

Allies Take 4 Key Towns in Big Advance

Soviet Tanks Drive Wedge To Ukraine

Russians Push 38 Miles Toward Kharkov; Take 70 Communities

MOSCOW, Aug. 8—Endless columns of Russian tanks sweeping over a 43-mile front have driven spearheads 38 miles deep into the German defense before Kharkov in another push to recapture the vital Ukraine.

Already the Soviets threaten to outflank the great industrial city and rail center, following the capture of 70 inhabited places. Heavy losses have been inflicted on the desperate German forces, it was reported.

On the Briansk front the Russians hurled back 30 Nazi counter-attacks and killed a reported 1,000 in a single day's fighting. This Soviet move may open a path for entry into White Russia and even threaten the German headquarters for Russia at Smolensk.

General Withdrawal

Harassed by the swiftly pursuing Reds, the Germans appeared to be hastening a general westward withdrawal, fighting bitterly as they went. Reports disclosed that the Germans ordered the civilian evacuation of Byelgorod six days before the knockout blow for the city by the Reds.

On both the Kharkov and Briansk sectors the Germans are fighting a rear-



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guard battle, and then, when these fail, they mine the roads and carry out demolition action. They are trying to hold every position and hill that is favorable, and heavy losses are being inflicted upon them as the Soviets surge onward.

Smashing air attacks are being made on the railway junctions at Kharkov and Briansk. Russian bombers carried out a concentrated attack on German military supply trains in both centers, while Russian assault planes are mercilessly strafing the routed enemy forces as they flee west and southwest, apparently with the idea of taking up a new defense line on the west bank of the River Dnava.

Besides maintaining a constant air

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Keep Up Search For 14 Drowned

American soldiers, Home Guardsmen and units of the Royal Navy continued to search the waters of a western England estuary yesterday for the bodies of 14 U.S. soldiers drowned in an accident during a night river crossing maneuver.

The toll of dead, first reported as seven, included 13 enlisted men and one officer, who were thrown into the water when their barge capsized during the exercise held in pitch darkness. The names of the victims were not announced, pending notification of the next-of-kin. Three other American soldiers saved themselves by swimming to a raft downstream and ashore, while the fourth clung to the overturned barge.

The operation, involving the use of pontoons to transport vehicles across the river, was nearly completed when the last boat, carrying 18 men, capsized in the rough water. The 18 were in full equipment.

No official report of the accident has been issued, pending an investigation by Army officials.

U.S. General Dictates Peace Terms



Gen. Molinari, a worried Italian general, discusses peace terms laid down by Maj. Gen. Thomas Keyes, after forces commanded by the American tank general captured Palermo, Sicily's capital and largest city.

Leaking Gas, Near Explosion, Fort Goes Off Alone to Target

A USAAF BOMBER STATION, Aug. 8—Lady Anne, the battered Fortress of 1/Lt. Leo Le Casse, 23, of Manchester, N.H., was leaking gasoline. He thought it might blow up in that tight-flying formation. So the Lady Anne pulled out of the flight and went on alone to bomb the target.

Alone, the Lady Anne knocked down Nazi fighters before and after blasting the target, and returned safely to England.

Pilot Le Casse told about the job today. "Flak was heavy. There at one point, well over 100 fighters jumped up. They came from all positions, and we fought like hell," he said. "A 20mm. shell went through one wing, tearing through a gas tank.

"Gasoline was leaking all over, so I feathered the prop of the nearest engine. But there was still lots of danger of our blowing up, so—rather than risk the necks of any of the others in our formation—we decided to leave and take our chances alone with those fighters.

"That was when we started playing peek-a-boo with them through the clouds. Every time we came out of one cloud, a bunch of them were waiting, so we'd tussle a little, then go on to the next cloud—and so it was till we got to the target.

"We dropped our bombs and knocked hell out of that German place.

"Then we headed home, fighters still chasing us all over the sky. It was some battle. The ball turret gunner, Sgt. Ralph Baxter, blew one of the fighters right out of the world, and I think he might have

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U.S. Joins Patrol Of ETO Waters

Catalina Squadron Flying In Cooperation With Coastal Command

A COASTAL COMMAND STATION, England, Aug. 8—American airmen are patrolling European waters in Catalina flying boats, the Air Ministry revealed yesterday.

The first indication that U.S. fliers were working in cooperation with RAF Coastal Command came in an Air Ministry bulletin which told the story of three American officers who were rescued from the Bay of Biscay 20 hours after their Catalina was shot down by Ju88s.

The plane, one of an American squadron serving with Coastal Command, headed for the protective cover of clouds when the pilot spotted three Ju88s approaching. The cloud was too thin to afford protection and the Catalina was attacked by eight or ten of the twin-engined German fighters.

"We were able to put up a good show until they knocked out one of our gunners," said Lt. Robert Bedell, co-pilot, "but after that the enemy was able to close to within 100 yards, hitting us with cannon and machine-gun fire. We dived to sea level and were just about to land on the water when they knocked out our bow gunner and wounded the captain.

"We were rescued 20 hours later by the Royal Navy and we cannot say enough for the men who picked us up," Lt. Bedell said.

The Air Ministry revealed that the two other members of the crew were a Lt. Tanner, of San Pedro, Cal., and a Lt. Patterson, of Yonkers, N.Y. No first names were announced.

Be Patient, Balkans Are Told

Greeks and Yugoslavs were asked to "be patient a little longer" and were counseled "not to allow the enemy to sow confusion" in the ranks of the patriots, in a special message from Allied high command, broadcast by BBC to the two countries over the weekend.

RAF Bombs Rhineland

RAF Mosquitoes bombed targets in the Rhineland of western Germany early yesterday, while intruder patrols of Fighter Command attacked enemy airfields and railways in France, the Air Ministry announced.

1,000,000 to Leave Berlin

German radio said last night that more than 1,000,000 women and children were to leave Berlin in the evacuation preparatory to the expected raids by the RAF and USAAF.

Main Line Broken, Nazis Face Prospect Of Another Tunisia

Fall of Adrano and Bronte and Heavy Air Blows at Randazzo Threaten To Cut Off German Retreat

The German defenders of Sicily appeared doomed to the same fate as their comrades in Tunisia last night as the British Eighth Army broke the Nazi line to capture four key towns on the highway circling Mount Etna on the west, and Allied forces elsewhere moved steadily ahead against bitter resistance.

