

Nazis Halted in 'War's Fiercest Battles'

Six Jap Ships Believed Lost In Solomons

Battle in Narrow Strait Cost U.S. a Cruiser; Air Blows Continue

WASHINGTON, July 7—Six Japanese ships were probably sunk and four others damaged in the naval battle in Kula gulf, while the U.S. lost the light cruiser Helena, a Navy communique announced today.

The action, precipitated by a Japanese thrust into the eight-mile-wide gulf north of New Georgia island, was one of a half-dozen engagements disclosed during the day, including a dogfight over Darwin which cost the Japs probably 11 planes and a new naval bombardment of Kiska in the Aleutians.

Meanwhile Col. Frank Knox, Navy Secretary, told 10,000 Puget Sound navy workers at Bremerton, Wash., that he had received word that the Japanese had taken "a damned good licking." He did not make clear whether he spoke of current operations in the Solomons or previous naval engagements.

Second U.S. Ship Lost

The Navy communique merely said that the Helena had been sunk and next of kin would be notified. The department added that it was the 102nd warship lost to Japan's 315. Yesterday the department announced the loss of the destroyer Strong, torpedoed and sunk in the Solomons area during the American advances.

The Australian communique released at Gen. MacArthur's headquarters in the southwest Pacific gave this picture of the Kula Gulf battle:

"Preliminary dispatches report that our naval surface units intercepted an enemy force of cruisers and destroyers in Kula Gulf during the night of July 5. Details are not yet available and a final assessment cannot be made, but it was indicated that six enemy ships were probably sunk and four damaged. We lost one cruiser.

Enemy Cruiser Beached

"One damaged enemy cruiser beached near Sambera harbor was attacked by our medium dive-bombers which scored seven direct hits with 500-pound bombs, resulting in violent explosions and fires."

Fortresses and dive-bombers attacked Bairoko Harbor on the west coast of New Georgia during the day, and over Rendova Island to the south 16 Warhawks fought a winning battle at better than two-to-one odds against 40 enemy Zeros, destroying two for the loss of one Warhawk, whose pilot was rescued. Liberators started fires at Kahili, New Ireland, and on Buka Island.

At Darwin Allied interceptors destroyed five of 27 Japanese bombers and two of 21 escorting fighters which raided the city at midday and caused slight damage. Two other bombers and two fighters were probably destroyed, for the loss of seven Allied planes, three of whose pilots were saved.

Shipyard Workers Seek Biggest Wage Increase

WASHINGTON, July 7 (UP)—The biggest claim for higher wages that the War Labor Board has been faced with so far is being made by unions representing 1,000,000 shipyard workers, who demand higher pay to meet the cost of living.

Under the Government's "little steel" formula, the workers are not entitled to an increase, but they intend to press for a clause regulating wages according to the cost of living, as well as a minimum wage of 90 cents an hour for unskilled workers. The present rate for skilled workers is \$1.20 an hour. The unions claim the cost of living has increased 18 per cent in the last year.

Kansan in RAF Receives DFC for Raid on Mulheim

F/O. J. Floyd Andrews, of Wichita, Kan., American flying with the RAF, has been awarded the DFC for displaying "great skill and resource" piloting his bomber home from the RAF raid on Mulheim in June after it had been set ablaze by anti-aircraft fire and attacked by fighters, it was announced yesterday. While crewmen put out the fire inside the fuselage Andrews extinguished flames in one of the engines by diving the bomber violently, the citation said.

P47s Return in Vain for Lost Chief

The Mess Is Keeping Vacant Place for Missing Pilot

A USAAF FIGHTER STATION, July 7—Returning from a sweep over enemy territory, pilots here immediately refueled their planes and with hardly a word spoken flew back over the ground they just covered in search of their commander, Col. Arman Peterson.

The "double sweep" in tribute to the 28-year-old squadron leader from Flagstaff, Ariz., was revealed yesterday when Eighth Air Force HQ announced that Peterson was missing in action.

Peterson was last seen after he had spotted enemy planes below and reported over the inter-com:

"There they are; here we go."

Peterson's fliers swooped in at 90 degrees and they think they saw him vanish into a cloud.

Refuel to Look for Him

Not until they arrived back at their base did Peterson's men realize he was missing. Without orders they refueled their planes and took off.

They returned to the area over which they had fought, looking in vain for the missing pilot until gas ran low and they headed home for the first time without Peterson's whimsical voice telling them to "scram!"

Fliers and ground personnel at Peterson's station said he was more like "one of the boys" than a commanding officer. He named his P47 the "Flagari," because he didn't want people "to forget the old home town," and always accompanied his men on sweeps after German fighters or missions to protect USAAF bombers.

Back from a recent mission on which he shot down an enemy fighter, Peterson minimized his work by saying, "He just floated along with his head under his arm and I shot him." Someone pointed out a hole in the plane, made by a caliber .50 bullet from a Flying Fortress.

"Just slowed me down a little, that's all," he said. "If I got too close to the Fort it's just part of the job to protect it and see that the bombs are delivered."

When his fighters returned from the unavailing search for him, Peterson's men were quiet. There was a vacancy at the head table for mess but they maintained there was always the chance he'd be back.

Dempsey Gets Divorce On Infidelity Charge

WHITE PLAINS, July 7—Jack Dempsey, a lieutenant in the Coast Guard, has been awarded an interlocutory degree of divorce from Hannah Williams Dempsey, a former musical comedy actress.

The official referee, Addison Young, of the Supreme Court, who heard the case last month, ruled that Dempsey's charge of his wife's infidelity in Los Angeles was "proven beyond a doubt." Dempsey named Benny Woodall, former lightweight fighter, as co-respondent.

Private detectives testified that they found Hannah Dempsey and Woodall together in a Los Angeles bungalow.

Chiang Gets Legion of Merit

CHUNGKING, July 7 (AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was decorated yesterday with the American Legion of Merit by Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell, C-in-C in India, Burma and China, representing President Roosevelt.



Col. Arman Peterson, of Flagstaff, Ariz., at the controls of "Flagari," his P47 Thunderbolt.

WAACs in ETO Set to 'Join Up'

18 Officers, 5 GI Jaues Not Bothered by New Bill

The 18 officers and five enlisted members of the WAAC in the ETO are ready to join the Army. When the time comes for them to sign enlistment papers and be sworn in as integral parts of the U.S. Army, according to the bill approved last week by Congress and the President, there will be a 100 per cent enlistment in this theater.

