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# USAAF Blasts France, Belgiu

# Planes Crush Naples Area, 8th Advancing B26s Strike

# Allies Push 10 Miles Up Italy's Toe

Air Blows Seen by Nazis As Prelude to New **Allied Landings** 

Allied ground forces advanced ten miles along the toe of Italy yesterday while bombers of the African Air Force crushed the Naples area in a shattering day and night aerial offen-sive, which caused speculation that new landings elsewhere on the Italian mainland are imminent.

During the last 24 hours American

and British bombers battered five airfields, four vital marshalling yards and Gueta-harbor in one of the most devastat-ing blitzes of the Mediterranean war. All of the targets are within 50 miles of

On the toe, Gen. Montgomery's Eighth Army forces steadily pushed ahead and captured Palmi, six miles north of Bagnara, and the inland city of Delianuova, located on the road extending across the Aspromonte mountains to the Adriatic.

The Allied forces, which have captured 39 villages since their initial landings last Friday, are meeting very little resistance except for mines, demolition and the natural obstacles of the rugged country through which they are moving. Tanks have been landed and other supplies are being brought in across the Straits of Messina which are controlled completely Germany Expects New Blows

Germany has admitted the evacuation of the toe of the Italian boot and has indicated that it expects a much larger Allied invasion in the Mediterranean area at any hour.

German fears are said to encompass the whole Mediterranean area, but its primary concern is believed to be southern France, where they are said to have driven all civilians from a coastal section stretch-ing 50 miles long and ten miles deep between Narbonne and Montpelier. In Marseilles and Toulon engineers are reported throwing up additional fortifica-

The bomber fleets which hammered the Naples area were met by Axis fighters, but everywhere the raids were a complete success. At least ten enemy planes were destroyed during the 24 hours' blitz for the loss of only four Allied aircraft. • Flying Fortresses were given five major

targets in the daylight attacks. Detailed results were not possible to see owing to an overcast sky, but huge loads of bombs were unloaded on to the target areas

One large formation went to Gueta harbor, 45 miles northwest of Naples, another attacked the vital and muchbombed marshalling yards at Litterno, 15 miles north-west of Naples.

A third heavy force of Forts battered vital railway target between Caerta and Maddelone, while yet another attacked the Littorno railway yards on the railto and from Rome, 40 miles north of Naples.

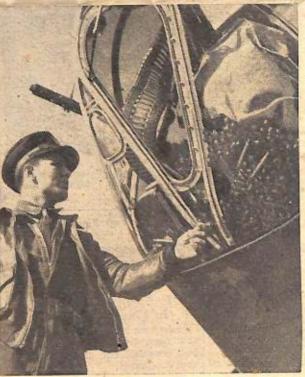
The big airfields of Capodichino and Pomigliano, on the outskirts of Naples (Continued on page 4)



Eighth Army captures Palmi and Delianuova in a ten-mile advance on Italy's toe. Resistance still is weak, demolition e the only barriers in the Allied path.

and mines are

Home After 1,000-Mile Mission to Stuttgart





Lt. John W. Hendrey, of Jacksonville, Fla., looks over empty shell-cases in nose of his B17 Hell's Angels which completed its 41st mission—an Eighth Air Force record—at Stuttgart.

Lt. R. W. Cogswell, of Pittsburgh, B17 pilot, and T/Sgt. Gilbert Bengston, of Lindsborg, Kan., his top turret gunner, who shot down a FW190 over Stuttgart, head for the barracks on a bike.

# Nazi Resistance 2 Learn Value Of Flak Suits m Douciz Dasiii

Enemy Crumbling, Reds Report; First Rains Have Arrived

MOSCOW, Sept. 7-Organized German resistance in the Donetz Basin virtually has ended, it was reported here oday coincidentally with a dispatch to

the newspaper Izvestia which said that heavy rains have begun in the area. Thus it appeared that the Russians were about to accomplish their great aim of liberating the Donetz just in time to beat the heavy autumn rains upon which Adolf Hitler was said to have been counting

so heavily.

A Moscow radio statement said that German losses between July 5 and Sept. 5 were more than 400,000 killed, with a

total of 1,500,000 put out of action.

Latest reports to Moscow said that
Stalino, in the Donetz, and Bakhmach, 17 miles west of Konotop and last main lateral rail link between the German southern and central armies, were about Bakhmach already may be under fire of Russian guns, and Russian troops were reported battling in the suburbs of

Bakhmach, junction of the Gomel-Bryansk-Kiev railways, has been partially outflanked in the north by Red Army forces which have advanced beyond Novye Mlyni, 26 miles northwest of Konotop, already in Russian hands. These units are within 85 miles of the

By Ross Munro

Canadian Press War Correspondent

WITH THE CANADIANS, Italy, Sept. 7 (delayed)—We thought those first few days on the Pachino peninsula nearly

two months ago made for a crazy kind of war, but it was fairly reasonable com-pared with this unbelievably easy invasion

of the toe of Italy.

The Canadians have been in Italy for three days and personally I have seen only about a dozen enemy shells land and watched about five dive-bombing attacks by enemy aircraft with little in

attacks by enemy aircraft with little in-clination to get too close to the AA

round the targets.

I have not heard a German machine

gun in Italy yet.

Crazy War in Italy Is Like

There is going to be fighting ahead—probably plenty of it—but the first few days were like a film on Commandos,

A Sunday Stroll, Writer Says

# -inerrurally

By Andrew A. Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
U.S. MEDIUM BOMBER STATION, Sept. 7-A pair of Eighth Air Force fliers who had been doubting Thomases were willing today to swear by the new flak suits developed to parry flying steel.

They had good reason. Two "iron zoot suits" were two big reasons they were alive to tell how the protective clothing parried hurtling fragments, even though one wasn't even being worn at

the time.

Flak began to come up thick and fast the other day over France, so 2/Lt. Frederic Gass, of Long Beach, Cal., picked up the flak suit he hadn't bothered with and put it on. At about the same time S/Sgt. John E. Kubel, of New York, N.Y., in another plane, decided there were so many fighters in the neighborhood that he would take his off to have complete freedom of his waist guns. He complete freedom of his waist guns. He

placed it on the floor and knelt on it.

Less than half a minute later a piece of flak about two inches long broke through the plexi-glass nose of the Marauder in which Lt. Gass was bom-bardier and struck him right over the

"It felt like a stiff left jab to the chest," Lt. Gass said.
The fragment dented the manganese

plates of the armored suit, broke through just enough to roughen the inner surface, (Continued on page 4)

where none of the "good guys" get shot and the enemy all surrender.

The impression of the mighty spectacle of the night crossing of the Messina Straits will never leave the minds of the

Canadians who took part,
After landing we walked down the
center of the main street as if we were

center of the main street as if we were taking a Sunday stroll.

