

New Blows Directly At Japan Seen

Attack on Marcus Islands Called Beginning Of All-Out Invasion

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (UP)—The attack by U.S. sea and air task force on the Marcus Islands off the Japanese mainland is today being hailed by military circles in Pearl Harbor as the first blow of a possible all-out offensive to open up a direct invasion route to Japan.

Radio silence on the ships which took part in the sudden and dramatic attack is holding up the complete story of the raid on the vital Jap outposts in the Pacific—760 nautical miles northwest of Wake Island and 990 miles southeast of Yokohama, Japan.

The task force, however, apparently got away almost unscathed after delivering the attack on enemy air bases and installations, without loss of ships and only a few aircraft.

Tokyo Claims No Sinkings

There was no confirmation of this in Washington, but a Tokyo communique today made no claims of sinking any vessels and claimed to have shot down only 12 of the 160 bombers and fighters which it said took part. The figure was considered to be remarkably small, even allowing for Japanese exaggeration, for an operation which took the American sea-air forces thousands of miles away from the nearest Allied base in the Pacific.

The communique admitted that damage had been caused to aircraft on the ground on Marcus Islands but added that casualties among Jap troops and damage to installations were "very small."

Military observers in Pearl Harbor were said to believe that U.S. sea and air power throughout the Pacific battle area has now reached a point where mere hit-and-run actions, such as previous raids on Marcus and Wake Islands last year, will be on a much greater scale in the future.

Allies Close In On Salamaua

ALLIED HQ., Southwest Pacific, Sept. 2—Allied forces, driving forward in a wide semi-circle, are closing in on the Jap base of Salamaua, in northern New Guinea with the main thrust developing in the eastern coastal sector.

American and Australian jungle forces were closing in on the Salamaua air-drome, according to today's communique from Allied headquarters.

Below the airdrome and south of the Francisco River the Japs have long resisted attacks but latest reports indicate that American troops skirted pill-boxes and fox holes to send their main spearhead forward to virtually surround Jap defenders.

Allied air forces, meanwhile, are maintaining their superiority over the arc of islands north of Australia and delivering a non-stop train of shattering blows against the Japs.

There was also some basis for believing that the Japs have evacuated Santa Isabel Island in the Solomons. Liberator pilots back from a recent raid reported that for the first time no anti-aircraft fire was encountered. Santa Isabel was outflanked by the American occupation of New Georgia and Vella Lavella.

Gen. Arnold Here for Talks

Gen. Henry H. Arnold, commanding the U.S. Army Air Forces, has arrived in the British Isles for conferences with Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETO commander, Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, Eighth Air Force chief, Air Marshal Sir Charles Portal and other high Allied officials, Eighth Air Force Headquarters announced last night. Arnold is one of the Army's four full generals. The others are Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, George C. Marshall and Douglas MacArthur.

(The text of Gen. Arnold's article predicting a long-range bomber "dwarfing" the present Flying Fortress is on page 2.)

Paratroops' Organizer Reaches ETO From U.S.

Maj. Gen. William C. Lee, former chief of Airborne Command and now commander of an airborne division, has arrived in the ETO from the United States.

Gen. Lee, known as the father of American parachute troops, organized the first paratroop school at Ft. Benning, Ga., and is a leading exponent of use of the air to deliver heavy striking forces behind an enemy's defenses.

FDR, Churchill Hold Talks Until Wee Hours

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (AP)—President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill talked in the White House study until 1 AM today and the President left his work to have the day free for further conferences.

Stephen Early, FDR's secretary, said that regular routine had been discarded so the two Allied leaders could talk whenever they felt like it. Churchill saw Gen. Marshall today, besides British military leaders and the chiefs of the British missions.

Allied Bombers Hit Italian Toe In Night Attack

Weather Grounds Strategic Air Force for First Time in 2 Months

ALLIED HQ., Sept. 2—Allied light bombers pounded the toe of Italy last night, blasted communication targets on the tip of the peninsula and returned without loss, tending to confirm the belief that the Allies have so sapped Axis fighter strength that they no longer are able to oppose in strength the many Allied aerial thrusts.

For the first time in two months yesterday the Strategic Air Force was grounded by the weather, saving central Italy from another shattering blow.

In the evening, however, night bombers raided Aversa, scoring hits on the marshalling yard and damaging railway lines. All the bombers returned to their bases.

Meanwhile, preliminary reports revealed that all bombs dropped on the Pisa raid found their targets. The famous leaning tower was spared, but hits were made on the marshalling yards, airfields and airplane factory in the city, almost 200 miles north of Rome.

Invasion Fears Increase

Reports of a new armada massing at Gibraltar increased Italian invasion fears. The fleet was said to consist of four aircraft carriers, two battleships, three cruisers and about 20 destroyers, with a great number of transports and other vessels.

The Italian newspaper, Messaggero, quoted by Rome radio, called for rigid unity and discipline among the people.

"Words do not exaggerate the situation," Messaggero said. "Our country is going through the most terrible crisis and anxiety of its history."

Rumors that peace negotiations between Italy and the Allies were being drawn up circulated widely. The Badoglio government maintained silence but it was considered significant that the government had suddenly played down its promises to continue the war.

A warning that the Italian people would rise and overthrow Badoglio if the war continued was given by an underground radio station, "Free Milan." The broadcast declared that if peace negotiations weren't started immediately the people would rise and set up a "peace" government.

103,932 U.S. Casualties Since Pearl Harbor Attack

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2—A summary of all American casualties since Pearl Harbor gave the total today as 103,932.

Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Merchant Marine dead total 19,581; 35,895 are listed as missing, and 48,456 are listed as wounded.

Another casualty table, for the Sicilian campaign, reveals that 7,500 men were killed, wounded or reported missing in that campaign.

6 Yanks from Anti-Sub B24 Safe After 5 Days in Biscay

U.S. ANTI-SUB HQ., England, Sept. 2—Six survivors of the crew of a B24 fitted for anti-U-boat patrol of European waters, shot down by ten Ju88s, have been rescued after drifting for five days in the Bay of Biscay. They were picked up by a naval vessel last week, the Air Ministry announced today.

