

Two-Way Bombing of Germany Begins

Fifth Army Races After Fleeing Foe

Nazis Pulling Back Toward Rome; Allies Capture Key Rail Town

Allied forces drove forward relentlessly last night on the approaches to Rome, greatest single prestige objective short of Berlin and Tokyo, with artillery and planes dealing hammer blows to harried and retreating German columns.

Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army, without a pause in newly captured Naples, moved northward hot on the heels of five German divisions withdrawing toward the Eternal City. There were reports that contact had been made with rearguards of the enemy troops falling back to the Volturno River, 20 miles from Naples.

The Fifth Army seized Benevento, key railway junction town 35 miles east of Naples, and the Allied line was straightened with capture of Frigento, 15 miles east of Avellino and 20 miles south-east of Benevento.

These advances were matched by Gen. Montgomery's Eighth Army, which was moving forward at an average rate of 15 miles a day. The entire Gargano Penin-

The Final Frisking for This Nazi



A Fifth Army MP in typical American cop style gives a captured German soldier the once over for papers and valuables before the ride to a prison camp near Naples.

Avoid a Battle in Rome If Possible, FDR Says

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3—Every effort will be made to avoid fighting in Rome which would damage the city and the Vatican despite an expected inducement by the Germans for a major engagement, President Roosevelt said over the weekend.

The Allied armies intend to continue their advance up through Italy in what he compared to a crusade, to liberate Rome, the Vatican and the Pope, the President added.

sula was in Allied possession following capture by the Eighth of the towns of San Severo and Lucero, north and northwest of Foggia.

German tanks were reported to have been employed in the rearguard clashes with advance units of the Fifth. The main enemy forces were seeking to cross the Volturno, but were being pounded ceaselessly by big guns of the Fifth and by Allied planes, which not only were smashing at moving troop columns but plastering pontoon-bridges hastily thrown across the Volturno by German sappers.

There still was no indication last night as to whether Marshal Kesselring planned a major stand along the river. However, there was a strong feeling in Allied quarters that he would fight a strong delaying action only, pulling back toward Rome, 100 miles north.

It was argued that in order to meet the flanking threat posed by the Eighth Army, driving northwest from Foggia, he would have to take the desperate gamble of weakening his forces battling the advancing Fifth in the center and west.

Meanwhile, reports from the Corsican fighting said that the "key to Bastia," a vital hill, had been seized by French forces and that French shock troops and American Rangers were closing in on the city from adjacent sectors.

Army Opposes Morals Probe

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 (AP)—The U.S. Army is opposed to suggestions that it should investigate the morals of wayward wives of servicemen before granting dependents' allowances.

Brig. Gen. H. C. Gilbert, administrator of dependents' benefits, told a House committee the whole system of payments to dependents would be smothered in administrative detail if the fidelity of servicemen's wives had to be determined.

Rep. Dewey Short (D-Mo.) alleged "loose women are marrying these boys to get the money that is paid to soldiers' wives."

Brig. Gen. Gilbert said that a congressional investigation into the question of wayward wives would have a bad effect on men already overseas.

Although "most men have inherent faith in their wives," he said, "the fact that Congress was considering such matters might cause every soldier to become concerned about his own wife."

Home Folks Told to Mail Gifts For Christmas Before Oct. 15

The people at home were reminded in a radio broadcast by army postal and PX officials from London this weekend that they have until Oct. 15 to send Christmas presents to soldiers overseas. They also were told the results of two surveys, showing the gift preference of soldiers in the ETO.

Col. E. M. Barnum, Army Exchange Service chief, and Lt. Col. Robert Hartigan, commanding officer of a base post office, speaking on a program broadcast direct to the United States by NBC, also asked the folks at home to send only small, compact parcels which would save shipping space and would be easy for the soldier to carry around. They emphasized the importance of full and correct addresses.

Army Planning Officer Billets

Gradual Shift From Per Diem Status Slated in Metropolitan Areas

Officers will be billeted in certain metropolitan areas of the United Kingdom, and there will be a gradual change from the per diem status to the government billeted status, it was announced officially yesterday by ETO Headquarters.

It was impossible to learn last night when the billets would be established and when the per diem change would go into effect.

"To relieve the housing congestion of officers, particularly in certain crowded areas," the announcement stated, "the United States Army officials are planning with the British Ministry of Works and Buildings for the establishment of official billets in the United Kingdom. A number of private billets in homes and hotels thus will be vacated."

"Gradual Change
"The United States military authorities indicate that there will be a gradual change from the 'per diem' status to the government billeted status, as facilities for housing and messing are made available."

The housing problem has not been acute "outside of various metropolitan areas," the announcement said, since military units are self-sustaining "in the field," with their own housing and messing facilities.

The announcement also said that the Army was taking steps to alleviate crowded conditions in restaurants by the establishment of additional messing facilities in certain military centers.

Search On in Midlands For 3 Escaped Prisoners

U.S. Military Police, aided by British police and Home Guards, combed several Midlands counties yesterday for three American soldiers who escaped from the guardhouse at a replacement depot where they were serving long-term sentences. Cars and trucks were being stopped and searched. Two of the men, described as "dangerous characters," were believed to be armed. Their names were not disclosed.

The men escaped in blue denims, but were believed to have changed into regular Army uniforms, several of which were missing from the camp. ETO Headquarters announced that an investigation of the escape has been ordered.

No perishable stuff should be sent, Col. Hartigan declared, because it is a waste of food and shipping space.

Lighters Lead the List
Cigarette lighters, waterproof watches, cameras, and photographs from home are the main wartime Christmas presents wanted by soldiers in the ETO, according to the results of two surveys mentioned during the broadcast.

From 300 soldiers on furlough in London who were asked by the American Red Cross to list their Christmas preferences these results were obtained:
Seventy-seven want cigarette lighters above anything else; 62 want small cameras and films; 45, photographs from home; 35, fountain-pens; 33, candy; 21, identification bracelets; 12, golf balls, 11, raisins and nuts. In another survey, waterproof watches led the field as the main preference.

The importance of including the soldier's army serial number on packages and letters was emphasized by Col. Hartigan during the broadcast. A package addressed to "Pvt. Smith, European Theater of Operations" could be delivered to the right Pvt. Smith, providing his serial number was included, Col. Hartigan said.

