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## Naples Captured by Fifth Army

### USAAF Closes Record Month

#### Bomb Load Was Biggest By Over 50%

5,400 Tons Dropped, 262 Enemy Planes Downed At Cost of 85

Flying Fortresses and Liberators of Eighth Bomber Command dropped more than 5,400 tons of bombs during September, an increase of 53 per cent over August and approximately 50 per cent greater than any previous monthly figure, it was announced yesterday.

The Forts and Libs destroyed 262 enemy aircraft in the air, probably destroyed another 43 and damaged 115. Eighty-five of the U.S. heavy bombers were lost through enemy action, a figure well under four per cent.

Attacking more than 35 different targets of which 25 were airfields—during the month, the heavy bombers made 11 missions in ten operational days.

Heaviest damage of the month was done in two raids on German targets in Paris on Sept. 3 and 15, it was estimated. A heavy and concentrated attack was made on the Hispano-Suiza aircraft engine works, the CAM ballbearing plant, Delage motor transport depot and the Berliet motor transport repair works. Nearly every building in these plants suffered severe damage by direct hits. The Berliet works was over 75 per cent destroyed or severely damaged.

#### Renault Works Hard Hit

Seventeen of the most important buildings of the great Renault motor works, used by the Germans as a trunk and tank plant, were damaged. This plant was largely destroyed by the RAF early in the war, and had been reconstructed.

Nazi shipping suffered heavily in three attacks—two in one day—made by the heavy bombers on the port area at Nantes, near the mouth of the Loire River.

A destroyer, an armed naval escort vessel, a 6,000-ton tanker and several tugs and small vessels equivalent to 2,000 tons of merchant shipping were sunk or capsized. The only floating dry dock in the harbor was destroyed over 100 feet of its length and was sunk.

An additional 36,000 tons of shipping were damaged. Great damage was also done to shipbuilding yards at Nantes, and to docks, warehouses, the port railroad yards and nearby industrial plants.

In extremely accurate bombing at La Pallice, France, Flying Fortresses dropped bombs from more than 20,000 feet in a tight concentration on the German U-boat locks and pens. One of the lock gates appeared destroyed, and 27 shops, sheds and other buildings were destroyed.

#### 25 Airfields Hit

In attacking more than 25 airfield targets, Forts and Libs inflicted heavy damage on operational bases in the Germans' western fighter belt. Approximately 15 hangars were destroyed, 46 more were hit and damaged, at least three aircraft shelters were completely destroyed, and 17 more were damaged.

For the first time in Eighth Bomber Command operations, large forces of bombers took off in darkness before dawn on daylight bombing missions, and on other occasions they returned to their bases well after nightfall to land on flare paths.

Steadily increasing the tempo of their continuous attacks, Marauder medium bombers of Eighth Air Support Com-

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#### Swiss Say Forts Battle Nazis Over Switzerland

BERNE, Oct. 1 (AP)—Tonight's Swiss Army communique reported a battle over Switzerland between German fighter planes and American Flying Fortresses, resulting in "an unspecified number of plane crashes."

Swiss anti-aircraft fire definitely brought down one Fortress, the communique said.

Bombs were dropped in various parts of eastern Switzerland and clashes occurred in these areas, added the communique.

### Nazis and Their Equipment Captured



Pfc Rudy Asman, of Los Angeles, questions German soldiers captured with radio equipment they had salvaged from their armored car wrecked by guns of the Fifth Army.

### Full Story of Bloody Salerno: 5th Held Amid Litter of Dead

NEW YORK, Oct. 1 (UP)—The full story of how the Fifth Army narrowly escaped disaster on the beaches at Salerno was told by Lt. Comdr. Frank Grismer, U.S. Navy, in a special broadcast last night.

He told of men hanging on to their positions "almost literally by the teeth and finger nails," of how a British unit was overrun by tanks so that not one of 300 men escaped, of German Tiger tanks roaring down to the beaches and blowing men and equipment to bits. Here is his story:

#### Reds Ring Base In White Russia

#### Menace Orsha, Protecting Minsk 20 Miles From Polish Border

Powerful Russian forces were closing around a main German base in White Russia last night as spearheads of the spectacular Soviet offensive machine swept westward across the Dnieper in the chilly mist of early autumn.

Orsha—site of a Luftwaffe headquarters, an important road junction, and a vital rail center—was in danger of being captured by the Reds, battling to sever the main defense line protecting Minsk—White Russia's capital city which lies only 20 miles from the Polish border.

A Russian breakthrough at Orsha would have consequences as far-reaching as those following the smashing of the Konotop line which led to the present battle for Kiev.

Minsk itself is only 100 miles from the battle scene.

#### Bitter Fighting at Kiev

Farther south, some of the bitterest fighting ever seen in the Russia campaign is taking place in the Kiev sector. Artillery duels with the Germans entrenched in the high ground on the east banks of the Dnieper have inflicted many German casualties besides forcing the enemy to give ground. The Reds

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### U-Boats Using New Torpedoes

EAST CANADIAN PORT, Oct. 1 (AP)—German submarines have returned to the Atlantic battle with a new type of torpedo, more than a hundred survivors of sunken Allied merchant vessels who landed here earlier this week declared.

They were the victims of the first big German U-boat attack reported in Atlantic waters in nearly four months.

Included among the British, American and Norwegian survivors was a lone stowaway—a Negro girl of 18.

Seamen told of strong attacks by wolf packs and a pitched battle between raiders and Allied naval and air units that lasted three days.

### Seizure of Vital Port Comes 22 Days After Landings at Salerno

#### Retreating Nazis May Fall All the Way Back to Po River; New Advances Are Scored by Eighth

All roads led to Rome last night as troops of the Fifth Army swarmed into sacked and smoking Naples, captured just 22 days after the Allied landings at Salerno.

Preliminary reports indicated that the Fifth found Naples deserted of Germans, who fell back after methodically stripping the beautiful city of "everything that wasn't nailed down," in the words of an Allied communique. The Neapolitans, whose rioting against German control contributed to the Nazi downfall, were said to have given Allied troops a wild welcome as they entered the port.

Capture of Naples ends the first major phase of the Battle of Italy, which began originally with the Eighth Army's invasion of the Italian toe, but actually with landings on the Gulf of Salerno Sept. 9.

May Retire to Po Line  
German forces, which had fought a stubborn delaying action in their solid mountain defenses north of Salerno, were retreating to the north of Naples, and there were some quarters who believed Marshal Kesselring would not halt for another major stand before reaching the far-distant Po River line.

Extensive enemy demolitions and mine-laying to which the Germans had earlier been resorting apparently petered out on the coastal plain before Naples, permitting a swift Allied advance into the city which covered 14 miles following capture of Torre Annunziata, just north of the historic ruins of Pompeii.

To the east of Naples, meanwhile, Allied troops captured Avellino, important rail and road junction halfway between Salerno and Benevento, after a thrust forward of 73 miles. As the Allies swung ahead to the east, the German position in Naples evidently became untenable and the Nazis were forced to fall back to avoid the flanking threat.

Eighth Army Advances  
Continued advances were reported by the Eighth Army, driving east and north from Foggia, great air-base city in eastern Italy, although there were few details from that sector. Algiers radio reported that the British under Gen. Montgomery had captured a town 25 miles northeast of Foggia.