On the second morning we went to look for a regiment in the hills, and missing their BHQ, went east along a dry riverbed. The country began to look very lonely and we turned back, finally finding some infantry on the hills near the coast. They told us they were forward Canadian troops.

There have been few fronts like this where unarmed observers of campaigns

Canadian troops.

# 61 Die in Wreck Of Crack Train OnEasternLine Hot Box Derails Express; '20th Century' Also

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 7—The death toll in last night's wreck near here of the Pennsylvania Railroad's crack Washington-New York express, the Congressional Limited, today had risen to 61, making the crash one of the worst railway acci-

In Crash

dents of modern times.

Many of the dead were service men returning from Labor Day furloughs.

Over 100 were injured, crowded hospitals reported.

Twentieth-Century Wrecked

Hours after the Congressional Limited isaster, the most famous train in disaster, the most famous train in America, the Twentieth-Century Limited, was derailed near Canastota, N.Y., bring-

ing death to at least three more persons.

Officials of the FBI announced that there was "no evidence of sabotage" in the Congressional Limited wreck. The disaster, which occurred at about 6 PM. was attributed to a burned-out bearing, the "hot box" burning away a wheel on the seventh coach from the front of the 16-coach train. Six coaches were derailed.

The express "broke in two" just before the accident, according to survivors. The dining car turned over across the tracks and bodies were strewn along the line.

15 Coaches Derailed

Fifteen coaches of the 18-car Twentieth-Century left the rails in the Canastota wreck, it was reported from Syracuse, N.Y., blocking through traffic on all lines. Details were delayed because main com-munication facilities at this point apparently were smashed by the careening

One passenger reported that the engine exploded and was blown 60 yards into a field. The Twentieth-Century, operated by the New York Central Railroad, makes the run between Chicago and New York and was on its way east when the wreck occurred.

### Doolittle Sings Praises Of Britain's Wellingtons

ALLIED HQ., N. Africa, Sept. 7— High tribute to the Wellingtons, which were the backbone of Britain's bomber strength in the early days of the war and which today are playing a big part in the bombing of Italy, was paid by Brig, Gen. James Doolittle, commander in chief of the Northwest Africa Strategic Air Force, "Their excellent record is going to be difficult for any organization of Allied

# In 6th Day

### Brussels Plane Factory, French Air Fields And Rail Yards Attacked

Thundering fleets of USAAF heavy and medium bombers rained explosives on targets in Belgium and France yesterday in the sixth day of one of the longest sustained aerial offensives of the war. Fortresses, Liberators and Marauders struck a series of crushing blows against the European Fortress within hours after the RAF delivered a heavy attack on Munich.

Striking in force early yesterday morning, Fortresses bombed the Luftwaffe repair plant and airfield at Brussels-Evere in Belgium and installations near St. Omer, in France.

Liberators Attack Convoy

Liberators, joining the offensive, sur-prised an enemy convoy off the Dutch coast and bombed it through a medium hail of anti-aircraft fire.

Marauders, launching their fifth raid in seven days, continued their assault on German communications. For the second time in four days they bombed the railroad yards at St. Pol in northwestern France, 30 miles northeast of Brest.

Thunderbolts escorting the Forts on the Brussels mission shot down two enemy fighters. The Forts met little opposition, indicative of the great inroads which operations of the past-six days have made of the past-six days have made of the past-six days have made of the operations of the past-six days have been destroyed by Allied planes since Sept. 1.

All Bombers Return

Not a single Fortress, Liberator or Marauder was lost, but one Thunderbolt was reported missing. In other hammer blows at vital enemy

In other hammer blows at vital enemy centers, Mitchell and Typhoon fighter-bombers swept over marshalling yards at St. Omer and airfields at Poix and Abbeville in France.

The RAF's concentrated attack on Munich preceded the daylight missions of the USAAF. Flying 1,000 miles over some of Germany's most heavily defended areas, the night fleet made its seventh raid on Germany's fourth largest city. Six-

on Germany's fourth largest city. Sixteen bombers failed to return.

The fires caused by explosions of heavy bombs in the great industrial and railroad center could be seen against the sky from the Italo-Swiss border, according to reports from Berne.

Munich, like the Rhineland twin cities Mannheim-Ludwigshaven which combed Sunday night, is a manufacturing center for airplane and submarine engines. It has five main railroad lines.

The Forts' target yesterday, the Evere airfield, three and one-half miles from the center of Brussels, is the location of a former Belgian aircraft factory now operated as a German airplane repair plant. Near this plant are overhauling and repair installations which formerly housed the Belgian Air Force's Technical and Research Service.
The Evere facilities, of major import-

ance to the maintenance of German fighter strength on the western front, include dismantling shops, fuselage repair and (Continued on page 4)

# Knox Says Subs **Quitto Get Guns**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7—Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox today explained the reduced number of U-boat attacks in the Atlantic as probably being due to withdrawal of the subs for refitting with additional anti-aircraft weapons.

He said that the recent lull in assaults on convoys may be a prelude to new "fight-it-out" tactics by the Germans.

Admitting that such tactics already had curbed the usefulness of blimps in the Atlantic, he added that they also would crimp any potential value of helicopters against submarines.

90 Subs Sunk in 3 Months

"Their excellent record is going to be difficult for any organization of Allied bombers to duplicate," said Gen. Doolittle. Since the fall of Messina Wellingtons have dropped 2,000 tons of bombs "WASHINGTON, Sept. 7—The Navy Department disclosed today that more than 90 U-boats were sunk in May, June and July. Twenty-nine destroyed by American forces,

### THE STARS AND STRIPES

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#### Increasing Fury

The combined might of the United Nations is on the offensive. On every front the fury of the attack is mounting.

Monday evening the roar of London's traffic was drowned for two hours by the throb of bombers streaming overhead on their way to smash at Axis targets for the night. These planes passed still others returning from daylight raids on the continent of Europe.

This week in the Bay of Biscay it took less than six hours for the RAF, USAAF and Royal Navy to destroy seven out of nine German submarines . . . the biggest single victory over U-boats scored during the war.

Within a few hours of an Allied infantry landing east of Lac, the main Japanese base on the coast of Northern New Guinea, a large force of American paratroops landed further north, cutting all supply lines. Nearly 20,000 Japanese, as a result, find themselves encircled at Lae and Salamaua and face disaster as the ring surrounding them is drawn steadily tighter under General MacArthur's able leadership.

In the East, Russian troops batter at the gates of Stalino, while Germans inside the city blow up factories and burn the buildings in and around prior to a general retreat. Soon the richest coal mines in the Soviet Union will be back in Russian hands, for the German position in the Donbas has become untenable.

In Italy the Eighth Army has occupied the whole area of southern Calabria and is advancing steadily against slight opposition. So feeble is the resistance that it is reasonable to assume that a state of mutiny exists in the Itanan Army.

And so the offensive grows in size and fury, and as attack follows attack our spirits rise, for each new success brings closer the day of victory.