An incorrect APO number, he warned, can result in a parcel going to the Pacific instead of across the Atlantic.

Reminding people at home that soldiers are "pretty well taken care of" by PXs, Col. Barnum said: "The soldier serving overseas will always welcome a gift for

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Battleship South Dakota Sank Three Jap Cruisers

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 (UP)—The U.S. battleship South Dakota sent three Japanese cruisers to the bottom in the Guadalcanal battle last November, the Navy Department revealed over the weekend.

The battleship responsible for the sinkings was identified previously only as "warship X."

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Eaker Among Top Army Men Named for Permanent Ranks

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3—President Roosevelt sent to the Senate over the weekend nominations for promotions in permanent rank for 14 of the Army's top ranking officers in the field and in the States.

Only officer in the ETO concerned is Lt. Gen. (temporary) Ira C. Eaker, commander of the Eighth Air Force, who has been nominated for the permanent rank of brigadier general.

Other nominations are:
Five temporary lieutenant generals for permanent rank major generals: Jonathan M. Wainwright, Bataan commander, now a Japanese prisoner; Joseph W. Stilwell, Commander U.S. troops in China, India and Burma; George S. Patton Jr., commander U.S. Seventh Army, Mediterranean area; Brehon B. Somervell, Commander U.S. Service

Africa-Based Forts, RAF Blast Munich As Sky Blitz Grows

Emden Is Dealt Another Shattering Blow By B17s; Marauders Plaster Airfields In Heavy Weekend of Attacks

The Anglo-American offensive to blast Germany out of the war from the air gained momentum over the weekend as Munich, important rail junction and industrial city and the birthplace of Nazism, was blasted heavily from two directions—by Flying Fortresses based in North Africa and by RAF Wellingtons from Britain.

The weekend air activity was typical of the rising tempo of the great offensive. Between Friday and last night, Fortresses dealt Emden shipping facilities the third blow in a week; the RAF hit the railway center of Hagen at the southeastern end of the Ruhr; Munich was heavily damaged, and Marauders, in sweeps yesterday, blasted enemy airfields in the occupied countries.

In addition, Liberators from African bases again penetrated Austria to attack the great Messerschmitt factory at Wiener Neustadt, 25 miles outside Vienna.

First U.S. Blow From South
The Fortress raid on Munich, first American blow at Germany from the south, heralded the beginning of a two-way aerial offensive to be carried on over the Reich throughout the winter. The Forts flew 1,800 miles in their round-trip from Africa, and air observers were quick to point out that the offensive would be simplified greatly when Italian bases came into use.

In carrying out the mission, which involved the first American crossing of the Alps from southern bases, the Fortresses met stiff fighter opposition and heavy flak. Losses still were unannounced last night, but Swiss radio said that four American bombers had been brought down over Swiss territory, two by Swiss ack-ack and two by German fighters.

"Some crews escaped by parachute," the radio said. "At Landquart, seven bodies of American fliers were found. Bombs were dropped at five places in Switzerland."
The RAF attack on Munich, which came less than 48 hours after the Forts had blasted the city, was impressive for the small losses it entailed. In that and other missions Saturday night, only nine British bombers were lost. In the last RAF raid on Munich, June 9, 16 were shot down.

Key Link with Italy
Already badly battered as a result of eight previous heavy raids during the war, Munich is the most important rail link between Germany and Italy. Through Munich pass the supplies for Hitler's hard-pressed armies in Italy.

Berlin admitted damage in several areas of Munich, stating that "a number of buildings and a vast area of dwellings were destroyed."

The Liberators which struck the fighter plants at Wiener-Neustadt included units of the Eighth Air Force, on temporary duty in North Africa, the communique from Allied headquarters revealed. It said: "Liberators of the Eighth and Ninth American Air Forces, operating under the Northwest African Command, bombed the aircraft factories at Wiener-Neustadt."

Fortresses striking the big North Sea port of Emden Saturday destroyed 14 enemy fighters, while P47 escorts knocked down five more. Two heavy bombers were missing, but all U.S. fighters returned safely.

Opposition was spotty as the Fortresses

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Gunner Hits Jackpot, 2 FW's With One Burst

A HEAVY BOMBER STATION, Oct. 3—Sgt. John C. Thomas, 27, of Detroit, tail gunner on the Fort Cathy Jane III, hit the jackpot Saturday on the way home from the raid on Emden.

With three Focke Wulfs on the Fort's tail, he bagged two of them with one burst from his guns.

"They were closing in in single file," Thomas said. "When the first one was about 300 yards off, I let him have it. He wheeled out of control and crashed into the second. Both dropped straight down, breaking up and burning as they fell."

Thomas didn't know what happened to the third.

Nazis Scorch White Russia Ahead of Reds

67 Villages Burned Flat As Soviets Threaten Mogilev, Key Base

MOSCOW, Oct. 3 (AP)—Dozens of German planes, dropping hundreds of incendiaries, were revealed today to be setting alight villages and crops behind the fighting front in White Russia in what was obviously a major effort to hold up the Russian advance by creating a vast scorched earth area behind the Vitebsk-Orsha-Mogilev-Gomel line.

At least 67 villages have already been burned to the ground, and the whole area between the front and the Lithuanian and Latvian border is now being turned into one vast wilderness of flame and destruction.

This latest German move followed a rapid advance by the Red Army which brought it into the center of the Nazi defense belt in this area.

Motorized Russian spearheads, driving on ahead of the main Red Army forces, penetrated to the River Pronya, only 25 miles east of Mogilev itself.

Reds Menace Vital Communications

All along the 200-mile front stretching from Vitebsk on the north to Gomel on the south the Russians were within striking distance of the roads and railway which form the hinge between Hitler's central and northern armies.

Big forces were moving up from the area of Krichev, captured early last week, and a particularly serious threat was developing to Mogilev, hinge of the whole German defense in this area and key to the positions guarding Minsk, the capital of White Russia less than 100 miles to the west.

Gomel's fall also was expected in the very near future. The German defenses around the city now form a salient, with the Russians astride the communications running out of it on both the north and the south. To the east, as well, the Red Army was now only a few miles away.

