youths on Flying Fortress raids over Germany, was nearly finished.

He announced that more American producers and directors were coming to England to make war films and said he hoped to make some future pictures jointly with the British, whose war films he termed better than America's.

Hollywood has not "done a very good job" on some of its war films because "they are a long way from the war," he said in answer to criticism that "flag-waving pictures that are embarrassing the boys over here and making them squirm" have been made by Hollywood.

Spain Prays for Pope, Believed Nazi Prisoner

NEW YORK, Sept. 26—Spanish citizens have been asked to pray for the Pope following the statement by Archbishop Spellman of New York that the Catholic leader is a prisoner of the Germans, according to reports from Spain.

The appeal, which was put out by the Spanish Catholic paper Ecclesia, called on the nation to pray for the Pope even if they could do little else to change the present course of events.

Lend-Lease Still Increasing

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26—The Lend-Lease Administration announced Lend-Lease exports in 1943 would represent a higher percentage of the total American food supply than in 1942. Last year the administration's exports accounted for only six per cent of the supply.

E. Hagenbuch, Utica, Ill.; William D. Resdy, Kansas City, Mo.; Henry W. Terry, Ossining, N.Y.; George S. Brown, Alpine, N.J.; Paul D. Brown, Orange, N.J.; Ramsay D. Potts Jr., Memphis, Tenn.; Clemens K. Wurzbach, San Antonio, Tex.; and William S. Raper, Wheeling, W. Va.; Capt. Dale L. Shaffer, Decatur, Ill.; Ralph W. Hosman, Western Springs, Ill.; and Bruce D. Barton, Greenville, S.C.; 1/Lt. Milton S. Fugorow, Chicago; Frank R. Spitznagle, Buffalo, N.Y., and Varney D. Kline, Pineville, W. Va.

Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart

T/Sgt. Richard L. Nohl, San Rafael, Cal.

Purple Hearts

2/Lt. Harry Urmann, Phoenix.

1/Lt. Louis A. Snyder Jr., Wilmington; 2/Lt. George C. Bettinger, Alhambra; T/Sgt. Harold R. Knotts, Los Angeles, and S/Sgt. Herbert N. Riddle, San Diego.

1/Lt. Frank M. Kocketter, Denver; T/Sgt. Charles B. Schreiner, Denver, and John M. Scott, Pueblo.

2/Lt. John D. Schley, Savannah.

5/Sgt. James E. Moore, Chicago.

Sgt. Jack C. Petty, Pratt.

1/Lt. Dan B. McKay, Mangham; T/Sgt. Curry A. Reed, Iota, and Carl H. Campbell, Alexandria.

2/Lt. Edward C. Quigley, Hyde Park, and Edward W. Gould, Amesbury; S/Sgt. Willard J. Cronin, Wintrop.

2/Lt. Robert E. Dibble, Bangor, and F/O Gordon B. Erickson, Ludington.

2/Lt. Roy A. Burton, Kansas City, and T/Sgt. Delcie E. Geisler, Vicksy.

S/Sgt. James D. Keyes, Sparks, and S/Sgt. William M. Miller, Genoa.

2/Lt. Bruce T. Haley, New Market.

S/Sgt. Anthony F. Cucinotta, Trenton.

London Trip Reunites Brothers, Both Heroes

A U.S. MEDIUM BOMBER STATION, Sept. 26—Two brothers, separated since May of 1942, were reunited recently in London, where both had gone to celebrate safe returns from the tenth mission for each over enemy territory.

The two, S/Sgts. James L. and Jack E. McKienney, both of Harmony, Minn., are aerial gunners and were with two different Marauder groups at the time. Both hold the Air Medal, and both have been recommended for the Oak Leaf Cluster. The unexpected reunion brought happy results. Jack was able to arrange a transfer to his brother's group.

At Terlin-Bastard field, a base for German bombers engaged in anti-shipping operations, the main hangar was completely destroyed and five smaller ones damaged. Six other hangars were probably damaged. Barracks and other buildings and at least three aircraft on the field were also hit.

Marauders Hit Nazi Air Base

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At Vannes-Meucon, an operational base for German fighters, one large and two smaller hangars were destroyed and at least two others hit. Several buildings believed to be barracks were damaged and at least 30 bombs fell directly on the main runways. The dispersal areas and landing field were also pocked with bomb craters.

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Capt. H. F. Culver, of Pasadena, Cal., a member of the Eighth Air Force Combat Camera Unit, who rode in one of the Marauders Saturday, said: "I'm sure we hit the airdrome. It was a swell job of navigation."

Maj. Charles R. Keller, of Camarillo, Cal., pilot of Keller's Killer, said: "The target was just as pretty as could be and we unloaded right on it."

2/Lts. Anthony J. Grimaldi, Rye; Herbert A. Wiegand, Mt. Vernon, and Ralph V. Guinzburg, Chappaqua; T/Sgt. Robert H. Penly, Gasport, and Simual B. Rochester, New York; S/Sgt. Allen M. Fitzgerald, St. Albans; Jayson C. Smart, Branchport; Elmer W. Mills, New York; Dominick A. Santoli, Brooklyn, and Stanley S. Stopa, Niagara Falls.

North Carolina

S/Sgt. Roscoe Alderman, Roxboro.

Pennsylvania

2/Lt. William R. Harry, Clearfield; T/Sgt. Joseph F. Loughery Jr., Philadelphia; S/Sgt. Norbert S. Olsheski, Newport Turnpike; George E. Gamble, Philadelphia; Clyde C. Cingerich, Neston, and Frank J. Wingerter, Erie.

Texas

1/Lt. Alphonse H. Marech, Ennis; 2/Lt. John P. Noack, Port Arthur; S/Sgt. A. J. Potter, Dallas; John R. Wallace, Houston; Douglas Binford, Montgomery, and Billy J. Jackson, Hale Center.

2/Lt. Simpson M. Woolf, Salt Lake City.

2/Lt. Charles W. Bishop, Bluefield.

2/Lt. Sidney W. Alford, Beloit; S/Sgt. William H. Binnebose Jr., So. Wisconsin Rapids, and Mike Szezynek, Milwaukee.

Sgt. Theodore A. Harkins, London.

Oak Leaf Clusters to DFC

1/Lt. Don C. Bader, Edison, Ohio, and S/Sgt. Donald W. Crossley, Wellsburg, Va.

Distinguished Flying Crosses

S/Sgt. Earl Smith, Ensley.

Capt. Robert R. Fryer, Spadia; 2/Lt. Malvern R. Sweet, Livermore; T/Sgt. Borden W. Christensen, Corning, and S/Sgt. John M. Heller, Pasadena.

Maj. Ierald C. Price, Estes Park.

1/Lt. George V. Stollings Jr., Rowayton.

1/Lt. Edwin R. Manchester Jr., Wilmington.

Fifth Smashes To Naples Hills

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port planes are being rushed to the island to attempt an evacuation by air but the Allies are patrolling the area and several transports already have been shot into the sea. Enemy held airfields on both ends of the proposed shuttle route have been bombed by Allied planes. At sea, units of the Allied navy cruised between Corsica and Leghorn, to cut off the escape by water.

While this was going on, other planes of the Northwest African Air Force struck at points throughout Italy. Flying Fortresses hit three strategic points of the main supply line for the Germans, extending from Austria through the Brenner Pass, Verona, reported to be Rommel's headquarters, was hit for the first time of the war, while Bolzano and Bologna also were plastered with bombs.

Bolzano is the bottleneck of the German supply line, and if blocked, even for a short time, Rommel's chances of holding up the Allied advance would be greatly hindered. Bologna is the most important rail junction in Italy from the German viewpoint. It is located on the supply line from Germany but also is a control point for traffic from Yugoslavia and Hungary.

Keep Marshall, Pershing Reportedly Asks FDR

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 26 (AP)—Gen. John J. Pershing has visited President Roosevelt personally with a request that Gen. George C. Marshall be retained as chief of staff, the St. Louis Post Dispatch said today in a copyrighted story.

The paper said that if Gen. Marshall were transferred to London, as numerous rumors have reported of late, British Field Marshal Sir John Dill, who has been in Washington, probably would go with him.

Posthumous Award for Rosche

Posthumous award of the Legion of Merit to Col. Albert W. Rosche, of Los Angeles, was announced yesterday by Headquarters, ETOUSA. The citation praised Col. Rosche's work as commander of the Replacement Branch, Headquarters, SOS, particularly citing his establishment of a new system of handling replacements and allocation of priorities to control troop flow. He died in Britain July 10, 1943.

2/Lt. Dewey W. Johnson, Denton, and S/Sgt. James W. Haywood, Adrian.

Illinois

1/Lt. Jack C. Timken, Peoria, and William E. Peters Jr., Highland Park; T/Sgt. Dick W. Jones, Aurora, and Irving E. Narter, Chicago.

Indiana

1/Lt. Earl A. Schaefer, Fort Wayne; T/Sgt. Bernard A. Stelhorn, Indianapolis, and S/Sgt. Casimir P. Piatek, Hammond.

Kentucky

S/Sgt. James E. Toy, Paducah.

Maine

1/Lt. Howard D. Gardner, East Millinocket, and S/Sgt. Beverly C. Geyer, Thomaston.

Maryland

1/Lt. Woodrow W. Thomas, Baltimore, and James F. Kelley, Silver Springs.

Massachusetts

T/Sgt. John L. Anderson, Waltham, and George F. Murray, South Boston; S/Sgt. Henry J. Gardner, Boston.

Michigan

Capt. Robert P. Millikin, Adrian, and Robert J. Yankmen, Grand Rapids.

Minnesota

Maj. Joseph J. Preston, Elgin; 2/Lt. Louis W. Nelson and S/Sgt. Robert H. Yattaw, Minneapolis.

Mississippi

1/Lt. William P. Cassidy, Brookhaven.

Missouri

T/Sgt. Richard T. Martin, Kansas City.

New Jersey

Maj. Louis W. Robt, Teaneck; T/Sgt. J. Kiss, Jersey City, and Francis J. Ryan, Orange.

New York

Capt. Donald H. Frank, Elmira, and Lohras H. Knapp, Sarasota Springs; 2/Lts. Rocco M. Rockville Center.

Ohio

T/Sgt. Martin I. Kacey Jr., Cleveland Heights, and Henry E. Mike, Youngstown.

Oklahoma

1/Lt. Guy H. McClung, Lawton.

Oregon

S/Sgt. Hugh W. Russell, Portland.

Pennsylvania

Capt. Hugh J. Toland, Philadelphia; 1/Lt. Henry R. Haldy, Lancaster, and S/Sgt. Harry L. Benson, Clearfield.

German Retreat Caused by Reds' New Fire Power

700% Infantry Increase, 300% for Artillery, Writer Explains

There have been many theories for the German collapse in Russia. Maurice Handler, United Press correspondent, used two words yesterday to explain the Russians' victories: Fire power.