A French communique quoted by Algiers radio said that French forces had occupied two key hills in the Corsican fighting. Seven enemy planes were brought down near Bastia.

But it was Naples that dominated last night's news from the Mediterranean. Berlin radio, admitting evacuation of the port, belittled the fact by insisting it had no further strategic value.

However, despite the terrible sacking of the city and destruction of port facilities, Naples will be of inestimable value to the Allies. After the port has been made fit again, one of the gravest Allied problems—supply—will have been largely solved.

Every ton of food and equipment since the invasion began has reached the beaches by the slow and laborious process of small boats and ships. But vessels of deep draught can tie up at the piers of Naples and unload swiftly, eliminating what up to now has been a critical situation.

Heavy and indecisive battles at Split were reported in a Yugoslav communique. Control of the vital rail links between northern Italy and the Balkans lies at stake in the battling. The partisans were reported to have cut the Gorizia-Ljubljana rail line, while the only other German route into the Balkans from Italy and the Brenner Pass was believed cut at Susak.

Meanwhile, adding to the rising tide of Balkan ferment, King Peter of Yugoslavia said at Cairo that he expected Allied troops to be fighting on Yugoslav soil soon and that he hoped to enter the homeland with his own troops.

Many Nazi Divisions Engaged  
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### Roosevelt Nominates Harriman To Be Ambassador to Russia

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1 (AP)—W. Averell Harriman, U.S. Lend-Lease coordinator in Britain, was nominated today by President Roosevelt to succeed Adm. William H. Standley as U.S. Ambassador to Russia.

W. Averell Harriman, 51-year-old son of E. H. Harriman, one of the greatest of America's railroad builders, who left a fortune estimated at \$100,000,000, headed President Roosevelt's special mission to the USSR in August, 1941, and held the rank of ambassador.

Educated at Groton School and Yale University, he is chairman of the board of Union Pacific Railroad Company, chairman of the executive committee of Illinois Central Railroad Company, and a partner in the banking concern of Brown Brothers, Harriman and Co.

His public service record includes posts as an administrative officer with the National Recovery Administration from 1934 to 1935, and as chairman of the business advisory council for the Department of Commerce from 1937 to 1940.

Harriman was sent to England in March, 1941, as special representative of President Roosevelt in Great Britain, with the rank of minister. The President then called him "defense expediter."



W. Averell Harriman

### Rome Next Stop, FDR Tells Press

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1—President Roosevelt, telling his press conference American troops had entered Naples, suggested today the next German defense lines would be near Rome.

He declared the Germans might very well attempt to harm Rome but said the Allies would do everything to protect the Vatican. In the last analysis, he said, the Germans would decide the fate of the city.

When newsmen turned to post-war aviation and suggested that the United States might demand sovereignty over airports built in foreign countries by American capital, the President laughed and declared:

"We could not expect to buy Croydon airport and certainly we should take offense if the British suggested the same principle to us."



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The Fifth Takes Naples

Naples, third city of Italy and one of the great ports of the Mediterranean, has been captured by the Fifth Army, which is now driving rapidly beyond as it smashes again and again at retreating German forces.

The fall of Naples had been expected ever since the capture of Foggia and key air bases which surrounded that old anchor in the German established defense line, NAPLES-FOGGIA.

Now it looks like another friendly race, this time between the Fifth and the Eighth Armies, to see which will be first to enter Rome.

It's straight ahead . . . 120 miles, and they can't miss it.

Foggia Airfields

The capture of Foggia airfields by the British Eighth Army is an important victory, for our possession of those fields is a real threat to all German industrial centers in southeastern Europe and to Axis satellite cities hitherto considered safe from our four-motored bombers.

From Foggia it is only 465 miles to Vienna and only 500 miles to Munich. To Ploesti and the great Rumanian oil center that was deemed of sufficient importance to justify the costliest raid made by our Liberator bombers during the present war it is 580 miles. Budapest, Bucharest and Sofia are also close enough to hit heavily enough to prove that it doesn't pay for them to continue the war.

All of which is bad news for Hitler, who must by now be able to see that the roof over the Fortress of Europe is filled with holes that will allow more than rain to seep through.

The New Nazi Line

Germany will never surrender, screams Doc Goebbels' propaganda machine. Thus the Nazi propaganda line changes once again to meet the situation, and this time the situation is bad.

Of course Goebbels' statement may be true. Perhaps the Germans will fight in the streets and in the hills . . . to the last man; but, true or false, it is the Nazi line and should be judged on its merits. In judging the new claim we should evaluate it on the basis of the truth of past statements.

For example, a year ago today the following announcement was broadcast from Germany by Fred W. Kalienbach to North America. "The progressive deterioration of Soviet Russia has progressed too far to be stopped. Even if Roosevelt and Churchill could pull enough shipping out of the hat to make a second front worth while, what will it avail them? Everywhere they turn they find that Germany, Italy and Japan have occupied strategic points which defy assault. In the east the Germans and their allies will continue to beat the Russians until the Bolshevik threat to Europe has disappeared."

On October 4th of last year, Goering made this statement: "Mr. Churchill declared a few weeks ago that he would be taking jaunts over Germany with 1,000 planes. I say that he has not once come over Germany with 1,000 planes. He never will."

That same day from Calais radio, a German broadcast in English for the United Kingdom contained this boast: "The striking power of the German submarine and air arm has been intensified . . . and not even the fastest enemy troop transports are now able to escape from the German U-boats. The enemy is unable to get his troops and material transports through even under strongest escort."

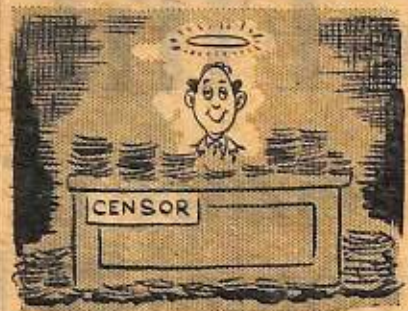
That was German propaganda a year ago. Today, even the Germans in the Third Reich know how false those statements were, and they as well as you can judge the new line accordingly.

Disillusioned at last, the Nazis are staggered by what the Allied air, sea and land arms are doing to them, and boasts

Hash Marks

Some statisticians are insisting that a college education for women is futile. If they're pretty, it's unnecessary; if they're not, it's inadequate.

Censors ARE human. Pvt. Edward N. Kleitz, of Plymouth, Indiana, now somewhere overseas, sent his daughter,



Dolores, a letter containing \$2. He told her to share the money with her four sisters and brothers, and asked her to take good care of their mother, who is in the hospital. When the letter arrived, it bore this postscript: "Here is an extra two bucks for you—the Censor."

Found at last, a sure-fire corn cure—but we don't recommend it. When Postmaster H. C. Roberts, of Rosalina, Washington, found a corn on the little toe of his left foot, he had the offending toe amputated. Later, a corn appeared on his remaining little toe—and he whacked that one off. So far he hasn't said what he will do when he finds a corn on his big toe.

You can believe it or not, but the story is going the rounds that a detail of eight enlisted men was assigned to move the post library at Camp Davis, N.C. The men carried out the assignment, but left one book. Its title was: You Can't Take It With You.

There's a young man in Connecticut who is all excited because the postman stopped at the wrong address. The guy was all steamed up because his gasoline ration board was taking a long time to give him his ration card. He wrote a letter saying, "I demand immediate action." By mistake, the letter went to his draft board!