Persistent Nazi Counter-Attacks

Persistent German counter-attacks made at many points along the line, forced the Russians from one important strategic point they had seized in the Gomel area. The Russians attacked again and after a day's very bitter fighting, finally drove back the Germans for a second time.

While the Red Army pushed forward, big formations of Red Air Force bombers kept up their offensive against the main Nazi bases.

Soldier Faces Murder Trial

Pvt. Lee A. Davis, 22, of Temple, Tex., has been charged with murder of one woman and with criminally attacking a second at Marlborough, Wits., Sept. 28. U.S. Army authorities said he had admitted both crimes. Court-martial proceedings will be held in the near future.

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the base Saturday morning, and by early yesterday all organized resistance was ended and the area entirely in Allied hands.

No mention of casualties, either Allied or Japanese, was mentioned in the early dispatches from the battle scene.

In the Solomons, superior Allied air, and sea units smashed another desperate Jap attempt to supply their outposts in the Solomons.

Saturday, a Jap destroyer and two merchantmen were blown to pieces by deadly bombing from Liberators of the 13th U.S. Air Force, over the Bougainville straits. A third merchantman was damaged.

The same day, U.S. Navy units in night actions sank nine Jap supply barges and damaged five others attempting to run the blockade between Choiseul and Kolombangara.

On Vella La Vella island, U.S. army units were steadily closing around the Japs split into small groups on the northern end of the island. Ninety enemy dead were counted after the battles. The desperate Japs are using parachutes to supply their trapped comrades.

Chinese Strongholds Threatened

CHUNGKING, Oct. 3 (AP)—The new Japanese drive is menacing the Chinese strongholds in northern Chekiang, southern Kiangsu and southern Anhwei, a Chinese communique said today. There were heavy casualties on both sides, and severe fighting was reported.

Lone Staff Sergeant Got Seven Zeros in One Raid

CHUNGKING, Oct. 3—Johnny got a Zero. Johnny got a Zero. Johnny got a Zero. Johnny got a Zero. Johnny got a Zero. Johnny got a Zero.

That's how many enemy fighter planes one U.S. staff sergeant (name not disclosed) shot down during a raid on Indo-China with Gen. Chennault's 14th Air Force Libs over the week end.

Other Lib gunners accounted for 22 other Zeros in the attack, an official communique said today.

Fifth Army Entering Wrecked City Near Naples



Americans of the Fifth Army cautiously advance through a square in Acerno searching for German snipers and booby traps. A German gun, knocked out in action, is parked in front of a cafe in the wrecked area.

Nazis Shuffle French Forces

Young Men Replace Old; Washington Hears Second Front Advanced

The German high command, faced with retreats on both the Italian and Russian fronts and with the Allies in position to strike either in southern France or the Balkans, was reported yesterday to be reshuffling troops throughout the "Fortress of Europe." Their hasty preparations to meet a second front coincided with Washington reports that the attack in Europe has been advanced "by more than a month" ahead of the time table drawn up at the United Nations' Quebec conference.

From Madrid came reports that on Friday young German veterans of the Russian front began pouring into the Riviera to relieve older men who garrisoned the area when it was considered a rest area. Even in Paris itself seasoned veterans took over the garrisons and the guard was changed along the Atlantic wall.

Increased activity of the underground movement in France plus the threatening Allied push northward from Naples was believed to be the main reason for garrisoning France with younger troops. The Germans evidently underestimated the strength of the French underground organization, which lately has engineered a series of acts of sabotage disrupting German transportation systems and hindering defense preparations in the south.

Increased activity on the southern front was foreshadowed in Washington by Assistant Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson when he said in a weekend speech that "a major operation in Italy is likely very soon," while from other sources came reports that forces are being assembled to continue the drive into Western Europe.

In Germany itself Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels warned the people of "heavy" air blows in the near future.

Two ETO WAC Officers Rewarded With Promotion

1/Lt. Henriette Horak, WAC ETO public relations officer and former Portland, Ore., and San Francisco newspaper reporter, was promoted to captain yesterday, and 2/Lt. Thelma G. Belford, also of Portland, former insurance worker now stationed at an Eighth Air Force bomber base, became a first lieutenant.

They are the first WAC officers in the ETO to be promoted other than Maj. Anna W. Wilson, WAC commander, whose rank was approved by the War Department in August.

Naples Got Four Lines

MOSCOW, Oct. 3 (AP)—Allied occupation of Naples was announced to the Russian people in a four-line London dispatch printed on the back pages of the Moscow newspapers, at the bottom of a series of telegrams on the situation in Italy.

Col. Hubert Zemke Destroys 5th Nazi Plane to Become Ace

Col. Hubert Zemke, of Missoula, Mont., 29-year-old commander of an Eighth Air Force Fighter Command Group, became an ace by destroying his fifth German fighter plane in the attack on Emden, Saturday, it was announced yesterday. Thunderbolts covered Flying Fortresses over the target that day.

Col. Zemke's group was flying northwest of Emden on the way back from the objective when he spotted an ME109 below.

"I called to my wing man 'let's go down,'" said Col. Zemke. "I turned right and started down. I closed fast on the ME109, opening fire from dead astern and a little above, giving him three bursts. The first burst must have killed the pilot because he took no evasive action.

"My shots were hitting just at his wing roots. I moved in closer to about 200 yards and fired again. Still there was no evasive action as I watched more strikes on the wings and fuselage. I closed to about 150 yards and gave him a final burst.

"His wheels came down and he started smoking and the plane dove slowly over on its back going through a cloud bank out of control. I broke for the sun and joined the other Thunderbolts out over the water."

Col. Zemke has won the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal.

His career in the USAAF has been distinguished and unusual. In 1939, two years after receiving his wings, he was sent to England and to Russia to demonstrate the American P40 and to study foreign flight methods.

Later, back in America, he was responsible for the training of 48 Chinese pilots, members of the Chinese Army. Sign language and interpreters were used considerably before the Chinese completed their training.

Col. Zemke's Thunderbolt pilots have received high praise from Bomber Command for the support his fighters have given to Fortresses on the European raids.

2-Way Blows on Reich Begin; B17s Hit Emden; B26s Active

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went over the important naval base and merchant shipping port in two waves, spaced a few minutes apart. Some groups reported heavy attacks, others none at all. Flak was heavy in the target area.