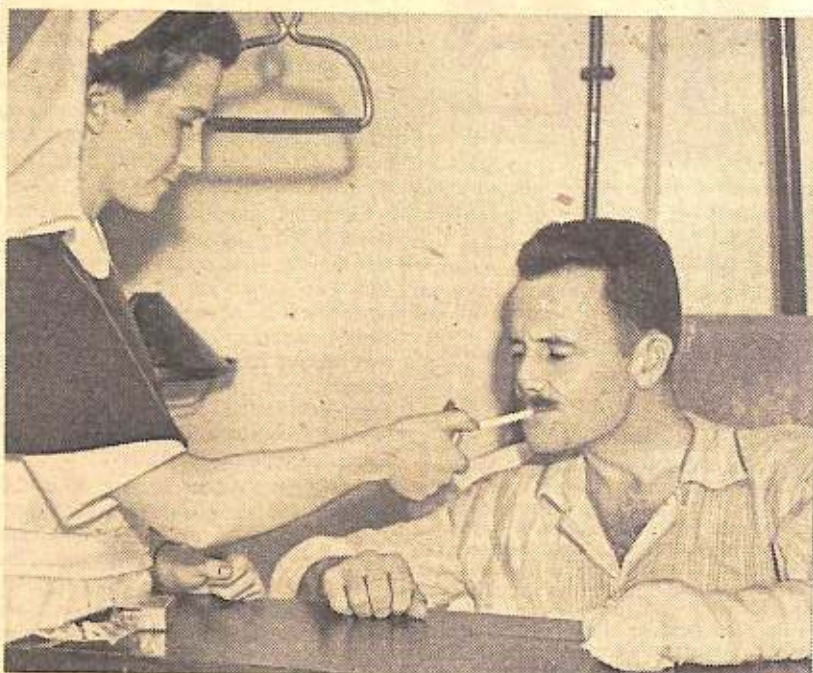
The survivors said that the white-bellied Liberator fought off the attacking German planes for about half an hour before they finally went down. The first man to free himself after the plane was hit was 2/Lt. Charles H. Moore, of Sequin, Tex.

Moore managed to inflate one of the life rafts and, with the help of T/Sgt. Frank G. Antosz, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., the only other uninjured member of the crew, began to search for the others.

The tail gunner, S/Sgt. H. E. Bischoff, of Clarksville, Miss., was found hanging

Reds Gain on 600-Mile Front, Take Sumy in Ukraine Drive, Cut Main Briansk-Kiev Railway

Legless Pilot Wants to Fly Again



Col. Graham West, leader of a Ninth Air Force Spitfire group, gets a light from a nurse at a hospital in England, where he is awaiting the day he will take over his old job in his Spit.

RAF HOSPITAL, England, Sept. 2—Col. Graham West, of Portland, Ore., looked forward to two new legs today, but he was worried. Not because of the legs—he is convinced that he can fly with artificial legs as well as he could with real ones—but because he is approaching 32 and is afraid the Army will ground him because of old age.

Col. West flew 87 fighter missions with the Ninth Air Force in North Africa without a scratch and then lost both legs

while fighting a fire in an abandoned Ju52 on an airfield in Tunisia. Ammunition in the plane exploded and shrapnel killed two men and wounded West in the legs, face and one hand.

He faces at least three months in bed before he can even try to walk, but he is cheerfully sure that he can beat "this thing."

"There are a lot of guys who are a lot worse off than I am," he said, "and you can forget that martyr stuff. I just want to fly again."

Two Years of Hard Fighting Ahead, Harry Hopkins Says

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (UP)—Two more years of hard fighting; a movement inch by inch towards Germany; the smashing of a German army which has been unable to replace its losses, and the bombing of vast untouched Axis resources.

These are some of the jobs the Allies still have to do to win the war, Harry Hopkins, Lend-Lease administrator, and President Roosevelt's closest adviser, said in an article in the American Magazine.

"I believe that we will have victory by 1945 against both Germany and Japan."

"For a long time the air has been vibrant with the hope of a quick victory. In my opinion we are not going to have it. I believe that two years' hard fighting lies ahead of us. Two years at least."

"I have talked to a lot of Army and Navy men and I have not yet met one who believed that we can win a quick victory. We will have to land great land forces in France before we can fight, every inch of the way, into Germany."

"The principal Axis powers are not in a desperate economic condition. Despite the bombing and the blockade they are militarily solvent. They have enough food, clothes and munitions."

"There has been no appreciable decline in their munitions-output. Their people have not cracked on the home front. We

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Danish Stand Lauded by Hull

Minister Severs Relations With Homeland From Post in Sweden

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (AP)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull today lauded Denmark for her recent stand against the Axis, declaring its unabated resistance to German military dictatorship would hearten all democratic people.

The message to revolt-ridden Denmark came 24 hours after a dramatic announcement from Stockholm by M. Kruse, Danish minister to Sweden, who severed diplomatic relations with Denmark. In doing so, he said that constitutional government ceased to exist there since King Christian was stripped of his powers by the German general, Hannecken. His action paralleled that of the Danish minister in Washington in Apr., 1940, when Germany invaded and occupied Denmark.

Major significance was attached by the Danes to the Kruse move, according to Stockholm reports, because of his close personal relations with the King. It was considered unlikely that the minister would have made the break unless he thought it had the approval of the popular monarch held prisoner since the Germans established their military dictatorship on Sunday.

The new political development came as the revolting Danes continued sabotage by damaging an 8,000-ton German "bar-racks" ship in Copenhagen harbor early yesterday.

U.S. Minesweeper Lost

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (AP)—The Navy Department announced the loss of the minesweeper Wasmuth in the Aleutians area in December after the vessel was wrecked by the explosion of two of its own depth charges.

Two-Year-Old Nazi Lines Crack West Of Smolensk

By Henry Cassidy

Associated Press Staff Correspondent

MOSCOW, Sept. 2—The Red Army increased its pressure and surged forward along a 600-mile front from west of Taganrog to east of Smolensk today, liberating more than 300 settlements and killing at least 6,000 Germans.

Capture of the important Ukrainian town of Sumy on the Voronezh front was announced in a special order of the day by Marshal Stalin. Three infantry divisions which took the town were designated the Sumy divisions, and Stalin ordered 12 salves from 124 guns in Moscow to celebrate the victory.

(Last night's Russian communique announced, United Press reported, that the main lateral railway for the movement of German troops in the Ukraine, the line from Briansk to Kiev, has been cut in two places, first by a swift Russian advance which captured the important town of Krolevets, a few miles north of the key junction of Konotop, and second by another Russian column which captured Myampol, 18 miles north northwest of Glukhov.)

The general Russian advance westward cost the Germans 90 wrecked planes and 66 tanks, as the Nazis attempted to ward off the Soviet blows.

Four Divisions Routed

Gen. Tolbukhin's southern front troops completed their mopping-up operations in the Taganrog sector, where three regular German infantry divisions and one airborne division were announced as routed, while three other infantry divisions and one tank division were seriously mauled.

While the mopping-up operations still proceeded, other Red Army groups on the southern front pushed further into the Donbas industrial area from the southeast, captured Krasnyluch, Snehznoye and the railway station of Shterovka, midway between Voroshilovgrad and Taganrog.