The Germans still were moving slowly, stubbornly into the last corner of Sicily, before Messina, and the front has been narrowed to less than 45 miles.

Capture of Bronte, junction of the main road from Troina with the circular road around Etna, threatened to cut off the only line of retreat left to the German forces still fighting the U.S. Seventh Army beyond Troina, which fell to the Americans Friday after some of the toughest uphill fighting of the Sicilian campaign.

Steady Allied advances were reported on all fronts with the help of relentless air attacks and continuing naval bombardments along the north and east coasts. U.S. Navy forces kept up day and night shelling of Axis positions along the north coast, and British vessels again bombarded the coastal railway at Taormina.

A single thrust by Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's Eighth Army, regrouped after the fall of Catania, knocked out Bronte, Adrano, Biancavilla and Bel-

Italy Is Bombed From England And N. Africa

Lancasters Raid Turin, Milan and Genoa; Naples Hit Again

Italy's three biggest industrial centers—Turin, Milan and Genoa—were damaged heavily early yesterday in a pre-dawn attack by strong formations of RAF Lancasters from England.

The bombings, following up the fifth raid this month on Naples from bases in Africa, came as Allied headquarters in the Mediterranean disclosed that virtually all rail transport in southern Italy has been stopped by the growing Allied air assault.

Reconnaissance photographs show, officers said, that no traffic has passed through Littorio depot at Rome since the July 19 raid on the eternal city, that bomb craters block most of the tracks at Bologna, that east coast traffic through Foggia has ceased, and west coast transport through Naples has been reduced to a trickle.

Rome an 'Open City'?

Reports from reputable sources in Berne, Switzerland, said that Rome soon would be declared an open city. The sources said Badoglio was organizing measures for removing from Rome all military organizations and key defence ministries, as well as war industrial activities.

The Air Ministry did not disclose the specific targets of Saturday night's three-pronged raid on northern Italy, but Rome radio admitted heavy damage was done to Milan. It said a hospital, an orphanage, a monastery, a museum and a theater were hit.

Two Lancasters were lost. One at first listed as missing later was disclosed to have gone on to Africa because of engine trouble, instead of returning to England.

Pilots expressed surprise over the light defenses of the three cities. There was little flak, they said, only one or two night fighters, and the searchlights appeared to be in inexperienced hands.

Genoa was last attacked on Nov. 15, Milan on Feb. 14 and Turin last July 12.

The West African Air Force kept up

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passo. Adrano, largest of the four towns captured, with a population of 39,000, lies 13 miles south of Bronte. Biancavilla is two miles southeast of Adrano, and Belpasso, a junction of several roads, is 12 miles northwest of Catania.

Further north, at Randazzo, 12 miles north of Bronte on the Etna loop highway, wave after wave of medium bombers, attacking more than 50 times in a few hours, have completely blocked this vital road junction for the escape of the Germans and has so paralyzed highway traffic through the town, airmen reported, that the Nazis' chances of salvaging most of their tanks, heavy artillery and transport are nil.

Roads leading north from Randazzo to the escape coasts were reported blocked with German vehicles, frequently snarled in long traffic jams. Airmen said ceaseless bombing has made the roads here almost completely useless.

Along the north coast American troops were meeting terrific resistance from the Germans at San Fratello, 12 miles east of San Stefano. Reports to Allied headquarters said the enemy was carrying out extensive demolition—in one place wrecking nine bridges in 12 miles. The Ger-

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General Strike Urged In Italy to End War

BERNE, Aug. 8 (AP)—The Italian Socialist party appealed to workers, farmers and middle-class intellectuals to join in a general strike to force an end of the war and the abolition of the Monarchy, a Chiasso dispatch to the Swiss newspaper Volksrecht said today.

Big Italian Budget Deficit

The Italian financial situation is very grave, Italian Finance Minister Bartolini told the Badoglio cabinet at Wednesday's meeting, Rome radio admitted.

The minister stated that if the increase was not checked the situation might become total inflation, bringing with it incalculably dangerous social consequences.

Germans and Italians Confer

Ankara (Turkish) radio last night quoted unconfirmed reports that Italian and German military leaders were conferring in central Italy. Ribbentrop and Guariglia, Badoglio's Foreign Minister, were said to be taking part.

Rescuers Fight Jungle to Save Airmen in Head-Hunter Land

NEW DELHI, Aug. 8 (AP)—A thrilling story is being enacted today in the northern Burma jungle, involving a radio correspondent, an American diplomat, a Washington official, some Chinese Army colonels, a parachute-jumping doctor and a headhunter tribe, and the story is complete with a rescue party slashing its way through the steaming jungles.

Nineteen of the 21 passengers and crew of a four-motored transport plane safely baled out when motor trouble developed over wild Nage head-hunter territory in northern Burma. The party landed near a tiny village, 100 miles from the nearest Allied base.

Among the group are Eric Severeid, Columbia Broadcasting news commentator; William L. Stanton, member of the Board of Economic Warfare, and John Davies Jr., second secretary of the American Embassy at Chungking. The rest of

the party, which was enroute to China from India, are safe, except two persons.

A few hours after the men made the parachute jump for life into the jungle, Col. Don Flickinger, 37-year-old flight surgeon and holder of the DFC, of Long Beach, Cal., with two enlisted men, jumped from the rescue plane with medical supplies.

With Flickinger in the mercy leap were Sgt. Richards Passey, of Provo, Utah, and Cpl. William McKenzie, of Detroit.

Meanwhile, back at the American base, 100 miles away, ground forces, after a few hours of preparation, began the trip into the almost uncharted Nage hills.

American Army authorities made contact with the men on the ground and sent the Flickinger party only a few hours after receiving a message from the ill-fated

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3 Jap Warships, One A Cruiser, Sunk off Munda

Jubilant Yanks Celebrate First Anniversary of Pacific Offensive

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Aug. 8—A U.S. Navy task force sunk a Japanese cruiser and two destroyers yesterday a few miles from Munda, where jubilant American forces were holding a double celebration—the fall of the vital New Georgia airfield and the first anniversary of the U.S. offensive in the South Pacific.

The American Navy forces suffered no losses in the sea battle off Kolombangara Island with the Jap convoy, which apparently was trying to run supplies into Vila airport—probably the next objective in the U.S. island by island conquest of the Solomons.

At the same time, great forces of U.S. planes blasted Santa Isabel, another Solomon island about 50 miles northeast of New Georgia, with 65 tons of bombs. Although met by strong anti-aircraft fire but no fighter opposition, the U.S. bombers scored direct hits on supply dumps and bivouac areas.