One of the large forces attacking Emden was led by Brig. Gen. Robert W. Travis, of Savannah, Ga., as pilot of the Fortress Little America. He declared the mission "exceptionally executed."

"It went off like a military drill," said Gen. Travis. "It's not often you come back from a mission in which everything went off to perfection. I was particularly impressed by the discipline of our men. Our bombs went down together over the target. It was a good show, and I was very much pleased with it." He also had hearty praise for the fighter escort.

Nazis Use Captured Forts

During the Emden attack the Nazis again attempted to solve American tactics by sending up two or more captured Fortresses to within 1,500 yards of the formations, returning crews reported.

"We couldn't identify these Jerries positively enough to shoot at them, but we'll get them some time," Maj. Kirk R. Mitchell, of Oklahoma City, said.

In the repeat performance of last Monday's Emden raid, escorting Thunderbolts again made the record round-trip of nearly 800 miles.

While the Forts were hitting Emden, Marauders struck the airfield at St. Omer-Longueesse in France under cover of RAF, Dominion and Allied Spitfires. All of the mediums returned safely.

The Marauders yesterday morning attacked many airfields at Woensdrecht, Haamstede and Amsterdam-Schiphol in Holland in the morning without loss. Escorting Spits shot down seven enemy aircraft.

On one airfield the mediums laid down a pattern of high explosives that hit runways just as enemy planes were attempting to take off. Returning crews reported that all three fields were plastered.

Enemy fighters were surprised on the ground on the Amsterdam-Schiphol airfield. Four were taking off when the bomb struck, and other fighters were forced to take off from the grass.

"I saw big explosions," said 1/Lt. Edmund J. Clemenzi, of Fort Pierce, Fla., bombardier-navigator on Flak Happy, piloted by Capt. George Watson, of Hemeg, Cal. "I couldn't tell whether the bombs landed ahead of those planes or behind them, but the rest of the planes took to the grass."

It was the third raid by the Marauders on Woensdrecht, a large, well-camouflaged German fighter base near the Dutch-Belgian border, but the raids on Haamstede and Amsterdam-Schiphol were the first by the Marauders.

Crew men reported heavy flak. S/Sgt. M. H. Lowry, of Hogansville, Ga., radio gunner on Hades Lady, which had its hydraulic system crippled by flak, came back from the raid with the report "Holland's a rough country—so help me they threw everything at us but the windmills."

Marauders yesterday afternoon attacked the airfield at Beauvais-Tilles for the sixth time. Spitfires escorting the Marauders on all missions shot down 14 enemy fighters. Two Spitfires are missing.

Gifts for Ploesti Raiders

ALGIERS, Oct. 3 (AP)—A Swiss correspondent in Bucharest, quoted by Algiers radio today, said Rumanians are displaying their sympathy towards the Allies by sending presents and flowers to the American airmen who were shot down during the raid on the Ploesti oilfields.

Jews in Flight From Denmark; Swedes Protest

Hundreds Risk Being Shot To Escape Deportation To Nazi Labor Camps

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 3 (AP)—Hundreds of Jews who prefer to risk being shot dead by German patrols along the Danish coast to deportation to Nazi labor camps poured into Sweden today as Hitler's purge of Danish Jews aroused Swedish anti-German feeling to a new pitch.

The deportation of Jews to Poland and Germany started from Copenhagen yesterday as the Nazis ignored, temporarily at least, the Swedish Government's offer to provide a sanctuary for 8,000 of the 10,000 Jews whom the Germans blame for militant Danish opposition to German occupation of what was once Hitler's "model protectorate."

The Jews, carrying only small bundles of personal belongings, arrived in Sweden in rowboats and fishing smacks after eluding the reinforced German patrols given orders to shoot anyone trying to escape.

They poured in so quickly at so many scattered places along the southwest coast of Sweden that no accurate count was available, but it was unofficially estimated that at least 1,100 have reached Sweden since rumors of the purge swept through Denmark a week ago.

In a formal note to the German Foreign Office in Berlin, the Swedish government predicted that "serious repercussions" would be felt in Sweden if the Jews were deported. Public feeling ran high, said the note, especially in southern Sweden, which was once part of Denmark.

The German reply was to send boatloads of Jews to Baltic ports.

U.S. Plane Sets Atlantic Record

A new record of nine hours and 34 minutes for aerial transport crossing of the Atlantic was established last week by a DC53 Skyrooper of the U.S. Army Air Transport Command, it was revealed yesterday.

The big plane brought 21 passengers from the United States to England. The elapsed time dated from the last stop, Newfoundland.

U.S. Minelayer Skill Sunk in Salerno Gulf

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 (AP)—The U.S. Navy reported over the weekend the minelayer Skill was sunk Sept. 25 in the Gulf of Salerno as the result of an underwater explosion.

The Skill, commissioned in November, 1942, had a displacement of 840 tons, and carried 65 to 70 personnel.

Xmas Gifts -

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reasons of sentiment alone. From my own observations, there's nothing so welcome as a good newsy letter, or some small photographs.

"But whatever is sent, it should be small and compact, so that it can be carried around easily. Nor is there any point in sending electrical novelties, when the soldier may not be living under conditions where he can use them."

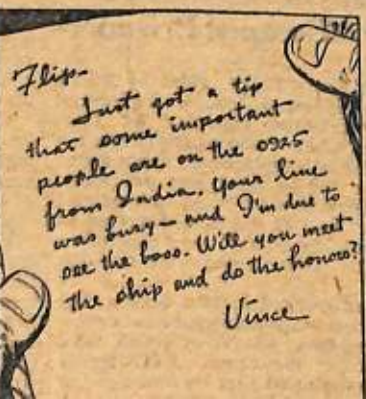
Among gifts preferred by soldiers to send to parents, wives and sweethearts back home, candy and flowers seem to lead the field, Col. Barnum said. Novelties, cosmetics and perfume are also being ordered on a large scale for delivery at home, through the gift catalog distributed by the Army Exchange Service, he said.

From now on, army postal men in the ETO will be working from 12 to 14 hours a day as they did last year, when as many as 25 carloads of mail arrived in one train from British ports, it was stated during the broadcast.

