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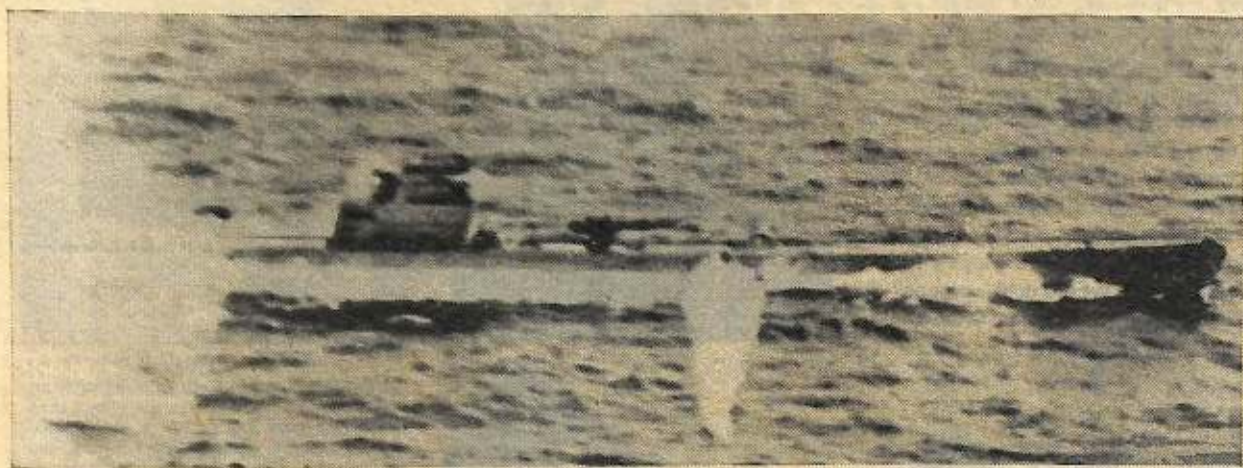


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'Tidewater Tillie' Sinks A U-Boat

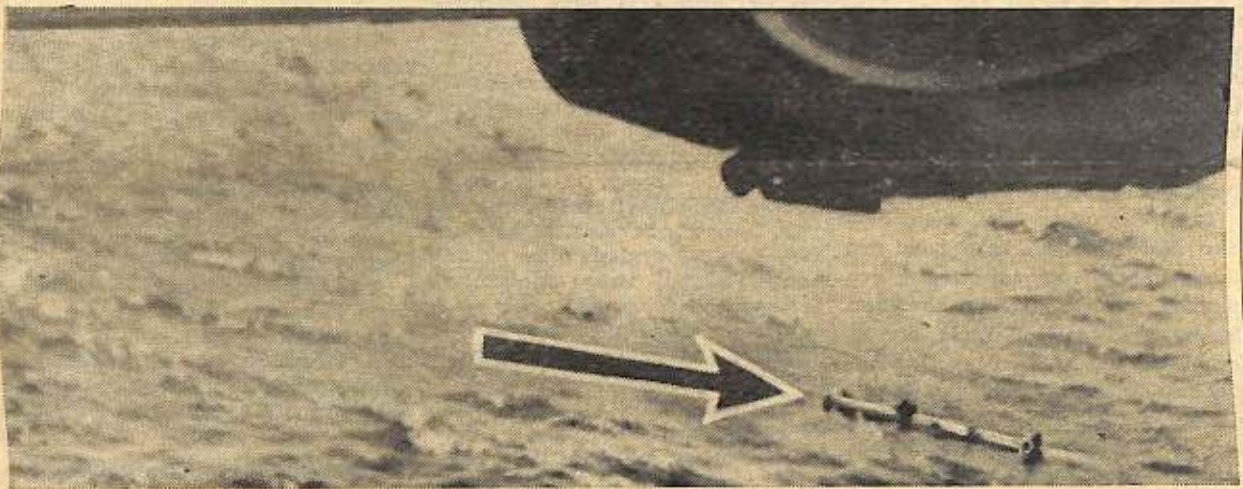


"SUBMARINE SIGHTED five miles away!" and Tidewater Tillie, American-manned Liberator, soars in for the kill, pouring machine-gun bullets into the sea and onto the steel plates of a surprised German U-boat.

DEPTH CHARGES dropped from the Lib send enormous fountain skyward as another convoy pest settles into an ocean graveyard. It was air protection such as this that reduced U-boat sinkings in the Atlantic in the last two months to the lowest point of the war.

A FEW SURVIVORS cling to debris after their undersea craft settles below the surface, and Tidewater Tillie heads for home with another sinking to her credit.

Keystone Photos



Polish Premier Killed at Gib

15 Others Perish in RAF Liberator Bound For England

Gen. Wladyslaw Sikorski, Polish Prime Minister and commander-in-chief, was killed Sunday night when the RAF Liberator in which he and his party were returning from the Middle East crashed into the sea shortly after leaving Gibraltar for London.

The Polish Government-in-Exile, announcing the crash yesterday, said ten other passengers and five crew members were killed. Only the pilot survived.

Other victims included the general's daughter, Sophia Lesniowska, of the Polish ATS; Col. Victor Cazalet, a Member of Parliament and British liaison officer; and members of the Polish general staff.

The Polish cabinet was called into session, and an acting Prime Minister and a temporary Army chief were appointed. Sikorski made the trip to Cairo to review Polish troops.

During the trip Sikorski received a letter from President Roosevelt, believed to relate to the Polish-Russian diplomatic break. Most of his time during the last three months were devoted to settling this dispute. He visited Washington early this year for conferences with the President and other American officials.

Sikorski is the first head of a Government to be killed in an air crash during the war. However, he is one of a long list of notables who have lost their lives in air accidents. Two months ago Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, ETOUSA commander, and other high American officers were killed in an Iceland air crash. Three weeks later actor Leslie Howard was lost on a transport plane believed to have been shot down by the enemy, presumably en route for Prime Minister Churchill en route from Washington. The Duke of Kent was killed when his plane crashed in Scotland while en route to Iceland last June.

Pictures Show Forts Caused Great Damage in Sunday Raid

Reconnaissance photographs revealed yesterday that American Flying Fortresses caused heavy damage to the German U-Boat base at La Pallice and to aircraft installations at Nantes and Le Mans in Sunday's three-pronged raid.

The pictures told this story: Nantes—A "thorough job," with many hits on the aircraft depot, one of the largest in France for the storage and repair of the Heinkel 111 torpedo and attack bomber.

Le Mans—A "considerable portion" of the Gnome and Rhone aero factory, 675 by 330 feet, damaged by bombs and blast; direct hits on railway yards next to the factory, approximately 10 freight cars destroyed or derailed; 100 craters in the Le Mans-Arnage airdrome.