#### **Educational Opportunity**

"The democratic ideal is contradictory to both tyranny and ignorance. Men must be free not only to think, to speak and to worship, but to build within themselves, through education, a preparedness for their later years. Not every man canbe a leader, but every man, however limited his natural capacities, can improve in the direction of better choices for himself and his children. If our education is good, then by educating all the people we give every person a better chance.'

These words by Dr. George D. Stoddard express the view held by most Americans on the important subject of mass education. This week they are repeated as approximately 30,000,000 boys and girls between the ages of five and 17 enter the free public schools in the United States for another year of study. This is 22 per cent of our population, and it composes the group that will build the America of the future.

We are glad that these young students are able to enjoy this great privilege. In occupied Europe no such opportunity exists, and those students who are able to attend a school of any kind are not taught the same code of ethics or

As we review in our minds the opportunities that free public education has given to each of us, we can surely find another reason why we must defeat the Axis program. We should also plan now to complete the education interrupted by war, or in the case of older men continue the program of education which actually never ends. The American Army has made elaborate plans to this end, and in the immediate future important additions to that program will be announced for this theater.

In America after the war we will need a higher level of education than ever before if we are to prove adequate to the responsibilities that will be ours. Each soldier who accepts the new educational opportunities offered will help meet the demand for greater knowledge in a world growing rapidly more technical.

# Hash Marks

Surprise! Mr. and Mrs. Sam Horner of Seattle, were eating in a downtown of Seattle, were eating in a downtown restaurant when they saw the fire engines whizzing out toward their neighborhood. Mrs. Horner, just to reassure herself, telephoned her house. A fireman answered the phone, "Sorry, lady, I don't know what number this is. There's a fire here and I'm too busy to talk."

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Cause for divorce, No. 8764538. When the judge asked John R. Clark, of Pitts-burgh, why he wanted a divorce, he ex-

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plained, "My wife would read in bed until 4 AM and when she couldn't sleep she would tickle me with a feather and wake me up." The judge granted the divorce.

Maryland OPA volunteers were get-ting pretty fed up with applicants for ration books who couldn't even spell their names correctly and they hit the ceiling names correctly and they hit the ceiling when they received an application signed with one word, "Martha." "Wotthehell," said the OPA volunteers, "how can we do this one. There must be millions of Marthas!" The case was solved when the "Martha" turned out to be Martha, Crown Princess of Norway, who's living with her children on a Maryland estate.

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And then there was the little moron who got blasted in the Berlin blitz. His rescuers were guided on their way by hysterical laughter as they dug through the debris. Finally they uncovered the little moron, still laughing. "You know, fellows," he said, "the funniest thing happened—I was sitting here and I pulled this chain and the whole damn building fell down on the said."

this chain and the whole damn building fell down on top of me."

So many generals have been running through an Allied Mediterranean air base that the GIs on the information desk had that the Ors on the information desk had to think up a new way to designate them. Cpl. Charles Morgan, of Shelby Gap, Ky., explains, "We call a one star general a 'Pfc General' and a two star general a 'Cpl. General.' All above that are 'general generals.'"

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Probably any supply sergeant can sympathize with Sgt. Al Wilbois, somewhere in North Africa. Wilbois got six mis-



directed crates at his supply depot. He tried to get rid of them, but nobody would take them off his hands. So he'd stretch out among the crates and take an occasional nap-once in a while he would kick them around, or rearrange them for a more artistic effect. Now the sergeant is kicking himself around by the you-know-what. Finally he got sick of seeing the crates and sent them to a higher headquarters, where they were received with open arms. The cases contained \$15,000,000 in good old U.S. currency.

# They Told 'Pete' He Couldn't Fly

# Now, at 23, He's Youngest Fighter Group Chief in ETO, Nine Nazis to His Credit

By Arthur W. White

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

HQ, - FIGHTER GROUP, England, Sept. 7-Four years ago he washed out of Randolph Field for "lack of flying ability." Today, at 23, Lt. Col. Chesley G. Peterson is the youngest fighter group commander in the Eighth Air Force,

Since he joined the Eagle Squadron of the RAF he has chalked up a score of nine German planes, seven probables and five damaged. And he has maintained a discreet silence about his "lack of flying ability."

"I've never liked to admit it before," he said. "I've always declared that I left because the authorities discovered that I was under age. But, so help me, I was kicked out."

#### Eager to Push Nazis Back

The tall, blond young airman, whose appointment to lead the old Eagle Squadron is believed to presage his promotion to a full colonelcy, is enthusiastic about fighters. His eagerness for the job in hand was evident at a London press conference Monday, his first since he was named group leader.

He said then that the air offensive six months ago looked like a much bigger job than it turned out to be, and with typical enthusiasm he added:

"We're rapidly pushing back the Luftwaffe front lines toward Germany. We're putting the Luftwaffe in a position where we are going to be top dog over his own territory."

"Pete"-the nickname his men have given him-looks harmless enough when he's taking it easy, stretching out his long legs and sucking his PX briar and making a noise you can hear a mile off. But he likes to fly. And when he's flying

You don't have to put your tongue in your cheek to say he's a leader his men will follow anywhere. They have and

They may not have much chance any more because the USAAF has decided that enough Nazis have taken pot-shots at him, and that after more than 130 sorties he's too valuable to continue flying across the channel in his P47.

But if he gets the chance he'll be off. Col. Pete, incidentally, hasn't had all the breaks.

He's gone down twice and the second time he says he heard them singing.

#### Changed His Age

It all started in '39 when a tall, blond youth of 19, who had been interested in flying ever since he could remember, "changed" his birth certificate to make himself 21 and joined the U.S. Air Corps. bergh Field his primary training at he indis sent to Randolph for basic. "I was there a month getting more scared every day because I thought I wasn't going to make it. I shouldn't have worried, I didn't. When I saw the formula-'lack of flying ability' I thought, 'My God, maybe they're right.' Then and there I swore I'd never step into a plane again."

Then he went to work for the Douglas Aircraft Co. at Santa Monica.

"I was in the production control department, whatever that was. I never did find out what I was supposed to do. But there were plenty of airplanes there, beautiful big babies, and it just brought back the old urge again.'

When he heard that Col. Charles

PRIVATE BREGER

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"Flat tire, Sir!"

Sweeney was organizing a squadron to fight in France it was right up his alley.

"All arrangements were made and we got to Toronto before the whole thing blew sky-high. The federal police nabbed us under some neutrality act and told us to get the hell back."

#### In Time for the Blitz

So he went back to work for Douglas until June, 1940. Then the difficulties were smoothed out, and off the bunch went to Canada.

When they arrived in England Aug. 1 the Germans were throwing everything they had into the sky.

The Yanks were given a couple of weeks' training and Hurricanes to fly. Col. Peterson says he didn't get into much of the Battle of Britain-"only two or three

But then the Americans were yanked they came down in April, '41, as the Eagle | landing. Squadron they were ready to take on anything the Germans could send up.