More fun on the Home Front. While hundreds of spectators gaped in wonder a girl reporter calmly removed her torn



dress and handed it to an Army sergeant who did emergency repairs on it right in front of the Washington monument. But, really this wasn't as much fun as it sounds—the girl was well hidden from view. She was Martha Kearney, of INS, and she was attending a rehearsal of the "Back The Attack Show," which marked the opening of the Third War Loan Drive. She caught her heel in the hem of her dress, tried to ignore the damage, but the Army insisted on repairing the damage. A screen was erected on a truck and all was well. "The Army," said the modest sergeant who did the sewing, "is ready for anything."

J. C. W.

They Fish for a Priceless Catch

Air-Sea Rescuers Save Pilots Who Fly Again

By Richard Wilbur Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

AN RAF AIR-SEA RESCUE MARINE BASE, Oct. 1—Waiting, an RAF deckhand here says, is like fishing—you never know when something's going to happen.

High-speed launches of this Air-Sea Rescue unit—which have rescued American bomber crews and fighter pilots forced to ditch in the sea on the way back from raids—wait along the quayside, strung along in one line. Behind the high-speed launches—HSLs—an old cargo ship, 1,000 tons of solid metal, sits immovable, while a grizzled watchman stares at the HSLs without any interest in changing places.

"Too light. They jump around too much," he says. Up sea, along the quay, is a pub where Bert, the publican, has a treasured poem written by an HSL engineer once stationed here—since killed in action—that starts out:

"Floating eggbox, painted grey. . . . These gray eggboxes are the fastest things afloat for finding and fishing American and British airmen out of the sea. Of two different designs, they average 30 knots, 1,400 HP, 1,100-gallon capacity of high octane, and 63 feet in length. HSLs used to have bright yellow decks, for easier spotting by aircraft cooperating in the rescue. HSLs have been painted gray since Focke-Wulfs started attacking them, and have been equipped with defensive armament.

Keen Tea Drinkers

Waiting in the afternoon sun, their launch checked and cleaned, the crew of HSL4 hangs around on deck. It's one of the rare times during a lull when they're not down in the small focsle brewing another cup of tea. Besides being tea drinkers, they're accustomed to talking in terms of "bloke" for guy, "bloody," more or less, for damn, "kite" for plane.

Aircraftman (the RAF equivalent of an American private) Stan Simmons does some figuring. Since an HSL costs about £30,000, and training an airman costs about £10,000, he says an HSL pays for itself after picking up three airmen from the drink. Since an HSL from this base recently helped rescue nine Fortress fellows, anyone can figure the HSLs here are keeping their financial heads above water.

Quickest rescue made by the unit was when HSL4 picked up 1/Lt. Ralph A. Johnson, of Pikeville, Ky., 20 minutes after his Thunderbolt ditched in the sea. The crew—and especially Pilot Officer John E. Clarke, who started out in the RAF marine section as a deckhand—doesn't consider this an accomplishment. It happened too close to the English shore, and HSLs and crews are geared for trips close to enemy shores. But they consider that meeting Johnson was a break.

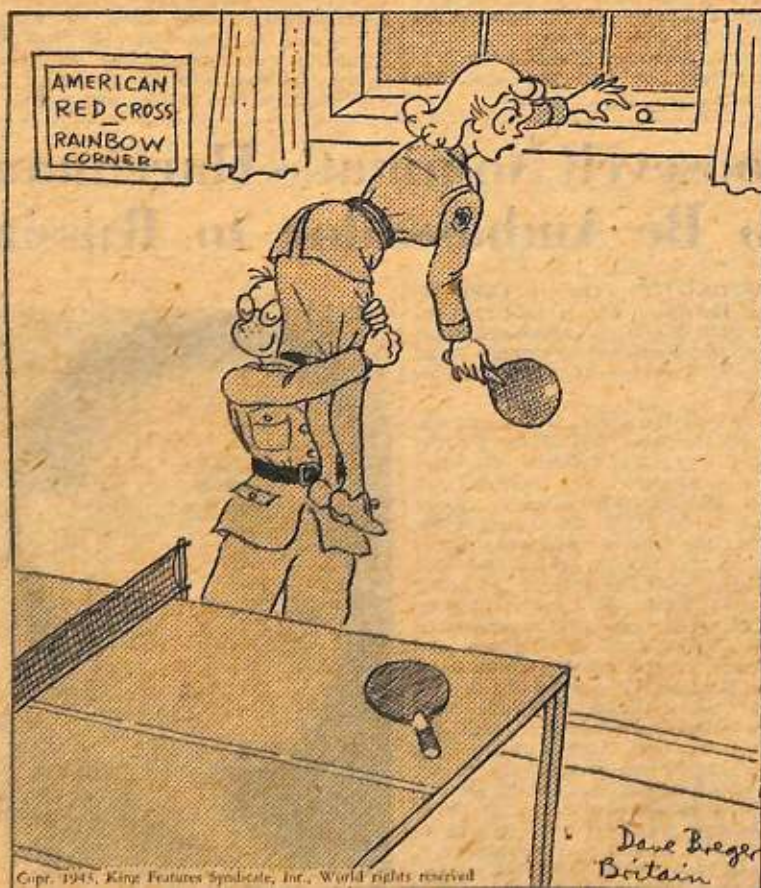
"He came back and thanked us, he did," says F/Sgt. Harry "Ginger" Stamp, whose red hair would make a potent beacon if need be.

"It's only your lads who do that, you know," Sgt. Len Bruty, a big engineer with big horn-rimmed glasses and a big grin, says. "It means a lot. We get the letter from the CO every time, but otherwise our air force lets it go as 'Well, that's their job.' And what did we do for Johnson? He wasn't in much danger. But he came back and thanked us."

"It was better than a present," Ginger Stamp says. "He's a bloody fine bloke. One of the best."

The hammering of an HSL on the sea, and vice versa, is what takes it out of you during the frequent stretch of eight hours spent on a rescue, Stan Simmons

PRIVATE BREGER



Dave Breger Britain



Stars and Stripes Photo

Testing a high-speed launch, before it goes into action on Air Sea rescue work, LAC K. G. Mitchell, of Reading, tries out a gun turret, and C. J. Vrale, of Plymouth, waits for his turn below in the wireless room.

thinks. "After a while, you feel as if you're being punched regularly," he says. "The requirements of physical fitness are about the same for HSL crews as they are for air crews."

Yesterday, a call came to the Duty Room here, and in four minutes HSL-02 was leaping away from the quay, P/O James Thompson in charge.

"Typhoon pilot down," Thompson explained.

He stood in the wheelhouse watching the first coxswain steer "02" through the treacherous current at the harbor mouth. Then he turned around and figured on a chart where the Typhoon pilot had hit the water.

"There he is," Thompson said, pointing to a spot that looked crowded with buoys on the chart.

'A Piece of Cake'

Out on deck, a gunner studied the empty sea and sky, both so calm and pale blue that they seemed one white expanse—the kind of day known to rescue crews, used to rough weather, as "a piece of cake." The gunner did some figuring as he readied his weapon.

"The more we pick up, they live to fight another day," he said.

The wireless operator heard that a minesweeper had picked up the Typhoon pilot.