In their summer offensive, Handler said, the Red Army suddenly revealed a fire power for its infantry which was seven times stronger than that it possessed in 1939. Similarly, artillery has three times its fire power.

This enormous increase in fire power could only be obtained, according to Handler, by a production which by far surpassed anything the Soviet Union had seen before.

Allied Equipment Has Role

Allied equipment has played a considerable role, but Handler maintained that the vast majority of tanks and aircraft employed by the Red Army are of Russian make. Artillery and smaller arms are exclusively Russian.

Handler coupled two other facts as predominant in Russian successes. He said that the Luftwaffe was unable to compete with the Red Air Force, which now can establish aerial superiority in any given sector at any time.

And he said that two years of war have made the Russian generals bolder, more imaginative and progressive than anything the German High Command could ever have foreseen.

Radio Operator Averts Ambush

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after Rowe's latest job, which saved the entire wing, according to Col. Castle, and brought it safely in to the first USAAF night operational landing in the ETO.

On the way back from bombing the Nazi fighter assembly plant at Cognac, the formation led by the House of Lords dropped to below 2,000 feet to escape Nazi interception. Rowe's radio sounded just as a formation of enemy planes found the low-flying B17s and attacked. Rowe chose his radio instead of his gun.

The message, from base in England, warned of thick weather immediately ahead, with clouds up to 6,000 feet. The Forts beat off the fighters, climbed over the weather together, then went on to make their first operational night landing, safely and as a group.

"We would have broken formation as soon as we dug into the clouds had Sgt. Rowe not been at his post when the warning came," explained Maj. Kenneth S. Steele, 25, of Santa Rosa, Cal., squadron commander who went on the trip as co-pilot. "Experience has shown that no formation can remain intact in such overcast. As a result of knowing we could climb out of it, we were returned in a compact formation and succeeded in the first—and difficult—night landing ever attempted here."

Urge MacArthur Be Made Chief of War Against Japs

HONOLULU, Sept. 26—Two U.S. Senators today urged that Gen. Douglas MacArthur be appointed as chief of the Allied war against Japan.

Sens. A. B. Chandler, of Kentucky, and Ralph Brewster, of Maine, returning from an inspection tour of the South Pacific, declared MacArthur is "doing a fine job. MacArthur never will become secondary to any other Pacific commander."

Col. Archie J. Old Jr., Atlanta, and 1/Lt. William A. Driscoll, Huntsville.

Utah

Maj. Harry J. Dayhoff, Ogden.

Virginia

Maj. Clyde G. Gillespie, Salem, and 2/Lt. Kermit B. Cavado, Richmond.

Wisconsin

1/Lt. Henry Wojdyla, Lublin, and Arthur C. Way, Madison.

Canada

1/Lt. James A. Goodson, Toronto.

Oak Leaf Clusters to Air Medals

Lt. Col. George L. Robinson, Corona Del Mar, Cal.; Andre R. Brasseur, Baton Rouge, La.; Robert B. Keck, Alhambra, Pa., and William E. Buck Jr., San Antonio, Tex.; Maj. James J. Griffith, High Point, N.C.; Capt. James S. Wright, Cleveland; 1/Lt. Harvey H. Wallace Jr., Carthage, Miss.; 2/Lt. Karl H. Brauer, Indianapolis, Ind.; and David C. Cox, Greensboro, N.C.; F/O John C. Morgan, New York; S/Sgt. Salvatore Tafara, Clovis, Cal.; Peter R. Milastus, Chicago; James V. Neims, Yancey, Ky.; John C. Ford, Highland Park, Mich.; Bernard H. Koenig, Spencer, Neb., and Allen M. Fitzgerald, St. Albans, N.Y.

Air Medals

1/Lt. Harvey M. Wagner, Ventnor City, N.J., and Theodore M. Peterson, Woods Cross, Utah; F/Os Gordon B. Erickson, Ludington, Mich., and Harvey A. Witt, Surrey, England; T/Sgt. John M. Scott, Pueblo, Colo.; T/Sgt. John Marshall, Reading, Mass., and Robert E. Penly, Gasport, N.Y.; S/Sgt. Anthony F. Cucinotta, Tremont, N.J.; Frank J. Winegarner, Erie, Pa., and George Ashworth, Toronto, Canada.

Soldier's Medals

Maj. Ollen Turner, Dallas, Tex.; 1/Lt. Julius L. Eichenbaum, Brooklyn; Roland F. Knight, and Gaden Shore, Lewiston, Idaho; 2/Lt. George A. Bannon, Kingston, Pa.; M/Sgt. LeRoy E. Livingston, Thermopolis, Wyo.; T/Sgt. Houston Cummings, Halesville, Ala., and Richard D. Hawkins, Port Lewis, N.Y.; S/Sgt. Francis E. Owens, Pittsburgh; Vincent S. Noel, Snakerstown, Pa.; Peter S. Russell Jr., Salem, Mass., and Lester W. Saunders, Chicago; Sgts. Robert Miller, Brooklyn, and William E. Painter, New Brunswick, N.J.; Pfc. Martin Higgs, San Francisco, and Valentine A. Clasen, Milwaukee, Wis.

AFN Will Give 11-2 Broadcasts Starting Today

'Chow-Time' Programs Planned Daily; New Features Added

The American Forces Network, which airs programs from the U.S. networks for ETO GIs, today adds a daily "chow-time" broadcast from 11 AM to 2 PM to its regular schedule.

Starting today, the AFN will be on the air from 11 AM to 2 PM and from 5.45 PM to 10.30 PM, Monday through Friday; 11 AM to 2 PM and 5.45 PM to 11 PM on Saturdays, and 8 AM to 10.30 PM on Sundays.

Highlighting new programs scheduled for broadcast is "Today's Scores Today," part of "Final Edition," presented each evening by Stars and Stripes radio reporters. For the rest of the baseball season, each day's scores will be broadcast at 10.20 PM.

A short wave broadcast direct from the United States every Saturday at 10.45 PM will bring the latest football scores, and a complete summary of gridiron results will be given each Sunday on the 1 PM news broadcast.

'Help Wanted' on Air

Sgt. Lou Rakin, of Linden, N.J., conductor of the Stars and Stripes "Help Wanted" column, will have his own five-minute show every Monday at 8.25 PM, starting next week. His program will be patterned after his Stars and Stripes feature—locating friends, answering general questions and conducting a lost and found department.

"This Week in Science," a summary of the role science is playing in post-war world planning, will be broadcast each Tuesday at 8.25 PM by Cpl. John Vrotsos.

Two musical shows, "Strictly GI" and "Barracks Bag," also have been added. The former, featuring GI news from home and other theaters, will be heard each Thursday from 12 until 12.30 PM. "Barracks Bag," scheduled for 1.10 PM Monday through Saturday, except Friday, will include popular music and news from Hollywood.

"Concert for Chowhounds," another musical show, will be heard each Friday at 1.30 PM.

American Forces Network

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Today

- AM
- 11.00—GI Live
- 11.15—Hi, Neighbor
- 11.30—Half and Half—Popular and Classic
- 12.00—Band of the Royal Corps of Signals (BBC)
- PM
- 12.30—Return Engagement—Tommy Dorsey
- 1.00—News (BBC)
- 1.10—Barracks Bag
- 2.00—Sign Off until 5.45 PM
- PM
- 5.45—Spotlight on Teddy Powell
- 6.00—News (BBC)
- 6.10—Personal Album—Diana Galt
- 6.25—GI Supper Club
- 7.00—Sports—Stars and Stripes radio reports
- 7.05—Gay Nineties Revue
- 7.30—Command Performance
- 8.00—News From Home—Stars and Stripes roundup
- 8.10—Fred Warior Show
- 8.25—Miniature, a musical spot
- 8.30—Front Line Theater—Blondie and Dagwood
- 9.00—World News (BBC)
- 9.10—Melody Roundup—western music
- 9.30—Red Skelton Show
- 10.00—Vincent Lopez
- 10.20—Final Edition—Stars and Stripes Roundup of world, ETO and sports news
- 10.30—Sign off until Tuesday, September 28, at 11 AM.

'Two-Day Pass to London' Staged at General Hospital

A GENERAL HOSPITAL, England, Sept. 26—"Two-Day Pass to London," a soldier show produced by an Eighth Air Force bomber station, has been staged at this hospital. Cpl. William R. Johnson, of Philadelphia, produced and directed the show. Stage manager was T/5 Steve Rothbaum, of Brooklyn.

The cast included Pvt. Harry Shaw, Philadelphia; Sgt. Howard Holmes, Philadelphia; Sgt. Ralph Reagan, Philadelphia; S/Sgt. Milan Kuzmanovich, Elizabeth, N.J.; Pfc Harold Honig, Bronx, and Pvt. John Bonac, Pittsburgh. In the play were two R.A.F. performers, T. Brian Coleman and Jack H. Catefish, and three WAAFs, Gwen Kiefer, Mickie Ward and Maureen Leahy.

5-Cent Army Wash Bill Gets Indorsed 16 Times

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Sept. 26—By the time a five-cent army laundry bill incurred by an unidentified Fortress gunner in Wichita Falls, Tex., gets back to America it will have more than 30 indorsements. This station put the 16th indorsement on it and sent it up through channels to Wing and Bomber Command and Eighth Air Force headquarters and ETO headquarters. Along with the mass of paper went the nickel wash debt.

In Wichita Falls, the soldier misread his laundry bill, paid \$1.40 instead of \$1.45. He was shipped out shortly afterwards and the bill followed him around the United States and across the ocean to the ETO.

Orphan Fund, Year Old, Is Past Half-Way Mark

Yanks Chip in £28,950 To Aid 260 Orphans For Five Years

By Richard Wilbur
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund celebrated its first birthday yesterday, well beyond the half-way mark to the £50,000 goal set a year ago. The total of the fund is now £28,950 6s 1d, which is contributing to the support of 260 war orphans.

On Sept. 26, 1942, The Stars and Stripes announced the campaign, with the endorsement of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, ETO commander at that time.

"You may be assured that the officers and men of my command are heartily in accord with this undertaking," he said.

ETO soldiers have lived up to the general's assurance—plenty. With traditional doughboy generosity they've poured out the equivalent of 115,800 American dollars to aid 260 kids whose fathers were killed during the blitz on England, or at Dunkirk, or far overseas.

Help for Five Years

Most of the children are being sponsored by individual units, each of which raised £100 to aid a war orphan for five years. To the mother, the American foster-uncles in each unit said, in effect: "We can't take the place of a father, but we can make it easier for you to be both father and mother." They've made it sure that the kids get all the necessities of life, and maybe a few wartime luxuries, like a new toy or an extra bit of candy.

A whirl or two extra have been thrown in. Bombers have been named for the real holidays arranged. And the American foster-uncles said they got as much kick out of it as the British kids seemed to.

American ingenuity and speed helped the soldiers raise the orphan money as much as generosity. One of the first sponsors was a bomber station, which clinched its £100 drive by plugging a song called "Give a Bob for a Baby," and putting up posters with the additional sound advice, "Give while ya got it."