That's when Col. Peterson started to make the headlines. In Oct., '41, as a flight leader, he got the British DFC. The following December the DSO, "for high courage, magnificent leadership and devotion to duty."

In June, '42, he married Audrey Boyes, South African stage and screen star.

Back home in small Santaguin, Utah, where Col. Peterson's family still live, and at Brigham Young University at Provo, where he went to school, they were remembering the tall, slim Mormon youth who went away to war long before he had to. They were trying to picture him as one of the RAF's deadliest fighters.

But they had to wait until he transferred to the USAAF last fall before they saw him again. Then he went home for a

On the way back to Britain he met for the first time his name-sake, Col. Arman Peterson, 28-year-old Eighth Air Force P47 pilot, who was reported missing in action July 8.

Col. Peterson-Chesley-went straight on Thunderbolts when he arrived back in England. That's what he was flying six months ago when he took his second dive into the drink and knocked hardest on the pearly gates.

His ship was hit in the engine by an me."

Here is Chesley Peterson when he was only 21 years old but a flight lieutenant in the RAF and commander of the Eagle squadron. FW190 during a dog-fight over Holland, and although he coaxed his plane back across the Channel-"trying to stretch her home"-half-way back he had to ditch.

"I jumped at about 1,000 feet, the chute streamed, and I took a high dive into the briny. Got two beautiful shiners and drank some of the coldest damn water ever."

It sounds funny the way he tells it, but he doesn't mention that he got the shiners because he hit face first. And anyone hitting the water face first from 1,000 feet is lucky to have any face left to have a shiner on.

A British Walrus rescue aircraft picked him up, and he was hospitalized for four days with shock, bruises and temporary blindness.

The first time he was shot downbefore he transferred to the USAAF-he out of their squadron, sent to the north fell to the rear gunner of a Ju88 which

"The guy was good. I fired the same time he did-and he turned on his back and went right into the sea. But my Spit was burning up so I thought it was a swell time to make my parachute debut."

Floating down into the channel, Pete noticed his new revolver still stuck in his flying-boot

Thinking "What the hell, if I don't fire it now I may never get the chance," he pulled it out and blazed away as he came down, then heaved it away.

Lady Luck was still hanging around, and he was picked up after 20 minutes by one of the last boats coming back from Dieppe.

#### Awarded DSC

Col. Peterson received his highest honor -the DSC-America's second highest valor award, in July.

While leading a formation of fighters protecting Forts, he sighted eight enemy planes about to attack, and tore into them alone. He got one and damaged another. In addition to the DSC, he holds the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters and the Purple Heart.

He laughs at the story that when he goes up again the Germans will be waiting for him-that they'd give anything to knock him down. "If they can pick me out of the mess that our scraps usually dévelop into," Pete says, "they can have



#### Remember?

Remember, once in days gone by, Before the world was mad with lust That scorned the offerings of man And ground his culture into dust.

When man could face the setting sun, With tired back and honest yawn, And fear not that the hounds of war

Before the horror that is war Had tarnished hist'ry with its stain, Remember and have Faith that God Will make our world secure again.

Pvt. Larry A. Martin.

# Talk of Home

When the gang around the barracks Gets their work done for the day, Then they kinda get to thinking Of the good old U.S.A. When the stove is blazin' gayly All the guys sit down to chat, Of places that they'd like to be, Of girls and things like that. Every fella has a city Or a hamlet in his state, That has no equal anywhere Within the forty-eight.

But there's never any question 'Bout the land they love the best, With the blue Atlantic on her east, The Pacific on her west.

Pvt. Larry A. Martin.

Would bay to herald forth the dawn.

# Cardinals Set Back Pirates in Twin Bill, 3-2, 6-2

# U.S. One, EBS Softball Squads Win Openers

Foreman, Loracz in Mound Battle; Comets Succumb, 8-2

By Ray Lee

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer In what probably will rank as one of In what probably will rank as one of the best and closest contests of the series, the U.S. One softball team took a 1—0 decision over the Ground Aces, a field forces team, in the opening round of the eliminations of the ETO softball championships held at Regent's Park yesterday afternoon, while the EBS entry took an easy 8—2 victory over the Fighter Command Comets.

The first game of the day turned out

Command Comets.

The first game of the day turned out to be a pitchers' duel between Sgt. Brady Foreman, of Crowley, La., and Sgt. Edward Loracz, of Kenoshea, Wis. Neither team scored until the sixth, when the CBS entry shoved a run across on two singles and two fielder's choices. Foreman, after a little trouble, was relieved in the seventh by Pfc Ralph Montague, of Detroit, winners' mound ace. Loser Loracz, had Sgt. William Finn, of Akron, Ohio, doing the signal calling, while Pvt. Bill Starczyhski, of Detroit, did Foreman's catching, being relieved by T/Sgt. Oscar Kaplan, of Linden, N.J., Montague's regular backstop.

Loosely Played Contest

In a loosely played contest the Fighter Command Comets, one of the Eighth Air Force entries, used three hurlers and still failed to stop the onslaught of the EBS squad, who took a six-run lead in the lirst two frames on sight bits. first two frames on eight hits.

After allowing three safeties in the first After allowing three safeties in the first inning, Sgt. George Pease, of San Diego, Cal., winning hurler, then held the fliers to two hits for the balance of the game, never getting into trouble. Pvt. John Teufel, of Baltimore, Md., did the catching for the winners, Sgt. Rex Von Ahn, of Sac City, Iowa, doing the backstopping for the losers. for the losers.



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Chicago; William Pearson, Galesburg, Ill.; Cpl.
Sidney Rothchild, New York; Maj. Stanley, K.
Smith, Chicago: John Tisdale, Ramsey, N.J.;
Harry, E. Williams, Wayne City, Ill.; Chaplain
Judah Nadich, Sgt, Tom Frank; Maj. Boehne,
Capt. Harry Kuffipf, Eighth Air Force; Lt.

# Buddy Rosar Gets His Man at the Plate



Bill Johnson of the Yankees is tagged by Cleveland Catcher Buddy Rosar when he tried to score for the Bombers in the third inning of a recent game at the Stadium on team mate Russo's single to right field. The Indians were scalped by the Yanks, 11—1.

# **Hunt Annexes** Tennis Crown

Bests Jack Kramer in Final At Forest Hills, 6-3, 6-8, 10-8, 6-0

FOREST HILLS, N.Y., Sept. 7-Lt. Joe Hunt, of Annapolis, Md., is the new national singles tennis champion. Yesterday Hunt beat S/2c Jack Kramer, USCGR, here, 6-3, 6-8, 10-8, 6-0.

Kramer still showed signs of intestinal flu, which had hampered him in his semi-final match with Pancho Segura Sunday, in facing a man considered his equal in a pulverizing service. Hunt broke through Kramer's blistering serve and beat him with well-placed corner shots to Kramer's backhand, meanwhile maintaining an advantage on the service. Kramer went to work on Hunt's backhand in the second set, taking it, but Hunt had too much for the ailing Kramer.