Several minutes after "02" had left the quay, "03" streaked ahead, P/O Frank Watts in charge. "03" left with new information and could take a more direct course. It reached the minesweeper first, picked up the survivor, and sped him towards a British Navy dispensary.

Inside "03" the Typhoon pilot wasn't feeling good enough to do more than identify himself as an Australian—"Sgt. Jones, 411666, RAAF"—to deckhand Magnus Anderson, only Aussie in this rescue unit.

At the base sergeants' mess there's a discussion on air-sea rescue these days. "Every one helps out now—minesweepers when a kite ditches near England," one sergeant says. "Walrus can land out far and pick up some lads, if the sea isn't heavy and it's not a full Fortress crew."

"It's not like the old days, like last year this month. We were out most of the time then," Len Bruty says. "It's the four-engined kites today. They stand a better chance of getting all the way back to England."

The HSLs wait along the quayside, ready to streak out in any weather except a full gale for sea-swamped airmen, pound the seas back as good as they get, and go as close to enemy shores as the survivors are. Above deck are life preservers with RAF written on them. Below deck there's enough room "to pile blokes all over the place."

'Queer Cargo'

The cargo in one of these life-saving launches includes a volume of Plutarch's Lives, and a wireless operator who smokes pipe tobacco strong enough, according to the rest of the crew, to propel a bicycle.

On another HSL, Aircraftman John Pilgrim, who calls himself "an ordinary deckhand," is the proud possessor of a web-footed character on a piece of cardboard—an air-sea rescue insignia which Walt Disney drew at Pilgrim's request. The web-footed character, an anchor on his chest and hands behind his back, strolls nonchalantly over a spot of water. His nose, notably red, is explained by a crew member—"Must have been in the rum jar."

One bloke on another launch has made a set of dinner gongs out of some cannon shells. "You can almost play God Save the King on it," he claims. On this HSL there's a nursing orderly whose first trip lasted 19 hours—"fourteen of them over the side." And an engineer who—after a trip in close quarters—

find that the movies must be going back to the pre-talkie days.

At night—one HSL crew on duty, another "on standby" within half-hour call, a third within two-hour call—some of the duty crew are down in the focsle playing Monopoly from a London Square viewpoint. Someone offers Trafalgar Square at a stiff price. "I'll take it," says another bloke casually.

Fringing the game, shop talk round the bunks covers such occupational hazards as seasickness and Focke-Wulfs. Sgt. Sam Robinson, wireless operator, who says he is known as the chap who can calmly eat a corned beef sandwich at sea in his right hand while he keeps a slop bucket handy by his left foot, recalls that 27 hours was his longest trip in a floating eggbox.

"Along about the 26th hour, I didn't care whether we reached enemy land or not," he says. "All I wanted was terra firma, and the firmer the better."

Someone brings up the story about the seacock mate in the upper bunk and the mate in the lower bunk—the upper mate suddenly warns, "Look out!" and the lower mate does.

There's general agreement that visitors could be packed into an HSL on a trip and that the trouble wouldn't be a lack of enough acting stewards to hold the heads, but lack of enough spittoons to accommodate the deposits.

In the morning, the duty crew gets out of bed in the Crew Room, one bloke warming the stone floor for his feet with a copy of Picture Post as he says, "I hope Jessie Matthews doesn't mind my using her face for a mat." The radio goes on for the rest of their 24-hour wait, and they help out coloratura sopranos screeching Italian opera and negro baritones growling "Ol' Man River."

A gunner deckhand on his HSL whirls around oiling his turret and calling out, "Penny a ride, penny a long ride." Stan Simmons recalls that, as a kid, he and his mates used to fight before every game to see who'd play the American gangster and who'd play the American cowboy.

A German's Assertion

As he works over his launch, Len Bruty says that an HSL here once picked up a German pilot from the drink after his plane had been shot up over the base. The German was a wireless operator, and tapped out information about himself by Morse code to the HSL wireless operator. Finding a Paris label on his clothes, the crew pointed and said, "French." The German shook his head and said, "Nein—Paris, Germany."

Since the herring and summer visitor trades which the town used to thrive on are extinct, and half the regular population has evacuated, he says, the only business around here now is military. Looking down the quay toward the HSLs, he remembers working on rescue launches half their size and power during the last war.

The HSLs are a focus of curiosity for strollers along the quayside—for kids, Sunday couples, an old man wheeling himself in an invalid chair, British army privates and a British army major. On his HSL, Ginger Stamp says he's curious to see the inside of a whole Fortress some day. "I've only seen pieces," he says.

He and Len Bruty, who says, "We're all feeling better when we're out there doing something," and the rest of the crews work to maintain their floating eggboxes in top shape, and wait, and keep ready to race out and fish up any American or British airmen anywhere in the sea, while Bert, the publican, who admits to no more serious injury than a broken wrist sustained when his auto backfired, sometimes reads, "Box of trouble, Bust your chine, When you strike acoustic mine: Oh little ship."



# Louis Worried Over Tour, Not Future

## Picks Billy Conn Or Freddie Mills As Successor

By Chip Royal

Associated Press Sports Editor



Joe Louis

It will help me keep in shape. I really think I am in better condition than ever because of this Army life.

Will Joe defend his title again? "Well, that's hard to say," answered the husky sergeant. "I'm looking forward to at least one or two more championship fights. But this war will have to end soon or I'll be like Tunney and retire. I'm 29 now and in three years I'll have white whiskers as champs go."

In that case who do you think will be the next champion? "You've got me again. It could be Billy Conn or that (Freddie) Mills fellow over in England. I'd like to fight them both before I quit but it all depends on how long Uncle Sam needs me. He comes first."

James Joy Johnston, who has been a big noise in the fight racket for more than 50 years, says the next champion will come out of the services but he will be a youngster who goes in just before the war ends.

"We're bound to get a new set of champs out of the war," declares Jimmy, "but they will be boys who haven't been in the service long enough to see action. Once any of our fighters see action their ring days will be over."

In the case of Louis, he'll have to fight next year or the long layoff and his age will be too much of a handicap for a comeback.

## Bo McMillan Blasts Army Sports Ban

CHICAGO, Oct. 1—Al "Bo" McMillan, head football coach at Indiana University, is burning up over the Army's refusal to allow its trainees to play intercollegiate football.

McMillan said, "I want some Army official to give me one reason, just one reason, why the Army boys shouldn't be permitted to play college football. The only sound reason I've heard is that they haven't the time. But let me tell you, an Army trainee has much more time than those in the college Navy programs, and those boys manage to get in their football and like it."

## Draft Changes Yankee Lineup

### Mound Staff, Least Hard Hit, Lost Only Ruffing

NEW YORK, Oct. 1—When the New York Yankees and the St. Louis Cardinals square off in this October's World Series the chances are you would hardly recognize the lineups of either team.

The Yankees, the big fellow everybody wanted to rip apart, have been whacked down to standard size. Clark Griffith and Connie Mack used to make vicious demands each year for the league to break up the Yankees. Fortunately the league never got around to scattering the beautiful pieces of the Yankees among the little teams. The draft (remember?) did the job with complete effectiveness.

The Yankee losses have been tremendous and, without exaggeration, greater than those of any four teams in the American League: three-fourths of the infield, two outfielders, and the most seasoned pitcher all are in military service. Charlie Keller, Joe Gordon and Bill Dickey are all that's left of the Yankees' once-mighty heavy artillery that carried them into last year's World Series with the Cardinals.