Asked what he would like for a Christmas present, Col. Hartigan said, "My idea of a Christmas present would be to get enough help for the big Christmas rush. I'll get it—because soldier's mail is important. But I'm going to need a lot of staff this year."

Also participating in the radio program was Sgt. Wayne Ogle, of Idaville, Ind., whose father, Sgt. Clifford Ogle, has been an RFD postman for 20 years, was in the last war, and enlisted again to take part in this war.

Terry and the Pirates



By Milton Caniff

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Hash Marks

It's a woman's privilege to change her mind—which reminds us we've just heard about the female officer in one of the services who wore a gold bar on one shoulder and a silver bar on the other. She said she couldn't make up her mind which color she liked best.

Cause for Divorce, No. 846453: Mrs. Jule Boston, of Chicago, got a divorce



because she said her husband was peaceable only when he was drunk AND it cost too much to keep him mellow.

Try and stop us if you've heard this one. A Hollywood star, filling out a war-time questionnaire, came to the query, "Married," and made this notation, "Occasionally."

Incidental information. The British Navy, operating in the Mediterranean has a nickname for the new German wireless-controlled glider bombs. They call them CMCs—Chase Me Charlies.

Awards the War Department Never Authorized: The DPS, otherwise known as the Distinguished Pub Service medal. This medal will be a tiny silver goblet, worn on the right breast—to be awarded for maintaining friendly Anglo-American relations in British pubs. For additional sorties, Bottle-Cap Clusters will be added.

War Is Hell Dept. Sanitation Commissioner William Carney has revealed to the world that the paper shortage is having a drastic effect on the way New Yorkers welcome homecoming heroes. When Lindbergh came home they threw 1,700 tons of paper in the streets; for Wrong-Way Corrigan 1,900 tons; an American Legion convention saw 2,500 tons tossed around—but the surrender of Italy found only 22 tons of paper on hand.

Times we wish we were a contortionist—When we pass a superior officer walking the same way that we are, decide it's best to salute, and have to throw a highball over our shoulder, as it were.



Fun In the Victory Garden. Two Oregon newspapers had a heated argument as to whether the guy who took potatoes out of the ground at harvest time was a "picker" or a "digger." The two reporters assigned to find out agreed on one thing—whatever the guy was, they decided, he'd have a backache by sundown.

PRIVATE BREGER



"And with the luminous paint he figures enemy night raiders will fly right into it!"

Brownie Gives a Reel Show in B17

To Fort's Cameraman, It's Photos Before Bullets, His Pals Discover

By Bud Hutton

AN EIGHTH BOMBER STATION, Oct. 3—A lot of guys peering through their Norden bombsights these days at Nazi targets in Europe learned a good share of their secret trade from a curly-headed technical sergeant at this station.

The sergeant—Charlton K. Browning, of Bradenton, Fla.—used to be an enlisted bombardier back in the bad old days when the Army's heavy bomber was a two-engined Martin B18 and the brand new Norden bombsight was kept in a guarded, double-locked vault.

Now, after nearly two years, he's finally flying combat; and, since he's a qualified bombardier and an expert on bombsight maintenance, he's flying combat in a B17 as an aerial photographer.

Browning, who used to teach bombsight maintenance to newly commissioned bombardiers, has five raids to his credit, has been put in for the Air Medal and has a daredevil reputation among the combat men on this field which more or less fits in with the date of his first enlistment seven years ago—he joined the Army on April Fool's Day.

Browning joined the Coast Artillery on his first hitch. After 2½ years of Panama, he came back to the States, re-enlisted just as the war broke out in Europe in September, 1939, and studied photography at the Fort Monroe laboratory. In 1940 he transferred to the Air Corps and was assigned to the photo laboratory at Langley Field, Va.

I Got Around

"I went to sleep on a shelf and the next day I got transferred to the chaplain's office," Browning explains. "And from there I went to the 96th Bomb Squadron as an aerial photographer doing bomb spotting."

"The Army needed bombardiers and was training enlisted men, so in 1941 I trained as a bombardier with the 34th Group. We hadn't got a hell of a lot of training when war broke in December."

Pearl Harbor was on Sunday, and at 2 AM Tuesday Browning made his first operational flight as bombardier in an old B18 on the North Atlantic Patrol, looking for enemy submarines with three .30 cal. machine-guns and 12 300-pound bombs.

In a crash landing, coming in from sunset patrol, several weeks later, Browning cracked his skull, apparently got over it and went on bombardiering. But one afternoon, at 10,000 feet, he had a target lined up and all of a sudden it just disappeared. His eyes had been affected by the bump on the head.

Learned About 'George'

So they put enlisted bombardier Browning to training new bombardiers in bombsight maintenance. He did it for a year, mixing in a tour of duty at a technical school where he learned the insides of "George," the Air Force's automatic pilot. And in that year a lot of new second looeyes, just out of bombardier school, went through his classes, learning how to care for their precious sights.

It had to happen to a guy who first enlisted on April Fool's Day, but anyway 1/Lt. Marion C. Haile, of Ottawa, Kan., one of the bombardiers on this same field, studied under Browning. As a matter



T/Sgt. Browning . . . knows bomb and camera sights.

of fact, T/Sgt. T. M. Davidson, now bombsight maintenance chief at this station, learned BSM under Browning.

Eventually, Browning got back into photography, his first love, and came overseas after serving time as a laboratory expert in a darkroom built from a GI latrine. But when Browning got to the ETO he was labelled ground photographer. He wanted to fly again.

One day a month and a half ago a major in operations called Browning's photo lab on the field and said they needed a volunteer to make pictures on an important raid. Browning said he'd go, and after some argument, because Browning has a wife and child back home, he was accepted.

In 1/Lt. Irving H. Frank's B17, Raunchy Wolf, Browning went to Regensburg. The gunners of the ship still talk about "the screwball photographer."

Over Regensburg, there were enemy aircraft "all the way around the clock," 360 degrees of potential grief. While the left waist gunner, S/Sgt. Harry O. Snyder, of Mulkeytown, Ill., was beating off an enemy attack, he suddenly found Browning shouldering him away from his guns

and jamming the snout of a camera which wasn't even a caliber .00 in front of the oncoming FWs.