Louise Brough, of Beverly Hills, Cal., won the women's doubles final, defeating Pauline Betz and Doris Hart, 6-4, 6-3. Miss Betz had taken the singles crown from Miss Brough on Sunday.

Louis Plans to Fight After War

BOSTON, Sept. 7—Sgt. Joe Louis, currently touring Army camps, said he intends to fight again after the war. Louis said, "I figure it will take about eight weeks to get back in shape, I weigh 215 now and I'd want to get down to 205." Louis said he thought that Billy Conn would be his first post-war opponent. "He's still the best show,"

International League

Monday's Games
Newark 5, Jersey City 2 (first game)
Newark 4, Jersey City 2 (second game)
Syracuse 3, Baltimore 2 (first game)
Baltimore 4, Syracuse 1 (second game)

Battimore 4, Syracuse 1 (second game) Rochester 7, Montreal 3 (first game) Rochester 5, Montreal 4 (second game) Buffalo 8, Toronto 1 (first game) Toronto 1, Buffalo 0 (second game)

#### Washington Handicap Finishes in Dead Heat

CHICAGO, Sept. 7-Royal Nap, a rank outsider, and Thumbs Up ran a dead heat in the \$50,000 added Washington Park Handicap here yesterday before 30,000 turf fans.

Royal Nap, owned by the Lazy F

to place and \$14.20 to show. Thumbs Up returned \$6.60, \$6.60 and \$4.60. Marriage, which was third, paid \$6.80

#### Scalders Avenge Defeat, Trounce Pirate Nine, 17-5

it on here last night, avenging an earlier defeat by the — Fighter Wing Pirates, 17—5, in a regular league baseball game. The victory gives them 16 wins for three

Ranch, of Houston, Texas, carried 107 pounds, while Thumbs Up, owned by Louis B. Mayer, carried 120. The horses covered the mile and a quarter in two minutes, five seconds, just three seconds over the record.

Royal Nap paid \$21.80 to win, \$25

The league-leading Scalders really poured

Cpl. Orvil Letsinger, of Little Field, Texas, got a home run, a triple, and a single to lead the winners' attack. In all, they collected 16 blows to six for the Pirates. Winning battery was Sgt. Guy Woleslagle, of Cokeburg, Pa., and Lt. Charlie Silsey, of Mansfield, Ohio. Losers were Pvt. Tony Migliore, of New York, and Pvt. Phil Reichert, of Morristown; N.J.

# HOW THEY

## American League

Monday's Games

Philadelphia 11, New York 2 (first game)
New York 11, Philadelphia 4 (second game)
Boston 5, Washington 1 (first game)
Boston 4, Washington 1 (second game)
Cleveland 3, St. Louis 2 (first game, 10 inngs)

Cleveland 2, St. Louis 0 (second game, called and of fifth)
Other teams did not play.

Yesterday's Schedule

#### National League Monday's Games

St. Louis 3, Pittsburgh 2 (first name)
St. Louis 6, Pittsburgh 2 (second game)
Brooklyn 7, Boston 3 (first game)
Boston 3, Brooklyn 2 (second game, 10 innings)
New York 6, Philadelphia 3 (first game)
Philadelphia 3, New York 1 (second game, 11 pings)

nings) Cincinnati 10, Chicago I (first game) Yesterday's Schedule

Leading Hitters

# American League

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Home Run Hitters
American League—York, Detroit, 30; Keller, lew York, 25; Heath, Cleveland, and Stephens, Louis 1. New York, 25; Heath, Cleveland, and Stephens, St. Louis, 18. National Lengue—Nicholson, Chicago, 22; Ott, New York, 17; DiMagglo, Pittsburgh, 15.

American League—York, Detroit, 101; Etten, New York, 91; Johnson, New York, 87. National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 106; Elliott, Pittsburgh, 90; Herman, Brooklyn, 86.

## Headquarters Nine Cops BomberCommand Tilt, 6-2

BOMBER COMMAND HQ, Sept. 7-By defeating the CCRC 11 nine here today, 6-2, Bomber Headquarters won the right to represent Bomber Command in the playoffs for the Eighth Air Force championships.

championships.

The winners put over two runs in the first on two walks and a double by Sgt. James Deane, of High Point, N.C., and put over three more in the fifth. The losers came back with two markers in the sixth on two miscues and a triple by Sgt. John McGowan, of Philadelphia. Pvt. Eugene Lynch, of Long Island, N.J., yielded only two hits on the mound for the winners, fanning 12, while Cpl. Joe Cahr, of Brooklyn, whiffed six, allowing 12 blows.

# **Braves Defeat** Dodgers to End WinningStreak

### BostonWins, 3-2, AfterLoss In Opener; Yanks Split With A's

NEW YORK, Sept. 7—Two rookie efties pitched the champion St. Louis Cardinals to a double victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates yesterday at St. Louis, Al Brazle winning the opener, 3-2, and Harry Brecheen taking the nightcap, 6-2.

Brazle scattered seven hits in winning his fifth contest of the season and also cored his own winning run in the second inning, when, with the Redbirds leading, 2—1, he singled and scored on Lou Klein's double. Max Butcher, who lasted eight innings, was charged with his seventh

The Bucs went off to a 2-0 lead in the fourth inning of the second game on Bob Elliott's seventh homer with one aboard The Cards came back in their half, knocking Wally Hebert for three runs. One more in the fifth finished Hebert. Danny Litwhiler ended the Cardinal scoring in the eighth with his 11th circuit blow of

#### Rally Gives Bums Victory

Up at Boston, the Brooklyn Dodgers kept their winning streak alive in the first game of a twin bill, knocking off the Braves, 7—3, but the Bostons ended the Brooks' winning string at ten straight with a 3—2 ten-inning triumph in the nightcap.

Charlie Workman's tenth homer gave
Boston a 1—0 lead in the first frame of
the opener, and they added two more
in the third. However, the Flock
broke loose with seven runs in the sixth
off Al Javery and Armand Cardoni. Curt
Davis went all way for the Flatbushers,
allowing the Brayes five blove for the allowing the Braves five blows for his ninth win, while Javery was the loser.

The nightcap was a heart breaker with the Bums coming from behind twice to tie the score, but two walks and Chet Ross' single decided the game for the Braves in the tenth. Ed Head, who came in during that stanza, was tagged for the loss while Nate Andrews went the route in winning his 12th. The nightcap was a heart breaker with

The Giants and the Phillies split at the Polo Grounds, the Giants copping the opener, 6—3, while the Phils won out in the nightcap, 3—1, an 11-inning affair. Pitcher Rube Fischer and Ernie Lombardi combined in the combined rombined to the opener to drive in four runs, enough to give the New Yorkers their decision. Al Gerheauser hurled for six innings, and was charged with the setback while Fischer, although relieved by Ace Adams, annexed his seventh of the season.