On the Smolensk direction, Gen. Sokolovsky's western front troops captured Dorogobuzh on the Dnieper in a night assault after the two-year-old German lines cracked to north and south of the city and the Red Army pushed its way into the streets from the west and cleared the Germans out in block-by-block operations.

2,500 Civilians Liberated

As the drive west of Dorogobuzh continued, 2,500 Russian civilians, whom the Germans were herding towards Smolensk, were liberated as the group was overtaken by the advancing Red Army.

The troops which captured Yelnya yesterday rolled ahead to the south and west where they encountered counter-attacking fresh German reserves, which the enemy launched into the gap in an effort to stem the Soviet advance. The Red Army crushed these troops and continued to advance.

South of Bryansk, Gen. Rokossovsky's

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Allies Refused Soviet Plea For Troops, General Says

MOSCOW, Sept. 2 (UP)—Maj. Gen. Galaktionov, military expert of the Russian magazine, War and the Working Classes, said that the Allies had refused repeated Russian proposals that "they send troops and air units to fight side by side with the Red Army on the Russian front."

Answering an assertion by Hanson Baldwin, military expert of the New York Times, and other American newspapermen that Russia had refused to lend Britain and the United States Black Sea bases, Galaktionov said the Allies "never showed they were willing" to fight with the Soviet on the Russian front.

Liberation of Donetz Seen If Good Weather Continues

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (AP)—John McCloy, assistant secretary of war, today said: "If the favorable weather continues the Russian forces which destroyed the southern anchor of the German line at Taganrog may accomplish the liberation of the entire Donetz Basin this autumn."

"They threaten all the German positions along the northern shore of the Sea of Azov and may even end the Nazi hold on the Crimea."

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Dedication

Reports reach us that a new airdrome will be dedicated soon in this theater. A fine program has been arranged for this field will play a vital part in delivering a knock out blow to Hitler's war production.

We have also heard that several hundred men who moved into this area when it was still a cow pasture will not be there to see the dedication. These are the boys who belong to an engineer battalion that took that cow pasture by storm. They rolled up their sleeves when they saw it and went to work plowing up runways and chewing cement right along with their chow. As they worked they also built their new home, and those tin huts still look beautiful after a hundred or so pretty important inspections.

When the late Lt. General Andrews called to look over the new development he saw just what he wanted—immaculate living quarters and mess halls and eight hundred men who understood airfield production.

This same outfit won an important battle last winter too, a battle against old General Mud. If they had lost that battle they wouldn't be dedicating the new drome so soon. The battle those engineers won saved lots of work, grading and landscaping. It was so important several months were "clipped" off the completion date.

This same battalion won the respect of the civilians who lived near the "development." The hard-working engineers were clean when they went to town; shoes and buttons were shined, hats were on straight, they walked with a snap. They knew they were doing a big job faster than it had ever been done before.

Now they've moved to a new development. We can't say just where. In a month or two someone will dedicate the second drome; but the builders will not be there. You'll find them building still another airfield, for that's their job in this war.

We dedicate these fields to them.

Gossip From Germany

A Swede who has just returned to his native country from Germany reports to the Swedish newspaper Vecko-Journalen that the latest story to circulate in Berlin covers Hitler's reaction to the fall of Mussolini. Rumor has it that when Hitler heard of the fall of the Duce he was furious and promised that the German army would restore Mussolini within 48 hours. He gave orders for German military intervention against Badoglio's troops. Only after reasonable friends had worked to dissuade him during a whole day did he withdraw the orders.

The same correspondent claims that with the fall of Mussolini, Hitler's stock, which had already slipped, took a new drop in Germany, and that Hitler is beginning to realize that "uneasy lies the head that wears a crown," even though that crown may be only the bloody cap of a Nazi war lord.

And as defeat follows defeat in Russia and the Mediterranean, and as mass air raid follows mass air raid, gossip in Germany grows dangerous as it becomes seditions.

That criticism of Hitler and the Nazi leadership is becoming dangerously frank is the latest rumor from the Reich.

Double The Cargo

American flag vessels, together with those requisitioned for use by the armed forces, have transported during the present war twice the materials shipped abroad during the entire period of World War I, according to a survey by the American Merchant Marine Institute.

Already more than 19,000,000 tons of materials have been carried in American bottoms, the survey said. One of the most remarkable jobs done by American vessels has been the transportation of vital goods to Russia. Not only did the ships carry the obvious materials of war such as tanks, guns, explosives and airplanes, but they also transported wheat, lard, dried eggs, boots, sole leather and vegetable oils.

We only hope that in the days of peace to come the American public will not forget this service to our nation and let the great merchant fleet we are now building rot in back bays until destroyed by time or requisitioned for World War III, which such stupidity will surely create.

Hash Marks

Out in Oregon there is a telegraph operator who is tearing his hair. The State Department of Agriculture stenographer filed a telegram at a per-word basis. The message was full of nifty words like "paradimethylamidobenzaldehyde."

The maddest woman on the home front today is Martha Nelson, of St. Paul—she is now minus her underwear wardrobe. A thief stole her girdle, six pairs of panties and four brassiers off her clothes line. She didn't mind losing some of the stuff, but, she sobbed, "the girdle was made of real rubber!"

Now we've seen everything. The other day we were strolling by the enlisted men's PX in jolly ole Lunnun when up rolls a



taxi, one of those classy jobs with the top rolled back. Inside lounges a Pfc puffing on a beeg ceegar—beside him sits a Private. Flicking the ashes from his ceegar, the Pfc sez, "Get the rations." The Pvt. meekly dismounts, rushes in, and reappears with his arms full of goodies. "On your way my good man," exclaims the Pfc, with an imperious wave of his arm, and the taxi glides away with its precious GI cargo.

Maybe it's war nerves, but funny things are still going on back home. Miss Nora Painter, who runs a dry-cleaning shop in Knoxville, does her best to please the customers. So when a Miss Ann Perdue phoned around closing time, she agreed to stay open a little longer. The customer showed up and both parties searched high and low, but couldn't find a package for Miss Ann Perdue. Finally Miss Painter asked, "Are you sure you brought your clothes here?" The customer was positive—but suddenly she sifouted, "Oh, heavens, I forgot—I got married last week—my name's Ann Gaston now." From then on it was easy.

To coin a phrase, it's an ill blackout that blows nobody good. Fred Bain, an Illinois air raid warden, was walking his



beat in the dark when two dogs attacked him and ripped off his pants. Thanks to the blackout, Bain made his way home without embarrassment.