A year ago yesterday this picture was published in The Stars and Stripes and in British newspapers with the announcement of the founding of The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund. The picture shows two war orphans, David, left, and Patrick, with Bob Collins, of The Stars and Stripes circulation staff. Since then, American soldiers have contributed £28,950 6s. 11d. to help support 260 war orphans.

The battery of one regiment raised £100 in ten minutes. Members of an engineers company contributed to their goal at the rate of more than £3 a minute. "Give!" shouted the commanding officer at 4.30 one afternoon; half an hour later there were £100 and 124 prospective uncles.

In any way that money could be raised, soldiers raised it. They raked in war-orphan proceeds by giving dances, parties and shows, by winning at poker and crap games, and by saving pennies. A bunch at an air depot group—12 enlisted men and a second lieutenant—made up a show and toured the countryside with it, every night after the daily chores, until they raised £100. A warrant officer once sent in a sack of pennies amounting to £2 10s.

At first—when one unit after another stated a preference for "a blonde, blue-eyed little girl" to sponsor—it looked as if the War Orphan Fund was getting into

a rut. Then an infantry outfit came through with a request for sponsorship of a small girl "with eyes as dark as night and hair as black as a raven's wing," and before long, an air force observer unit demanded: "The ugliest dirty-faced little brat (boy) you have for us to sponsor."

Two privates shelled out contributions which amounted to new highs in doughboy generosity. Pfc Frank Erlanson, of Woodhull, Ill., who was left an orphan himself at the age of two during the last war, gave The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund £30, more than two months' salary. A buck private, Irving Fain, of Providence, R.I., contributed £20, more than a month's pay, several days before last Thanksgiving.

The largest single contribution came from a civilian source—£1,632 contributed by American technicians of Lockheed Aircraft Overseas Corp. They specified

Shows, Parties, Even Crap Games Helped to Raise the Dough

that the money be used to aid Irish war orphans, because "the kids in Ireland have certainly made us feel welcome."

War orphans, who are old enough, like to write to their foster uncles. Here's a letter from two British kids just received by an infantry unit, which presented them with a puppy for home and a holiday at the seashore not long ago:

"To our dear Uncles—I hope you are all well as we are after our holiday. We had a lovely time. We saw a lot of fishing boats and saw the fishermen feeding the sea gulls, but we wanted to see our puppy and he was so pleased to see us. Love to you all from Patrick and David."

Four war orphans were sponsored by a single unit, a Negro aviation engineers battalion. The smallest unit to raise £100 for an orphan was an air force group, composed of 26 enlisted men who service an officers' cafeteria.

During the first World War, the original Stars and Stripes sponsored a war orphan plan through which members of the AEF raised funds to support 3,444 parentless children in France.

Procedure for contributing to the fund is simple: Get your group together, agree on an amount, get the money. Mail or deliver the check or money order to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund, Printing House Sq., London, EC4.

Funds are administered by the American Red Cross, which bears the cost of administration, so that every cent contributed goes to the needy child.

Contributions last week were: £100, brought in by Capt. A. Stewart, from the—Observation Training Group, to sponsor Ernest D—; additional gifts for their war orphans from Hq. and Service Co.,—Engineers Bn., through Capt. John A. Moody, and from Co. C,—Engineers Avn. Bn., through 1/Lt. Gerald A. Vulliamy; and general fund donations from ETO SOS OCE, through Maj. L. F. Weaver, and from—Base P.O., through Capt. Ervin W. Boettcher.

Billy Gilbert Hits The Road in U.K.

Troupe Split into 2 Outfits; 12 USO Shows on Tour in ETO

Billy Gilbert's newly-arrived troupe of nine American entertainers will hit the USO-Camp Show circuit today to bring the total number of touring shows in the ETO to 12, a new high.

The nine split up into two outfits, which also include six British entertainers. Gilbert heads "Hullabaloo," and dancer Duke McHale will lead "Full Speed Ahead." The cast of the former, which is scheduled for points in the county of Bedford, includes Florine McKinney, singer; Tommy Martin, magician; Ella McKenzie, comedienne; Frank Paleson, pianist, and Les Jessop, drummer.

'Full Speed Ahead'

"Full Speed Ahead," which goes to Wiltshire, has Gail Manners, singer; Carl Nixon and Gussie Sands, comedy team; Thea Hayden, violinist; Lucille, juggler and conjurer; Chris May, pianist, and Fred Weston, drummer.

Three units featuring soldier bands are also on tour. "The GI Gang," an 11-man outfit, plays points in Bedford; Willie Shore's "Band Wagon," with a seven-piece jive team, goes to camps in Berkshire, and "At Ease," Hank Ladd's show, featuring five soldier musicians, is scheduled for Essex.

"Broadway Time," starring tap-dancer Hal Le Roy, is booked for the Liverpool area, and Grace Drysdale's "Swingtime" will play in Suffolk. Movie star Adolphe Menjou, who has co-starred in Miss Drysdale's show since his arrival in Britain in June, has left to entertain American troops in Africa and Sicily.

Iceland Show in Scotland

"Yanks Abroad," featuring Frankie Conville, the first unit to come to Britain from Iceland, is scheduled for camps in Scotland; George Freems' "USA Calling" goes to Essex, and "Jive Time," starring Billy Guest, plays in Wiltshire and Hampshire.

Don Rice's outfit, "Fun Marches On," is booked for the Birmingham area and "Rudy Starita and his Starlites" are in Devon and Gloucestershire.

Hans Crescent Anniversary, State Reunions Top ARC Bill

A Hans Crescent birthday party and five reunion dinners at the Mostyn Club head this week's Red Cross activities. Hans Crescent will celebrate its first anniversary next Sunday with a 12-hour party starting at 2 PM.

The birthday party at Hans Crescent, Knightsbridge, London, SW1, will feature a circus, with clowns, performing animals, freaks and sideshows.

Residents of Michigan serving in the ETO will meet tonight at the Mostyn Club, 17 Portman St., London, W1. On Wednesday men from Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia will gather. Kansans will hold their state reunion Thursday. All state dinners are scheduled for 7.15 PM.

Milestone

Program for the week at the Milestone club, 2 Kensington Ct., London, W8:
Tuesday—Fishing party, 2 PM; theater party, 5.30 PM.
Wednesday—Table tennis tournament, Mostyn Thursday—Softball, 10.30 AM; recorded concert, 9.30 PM.
Friday—Club dance, 8-11 PM.
Saturday—Horseback riding, 11 AM; variety show, 11.30 PM.
Sunday—Tour of London, 10 AM; open house, 6-9 PM.

Mostyn

Program for the week at the Mostyn club:
Tuesday—Movies, two showings, 6.15 and 8.15 PM.
Wednesday—Table tennis tournament, Mostyn versus Washington and Hans Crescent, 8 PM.
Thursday—Conversational French class, 6.30 PM.
Friday—Quiz program, 8.30 PM.
Saturday—Dance, 8-11 PM.
Sunday—Tea dance, 3-5.30 PM.

Columbia

Program for the week at the Columbia club, 70, Seymour St., London, W1:
Tuesday—Gym workout, 10 AM; archery, 3 PM; dance, 7.30 PM.
Wednesday—Gym workout, 10 AM; archery, 3 PM; ice skating, 5.30 PM; movies, 7 PM.
Thursday—Gym workout, 10 AM; archery, 3 PM; dramatic class, 6.30 PM; dancing class, 8.30 PM; piano music, 8.30 PM; recorded classics, 9.30 PM.
Friday—Gym workout, 10 AM; archery, 3 PM; Russian program, 7.30 PM.
Saturday—Gym workout, 10 AM; archery, 3 PM; dance, 7.30 PM.
Sunday—Gym workout, 10 AM; music hour, 11.30 AM; trip to Kew Gardens, 2.30 PM; dance, 7.30 PM.

Duchess St.

Program for the week at the Red Cross Duchess St. club, 1 Duchess St., London, W1:
Tuesday—Fun and games night, 7.30 PM.
Wednesday—Movies, 8 PM.
Thursday—Hostess dance, 7.30-10 PM.
Saturday—Tea dance, 3-6 PM.

Salisbury

SALISBURY, Sept. 26—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:
Monday—French lessons, 7 PM; piano session, 8.30 PM.
Tuesday—Movie, 7 PM; card party, 8 PM; dancing class, 8.30 PM.

Wednesday—Dance, 7.30 PM.
Thursday—Musical tea, 5.30 PM; Dutch banquet, 6 PM; jam session, 8.30 PM.
Friday—Program committee dinner, 6 PM; harvest ball, 7.30 PM.
Saturday—Musical tea, 3.30 PM; dance, 7.30 PM.
Sunday—Weight lifting, 11.30 AM; Salisbury tour, 2 PM; tea dance, 4 PM; ENSA show, 7.30 PM.

Northampton

NORTHAMPTON, Sept. 26—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:
Monday—Classical music, 9 PM.
Wednesday—Dance, 8.30 PM.
Friday—Movie, 9 PM.
Saturday—Trip to cattle market, 11.30 AM; dance, 8.30 PM.
Sunday—Sulgrave Manor bus trip, 10 AM; tea dance, 3 PM; dance, 8.30 PM.

Oxford

OXFORD, Sept. 26—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:
Tuesday—Dancing class, 8 PM.
Wednesday—Dance, 8-11.30 PM.
Thursday—Hospital party, 5-8 PM.
Friday—Dancing class, 8 PM.
Saturday—Dance, 8-11.30 PM.

Southampton

SOUTHAMPTON, Sept. 26—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:
Monday—Movie.
Tuesday—Table tennis tournament; dancing class.
Wednesday—Dance.
Thursday—Variety show.
Friday—Bingo; dancing class.
Saturday—Dance.

Newbury

NEWBURY, Sept. 26—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:
Monday—Movies, 8.30 PM; dance, 7 PM.
Tuesday—French lessons, 8 PM.
Wednesday—Dance, 8 PM.
Thursday—Dance, 8 PM.
Friday—German lessons, 8-10 PM.
Saturday—Soldier variety show, 8 PM.
Sunday—Baseball, 1.30 PM; movies, 2.30 PM; dance, 8 PM.

Fighter Station Aero Club

AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION, Sept. 26—Soldiers at this station had a "sneak preview" of the American Red Cross' new Aero club yesterday when the snack bar opened. Jane Salley, Orangeburg, S.C., is manager of the club, which is to be opened formally this week. She is assisted by Marian Mapes, of Cleveland, O.

'Middle Three' Alumni Gather

60 from Lehigh, Lafayette, Rutgers Attend First of College Reunions

Sixty former undergraduates of the Middle Three—Lehigh, Lafayette and Rutgers—gathered Saturday night at the No. 3 Grosvenor Sq. Club for the first in a series of reunion dinners sponsored by The Stars and Stripes College Registration Service.