Back on Munda, U.S. engineers cleaned up the debris on the strategic airfield preparing it for planes which will be within 450 miles of Rabaul—Japanese supply base for the South Pacific—as other ground forces continued mopping up operations.

Helps War Orphans



Stars and Stripes Photo
Lt. Dave Breger, staff cartoonist on The Stars and Stripes, checks over one of the GI Joe strips which enabled him to give \$150 to the War Orphan Fund.

Army Nurse Gets Decorations For Prisoner of War Husband

Gen. Devers Makes Award During Broadcast to States

The Silver Star for gallantry and the Purple Heart for wounds received in action were presented during a week-end broadcast to the United States to Nurse Helen Page Brown on behalf of her husband, Capt. Paul W. Brown, of Youngstown, Ohio, now a prisoner of war in Italian hands.

The presentation of the medals, won by Capt. Brown in the North African campaign, was made by Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETO commander, and the citations were read by the captain's commander, Col. Paul Crawford. During the ceremony Gen. Devers commended 2/Lt. Brown and the women of today who are fighting on all fronts, as well as her husband for his heroic exploits.

"In peace, and particularly in war time, the word 'nurse' is a title of exceptional honor," the ETO commander said. "In giving you these two medals, the Silver Star and the Purple Heart, to keep for your husband—Capt. Paul W. Brown—I want to commend you as well as Capt. Brown."

The Silver Star citation said that Capt. Brown "personally and voluntarily led a platoon of his company forward to fire on advancing enemy tanks and cover the withdrawal of American forces," and that as a result of his "daring and heroic action" three enemy tanks were destroyed and others damaged.

"He removed his platoon only after the American forces had withdrawn and he had successfully completed his mission," the citation continued. "While personally directing the withdrawal of his platoon, he was wounded, evacuated, and then captured. The gallantry, aggressive leadership and devotion to duty with disregard for his own welfare displayed by Capt. Brown reflect great credit upon himself and the command and are deserving of the highest praise."

Lt. Brown, who is pretty and blue-eyed, met her husband at an officers' dance in



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo
2/Lt. Helen Page Brown

Ireland a year ago and they were married on Nov. 8 in England. In December, on the day her hospital unit moved to England, his outfit moved to another theater. Before joining the ANC, her home was in Newburyport, Mass.

She has heard from her husband only once since he was captured—a postcard which said his leg was healing and that he was feeling well. "I think," she said, "that I was happier about that postcard than I was about the Silver Star." She doesn't know whether he receives the letters she writes every day but says "It does me good just to think I am talking to 'Brownie' when I write."

"We're going to settle down after the war and lead a very, very quiet life," she explained. "And we're going to have nine children. I can't cook and I can't sew—but I can learn. Besides, even if I can't cook I know my meals will be a welcome change after C ration and prison camp food."

First Division Took Troina in Stiffest Fighting

Nazi Elite Troops Told To Defend Town To Death

ALLIED HQ, Sicily, Aug. 8 (AP)—It was Maj. Gen. Terry Allen's First Infantry Division that ripped the mountain town of Troina from the grasp of the suicidal German defenders, it was disclosed today.

German elite troops suffered severe casualties, but no Italian troops were reported in the fighting anywhere on the Sicilian front.

Inhabitants of Troina expressed great indignation against the Germans to men of the First Division.

The fighting for Troina was so fierce that hill 1034, south of the town, was taken and retaken six times before the Germans finally were driven back by artillery and dive-bombing. He said the Germans managed to get most of their troops away.

Vital Point for Nazis

CENTRAL SICILIAN FRONT, Aug. 8 (UP)—The Germans clung to Troina, the little hilltop town on the road from Nicosia to Bronte, in order to cover the evacuation of troops along the Mount Etna ring railway and road.

Troina commands the road running east towards the German main defenses and also commands the Simeto Valley and the road on the far side of it, running from Adrano to Bronte.

The Germans were moving troops and materials along this from the path of the Canadians advancing on Adrano further to the south. After the fall of Catania and Paterno, it began to take still more traffic.

Because of that, the battle for Troina was one of the toughest the Americans have fought since they landed on Sicily.

For four days the U.S. artillery poured in ton after ton of shells. At times all Troina seemed to be lifted up to the skies, but it seemed to have no effect when it came to assaulting the enemy positions.

3 Days of Fierce Battle

This is the record of one set of attacks. A regiment which had been in the heaviest fighting since the Gela landings assaulted the town at 10.30 in pitch darkness.

The Germans counter-attacked and drove them back. The Americans attacked again. Again they got so far, and then were pressed back.

All the following day they renewed their efforts, each time getting in a certain distance and then falling back under vicious mortar and machine-gun fire.

This type of hard fighting went on for three days. Throughout it all, the Germans had one great advantage. Their positions were mainly high up on the crags on which the town is built.

The Americans were lower down. "They are almost looking down our throats as we go in," said one American officer.

'Last 20 Yards to Goal'

(This dispatch was written Wednesday night. Friday night Troina was in American hands.)

WITH SEVENTH ARMY, Outside Troina, Aug. 4 (delayed) (UP)—About 1,500 German troops, told by their commanders that they would be shot if they tried to retreat from Troina, have put up the heaviest resistance to the Americans in Sicily so far.

For five days U.S. troops have been hammering at these defenders of this stronghold which is perched on the top of a 3,642ft. peak, but without success.

"Like the last 20 yards in a football match," was how one officer described it to me. "You look so often as if you're about to get to the line and then you get knocked back."

The greatest concentration of artillery fire massed by the Americans since the battle for El Guettar in Tunisia was poured into the ancient walls of the city this afternoon as the climax to a particularly vicious attack by at least 70 of our dive-bombers.

After this preparation the Americans, dog-tired, once more tried a final assault on the town. As this is written they are within about 2,000 yards of the northwest approaches to the town.

Protestant Chaplain Holds Jewish Rites

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Aug. 8—There are no Jewish chaplains near this B17 base, but the Protestant chaplain sees to it that the Jewish men have a weekly service of their own. He conducts it.

The Protestant chaplain, James O. Kincannon, enlists the help of Cpl. Chester Rosenfield, of Newark, N.J.