La Pallice—A direct hit on a minefield escort ship, apparent direct hits on the concrete shelter over a new lock leading to the U-Boat pens, two direct hits on a shed, other damage to dock hoists.

'Pile of Bricks' Fortress crews said the factory at Le Mans was reduced to "a pile of bricks." In the attack on nearby Le Mans-Arnage airdrome, one shelter was destroyed, another damaged and no fewer than 25 craters were ripped in the main runway. Some 35 or 40 fighters attacked some of the last planes over the target here but the big ships still laid "a beautiful rectangular bomb pattern" over the factory.

The area at Nantes was plastered, and 2/Lt. Francis H. Excell, of Nashville, Tenn., said "I don't think we'll have to go back there." Some 25 enemy planes, mostly yellow-nosed FW190s, came at the Forts time after time and kept up the attack, daring and persistent, until the bombers were 50 miles out to sea.

The U-boat pens at La Pallice, on the Bay of Biscay, were put out of action by "beautiful bombing" in spite of a terrific flak barrage, the pilots said. Crews said direct hits were made on the locks leading into the 16 pens and undoubtedly caught any submarines behind the gates. Not a plane was lost nor a man injured in this operation.

Some airmen suggested that German fighter pilots are being driven to take a day off which is customary when a holiday falls on a Sunday.

Workers Refuse Holiday WASHINGTON, July 5—In response to a request of the War Production Board millions of war workers are remaining at their jobs today, refusing to take the extra day off which is customary when a holiday falls on a Sunday.

U.S. Airmen Give RAF Air-Sea Rescue £100 RAF FIGHTER COMMAND HQ., July 5—A check for £100 was presented to the RAF Air and Sea Rescue Squadron by grateful American airmen at a party celebrating the squadron's 100th rescue of fliers in the Channel and coastal waters. The check was turned over to W/Cmdr. R. C. Wilkinson by Lt. Col. Chesley Peterson, USAAF P47 group leader, who was twice saved from drowning by Air-Sea Rescue crews. He said half the money came from Eighth Air Force Bomber Command and the remainder from voluntary contributions by bomber crews.

More Islands Seized As U.S. Closes Ring Around New Georgia

British Land on Crete In Commando Assault

CAIRO, July 5 (UP)—British commandos landed on Crete, 80 miles off the Greek coast, Sunday night, attacked the Axis airdromes and destroyed a number of planes before withdrawing with no casualties, a communique announced tonight.

Before the attack, which was made by small forces, the people of Crete were warned by an Allied broadcast not to betray their opposition to the Axis by joining the British.

Nothing in the raid indicated it was the beginning of a large-scale Mediterranean offensive, but the fact the operation was successful was regarded as a spur to Axis invasion fears and a means of confusing them regarding Allied plans.

Allies Destroy 45 Axis Planes In Raid on Italy

Almost All North Africa Planes Join Assault On Airfields

Destruction of 45 enemy aircraft in one of the fiercest days in the Mediterranean air war since Tunisia fell was reported yesterday by Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters.

Practically every Allied bomber in North Africa hurled explosives and incendiaries at airfields from one end of Sicily to the other in an Independence Day assault that gave the Northwest African Air Force one of its biggest days.

The round-the-clock attacks, disclosed just as Rome radio was broadcasting the text of a speech Premier Mussolini delivered to Fascist party leaders June 24, served to emphasize his assertion that the war had now become a "life and death" matter for the Italians.

"Peace means capitulation," he said. "Capitulation means dishonor and disaster. The enemy would immediately disarm Italy, leaving her only municipal police formations. All industry would be destroyed, because if Italy could no longer arm herself, the entire metallurgical and mechanical industry would be liquidated. . . . The enemy would leave us nothing but eyes to weep with."

Stepped-up raids against Italy's invasion islands of Sicily and Sardinia over the weekend, especially against the "front-line airdromes" on Sicily's south coast, were halted in some Allied quarters as

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Germans Rush Men to Holland

German troops are being rushed in long streams of vehicles pouring westwards to the Dutch coast, reports from Switzerland by the United Press stated yesterday.

Other invasion warnings were issued by Rome radio, which declared that Allied preparations for landings along the Mediterranean coast were being pushed ahead with "methodical rhythm."

The Swiss newspapers, pointing out that Holland is the most vulnerable point in the long German line from Norway to the Spanish frontier, said the Nazis there were nervous, "as if expecting an alarm any moment."

Japs Massing in Siberia; Ministers Meet in Moscow

Following reports that the Japs were massing fresh divisions on the Siberian frontier, the Japanese ambassador in Moscow conferred with Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov yesterday.

The War Department in Washington announced the information about the Jap troop concentration which led to the belief by military observers that Japan is awaiting a German thrust in western Russia to stab the Soviet in the back with an attack from Manchukuo.

Other reports yesterday stated that Gen. Yamashita, who captured Singapore, had taken over command in the Siberian area.

Jap Reinforcements Fail to Arrive; Bases Shelled

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, July 5—American forces have occupied several more islands in their drive to draw a tight ring around New Georgia Island and its big air base at Munda, it was disclosed here today.

The only landing announced was on Vangunu, a small island three miles southeast of New Georgia.

The names of other islands were not announced. There is a Blanche Island off the east coast of Rendova, and a Tetipari Island, about half as big as Rendova, to the southeast. Several atolls which the Japanese could use as jumping-off places in a counter-offensive also dot the area. It was possible that some or all of these had been occupied by the Americans.

American warships, meanwhile, bombarded enemy installations at Kula Gulf and Bairoko, on New Georgia Island, and at Vila, on Kolombangara Island, also in the central Solomons.

Headquarters said the position of the Japanese at Munda was "not a particularly healthy one." It was the first direct comment from headquarters on the progress of the campaign in the central Solomons.

"Progress on New Georgia," headquarters added, "is proceeding according to plan and in a most satisfactory manner."

Supply Ship Sunk

The Japanese so far have been unable to bring supplies or reinforcements to their beleaguered troops, it was said. One cargo ship, sighted in the channel between New Georgia and Kolombangara islands, was quickly sent to the bottom by an American dive-bomber squadron.

The Japanese seemed completely on the defensive. Not a single enemy troop transport has been sighted by Allied planes in the central Solomons area, despite the fact that a counter-attack would inevitably have been launched were the Japanese in a position to do so.

Twenty-one Japanese planes were shot down yesterday over Rendova Island, which is now completely in American hands, the headquarters' communique announced.

U.S. Navy Rules Sea

Not only is Allied air supremacy complete, but there were also signs that, once the Japanese cruisers and destroyers had been chased from Rendova, the Japanese were content to leave the U.S. navy in full control of the area.

On Sunday and Monday nights American warships came inshore and pumped hundreds of shells into Jap positions at Vila, on Kolombangara island, and Bairoko, in New Georgia. A number of fires were started.