This is the viewpoint held by Capt. Anna Wilson, of Studio City, Cal., WAAC commander here. Speaking for those under her command, Capt. Wilson yesterday said the transfer from an auxiliary organization to the regular Army would merely be technical routine.

Because members of the WAAC volunteered for auxiliary service they will be free to leave the service and receive transportation home, under the new Act.

"I can speak for the WAACs here now and I'm sure it applies to those destined for this theater when I say they are prepared to continue their service whether in the Army or out," said Capt. Wilson.

If those assigned for duty in the ETO are not sworn in before they leave America all WAACs in this theater will be sworn in together some time before Sept. 30, when the WAAC drops the "auxiliary" and becomes the Women's Army Corps, according to Capt. Wilson.

The WAAC commander said she had received tentative plans and instructions for transferring personnel to the Army from the Adjutant General's office in Washington.

Non-Stop Raids On Italy's Ports

Allies Destroy 110 Axis Planes in Four-Day Air Onslaught

ALLIED HQ., North Africa, July 7 (AP)—Massed Allied air power smashed through on the fourth day of the non-stop blitz against Sicily, drenching German and Italian airports with explosives in round-the-clock bombing.

Only two enemy aircraft were destroyed in combat yesterday, but the total for the four-day offensive was 110. Five planes were missing in yesterday's attack. Allied losses for the four days totaled 39.

Axis fighter opposition which reached a crescendo on Monday, when over 100 planes attacked a single formation of 27 Flying Fortresses which shot down 21, dwindled yesterday to almost nothing, but ack ack fire remained heavy over targets.

Every Type Plane Used

Every type of bomber in the Northwest African Air Force and the Middle East Air Force has been hurled against the enemy. Northwest African Flying Fortresses, Wellingtons, Mitchells, Baltimores and Bostons maintained a furious pace through the darkness and daylight in the last 24 hours.

Catania Harbor, on Sicily's east coast opposite the Italian mainland, was heavily raided by Allied bombers on the night of July 5, but details are lacking.

Gerbin's important network of nine airfields and other bases at Milo and Bisceari received a terrific pounding.

Veteran observers cautioned against jumping to the conclusion that the Allies

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GI Cowhands Lasso Wild Ponies

A U.S. ARMY POST, England, July 7—Everything the quiet country folk around here ever heard about the Yanks came true this week. A T/5 lassoed a wild horse and now the whole outfit's writing home for spurs and chaps.

That all wouldn't matter so much, but the CO remembers, and all the company officers remember, what happened the first time this outfit started collecting mascots. That time it was cats.

And the second time, that was ferrets.

And the third time, that was a hound dog, "Roger," who was a Pfc for a little while.

The wild horse part of it went this way:

Frisky little ponies—they never grow larger than big Shetlands—have been roaming the moors here for generations. Last week, when a company of Yanks bivouacked in the hills nearby, the ponies trooped up curiously.

One of the boys, who had spent his early years on a Texas ranch, came up with a few lengths of tent rope and lassoed a colt. Before the rope had settled on its shoulders, the colt skittered loose and headed for the hills. Ten minutes later it was back, and brought the rest of the mob.

Before the afternoon ended, every GI in the place was throwing ropes, and some of them were riding bareback.

It worried the CO.

One night last winter a contingent of guards were shivering at a lonely tent outpost, with the thermometer below freezing. The boys looked enviously at a fat motherly cat curled in front of the flickering stove.

Suddenly one soldier jumped off his cot, picked up the cat and dropped her inside his field jacket. Then he went back to bed.

The following day all hands rounded up the neighborhood's stray cats and used the felines for hot-water bottles at night. The unique form of bed warming ended when a young second looney stepped in for inspection and decided the fleas weren't worth the warmth.

The mascot craze had a second outbreak when one company came across a group of ferrets. Someone had heard ferrets catch rats. There weren't any rats around, but it was decided maybe they ought to have some ferrets just in case they ever got any rats.

So, everyone got ferrets. They were good pets. But they had better than GI appetites and an aversion to being house-

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Reds Claim 1,271 Tanks Knocked Out

Foe Checked in Feroocious Combat after Capture Of Two Villages

MOSCOW, July 7 (UP)—Hurling as many as 400 tanks into attacks in narrow sectors and repeating their assaults as many as 16 times a day, the Germans have still failed to force a breach in the Russian lines on the Orel-Kursk-Byelgorod front.

Toward the end of the third day reports were that the slight penetration achieved by Nazi armor on the Orel-Kursk sector was being wiped out.

In ferocity, intensity and the weight of armor used the present fighting on the Orel-Kursk and Byelgorod sectors of the Russian front surpasses any battle that has yet taken place in the whole war, it was said in Moscow.

On the Byelgorod sector possession of the two villages taken by the Germans—the sum total of their successes on this front—was being hotly disputed. The German advance beyond the villages had been stopped.

Lose 10,000 in Day

So far the German armies have lost—at the latest count—1,271 tanks and 314 planes in two days' tremendous fighting.

The Germans may well have lost 10,000 men in the fighting on the Orel-Kursk-Byelgorod front in 24 hours.

During the first 30 hours of their offensive the German losses were 9,600. No casualty figures were given in the Russian communique overnight, but in view of the extension of the German attacks it is considered highly probable in Moscow that they were at least as high.

The Germans have brought up big reinforcements to replace their tank losses and are hurling fresh units into the battle. Fighting is growing fiercer hour by hour and spreading to all sections of this front.

Before Second Front

The necessity for the Germans to cripple the Red Army before the European second front is opened is doubtless the reason for the reckless fashion in which the German tanks are being hurled into the battle. It is still too soon, however, to say what is the Germans' ultimate objective, apart from cutting off the Russian salient around Kursk.

A large force of the Russian long-range bombers which played havoc with German communications and airdromes in the lull in the ground fighting which preceded the German offensive took a hand in the battle Monday night. They dropped big bomb loads on German concentrations, destroying and damaging large numbers of tanks and vehicles, blowing up ammunition dumps and inflicting many casualties. Two of the bombers are missing.

All day long in the Byelgorod area the Germans threw masses of troops against the Soviet positions. For hours there was fierce and bloody fighting, in which the Russians did not give way, but towards the evening, under the unrelenting pressure of the numerically superior German tank forces, the Russians were forced to fall back and relinquish their hold on two villages.