The 26-year-old chaplain is the son of a Van Buren, Ark., judge, and is known as "Chaplain Jim" to the boys. "I like to perform services for all creeds," he says, "because as long as they believe, I am happy to help, regardless of race, creed or color. There is really no difference, we all believe alike fundamentally."

"I've learned a lot from conducting Jewish services, and I'm learning more every day."

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mans were said to have dug themselves in front of San Fratello behind a line of mines, booby traps and time bombs.

Almost continuous day and night bombing of evacuation shipping in the Straits of Messina was carried out by the air force. At least one anti-aircraft vessel, an E-boat, a barge and a launch were destroyed, and several ferries, 27 barges and two landing craft were set on fire.

Fighters and fighter-bombers roved at will over the Nazi bridgehead, and in one attack alone on transport 13 direct hits were scored on trucks in the Randazzo area.

Warhawks, in a sweep over Sardinia, shot down two enemy planes. Pilots reported few enemy interceptors were willing to fight.

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plane reporting their position and that they were unable to remain in the air.

During the rest of the day planes piloted by Capt. Hugh Wild, of Milwaukee, and George Kutzman, of Louisville, Ky., brought tents, food, clothes and trinkets for the natives, which were dropped to the men in the open space near the village.

Planes making daily supply trips report that tents have been erected, a camp established, and apparently the group is resting, awaiting the ground rescue party. Observers say it may be several weeks before the party is brought out, but they are not in danger of Japanese. The country is described as extremely wild, and possible headhunters in the remote sections of this territory are unfriendly.

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its hammering of communications in southern Italy. The Crotona airfield was attacked heavily by Mitchells Saturday, and Marauders battered railway yards at Marina di Catanzaro, 37 miles southwest of Crotona on the east coast, and railway and road bridges at Angitola in the extreme south.

San Giovanni, terminus of the railway ferry to Sicily, was heavily bombed by RAF Liberators and Halifaxes from the Middle East on Friday night. Pilots reported direct hits on the railway sidings south of the harbor and bomb bursts near the railway station. Several fires were started in the railway area.

Civilian Worker Decorated

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8—The highest honor attainable by a civilian war worker—the WPB's citation for production ideas—has just been awarded Donald C. Mullet, final assembly line worker at Northrop Aircraft Company, for the invention of a device to hold and locate control cables during installation.

15 Colleges on Week's Roundup of Alumni

Listed on this week's alumni roll call are Randolph-Macon, St. Johns (Annapolis), Wayne, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Alabama Poly., Arkansas State, Colorado State, Connecticut U., Idaho U., Illinois U., Kansas State, Mass. State, and Mich. State.

Former students of these colleges are requested to send their name, rank, unit, APO number and class year to the Alumni Secretary, The Stars and Stripes, Printing House Square, London, E.C.A.

Orphans' Fund Hits £26,471.12

Bomber Outfit Raises £107 In Seven Hours for 'Cute Little Girl'

The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund reached a total of £26,471 12s. 1d. yesterday.

Members of the — Bomb Squadron raised £107 in seven hours last pay day. When they brought the money in, Capt. Raymond P. Ketelsen, of Houston, Tex., and 1/Sgt. George R. Conner, of Denver, said the squadron members want to sponsor "a cute little girl," between five and seven years old, with the £100, and to earmark the extra £7 for a second orphan they hope to sponsor. Capt. Ketelsen's outfit started out with three other squadrons of the group to raise £100 each, and was first to top the mark.

A birthday present of \$57.72 for Sheila H, the orphan they are sponsoring, was sent in by men of the — Signal Co. (Avn.).

2/Lt. Dave Breger, whose "GI Joe" cartoons appear exclusively in The Stars and Stripes each week, turned over to the War Orphan Fund a check for \$150, which he received from Life Magazine for the use of some of his cartoons.

For Hq., — Military Police Co. (Avn.), Lt. Charles Roden sent in another partial payment of £18, and the monthly £5 check from Maj. Dobbins, Hq., ETOUSA, arrived as usual.

Sponsor Anniversary Orphan

AN AAF STATION, Aug. 8—Officers of the — Air Depot Group celebrated their first anniversary overseas by contributing £100 to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund at a party here last night.

They took their cue for sponsoring a war orphan from a group of play-acting enlisted men here, according to Capt. Clarence Kimsey, of Denver, officer in charge of the PX and officers' mess. Just a week ago, 12 enlisted men and a second lieutenant, who had been raising money by presenting a home-made show before American and British audiences, added the final coppers to make £100—enough to finance the education and clothing of a war orphan for five years.

Sitting at the final performance of the show, Capt. Kimsey said to himself, "Why can't we do the same?" He broached the idea to Lt. Col. John A. Bertolero, of Rapid City, S.D., commanding the station, and fellow officers. They agreed that sponsoring a war orphan would be the best way they knew of rounding out a year in foreign service. They agreed to raise a total of £100 within the next few days, and they did.

Flushed with success, they also gave quite a party last night. The orphan they sponsor—"We wish he could be twins," said Capt. Kimsey—shouldn't lack entertainment from his godfathers in the future.

In front of a huge anniversary cake, Col. Bertolero formally handed the £100 check to 2/Lt. Charles B. Kernan, of Lafayette, La., special service officer, and boss of the orphan-sponsoring show put on by enlisted men, who turned it over to a Star and Stripes representative.

Cotton Cases for Field Phones

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8—There will be no more leather carrying cases for field telephones, the War Department has announced. Cotton fabric cases, just as strong as leather, will be substituted. The new cases were developed at Signal Corps laboratories at Fort Monmouth, N.J.

Stratemeyer in India

NEW DELHI, Aug. 8 (AP)—Maj. Gen. George Stratemeyer, until recently U.S. Army Air Force chief of staff, has arrived in India to confer with Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell, U.S. commander in China, India and Burma.

Battered Fort Attacks Alone

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got some more, but there wasn't time to check on that.

"At last we came out into the clear blue sky near the European coast, and only three of those fighters were tailing us, so I dove! Lady Anne straight down to the ground, shook them off, and came on home."

Case didn't add that one of the Lady Anne's engines was completely gone, another was on the blink, both ailerons were blown off, and, besides numerous big holes, what was left of the Fortress looked like a sieve.

All that happened on the second successive day of bombing by the Lady Anne.