This morning a group of Hudson bombers of the U.S. army air force attacked the Japanese submarine base at Rekata Bay, in Santa Isabel Island, north of New Georgia. Results are not reported. This was the first mention of army planes in the area.

On Vangunu Island, three miles from New Georgia, operations against the Japanese were reported to be progressing satisfactorily. Enemy positions at Wickham Anchorage, on the south shore of the island, were heavily shelled from the sea and bombed by planes, and enemy troops were reported pinned into one small area as American forces advanced from there.

The Americans were reported to have captured Vangunu Village on the island and to have killed 300 Japanese troops.

Yank Sergeant Greets Lady Astor With Kiss

— INFANTRY DIV. HQ., July 5 —Virginia-born Lady Nancy Astor was greeted in true Southern style with a kiss on the cheek by S/Sgt. Raymond Parker, of Roanoke, Va., when she and Lord Astor attended a dance at this station.

Parker approached Lady Astor when she was talking to his regimental commander and asked permission to "pay his respects in true Virginia fashion."

"It was nothing," he explained later. "I merely thought a kiss the proper greeting from one Virginian to another."

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Japan Next

General Chennault, who has shown himself a remarkable officer in so many ways, proves himself an unusual one in still another respect by his statement issued on his return to Chungking, writes the New York Herald Tribune. "I was greatly encouraged," he is quoted as saying, "by the attitude of the people and the authorities back home. We aren't forgotten men out here by any means. The President and military leaders are carefully planning to use American resources and manpower in the true global sense." The general observed that "certain priorities are necessary," but added, that "Japan is certainly receiving the deepest consideration."

General Chennault in the past has shown himself acutely aware of what air power could do in China and of the extreme slimmness of the resources which have been allotted to him. That he should now express himself as satisfied with the decisions in Washington is reassuring as to the basic soundness of the decisions, as well as to the general's own sense of proportion. But it is also, no doubt, an indication of the extent to which the terrible want of means which we suffered during the first year of war is being repaired. There is something to go around today, even if it is still far from being enough, and the global plan which has been followed is beginning to make sense even to those who are really not its first beneficiaries.

When President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill pledged action this year in the Far East as well as in the European Theater it was no empty threat. We have already built up enough power in the Pacific to give the Japs a bad case of jitters, and before we greet 1944 knees in Tokio's highest places will be rattling like a lively pair of dice.

Bargain Cables in GI

Troops are "hurtin'" over letters from home that bemoan the silly, stilted phrases offered in 2 and 6 bargain rate cables. Written in English rather than modern GI the "you select one" list of communications sounds about as much like a soldier's love message as a passage from the articles of war.

Modernize the bargain messages with a few "in the groove jobs" urge those who are now howling over the present "canned list." In line with this idea, we submit for consideration a few messages in the modern manner.

Here we go, and you be the judge:

- 1-Your last letter tore me down, how about a build up?
2-Everything under control here, how are things at home?
3-You're on the ball now, letters coming in fine.
4-Cheer me up with that personality letter.
5-Keep mailing me that American love.
6-How about a late photo to make the fellows jealous?
7-Your picture over my bunk would make the evening nice.
8-Put your face on paper honey and airmail to me.
9-Tell me about the children and tell them about me or I may become that strange man.
10-Did the allotment come through or are you living on love?
11-That V-Mail love song was nice, why not sing a new verse daily?
12-Received your nice letter and would like a repeat order.

These may not win a prize at Harvard or a Pulitzer award, but each one expresses the mood of GI Joe and uses the language dear to his heart.

Next move is up to the telegraph companies and every soldier in this theater is looking right at Western Union and Postal Telegraph.

Hash Marks

It is no longer a military secret that Hitler did some of his best carpet-chewing of the war when he heard that Lampulosa had surrendered to a guy named Cohen.

Courtesy and etiquette department: A man asks in a Boston society journal if it's all right for the best man to kiss the bride after the wedding. Yes, but not TOO long afterwards.

Then there's the one about the Nazi pilot who was shot down over the Channel. He said afterwards that he met a Hurricane, ran into a couple of Typhoons and was then struck by Lightning and Thunderbolt. Authorities are considering putting him in the meteorological department for the duration.

With the war lasting as long as it has plenty of British kids three and four



years old have never seen their fathers play the role of civilian papa. A friend of ours says that one little girl ends her prayers each night with, "Dear God, please end the war soon so daddy can play with me while mummy goes to work."

Fun on the home front: 17-year-old John Maple, a student fireman in Kansas City, knew how to start his slide down the pole—but maybe he hadn't studied lesson No. 2. He was taken to the hospital with a sprained knee and dented landing gear.

For our money, a British youngster gave out with an observation that best typifies the hubbub and confusion of our modern times. The tot was holding mummy's hand and waving good-bye to daddy, whose train was taking him back to duty. Looking wide-eyed at the multitude of trains puffing and chugging back and forth, packed to the windows, the tot remarked: "Mummy, I hope Daddy gets back to the right war."

GI Philosophy: If a girl is really clever she can get close enough to a man so that



when he tries to kiss her she can't get away.

There's a GI over here who was quite perturbed when he learned that he was supposed to salute nurses, Waacs, etc. But now he's quite happy about the whole thing—he has a little game he plays. Every time he passes a nurse, Waac, etc., he winks at 'em as he salutes.

J. C. W.

Flying Tigers Eye Their Prey

AVG, Year in Army, Growing Stronger, Promised Revenge

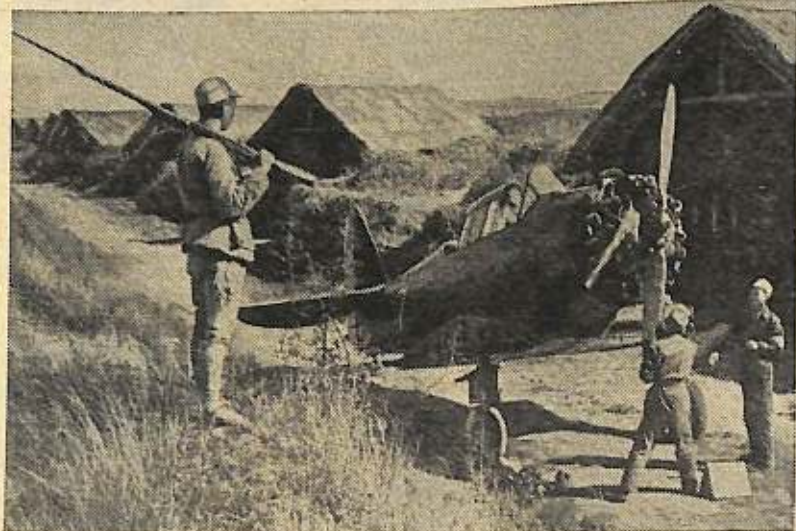
U.S. 14TH AIR FORCE HQ, China, July 5—"I sincerely hope that during the next year you men will fly over Japan itself many times before the first fire-cracker explodes on July 4, 1944."