Juggled Their Lineup For replacements, Joe McCarthy flushed his Newark and Kansas City farms for a new infield and traded Catcher Buddy Rosar to Cleveland for an experienced outfielder. He also bought Nick Etten, a second-hand Phillie, to play first base. This year was the first time the Yankees have juggled their lineup on such a wholesale scale and went all-out for young talent.

There's no getting away from it, the 1943 Yankees can't compare with last year's series team that murdered the Cardinals in the first game and then flopped all over the place when the light-legged Redbirds started dashing around the base paths like a pack of greyhounds.

Consider this year's series lineup, and consider, too, how it measures up to the consistent Yankee pennant winners of the past five years.

Almost Complete New Team First base—Nick Etten; second base—Joe Gordon; third base—Bill Johnson; shortstop—George Sturtevant; left field—Charlie Keller; center field—Johnny Lindell; right field—Bud Metheny; catcher—Bill Dickey.

And now recall the 1942 Yankees: First base—Buddy Hassett (he's now a lieutenant, junior grade, in the Navy); second base—Joe Gordon; third base—Red Rolfe (he's coaching Yale's baseball team); shortstop—Phil Rizzuto (he's in the Navy); left field—Charlie Keller; center field—Joe DiMaggio (he's a sergeant in the Air Force); right field—Tom Henrich (he's in the Coast Guard); catcher—Bill Dickey.

The new Yankee army has done all right. It has had its batting slumps and was guilty of poor fielding, but it has won consistently because it had superb pitching all the way. The draft might have leveled the Yankees in every department, particularly in the outfield where DiMaggio was gobbled up, but it left the pitching staff in good shape. Red Ruffing was the only serious casualty. McCarthy goes into the Series up to his ears in pitchers, including nine who were around at World Series time last year.

The Cardinals—like the Yankees—have suffered from the manpower drain. Gone are Creepy Crespi, Johnny Beazley, Terry Moore, Jimmy Brown, Howie Pollett and Enos Slaughter. The Yankees undoubtedly were the harder hit by the draft, and their chances might be hurt even more if Bud Metheny is taken before the series.

## Chisox Subdue Yankees, 8-3; Cards Triumph

### Tigers Whitewash Macks; Dodgers Snap Reds' Streak

NEW YORK, Oct. 1—Unperturbed by the fact that they were playing the American League champions—and potential world champions—the Chicago White Sox yesterday blasted the Yankees, 8-3, at the Yankee Stadium.

Spud Chandler, Yank's ace right-hander, took a three-inning warmup for the World Series, then yielded to losing pitcher Bill Zuber. Chandler's workout was a success, as he stopped the Hose without a hit. However, the Sox got nine off Zuber, while Edgar Smith, held the Bombers to the same number and aided his own cause with a double, which drove in two runs, and a single and another double.

In the only other game in the American League, the Detroit Tigers whitewashed the Athletics, 6-0. Joe Hoover's homer with two aboard in the third inning started the Bengals on the road to victory. Pitcher Stubby Overmire was credited with the triumph, although he was forced from the game with an injured ankle in the sixth inning. Luman Harris suffered his 21st defeat. The win gave Detroit a 13-9 bulge on the A's for the season.

The St. Louis-Red Sox double-header at Boston was postponed, as was Cleveland's game at Washington.

Krist Racks Up 11th In the National League, Howie Krist won a tight battle from Bill Voiselle as the St. Louis Cardinals produced a run in the eighth inning to clip the Giants, 1-0.

Harry Walker's pinch single followed by his successful theft of second and Lou Klein's single netted the Redbirds their lone run. Krist gave up six hits, Voiselle five. Howie racked up his 11th victory and second shutout.

Out at Cincinnati, the Brooklyn Dodgers snapped the Reds' winning streak at ten games with a 3-2 decision. Lonny Frey set the stage for the Dodger's triumph as he missed stepping on second base in attempting a double play. Dixie Walker, Billy Herman and Howie Schultz followed with singles for two runs. Walker's single and Herman's triple in the third stanza accounted for the Flock's other run. Elmer Riddle, trying for his 22nd success, suffered instead his 11th setback, while Kirby Higbe scored his 13th mound success, each going the full distance.

Rookie Andy Pafko drove a single to right field scoring Dom Dallessandro from second to give the Chicago Cubs a 12-inning, 5-4, triumph over the Boston Braves at Wrigley Field. Bill Nicholson's triple with the bases loaded tied the count, 3-3, in the ninth inning. Each team scored in the 11th. Ed Hanyzewski, entering the game in the tenth, received credit for the win, Hank Wyse having started. Nate Andrews went the route for the losers.

Columbus Redbirds Win American Association Title COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct. 1—The Columbus Redbirds blanked the Indianapolis Indians, 2-0, to win their third consecutive American Association playoff. Columbus plays the first game of the Little World Series against Syracuse of the International League today.

The Redbirds won the American Association playoff in three straight games. The winning runs in Wednesday's contest were scored in the sixth and eighth innings. George Dockins allowed five hits for his second triumph in the playoffs. Jim Trexler was the losing hurler.

Army Rejects Dizzy Dean Duo to Punctured Eardrum ST. LOUIS, Oct. 1—Dizzy Dean, ex-Cardinal pitcher turned broadcaster, has been rejected by Army medical officers at Jefferson Barracks because of a punctured eardrum.

"They made a tremendous boner," the Great Dean said. "If they had taken me in, this here war would be over in less time than I ever spent listening to a speech by Branch Rickey."

## Scribe Advises Rickey to Hire Charlie McCarthy to Boss Bums

By Bill Corum

New York Journal-American Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Oct. 1—It must have been some time last December that Branch Rickey hired, in a manner of speaking, Leo Durocher as manager of the Dodgers for 1943.

Wednesday, in Pittsburgh, with five games left to go, Rickey in a manner of speaking, fired Durocher.

We have been reading for a good many years that General John Phelan, of the New York State Athletic Commission, is popularly conceded to hold the double talking championship of the sports world. But since Rickey came to town the good general has been left far in the rear in this department.

Branch seems to have invented a brand new language of his own and not half as simple as basic English. As nearly as I make out he talks triple-talk.

I defy any student of English, including Cmdr. Gene Tunney, to decipher with any degree of certainty what it was Rickey was trying to say in Wednesday's statement in Pittsburgh.

As nearly as I can figure out, he was trying to get over with a verbal round-house curve that he wished Leo would leave quietly so he could install a manager in Brooklyn who wouldn't want a regular baseball contract and who would therefore not really be a manager at all. How about Charlie McCarthy?

If that actually was what the Mahatma of the Gowanus was trying to imply, why in heaven's name doesn't he say so? It wouldn't be the first time that a general manager of a baseball club ousted a pilot.

In St. Louis it was Rickey's custom to change managers as casually as he changed his shirt. Furthermore, to make the second shoe fit the other foot, why also in heaven's name doesn't Durocher pack his bag and say, "Gentlemen, I bid you a fond adieu."

There was a time when the Dodgers were called the daffness boys, and I must admit there were some strange shenanigans in the days of Judge McKeever and Uncle Robbie, but never half as daffy as what's happening there now.