Attacked by fighters over the German coast on the first day of her two straight days of attack, the Lady Anne's oxygen system was knocked out. Le Casse, dazed for a while, turned over his ship to the co-pilot, 2/Lt. Herbert Heuser, of Gary, Ind. Later he took over, and the Lady Anne—in spite of four cannon holes in one wing, one hole in another, and a gasoline tank knocked out—went on to the target. The Lady Anne added her bombs to others dropped from that formation, which completely destroyed a German fighter plane factory, and returned to base—for repairs and another day of activity.

Among crewmen who shot down German fighters were Sgt. Baxter, Withee, Wis.; T/Sgt. Roy Blansitt, Hamilton, Tex., top turret gunner; and S/Sgt. Bill Sweeney, Syracuse, N.Y., tail gunner. Others on the Lady Anne during both missions were: 2/Lt. Howard Zorn, Jamaica, N.Y., navigator; 2/Lt. Richard Roth, Star City, Ind., bombardier; S/Sgt. Edward Cavanaugh, Shamokin, Pa., radio gunner; and S/Sgts. Charles Hill, Camden, N.J., and Archie Cameron, Durham, N.C., waist gunners.

Gen. Strahm Cited

CAIRO, Aug. 8 (AP)—The Legion of Merit has been awarded Brig. Gen. Victor H. Strahm, of Bowling Green, Ky., chief of staff of the Ninth Air Force, for "efficient meritorious conduct" since Alamein.

Tide Turned in World War 25 Years Ago This Week

Retreating German armies in Sicily and Russia made appropriate yesterday the 25th anniversary of the day, Aug. 8, 1918, when the Allies began the great Amiens offensive which led three months later to the final victory.

Aug. 8, 1918, was, in the words of Field Marshal Ludendorff, "the black day of the German army. . . . It put the decline of our fighting power beyond all doubt."

The massed artillery that opened fire along the whole front east of Amiens, 75 miles due north of Paris, at 4.20 AM that August morning was sounding the prelude to a whole series of victories leading to Nov. 11.

Three weeks earlier, on July 15, the Germans had launched an ambitious offensive east and southwest of Rheims, had crossed the Marne and had penetrated to Chateau-Thierry, 50 miles from Paris. Their offensive collapsed, as

Berlin Session Starts Rumors

Allied and neutral capitals speculated yesterday on the possible results of a meeting held at Hitler's Berlin headquarters between German army, diplomatic and home front leaders and the Japanese representative in Berlin, Admiral Oshima.

Reports persisted that the army has taken control throughout Germany to prepare for a long defensive war, and that "powers of enormous magnitude" are now in the hands of Marshal Goering. Other rumors said that a triumvirate composed of Marshal Keitel and Admiral Doenitz, as heads of the Army and Navy, and Goering as the link with the Nazi party, are now the real rulers of the Reich.

Other reports hinted that upheavals were likely to come in Berlin, that Hitler might be overthrown, that Berlin might be declared an open city, and that the civilian populations have shown signs of revolt.

Presence of the Japanese representative caused speculation on whether he had been instructed to approach Russia with a peace proposal or, failing in this, to threaten the Soviet with a Japanese invasion.

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umbrella for the Army, the Russian air superiority is preventing the Germans from bringing up reinforcements and supplies.

"The massive blows of our aircraft are mounting in scale and intensity," says Red Star.

The Germans lost 120,000 men killed in one month's fighting on the Orel and Byelorod sectors, according to a report by Moscow radio. The Russians took 12,418 prisoners.

Between July 5—when the Germans took the offensive on the Kursk salient—and July 23 the Germans lost 70,000 men killed, 2,900 tanks, 1,309 guns, 1,392 planes and 6,000 trucks.

quickly as their recent one in Russia, in the face of a greater counter-offensive launched by French, American and Italian troops under Marshal Foch on July 18, on the front between Chateau Thierry and Soissons.

At that point, with the German army's maximum strength passed and the bulk of its accumulations of winter reserves used up, Earl Haig launched his British Fourth Army and the Canadian Corps eastward along the Somme river line opposite St. Quentin and Cambrai.

By nightfall, after a crushing artillery barrage, followed by simultaneous infantry and tank attacks that took the 13,000 prisoners were in Allied hands, between 300 and 400 guns and vast quantities of ammunition had been captured, and Germans were streaming east in retreat.

Americans Get New Red Cross Club in Chester

Mostyn to Hold Mardi Gras, Louisiana State Night

CHESTER, Aug. 8—One of the oldest buildings in this city, erected in 1680, is being transformed by the Red Cross into a club for American soldiers. The club, located at 12 Eastgate Rd., tentatively is scheduled to open after Sept. 1, according to William Brewster, ARC executive in this area.

The club will be a day club and will include a cafeteria, a snack bar, a lounge and games and writing rooms.

Mostyn

Program for the week at the Mostyn Club, 17 Portman St., London, W1:
Tuesday—Movies, two showings, 6.15 and 8.15 PM.
Wednesday—Horseback riding party, 5.45 PM; CBS Glee club rehearsal, 7.30 PM; informal visit of T. S. Eliot, 8 PM; ping pong challenge night, 9 PM.
Thursday—French conversation class, 6.30 PM.
Friday—Volunteers award dinner, 7.15 PM; Friday the 13th party, 8.30 PM.
Saturday—Louisiana reunion dinner, 7 PM; London Mardi Gras, dance, 8-11 PM.
Sunday—Outing, 11 AM; tea, 4 PM.

Rainbow Corner

Program for the week at the Rainbow Corner, Shaftesbury Ave., London, W1:
Tuesday—Open house, dancing, 3-6 PM; salute to the Women's services, 7 PM.
Wednesday—"Here's How," ARC variety show, 9.30 PM.
Thursday—Open house, 3-6 PM; western night, 8 PM.
Friday—Dance, 7.30 PM.
Saturday—Open house, 3-6 PM; movies, 2-6.30 PM.
Sunday—Movies, 2-5 PM; dance, 7.30 PM.

Grimsby

GRIMSBY, Aug. 8—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:
Tuesday—Games night.
Wednesday—Reception and tea for Mrs. Edward K. Munro, 1-5 PM.
Thursday—Dance, Sam Snelling's band.
Friday—Musical.
Sunday—Tea dance.

Kingston

KINGSTON, Aug. 8—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:
Tuesday—Secretarial service, 7-9 PM.
Thursday—Secretarial service, 7-9 PM.
Friday—Dance, Flying Yanks, 7.30-11 PM.
Saturday—Bicycle picnic, 4 PM.