Before nightfall the Russian commander had rounded up new forces and thrown in a counter-attack, regaining some ground from the Germans and throwing what might have been a new German advance off balance.

Heavy concentrations of German armor are reported almost everywhere.

Eighth Army Reported In Iraq, Iran, Syria

BERNE, Switzerland, July 7 (AP)—The British Eighth Army, veteran of the African campaign, is now concentrated in Iraq, Iran and Syria, in Asia Minor, according to reports in an Italian newspaper.

Gen. Bernard Montgomery was reported in Baghdad.

Reds Find New Oil Fields

MOSCOW, July 7 (AP)—New oil fields have been discovered in Azerbaijan which were expected to become second in importance only to Baku, capital of this region, Izvestia disclosed. The fields were said to be remarkable not only for the quantity but the quality of the oil which would permit the production of 100 octane aviation gasoline.



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## Hash Marks

We see by the papers that the government is making the WAACs part of the Army in September. Will a WAAC become an officer and a lady by act of congress?

Sports chatter.—The circulation men of the S. & S. finally nosed out the editorial staff at softball. After the game the newshawks appropriately presented the umpire with a seeing-eye dog.

And speaking of softball, after watching a few games we are convinced that the Battle of Berlin will be won on the playing fields of Hyde Park.

We know of at least one GI Joe who got a good taste of Fourth of July fireworks—his two girl friends met by accident in Berkeley Square.



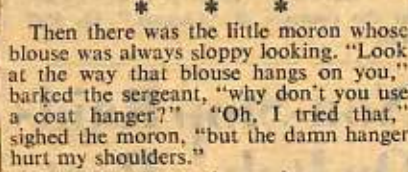
You can depend on the Red Cross to think up a new angle. ARC worker Sue Latimer and some of her friends made frilly gingham covers for their dogtags.

Not knowing the name of the youngest master sergeant in the Army, we call your attention to Leonard M. James now with a supply base section headquarters over here. James, who left his home town of Williams, Arizona, to enlist at the age of 16 has just been made M/Sgt. at the ripe old age of 18.

We see by the papers that there is a temporary meat shortage in California, but understand that there is no rationing of ham in Hollywood.

Then there was the little moron whose blouse was always sloppy looking. "Look at the way that blouse hangs on you," barked the sergeant, "why don't you use a coat hanger?" "Oh, I tried that," sighed the moron, "but the damn hanger hurt my shoulders."

Our nomination for the most brilliant conversation of the week (overheard in an



ETO office). Officer: "I wonder why the hell Washington sent us this empty envelope?" Sienographer: "What's in it?"



Some Waves, moved into recently vacated quarters rather hurriedly, were surprised to see signs like this in their new home: "Please do not leave cigar butts around the basins."

J. C. W.

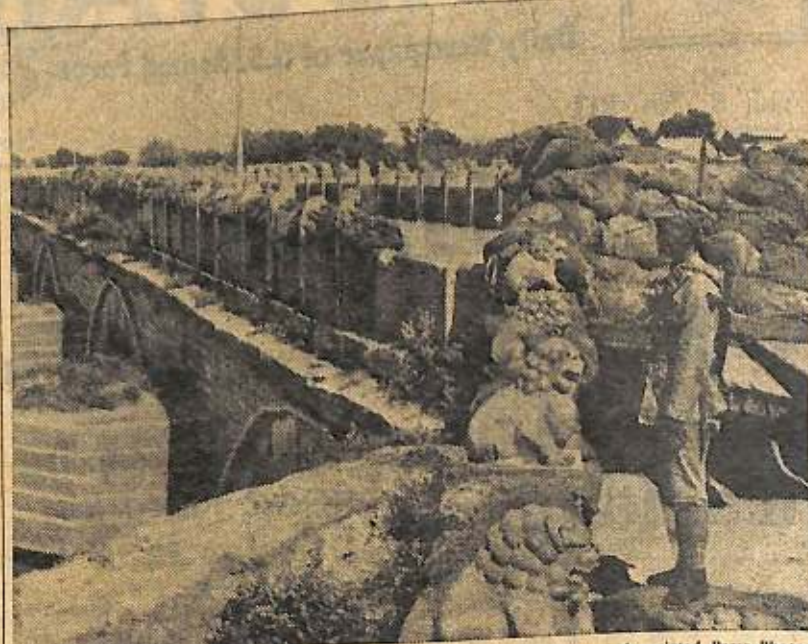
## Marco Polo Bridge In China Scene Of First Battle

On the night of July 7, 1937, Japanese troops from the Peiping Embassy Guards were engaged in maneuvers near an old walled city called Wanping.

They had no right to be there, under treaties in effect for years, but that mattered little; Japan, seeking new territory for her growing population, already had adopted a take-it-and-like-it attitude toward her continental neighbor.

As the maneuvers proceeded, the commanding officer suddenly discovered that one of his men was missing. Perhaps the man was AWOL; perhaps he had been assaulted by resentful Chinese; perhaps he was only the excuse that Japanese military leaders had long awaited. Whatever the case, the commanding officer demanded permission for his men to search the walled city. Chinese authorities refused.

The Japanese entered anyway. And on



Associated Press Photos

"By the rude bridge which arched the flood was fired the shot heard round the world." This famous quotation, on the bridge at Concord, Mass., where democracy's first shot was fired in 1775, can be applied as well to the scene above: Place, Marco Polo Bridge, China; date, July 7, 1937; significance, at this spot the first skirmish of World War II took place. At left, half-crazed with fear, Chinese men, women and children pour out of Shanghai with the Japs close in pursuit.



desperate. Despite lend-lease and her growing industry she could not arm herself sufficiently to cope with Japan's modern, highly trained forces. And in the air Japan's overwhelming superiority allowed her to choose her targets almost at will.

Between the fall of Hankow and Japan's attack on Great Britain and the United States the opposing forces were stalemated—China for lack of arms and Japan for inability to find a soft spot against which she could concentrate sufficient force to achieve decisive victory in the rugged country of west China.

Japan, in 1939, made what was probably the first attempt in history to win a war by indiscriminate bombing. She failed, although she kept up her raiding tactics against undefended Chungking for two years until 70 per cent of the city was in ruins.

Elsewhere China scored defensive victories. Twice before the outbreak of the Pacific war, and once since, she has defeated major Japanese attempts to push down the Canton-Hankow railway and to take the city of Changsha, capital of Hunan Province and a point of strategic importance.