Those words, spoken yesterday by Brig. Gen. Claire Chennault, USAAF commander in China, gave reassurance to members of the old Flying Tigers on their first anniversary as part of the U.S. Army that soon they would be winging toward Japan to settle an old debt—to repay the Nipponese for all of the troubles they



Associated Press Photos

AVG fliers wore jackets (above) with an inscription on the back to the effect that "this foreigner has come to aid China, and all Chinese people should afford him the utmost cooperation." At left, a Chinese soldier with bayonet fixed, stands guard along a row of camouflaged huts which house the fighters flown by the Flying Tigers.



treasured him and one airfield of the 14th Air Force inherited him.

The buildings that house the fliers on their fields are crude, compared with similar installations in the United States and Britain. The quarters are built of wood, barrack-style. The operations shack at one of the fields has a library with 12 volumes and a half-dozen old magazines.

Shipping difficulties prevent regular receipt of many luxuries from the United States. Toothpaste and razor blades are scarce; tobacco, candy, liquor unobtainable. Phonograph records are frequently broken in transit.

Relations between the Americans and Chinese are excellent. The Army's Pocket Guide to China says:

"Of all the peoples of Asia, the Chinese are most like Americans. . . Listen to a Chinese crowd laughing at Charlie Chaplin or Harold Lloyd or Laurel and Hardy and you'll think you are at home. The Chinese are better than we are, perhaps, at human relationships. They value these above all else and have learned to get along with people through centuries of getting along with each other."

When American soldiers visit a Chinese town in a jeep, the children run alongside, shouting "Okay, Okay"! The soldiers have become very friendly with the children, who enjoy showing them the sights and struggling with language differences.

Yanks Learning Chinese, Too

The Americans have tried to learn some Chinese, beginning with "Mei-kuo-jon," which is the Chinese description of the Americans. "Chin-Pao," literally "air-raid alarm," is used by the Americans to describe all local beverages. The Americans have also learned "Gaan bay"—"bottoms up"—which is the standard command of Chinese banquet hosts.

The Army Pocket Guide, issued to all soldiers bound for the China theater, tells its readers that Americans look strange to the Chinese, who are likely to stare at them and grin. Soldiers, the guide book says, should grin back.

Meanwhile, the soldiers have been going ahead on their own, attending Chinese theaters, learning Chinese games, including diablo, with its flying spindle, Chinese chess and checkers, Chinese boxing and swordplay. And they have found that the Chinese, particularly in their schools, have already been introduced to western games like tennis.

The American troops in China were described by one of their officers as "the soberest crowd in the world." For a recent holiday dinner, turkeys were flown in for the troops, who decided to grace their banquet with a few drinks.

After long negotiations, two quarts of liquor were purchased—giving a thimbleful to each man—at a price of \$100 in gold per bottle.



Some Day

Lives of great men all remind us We can make our lives sublime, Even Hollywood producers May take note of us in time.

Some day dashing Don Ameche, Or Spenser Tracy so serene, Sadly torn 'twixt fact and fancy, May portray us on the screen!

Jazbo.

PRIVATE BREGER



Dave Breger Britain

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"Always trying to cheer up the folks back home, suffering from rationing, and shortages and hardships!"

Jap plane has penetrated undetected to Free China. Others are stationed at airfields near larger cities.

Wherever they are located the Yanks try to get into the nearest towns on their days off, curious to learn about the Chinese ally whom they have crossed the world to join.

They earn whatever relaxation they can get. A single bomber unit recently made a typical seven-day foray from South China bases, attacking shipping and installations at Hongay, in Jap-occupied French Indo-China; at Sunchau, Hankow, Yochow and Canton. In those seven days they destroyed six large merchant vessels, bombed troop concentrations, damaged fuel dumps and power plants, shot down 24 Jap planes, plus six probables, and destroyed 20 more on the ground.

The Americans lost not a single plane nor a single man.

Ground crews, too, have their work, keeping planes in the air despite a shortage of supplies. Sometimes a pilot crashlands his plane far from a field, and a rescue party must go out to bring it back. T/Sgt. William P. Lord, China correspondent of Roundup, the Army newspaper for the China-Burma-India theater, describes such an expedition:

Over Wagon Trails

"Planks and timbers (to make bridges), shovels and axes (to make roads), a Chinese interpreter, tool boxes, and grease monkeys all go to make up the cargo. Roads in China were built for horses and caribou carts, not semi-trailers; thus the way has to be cleared and streams bridged. Fifty miles a day is good traveling under the general circumstances. Always there are mountains and more mountains.

"When going through the high passes, the fog may be so thick that visibility is limited to 20 feet.

"Day after day, and cold night after cold night, it goes on. Rice, bean sprouts, garlic, and green tea until they wish airplanes had never been invented. Cutting down trees, bridging ditches, moving rocks, and they begin to wish trucks had never been invented.

"But finally, and at long last, the ship is found, the loose pieces picked up, and the whole works dissembled and loaded. Comes now the trip back with the Chevrolet top-heavy and tail-heavy with both wing sections, the semi-trailer reeling and rocking with the fuselage. The reader's imagination is invited to the sensations experienced going through a high pass with the fog so thick and the embankments so steep that the next stop is out of sight and the top-heavy truck rocking like a sailor on shore leave. Home, hot shower, good chow and bed."

Food is naturally of great concern to the Americans, and also to the Chinese, who try to please with what they hope is American cooking.

The American volunteer group, which the 14th Air Force succeeded, discovered a Chinese cook who had been to the United States and could prepare a reasonable facsimile of ham and eggs. The AVG

Cardinals Down Dodgers in Double Bill, 2-0, 7-2

Adams Hall Nine Routs All-Stars, 25-11, at Bristol

Clutchers Take Diamond Contest as 3-Day Tourney Ends

BRISTOL, July 5—Before 2,000 spectators, the Adams Hall Double Clutchers trounced Muller's Orphanage All-Stars, 25-11, in the final game of the baseball competition, bringing to a close the three-day sports tournament here.

The meet, sponsored by Army officials with the cooperation of the American Red Cross, brought entrants from the various QM truck units in England to compete for honors in track events, baseball, basketball, boxing and lawn tennis.

The All-Stars took a 16-6 lead in the early innings of play, but the Clutchers tallied five runs in the last half of the sixth. Pvt. William Blackwell, of Atlantic City, N.J., Hall mound ace, held the All-Stars scoreless in the remaining innings while the Clutchers forged ahead with nine more runs to take the game.