Huntingdon

HUNTINGDON, Aug. 8—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:
Monday—Fete, Grammar School grounds.
Tuesday—Movies, 8 PM.
Wednesday—Dance, 8-11 PM.
Thursday—Bridge.
Friday—Bowling.
Saturday—Dancing class, 8 PM.

Kettering

KETTERING, Aug. 8—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:
Monday—House committee meeting, 8 PM.
Tuesday—Dancing class, 7.30 PM.
Wednesday—Movie.
Thursday—Dance, 8 PM.
Saturday—Movie.
Sunday—Open house, 3-6 PM; sightseeing trip, picnic supper, 5 PM; music, 9 PM.

Shrewsbury

SHREWSBURY, Aug. 8—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:
Monday—String ensemble, 7.30 PM.
Tuesday—Dance, 8-11 PM.
Wednesday—Canoe trip, 4-10 PM; classical records, 8-9 PM.
Thursday—Fox trot class, 7.30 PM; tango and tumba, 8.30 PM; bingo, 10-11 PM.
Friday—Sightseeing tour, 7.30 PM.
Saturday—Dance, 8-11 PM.
Sunday—Open house, 5-10 PM.

Manchester

MANCHESTER, Aug. 8—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here, 36 St. Ann St.:
Monday—Dinner music, 6-8 PM.
Tuesday—Dinner music, 6-8 PM; recorded music, 8-9 PM.
Wednesday—Dance, 7-10.30 PM.
Thursday—Dinner music, 6-8 PM.
Friday—Movies, 7-9 PM; "Dancing Feet," ARC show, 9 PM.
Saturday—Dance, 7-10.30 PM; spaghetti supper, 7 PM.
Sunday—Costume ball, Manchester Regiment band, 6-10.30 PM.

Columbia

Program for the week at the Columbia Club, 75 Seymour St., London, W2:
Monday—Gym workout, 10-12 noon; swimming, 12 noon-1 PM; soldier talent contest, 8.30 PM.
Tuesday—Gym workout, 10-12 noon; swimming, 12 noon-1 PM; softball, 6.30 PM; dance, 8 PM.
Wednesday—Gym workout, 10 AM-12 noon; movies, 7 PM; NFS agility show, 9.30-10.30 PM.
Thursday—Gym workout, 10-12 noon; swimming, 12 noon-1 PM; gym workout, 6-7.30 PM; Liberty versus Columbia, softball, 6.30 PM; dancing lessons, 8 PM; recorded classical concert, lounge, 8 PM.
Friday—Gym workout, 10-12 noon; swimming, 12 noon-1 PM; musical quiz, 8.30 PM; moonlight hayride, 7 PM.
Saturday—Gym workout, 10-12 noon; picnic to Kew Gardens or Hampton Ct., 11 AM; dance, 8 PM.

Charles St.

Program for the week at the Charles St. Red Cross club for women officers, 10 Charles St., London, W1:
Tuesday—Movie, 8 PM.
Wednesday—Ping-pong tournament, 8 PM.
Thursday—Dinner-dance, Jessie Matthews, Grosvenor House, 7-11 PM.
Sunday—Buffet supper-dance, Ballroom, 7-11 PM; amateur night.

Hans Crescent

Program for the week at the Hans Crescent club, Hans Crescent, London, SW1:
Tuesday—London tour, 10 AM; golf matches, 12 noon; golf instruction, 2-5 PM; dancing lessons, 7.45 PM.
Wednesday—London tour, 10 AM; lunch and outdoor swimming party, 12 noon; golf matches, 12 noon; golf instruction, 2-5 PM; table tennis tournament, 8 PM.
Thursday—London tour, 10 AM; golf matches, 12 noon; golf instruction, 2-5 PM; dance, 7.30 PM.
Friday—Tour of London, 10 AM; golf matches, 12 noon; golf instruction, 2-5 PM.
Saturday—Tour of London, 10 AM; golf matches, 12 noon; golf instruction, 2-5 PM; dance, 7.30 PM; meeting of club sports committee, 6.30 PM; dance, 7.30 PM; Night Owl cabaret, 10.45 PM.
Sunday—Tour of London, 10 AM; swimming party, 10.30 AM; tea-dance, 3 PM.

Northampton

NORTHAMPTON, Aug. 8—Program for the week at the Red Cross clubs here:
Monday—Dance, Franklin's Gardens, 8.30 PM.
Tuesday—Dance, Market Sq., 8.30 PM.
Wednesday—Dance, Market Sq., 8.30 PM.
Thursday—Trip to Round Church.
Friday—Trip to Ward's model locomotive; bingo, Market Sq., 10 PM.
Saturday—Trip to Northampton Cattle Market; dance, Market Sq., 8.30 PM.
Sunday—Bicycle picnic, Plough Hotel, 10.30 PM.

Sergeants Show King New Carbine

GIs Say Royal Shoe Shine Outdazzles Best in ETO

Two American sergeants went to Buckingham Palace last week to show the King of England how the new U.S. .30 caliber carbine works.

S/Sgt. Harry Patin, 23, and Sgt. Harold B. Foreman, 21, both of Crowley, La., accompanied Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETO commander, and Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee, SOS commander, to the palace, where Gen. Devers presented two of the new gas-operated rifles to King George. The sergeants stripped one rifle and explained the function of each part.

"We stayed up half the night taking one apart and putting it together again," Foreman said yesterday, "so we didn't have any trouble."

"In the palace we put the 60-pound, velvet-lined mahogany case containing the carbines down on the floor—the tables were so shiny we were afraid we might scratch them," said Patin. "King George asked about the functioning of the rifle, and we stripped it and explained each part."

King George first saw and admired the new carbine when he inspected the U.S. Fifth Army in North Africa in June. Two of the weapons were sent to his plane at that time, but he took off for England before they arrived.

One model presented by Gen. Devers is the type used by paratroopers, which has proved its accuracy and fire-power in the Pacific, Sicily and North Africa. It has a special heavy-wire stock that folds against the barrel, and takes a clip of 15 small-sized .30 caliber bullets. "The King said he'd heard a lot about the carbine, and asked how many rounds the magazine held," Foreman said.

A dazzling shine on King George's shoes was something of a handicap to the sergeants during their explanation of the rifle, they said later. The sergeants belong to a security company in London



Sgt. Harold B. Foreman (left) and S/Sgt. Harry Patin examine a .30 caliber carbine, like the ones they demonstrated to King George at Buckingham Palace. Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers presented the King two of the weapons as a gift recently.

which has the reputation of being "the shiniest and pressiest" outfit in the ETO—and the sergeants aren't hardened to seeing a pair of shoes shine better than theirs.