Old friends met, many for the first time since they left school, and as the night wore on chevroned arms draped over barred shoulders as classmates ranging from corporals to colonels warmed up to a relish of old times.

After dinner, a tactfully selected film of the 1942-7 tie Lehigh-Lafayette football game was shown to those who wanted to watch. Others reminisced.

"Red" Conley and 1/Lt. Milt Nelson, both Rutgers '41, talked about the day they beat Princeton. "Red," now an Army captain, was at tackle that day and Nelson got in at quarter. Nelson has had bigger days since then. He recently left his B24 outfit and came to England after taking part in the raid on the Ploesti oilfields in Rumania as a navigator.

T/4 Jim Hogg and Maj. Howard Scull, both Lafayette '35, met again for the first time at the reunion dinner. Maj. Scull, who was captain of the Lafayette soccer team, is now a B26 flight surgeon.

1/Lt. Myron (Whitey) Sterngold, of Lawrence, L.I., N.Y., Rutgers' tackle and runner-up for the Eastern Intercollegiate heavyweight wrestling title, was there. Sterngold, a B26 pilot, has piloted his Marauder Big Fat Momma, too, on 12 raids.

Tony Carcione, Lehigh '41, a P47 pilot with the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters, was the most decorated man at the dinner. Tony has been on 43 fighter ops.

Senior officer at the reunion was Lt. Col. Edward D. Gray, Rutgers '28, of Belleport, L.I., N.Y., who is communications officer of the Eighth Air Force.

The affair was managed by Capt. Harry A. Harchar, Lehigh, 39. The next reunion sponsored by The Stars and Stripes College Registration Service will take place early in December. Dates and colleges will be announced.



ETO World Series Starts Today With Nine Games

Army Crushes Villanova, 27-0, In Grid Opener

Cadets Roll After Being Held Scoreless in First Period

WEST POINT, N.Y., Sept. 26—Galloping Glen Davis, 19-year-old plebe, paced Army to a 27-0 triumph over Villanova here yesterday as the Cadets opened their 1943 grid season. Davis spearheaded the Army attack with a second period touchdown and a 41-yard return of an interception which set up another score.

Army was held scoreless the first period, but in the second period they recovered a Villanova fumble on Villanova's 39-yard line. Line smashes gained 34 yards and Davis scooted around end for a score. The conversion was low.

Maxon Breaks Away
The Cadets struck swiftly at the start of the second half, marching 76 yards from the kickoff to the goal. George Maxon, of Vernon, Texas, made 63 yards on a breakaway run and George Troxel carried it over from the one-yard marker. Before the third period ended, the teams exchange punts and Tom Lombardo passed to Carl Anderson on the seven. Anderson bulling his way to a score. Ed Murphy kicked both extra points.

In the fourth period, Davis scooped a Villanova pass on Army's 44 and went to the Villanova 15. Two bucks gained 13 yards and Charlie Daniels hit tackle to score. Bob St. Onge added the point.

Villanova, victor last week over Muhlenberg, made only two threats, once getting to the Cadet 27 and again to the Cadet 39, but both times the Army line threw the Wildcats back.

The Army gained 425 yards, of which 279 were on the ground. Villanova gained 103 aerially and 44 on the ground.

Nix on Passing



You might be hearing plenty about this young fellow this fall for he's being boomed as one of the National Professional Football League's stars-to-be. He is Emery Nix, Texas Christian University's ace halfback the last two years, who now is playing with the New York Giants in the pro circuit.

Pro Football Bound to Prosper After War, Elmer Layden Says

Predicts Grid Expansion To South America And Europe

(Third of a series by national sports leaders on the post-war sports outlook.)

By Elmer F. Layden

Commissioner, National Football League

CHICAGO, Sept. 26 (AP)—Football should prosper when the present conflict ends. With so many good players coming out of the service, we are bound to have a higher caliber of professional football recruits.

The general sport expansion after World War I helped promote the start of the National Football League in 1921. The league was caught in the upward surge of football interest.

When peace comes I believe the National Football League will be the springboard for future expansion in sports.

I cannot forecast to what extent this expansion will grow, but it is not beyond the realm of possibility that from our league may spring international leagues.

The men in our armed forces are spreading football ideas throughout the world and it may be that the game will prove attractive in the future of South America, England and perhaps most of Europe.

The solution of our good neighbor policy in South America may be sports.

Steady Growth in League

Every team in our league has lost money at some time or another, with close to half of the clubs losing money each season. However, there has been a steady growth in organization and attendance. This will continue after World War II is over.

Greater emphasis has been placed on the physical side of life by this war. Many boys who never played football



Elmer Layden

before now are taking to the sport. The Navy's Pre-Flight program is one example.

Parents who worried about Junior playing football, now wish he had started earlier.

Aid in Readjustment

I believe men coming out of the service will find football a valuable aid in their readjustment to normal life. To prepare these men for the type of war thrust upon us, we have had to teach them utter disregard for the principles of sportsmanship inherent in all Americans. It will take a vitally active agent to bring them back to the normal and casual life of our democracy. Football is such an agent.

There also will be the problem of gainful employment, which professional football will solve for many athletes. Several seasons away at war will not lessen an athlete's chances of regaining major league playing form.

By and large, peace looms as a boom period for football and an excellent period for the game to further demonstrate its importance in American life.

Three Contests At 10AM Open Diamond Play

20 Teams to Vie for Title In 4-Day Tourney At Flier HQ

By Ray Lee

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

EIGHTH AIR FORCE HQ, Sept. 26—The first round of the ETO's "World Series" opens here tomorrow at 10 AM with three games scheduled on three different diamonds.

Schedule for the opening tilt is: Yankees, SOS Headquarters entry, vs. the Bomber Command Moles, on number one diamond; — MP Nitesticks of WBS vs. the Derry Marines from Northern Ireland on the number two diamond, and the — Medics vs. the Service Command Red Devils on the number three diamond.

At 1:30 PM, on diamond number one, the Composite Command Mustangs from Northern Ireland will tangle with another WBS entry, the Americans and the Agitators, Northern Ireland champs fight it out with the Dodgers, SBS Southern League winners on diamond number two. The Fighter Command Thunderbolts will meet the popular WBS — Port Ramblers on diamond number three.

Creelvagh's Tangle With Eagles

The final games of the opening day will be played at 3:30 PM, when Chief Jerry Patrick's Creelvagh's, Navy entry from Londonderry, take on the Air Support Command Eagles on diamond number one, the — Signal Hounds from WBS are matched with the CBS Clowns on diamond number two, and on diamond number three the ASC Angels from SBS play the SOS Yanks.

Final game of the first round of eliminations will be the — Engineers-Buccaneers contest, the Engineers representing Eighth Air Force Headquarters and the Buccaneers EBS. The game will be at 10 AM Tuesday on diamond number one. Winners of the Yankees-Moles and the Nitesticks-Marines games will play at the same time on diamond number two. On diamond number three, the winning squad in the Medics-Red Devils game and the Mustangs-Americans game pair off.

Semi-Finals on Wednesday

The afternoon's games will start at 1:30 between the best team in the Agitators-Dodgers and Thunderbolts-Ramblers combine on number one diamond. On diamond number two, the victors in the Navy-Eagles and — Signal Hounds-Clowns contest will tangle at the same time. The quarter-finals will be completed at 3:30 on diamonds one and two.

Tentative schedule for the semi-finals is at 2:30 PM Wednesday, depending on the weather. The games will be played on diamonds one and two.

The games all will be regulation and played under official rules, with an umpire behind the plate, two base umpires and an official scorer.

Visiting players will be furnished with accommodations at ARC clubs and an ambulance and Army doctor will be on hand in case of accidents.

U.S. One Squad Captures London Softball Crown

The U.S. One softball team captured the London International Softball League crown yesterday blanking the U.S. Two squad, 8-0, at Hyde Park behind the one-hit pitching of Pfc "Tiny" Montague, of Detroit. They took the first game of the series last Sunday, 2-0.

Cpl. Chuck Kiersgaard, of Perth Amboy, N.J., took hitting honors for the winners, clouting a homer, triple and two singles in five chances. The champs scored five runs in the first, one in the third and fifth and one in the final frame off the 13 hits given up by Cpl. Dick Chval, of Chicago.

Minor League Results

International League	
Syracuse 5, Toronto 3 (first game)	
Toronto 6, Syracuse 0 (second game)	
Toronto 5, Syracuse 1 (third game)	
Eastern League	
Elmira 9, Scranton 8 (first game)	
Scranton 1, Elmira 0 (second game)	
Elmira 4, Scranton 3 (third game)	
Elmira 2, Scranton 0 (fourth game)	
American Association	
Playoff Results	
Columbus 11, Milwaukee 1 (first game)	
Milwaukee 8, Columbus 6 (second game)	
Columbus 6, Milwaukee 1 (third game)	
Columbus 7, Milwaukee 0 (fourth game)	
Columbus eliminated Milwaukee 3-1	
Toledo 2, Indianapolis 1 (first game)	
Indianapolis 6, Toledo 3 (second game)	
Indianapolis 6, Toledo 4 (third game)	
Toledo 8, Indianapolis 7 (fourth game)	
Pacific Coast League	
Playoff Results	
San Francisco 6, Seattle 5 (first game)	
Seattle 2, San Francisco 0 (second game)	
Middies on Top, 31-0	
ANNAPOLIS, Md., Sept. 26—Navy opened its football season here yesterday, beating North Carolina Pre-Flight, 31-0. Joe Sullivan bucked five yards for the first Navy touchdown in the first period. From there Navy used its second, third and fourth string teams.	

Schedules of Nation's Football Squads

Today's schedules cover all the schools in the East and South. Next Monday's edition will carry the Midwest, Pacific Coast and service schools.