They settled that little argument, but a little later T/Sgt. Lowell Moomaw, of Greenfield, Ohio, radio operator, tried to get to his hatch gun to repel an overhead attack, only to find that the ubiquitous Browning had clambered up into it—pushing the gun out of the way—to get better pictures.

Moomaw didn't get a shot, he says.

In the combat photography unit Browning has set up out of ground photographers there are three more lens hawks, each with at least one raid to his credit.

They're S/Sgt. Cliff Peke, of Oklahoma City, who baptized his lens over Loriet; Sgt. Frank Cregan, of Fort Scott, Kan., who made pictures at Rheims, and Cpl. Anthony Kosorowski, of Philadelphia, who went to Emden.

One of these days, Browning says, he's going to coax some bombardier into letting him drop a batch of high explosive on some target, and then he'll give them an idea of what "high altitude, daylight, precision bombing really is."

Soviet Victories Do Not Mean Nazi Dnieper Line Broken Yet

By Henry Shapiro

United Press War Correspondent

MOSCOW, Oct. 3—This is the truth about the Dnieper battle, and it is well that it should be told to the world, in view of irresponsible reports of a week ago about "Russians smashing across the Dnieper" and the like.

There is still supreme confidence in Moscow about the eventual liberation of Kiev and the whole western bank of the Dnieper. But there is no inclination to underrate the difficulties facing the Red Army, especially now that the weather is rapidly deteriorating, with the Germans still entrenched on the high, west bank of the river, with their fire dominating a vast area on the eastern bank.

There is still no official evidence that the Red Army has made, or even attempted, large-scale crossings of the Dnieper anywhere.

To the contrary, all Russian reports for the last week have indicated that the main effort of the Red Army along the Dnieper was devoted to ousting the Germans from the bridgeheads they had maintained on the eastern bank.

Today, therefore, this is the position. The Red armies are consolidating their positions along the east bank from the confluence of the Sozh River with the Dnieper, 38 miles south of Gomel, to Dnepropetrovsk.

South of Kiev the sole enemy footholds on the eastern bank are at Dnepropetrovsk and Zaporozhe. Both are being attacked by the Russians, but the lack of any news from the Dnepropetrovsk-Zaporozhe areas for the past 48 hours indicates that the Germans are still there in considerable strength.

Irresponsible stories published in the foreign press, anticipating victories which have not yet been won, phrases such as: "Russians smashing across the Dnieper at half a dozen points," or "Swarming over wrecked railway bridges at Dnepropetrovsk," create the impression that the Red Army is carrying out what might be called a "victory parade" and, as such, are causing considerable annoyance both to Russians and foreign military observers in Moscow.

Such claims, published a week ago when the Germans still had powerful bridgeheads on the eastern bank, have proved utterly unfounded.

To Be or Not to Be

To be or not to be a WAC, that is the question, and at the present time, if our reports from the U.S.A. are correct, the girls are not rushing into line to grab a WAC uniform.

Reason number one, claim the girls, strictly off the record, is once enlisted their social ambition to nab hold of a lieutenant or maybe major is thwarted.

Now we've nothing against the gal who wants to marry a second lieutenant; but for the general information of all such gals there's many a second lieutenant who will be applying for a job to a man now a private in the U.S. Army once this war is over. Back in civilian life many of our present-day officers were employed by those selfsame privates, and it's merely the fortunes of war that now put the former employee over the former employer. Once the war is over it will be the demobilized officers who in many cases will apply for jobs to demobilized privates and NCOs who came in late because of civilian responsibilities.

Of course this is not standard procedure; but it is not so much of an exception as some might believe. Brains will in time always carve out a future in the United States of America, and officer grades hold no monopoly on brains. Proof of this fact is indicated by the ability of soldiers in the mass to spot a lovely girl and once spotted she will always be given a rush. Were soldiers as dumb as the class-conscious girls who want to marry a military rank, they would high hat every girl from Vassar, Park Avenue or even those who know that Emily Post is some kind of an authority. But to men a lovely girl is a lovely girl, whether she comes from Brooklyn, wears a WAC uniform, or bears the Hollywood stamp of glamor girl.

So gals take the advice of an old soldier. Join the WACs, pick your future mate from the ranks if need be, and you may still get to live on Park Avenue.

Safety Records

In 1939 the Army had only two air training fields—Kelly and Randolph—with a yearly output of about 500 pilots. Now the whole southern half of the United States is dotted with fields to supply pilots and crews for the swarms of new combat planes taking to the air each month.

Despite the expansion and the use of faster, hotter planes the GIs now fly, a comparison between the ten years pre-war and 1942 shows a significant decrease in the rate of Army Air Forces airplane accidents per thousand flying hours.

This record reflects the meticulous care which marks every phase of the Army flying program. Improved methods in training have been standardized through central instructors' schools. Safety checks are made at every point and these pay big safety dividends.

The new record also reflects the dependability of the equipment and the skill of maintenance crews. At one advanced single-engine school, in operation for two years, cadets have yet to report an engine or propeller failure.

A recent analysis disclosed that more than three-quarters of the training accidents were caused by personnel failures. Material failures accounted for less than one-fifth; miscellaneous, including weather, and undetermined causes were responsible for the rest.

Another Shortage Beaten

Latest reports indicate that rubber experts expect synthetic rubber tire production for 1943 to be six and a half million instead of the earlier estimate of five million tires.

The 30 per cent increase in the former estimate of 1943 tire production is credited to industry adapting itself more quickly to the synthetic process than had been expected.

One expert termed amazing the way the tire industry was turning out the synthetic product, and this speed has eliminated one of our most dangerous shortages—tires for war transport.



Lines to Jeanne—London—1943

The stars above the Tower Bridge are bright As I stand here, beside the Thames, and dream Of when we looked at other stars one night— Before the war gods meddled with our scheme.

There was a tender promise in your eyes. Your gentle hands were cool against my brow That even now remembering—still cries For your sweet touch—in that long-faded hour.

But this I know—those stars will shine once more On us, when men have done with death and war.

Dan Arthur Dugan, U.S.N.R.

NEWS FROM HOME

Allied Planes To Outnumber Nazis' 4 to 1

Arnold Sees Overwhelming Margin by Jan. 1, But Warns of Tough Fight

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 3 (AP)—Gen. Henry H. Arnold, U.S. Army Air Force chief, said today he believed by Jan. 1 Allied air power would outrank Germany by three or four to one but that such strength alone would not bring the Axis to its knees.