Newspaper men back home are still chuckling over this one. In the absence of the regular dramatic critic for the Detroit Free Press, William J. Coughlin drew the assignment to review the movies. Coughlin protested, said he couldn't do it, but had to go anyway. After the show the publicity agent rushed out and collared him. "How do you like it?" he asked. "Well," said the reporter judiciously, "it was quite different from the last movie I saw." Then he glanced cautiously over his shoulder and whispered, "They talk now!"

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PRIVATE O'SHAUGHNESSY



Hey, Adolf! Look What's Coming

Bombers Will Carry Half Carload Across Atlantic and Back

In Wednesday's edition of The Stars and Stripes appeared a Washington dispatch quoting Gen. Henry H. Arnold's description of a forthcoming aerial "battle-wagon" that would dwarf present Flying Fortresses and carry "super blockbusters" across the Atlantic and return without refueling. Here is the full article in Army Ordnance, as written by the U.S. Air Force chief, who arrived yesterday in the ETO.

By Gen. Henry H. Arnold

Chief of U.S. Army Air Forces

If you will glance into the near future you will see a very different picture from the one of today. The bombers will dwarf our present Flying Fortresses. They will carry half a carload of bombs across the Atlantic and fly home without stop. The bomber's skin will have numerous "blisters" which in reality will be multiple-gun power turrets controllable from sighting stations.

Sights that compensate for almost every possible error encountered in firing on a fast-moving aerial target will control the guns—a sight as revolutionary as our present bomb sight. It will carry bombs of an entirely different design. It may mount heavy-caliber cannon of an entirely new principle of operation. Fighter planes will have advanced almost beyond recognition in form and in the combat equipment they carry.

In 1939 we had an aircraft .30 caliber machine-gun that was dependable, adaptable to all types of installations, and could fire 1,200 rounds a minute. But armor plate and leak-proof gas tanks made it inadequate. With foresight, the Ordnance Department had the .50 caliber aircraft machine-gun ready for use. This gun weighs only 64 pounds and can discharge up to 800 projectiles a minute at a velocity of 2,800 feet a second. Our present airplanes are literally bristling with these guns.

Heavy Air Cannon Coming

In fighters you will find four, six and more fixed in the wings or fuselage. It is no small wonder that enemy aircraft, motor vehicles and ground installations suffer so heavily. Our long-range bombers have been able to accomplish their missions to objectives too distant for our fighters to escort them. The very low mortality rate of these bombers can largely be credited to this splendid gun. In all combat theaters our aircraft use cannon varying in size from the 20mm. to the 37mm., and the 37mm. cannon is by no means the end of the trail. Much additional work has been done on heavy equipment, and planes with surprising developments in heavy aircraft cannon will soon appear on the combat fronts.

The outstanding small arms development for use against airplanes was the incendiary .50 caliber cartridge. The most vulnerable part of a modern airplane is the gas tank. With the advent of the self-sealing gas tank, it was found that tracer ammunition was ineffective for setting aircraft on fire. So .50 caliber incendiary projectiles were introduced. These, fired in conjunction with armor-piercing bullets, make the .50 caliber gun the best for airplanes to date.

In the last war the ordinary ring and



Gen. Henry H. Arnold

bead sight was used almost entirely. Today, this sight is used only on hand-held guns, for our planes mount a reflector sight which projects a parallel-ray beam of light, causing a ring on a bead to appear as if it were on the target. This ring and bead can be seen from many points in the cockpit, enabling the pilot to control his airplane in order to place the target in the proper position.

Tougher Bombs

Up until the late 1920's demolition bomb construction was based on a design of cast sections welded to plate steel. At this time it was realized that targets for bombs were increasing in toughness and resistance. The forged bomb case was introduced which had a tensile strength of 90,000 pounds per square inch. This required heavy forging machinery which would not be available for war production. To meet this difficulty, a combined forged and welded bomb was fabricated. The investigation led to our present general-purpose bomb, which has a minimum case strength of 105,000 pounds per square inch, whether forged or welded. The general-purpose bomb is made of such strength that it can be dropped without rupturing against a concrete slab four feet thick from an altitude of 8,000 feet.

Our fragmentation bombs of today consist of steel cylinders with end caps and contain an explosive core of TNT. A spiral coil made from rectangular iron rod covers the outside of the cylinder. They break into 1,000 to 1,500 pieces of about 0.3 ounce average weight, having velocities up to 4,000 feet a second. At 200 feet the fragments will go through an airplane wing or gas tank, tires and control wires, or perforate radiators and intercoolers. In order to give low-flying bombers time to escape and also to allow the fragmentation bomb to strike squarely on its nose, the condition which produced the maximum effect, it was necessary to attach a parachute to the bomb.

Perhaps the greatest demonstration of parachute bombing ever seen was in the battle of New Guinea. As the Japanese

Heavy - Caliber Guns And Revolutionary Sights on Way

were crossing the Owen Stanley range, attempting to take Port Moresby, every type of combat possible was waged against them, but the one thing they could not contend with was the fragmentation bomb. Dropped against front-line infantry and against the lines of communications, the bombs kept the troops and pack trains off the trails, forcing them to be without food and water. There are many examples of airdromes, supply trains and encampments cut to pieces by these bombs.

Cooperation Needed

The perfection of our armament in combat can only be obtained by full cooperation between the ordnance designers in their work on weapons and ammunition and the air forces' designers in their work on airplanes to carry these weapons and ammunition. The Air Force has maintained a testing unit at Aberdeen Proving Ground for a number of years. This unit supplements the regular ordnance installations in the development and test of all types of armament equipment.

The work of aviation ordnance troops must be flexible, reliable, and capable of meeting sudden, terrific demands. A good illustration is the job done by 48 enlisted men in the battle of Buna. During those three days, these 48 men serviced bombers with 200 tons of bombs without adequate handling equipment. Frequently it has been necessary for units of maintenance companies to execute repairs on planes themselves since they are one of the few units which have machine tools available. Another very outstanding example of resourcefulness that is so often the difference between victory and defeat happened in the battle of the Bismarck Sea. In the absence of proper fuses for minimum-altitude bombing the ordnance personnel in New Guinea modified enough of the available fuses to equip all the bombs dropped by these tactics during the night before this unparalleled victory.

The object of the attack known as minimum-altitude bombing is to fly at maximum speed and release the bomb so that it hits the side of the target.

The general principles were conceived by the Ordnance member of the Proving-Ground Committee, and the development to combat stages was performed by the Proving-Ground Command. New-type fuses were required, giving longer than normal delay, and allowing the plane to reach a safe distance before exploding the bomb. A sight that could be used by the pilot was necessary. This was accomplished by modifying the present gun sight. Such ingenuity is responsible for the fact that not one of the 22 ships in the Japanese convoy in the Bismarck Sea was known to have escaped destruction.