Just before presenting themselves for inspection the morning of the visit to Buckingham Palace, the sergeants noted that even their buddies were impressed at

the state of their shoes. The shoes glittered. "But King George's were even better," Foreman recalled yesterday. "I had to try hard to keep from staring at them."

The sergeants couldn't get the Royal shoes off their minds yesterday. They're wondering whether that polish is a military secret.

Yvette to Give Her Last USO Show Tonight

Blonde Singer Going Home After 150 Performances; 'GI Gang' Goes On

Yvette, blonde singer from New York's night clubs and radio studios, who came straight from the Lisbon Clipper crash to entertain American troops in the ETO, gives her farewell USO-Camp Show performance tonight at 7 PM at London's Adelphi Theater, Strand, W.C., with her "GI Gang," 12 soldiers who have appeared with her in most of her 150 shows.

The Adelphi performance is for CBS officers and men only, and tickets may be obtained from unit special service officers and from Maj. Ward J. Walker, CBS Special Service officer.

During her five months here, officials of the Theatrical Section of the Entertainment Division, Special Service Section, SOS, said yesterday, Yvette refused to take a rest. She appeared even when she was ill, giving sometimes four shows a day. Her "GI Gang" will carry on as a unit and open in Essex this week.

Seven Shows on Road

Seven other shows are on the USO-Camp Show circuit, one a new unit starring Diana Ward, English singer.

Another USO troupe which has been playing in Iceland for the last two months is expected to open in England soon. It will be the first unit to come here from Iceland, is composed of four women and two men, and has given more than 100 performances, including a two-week jaunt to isolated outposts.

Diana Ward's show, which also features the Lowe Brothers, comedians, and the Three Donna Sisters, singers, will play points around London.

Adolphe Menjou and Grace Drysdale take "Hollywood Time" to the Bedford area; Hal LeRoy is in the Newbury district with "Broadway Time," and "High Lights and Hilarity," Hank Ladd's troupe, goes to Hampshire.

Don Rice takes "Fun Marches On" to the Bury St. Edmunds district, George Freeman is around Plymouth with "Bally Laffs," and Willie Shore's "Band Wagon," featuring an eight-piece soldier band, goes to points around Liverpool.

Queen Mary Asks Encore From Field Artillery Band

— FIELD ARTILLERY, Rgt. HQ., Aug. 8—Queen Mary likes the way that a Pennsylvania military band, the "Statesmen," attached to this outfit, plays "Deep in the Heart of Texas."

At a tea party given to Her Majesty in this command, the "Statesmen" received a request for an encore from Queen Mary after they played the Texas song.

The "Statesmen" have two bands, military and dance, and work under the direction of W/O Harold K. Barnhart, of Sunbury, Pa. When it plays as a dance combination it is conducted by T/Sgt. Charles Meakins, of Northumberland, Pa.

Axis Shipping Losses Listed

A total of 9,045,683 gross tons of German and Italian shipping was captured, sunk or damaged by Allied surface ships, submarines, aircraft or mines during the 46 months of war ending June 30, the British Admiralty announced yesterday. This figure does not include losses inflicted on Japanese shipping, Russian victories or the tonnage immobilized in ports of countries not at war with Germany.

Touhy Gangster Film Okay

CHICAGO, Aug. 8—Federal Judge William H. Holly has lifted a temporary prohibition against exhibiting or advertising the movie "Roger Touhy, Gangster." Judge Holly ruled that the gangster, in his suit to prevent showing of the picture, had not contended that the film portrayed him falsely. Touhy is serving a 99-year term for kidnapping.

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Operated by Radio Section, Special Service Section, SOS, ETO.
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Monday, Aug. 9
5.45—Spotlight on Jack Teagarden and his Orchestra.
6.00—News (BBC).
6.15—Personal Album—Larry Adler, Harmonica King.
6.30—GI Supper Club.
7.00—Sports News—Latest ball scores, as presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
7.05—Band Wagon—With Toby Reed and Merle Evans and his Orchestra.
7.30—Your Broadway and Mine—Dinah Shore, Walter O'Keefe, Benny Goodman, Oscar Levant and Morton Gould's Orchestra.
8.00—News From Home—Nightly round-up of the news from the USA, as presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
8.10—Fred Waring.
8.25—Miniature.
8.30—Front Line Theater—"The Case of the Air Tight Alibi," with Tommy Dorsey's Orchestra.
9.00—News (BBC).
9.10—The Peerless Chorus—Negro spirituals, as sung by an 18-voice U.S. Army colored chorus.
9.30—Fibber McGee and Molly.
10.00—Final Edition—Latest news, as presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
10.10—Irving Miller's Orchestra.
10.30—Sign Off until Aug. 10 at 5.45 PM.

Huge Increase In U.S. Foods

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8—America's efforts toward increasing its food supply in the last six months have been so successful that the supply of meats, fish, dairy products, beans and potatoes should be enough five years from now to feed 10,000,000 more people, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes announced today. That will be America's contribution to the post-war "world food problem," he said.

Gains during the six months have been nearly 5,000,000 pounds of edible fish, through an adjustment of clam canning regulations and utilization of certain fish not usually marketed; 900,000 pounds of beef, veal and mutton through a four-pronged program of controlled grazing, regulation of stockways, construction of range improvements, and stepped-up production of fertilizer materials; and 12,000,000 pounds of beef, veal, mutton and horse-meat through regulatory measures on western ranges.

AM: Sulgrave Manor bus trip, Plough Hotel, 10 AM; tea dance, Market Sq., 3 PM.

Liverpool

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 8—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:
Monday—Movies, 7.30 PM.
Tuesday—Mystery tour, 7 PM.
Wednesday—Dance, 7.30-10.30 PM.
Thursday—Battle of Seves, 8 PM.
Friday—Variety games, 8 PM.
Saturday—Dance, 8-11 PM. Cabaret show 9.30 PM.
Sunday—Picnic, "Dreams Come True" program.

Victory

Program for the week at the Victory Club, 15 Seymour St., London, W1:
Tuesday—Softball, 7 PM.
Wednesday—Dance, Frank Rosato's band, 8-11 PM.
Thursday—German class, 7 PM; community singing, Jack Maney at the piano, 9-11.30 PM.
Friday—Informal Allied Good Neighbor discussion, 8 PM.
Saturday—Victory Varieties, 9 PM.
Sunday—Picnic and softball, 11.30 AM; open house, 3-6 PM; movies, 8 PM.