East

Date	Opponent	At
Oct. 2	Colgate	West Point
Oct. 9	Temple	West Point
Oct. 16	Columbia	Baker Field
Oct. 23	Yale	New Haven
Oct. 30	Pennsylvania	Philadelphia
Nov. 6	Notre Dame	New York
Nov. 13	Sampson Naval	West Point
Nov. 20	Brown	West Point
Nov. 27	Navy	West Point
ARMY		
Oct. 2	Tufts	Medford
Oct. 9	Coast Guard	Lewiston
Nov. 6	Tufts	Lewiston
BROOKLYN		
Oct. 16	C.C.N.Y.	Brooklyn
Nov. 6	R.P.I.	Troy
Nov. 13	C.C.N.Y.	New York
BROWN		
Oct. 2	Holy Cross	Worcester
Oct. 9	Tufts	Providence
Oct. 16	Princeton	Providence
Nov. 6	Yale	New Haven
Nov. 13	Coast Guard	Providence
Nov. 20	Army	West Point
Nov. 25	Colgate	Providence
BUCKNELL		
Oct. 2	Muhlenberg	Lewisburg
Oct. 9	F. and M.	Philadelphia
Oct. 16	Villanova	Philadelphia
Oct. 23	Muhlenberg	Allentown
Oct. 30	Lakhurst Naval	Lewisburg
Nov. 6	Cake	Lewisburg
Nov. 13	F. and M.	Lancaster
Nov. 25	F. and M.	Lancaster
CARNEGIE TECH		
Oct. 2	Rochester	Rochester
Oct. 9	Case	Cleveland
Oct. 16	Lehigh	Pittsburgh
Oct. 23	West Va.	Morgantown
Oct. 30	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh
Nov. 6	Westminster	New Wilmington
C.C.N.Y.		
Oct. 16	Brooklyn	Brooklyn
Oct. 23	Swarthmore	Swarthmore
Nov. 13	Brooklyn	New York
COAST GUARD ACADEMY		
Oct. 2	Dartmouth	Hanover
Oct. 9	Holy Cross	Worcester
Oct. 16	R.P.I.	Troy
Oct. 23	Bates	Lewiston
Oct. 30	Tufts	Medford
Nov. 6	Worcester Tech.	New London
Nov. 13	Brown	Providence
COLGATE		
Oct. 2	Army	West Point
Oct. 9	Penn State	State College
Oct. 16	Rochester	Hamilton
Oct. 23	Cornell	Worcester
Oct. 30	Holy Cross	Hamilton
Nov. 6	R.P.I.	Baker Field
Nov. 13	Columbia	Baker Field
Nov. 20	Brown	Providence
COLUMBIA		
Oct. 2	Princeton	Baker Field
Oct. 9	Yale	Baker Field
Oct. 16	Army	Baker Field
Oct. 23	Pennsylvania	Ithaca
Oct. 30	Cornell	Ithaca
Nov. 6	Dartmouth	Hanover
Nov. 13	Navy	Baker Field
Nov. 20	Colgate	Baker Field
CORNELL		
Oct. 2	Navy	Baltimore
Oct. 9	Princeton	Princeton
Oct. 16	Holy Cross	Ithaca
Oct. 23	Colgate	Ithaca
Oct. 30	Columbia	Ithaca
Nov. 6	Penn State	Hamilton
Nov. 13	Dartmouth	Philadelphia
Nov. 20	Pennsylvania	Philadelphia
DARTMOUTH		
Oct. 2	Coast Guard	Hanover
Oct. 9	Penn State	Philadelphia
Oct. 16	Yale	New Haven
Nov. 6	Columbia	Hanover
Nov. 13	Cornell	Boston
Nov. 20	Princeton	Princeton
FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL		
Oct. 2	Ursinus	Lewisburg
Oct. 9	Bucknell	Allentown
Oct. 16	Muhlenberg	Lancaster
Oct. 23	Muhlenberg	Swarthmore
Nov. 6	Swarthmore	Lancaster
Nov. 13	Willow Grove Naval	Lancaster
Nov. 20	Bucknell	Lancaster

Date	Opponent	At
Oct. 2	Brown	Worcester
Oct. 9	Coast Guard	Worcester
Oct. 16	Cornell	Ithaca
Oct. 23	Colgate	Worcester
Nov. 6	Temple	Worcester
Nov. 13	Villanova	Worcester
Nov. 20	Tufts	Boston
LAFAYETTE		
Oct. 23	Lehigh	Easton
Nov. 6	Rutgers	New Brunswick
Nov. 13	Rutgers	Easton
Nov. 20	Lehigh	Bethlehem
LEHIGH		
Oct. 6	Carnegie Tech	Pittsburgh
Oct. 13	Lafayette	Easton
Oct. 20	Rutgers	New Brunswick
Nov. 6	West Virginia	Bethlehem
Nov. 13	Rutgers	Bethlehem
Nov. 20	Lafayette	Bethlehem
MARYLAND		
Oct. 2	Wake Forest	College Park
Oct. 9	Penn State	College Park
Oct. 16	Bainbridge Naval	College Park
Nov. 6	Virginia	Charlottesville
Nov. 13	Bainbridge	College Park
Nov. 20	V.M.I.	Lexington
MUHLENBERG		
Oct. 2	Bucknell	Lewisburg
Oct. 9	Swarthmore	Allentown
Oct. 16	F. and M.	Allentown
Oct. 23	F. and M.	Allentown
Oct. 30	Bucknell	Allentown
Nov. 6	Willow G. Naval	Allentown
Nov. 13	Swarthmore	Swarthmore
Nov. 20	Sampson Naval	Allentown
NAVY		
Oct. 2	Cornell	Baltimore
Oct. 9	Duke	Annapolis
Oct. 16	Penn State	Annapolis
Oct. 23	Georgia Tech	Baltimore
Oct. 30	Notre Dame	Cleveland
Nov. 6	Pennsylvania	Philadelphia
Nov. 13	Columbia	West Point
Nov. 20	Army	West Point
PENN STATE		
Oct. 2	Yale	Philadelphia
Oct. 9	Dartmouth	Philadelphia
Oct. 16	Lakhurst Naval	Philadelphia
Oct. 23	Columbia	Philadelphia
Oct. 30	Army	Philadelphia
Nov. 6	Rice	Houston
Nov. 13	N. Carolina	Philadelphia
Nov. 20	Cornell	Philadelphia
PENN STATE		
Oct. 2	N. Carolina	Chapel Hill
Oct. 9	Colgate	State College
Oct. 16	Navy	Annapolis
Oct. 23	Maryland	College Park
Oct. 30	W. Virginia	State College
Nov. 6	Cornell	Ithaca
Nov. 13	Temple	State College
Nov. 20	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh
PITTSBURGH		
Oct. 2	Great Lakes	Great Lakes
Oct. 9	W. Virginia	Pittsburgh
Oct. 16	Illinois	Champaign
Oct. 23	Bethany	Pittsburgh
Oct. 30	Carnegie Tech	Pittsburgh
Nov. 6	Ohio State	Lincoln
Nov. 13	Nebraska	Pittsburgh
Nov. 20	Penn State	Pittsburgh
PRINCETON		
Oct. 2	Columbia	Baker Field
Oct. 9	Cornell	Princeton
Oct. 16	Brown	Princeton
Nov. 6	Villanova	New Haven
Nov. 13	Yale	Princeton
Nov. 20	Dartmouth	Princeton
RPI		
Oct. 2	Worcester Tech.	Troy
Oct. 9	Rochester	Rochester
Oct. 16	Coast Guard	Troy
Oct. 23	Sampson Naval	Troy
Nov. 6	Brooklyn	Hamilton
Nov. 13	Colgate	Hamilton
ROCHESTER		
Oct. 2	Carnegie Tech.	Rochester
Oct. 9	P. R. I.	Rochester
Oct. 16	Colgate	Rochester
Oct. 23	Case	Rochester
RUTGERS		
Oct. 2	Lehigh	New Brunswick
Oct. 9	Lafayette	Bethlehem
Oct. 16	Lehigh	Bethlehem
Nov. 20	Lafayette	Easton
SWARTHMORE		
Oct. 1	Temple	Philadelphia
Oct. 8	Muhlenberg	Allentown
Oct. 15	C. C. N. Y.	Swarthmore
Oct. 22	Ursinus	Memphis
Oct. 29	Ursinus	Memphis
Nov. 5	F. and M.	Swarthmore
Nov. 12	Muhlenberg	Swarthmore
Nov. 19	Willow G. Naval	Swarthmore
Nov. 26	Willow G. Naval	Swarthmore

Date	Opponent	At
Oct. 1	Swarthmore	Philadelphia
Oct. 8	Army	West Point
Oct. 15	Ursinus	Philadelphia
Oct. 22	Bucknell	Philadelphia
Nov. 5	Holy Cross	Worcester
Nov. 12	Penn State	State College
Nov. 19	Villanova	Philadelphia
TUFTS		
Oct. 2	Bates	Medford
Oct. 9	Brown	Providence
Oct. 16	Worcester Tech.	Worcester
Oct. 23	Co. Edwards	Medford
Oct. 30	Coast Guard	Medford
Nov. 6	Bates	Lewiston
Nov. 13	Holy Cross	Boston
URSIUS		
Oct. 2	F. & M.	Collegeville
Oct. 9	Willow G. Naval	Collegeville
Oct. 16	Temple	Philadelphia
Oct. 23	Swarthmore	Collegeville
VILLANOVA		
Oct. 10	Sampson Naval	Philadelphia
Oct. 17	Bucknell	Philadelphia
Oct. 24	Lakhurst N.	Philadelphia
Oct. 31	Princeton	Princeton
Nov. 7	Holy Cross	Worcester
Nov. 14	Holy Cross	Worcester
Nov. 21		

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The Dnieper Barrier

The Dnieper is one of the most important rivers in Europe. Recently German propaganda has been making much of this waterway as the natural barrier behind which their armies would rally; so a review of its military possibilities is in order.

Rising in a swampy district at the foot of the Valdai Hills in Smolensk province, the Dnieper winds 1,410 miles through White Russia, the Ukraine, across an offshoot of the Carpathian mountains, then out onto the grassy plains of Kherson and Tauria into the Black Sea.

Banks of the Dnieper, generally high, are cliff-like on the western side. These high banks, occupied by German troops, would certainly give them a strong natural defense line, for the river itself is a mile and a quarter wide in spots.

But it was the Germans who first proved a modern army can smash through or over any defense line and it appears it will take more than the Dnieper to stop the victorious Red Army. Already the Russians have crossed the upper Dnieper, captured Smolensk and are now pouring through shattered German defense positions in a formidable new drive for Vitebsk and Gomel.

Other battles for Dnieper crossings are in full swing along great stretches of the river banks, and in these battles it has been found that the river barrier works both ways. German forces fleeing towards the escape bridges are being cut off and mopped up by advance Russian motorized units. Smashing drives forward by other Russian divisions will undoubtedly catch thousands of Germans on the East side of the barrier and they, together with valuable war material, will no longer fight for Der Fuehrer.

Before the Russians finally take both sides of the Dnieper, thousands of men will die; but a good fifty per cent will be German, for it is the German Army that is in full retreat and it is a defeated army that must rally to defend the crossing of the great barrier.

The Hellcat

More trouble for the Japs is the latest word from the Navy, which has released a few details on its newest fighter plane, the Grumman F6F Hellcat.

The Hellcat's been a war baby from the first blueprint. It was built after talking with the men who had fought the Zeros and wanted an American answer to the speedy Jap fighter. The new fighters have been pouring off production lines for months and saw action in the recent raid on Marcus Island. Hellcats are the successors to the tough little Wildcats which smashed the Nips in the Coral Sea, at Midway and in the Solomons. But our new fighters are not just big brothers, they're new ships, bigger, heavier, faster and with greater range and maneuverability. None has yet fallen into enemy hands, so performance details are still secret.

More heavily armored, the Hellcat also carries more ammunition for its .50 caliber guns than the Wildcat. A new flexible gasoline tank that's a step ahead of the old puncture-proof job gives the pilots better protection. The wings of the fighter fold back for easy storage on carriers, while the landing gear has been toughened to make landings on rough front-line airports easier.