With the spread of the war to the Pacific, China saw the possibility of victory—not one gained after long years of defensive war, but one to be achieved by the joint strength of the Chinese, American and British forces.

For the first time in the war, on Apr. 18, 1942, Japan was bombed by Maj. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle's men; four years after Chinese aircraft had dropped leaflets on Japan. The first instalment of the bill incurred at Shanghai, Canton and Chungking was paid.

**Ordered to Capture Airfields**  
The effect was immediate. Although the Americans had taken off from a carrier in the Pacific the Japanese Army was instructed to capture the Chinese airfields on which the men had landed. Two army corps were mustered in Hangchow and Manchang and the attack began.

The fifth anniversary of the war was commemorated by China in an atmosphere of renewed retreat. Not only had the British Army been chased out of Burma, but the United Nations, with the fall of Singapore, Manila and Hong Kong, were deprived of their bases in the west Pacific.

In the last year the Chinese have defeated all major Japanese offensives and frustrated Japan's hopes of knocking her out of the war before America and Britain could marshal their forces to begin a drive on Japan's conquered territory.

While awaiting new Jap offensives and planning their own, the Chinese repeat their pledge to continue the fight until the Japs are defeated.

In a statement marking the end of the sixth year of the war, Generalissimo Chiang said: "Within the year offensives which will deal crushing blows to the enemy will be started in various theaters of the world, and there will be an unending stream of victories which will result in the utter defeat of the enemy within two years."

## Three Strikes And Out

On June 22, 1941, Hitler attacked Russia in powerful thrusts designed to destroy organized resistance in three months. But when Nazi armies approached Moscow months later they were driven back—suffering their initial defeat of the war.

On June 19, 1942, following a clearing attack launched May 8 on the Kerch Peninsula, Hitler's armies began a second great attack on Russia. This drive came to a bloody stop before Stalingrad.

On July 5, 1943, the Germans launched their third and last offensive in Russia, breaking a stalemate which had existed since the winter thaw. Battles now raging before Orel, Kursk and Byelgorod have the earmarks of the real thing.

But as this summer's campaign gains momentum, German propaganda hits a new and unusual note. The offensive does not exist, claim Nazi military commentators. "It all began with a Russian attack, launched north of Kursk," moan these "experts." "What followed is no more than a strong counter-attack by the Germans and the fighting has spread." One commentator then added, in a tone of some indignation, "If the British now talk of a German offensive they are lying. Their intention obviously is to be able to say later that the German High Command has failed to reach its objective."

It is difficult to accept this theory, for all indications point to the opposite conclusion, that for the third time in as many years Germany is throwing all her force into an effort to smash Russian resistance.

The German propaganda line has all the earmarks of a "hedged bet," placed so that should the offensive fail it could be denied. Goebbels knows that German morale can't stand another defeat, and from a study of baseball we all know that after "three strikes you're out."

## A Damned Good Licking

Six Japanese warships were probably sunk and four were damaged for the loss of one U.S. cruiser in the sea battle between New Georgia and Kolombangara Island, Gen. MacArthur's communique revealed yesterday.

Commenting on this engagement, Col. Knox, United States Secretary of the Navy, remarked: "The Japs have taken a damned good licking." We agree; and once again the Japs have found they are not invincible. We know they can be beaten, for they have been beaten, and if we know the spirit of the U.S. armed forces, they will be beaten again and again until they are completely licked.

## Yank It Still Is

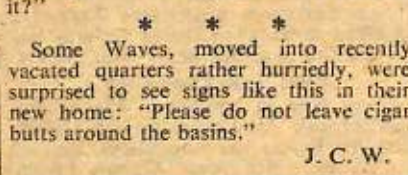
During the last war there was quite a bit of discussion over the proper name or nickname for American soldiers. The word "Sammy" was suggested, but was found unsuitable and even disagreeable to members of the AEF.

Nicknames, it was then discovered, are not manufactured . . . they grow. This is true despite the fact that two coined names for enlisted men have met with wide acceptance in this theater. Topping this short list is GI Joe, or Government Issue Joe in full, or just GI for short. The other is Sad Sack, a term used more exclusively to indicate a limited number of our brethren.

To the British, however, and those representing all other Allied countries, we are still the Yanks, and the term over here has lost its old American turn. It no longer means a soldier of the North. It means Dixie, Yankee Doodle, Texas and the West all rolled into one. It includes officers, enlisted men, nurses, WAACs, sailors and seamen, anyone and everyone from the United States of America.

So GIs we may be in the mass, and Sad Sacks on occasion; but Yanks we are and Yanks we predict we will remain for the duration and a bit beyond.

PRIVATE BREGER



"D'ja ever see a country for SUCH rains!"



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## ARMY POETS



**Submit Through Channels**  
When first I entered service I desired to write a paper  
As a research in statistics (call it scientific caper);  
So after I had typed for days, I planned on publication,  
But found myself confronted by this rigid regulation:  
Submit through channels.  
Then when I'd had a year of work sans respite or cessation,  
I thought that I could use a week or two as my vacation;  
I asked the Chief of Service for his verbal approbation;  
And, lo! my ego once again was blocked by this frustration:  
Submit through channels.  
And so, I've learned to live by this, no matter my petition;  
It's simply just another phase of Army erudition.  
And yet, I wonder if a sudden call of nature rises,  
Would I be forced to first complete this prize of Army prizes:  
Submit through channels?

Anon.



Monte Weaver Still Rooting for Nats

Former Hurler Here With Fighter Command

By Charles F. Kiley

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
FIGHTER STATION, July 7—Ten years ago Monte Weaver was throwing curves and high, hard ones for the Washington Senators against the N.Y. Giants in the World Series.



Stars and Stripes Photo
Monte Weaver

Weaver, a second lieutenant whose desk work is part of Fighter Command's team play, is finished with baseball but the 37-year-old veteran of 14 campaigns in the majors and minors still maintains a high interest in the pennant races.

Weaver broke into baseball in 1928 with Durham in the Piedmont League. He was teaching mathematics at the University

Predicts Baseball Will Keep Going During War

the Nats to their first pennant in nine years. Weaver realized the ambition of all hurlers when he started the fourth game of the Series that year against the Giants, but he dropped a 2-1 heartbreaker to Carl Hubbell.

After eight years in Washington, Monte moved up to Boston under Cronin again, but failed to last. He finished the season with Louisville in the American Association. Back with Baltimore in '41 he worked in 53 games, more than in any previous campaign, winning seven and losing four for Tommy Thomas.