Surprise, Efficiency Aided Danes To Scuttle Ships at Copenhagen

By Jack Fleischer

United Press Staff Writer

HAELSBORG, Sept. 2—"By six o'clock on Sunday morning there was not a single ship in Copenhagen harbor that was not capsized, sunk or burning."

This was told me by a Danish naval officer who arrived at Haelsingborg with four Danish sailors.

"The scuttling of the Danish Navy was carried out with the greatest efficiency," he said. "The Germans were first aware of the scuttling after the Henrik Gerner, the submarine depot ship which was next to the Peder Skram, the biggest ship in the Navy, was burning like a torch with thick, black clouds of smoke rising from it.

"By then most of the smaller vessels were lying at the bottom of the harbor with only their mast-tops visible.

"Peder Skram capsized and was only held in position by the steel cables tying her to the quay.

"German patrols with tommy-guns rushed up to the naval docks and blocked the narrow strip of land which connects the docks with the mainland. Danish sailors, however, had built barricades which delayed the Germans for some time before they reached the part of the docks where the fleet lay.

"I cannot tell whether there was much fighting between the Germans and the Danes, because the Germans by then had blocked the whole area round the naval docks.

"All I could see with my own eyes was that the Henrik Gerner was still burning at 6 o'clock on Sunday morning and that there was not a single ship visible which was not capsized, sunk or on fire.

"Meanwhile, the fire had apparently reached the Henrik Gerner's ammunition chamber, because there were several heavy explosions, after which everything was hidden by smoke.

"It is possible there were casualties

among the crews of the scuttled ships, but I don't think they were heavy."

Life is becoming more normal in Copenhagen now that the curfew has been shortened, according to other refugees arriving in Haelsingborg. People may now be in the streets until 11 o'clock.

But the main concern of Copenhagen and of the whole of Denmark is the impending food shortage, which is becoming more serious every day.

Great quantities of food have been requisitioned by the Germans to feed bombed-out people in Berlin and Hamburg, and meat, bread and even potatoes are hardly obtainable in Copenhagen.

Travelers also reported 17 dead and over 100 wounded was the price which Copenhageners had to pay for violating the curfew.

The Black Sunday death roll is not yet known.



Mission

Once again the engines roar. As the day starts breaking light. Once again the combat crews Prepare themselves for flight.

Chocks are pulled, the planes move off, Slowly gathering way. The bombs are in—the guns are manned; They're off at break o' day.

One last glimpse they disappear, Heading for light and fame. May every bomber find his mark And come back safe again.

Cpl. F. M. Whaley.

Roy Weatherly Has Last Laugh On 'Wise Men'

Stormy No Petrel Since His Switch From Tribe To The Bronx

By Oscar Fraley United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Sept. 2—Peace has come to Roy "Stormy" Weatherly and the little blond with the big cigar...

The chunky, undersized guy was regarded as a better talker than a hitter in the days when he was the storm center of the Cleveland Indian revolts...

The transfiguration came as something of a shock to the perennial wise men of baseball. They snickered last winter when Weatherly and Oscar Grimes were sent to the Yanks for Buddy Rosar...

Anaemic Bat Came to Life

For a while, it appeared that they were right. But then Roy got his chance and his anaemic bat has come to robust life...

Incentive Restored

They forget to credit Weatherly with brains enough to realize that clubhouse lawyers never collect fees from Yankees...

"I was kicked upstairs," Stormy grins complacently. "I just hope I can keep right on swinging where they throw them and maybe we'll show those Cardinals something come October and the series..."

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Lt. John Meyers, Schenectady, N.Y.; Pfc Albert Gliglio, Bronx, N.Y.; Pfc James A. Wynn, Pfc Joe M. Brucke, Pfc Frank Elsom, S.C.;

Trombone Player

UNIT in Northern Ireland wants a trombone player in that area. Write to The Stars and Stripes, c/o Help Wanted.

Wanted

WOULD like to get February 28th and May 2nd issues of Yank Magazine. Lt. Dave Breger, c/o Help Wanted.

Kirkwood Raises Ante With Hagen to \$5,000

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 2—Joe Kirkwood, veteran Huntingdon Valley golf pro, is still out after Walter Hagen's scalp, having challenged him to a golf match with a side bet of \$5,000...

Kirkwood said the reason Hagen turned down an earlier challenge for a \$2,000 match was because "Hagen has lost his grip and is scared..."

Redbirds Cop Ulster Playoff

With Mustangs, They'll Go To ETO Softball Championships

By Paul Lange Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BELFAST, Sept. 2—Northern Ireland's representatives to the ETO softball tournament will be the Redbirds of the Ordnance Depot...

The Mustangs won their playoff series by taking their second straight from the Dodgers, 1-0, in a nine-inning scrap...

Sgt. Hiram Harris, of Columbus, Ohio, started on the mound for the Mustangs and hurled the first six innings, then was relieved by Pfc Carl Perry...

After losing the first game to the Pillrollers, the Redbirds staged a comeback and took the next two games, both by 3-0 scores...

Bombers Edge Servicicers In Second Series Contest

BOMBER STATION, Sept. 2—After losing the opener Tuesday, the Bomb Squadron softball team last night clubbed its way through an extra-inning thriller to trim the Service Squadron, 9-8...

The winners broke a 7-7 tie with a tally in the eighth, but the Service outfit, with bases loaded, evened the count in their half of the stanza...

Crack Iceland Teams in Softball Play

Two Squads Entered In ETO Title Tourney

Special to The Stars and Stripes

ICELAND, Sept. 2—Two confident softball teams—champion and runner-up of the season-long Iceland Base Command tourney—are headed for London to compete in the European Theater play-offs...

With rugged combat units in the 100-team-plus meet, it is ironic that the finalists should come from IBC Headquarters and the Special Service section...

The Jacks, presenting a well-balanced array of experienced talent, weren't even conceded a chance in pre-season predictions...

The Racers, consisting of the Command's outstanding mound artist, Ben Fried, of Galion, Ohio, and nine "guys named Joe," were expected to bowl over the Jacks...

Three Runs in First Count

The Jacks, clustering two hits, an error and a walk, chased three runs across the plate in the first inning of the inaugural of the title series...

The second contest, which the Jacks won, 1-0, followed the same pattern. The newly crowned champs capitalized on a pair of miscues in the fourth inning...



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

This is one of the sparkling fielding plays which brought the Iceland Base Command softball title to the Jacks of IBC Headquarters...