Two For Reds

Two For Reds

The Reds topped the Chicago Cubs in both ends of their double-header at Cincinnati, 10—1 and 3—1. In the free-hitting opener, the Reds amassed 16 hits, including Eric Tipton's ninth homer in the fourth, off three Bruin twirlers. Elmer Riddle, touched for eight blows, scored his 18th win while Lon Warneke, who was derricked in the fifth, was the loser. Johnny Vander Meer pitched the full ten innings of the nightcap for his 12th triumph. The Reds scored once in the ninth, tying the count, then put over two in the tenth to beat Claude Passeau.

The Yankees and the Athletics gained

The Yankees and the Athletics gained an even break at the Stadium, the Macks walking off with the opener, 11—2, the Bombers having little trouble in the 11—4 nightcap. The A's slaughtered Atley Donald for four markers in the first inning, one in the second and two in the third, to ice the opener. The rest of their counters were at the expense of Tommy Byrne. Roger Wolff chalked up his teath

The Ruppert Rifles broke a 2—2 tie in the fourth of the second game as Bill Zuber tripled with two on and Roy Weatherly singled him home. Zuber and Marius Russo yielded 11 raps while the Yanks got 12 off three moundsmen, Don Black' dropping his 12th.

### Tribe Flattens Browns

At Fenway Park, the Red Sox blasted the Washington Senators, 5—I and 4—I. Tex Hughson spun a four-hitter in the opener for his 12th mound success, while Candini and Curtis were nicked for nine by the Hose, Candini losing his sixth. The score was tied, I—I, in the sixth of the second tilt when Bobby Doerr blasted out his 16th homer with two aboard, giving Joe Dobson his fifth decision on a six-hit effort. The Sox collected six base hits off Jim Mertz and Early Wynn, Mertz allowing all the Sox runs for his execution. allowing all the Sox runs for his seventh

The Cleveland Indians pleased their home crowd as they dropped the Browns twice, 3—2 in ten innings and 2—0 in a game called in the fifth. In the opener the Tribe put over runs in the first and second, the Brownies evening the count in the seventh. Lou Boudreau singled in the tenth, went to third on Ray Mack's single and scored on Gene Desautels' fly. Jim Bagby was the winner on the mound, Jim Bagby was the winner on the mound, his 14th success, while Steve Sundra and Ai Milnar gave up 14 blows, Milnar being

Cleveland scored once in the third and once in the fourth of the nightcap as Vernon Kennedy was credited with his eighth contest, Denny Galehouse suffering his ninth defeat.

American Association

Eastern League Monday's Games

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Monday's Games
Wilkes-Barre 5 Scranton 4 (first game)
Scranton 8. Wilkes-Barre 4 (second game)
Albany 5, Utica 3 (first game)
Utica 5, Albany 4 (second game)
Hartford 3, Springfield 1 (first game)
Hartford 1, Springfield 0 (second game)
Binghamton 3, Elmira 2 (first game)
Elmira 6, Binghamton 0 (second game)
Elmira 6, Binghamton 0 (second game)

W L Pet. W L 82 48 .634 Wilkes-Barre 70 59 72 56 .563 Binghamton 68 63 74 58 .561 Springfield, 46 81 71 59 .546 Utica .35 94

Monday's Games
Indianapolis 3. Louisville 1 (first game)
Indianapolis 2. Louisville 1 (second game)
Milwankee 3, Kansas City 2 (first game)

Kansas City 3, Milwaukee 2 (second game)
No other games played.

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Indi'polis 77 59 .566 Louisville 62 72 .463
Milwaukee 75 59 .560 Minneapolis 62 72 .463
Columbia 74 61 .548 St. Paul . .60 14 .448
Toledo . 69 66 .511 Kansas City 59 75 .440

Southern Association

League Results

Monday's Games

Montgomery 4, New Orleans 1 (first game)
New Orleans 2, Montgomery 1 (second game)
Knoxville 6, Little Rock 3 (first game)
Little Rock 7, Knoxville 4 (second game)
Memphis 5, Nashville 2 (first game)
Memphis 1, Nashville 0 (second game)
Atlanta 3, Birmingham 2

W L Pct. W L Pct. N. Orleans 41 22 651 Montgomery 36 37 493 Little Rock 41 29 586 Memphis 32 37 464 Nashville 34 29 540 Birmingham 24 38 387 Knoxville 37 32 536 Atlanta 24 44 353 Pacific Coast League

Pacific Coast League
Monday's Games
San Dieso 5. Gakland 1 (first game)
Oakland 2. San Diego 1 (second game)
Hollywood 3. Sacramento 2 (first game)
Hollywood 5. Sacramento 4 (second game)
Scattle 4, San Francisco 1 (first game)
San Francisco 7. Seattle 4 (second game)
Portland 3. Los Angeles 2 (first game)
Portland 2. Los Angeles 0 (second game)
Portland 2. Los Angeles 0 (second game)
Portland 4. Tall Hollywood, 68. 79
S. Francisco 87. 59. 596 San Diego 67. 80
Seattle 81. 66. 551 Oakland ... 63. 82
Portland ... 72. 74. 493 Sacramento... 41. 104.







# Paratroops Trap Watched Landings NEWS FROM HOME 20,000 Japs In Attack on Lae

### MacArthur Sees Operation From B17; Vital Airfield Captured by Air Troops

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Sept. 7—U.S. Army paratroops, dropped from the biggest air fleet ever assembled in the south or southwest Pacific, have cut off all possible land supply lines to trap 20,000 Jap troops in the Lae and Salamaua areas on the east coast of central New Guinea.

Elements of four enemy divisions.

Elements of four enemy divisions, reported to number 20,000, were comreported to number 20,000, were com-pletely encircled when hundreds of para-troopers descended behind the Jap air and sea anchorage at Lae and quickly cap-tured the enemy air base in the Markham Valley, west of Lae, according to an announcement from Gen. MacArthur's headquarters on the New Guinea front.

Taking an active part in the airborne operation, Gen. MacArthur flew with the paratroop force in a Flying Fortress and saw them descend in red, white, blue and orange parachutes, with machine-guns, mortars, ammunition and radios.

Aussies Began Encirclement The encirclement of the enemy was begun by Australian jungle fighters, who formed the biggest part of invasion forces landed Sunday under naval and aerial bombardment on the coast of Huon Gulf,

east of Lae.
Another Australian force, flown into an

Another Australian force, flown into an advanced base, marched overland for five days to rendezvous near the Markham Valley base with the American and take part in the capture of the airfield.

There was little resistance met by the paratroops, a communique said. With Havoc light and Mitchell medium bombers blasting the way ahead and laying down a triangular smokescreen the transports came over the target area. Not a single enemy plane interfered with the a single enemy plane interfered with the operation, and only one Jap ground patrol was known to have fired on the descending troops. The jumps were made from so low an altitude that the enemy would have only a few seconds to fire.