Power comes from a new high altitude radial engine described as "the most powerful thing Navy combat flying has ever known." And although production of the Hellcats has set new records, the plane has fewer bugs than almost any ship put out in recent years, and these are being ironed out.

So look out you Sons of Heaven—here come the Hellcats.

Used Car Prices

In the months since war was declared, the price of a used car has climbed despite normal depreciation, until vehicles of a bygone vintage were approaching what was once called new car prices in the United States.

This fact was noted by the Office of Price Administration, and ceiling prices are now to be placed on used automobiles.

The new regulation will impose specific dollars and cents ceilings by models, much in the manner of the old "blue book" trade-in value arrangement. This step should prove popular with the public, and the trade itself has gone on record as favoring some form of control, but fears enforcement will be difficult; and we may yet read of a bootleg used car, filled with bootleg liquor, being sold at black market prices to a cattle rustler.

Hash Marks

As Bob Hope points out, "With so many women in uniform these days a GI has to wait until the dames get within 20 feet before he knows whether to whistle or salute."

Things You Didn't Know Till Now Dept.—"Today's MPs are different from those of the last war. They aren't so



tough; they're better trained, more intelligent. They use psychology instead of brawn and have come to be pretty popular with the Army." (Quotation reprinted from an article in Colliers.)

We heard this story in a pub; so we couldn't track it down to its correct source even if we wanted to—but it's still a good story. In the final stages of the North African campaign a French Foreign Legion brigade found itself in dire stress—practically surrounded by Germans. In desperation, the harried general called for anybody with suggestions to come forward—anybody. A corporal stepped up, saluted, looked over the battle maps and humbly outlined a plan. The plan was put into operation, the enemy was driven back and many prisoners were taken. Later the General looked up his benefactor. "Tell me, my man," he asked, "what were you before you joined the Legion?" "A general, sir," replied the hero quietly.

Via carrier pigeon comes word that Jack Benny, while entertaining the troops in Africa, went for a stroll in Cairo. He was jostled out of his usually complacent mood by a little Arab lad who wiggled his way up to the comedian and asked in clipped English, "How's Fred Allen, you jerk?" They say Benny was treated for mild hysteria.

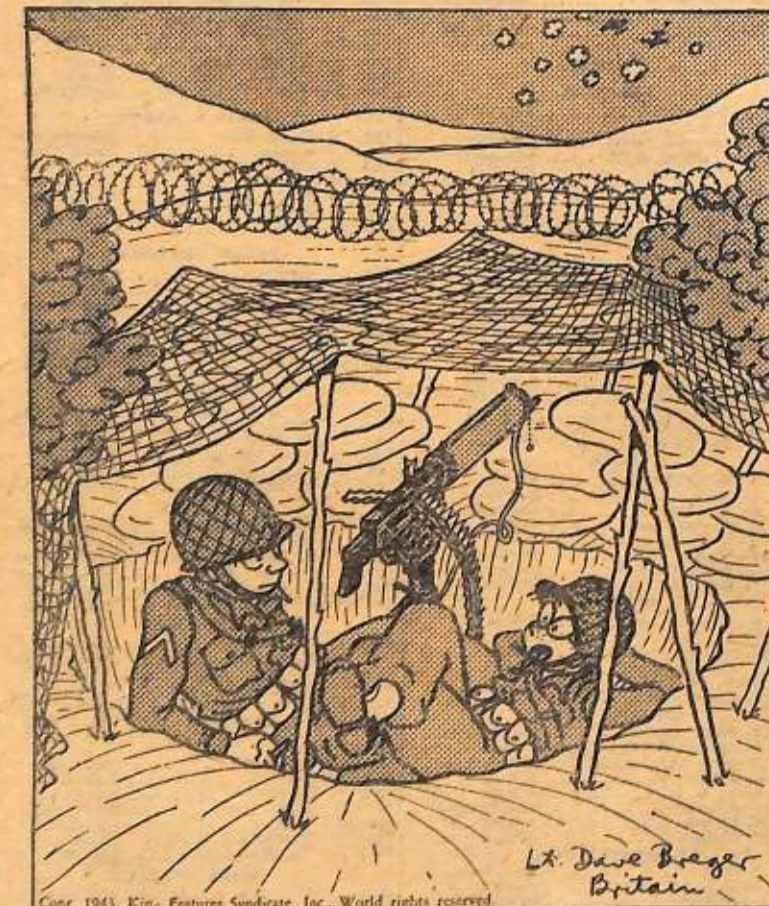
By special request of some friends who think it's still pretty funny, we're offering one of the oldest jokes we know. Re-



member the one about the little guy who asked where the men's room was? They told him "go down the hall, turn right and it's two steps down." He walked down, turned left, opened the door and plopped down the elevator shaft. Dusting himself off he finally made his way back upstairs. A fellow tapped him on the shoulder and asked him where the room was. The little guy sighed wearily, "go down the hall, turn left, and it's two steps down—BUT watch that second step, buddy, it's a —!"

Is it true that once a man gets interested in curves, he has no use for the straight and narrow? J. C. W.

PRIVATE BREGER



"An' when I'm rich after this war I'll hire a Captain as my chauffeur an' a Lieutenant as handy-man and a Colonel as butler!"

A Sea of Fire for Nazi Invaders

Secret Plans to Save Britain in 1940 Are Brought to Light

Fire—one of man's oldest weapons—was slated for a leading role in the defense of Britain three years ago when 2,000,000 German troops stood prepared for invasion of the United Kingdom only 20 miles across the Channel on the bargelined shores of France.

In a special story to commemorate the third anniversary of the Battle of Britain, the London Sunday Dispatch yesterday revealed some of the untold facts in the "mystery story" of preparations to meet the anticipated Nazi invasion.

The British Admiralty, according to the Dispatch, determined that the "ace in the hole" strategy would be centered about a sea of fire extending as far as five miles out in the Channel, once it was established that the Nazi invasion barges could not be driven back by any other means.

One plan, the Dispatch reported, was to lay a minefield of gasoline barrels, anchored to float just under the surface of the water at all states of the tide. At the strategic moment, the gasoline barrels would have been burst by bombing the water, and squadrons of Blenheims were held in reserve for this mission.

Once the gasoline was well spread among the barges it was to be set on fire by incendiaries, also to be dropped by the Blenheims.

Pipe Lines Into Sea

The Admiralty also was reported to have considered running gasoline pipes well out into the sea and feeding them by high-pressure pumps so that the entire Channel within five miles of Britain's invasion shore could be set afire.

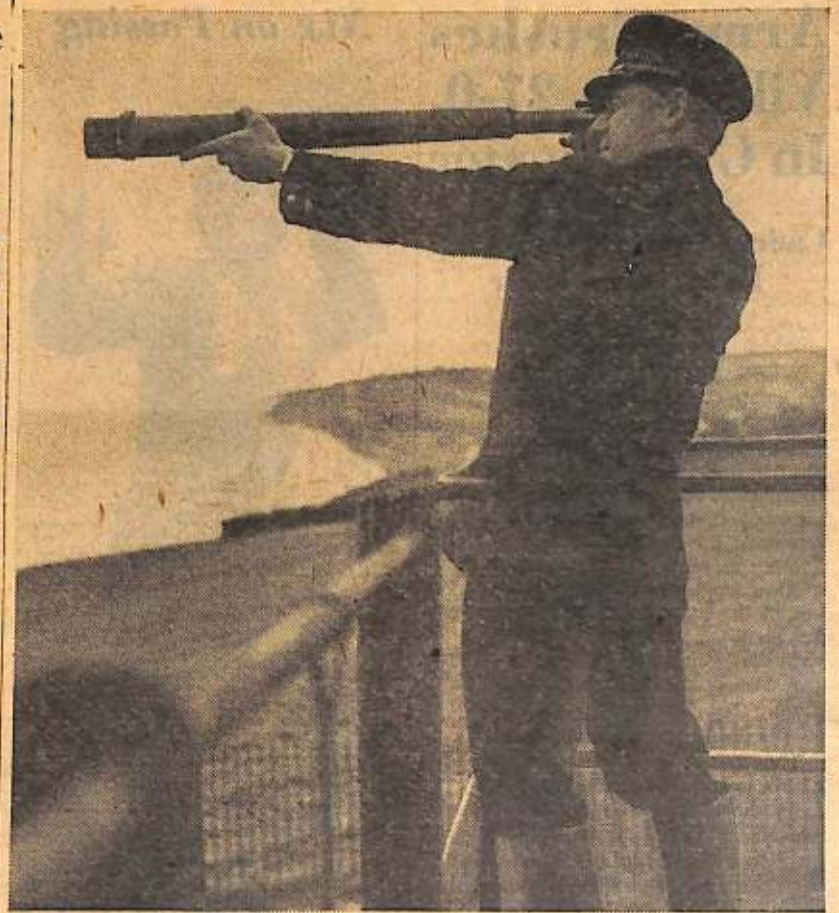
However, the authorities were uncertain as to the effectiveness of this strategy, and it was decided to reveal the plans to the Germans in an attempt to build up a fear complex in Nazi ranks.

The Dispatch stated that reconnaissance had informed the British general staff that at least 2,000,000 Germans were involved in the Nazi "invasion plans." The Royal Air Force was ordered to bombard the Nazi garrisons—with leaflets.

On Sept. 15 and 16, 1940, the Germans staged a large-scale practice off Cherbourg and the estuary of the Seine, which is across the Channel from Bournemouth. Their loaded barges went out to sea for the drill under cover of a thick smoke screen.

On the morning of the 16th, according to the Dispatch, a British destroyer force spotted the Germans. The destroyer commanders believed that the invasion of Britain was under way and ordered broadside after broadside to be fired into the large Rhine and Continental barges. The destroyers also rammed and sank a large number of the barges while machine-gunning others.

The Dispatch said: "French sources shortly afterwards reported that over 7,000 wounded Germans were taken from Normandy ports in hospital trains to inland centers. These same sources later placed the casualties as high as 45,000,



His back to the wall that was England, his eyes glued to the east where lay danger, this coastal watcher typifies those black days of 1940 when the wounded British Lion waited for an invasion that never came.

but it is safer to assume that the figure was about 25,000. Hundreds of bodies were carried across the Channel and washed up on the coasts of Cornwall."

Although the millions of everyday, ordinary English people sensed their danger, only a small band of men in authority knew of the sad plight of Britain's defenses and also realized the actual peril overhanging the country. The enemy was the most efficient military machine the world has ever known. It had swept through Poland, Belgium, Holland, France and Norway.

"Look at the mistake Hitler made in not trying invasion in 1940," Prime Minister Churchill was quoted by the Dispatch as having told a secret conference of miners and mine operators last year.

"We had not at that time 50 tanks, whereas we now have 10,000 or 12,000."