That was the end of baseball's road for Weaver. He entered service last August and after the war doesn't figure to be mixed up with the game in any capacity.

From a player's viewpoint, Weaver believes baseball will survive the war. That is, in the major leagues.

"The minors are bound to suffer," he said, "mainly because of the lack of player material. But there always will be enough good men around to keep the majors alive. Despite reports to the contrary, I don't believe the club owners are losing money."

Weaver pitched a few innings in one game at Fighter Command Headquarters recently, the first time he had thrown a ball in over a year and half, and he doesn't figure to do much playing in the future.

of Virginia and playing semi-pro ball when he was offered a contract. A diamond career didn't appeal to him at the time and he signed only after he was coaxed to give it a try. In 1930 he moved up to the Baltimore Orioles in the International League and in the Fall of '31 was bought by Washington.

The stylish right-hander won 22 games for Walter Johnson in '32, his best year, and under Cronin in '33 combined with Earl Whitehill and Al Crowder to pitch

Pro Diamond Players Sought for Wembley Tilt

Additional professional ball players are wanted for the game at Wembley Stadium, London, on Aug. 7 between the Eighth Air Force stars and the ground force nine.

Those submitting their names must have had professional experience in either the major or minor leagues since 1939. Air Force entrants should write to Col. William Bailey, Special Service officer, APO 633. Ground force men are being selected by Capt. Stanley Bach, athletic officer, SOS, APO 887.

Cards Blank Phillies, 4-0, as Dodgers Lose

Yanks Edge Browns, 5-4; Bengals Claw Nats In 16 Innings

NEW YORK, July 7—Things returned to almost normal in the American and National Leagues yesterday as both the Yankees and the Cardinals tightened their respective leads with victories while the Senators and the Dodgers were taking the count.

At Philadelphia, Harry Gumbert spun a masterful three-hitter for the Redbirds as they whitewashed the Phillies, 4-0. The Cards clinched the game in the first inning as they tallied three runs, off Tex Kraus. Lou Klein opened with a triple



Lou Klein

and scored on Harry Walker's single. Stan Musial then doubled and scored with Walker when Danny Litwiler poked out a single. The Cards added their final marker in the seventh on Klein's single and Musial's triple. Meanwhile, Gumbert held the Phillie batters in check and permitted no runner to reach second.

The seventh-place Chicago Cubs rose and smacked the Bums four games off the lead, beating the Flock, 9-4, in a twilight game at Ebbets Field. Although out-hit, 13-10, the Bruins bunched their hits to outscore the Dodgers. Every player in the Chicago lineup hit safely against three Dodger pitchers. Rube Melton started for Brooklyn, but was relieved in the first by Les Webber after walking three and giving up a single. The Cubs continued their attack on Webber and had a five-run lead after two innings. Ed Head hurled the last three innings and was touched for four runs on five safeties in the seventh. Claude Passeau went the distance, registering his seventh victory.

Javery Wins Own Game

Al Javery pitched and batted the Boston Braves to a 1-0 triumph over the Cincinnati Reds. It was his eighth win and second shutout of the season. The lone run of the game came in the second on Catcher Clyde Klutz's double and Javery's single. Javery yielded six hits, the same number as his opponent, Ray Starr.

The Pittsburgh Pirates and the New York Giants had an off day.

In the American League, the Yankees edged the St. Louis Browns, 5-4, in a night game. Behind, 2-1, when Chet Laabs hit a two-run homer in the first, the Bombers rallied with four runs in the fourth and checked a St. Louis rally to forge ahead. Marius Russo was credited with the victory, although he needed help from Johnny Murphy in the eighth. Denny Galehouse was charged with the loss, yielding all the New York runs.

Tribe Blanks A's

An error and a base on balls cost the Washington Senators their 16-inning game at Detroit with the Tigers, 4-3. The loss dropped the Nats to three games behind the leading Yankees and only six percentage points ahead of the third-place Tigers. With the score tied in the 16th, the Nats pushed across a run on Bob Johnson's double and Gene Moore's single. However, the Bengals came back in the last half with the bases loaded as Gerry Priddy fumbled Dick Wakefield's grounder and Roger Cramer scored from third with the tying run. Rae Scarborough then forced across the winning tally when he issued a walk to Ned Harris. Johnny Gorsica, who relieved Tommy Bridges in the 13th, was the winner. Scarborough, who replaced Milo Candini in the ninth, was charged with the defeat.

In the only other game in the majors—the White Sox-Red Sox contest—was postponed—the Cleveland Indians blanked the Philadelphia A's, 2-0, in an archlight affair. Al Smith gave up only four hits for the winners with Orrie Arntzen going the distance for the losers. Hank Edwards paced the winners at the plate, getting three of the nine hits Arntzen allowed. It was Smith's seventh victory against two losses.

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Chattanooga Franchise Sold to Montgomery, Ala.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., July 7—The franchise of the Chattanooga Lookouts, of the Southern Association, has been transferred to Montgomery, Ala. President Joe Engel said he was disappointed with the poor turnouts of crowds, despite the team's good showing. Chattanooga finished the first half of the season a half-game out of the first division.

Ordnance Nine Wins at Glasgow

GLASGOW, July 7—The Crookston Crackers, — Ordnance softball team, trounced a U.S. Merchant Marine team, 24-5, before 1,500 fans here. S/Sgt. Steve Wilmoit, pitching for the Army, had little trouble holding the visitors to six hits. He was well handled by Catcher Cpl. D'Vico, who along with Sgt. Leo Gorski, aided by poling out a home run each. Cpl. "Peg Pants" Galmitz got three hits in four tries.

U.S. 1 Squad Faces Fliers

London Softball Leaders Meet Bury Team Tomorrow

The unbeaten Air Force Fighting Six softball squad, from Bury St. Edmunds, will invade London tomorrow to take on U.S. 1, current leaders in the London International Softball League, at Hyde Park's Number Two diamond, at 7.15 PM.

Star hurler for the Fighting Six is Cpl. Jack Pietro, of Cleveland, who has 56 strike outs in four games to his credit. The visitors' infield stars such players as Shortstop Cpl. Scaglione, of New York, who is the property of the Yankees; Lt. Weissberg, third sacker, Columbia University diamond product, and Sgt. Lundine, first baseman, who has a batting average of .708. The Six have scored ten runs or better in all games, meanwhile limiting all their opponents to two runs or less.