## SOS HQ Cage Season To Start in November

SOS HQ, Oct. 1—Plans for the organization of the second annual SOS basketball league season have been completed with 16 teams already entered in the competition. The games will be played six nights weekly in three gymnasiums in this area.

A four-week practice and conditioning period will precede the official league opening, which will take place early in November.

The Kayo Drops, SOS softball champs, have entered a team of giants, the smallest man being five feet eleven.



### American League Thursday's Games

Chicago 8, New York 3	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Detroit 6, Philadelphia 0	.. 76 76 .500	.. 72 77 .483
No other games played.		
New York .95 56 .629	Detroit .76 76 .500	
Washington 84 67 .556	St. Louis .68 82 .453	
Cleveland 79 71 .527	Boston .68 82 .453	
Chicago .80 72 .526	Philadelphia 49 102 .325	

### Yesterday's Schedule

St. Louis at New York  
Cleveland at Philadelphia  
No other games scheduled.

### National League Thursday's Game

Cincinnati 3, Brooklyn 2	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Chicago 5, Boston 4 (12 innings)	.. 72 77 .483	.. 66 83 .441
St. Louis 1, New York 0	.. 62 90 .408	.. 57 95 .367
Other teams did not play.		
St. Louis 102 49 .675	Chicago .72 77 .483	
Cincinnati 85 66 .563	Boston .66 83 .441	
Brooklyn .80 70 .533	Philadelphia 62 90 .408	
Pittsburgh 80 72 .526	New York .57 95 .367	

### Yesterday's Schedule

Boston at Chicago  
New York at St. Louis  
No other games scheduled.

### Leading Hitters American League

Anpling, Chicago	G AB R H Pct.	153 578 62 189 .327
Wakefield, Detroit	.. 153 628 90 197 .324	
Hodgin, Chicago	.. 115 401 53 126 .314	
Cramer, Detroit	.. 140 606 79 182 .301	
Case, Washington	.. 139 605 101 176 .291	

### National League

Musial, St. Louis	G AB R H Pct.	153 610 107 218 .357
Herman, Brooklyn	.. 150 575 75 192 .334	
Cooper, St. Louis	.. 121 445 52 141 .317	
Witek, New York	.. 149 608 67 192 .316	
Elliott, Pittsburgh	.. 154 575 83 182 .316	

### Home Run Hitters

American League—York, Detroit, 34; Keller, New York, 31; Stephens, St. Louis, 28; Ott, New York, 18; Northey, Philadelphia, 16.

### Runs Batted In

American League—York, Detroit, 115; Etten, New York, 105; Johnson, New York, 93.

National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 126; Elliott, Pittsburgh, 99; Herman, Brooklyn, 92.

### Grid Cards Lose Two Players

BUFFALO, Oct. 1—The Chicago Cardinal pro football squad has lost two players for several weeks, one perhaps for the season. Guard Floyd Rhea is being held under observation here for a possible fractured vertebra and may be out for the season. Marshall Goldfield, backfield, ace, will be out for at least a month with a fractured ankle. Both injuries were incurred in Sunday's exhibition game here with the Redskins.

## ProGrid Teams Seen for Coast

### Post-War Plans Include Los Angeles, Frisco In Circuit

By Bill Leiser

San Francisco Chronicle Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 1—Professional football is coming to the Pacific Coast in a big way once the war is won. If you have been anything of an interested observer, of course you have been surprised with the strength the National Professional Football League has shown as an organization.

The pro game was expected to fold immediately after Pearl Harbor. It didn't. Unlike baseball, a much older and stronger game, it did not even debate publicly the question of folding. It played through 1942 and it is playing through 1943.

It is this National Professional Football League which is coming to the Pacific Coast. It isn't public knowledge as yet, but Don Ameche will get the franchise in Los Angeles. Mr. Ameche would only go as far as to say to us yesterday, "Yes, I'm interested, but I don't know yet." Elmer Layden, pro commissioner, likewise admits to the "interest" of the radio and movie actor, and declines to say more for the record, but the inside word among the pros is that Ameche gets franchise come December, to become effective the first season after the war ends.

The San Francisco franchise has been applied for, too, by a gentleman with plenty of money who has not previously dabbled with pro ball by the Golden Gate. I'll not identify him, since he apparently does not have the clean inside track that Ameche has. This is another way of saying that the San Francisco franchise might be open to someone with the proper references, connections and bank account, plus persuasive ability. The National League does not wish to compete with college football at any time in any way. If St. Mary's, Santa Clara and USF are healthy and strong after the war and are playing as much football at Kezar on Sunday as they played a year ago, it would require some argument to convince the professionals they should come in to our town. They plan Sunday games in the Far West.

However they do it, the pros are coming to the Coast, definitely to Los Angeles, and to one other city, probably San Francisco, just as soon as Hitler and Hirohito get what's in the cards for them.

## Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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

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**Lost**  
SQUASH Racket, left on the 1:30 PM Chelmsford train Sept. 19. Medical Corps captain is believed to have picked it up, saying he was going to send it to Help Wanted. Will the person who has it please send it to me c/o Help Wanted, Lt. M. M. Beardon.

**Miscellaneous**  
Residents of Laurel, Miss., will hold a reunion at the Mostyn Club, Portman Street, London, W.1 at 7:30 PM, Oct. 7.  
WILL EXCHANGE six rolls of film, size 616, for No. 127.—Pfc Edward Ozgust, c/o Help Wanted.

**THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE PASSES THROUGH DOGPATCH—**

**YES!—AH NEEDED THIS REST AFTER PROSECUTING THE MANAGERS OF THOSE MUSICAL COMEDIES!—WHEN AH SAW THOSE CHORUS GALS EXPOSIN' THAR KNEES—AH RESOLVED SORT O' THING IN THIS STATE!!**

**AND YOU CERTAINLY DID, DEAR. IT'LL BE A LONG TIME BEFORE THOSE MANAGERS GET OUT OF JAIL.**

**YES, DEAR—THIS WILL BE REFRESHING AFTER THOSE TERRIBLE SHOWS IN WHICH THOSE SHAMELESS CHORUS GIRLS DISPLAYED THEIR ANKLES AND KNEES!!**

**AN' NOW, FOLKS, AS PRODUCER O' THIS HYAR SHOW—AH PRESENTS MISS DAISY MAE SCRAGG—A-SINGIN'—'TH' OLE PINETREE'**

**OH!—THEY'RE CUTTING DOWN TH' OLE PINETREE!**

**ZIP! ZIP! ZIP!**



# Jap Strongpoint In New Guinea Seized by Allies

## Bastion in Markham Valley Seized; Enemy Giving Stiffer Resistance

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Oct. 1 (UP)—Another Japanese stronghold in the Markham Valley, 14 miles northwest of Kaipit, New Guinea, was taken yesterday by American and Australian troops advancing across the neck of Cape William to Madang.

The Japanese are showing considerable fight. Three night counter-attacks were made, but all of them were beaten back.

To the east, at Finschafen, some high ground above the Japanese base has been captured by Australians.

The Japanese in this area, although trapped, are determined to do as much damage as possible before they are annihilated. They are putting up desperate resistance against the Allies, who are advancing.

## New Jap Drive Breaks Lull on Chinese Front

CHUNGKING, Oct. 1 (AP)—Heavy fighting was in progress in different sectors along the Chinese front as Japanese forces in western Chekiang, southern Kiangsu and southern Anhwei started a drive against the Chinese positions, the high command announced today.