Speaking before the U.S. Congress last year, Churchill said that if Germany had tried to invade the British Isles after the French collapse in June, 1940, and if Japan had declared war on the British Empire and the United States at about the same date, "no one could say what disasters and agonies might not have been our lot."

Invasion Postponed

The Dispatch said it was believed that the Germans postponed the invasion three times because of "interference" by the Royal Navy and RAF, and that Lord Wavell—then Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell—returned to London from the Middle East in complete secrecy because of the seriousness of the situation.

Churchill said on Sept. 11: "German preparation for this invasion goes steadily forward on a great scale. Their troops are massed. Ships wait in Dutch and Belgian harbors and in ports from Hamburg to Brest, from Brest to the Bay of Biscay, and even in Norwegian harbors." And so the people of Britain prepared with what means were available for the defense of their homeland.

The Dispatch quoted its Dover correspondent as reporting: "We had not enough barbed wire to go around. We had not one gun powerful enough to send a shell across the Channel to smash the Nazis in Calais and Boulogne as they worked like bees to prepare an onslaught against us."

"To make the Nazis think we were stronger than we were, we hammered together some dummy guns made of tree trunks and planking and put them into fake gun sites. We even trod paths in the grass leading to the fakes so that enemy reconnaissance pilots would be fooled into thinking these were real guns."

Dover Harbor Emptied

"Enemy dive-bombers were very cocksure when they attacked Dover in the days before a balloon barrage had been scrambled together. And they were successful, too, at first. They hit many ships and played havoc with dock installations. We were forced to empty Dover harbor of any craft bigger than a trawler."

On Sept. 10, 1940, according to the Dispatch, the press was told that no mention should be made of steps being taken to evacuate the unessential populations of the following towns in east and south-east England: Colchester, Ipswich, Ashford, Canterbury, New Romney, New-

haven, Rye, Lydd, Eastbourne, Hastings, Bexhill and Seaford. Nor was anything to be published of a proposal to move more government staffs from bomb-scarred London.

The army laid land mines along the seashore at different points and experimented with smoke screens to hamper the enemy's movements. A large number of pillboxes and gun posts were built along the south and east coasts.

As a result of the bitter lessons of Belgium and the Somme, a great anti-invasion trench was built across England from sea to sea to stop the Nazi tanks. Giant American excavating machines plowed the fields with incredibly deep pits.

London Blasted

But the enemy was not allowing the British any rest during this period. He was systematically bombarding London. The Luftwaffe strategy was to dislodge the RAF from its southern bases and force it to pack the London and adjacent areas with fighters at the expense of industrial centers.

The Luftwaffe knew that air superiority was necessary for a successful invasion and it had everything in its favor, but it was beaten by the RAF.

During September more than 1,000 German aircraft were destroyed for a loss of only 286 RAF fighters. On each of three days—the 7th, 15th and 27th—the RAF brought down more than 100. The Nazis lost 185 on Sept. 15.

The aerial Battle of Britain began Aug. 8, 1940, and lasted until Oct. 31 of that year. The day attacks on London started on Sept. 7. Between then and Oct. 5 the German air force made 38 major attacks on London in daylight. In 55 days, the RAF flew 6,077 patrols.

The watchword of Luftwaffe pilots over Britain became "Achtung, Schipfeuer"—Look out, a Spitfire! But the Spitfires did not look out for themselves. They looked out for the enemy.



Mechanic's Lament

As we rev our raunchy engines, Push our guts out on the prop, Lug around the heavy put-puts, Set the supercharger stops, Clean the rusty heating system, Get the ship up in the air, Watch it circle round the apron Land its troubles in our hair; As we work beside our crew-chief (Another couldn't keep us there), As we track elusive headaches And correct them in their lair; As we moan our lot and like it In cold or stifling air; As we go to nearby cities For a bender or a tare; Oft the thought begins to strike us The women seem to like us, And that as we, swearing, stutler, Ev'ry word we seem to utter, Makes us feel, although we mutter, That we're glad we're "Over There." Chester S. Rosenfeld, Cpl.

NEWS FROM HOME

Sumner Welles Resigns Position As Aide to Hull

FDR Appoints Lend-Lease Administrator to State Department Post

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26—President Roosevelt last night announced the resignation of Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles and the appointment of Edward Stettinius, Lend-Lease administrator, as Welles' successor.

The under secretary's resignation followed widespread rumors that he would retire because of differences with Secretary of State Cordell Hull on matters of policy.

The President said Welles had resigned because of "his desire to be relieved of his heavy governmental duties in view of his wife's health." The President said he accepted the resignation with "deep and sincere regret."

Commenting on the appointment of Stettinius, the President said "his broad experience with our allies before and after Pearl Harbor as Lend-Lease administrator, and his long experience as an executive in business have splendidly equipped him for his new post."

Shipyard Strike Over

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Sept. 26 (AP)—Production of Liberty Ships at St. John's River Shipbuilding Company was resumed on a full scale following an agreement between the company and union officials. Twelve thousand to 13,000 workers stopped work about a day and a half.

More Steel Needed

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 26 (AP)—Rear Adm. W. H. P. Blandy has disclosed that the Army, Navy and Merchant Marine would require 110,000,000 ingot tons of steel next year. Steel production for 1943 is expected to total 88,000,000 tons.

Ambassador to Turkey Home

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 (AP)—Laurence Steinhardt, Ambassador to Turkey, has arrived in America from Ankara, according to a State Department announcement.

U.S. to Name Four Envoys

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 (AP)—Four diplomatic appointments, all bearing on relations with Russia and the projected Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin conference, are awaiting executive action. They include the appointment of the new Assistant Secretary of State, the appointment of an envoy for preliminary diplomatic discussions in Moscow, the appointment of an ambassador to Russia, and the naming of an American representative on the Inter-Allied Mediterranean Committee.

Educational Project Underway

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 26 (AP)—A program to acquaint soldiers with the "weapons of ideas" is being prepared by the government, George Denny Jr., who has studied British Army educational projects, said here. "It is just as essential to train soldiers with ideas as it is to train and equip them to win the war," he said.

Kaiser Builds Nurseries

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26—Henry Kaiser revealed he has begun construction of facilities for the care of the children of his employees at his aircraft plants in the east. Kaiser said he believed mothers would work better if they knew their children were well cared for.

Life Vitamin Developed

NEW YORK, Sept. 26—Development of synthetic Biotin, the so-called life vitamin which stimulates growth, was announced in "Science," official organ of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Flynn Has Tax Trouble

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 26—A lien against Errol Flynn for \$121,858 in allegedly unpaid taxes on the actor's 1942 income has been filed by Harry C. Westover, collector of internal revenue. Westover filed the lien after Flynn and revenue agents had failed to agree on disputed items in Flynn's income.

Teacher Best Cotton Picker

BLYTHEVILLE, Ark., Sept. 26—Buck B. Wesley, 38-year-old school teacher from Hornersville, Mo., won the national cotton picking championship and a \$1,000 prize by picking 121 pounds in two hours.

Cops Told to Use Gun As They Do Lipstick

NEW YORK, Sept. 26—"Use your gun as you do your lipstick—only when you need it. Don't overdo either," Mayor F. H. LaGuardia told more than 100 of New York's police-women.

The mayor presented the women with a new piece of standard equipment—a black cowhide shoulder bag, which contains a holster for their .38 revolver and a compartment for lipstick, rouge, money, gloves and papers.

New Hull Aide



Edward Stettinius Jr.

Army and Navy Production Survey Agency Organized

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26—President Roosevelt established a four-man Army-Navy Production Survey Committee to see that war output is geared to changing battlefield requirements and that "we produce only what we need" with a minimum waste of materials and manpower.

The committee will consist of four high-ranking officers, two each from the Army and Navy. It will advise the joint chiefs of staff in the procurement program of the armed forces in the light of war developments, production progress and changing military and civilian strategy. It also will provide machinery for "full coordination of the military and civilian branches of the government," and will cooperate with the Office of War Mobilization in an effort to promote "economies in the use of material and manpower in the overall production program."

Former Idaho Governor Dies

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, Sept. 26—Barzilla W. Clark, 61, governor of Idaho in 1937 and 1938 and uncle of Sen. B. Worth Clark, died here.

New Economic Bureau Set Up

President Names Crowley To Centralize Foreign Agency Functions

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26—The establishment of an Office of Economic Administration, headed by Leon Crowley, chief of the Office of Economic Warfare, was announced yesterday by President Roosevelt.

The President said the new office would "centralize all foreign and economic functions in one operating agency," combining the activities of the Lend-Lease Administration, the Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation and the Office of Economic Warfare.

President Roosevelt, in the order establishing the new agency, said it would "assume responsibility for and control of all activities of the United States in the liberated areas with respect to supplying the requirements of and procuring the materials in such areas."

Ludwig Advocates Firm Treatment of Germany

NEW YORK, Sept. 26—Emil Ludwig, famous German-born historian and biographer, in an article in "Collier's," recommended firm treatment of the Germans after the war. Ludwig warned against a tolerant attitude toward the "poor misled German people," and cautioned the Allies not to differentiate between Germans and Nazis.

Ludwig recommended the occupation of vanquished Germany by a strong army of occupation and military rule "until she shows herself fit for the society of nations." He advocated the disarming of every German, reorganization of the German educational system, complete censorship and the destruction of all symbols of Nazism and militarism.

Launch 2,100 Ships Since War

NEW YORK, Sept. 26—Rear Adm. Emery S. Land, chairman of the Maritime Commission, has announced that since Pearl Harbor American shipyards had produced 2,100 ships.

Admiral Says Navy Needs 533,000 More Men in '43

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 (UP)—The United States Navy must have 533,000 more men this year to meet its goal of 2,935,284, Rear Adm. Randall Jacobs, chief of U.S. naval personnel, told a Senate committee.