The locals will not be without their stars, as Pfc Ralph Montague, of Detroit, who will start on the mound, was formerly a first string hurler for the Briggs squad of Detroit, former U.S. champs. He has yet to lose a game for the locals. Pvt. Joe Krol, of Uxbridge, Mass., played with the House of David, while Lt. Tom Harris, of Harrisburgh, Pa., and Lt. Bob Stulz, of Brooklyn, both have semi-pro experience.

Joe Louis May Come Overseas

NEW YORK, July 7—The New York Daily Mirror stated today that plans are being made for world heavyweight champion Sgt. Joe Louis to tour transatlantic Army bases with the Army show. "This Is The Army." The Mirror article adds that Louis will box exhibitions at the various camps where he will appear.

War Fails to Halt Jersey Races; Horses Haul Fans

CAMDEN, N.J., July 7—It will take more than empty stands to halt the 50-day racing season at Green State Park, which will open with a six-furlong \$5,000 Camden Handicap, according to President Eugene Mori. He explained that the directors are willing to take a loss on their \$2,000,000 investment during the war, because they have faith in the future of their enterprise.

The officials have partially solved the transportation problem by getting hundreds of horse-drawn vehicles to shuttle patrons between distant bus and railroad terminals to the park.

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CBS Clowns Accept Challenge Of Creevagh's, Ulster Navy Nine

The Central Base Section Clowns' nine, one of the four teams playing at Wembley Stadium on Aug 7, has accepted the challenge made by Jerry Patrick when he went to Belfast recently seeking games with anybody in the British Isles, "particularly CBS."

Sgt. "Red" Shapiro, of Brooklyn, manager of the Clowns, predicts that "The only thing the Creevagh's will Patrick won't be able to say that it was just a scrub team, as he did when the Marines beat the sailors in their own back yard. He'll also know who's in our lineup and, furthermore, he'll remember the players' names on our team very well."

In the Clowns' pitching department are three boys who, between them, have won 31 games, losing only three. Leading hurler for the squad is Lt. "Chuck" Eisenmann, of Superior, Wis., with a record of 21 wins against two losses, both of which were later avenged. He has the enviable record of having no less than ten strikeouts per game, some of which were in seven-innings contests. No team to date has made more than five hits off Eisenmann, who used to breeze them in for the Boston Red Sox before entering the service.

On the firing line with him is Sgt. Johnny Puskas, of Pittsburgh, who has won three and lost none, and Sgt. Myron Scow, of Arcadia, Wis., who has a record of seven wins and one loss. Scow formerly hurled Arcadia High School to the Wisconsin championship.

Pavich Owned by Giants

Backing them up in the infield is Shortstop Sgt. Pete Pavich, of South Amboy, N.J., property of the Giants. Pavich, when in the Three-I League, was captain of the Clinton club for two years. He handled 94 chances before his first error. On the other side of the bag is T/4 Bobby Korisher, of Scranton, Pa., who played with Scranton in the Eastern League. Korisher has shown plenty of power at the plate. Both are expert base runners. Korisher and Pavich, with Cpl. George Burns, of Sylacauga, Ala., who looks and acts like his namesake on the initial sack, make one of the fastest double-play combinations seen here. Sgt. Stanley Senko, of Buffalo, N.Y., holds down the hot corner.

Behind the plate is Pfc Harold Fouts, of Camden, Mich., who lives up to his nickname, the "Rock of Gibraltar." In the outfield are Pfc Lou Kelly, of Stoughton, Mass., who worked out with the Red Sox before induction; Cpl. Frank Goranof, of Detroit, who played semi-pro, and T/4 Amey Fontana, of Wampum, Pa.

In utility roles are Cpl. Clair Morgart, Bedford, Pa.; S/Sgt. Connie Sabotta, Arcadia, Wis.; Cpl. Harvey Graybill, Thompsonston, Pa., and Pvt. Joe Krol, Uxbridge, Mass., who saw service with the House of David.

It Can't Happen Here

BROOKLYN, July 7—The Brooklyn Dodgers are adding a new stunt to their long list of aids for the war effort. Female fans who present a half-pound of kitchen fat will be admitted free to Ebbett's Field to see the doubleheader with the Pirates on Saturday.

U.S. Swimmers at Beckenham

A U.S. Army swimming team will compete in a six-event swimming meet tonight at Beckenham Baths, Beckenham, Kent. Meet starts at 6.30.

Slip Madigan to Coach at Iowa

IOWA CITY, Iowa, July 7—Edward "Slip" Madigan, one of the nation's outstanding football coaches when he was at St. Mary's, Cal., has been appointed head coach at the University of Iowa. Madigan succeeds Maj. Edward Anderson. The new Iowa coach resigned in '39 from St. Mary's because of ill health. He's signed at Iowa for six months, beginning July 1.

HOW THEY STAND.

American League

Tuesday's Games
New York 5, St. Louis 4 (night game)
Detroit 4, Washington 3 (16 innings)
Cleveland 2, Philadelphia 0 (night game)
Other teams did not play.

Table with columns W, L, Pct. for American League teams.

National League

Tuesday's Games
St. Louis 4, Philadelphia 0
Chicago 9, Brooklyn 4 (twilight game)
Boston 1, Cincinnati 0
Other teams did not play.

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Home Run Hitters

Table listing home run hitters for American and National Leagues.

Runs Batted In

Table listing runs batted in for American and National Leagues.

Leahy, Irish Grid Mentor, Named to All-Star Staff

CHICAGO, July 7—Frank Leahy, Notre Dame football coach, has been appointed a member of the college All-Stars coaching staff. His appointment completes the staff, which includes Babe Horrel, of University of California; Wally Butts, of Georgia; Lt. Tony Hinkl, of the Great Lakes Naval Station, and Harry Stuhldreher, of University of Wisconsin, head coach.

Bosox Get Metkovitch

SAN FRANCISCO, July 7—The San Francisco Seals have sold Outfielder George Metkovitch to the Boston Red Sox for \$25,000 and Outfielder Dee Miles. Metkovitch, who bats and throws left-handed, was one of the leading hitters in the Pacific Coast League.



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Baseball Games
L.T. Charles LeMay is seeking baseball games in the London area within the next two or three weeks. His team has won 11, lost three, never by more than one run. Evening games are wanted on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. Write: c/o Stars and Stripes, Help Wanted Dept.