Sharing pitching honors with Blackwell was T/5 David Murphy, of New York, while battery for the Orphanage team was Pfc Albert Allen and T/4 Herbert Ash, both of Houston, Tex.

Pack Edges All-Star Five
Saturday, the Clutchers routed the Tostock Bull Dogs, 10-8, in a five-inning contest. Moundsman Murphy was pitted against T/5 Leo Ruffin, of Monroe, La.

In the basketball contest Saturday afternoon, the Tostock Wolf Pack edged Muller's Orphanage All-Stars 32-26, in a close game. Adams Hall lost to the All-Stars in the opening game, 38-32.

Cpl. Aaron Williams, of Muncie, Ind., All-Star center, was high scorer, with 15 points, closely followed by S/Sgt. James Jennings, of South Bend, Ind., Wolf Pack center, and S/Sgt. Lloyd V. Day, of Brooklyn, Adams Hall guard, with 12 and 11 points respectively.

Immediately following the final sports event, Maj. George C. Heris awarded trophies and medals to individual stars and winning teams.

Individual awards were presented to S/Sgt. John H. Pearson, Huntington, W. Va., high scorer in track meet; S/Sgt. James Jennings, Muncie, Ind., outstanding basketball star; S/Sgt. William T. Edison, Vincennes, Ind., outstanding boxer; T/5 Ernest Morris, of New York, and T/5 Edward Sims, of Monroe, La., outstanding baseball stars. Team awards were made to Muller's Orphanage, boxing; Adams Hall, baseball; Tostock Bull Dogs and Wolf Pack, track and basketball.

Third Straight For Fighters

By Dick Pine

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent
— FIGHTER STATION, July 5—This station's softball team made it three in a row by winning both ends of a Fourth of July double-header in the district round robin tournament here.

In the first game, behind the big bat of M/Sgt. Mike Harak, of Scranton, Pa., whose homer and double accounted for four runs, the Fighters subdued the Bomber Station, 6-2. In the night cap, Sgt. Joe Du Pilka, of Detroit, held the Bombers to four hits to win by a 7-1 count. Cpl. Cal Dingess, of Detroit, limited the losers to six hits while fanning seven in the first contest.

In the afternoon's other thriller, — Fighter Group's Officers broke a 3-2 deadlock in the eighth by scoring two markers nosing out the — Bomb Wing officers, 5-3. Winning battery was Lt. Henry Martin, of Pittsburgh, and Lt. Tom Bowie, of Omaha, Neb. The Bomber's battery was Lt. Lou Kaznoski, of Fairmont, W. Va., and Maj. Edwin La Baw, of Lincoln, Ill.

Lassie Stakes to Twilight Tear
CHICAGO, July 5—Twilight Tear and Miss Keeneland, of the Calumet Farm, finished one-two in the \$35,000 Lassie Stakes at Arlington Saturday. The winner covered the six furlongs in one minute, 13 and one-fifth seconds.

Ordnance Edges Medics, 2-1
— ORDNANCE HQ., July 5—This outfit's baseball team defeated the — Medics, 2-1, in a 16-inning game. Pfc Ferrol Ivers, of Aurora, S.D., was the winning pitcher with T/5 W. E. Raedatz, of Joliet, Ill., driving in the winning run.

Help Wanted — AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, Printing House Sq., London, E.C.4.

For Sale
CAMERA, 4x4 Rollei Zeiss Tessar 2.8 and Rollei filter, including a leather case; E40 17x—Pfc S. Goldman, Co. B, — Ord. (MB) Regt. APO 518.
SKATES—Secondhand shoe skates, fair condition, size 9; £1 10s.—Pvt. Donald Fenton, — General Dispensary, APO 887.

Wanted
SHAVES—Viceroy non-electric.—Capt. John H. Arthur, Signals Section, APO 887.
CAMERA, 35 mm.—Cpl. N. G.

Lost and Found
WATCH—Found in — General Dispensary, London.

Ross Gets Silver Star For Guadalcanal Action

NEW YORK, July 5—Marine Sgt. Barney Ross, former world light-weight boxing champion, received the Silver Star here during an Independence Day radio program honoring American fighting men.

The citation from Rear Adm. T. W. Wilkinson, USN, deputy commander, South Pacific Area, read: "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving on Guadalcanal."

The decoration was awarded for standing guard all night over three wounded comrades after refusing to be evacuated with his unit from an advanced position. He was credited with having killed seven Japanese snipers and ten probables.

Carl Dalio Jolts Bill Kingsland

3 TKOs Feature Fights At Cheltenham Red Cross

CHELtenham, July 5—T/5 Carl Dalio, of Houston, Tex., 170, avenged his Rainbow Corner loss to ETO light heavyweight champion Pfc Bill Kingsland, of Redondo Beach, Cal., 164, when the referee stopped the fight in two minutes and 35 seconds of the second round. This was one of three TKOs which featured the Fourth of July boxing show presented at the Red Cross club here last night.

In a return match, Pfc Harold Kingery, of Fremont, Neb., 143, TKO'd Cpl. Douglas Phillips, of Campbellsville, Ky., 145, in the third round. Phillips was bleeding profusely from the nose when the referee interceded.

The third TKO of the evening was awarded Pfc Richard Shinn, of San Francisco, 140, over Cpl. Alvah Payne, of Eldorado, Ark., 140, in one minute and 50 seconds of the second round. Payne went down for the count of nine in the opening round.

The heavyweight event ended in a three-round decision for Pvt. Al Lucas, of New Orleans, La., 185, over Cpl. Harold Raskin, of Chicago, 183. Raskin, Eighth Air Force titlist, took a short count in the last round.



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Riding High

By Pap



Pill Rollers Bounce Nightsticks In Southport Softball Final, 8-3

By Paul Lange

SOUTHPORT, July 5—A pair of former rivals on the Northern Ireland basketball court, — Station Hospital Pill Rollers and the — MP Nightsticks, fought it out in the softball finals of the American Red Cross Palace Club Fourth of July tournament with the Medics winning, 8-3.

Except for a bad second inning in which the Pill Rollers nicked the Nightsticks for six runs, the game was close. S/Sgt. Willard Widerberg held the MP's to four hits. Cpl. Grant Skogland was on the mound for the losers. Pfc Carl Schneider, an MP, got two-for-two at the plate.

An upset marked the opening round, which saw the — Port Ramblers fall before the Air Force Fliers, 1-0, in an extra-inning tussle while the Ordnance Flaming Bombers bowed to the Pill Rollers, 1-0.

It was the first defeat in 17 games for the Ramblers and the first setback for Pitzer T/5 Richard Phre. Shortstop Izarian's hitting helped the Fliers beat the Port boys. Cpl. Harry Werra, Ordnance moundsman, struck out 14 Pill Rollers.