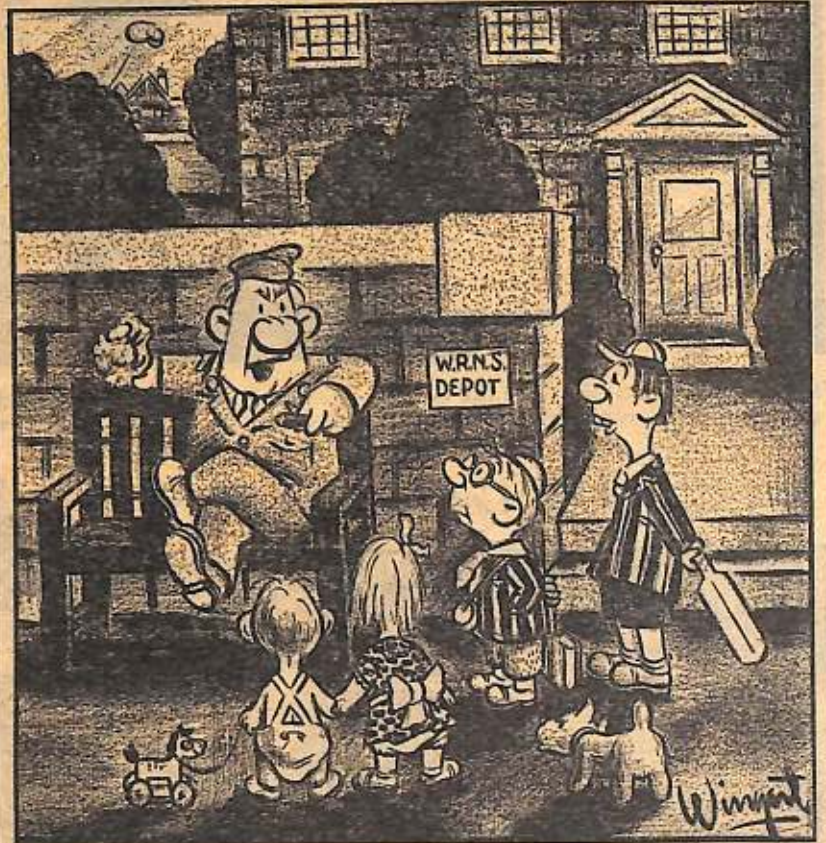
13-Year-Old Sailor

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 26—The Navy found out that Paul Pinton was only 13 and discharged him. Pinton confessed he left home last month, saying he was going to work on a farm. Instead he enlisted, using his 18-year-old brother's birth certificate.

Broaden Hawaii Command To Include Central Pacific

HONOLULU, Sept. 26—Headquarters of the Hawaiian Department, U.S. Army, announced that by order of President Roosevelt the authority of Lt. Gen. Robert Richardson, former commander of the department, has been broadened to include the entire central Pacific area with the title of "Commanding General Army Forces, Central Pacific."

The Army announcement said the change was "a definite indication of Hawaii's change from a defensive bastion to a virtually important springboard for mounting an offensive against Japan."



Scram! . . . Shove off! . . . Hit da Road!

By Jean Baird

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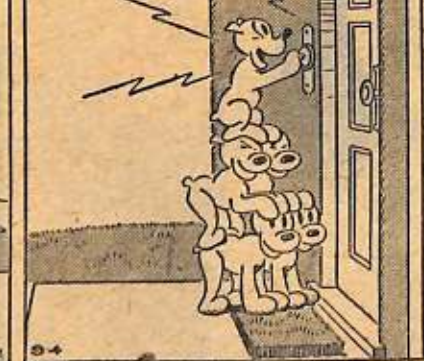
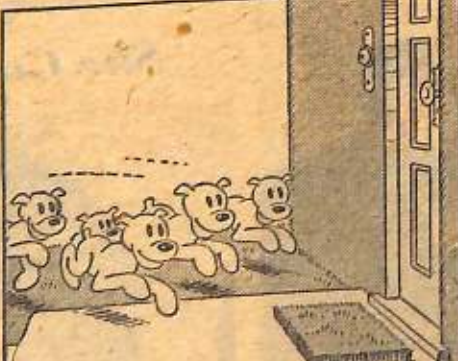
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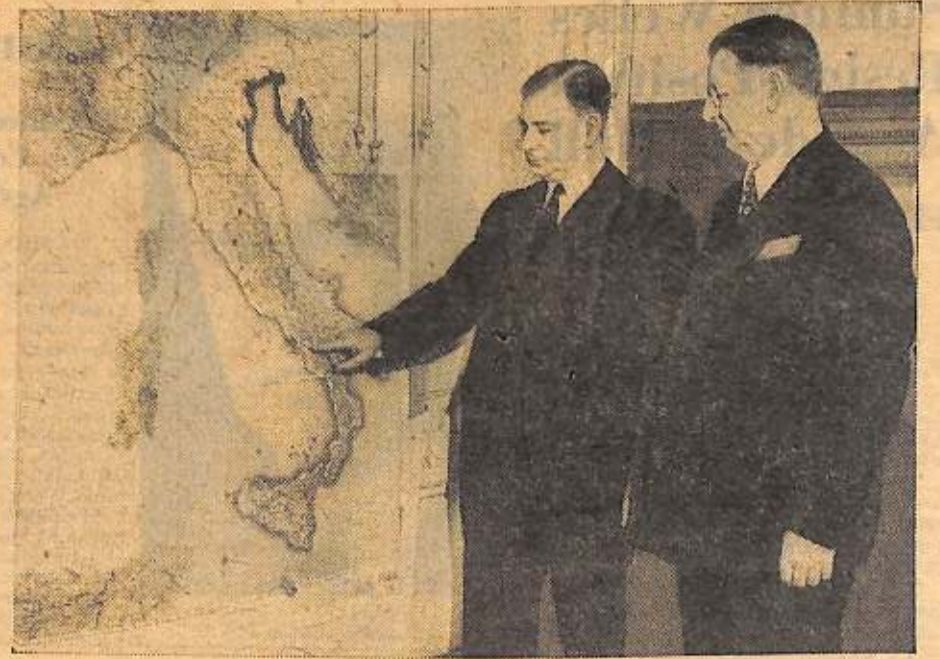


Even Mountbatten's A 'Short Snorter'



Even an old-timer at the game like Capt. G. W. Knight, of the American Transport Command, couldn't catch British Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten off guard. Lord Mountbatten had his "short snorter" handy and is signing a bill for Capt. Knight.

The Navy Views The Prospects



The map of Italy gets close scrutiny as Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of the U.S. Navy, discusses Allied naval operations with Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty. The officials of the two great naval powers appear pleased with results so far and no doubt more surprises are in store for the Axis.

... And It Comes Out Here!

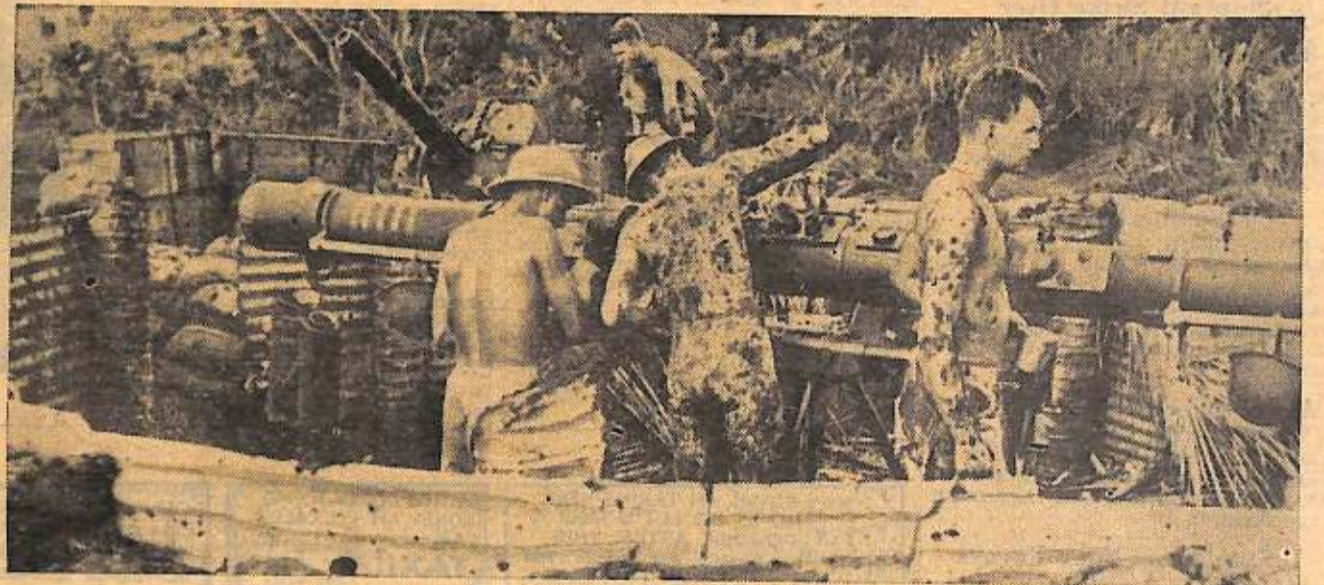


U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo
Maxine Martin and Del Ohrel take time out from their USO Camp Show, USA Calling, to learn fire-fighting. Willing instructor is Pvt. John Ogston of Sault Ste.-Marie, Mich.

Hollywood's Loss—Our Gain

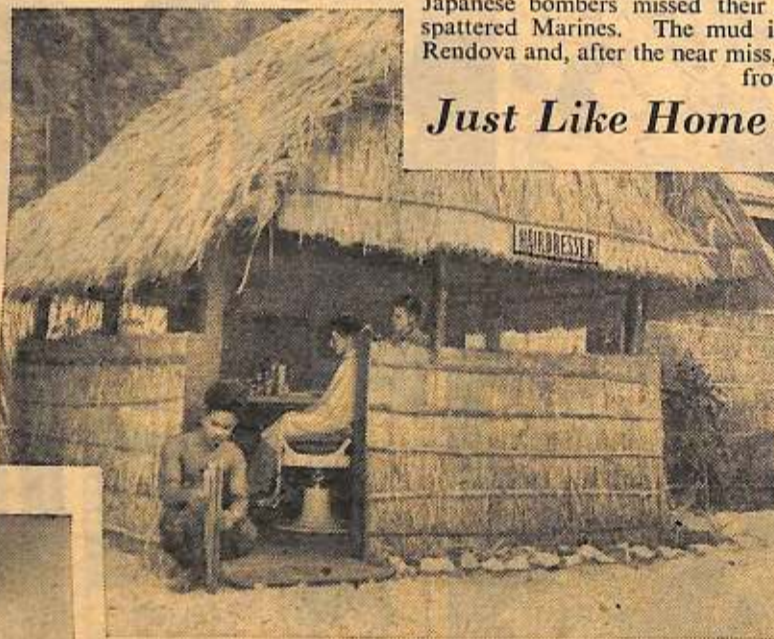


Peggy Diggins, former Hollywood starlet, has swapped this lovely summer creation for an ETO war correspondent's uniform.



Associated Press Photo
Japanese bombers missed their target, but it still meant work for these mud-spattered Marines. The mud is deep at their anti-aircraft battery position on Rendova and, after the near miss, they're busy cleaning several inches of the goo from their equipment.

Just Like Home I Want My Mama!



Associated Press Photo
The New Guinea version of the "old corner barber shop." Well, anyway, the chair is modern. The guy getting clipped is 2/Lt. Joseph Guidry, of Breaux Bridge, La., and all that's missing is the barber shop quartet. Even the shine boy's here.



Associated Press Photo
A smile soon replaced the tears of this lost Italian girl when Pvt. Joseph Mole, of Jamestown, N.Y., got food for her.

He Tells Of Other Wars



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo
WAC Dorothy Salter and WAAF C. Mead talk with Sgt. Harry Tolfree, of the Royal Chelsea Pensioners.

She Goes To His Head



Here's what the legendary "Dirty Gertie" looks like to Pfc George Gerstein, on duty at a N. African airbase.