Rudolph R. Reyes, Los Angeles; Capt. Edgar L. Thompson, Wickliffe, Ky. Racers making the trip include: Pfc Albert Gonsalves, New Bedford, Mass.;

The Jacks' traveling squad is composed of: T/4 Paul J. Karabincik, Farrell, Pa.; T/5 Leo J. Kerstien, Chicago; T/4 Lloyd J. Carver, Massillon, Ohio; T/5 Lawrence R. Shippy, Rochester, N.Y.;

In addition, M/Sgt. Jack Ramey, of Portsmouth, Ohio, of the Base Special Service Office, and T/3 Gene Graff, of Chicago, editor of the AEF newspaper in Iceland, are in the party.

Favorites Win At Forest Hills

NEW YORK, Sept. 2—Form held true today as the National Amateur Tennis Championships opened at Forest Hills with defending champion Pauline Betz and top-seeded Frankie Parker leading the way into the second round...

Parker, Los Angeles corporal, topped John Cushingham, of Pensacola, 6-2, 6-3. Miss Betz, of Los Angeles, beat Mrs. Cushingham, 6-3, 6-4.

In the other results, Francisco Segura, of Ecuador, beat Dick Bender, of Elizabeth, N.J., 6-3, 6-3. Pvt. Bryan "Bitsy" Grant, on furlough from Jefferson Barracks, Mo., defeated John Sisson, of Los Angeles, 7-5, 6-2.

Fourth-ranking Billy Talbert, of Indianapolis, downed Cpl. Charles Hare, of Fort Meade, Md., 6-0, 6-0. Fifth-seeded Seymour Greenberg, former national clay court champion from Chicago, beat Tom Falkenburg, of Hollywood, 2-6, 6-2, 6-0.

Cardinals Top Pirates Twice; Cubs Hammer Cincinnati, 12-9

NEW YORK, Sept. 2—The St. Louis Cardinals added two more games to their victory string at Pittsburgh yesterday by holding the Pirates for two innings of a playoff game...

The incomplete game was the second of a double-header of July 18 which was called at the end of the seventh with the Cards leading, 6-5. Rip Sewell, who entered the game in the seventh inning of that day, pitched two innings yesterday and was charged with the 6-5 loss...

Cooper then returned to face Johnny Gee in a regularly scheduled game which St. Louis won, 8-6. The Bucs started the scoring in the second of the regular game with three hits and an error which added up to three runs...

In the only other major league game of the day, the Chicago Cubs hammered out a 12-9 win over the Cincinnati Reds in ten innings. A total of 36 hits were collected off nine pitchers who saw service for both clubs...

No other major league games were played.

50-Day Meeting for Hialeah MIAMI, Sept. 2—John O. Clark, president of the Miami Jockey Club, announced here yesterday that Hialeah Park will stage a 50-day meeting beginning Jan. 7.

Minor League Results

Table of International League results, including Wednesday's Games and Eastern League results.

Table of Southern Association results, including Wednesday's Games.

Table of Pacific Coast League results, including Wednesday's Games.

Table of American Association results, including Wednesday's Games.

Table of Home Run Hitters for the American League.

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HOW THEY STAND. American League Wednesday's Games. No games played.

Table showing American League standings for Wednesday's games.

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Advertisement for L.L. Abner featuring a cartoon illustration and text about 'GANGSTER'S DEATH REVEALS TOUCHING DAMON & PYTHIAS FRIENDSHIP'.

Advertisement for 'IN A CHEAP BOARDING HOUSE RATSY CHORTLES' featuring a cartoon illustration and text.

Advertisement for 'THE NEXT DAY' featuring a cartoon illustration and text about a bearcat.

Advertisement for 'Sellers' Triple Play Aids Bearcats to Blast Coppers' featuring text about a baseball game.

Eisenhower Gets Permanent Rank As a Maj. Gen.

Awarded DSM by FDR; Gen. Marshall Remains As Chief of Staff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2—President Roosevelt announced the promotion of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, commander of the Allied forces in North Africa, to the permanent rank of major-general. Until now Gen. Eisenhower, a temporary full general, held the permanent rank of colonel.

The President also announced the award of the Distinguished Service Medal to Gen. Eisenhower in recognition of his skillful leadership in the Mediterranean.

President Roosevelt announced that Gen. George Marshall would continue as chief of staff indefinitely. Under regular army procedure, Gen. Marshall's term was to have terminated automatically Aug. 31. Gen. Marshall is the only chief of staff to be retained beyond his regular term in wartime.

In other appointments, Brig. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg was named deputy chief of the air staff. Gen. Vandenberg was chief of staff for Maj. Gen. James Doolittle's Northwest African Strategic Air Force.

Maj. Gen. John Marston was appointed commander of the Marine Corps, Department of the Pacific, to succeed Maj. Gen. William Upshur, who was killed in an airplane accident.

Club Arranges American Fair

READING, Sept. 2—An American county fair will be held at the Red Cross club here next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. All American fair and carnival attractions will be staged, including side shows and hula dancers. Madame Spamanovitch will tell fortunes every night from 6 to 11.

Program for the week:
Saturday—Dance, 7.30 PM.
Sunday—Dance, 7 PM.
Thursday—Dancing class, 7.30 PM.
Friday—Movies, 7.30 PM.

Bristol

BRISTOL, Sept. 2—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:
Sunday—Movies, 2.30 PM; coffee hour, 4 PM; dance, 8-11 PM.
Monday—Movies, 8 PM.
Tuesday—"Long-Haired" music, 6.45-7.30 PM; dance, 7.30-10.30 PM.
Wednesday—Movies, 8 PM.
Friday—Classical recordings, 7.30 PM.
Saturday—Dance, 7.30-10.30 PM.
Sunday—Movies, 2.30 PM; coffee hour, 4 PM; dance, 7.30-10.30 PM.

Warrington

WARRINGTON, Sept. 2—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:
Friday—Tennis, 10 AM-8 PM; movie, 7.30-9 PM.
Saturday—Swimming, 7.30 PM; variety show, 8 PM.
Sunday—Movies, 2 and 4.40 PM; dance, 3-6 PM; classical recordings, 5-6 PM; swimming, 7.30-9 PM.
Monday—Recorded music, 4-5 PM; handicrafts, 4-6 PM; movie, 7.30-9 PM.
Tuesday—Recorded music, 5-6 PM; movie, 7.30-9 PM; dance, 8-11 PM.
Wednesday—Theater party, 7-10 PM; handicrafts, 8-10 PM; dancing class, 8.15-10.30 PM.

Huntingdon

HUNTINGDON, Sept. 2—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:
Friday—Softball, 7 PM; victrola dance.
Saturday—Victrola dance.
Sunday—Classical recordings 7-8 PM.