In other first round games, a Canadian team defeated a U.S. Navy team, 10-8, and the Nightsticks downed the Air Depot Demons, 5-3. McBride, Navy hurler, was the best hitter for the sailors, while Stampsler, Demon catcher, was top clouter for his club.

In the semi-final game, T/4 Clarence Kaufman pitched the Pill Rollers to an extra-inning, 6-4, victory over the Fliers, while the Nightsticks overwhelmed the Canadians, 20-13.

RAF Cindermen Best Bombers

EIGHTH BOMBER COMMAND, HQ., July 5—American soldiers here celebrated Independence Day by playing host to British athletes with a track and field meet.

A crack RAF team won consistently in the running events while Sgt. Clarence Ley, of Phoenix, Ariz., starred in the high jump competition by equaling his record of five feet, 11 inches. In the discus throw and shot put, S/Sgt. Sylvester Heinberg, of Los Angeles, took first place. Cpl. Victor H. Martin, also of Los Angeles, nosed out two Britishers in the broad jump.

In a "revue race" Cpl. John Lecoze, of Galesbury, Ill., demonstrated how to utilize the half-minute before roll call, donning full field equipment in a prone position.

2/Lt. Ken Herbster, Special Service Officer, arranged the day's program.

Dell Isola Indian Line Coach
HANOVER, N.H., July 5—Johnny Dell Isola, former Fordham center, has been signed as Dartmouth line coach. Milt Piepul, Notre Dame captain and fullback in 1940, is the new backfield mentor. Both will work under Earl Brown, who succeeded Tuss McLaughry as head coach.

Minor League Results

International League Sunday's Games, Eastern League Sunday's Games, American Association Sunday's Games, Southern Association Sunday's Games, Pacific Coast League Sunday's Games

Yankees Split With Detroit; Nats Lose Two

Giants Divide With Reds; Braves Take Twin Card from Bucs

NEW YORK, July 5—Howie Pollett and Max Lanier dropped the Brooklyn Dodgers to four games off the pace yesterday as they pitched the St. Louis Cardinals to two victories over the Brooks at Ebbets Field.

At the same time, in the American League, the New York Yankees were splitting a double-header with the Detroit Tigers while the St. Louis Browns were chilling the Washington Senators twice.

In the opener at Ebbets Field, Curt Davis ran his string of scoreless innings to 29 before the Cardinals crashed through with two runs in the tenth to sew up the game, 2-0. The Dodgers could get only three hits off Pollett. In the nightcap, Lanier coasted on his team mates' ten-hit attack winning, 7-2. Walker Cooper homered in the first with two aboard with Danny Litwiler and Whitey Kurovski following suit later. Freddy Fitzsimmons was the loser.

At the Polo Grounds, the New York Giants divided their two games with the Reds, winning the first, 6-5, in the tenth inning when Dick Bartell singled to score the deciding tally. Ernie Lombardi homered in the ninth with one aboard to tie up the game. Ace Adams then came in on the mound to take credit for the win. Ray Mueller hit two four-masters for the Reds and Max Marshall and Mel Ott one each.

Three Homers for Marshall
Ed Heusser limited the Giants to seven hits in the nightcap, Cincinnati coming out on top, 6-2. The Reds got away to a five-run lead in the first three innings of the second game and were never headed. Marshall knocked out his third homer of the day and Frank McCormick also garnered one.

The Boston Braves got back on the winning track after a six-game losing streak with a double victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates at Boston. Red Barrett pitched four-hit ball to best Wally Hebert in the opener, 3-1. Barrett walked one and hurled runless ball until the ninth, when the Bucs bunched hits for their lone tally.

In the afterpiece, Jim Tobin handcuffed the Pirates with six hits as the Braves pummeled Hank Cornicki, Harry Shuman and Bill Brandt for 15 hits and a 13-0 triumph. Johnny McCarthy got a home run, two doubles and a single, while Tobin lifted out a homer, a double and a single. Charley Workman got his third Boston homer.

Cub Streak Snapped
Reversing the scene at Boston, St. Johnson snapped the Chicago Cubs' five-game winning streak as the Phillies took their opener, 2-1. The Cubs came back in the second, winning 5-2. Johnson won his eighth game as he limited the Cubs to five hits in the opener. Hi Bithorn was the loser. Bill Lee gave up seven hits in the second, including home runs by Buster Adams and pinch-hitter Schoolboy Rowe. Kewpie Barrett, obtained by the Phillies from Los Angeles when the Cubs turned him loose, started for the losers and was charged with the defeat.

In the American League, Ernie Bonham hung up his seventh victory of the season, shutting out the Tigers on four hits to give the Yankees a 1-0 victory. The lone Yankee run came in the fifth inning off Virgil Trucks on two singles and Bud Methany's double. Trucks gave way to Johnny Gorsica in the sixth, who finished, allowing the Yanks a single hit. But the damage had been done and only two Tigers got as far as second base.

Dick Wakefield helped Stubby Overmire set the stage for his 6-0, fourth victory of the year with a three-run homer in the second game off Hank Borowy. Overmire was in complete control over the Yankee hitters. Bill Johnson tripled in the third, the only Bomber getting past first.

Chisox in First Division
The St. Louis Browns helped the Yankee cause by stopping the Nats, 4-2 and 10-3. The second game was called in the seventh to allow the Griffs to catch a train. They are now a game behind the Yanks. The Browns collected ten hits in the first game, including Chet Laabs' seventh homer as Steve Sundra, with the aid of George Caster, stopped the Senators with eight blows. Al Hollingsworth ended his eight-game losing streak in the afterpiece, yielding nine hits. The Browns counted in every inning but the sixth with Alejandro Carrasquel rapped for the loss. Laabs homered in the second stanza.

A twin victory over the Athletics moved the White Sox into the first division. The Sox slammed Bert Kuczynski for seven hits and four runs in the first four innings of the opener as Thornton Lee held the Mackmen to six hits, winning 5-2. Orval Grove won the nightcap, 5-1, yielding three hits. It was his sixth straight against no defeats. Russ Christopher was the loser.

The Red Sox-Indian games were postponed.

Liverpool Club Issues Challenge
LIVERPOOL, July 5—A challenge has been issued by the MP Nightsticks to play any baseball club in the ETO. The club is managed by Capt. H. A. Heck, of Baton Rouge, La.

Blondie



by Chic Young

Tells of Melee In Air as Japs Hit at Invaders

Officer Says 12 Planes Rode into AA, Fell Burning into Sea

By George Hewlett
United Press War Correspondent

SOLOMONS HQ., July 3 (delayed)—A dozen planes burning on the sea, the sky filled with whirling aircraft flying between a hail of tracer bullets, bombs dropping like rain—this was the picture of the landing on Rendova island told by an officer who was on the transport McCawley, which was the main Japanese target.