"The Germans are tough," he said. "They won't quit. And after we get through with them we still have a job to do in the Pacific."

Arnold came here, accompanied by Field Marshal Sir John Dill, head of the British Joint Staff Mission in the United States, to inspect the Boeing airplane plant.

VFW Lists Soldier Benefits

NEW YORK, Oct. 3—A ten-point program for returning servicemen was outlined here by Robert T. Merrill, commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at the organization's 44th annual encampment. Merrill proposed six months mustering out pay, vocational training, liberal hospitalization, pension and compensation payments based on a cost of living index, preferential employment in government work, pension entitlement for widows and children, pension entitlement for unemployables, disabled and those unable to find work, a 20 per cent increase in pensions, five per cent additional rating in civil service tests for overseas veterans and continuation of the Veterans administration as an independent federal agency.

Extra Gravy from Tomatoes

CAMDEN, N.J., Oct. 3—Six hundred soldiers from Fort Dix took over from civilian volunteers the job of unloading and processing a bumper tomato crop at the under-manned Campbell Soup Company plant here. The soldiers receive the prevailing wage of 66 and one-half cents an hour in addition to their Army pay.

Gambler Buried Alive

THOMPSONVILLE, Conn., Oct. 3—Four boys discovered the still warm body of Sam Bonelli, 62, in a shallow grave in a wooded section of Thompsonville. He had been shot through the head and apparently had been buried while still alive. Police identified Bonelli as a gambler.

Union Leader Jailed

AUSTIN, Tex., Oct. 3—R. J. Thomas, president of the United Automobile Workers and vice president of the CIO, who came to Texas to test the constitutionality of a state law which requires a license for soliciting union membership, was held in contempt of court, sentenced to three days in jail and fined \$100 for making a membership appeal at a labor rally at Pelly.

Fire Sweeps Ohio City

ASHLAND, Ohio, Oct. 3—Flaming gasoline from derailed tank cars started fires which destroyed the Erie freight depot, the Eagle Rubber Company plant, six parked automobiles and damaged two restaurants and a YMCA athletic field. Firemen from nine cities were called to quell the blaze.

Newspapermen in Service

NEW YORK, Oct. 3—Editor and Publisher, newspaper trade publication, reported that a survey showed that more than 40,000 employees of American daily newspapers were serving in the armed forces. The New York Times, with 578 employees in service, was the largest contributor.

Curran Classified I-A

NEW YORK, Oct. 3—The National Maritime Union, CIO affiliate, announced it would appeal to President Roosevelt the new I-A draft classification of its president, Joseph Curran. Curran, who returned recently from a four-week voyage on a merchant ship, is 37. He formerly was in a deferred classification as an essential civilian.

'Monty' and Eisenhower Get Ohioan Pay Advance

MIAMI, Fla., Oct. 3 (AP)—S/Sgt. Charles Geyer, of Ohio, told Tuesday how he obtained an advance of pay from General Sir Bernard Montgomery when flying him to Cairo.

Geyer said that Gen. Montgomery asked him if he was looking forward to his stay in the Egyptian capital. Geyer replied, "Yes, but I haven't much money."

"Don't worry about money," the general replied. "I'll fix it up with Eisenhower."

When he arrived in Cairo Geyer found an advance payment waiting for him.

Gen. Eisenhower had wired to Cairo

Stork Visits Joan



Joan Barry

Daughter Born to Actress Who Claims Charlie Chaplin Is Papa

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 3—Joan Barry, 23-year-old film pirate, gave birth to a baby girl last night who she claims is the child of Charlie Chaplin.

Chaplin, who is married to the 18-year-old daughter of playwright Eugene O'Neil, was permitted to have his own doctor in attendance at the time of the birth for blood tests.

He still denies the paternity, but has agreed to pay for medical care, support of the child and court costs.

24 Liberty Ships Launched In Month at Oregon Yard

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 3—Workers of the Oregon Shipbuilding Corp. set what may last as a construction record for the entire war in September, 24 Liberty ships being launched at the yard.

Kimmel, Short Trials Delayed

Pearl Harbor Chieftains Agree to Waive Statute Of Limitations

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 (UP)—Court martial proceedings against the two U.S. commanders in Hawaii when the Japanese surprised Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, have been postponed, the War and Navy Departments announced over the weekend.

Both Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel and Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short, it was announced, have agreed to waive the statute of limitation. Both officers are now retired.

The announcement said the proceedings would be delayed until such time as it was decided to be appropriate for them to be held.

Major at Selfridge Field Convicted, Fired by Army

SELFRIDGE FIELD, Mich., Oct. 3—Maj. George A. Hartford, former Selfridge Field intelligence officer, was found guilty on six counts of fraud and two counts of perjury by a court-martial and ordered dismissed from the Army.

His trial followed those of Lt. Col. Charles W. White, former base executive officer, also ordered dishonorably discharged, and Col. William T. Colman, former commander who was demoted to captain. A fourth court-martial, that of W/O Fred LaLone, is in progress.

No Honor Among Thieves, Thieves Themselves Find

LANSING, Kan., Oct. 3—In April, 1942, fellow convicts felt sorry for Charles M. Fargo, who was being paroled. Fargo, legless and partially paralyzed from gunshot wounds received when he attempted to rob a bank, was given a purse of \$336 and a trailer shop in which to set up a candy and soft-drink business.

Now he's back in Kansas State Prison, after 200 pints of whisky were found in a raid on his trailer. His old cell mates are said to be pretty sore.

Taft Offers Compromise On Drafting of Fathers

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3—As debate continued in the Senate on a bill to defer the drafting of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers, Senator Robert A. Taft, Ohio Republican, offered a compromise which he said had gained considerable support.

Taft's plan would call for the drafting of fathers in three age categories. Those up to 25 would go first; those 25-30 next, and fathers 30 to 38 would be called last.