RAF and RCAF Airmen Transfer to U.S. Army

Pilots, navigators, bombardiers and ground staff were among 14 Americans serving in the RAF and RCAF who yesterday transferred to the USAAF in London. They were:

- M/Sgt. John M. Walton, 21, Toronto; Donald J. Vanderveiden, 27, Camas, Washington; and John A. Chalot, 23, Irvington, Westchester, N.Y.; T/Sgt. Keith R. Subring, 26, Wauzata, Minn.; Francis S. Paulus, 27, Lansdale, Pa.; John W. Cotton, 22, Rutherford, N.J.; Kenneth W. Hackney, 29, Bournemouth, Eng.; Leon E. Oldmixon, 27, Rockville Center, N.Y.; John E. Wilkes, 35, Barrington, R.I.; Joseph H. Harrison, 32, Scarsdale, N.Y.; and Eugene H. Boisvert, 26, Beverly, Mass.; S/Sgt. Gilbert E. Swinburnson, 20, Wynyard, Saskatchewan; Capt. Walter D. Korne, 22, Tampa, Fla.; and James W. Dunbar, 29, Colmar Manor, Mass.

Marine Commander Retained

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2—Lt. Gen. Thomas Holcomb, commandant of the Marine Corps, reached the official retirement age of 64 on Aug. 5, but President Roosevelt has continued his command indefinitely.

American Forces Network

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

- 1402 kc. On Your Dial 1420 kc. 213.9m. 211.3m. (All times listed are PM)
- Friday, Sept. 3
- 5.45—Spotlight—Carmen Cavallero.
- 6.00—News (BBC).
- 6.10—Personal Album—Dinah Shore.
- 6.25—GI Supper Club—request program.
- 7.00—Sports—Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
- 7.05—Kate Smith.
- 7.30—Tommy Dorsey Program.
- 8.00—News From Home—Stars and Stripes roundup.
- 8.10—The Fred Waring Show.
- 8.25—Symphonetta—Tchaikowski's "Romeo and Juliet."
- 9.00—News (BBC).
- 9.10—Moods in Music.
- 9.20—Charlie McCarthy—with Edgar Bergen.
- 9.45—U.S. Engineer Band.
- 10.00—Final Edition—Stars and Stripes news.
- 10.10—Shep Fields and his orchestra.
- 10.30—Sign off until Sept. 4 at 5.45 PM.

Thunderbolt Base Brags Of Pennsylvania Gravy

A U.S. FIGHTER STATION, England, Sept. 2—The chowhounds at this Thunderbolt base are all agog over a brand new Pennsylvania brown gravy concocted by Sgt. Artie Moschelle, of Altoona, Pa., and S/Sgt. Bill Trusko, of Philadelphia.

In fact, Mess Sgt. Al Rajki, of Bath, Pa., will pit the dish against any other in the ETO. The soldiers here maintain it even makes "C" rations taste good.

The secret recipe: (For 100 men)—50 billion cubes, 1 gal. coffee, 1 gal. tomato catsup, 1/2 gal. burma sauce, 2 gal. water, 4 oz. boiled powdered milk, 5 gal. beef stock.

Devers Praises WAC Discipline

Tells Col. Hobby, as Girls Join Army, They Have Aided War Effort

WACs stationed in the ETO were congratulated yesterday in messages from Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETO commander, and Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, chief of the Eighth Air Force, on their incorporation Tuesday into the United States Army.

Commending the WACs for their "superior" discipline and efficiency, Gen. Devers said, in a cable to Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, director of the Women's Army Corps, that they had shown their importance in the war effort.

"We in the Eighth Air Force," Maj. Gen. Eaker said, in a message to Maj. Anna W. Wilson, of Studio City, Cal., WAC ETO director, "feel very honored and very fortunate that the First WAC Separate Battalion is largely for service with us. The WACs are doing their part, and we over here are proud of them."

WACs, formerly an auxiliary part of the army as WAACs, at midnight Tuesday officially became full members of the Army, entitled to all rights and benefits of military service.

RAF Hits Locks Of Dutch Canal

RAF Hurricanes bombed the Hansweert Canal in Holland yesterday, scoring "bull's-eye" hits on three locks at its south end. Three bombers and one Typhoon fighter failed to return.

The seven-mile canal, one of Europe's most important waterways, links the East Schelde estuary with the West Schelde estuary, which is a route to Antwerp, Belgium. Damage to it would force German shipping to travel along the Atlantic coast, within reach of Allied naval air forces.

Meanwhile, Fortress crews which raided the German fighter base at Amiens-Glisy in France on Tuesday reported meeting little fighter opposition. The airfield, hangars and dispersal areas were smothered with bombs, they said.

The raid rounded out a month of consistent attacks on the Luftwaffe's bases.

Privates Cut in on Majors At Bomber Station's Party

AN EIGHTH AIR SUPPORT STATION, England, Sept. 2—Bars and gold leaves didn't mean a thing for four hours here as Headquarters section of this medium bomber station held its first ETO party.

Blue-clad Wrens served as dancing partners as privates cut in on majors in the old village hall.

Named as unofficial prize winners at the "Saw Wrens-like Same" party, were Maj. Philip Sykes, Danville, Va., for dancing with the loveliest girl; Maj. S. L. Crosthwait, Washington, for bringing the bashful khakis and blues together; Capt. Marvin H. Harvey, Kingsman, Ind., for the best speech; T/Sgt. Johnston, Lampassas, Tex., for the fanciest dancing; and M/Sgt. Joseph Staniewicz, Port Jervis, N.Y.; T/Sgt. Sidney Smith, Berkeley, Cal.; S/Sgt. Daniel Keating, Belleville, N.J.; and S/Sgt. Joseph Dixon, New York, for the best barber shop harmony.

P40s Fly 1,300 Miles

NEW YORK, Sept. 2—The Curtiss Wright Corporation revealed that the longest non-stop flight of single-engine aircraft in history—1,300 miles from Midway Island to Honolulu—was completed without incident by Curtiss P40s. Twenty-two planes, equipped with auxiliary fuel tanks, were in the formation commanded by Lt. Col. Aaron Tyler.

Keeping An Eye on Italy



With one eye on the Italian mainland, only two miles away, Pfc Otis Spradling, of Ashcamp, Ky., on guard duty walks along a wall overlooking Messina, Sicily.

Ship Taking Malta Munitions Raided 42 Times in 16 Days

A BRITISH PORT, Sept. 2—How two American merchant ships, escorted by cruisers, destroyers, corvettes and numerous land-based aircraft, made it through to Malta with a cargo of high explosives was told here today by an engineer on an American Liberty ship berthed at this port.

Olaf Gustavson, of New York, made the trip as second assistant engineer aboard one of the two vessels. "It was," he said, "probably one of the best protected convoys of the entire war, and showed the importance which the Allied nations attached to that beleaguered island. We were carrying tons of high explosives. If we had been hit we would have been blown sky-high."