"The dawn landing on Rendova had been completely successful. The signal had come through for the main body of transports and the rest of the invasion convoy to come through and get their men and supplies ashore as soon as they could.

"The landing had been at dawn, but it was afternoon before the McCawley, along with the other transports and the supply ships, moved in towards the landing beach at Rendova.

"Try and imagine a flock of sheep going along escorted by speedy sheepdogs. That was the picture, except that the sheepdogs were speedy destroyers that whipped round us on the lookout for any danger from aircraft or submarines.

Dozens of Dogfights

"Up above our planes were doing what the destroyers were doing on the sea. The Japanese, by now, were thoroughly roused and had put everything into the air that they could. Dozens of dogfights were going on all over the place as our Corsairs and Kittyhawks tangled up with the Zeros and the other aircraft the Japanese threw into the battle.

"And then we saw the torpedo-bombers come in at us. It seemed as if the whole Japanese formation had sighted our ship only and was aiming at us.

"Every gun in the invasion fleet went off. The air became full of tracer bullets, and the rattle and roar of the guns, the whine of the bullets and the steadily increasing roar of the engines of the Jap planes made a hell of a noise.

"In came the planes steadily, into full range of our guns. Then there was a most fantastic sight. The sea suddenly was full of planes and wreckage as the guns of our fleet had got a bead on them and brought them down.

One Gets Through

"I counted 12, slowly sinking in a burning sea of flame from their own shattered gas tanks which had caught on fire.

"But one got through. There was a thud as a torpedo struck and everything seemed to lift—men, equipment, the whole ship itself. A moment later the McCawley began to list. It was obvious the McCawley could not last. We scrambled over the sides and were transferred to a destroyer.

"A fresh convoy of Jap bombers was trying to blast our destroyer. Bombs sailed down, some hitting the water only 25 yards away.

"Then dive-bombers came in, and they kept coming for two hours—the worst two hours probably any of us had ever spent.

"And then came the rain, it grew darker and it was all over."

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evidence that the long-heralded Mediterranean offensive at last is under way.

The plan was obviously to knock out the Italian airdromes in Sicily and force the Axis to move back to positions from which it would be harder to attack.

Sunday's raids encountered the heaviest Axis fighter opposition since Tunisia, but only 13 planes were lost in these operations, and in Saturday night's RAF "blockbuster" attack on the Italian seaplane base at Ostia, 10 miles from Rome.

The bombers struck at Sicily's main airfields—Trapani, Sciacca, Comiso and Milo—and also at Catania and Gerbini. At Sciacca German Me210s tried to bomb the American Bostons from above, but the bombers made their runs, started two large fires, and caused an explosion in a large building. Five Me109s were destroyed. At Comiso Mitchells bombed oil stores and workshop areas, besides hitting enemy planes along the side of the field. Damage at Trapani was "immense," pilots said, large numbers of planes being destroyed on the ground.

Helped Raise £103 for British War Orphan



In London at The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund headquarters, 1/Sgt. Walter G. Cannon, of Alexandria, La. (left), with 1/Sgt. Ernest L. Smith, of Philadelphia, T/Sgt. Wendell Bowser, Elizabeth City, N.C., and Sgt. James Robertson hand over £103 10s 3d to Winifred Rose, fund treasurer, as 2/Lt. Mark Clancy, Special Services, from Champaign, Ill., watches.

79 Negro Engineers Sponsor Orphan in Three-Month Drive

HQ CO., — ENGINEER BN., July 5—This company, with a complement of only 79 men, in three pay periods raised £103 10s. 3d. to sponsor a British orphan under The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund scheme, and thus became the second Negro outfit to come into the scheme.

"We hope we can sponsor a colored child," said 1/Sgt. Ernest Smith, of Philadelphia, who promoted the company's fund, "and we certainly are proud we have been able to raise the money."

Smith went to London yesterday with 1/Sgt. W. Walter G. Cannon, of Alexandria, La., T/Sgt. Wendell E. Bowser, of Elizabeth City, N.C., and Sgt. James J. Robertson, of New Orleans, to hand over the cash.

"Don't you tell anybody that we did all the work," declared Smith. "You say it was our company commander, 1/Lt. John E. Moody, of Denver, who did the work. Why, he even offered to lend us the money so that we could be first. But we wouldn't have that. We had to raise it ourselves."

This outfit also claims the first 100 per cent insurance allotment among the Negro troops in the ETO, and is getting close to a perfect score on bond allotments.

USAAF Seeks Chess Players

Chess players in the Eighth Air Force with match or tournament experience have been asked by the Special Service Office, Eighth Air Force HQ, to submit their names for a match with the RAF.

Housewarming Opens Aeroclub

Adolphe Menjou's Troupe Visits St. Lawrence Hall in Reading

AN EIGHTH AIR SUPPORT COMMAND FIELD, July 5—The American Red Cross aeroclub here under the direction of Miss Olga E. Jarosi, of Cleveland, is now open. Col. Russell L. Maughan, of Salt Lake City, Utah, accepted the club on behalf of his command.

Guests at a club-warming program were Lawrence Luther, of New York, ARC field director; George L. Gregg, of New York, zone director, and Chaplain Colon P. Coaker, of Monroe, La. Master of ceremonies was Sgt. Sidney Baruch, of New York.

Reading

READING, July 5—St. Lawrence Hall, addition to the Red Cross club here, is now open. Recent visitors were Adolphe Menjou, Freddy Morgan, guitarist, and Jack Covich, magician.

Charles St. Club

A movie will be shown tonight at the Charles St. club, 10, Charles St., London, W1. Program for the week:

Wednesday—Ping pong tournament, 8 PM.

Thursday—Dinner dance and cabaret, Grosvenor House band, Ann Dvorak and Arthur Riscoe, 7-11 PM.

Saturday—Dinner dance, 7-11 PM.

Sunday—Dinner and dancing in the ballroom, 7-11 PM.

Foxhound Pup Refuses Aid To Airmen's July 4 Auction

EIGHTH AIR SERVICE COMMAND HQ., July 5—There is a hunt going on around this station for a foxhound pup named "Mercy." Mercy is a very well bred pooch from the kennels of Earl Fitzwilliam and he was due to be auctioned yesterday on behalf of the RAF Benevolent Fund, but Mercy must have heard about the auction. Half an hour before the auctioneer mounted the rostrum Mercy took off for places unknown.

The auction was part of the station's Independence Day program, which was highlighted by a display of aerobatics by the — Fighter Squadron. The Declaration of Independence was read by the commanding officer, Col. Bennett H. Molton, of New Orleans.

The — Engineer Bn. put on a review formation with their own drum and bugle corps. The — Engineers defeated the — Repair Company in a tug-o-war, and the — QMs outran HQ company in a 440-yard relay.