# FinalPhaseOn, Marshall Says

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 (AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall, the Army's Chief of Staff, said today the war had entered its final phase with the Allies mounting an offensive series which would end only with the absolute defeat of the Axis. Avoiding any torecast the Avis. Avoiding any torecast the Avis. The probable duration but "with complete assurance of the final victory to come," Gen. Marshall submitted to Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson his biennial report outlining the nation's transition from perilous unpreparedness.

from perilous unpreparedness.

Amidst victories on every front, and sweeping plans for great new offensives, Marshall reported that "strategically the enemy in Europe has been reduced to the

defensive and the blockade is complete.
"In the Pacific the Japs are being steadily ejected or rather eliminated from conquered territory. . . In brief, the strength of the enemy is steadily declining while the combined power of the United Nations is rapidly increasing—more rapidly with each succeeding month."

see those hard-boiled gunners, bombardiers, pilots and mechanics hoarding their weekly candy and cookie rations to send to the little girl."

M/Sgt. Clarence Krider, of Conway, S.C.; T/Sgt. Haldane R. Rotty, of Nichols, Conn.; Cpl. Thomas J. Piccera, of Camden, N.J., and S/Sgt. Isaac E. Nordain, of New York City, a former social worker, are hoping to make the sponsoring of war orphans a regular thing for their squadron.

### American Forces Network Operated by Radio Branch, Special Service Section, SOS, ETO

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(All times listed are PM)

Wednesday, Sept. 8

5.45—Spotlight—Bob Chester.
5.00—News (BBC).
6.10—Personal Album—Gene Autry.
6.25—GI Supper Club—request program.
7.00—Sports—Stars and Stripes radio re-

porter. Command Performance

-Encore. -News From Home-Stars and Stripe

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8.25—Ministure:
8.30—Kay Kayser's Kollege of Musical Knowledge.
9.00—News (BBC).
9.10—Moods in Music.
9.15—Bob Hope.
10.00—Final Edition—Stars and Stripes news.
10.10—Dick Jergen's Orchestra.
10.30—Sign off until Sept. 9 at 5.45 PM.



Gen. Douglas MacArthur Accompanied Paratroops in B17

# Mich.CookWins Recipe Contest

### Baltimore, Buffalo and Milwaukee Chefs Top SOS Competition

Egg nog, made from powdered eggs. won top honors in a recipe contest among all ETO messes, Headquarters SOS anan ETO messes, reauguaters sood an nounced yesterday. The top entry was submitted by Sgt. Bernard J. Mate, of Grand Rapids, Mich., whose cream of onion soup also won first prize in another

section.

The contest, suggested as a means for pooling choice army recipes and making them available to all unit messes, provided for entries under the following moved the sections: nowdered eggs, powdered classifications: powdered eggs, powdered milk, lemon crystals, concentrated and dehydrated soups, and dehydrated veget-

ables.

Leading entries included a powdered milk recipe for hot cakes, submitted by Pfc Carl Singleton, of Baltimore; a lemon crystals recipe for lemon pie filling, submitted by T/3 Benedict Tamol, of Buffalo, N.Y.; and a dehydrated vegetable recipe for corned beel and cabbage roll, submitted by S/Sgt. Lawrence J. Carey, of Milwaukee.

# Air Racer Died In Irish Crash

Capt, Loren L. Miles, former participant in the Cleveland air races and a pilot with the Ferry and Transport division of Eighth Service Command, was one of two men killed with Comm. James A. Logan, commandant of the U.S. Naval Operating Base, Saturday in a Northern Ireland plane crash.

David Grimes, of Philadelphia, vice

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£100 Given Orphan Fund

By Marauder Squadron

A U.S. MEDIUM BOMBER STATION, Sept. 7—To sponsor "a sweet little girl," one squadron of this B26 Marauder group, commanded by Maj. William W. Brier, of Anniston, Ala., contributed £100 today to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund.

1/Lt. Robert J. Croshaw, of San Antonio, Tex., said, "I wish you could see those hard-boiled gunners, bombardiers, pilots and mechanics hoarding their weekly candy and cookie rations to seed to the stars and stripes war orphan from the stripes war orphan from the star or the star or the stripes war orphan from the stripes of engineering for the philoco Corporation, also was killed, according to Eighth Air Force head-quarters yesterday.

A veteran flier with 4,000 hours in the air as a civilian, Capt. Miles was pilot-ing the two-engined transport when it crashed in the mountainous region near Magerah. The 44-year-old airman formerly owned a small air line in Los Angeles and was a familiar figure at the Cleveland races, in which he flew his Miles was pilot-ing the two-engined transport when it crashed in the mountainous regio

was wearing.

At the same time in the ship Kubel was aboard, an anti-aircraft shell burst below and a good-sized fragment shot up through the floor and was stopped cold by the armored suit Kubel was kneeling

The flak suit was designed by Col. Malcolm Grow, chief surgeon of the Eighth Air Force. It was first tried with Fortress crews, and when the protective clothing was found to be practical as pro-tection against low-velocity projectiles, it was furnished to as many crews as could be supplied.

Terry and the Pirates

# **Charred Ruins** Of Texas Hotel **Yield 36 Bodies**

#### Many of Trapped Victims Leap Flaming Into Street

.HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 7—More than 50 are believed to have been burned to death in a fire which razed the Gulf Hotel here early today, and many more are expected to die of burns.

Thirty-six bodies have been recovered from the charred ruins. Hours after the fire broke out rescuers were still carrying out the dead and dying.

Firemen said that a cigarette which set fire to a mattress was responsible for the flames, which quickly spread through the building. Within a few minutes after the outbreak the pavement was littered with flaming bodies as trapped men leaped from second-floor windows. Flames prevented firemen from hoisting ladders.

The hotel, whose register showed 133 guests, was occupied principally by elderly men, many of them on relief.

Paralysis Epidemic Spreads CHICAGO, Sept. 7—Fifty-eight new cases of infantile paralysis have been reported in Chicago and Cook County in the last 72 hours, increasing the epidemic's total to 632, with 64 deaths since July 1.

Long Trip Pays Off

MANTIOWOC, Wis., Sept. 7—A submarine built at Manitowoc and floated down the Mississippi River has invaded Japanese waters and sunk two naval vessels and two patrol boats. This was revealed when its skipper, Commander George H. Wales, of Washington, D.C., was awarded the Silver Star by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet.

#### John Cudahy Killed

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 7—John Cudahy, former ambassador to Poland and minister to Eire, was killed yesterday when he was thrown from his horse at his Granville estate 10 miles north of here. He was the Wisconsin director of civilian

## Italy -(Continued from page 1)

itself, felt the weight of bombs rained down by the last Fortress formations. While these heavy blows were being delivered, large forces of American hangars and aircraft parked on the ground when they attacked Capua airdrome, 20 miles north of Naples.