Senate OKs Stettinius As Successor to Welles

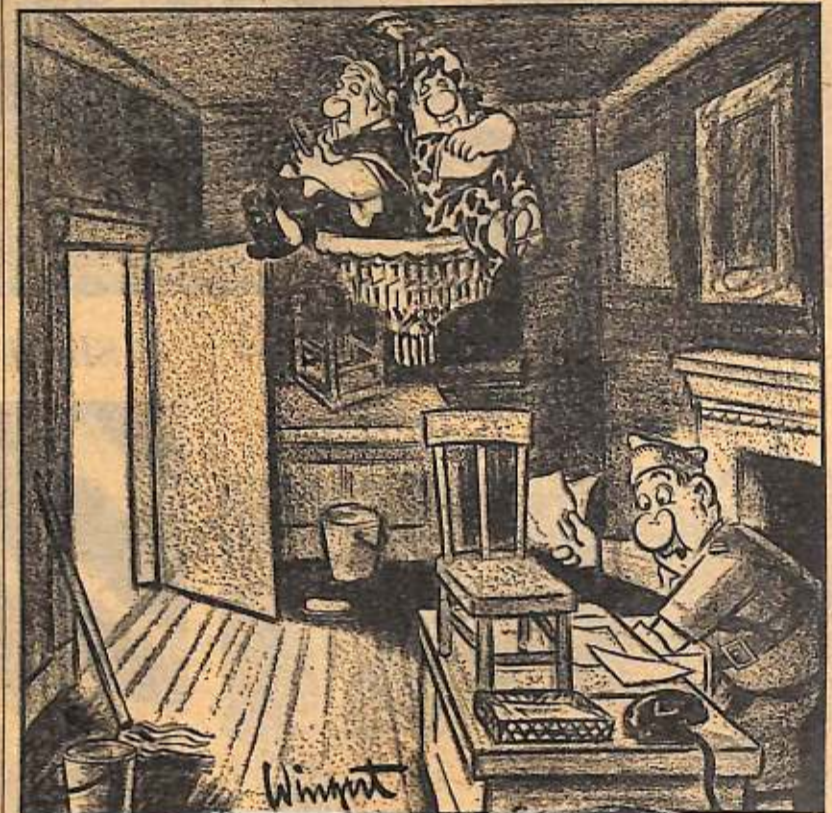
WASHINGTON, Oct. 3—The Senate unanimously approved President Roosevelt's nomination of Edward R. Stettinius Jr. to be Undersecretary of State succeeding Sumner Welles.

Mine Explosion Kills 14

MINERSVILLE, Oct. 3—Fourteen miners were killed and nine others injured in an explosion at the 1,200-foot level of the Moffett Schrader coal mine at Forrestville. Rescue operations began immediately after the explosion but were halted by Richard Maize, state secretary of mines, who said that gas had spread through the blasted section of the workings.

Explosion Kills Workman

NEW YORK, Oct. 3—One workman was fatally burned and six others injured in an explosion under a North River pier housing the Lehigh Valley Railroad freight terminals.



"That's odd! I had a quart of Rye in here yesterday"

Diane



WASSA USE OF BEIN' IN E.T.O. IF YA AIN'T HEP WID DE LOCAL LINGO? DIS FURLOUGH I'M GONNA GET ME A BASINFUL SEE! AT OXFORD SEE!



OXFORD



E-TUALLY, OLD MAN, IT WAS AN AWFL-UH GOOD SHOW! THE PLEASU-UH I DERIVED FROM M' SHO-H-T SOJOU-H-N AT THAT SEAT OF LEA-H-NING WAS IN-CALCULABLE WHAT!

By Jean Baird

Male Call



WE GOT US A IDEA, MISS LACE! SINCE YOU'RE THE ONLY GIRL AT TH' PARTY, ALL US GUYS WOULD LIKE T' SEE YOU HOME, ... NATCHERLY!



GOOD OLD NATURE... BUT DO GO ON...



WE THOUGHT WED START A DANCE, TURN OFF THE LIGHTS AN' TH' GUYS WOULD CUT IN! WHEN TH' LIGHTS COME ON, TH' JOKER DANCIN' WITH YOU GETS T'DO THE HONORS! WHATCHA THINK?



WHY-YEAH, MISS LACE... RIGHT THIS WAY...

OKAY, GENERALS, WHENEVER YOU'RE READY!

By Milton Caniff

Blondie



I'M TIRED THIS EVENING! I DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO TACKLE THIS HOUSE OR NOT



SUPER



NO--WE DON'T WANT ANY



WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT WAS THAT?



DAGWOOD, QUICK, GIVE ME THREE DOLLARS--THE MAN IS WAITING AT THE DOOR FOR IT!



QUICK! QUICK! HAND ME THREE DOLLARS QUICK!



HUH? WHAT? HUH?



YOU JUST BOUGHT ME A NEW HAT!

By Chic Young

Just Like the Real Thing



Training that simulates battlefield conditions is the order of the day for West Point cadets. Future generals attack a fortified position with a flame-thrower.

Lifeguard, à la War



It's the old swimming hole with a South Pacific setting. A machine-gunner stands guard against Jap snipers as these Marines get relief from steaming jungle heat.

Brother, They've Had It



These Italian pilots are sweating it out at an Allied airport as they await an answer to their request for action against the Nazis. They say they've got quite a few scores to settle.

It's an Old Injun Trick



They haven't got a wiry mustang to flop behind; so these motorcycle riders of the 89th Reconnaissance troops take cover behind their iron steeds.

All Roads Lead to Rome



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Next stop, Rome! And Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, commander-in-chief of Allied Forces, looks pleased with the prospect as he tours the front lines in a jeep with Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, left rear, and Admiral K. Hewitt.

She'd Be So Nice To Come Home To



To the Yanks in the E. I. O.
Success To you! - Hurry Home
Sincerely, Esther Williams

Esther Williams sends you GI Joes this message via Yeoman Tom Bernard, our roving reporter. He saw her in person—the lucky guy!

Legion Chief



Associated Press Photo

Warren J. Atherton, 51, of Stockton, Cal., was named commander of the American Legion at the recent Omaha convention.

It Works Both Ways



Associated Press Photos

Two GIs sample some of the food which our army gets from Britain. The clothing, bottom, is also made here. Reverse 'Lend-Lease' does the trick.

Now She's in the 'Cast'



Stars and Stripes Photo

Francetta Malloy, of the USO Camp show 'At Ease,' autographs the decorated plaster cast of wounded airman, T/Sgt. Walter Milligan, of Augusta, Me.