"During the time we were in port and discharging cargo we underwent 42 devastating air raids in 16 days and I still can't figure out how we escaped being blown to hell."

In April, 1942, Gustavson was on a

tanker steaming through the Caribbean when one of the seamen pointed to the water and said, "Look at the pretty porpoises." The pretty porpoises turned out to be torpedoes and the tanker was soon in flames.

"After about 24 hours in a lifeboat," said Gustavson, "we sighted land and beached the boat a few minutes later in what turned out to be the jungles of Venezuela. We started off into the jungle and wandered around for hours until a tribe of Indians, who had been contacted by the Coastal Command when they sighted our boat, finally found us and escorted us to their village. After spending a few days with the Indians, who were only semi-civilized but extremely willing to help us, a guide escorted us back to civilization. We eventually made it to Trinidad, where we got a ship back to the States."

Gustavson is 27 years old and has been going to sea for the last eight years. He was formerly in the Swedish Navy.

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have merely dented their outer defenses.

"Despite the punishment that Germany has taken from the Russian and Allied bombers, her armies are still well fed, clothed and equipped.

"The true level of civilian living is lower than last year, but the people are getting enough to eat and enough to wear.

"Perhaps Hitler's crowd despair of ultimate victory, but they do hope to prolong the war into a stalemate and to compromise.

"They are willing to make greater and greater sacrifices to wear us down to the point of crying 'Let's call it quits,' but we will not, and we will demand and get unconditional surrender."

One-third of the Ruhr industrial district has been demolished, Hopkins estimates, and Nazi war productions are on the whole down by well over ten per cent as a result of air raids.

Estimates of Germany's permanent military casualties during the war so far probably exceed 3,000,000, Hopkins added. "But actually Germany has been able to replace most of these losses by withdrawing men from the factories and putting foreign workers in their places.

Discussing Japan, Hopkins said: "If Japan doesn't lose her outlying island conquests in a year or so, it is probable that her reserve supply of munitions will become so enormous, and other new industrial projects so productive that she will be able to last for a long time fighting a defensive war."

Hopkins concluded with the warning: "It cannot be assumed that China will fight for ever. Russia, the keystone of the war, is still fighting grimly. If we lose her I do not believe for a moment that we will lose the war, but I would change my predictions about the time of victory then."

"Then, indeed, we would have a long war ahead of us."

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times. It was a tough job getting the injured back into the dinghies. Some of them were practically helpless.

"On the first day we saw a distant aircraft and fired one of the four flares we carried. The flare was not seen. On the next day we repeated the performance when another aircraft was sighted. On the third day four aircraft showed up and we fired the rest of our flares. But still they didn't see us, and it just about broke us. Everything seemed to crack and we figured we were lost."

On the fourth day a Liberator finally sighted the dinghies and dropped smoke flares. The Liberator was followed later in the day by a Halifax, which dropped a first aid kit. At dusk the airmen saw a surface vessel in the neighborhood and the next morning they were taken on board.

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central front troops captured Komarichi on the junction of the Sevs-Orel highway with the Bryansk-Lgov railway, after pounding them by way through counter-attacking enemy tanks and infantry.

In the northern Ukraine Gen. Rokossovsky's troops continued to push ahead west of the Sevs and Glukhov sectors, although Soviet tank brigades encountered tough resistance from the counter-attacking enemy.

In one sector, the newspaper Red Star said, the Germans attempted to recapture an important hill which the Russians held. An enemy tank attack was repulsed, after which the Russians themselves launched a successful attack and began chasing the enemy.

Plane Allegation Untrue, English Sources Claim

Deny Charging American Officers for Trips on Lend-Lease Ships

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (AP)—The allegation that a British airline operating with American planes obtained on Lend-Lease had charged the U.S. Government for carrying U.S. officials and officers was denied by British official sources yesterday.

"Under current Air Ministry regulations no charge is made for U.S. official passengers and freight if properly certified," the sources declared, adding that no commercial planes were operating at present in the India-China theater, where it was generally understood to have happened.

Plasma Flown to Train Wreck

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2—Blood plasma, prompt action of the Office of Civilian Defence Medical Service and the Civil Air Patrol saved the lives of many persons injured in the train wreck at Wayland, N.Y., last Monday, James M. Landis, OCD director, announced yesterday. OCD plasma was flown to Wayland by the Civil Air Patrol, Landis said.

Mary Churchill Wants Home

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Sept. 2 (AP)—Mary Churchill's greatest desire after the war is to become a homemaker, the British Prime Minister's daughter declared here after inspecting a WAC training center. "I am proud to be in uniform, but I do not believe I should like the service in peace-time," she said.

Plane Production Behind Plan

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (AP)—Plane production is 12 per cent behind schedule, despite Monday's announcement of a four per cent increase since June, the War Production Board disclosed yesterday. As a result of a summer slump, the WPB doubts that the year's \$65 billion overall arms production can be met.

Increased Tire Output Seen

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2—Rubber Director W. M. Jeffers announced yesterday that it would be possible to increase the output of tires with the present equipment and facilities through better cooperation and more attention to details on the part of both men and management.

Farm Output to Set Record

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 2 (AP)—Claude Wickard, secretary of agriculture, speaking at the opening session of the post-war planning conference of the Rural Electrification Administration, said that production of both crops and livestock for 1943 would be one-third higher than the 1934-39 average, and that overall farm production would set a new record for the fifth consecutive year.

Two Chaplains Injured On Tour With Dr. Pugh

Col. George F. Rixey, deputy chief of U.S. Army chaplains, and Chaplain Shelton Hutchinson are recovering from injuries received in an automobile accident while touring U.S. installations in Britain with Rev. Dr. William B. Pugh, chairman of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains.

Col. Rixey, whose home is at Jonesboro, Mo., was treated at a hospital and released after a few hours, while Chaplain Hutchinson, of Louisville, Ky., who is attached to American ground forces in the ETO, was detained, although not badly hurt.

New Recreation Center Opened at Londonderry

LONDONDERRY, N.I., Sept. 2—The Lion and Eagle Club, a recreational center for American and British Naval forces, was opened here today.

Officers of both services participated in opening ceremonies. Among them were: Commodore James A. Loran, U.S.N., commanding American Naval forces here; Commodore George W. Simpson, Royal Navy, commander of the Western Approaches; Col. Shaler Ladd, U.S.M., commanding the American Marine Corps detachment at Londonderry; and First Officer Irene M. Young, commanding officer of the British Navy's WREN groups here.

Farmer Murders Wife

SHEBOYGAN, Wis., Sept. 2 (UP)—Because she rebuked him for not milking the cows, Roland Baymann, 29, shot and killed his 22-year-old wife, Frieda, and then killed himself.

By Milton Caniff

Terry and the Pirates