# British Provide Naval Supplies Worth Millions

## U.S. Ships Fixed, Fuelled, Fed Under Reverse Lend-Lease

By Tom Bernard  
Stars and Stripes Navy Editor

The U.S. Navy has received equipment, ammunition, fuel and repairs, at a cost running into millions of pounds sterling, from the Royal Navy under a system of reverse lend-lease instigated shortly after America entered the war, it was disclosed yesterday in a report released by the British Ministry of Information.

"When a United States naval vessel puts into a British harbor she is treated precisely as if she were a British ship," the report declared. "She draws routine stores at Royal Navy bases and depots, undergoes refit or repairs, is supplied with fuel and re-armed; and no charge is made."

Perhaps the outstanding example of naval reverse lend-lease was the North African campaign, the report said. In cooperation with the Ministry of War Transport, the Royal Navy furnished troop transports to convey thousands of American soldiers to Casablanca, Algiers, Oran and other landing points. In addition the Admiralty supplied more than \$900,000,000 worth of boom defense equipment and vessels for harbors taken over by the Allies.

### 87 Vessels Provided

Figures given in the report do not include cost of upkeep, manning, victualling, fuelling and operating vessels and other equipment which amounts annually to about half of the original cost.

From the time of Pearl Harbor until the end of 1942 the Ministry of War Transport provided the War Shipping Administration with 87 vessels totalling 422,000 deadweight tons for military and commercial services in various areas.

An important item which cannot be reckoned in money is the transport of men and materials for the U.S. armed forces.

From stocks of Royal Navy equipment, the Admiralty has provided U.S. warships with charts, confidential books, instructional films, Asdic gear components, identification flares, smoke generators, planning machines and other items.

Certain machine tools and gear-cutting machines of great value were sent to the United States last year, and these have had an important bearing on the production of engines for United States warships, according to the Ministry of Information.

### Food Supplied, Too

In most ports the U.S. Army supplies food for the Navy's ships, but in many cases the Royal Navy provides victuals. In some instances NAAFI stocks supply food.

The release stressed the great amount of information obtained through scientific research and wartime experience which has been passed on to the U.S. Navy.

The Royal Navy's experience in the Battle of the Atlantic was also passed on to the Navy along with anti-submarine gear, full information and instruction with regard to submarine detection and methods of attack by surface and air craft.

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Thursday, July 8, 1943

- 5.45—Program resume
- 5.50—Dance music—Victor Sylvester Orch.
- 6.00—News (BBC)
- 6.15—Personal Album—Frank Sinatra sings your favorite songs.
- 6.30—BBC Radio Rhythm Club.
- 7.00—Sports news—presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporters.
- 7.05—Kay Kyser and his Kollege of Musical Knowledge.
- 7.30—The Aldrich Family.
- 8.00—News from Home—presented by your Stars and Stripes Radio Reporters.
- 8.15—Fred Waring Show.
- 8.30—Tommy Handley (ITMA)—The BBC present a leading British entertainer.
- 9.00—News (BBC).
- 9.10—Musical Miniature—Xavier Cugat Orch.
- 9.25—Mail Call—featuring the stars of the American entertainment world.
- 9.55—Training Time—Five minutes of value for the American soldier.
- 10.00—Final Edition—Late world, sport, U.K. American troops news, presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporters.
- 10.15—Mugsy Spanier's Orch.
- 10.30—Sign Off till Friday, 5.45 PM.

## Seaman Lost in Navy HQ Shown by No. 1 Guide

An unidentified U.S. seaman, lost inside U.S. Navy headquarters in London and looking for someone to show him the way to the street, came upon a greying officer hiking through the corridor yesterday.

"Say," said the confused sailor, "could you tell me how to get out of this building?"

"Certainly," said the officer, and without further ado he took the seaman by the arm, escorted him down the corridor and out to the street.

"Thanks," said the sailor and hurried away, still unaware that his guide was the "head man," Adm. Harold R. Stark, commander of U.S. Naval forces in Europe.

## ETO Launches Bond Campaign

### Public Speaking Contest Finals Will Conclude Allotment Drive

Prompted by the fact that American soldiers in the ETO are buying fewer War Bonds than men in other theaters of operation a high-powered drive to accelerate sales started this week, officials of the new London War Bond office announced yesterday.

At present only 57 per cent of ETO soldiers are buying regularly, they said, and the drive aims at getting every man in the theater to make at least a \$3.75 class B allotment a month.

Personally endorsed by Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETO commander, the drive will culminate Aug. 16 with the finals of a public speaking contest for soldiers on "Why I Buy War Bonds," scheduled for the ARC Rainbow Corner, Shaftesbury Ave., W1. Bonds will be awarded the winners. Men judged the best speakers on the subject in individual company competitions will compete. Men stationed outside London, who have won properly conducted competitions in their own outfits, can come to London and compete if they have their CO's permission, officials said.

Officers have been asked to make "most strenuous efforts" to impress on their men the importance of getting on the "bond-beam," officials said.

Company commanders, and two chosen enlisted men from every outfit in London, are attending conferences at the London War Bond office to study every angle of the bond program.

Soldiers with queries, who can't get an answer from bond officers or COs, are invited by 1/Lt. Irvey Ownbey, London W.B. officer, to see him there. Every London CO knows the address of the office.

"War bonds will not only be valuable nest-eggs for men during the period of transition after the war," he said, "but every man who buys them is proving he's doing his damndest for his government. And the government needs the money now. We won't be satisfied until ETO soldiers climb from the cellar right to the top of the war bond ladder."

## Dusseldorf's Center Two-Thirds Destroyed

Final interpretation of photographs taken after the RAF's concentrated raid on June 11 showed yesterday that two-thirds of the city's central areas, containing its chief business and administrative buildings, was destroyed by fire and bombing.

Dusseldorf, the Reich's third largest port, and her leading commercial city in the west, is the headquarters for nearly all important iron and steel, heavy engineering and armaments concerns of the Ruhr and Rhineland. Forty-two factories have been severely damaged.

Air activity from bases in England yesterday was limited to RAF mine-laying operations, and attacks on railway targets.

## 1,500 Soldiers Take Part In USAAF 'Open House'

REPLACEMENT CONTROL DEPOT, July 7—Fifteen hundred officers, enlisted men and their friends participated in an "open house" at this Air Force station.

Feature of the affair was presentation of a number of air awards, DFCs, Air Medals and Oak Leaf Clusters, under the flag pole by Lt. Col. William A. Gayle, commanding the station.