"A severe battle is proceeding in the direction of Hangchow," the communique said. The scale of the drive was not indicated in the communique, but it appeared that the lull on the China front has been broken.

## Red Cross Service Club In Hanley Opens Tonight

HANLEY, Oct. 1—A new Red Cross service club will open here tomorrow night at 8. A dance and supper will feature the first program. Director of the club is Miss Eva L. Blum, of San Francisco. Assistant director is Mrs. Suzanne Weaver, of Lansing, Mich. The club has sleeping accommodations, a cafeteria, games room and reading and writing room.

### Duchess

Gloria Pastley, violinist; Juliette Guiterz, pianist; and Joyce Murdoch, vocalist, will entertain at the musical tea from 4.30 to 5.30 PM tomorrow at the Duchess Red Cross club, 1 Duchess St., London, W.1. "Cost-Five Pesos," a one-act play, will be staged at 8 PM.

### Columbia

An anniversary party for all soldiers who have been in the ETO for more than a year will be held tomorrow night at the Red Cross Columbia club, 70 Seymour St., London, W.1. Prominent personalities have been invited to a dinner at 6.15 PM. Sketches of soldiers attending will be drawn by Laz and hung in the club's ballroom lounge.

# U.S. Forces Network to Give Football Scores Sunday Nights

A summary of major football games played in the United States will be broadcast over the American Forces Network each Sunday from 6.35 to 7.05 PM, provided that weather conditions permit reception of the scores by short-wave from New York.

The program will include scores, highlight and on-the-field descriptions of games in the east, mid-west, south, southwest and far west.

This brings to three the number of weekend football programs over the AFN. Each Saturday night at 10.45 "Final Edition" will include all the scores of games played up to that time. This, too, will be taken by short-wave from New York. The scores will be given again Sunday afternoon, following the 1 PM BBC news.

Tonight from 10 to 10.15 a special program, "Background to Battle," will explain the Russian-German war from June 22, 1941, when the Nazis struck, until the present time.

The "Your Town" program tomorrow from 10.15 to 10.30 AM will bring hometown communique from three Wisconsin communities—Milwaukee, Madison and Stoughton.

## American Forces Network

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

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| 11.15—Great Music.   |                  |          |
| 11.30—Happy Norman's Ranch House.  |                  |          |
| PM   |                  |          |
| 12.00—The BBC Theater Orchestra.   |                  |          |
| 12.30—Return Engagement—RAF Dance Band.                                      |                  |          |
| 1.00—News (BBC).   |                  |          |
| 1.10—Barracks Bug.   |                  |          |
| 2.00—Sign off until 5.45 PM.   |                  |          |
| 5.45—Spotlight on Lionel Hampton.  |                  |          |
| 6.00—News (BBC).   |                  |          |
| 6.10—Personal Album—Anita Ellis.   |                  |          |
| 6.25—GI Supper Club—request program.   |                  |          |
| 7.00—Sports—Stars and Stripes radio reporter.                                |                  |          |
| 7.05—The Fanny Brice Show.   |                  |          |
| 7.30—Your Hit Parade.  |                  |          |
| 8.00—News From Home—Stars and Stripes Roundup.                               |                  |          |
| 8.10—Harry James and his Orchestra.  |                  |          |
| 8.25—Miniature.  |                  |          |
| 8.30—Yankee-Doodle-Do (BBC).   |                  |          |
| 9.00—News (BBC).   |                  |          |
| 9.10—Remember?   |                  |          |
| 9.20—American News Commentary (BBC).   |                  |          |
| 9.30—Paul Whiteman.  |                  |          |
| 10.00—Background to Battle—Story of the Red Army.                            |                  |          |
| 10.15—Saturday Night Variety.  |                  |          |
| 10.45—Final Edition—Stars and Stripes News and football scores from America. |                  |          |
| 11.00—Sign off until 8.00 AM Sunday, Oct. 3.                                 |                  |          |

# In Divorce Mixup



Hedy LaMarr

## Decree Is Just Awarded To First Wife of Hedy's Husband

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 1—Hedy LaMarr has discovered that, like Lana Turner, she married a man already wed. The revelation came when Micheline Cheirel, French screen actress, obtained her final decree from John Loder, British actor, four months after he married Miss LaMarr.

Officials at Warner Brothers studio said Loder had acted in good faith, believing that Miss Cheirel had obtained a Mexican divorce.

Judge Charles Griffin, Beverly Hills police magistrate, who represented Miss Cheirel in court, said, "Mr. Loder was so anxious to marry Miss LaMarr that he asked my client to go to Mexico for a divorce. Although there had been an interlocutory decree granted here, my client went to Juarez and got her divorce, but her property settlement was established in the divorce she got in California. She asked me to get the final decree here because she puts her faith in California divorce."

## Engineers Honor McNaughton

TORONTO, Oct. 1 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Andrew McNaughton, commanding the Canadian Army overseas, was elected an honorary member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at a dinner here last night.

## Sweden Cuts Nazi Oil Shipments

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 1 (UP)—The Foreign Office announced today that Sweden had banned all rail transport of oil through the country, an action which prevents Germany from shipping oil through Sweden to Finland and Norway.

# NEWS FROM HOME

## Jones Declares War Optimism Is Now Justified

### Jobs for Servicemen Must Be Provided, Secretary Of Commerce Says

NEW YORK, Oct. 1 (AP)—Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones told the New York Board of Trade yesterday that "for the first time since Hitler invaded Poland, we are justified in feeling optimistic about the trend of the war."

Jones warned, however, that he did not forecast an early end of the war. "There is much tough going ahead," he said.

Commenting on post-war problems, Jones said America must be prepared to provide jobs for demobilized servicemen and war workers. He declared that new jobs and markets must be found, but he stressed that the entire responsibility for reconstructing the world should not be borne by the United States.

### Allotment Boost Opposed

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1—Maj. Gen. Miller G. White, Army chief of personnel, told the House Military Affairs Committee that present allowances for children of enlisted men were "perhaps inadequate," but he said the War Department saw no need for increasing the monthly \$50 benefit given to the childless wife of an enlisted man. Gen. White endorsed a Senate-approved bill which would place the first check in the hands of a soldier's dependents two weeks after he is inducted.

### Jack Benny Arrives Home

NEW YORK, Oct. 1—Jack Benny and his USO-Camp Show troupe have returned to New York after having been the first American civilians to invade Italy. "We got into Sicily and then went north to a town named Lentini to entertain a certain group of boys," Benny explained. "We found they'd already gone to Italy and we got permission to follow them."

### Leave Asked for Men Overseas

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1 (AP)—Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. (R.—Mass.), back from a tour of the world fighting fronts, told the Senate yesterday that he had found much support among Army and Navy commanders in the field for a single War Department. He urged that some means be found for getting war-weary American troops home on leave.

### Heiress Weds Corporal

DENVER, Col., Oct. 1 (AP)—Mrs. Hazel Guggenheim McKinley, 40, mining heiress, and Larry Leonard, 28-year-old corporal, have been married. Mrs. McKinley formerly lived in London and is the daughter of Benjamin Guggenheim, New York financier.