Prizes for individual events were articles of old English pewter. For a pie-eating contest, won by Cpl. Tony J. Luca, of Cleveland, and for the greasy pole climb, won by Pfc Glen Souther, of Parkersburg, W.Va., 48-hour passes were granted.

Gen. Hill Attends Party

BELFAST, July 5—An Independence Day birthday party yesterday marked the

first anniversary of the Eighth Air Force Composite Command in Northern Ireland. Brig. Gen. Edmund W. Hill, commander U.S. forces in Northern Ireland, delivered an informal address, after which members of the command and their guests saw the Mustangs beat the Dodgers in an exhibition baseball game.

An "ice cream" supper and dancing in the evening completed the program arranged by a committee headed by Sgt. D. Courtney, of Dallas, Tex.

Flag Flies on Fleet St.

In an Independence Day ceremony in the heart of London yesterday morning the American flag was raised over the Reuters Building on Fleet St., for the first time in history.

The flag, presented by the Associated Press, which is a tenant in the building, was raised by a color guard of American soldiers, sailors and marines. As bugler Pfc Aldo D. Clissa, of Reading, Pa., sounded the call to the colors, the United States unit and a detachment of British Home Guard stood at attention.

Included in the detachment were: S/Sgt. Russell Luviere, Crowley, La.; S 1/c Anthony Martinelli, Dunkirk, N.Y.; Cpl. Norman Wilson, USMC, Prospect Park, Pa.; Sgt. John E. Richard, Rayne, La.; Cpl. Ralph Andrews, Crowley, La.; S 1/c Robert Strair, Bayside, N.Y.; S 2/c Zachary Frank, Brooklyn; Pfc Lee Rasch, USMC, Plain City, Ohio, and Pfc Michael J. Jarosz, USMC, Springfield, Mass. Commander of the unit was Lt. Howard M. Bush Jr., of San Antonio, Tex.

NEWS FROM HOME Stoppage Ends As Men Mine Coal on Holiday

Thousands of Strikers Break Tradition And Return to Pits

PITTSBURGH, July 5—America's coal miners today smashed tradition and the most serious strike since the war began as they celebrated Independence Day by returning to the mines on what has always been a holiday.

Reports from all the coal regions of the nation indicated that the great strike was over. Thousands of members of the United Mine Workers of America resumed work in the pits today and many other thousands promised to return tomorrow.

The miners will receive time and a half for working on a holiday.

Ships, Blimps For Sub Warfare

NEW YORK, July 5 (AP)—American shipyards launched 11 ships over the weekend—nine of them designed to fight the submarine menace. Included in the launchings were four destroyers, three destroyer escorts, two submarine chasers, a Liberty ship and a 194-foot barge.

Two hundred Navy blimps slated for anti-submarine patrols are near completion, the Navy Department also announced. One recently made a 3,000-mile flight in four days.

Betty Grable Weds James

LAS VEGAS, Nev., July 5—Betty Grable was married at 4.15 this morning to orchestra leader Harry James. The ceremony was performed in a hotel here a few minutes after James arrived by train from New York. After the marriage they left for Hollywood, where they were scheduled to report for work today.

Sad Sack Band Will Broadcast

"The Sad Sacks," American soldier-orchestra, and an 18-voice Navy and Marine Glee club will be featured in the third broadcast of a series made by Americans in the ETO, entitled "Uncle Sam's Boys Entertain," which goes on the air tomorrow night. It will go out from the Belfast American Red Cross club from 6.30 to 7 in the Forces Program.

The nine "Sad Sacks" are: Cpl. Rocco Savina, Worcester, Mass., leader, arranger and accordionist; Sgt. Claude Rathbun, Lake City, Mich., pianist; Sgts. David K. Bartlett, Cleveland, Tenn., and Roger Lambert, Fall River, Mass., and Cpl. Hector Mattison, Sandwich, Ill., saxes; Cpl. Kenneth Mages, Birmingham, N.Y., and Sgt. James O. Nevil, Jackson, Tenn., trumpets; Sgt. Wilbur Benston, Council Bluffs, Iowa, bass, and S/Sgt. James Jordan, Atlanta, Ga., drums. MC and announcer is Cpl. Haskell Wolf, New York City.

Navy and Marine Glee Club: Pvt. Hal Durnell, Akron, Ohio, director; F 1/c Timothy J. McCarthy, Roxbury, Mass.; M 1/c Paul Valent, Cleveland; Cpl. Daniel P. Jones, Riverside, N.J.; MM 2/c Joseph C. Giardina, Buffalo, N.Y.; M 1/c Henry F. Myers, Malvern, Ohio; S 2/c William B. Smayda, Trenton, N.J.; MM 2/c N. A. Bonnin, Haverhill, Mass.; SF 3/c Robert W. Younkin, Muncie, Ind.; M 2/c J. J. Hannigan, Wilmington, Del.; M MM 2/c N. C. Dawesee, Louisville, Ky.; Pvt. Edward B. Sigbee, Cincinnati; S 2/c Wallace D. Jennings, Rockaway Beach, N.Y.; CM 2/c Martin J. Cairns, Ludlow, Mass.; PTR 3/c Harold N. Nickerson, Revere, Mass.; Pfc Harry E. Hardin, Everett, Mass.; CM 2/c Gilbert G. Rogers, Belvedere, N.J.; M 2/c D. A. Evert, Coldwater, Mich.; and MM 2/c Marcus S. Cunningham, Hulls Cove, Maine.

Raids - - - -

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most suicidal risks to halt the growing might of Allied bombings of Europe.

"They didn't give a damn for nothing," said one pilot.

"They followed us so far out to sea that I doubt if some of them had enough gasoline to get home," said another, and a third added:

"They stuck to us so close that I saw one shot down by his own flak at Le Mans."

British fighters struck at enemy railway targets in the occupied countries during the day. Off the Norwegian coast, the Air Ministry disclosed yesterday, Beaufighters discovered a heavily-laden medium-sized enemy supply vessel stranded on a reef, dive-bombed it through a terrific barrage of flak from shore batteries, and left it burning furiously and settling by the stern.

Pilot of Fort Lost on Raid Is German War Prisoner

A USAAF BOMBER STATION, July 5—1/Lt. Edwin L. Baxley, of Tyler, Tex., pilot of a B17 lost in a recent raid on Germany, is a prisoner of war after surviving a crash on his 19th mission. Station officials received the news in a letter from Lt. Baxley's mother, who said she was notified of his safety by the Red Cross.

One engine on Baxley's plane was knocked out by enemy fighters before he reached the target, according to other bomber crews, but he maneuvered the Fortress into formations below and made a successful bomb run. The Fort exploded soon after crashing.