The two airfields at Grazzanise, 20 miles northwest of Naples, were hit by B26s.

Between 20 and 40 Axis fighters rose up to meet the Capua attackers, and P38 fighters, escorting the B25s, shot down seven of them.

Tons of high explosive and fragmenta-

Tons of high explosive and fragmenta-tion bombs scored hits on the runways, hangars, starting large fires. "The raid was entirely successful," said one member of a crew that battered Capua.

The daylight offensive followed heavy night attacks in the same area.

night attacks in the same area.

A heavy force of Bostons pounded the railway yards at Caserta, 12 miles north of Naples, while Wellingtons raided in great strength the Battipaglia yards where, south of Naples, the main line divides and connects the west coast and central routes.

When the Wellingtons battered Battipaglia, they first dropped flares to find their targets, but after the first load of incendiaries had gone down, there was no further need for them.

further need for them.

Huge fires from the blazing repair depot and station clearly outlined the depot and station clearly outlined the yards, while there were scores of fires among the trucks, in the marshalling yards themselves.

The arc around Italy's tip now has been

extended to 60 miles and resembles a wedge driven inland from the beach head where the initial landings were made last Friday. The Allied line goes from Palmi to Delianuova through San Stefano to Reggio and along the southern coast to a point east of Melito, with the advance continuing north from Palmi and east from Melito along the southern coast toward Cape Sprativento. In the center of the triangle Allied troops are pressing eastward from San Stefano and Delianuova to the slopes of the Apro-

# 'Hmm . . . That's Choice Stuff'



Sgt. H. P. McLaughlin, of West Virginia, takes an expert's look at one of the bulls on Viscount Hambledon's Berkshire estate in England. McLaughlin and other U.S. soldiers in ETO representing 17 states who prior to enlistment had farm experience, were guests of Lord Hambledon. The group is the first to take the agriculture course offered at Reading University.

# U.S. Lib Helps RAF Destroy 3 Subs in Great Biscay Battle

A U.S. ANTI-SUB STATION, England, Sept. 7-It was their first attack after many routine patrols, but when the opportunity came the crewmen of a USAAF Liberator operating with RAF Coastal Command knew their business and came back with a share of the greatest single vectory against U-boats in the Bay of Biscay.

# **USAAF Blasts** Nazisin Europe

(Continued from page 1) assembly buildings, machine shops, test beds and hangars.

ETO Headquarters announced yester-day that the Marauders struck their heaviest blow of the war Monday, drop-ping nearly 300 tons of bombs on the railroad yards at Amiens, Serqueux and Rouen. Escorting Spitfires destroyed 11 German fighters.

German fighters.

A huge score of enemy fighters was Stuttgart and on airfields at Orleans and Conches in France. The Fortresses shot down 70 and escorting Thunderbolts destroyed one. Capt. Roy Evans, Thunderbolt pilot from San Bernardino, Cal., was credited with his fourth Nazi "kill." Thirty-three Fortresses failed to return from Monday's missions. Of this number

from Monday's missions. Of this number, headquarters announced, five landed in neutral countries. One Thunderbolt and four Spitfires did not return.

## Thousand-Mile Round Trip

The Fortresses made almost a 1,000-mile round trip to Germany's Wuertemberg-Baden area to hit Stuttgart, a highly industrialized city of 500,000 people. Crewmen reported fires burning in the city after they made their bomb runs.

The Air Ministry announced that 1,500 tons of explosives were dropped Sunday on Mannheim-Ludwigshaven and fires were still burning 36 hours after the raid.

were still burning 36 hours after the raid. At least 11 enemy planes were destroyed

#### **Iewish GIs to Get Leave** For New Year Services

ETO headquarters announced yestereTO headquarters announced yester-day that unit commanding officers have been authorized to issue passes to Jewish soldiers to permit them to attend New Year services Sept. 30-Oct. 1 and Day of Atonement services Oct. 9. High holy day services will be held in many communities throughout England,

many communities throughout England, and men will be given leave whenever unit commanders can do so "consistent with the exigencies of the service."

Orthodox, reform and liberal services will be held in London respectively at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, High Holborn, WC1, West London Reform Synagogue, Upper Berkeley St., Marble Arch, and Liberal Synagogue, 28 St. John's Wood Road.

Three enemy submarines, traveling at full speed on the surface in close formation outward bound about 90 miles

ag at full speed on the surface in close formation outward bound about 90 miles northwest of Cape Ortegal, were sunk during a six-hour engagement in which the white-bellied B24, six other aircraft and vessels of the Royal Navy took part.

The Lib, piloted by 1/Lt. A. L. Leal, of Fresno, Cal., was not credited with a sinking. Those major honors went to an RAAF Sunderland, an RAF Halifax and one of the naval sloops. But it did get an important assist in the U-boat destroyed by the Halifax, and returned to this base scarred with holes from cannon and machine-gun shells.

Lt. Leal's ship took off in a flight of six after word was received that three U-boats had been spotted by an RAF Liberator on patrol. Over the targets the Sunderland dropped depth charges just forward of the conning tower on one sub The Ione American plane, meanwhy, bore down on another U-boat, flying through a stream of cannon and machine-gun fire. A shell hit the Lib's bomb bay, severing the bomb-control cable and preventing 2/Lt. W. H. Topping, of Forge, Va., bombardier, from dropping his bombs. But the gunners raked the U-boat's deck so effectively that when a Halifax came in for a follow-up attack it was able to make a perfect run without interference from anti-aircraft fire.

"This was our first attack," said Lt.

out interference from anti-aircraft fire.
"This was our first attack," said Lt. Leal, "and it gave us a big kick. We were disappointed, though, for not being able to drop our load. Our gunners did a swell

The third sub attempted to crash dive, but after one of the aircraft dropped a marker over the spot where it disappeared naval sloops came on the scene and dropped depth charges for three hours until wreckage and oil floated to the sur-

The rest of Lt. Leal's crew were 2/Lt. L. D. Butler, Tulia, Tex., co-pilot; 2/Lt. Marion Towns, Georgetown, Tex., navigator; T/Sgts. W. J. Pricor, Latrobe, Pa.; H. Hollack, Lyndora, Pa., and R. W. McCurdy, Auburn, N.Y.; S/Sgts. J. Geanious, Winchester, Va., and W. H. Hayes, Eadston, N.Y., and Sgt. K. C. Witek, Scranton, Pa.

### Awarded Silver Star For Downing Two Nazis

A U.S. FIGHTER STATION, England, Sept. 7—For gallantry and leadership in action and for the destruction of two enemy aircraft, Col. Edward W. Anderson, of St. Petersburg, Fla., was awarded the Silver Star here by Brig. Gen. Frank O'D. Hunter, deputy commander of the Eighth Air Force.

# By Milton Caniff









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