### Mexico Indemnifies U.S.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1 (AP)—A \$3,800,000 check, reimbursing the United States for the seizure of American oil holdings in Mexico, was presented Adolf A. Berle, assistant secretary of state, by Dr. Francisco Castillo Najera, Mexican Ambassador.

### Norse Navy Gets N.Y. Club

NEW YORK, Oct. 1—The famous New York Athletic Club at Pelham Bay has been taken over by the Royal Norwegian Navy for use as a gunnery school. Transfer of the club was arranged under Lend-Lease.

# Russia - - -

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Stormovik fighters are giving strong support.

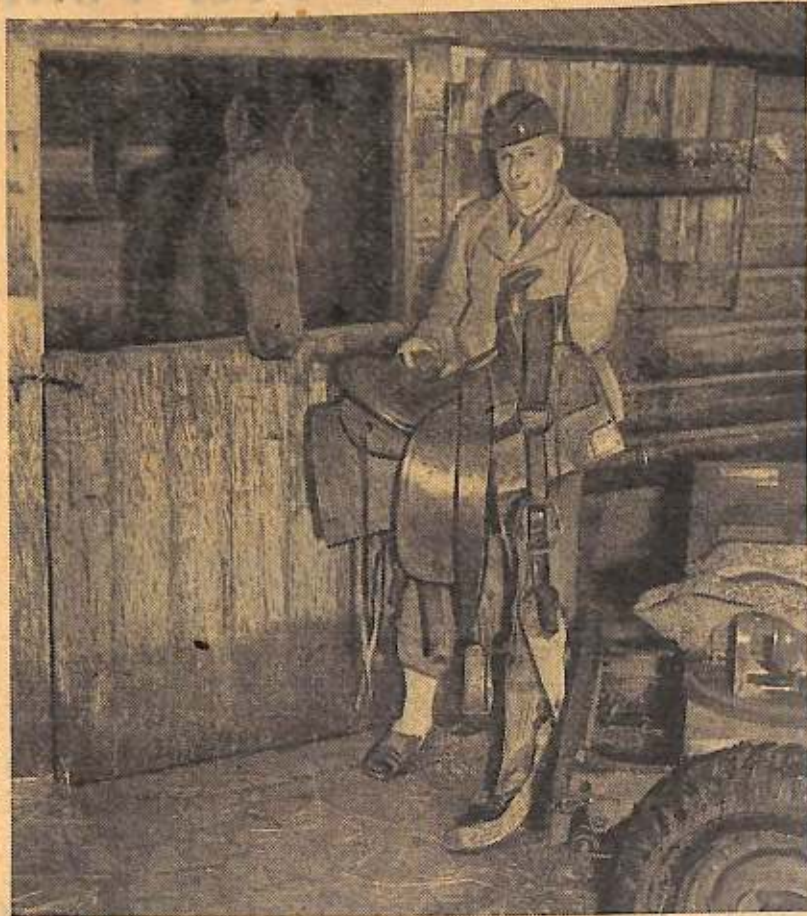
Particularly heavy attacks have been made on the Nazi lines running out of Gomel, at the southern end of the White Russian front. It is believed in Moscow that most of the supply lines running into the town are cut.

The Red Army is only a few miles from Gomel, and the familiar tactics of the three-prong advance from north, east and south seem likely to bring about the town's fall in the very near future.

### ETO Rodeo Postponed

"The ETO Rodeo Round-up," American wild west show, sponsored by a USAAF bombardment division and the local American Red Cross club, which was to have been held today at Peterborough, has been "postponed indefinitely," it was announced yesterday by Red Cross headquarters in London.

# Rodeo Star Now Infantry Scout



Stars and Stripes Photo

Lt. Rex Gibson, Arizona cowboy, found his right niche in the Army. He's with his first love, horses, and is putting his inborn scout's ability to work as an ace infantry reconnaissance officer.

## Arizona Yank Brings to ETO Cowboys Born Talent as Scout

A U.S. ARMY INFANTRY STATION, Oct. 1—Some sedate English gentry were out for a canter the other day when suddenly they heard a wild shout and saw a wild-eyed pony carry an equally wild-eyed Yank across a five-foot hedgerow.

One mopped his brow. "Eccentric American," he muttered.

Subject of his rather awed comment was a lean, raw-boned lieutenant, Rex Gibson, former rodeo stunt rider and now a reconnaissance officer.

Gibson, who in the last ten years has busted as many broncs and roped as many steers as any other cowboy in Arizona, stands well over six feet and has that ungainly, yet graceful, stride of the born cowhand. His vocabulary, although he hung up his saddle in 1939 and went GI

with a hitch in Panama, is still strongly suggestive of the Lone Ranger.

"Why didn't I join the Cavalry?" he shouted in reply to another. "Why, boy, I wouldn't be any good at trotting along on one of those curvy-combed critters with my back set like a ramrod."

He's rated an ace at reconnaissance. With the inborn sense of an Indian scout, he can locate a position or estimate a distance and usually hit it on the nose. Bivouacking, that headache for most soldiers, is a breeze to Gibson after his years of outdoor living.

While still in his teens (he's only 25 now) Gibson tried his hand at rodeo riding and found it so lucrative that he left his job as cowhand and made of it a pathway to fame and fortune.

"We got a job to do," he said, "but when it's over my shirt tail won't touch ground until I hit Arizona."

## Eighth Air Force Completes Biggest Month of Operation

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mand last month dropped a total of 2,790 tons of bombs on enemy airfields, railroad yards, a shipyard and other installations. The Marauders made 36 raids during the month. Of this number 20 were on German fighter and fighter-bomber airbases and nine on railroad yards.

During the last week of September three enemy airfields were rendered useless by Marauders, reconnaissance photographs show. The Le Trait shipyard, bombed for the second time early last month, has been "written off" as ruined.

Two of the B26 raids were on enemy installations when, in conjunction with an amphibious exercise, they hit coastal defenses near Boulogne. The heaviest raid was Sept. 9, when Marauders dropped 372 tons of bombs on coastal batteries near Boulogne.

### Flak Gets Seven Planes

Seven Marauders were lost, all of them through flak, during the month. The mediums shot down 11 fighters, probably destroyed eight and damaged 12.

Thunderbolts of Eighth Fighter Command destroyed 39 enemy fighters, losing only seven.

On only one trip, the bomber mission to Emden Sept. 27, were the Thunderbolts able to come to close grips with the enemy. Twenty-one enemy fighters were destroyed on that day. Only one Thunderbolt was lost.

In general, reports for the month

showed that German interceptors attempted quick strikes at the bombers, but prudently withdrew when the Thunderbolts appeared.

Besides enemy aircraft definitely brought down, one more was listed as probably destroyed and 11 as damaged.

# Salerno - - -

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hardly dry, and the dead men were so young that they had scarcely begun to live.

"But Allied assault troops returned the same night and established a bridgehead under the pulverizing fire of the naval bombardment and, offshore, additional troops and supplies moved in and landed the following morning.

"I want to pay tribute to the British troops of the Fifth Army. They were first-class fighting men. At one point some of them had dug in along a wall encircling an Italian dairy.

"But German tank units ran through them in the night. Some 300 of them lay dead there. Not one escaped from that position.

"Their rifles, machine-guns, litter from their knapsacks, lay about in all directions, and those personal letters and family snapshots, spattered with blood and ground into the dirt, made the war just then seem mighty personal."

By Milton Caniff

## Terry and the Pirates