## She's The Ideal 'Bivouac Girl'



Keystone Photo

We add our vote to those of the 20th Armored Division in the United States which has chosen Jane Russell (above) the girl that they would rather take with them on their weekly training bivouacs.

## Aerial Gunners Leave Sky Wolf

A USAAF BOMBER STATION, July 7—The "graduation" of three gunners has broken up the team that kept the Flying Fortress "Sky Wolf" flying the past few months in spite of the best efforts of the Luftwaffe.

T/Sgt. Francis Hinds, of Framingham, Mass., and S/Sgt. Albert Carroll, of Marshall, Tex., and Robert Blake, of Washington, who were an integral part of the highly successful team, have been chosen as aerial gunnery instructors.

Each of the men has been decorated several times for his work as a gunner; Hinds has the DFC and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters; Blake, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters; and Carroll, the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters.

Hinds and Blake carried good luck charms while on raids. Hinds tucked a Ballantine's beer can in his pocket on every mission, and Blake dropped a brick, inscribed with his name, each time the bomb doors opened over enemy territory.

## Roosevelt's Rank Permanent

WASHINGTON, July 7 (AP)—U.S. Marine Corps headquarters announced that James Roosevelt, the President's eldest son, had been given the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the Marines general service. His previous rank of lieutenant-colonel, as an officer in raider forces in the South Pacific, was revoked and the same rank awarded to him for general service.

## Peterborough Plans Dances

PETERBOROUGH, July 7—Three dances will be held in the American Red Cross club at St. Peter's College this week. Music by the "Ditch Digger's Jive" will be played on Saturday; the "Green Goons" will play for an outdoor dance Sunday and there will be a square dance Tuesday.

The program for the rest of the week: Monday—Movies. Wednesday—State night for men from Washington, D.C., and Maryland. Thursday—Amateur hour.

### Liverpool

LIVERPOOL, July 7—The program for the week at the American Red Cross White Chapel club for Negro troops:

Thursday—Fun night, 7 PM. Prizes in dancing, singing and skits. Friday—Card names and tournament, 7 PM. Sunday—Visit to parks, 1.30 PM. Coffee hour and music, 4.30 PM. Dance to Billy Staw's band with "Lucky" and his horn as GI guest artist, 7 PM.

Monday—Puzzle night, 7 PM. Tuesday—British and American dancing, 7 PM.

### Warrington

WARRINGTON, July 7—A dancing class will be held at the Red Cross club here tomorrow night at 8.30. Program for the week:

Friday—Dance, Co-op Hall, 8 PM. Saturday—Variety show, 8 PM; dancing class, 9.30 PM; swimming, Leigh St., 9 PM; baseball, Hawks v. Tigers, 3 PM. Sunday—Cycle tour, Pickmere or Delamere Forest, 1.30 PM; dance, Bell Hall, 3 PM; swimming, Leigh St., 9 PM; baseball, Giants v. Missions, 3 PM.

Monday—Movie, 8 PM. Tuesday—Music hour, 8 PM.

## NEWS FROM HOME Elevators Quit In RCA Building; 26,000 Stranded

### Operators Strike Just at Closing Time, Stay Out 55 Minutes

NEW YORK, July 7—An estimated 26,000 persons were stranded on the upper floors of the 70-story RCA building last night when elevator operators went on strike for 55 minutes to protest suspensions of fellow employees for non-payment of union dues.

Representatives of the management said the walkout, which affected all 14 buildings in Rockefeller center, occurred notwithstanding that the union's contract with the management requires the employer to suspend delinquent union members.

The strike was called just as hundreds of offices in the world's largest office building were closing for the night. A few hundred at work on lower levels walked to the street and some even puffed down as many as 30 floors, but those on upper floors just stayed there.

### Union Pledges 'No Strike'

NEW YORK, July 7—The National Maritime Union, CIO affiliate, unanimously adopted a resolution reaffirming the "No strike" pledge taken by American labor at the start of the war at the first session of its fourth biennial convention yesterday.

### Steel Drive Nets 75,000 Tons

WASHINGTON, July 7—Approximately 75,000 tons of steel have been made available for war production as a result of the first few days of operation of the "Share the Steel" campaign, the War Production Board's Steel Division announced yesterday. The drive is part of the WPB's effort to provide an additional supply of 2,000,000 tons of steel in the next six months.

### Tank Destroyers in Artillery

WASHINGTON, July 7—The War Department has announced that all enlisted men in tank destroyer units are now members of the field artillery. Most tank destroyer units were originally formed from infantry, artillery and cavalry outfits.

## Ponies - - - -

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broken. They also snapped at the heels of inspecting officers, which is a non-habit forming diversion.

The CO finally put it this way: "This outfit is to be commended for its foresight in acquiring the ferrets to get rid of any rats we don't have. Furthermore, you have just ten minutes to get those — ferrets off the post."

The next acquisition was a mournful little hound of nondescript ancestry who wandered into the mess hall looking for a beat up old piece of spam. After a brief conversation with the kitchen crew, the hound was taken on strength, with the observation that he'd keep the mice away.

They didn't have any mice, but it would be good to be prepared. Everyone agreed it was a wise precaution. So the hound got a bath and a name, "Roger."

"Roger" didn't catch any mice, but after about a week he got a "probable" when he chased a cricket and in its efforts to escape it disappeared into a hot vat of soapy water.

In recognition of this conquest, "Roger" got another bath and a piece of stripe on his rear quarters. But "Roger" wasn't pleased. He was more mournful than ever and later the boys found him trying to rub off the stripe on the corner of the messhall.

A sympathetic KP came out with a scrubbing brush. That didn't help "Roger" any.

Another KP came out with a bottle of ammonia.

"Roger" went over the hill and hasn't been back since.

Since that time, until this week, mascots have been few around the place, except for a couple of rabbits and a crow that made a forced landing near the ordnance shop.

Now the CO is waiting for the boys to tell him that the ponies will keep the mice away.

## Italy - - - -

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had completely won air supremacy in Sicily by the sudden falling off of the enemy fighter opposition. Only one small group of enemy fighters approached a bomber mission in daylight yesterday, but escorting Lightnings immediately drove them off.

American Mitchells in the role of night bombers attacked again on Monday night, striking in two formations against Biscari airfield in southeast Sicily.

Despite furious fire from ground batteries, the bombers "hit the target right on the nose." Observers reported that explosives landed directly on an ammunition dump in one corner of the airfield and in another corner a huge fire broke out.

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