New Aeroclub Open

AN ADVANCED AIR DEPOT, Aug. 8—A Red Cross Aeroclub has been opened on this base in quarters formerly used by the NAAFI under the direction of Arthur Koster, of New York, who serves as field director.
The executive staff includes Minerva Abernethy, Gastonia, N.C., the club director; Frances Abbott, Amarillo, Tex., her staff assistant, and Patricia Horsfield, Montreal, Canada, club secretary.
Formal opening was tentatively set for August 6 to coincide with a year's overseas service of the group they are serving.

Milestone

Program for the week at the Milestone Club, 2 Kensington Ct., London, W.8:
Tuesday—Fishing party, 2 PM.
Wednesday—Dancing class, 7.30 PM; dance, Panel Room, 8.30 PM.
Thursday—Softball, Kensington Gardens, 10.30 AM.
Friday—Swimming, 3 PM.
Saturday—Horseback riding, 11 AM; official birthday party commemorating the formal opening of the club, 6.30 PM.
Sunday—Softball, 11 AM; Army Engineers' Band concert, Kensington Gardens, 5 PM; open house, 6-9 PM.

Marsham Ct.

BOURNEMOUTH, Aug. 8—Program for the week at the Marsham Ct. Red Cross club here:
Monday—Musical appreciation, 9 PM.
Tuesday—Dance, 8-11 PM.
Wednesday—Movie, 9 PM.
Thursday—Bicycle and swimming trip to River Stour, 2 PM; dance, 8-11 PM.
Friday—Tennis, golf, horseback riding, 2 PM; Red Cross variety show, 9.30 PM.
Saturday—Dance, 8-12 PM.
Sunday—Bicycle and swimming picnic to Swanage, 11 AM; bingo, 9 PM.

Eagle

"Broadcast to America," the radio feature started by the Eagle Club two and a half years ago, returns to its original home next Thursday after a three-month absence.
During the period of renovation and reconstruction of the Eagle Club, the weekly feature was transferred to Rainbow Corner, after an uninterrupted run of 117 appearances.

Fort Dives on Fighters, Shoots Down Three

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Aug. 8—The Fort, Dear Mom, pulled a man-bites-dog act on a formation of German fighters as they returned from a raid on Germany last week.

The pilot, 1/Lt. Bernard W. Nayowitz, after whose mother the plane is named, was forced to drop the bomber out of the clouds at 19,000 feet to about 3,000 feet, because of damage done to the plane over the target.

As he pulled out of the steep dive he saw that Dear Mom was bearing down on a formation of Ju. 88s. With the speed of the dive they roared up on the tails of the German fighters and the Fort gunners opened up.

Before the two-engined fighters could turn and run the USAAF gunners had destroyed three.

Strike Averted by Plea For Co-workers in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 8—An appeal last week by Charles Taggart, president of the Tank and Body Builders Union here, reminding 350 employees of the Quaker City Iron Works who were about to strike for a ten per cent wage increase that 98 of their former co-workers were fighting, and that one had died at the controls of his bomber, sent them back to work.

"All of you have sons, husbands or brothers in the service, and the work we do is vital to them," he said. "Do you think we can face the boys if we go out now?"
Not only did every worker go back, but output has steadily increased.

Discharged Get Buttons

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8—Robert P. Patterson, Under-Secretary of War, has announced that service lapel buttons would be awarded to men and women, both officers and enlisted personnel, honorably discharged from the Army. The design of the buttons, which are made of gold plated plastic, is an eagle within a circle with wings extending beyond the edge.

WAAC Takes Bath on Stage As Truth-Consequences Penalty

BOMBER COMMAND HQ, England, Aug. 8—1/Sgt. Virginia M. "Rosie" Rosekrans, of the WAACs, took a bath on the stage during a get-together dance here Friday. The waterless bath, performed in Class A uniform, was a penalty for failing a Truth and Consequences question. Sgt. Robert Gregory, of Grand Rapids, Mich., master of ceremonies, assisted.

The dance was given by HQ and HQ Squadron to welcome WAACs who are relieving WAAF's at secretarial and communication posts.

As the WAACs entered the hall they were given identification cards to pin on their blouses in order to remove the

necessity for formal introductions. Soldiers wore similar cards.
Music for the dance and an hour's floor show was given by the RAF "Bombardiers." Cookies, sandwiches, ice cold cokes and beer were provided by Mess Sgt. Welty Rudy, of Hagerstown, Md., and his staff.

The floor show cast included Pfc's Martha K. Caviness, Bethany, Okla.; Elsie Hastings, Washington; Mildred M. Smith, San Antonio, Tex.; and Mary E. Grill, Pittsburgh. Pvt. Floyd Henderson, Claremont, W. Va.; T/Sgt. Sam Dinocenzo, N. Tonawanda, N.Y.; and Pvt. Harold Cohen, Brooklyn.
Chairman of all committees was M/Sgt. Paul U. Viens, of Central Falls, R.I., with co-chairmen 1/Sgt. Robert Musk, Atlanta, Ga., and T/Sgt. Joseph Mueller, St. Louis, Miss. Others who helped to arrange the dance were S/Sgt. Charles Deibnugh, Cumberland, Md., and William R. Field, Sprigg, W. Va.; Sgt. John Peatler, Boston, and Cpl. Rick Darkangelo, Rome, N.Y.

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Hitler's Crisis

From Berlin comes word Hitler has held a momentous conference at military headquarters to discuss matters of greatest importance. That these discussions were of a far reaching character was indicated by the presence of all high ranking Nazi leaders.

Need for the conference is evident in the light of recent Axis reverses. Russian victories at Orel and in the direction of Kharkov may well roll the Nazis back to the Smolensk-Gomel-Dnieper line and beyond, for the Russians will attempt to continue their offensive until the Ukraine is secured together with its rich summer harvest. This harvest in Russian hands and denied to the Germans could change the whole complexion of this war.

In Sicily, Italian units have been withdrawn completely from the fighting, and this week should find the entire island securely in our hands as Allied armies drive forward in the South.

These military facts must be causing serious concern to Nazi leadership; but more serious still, as Italy threatens to collapse and surrender, are reports coming from within Germany that indicate a dangerous crisis is developing on the Nazi home front.

Neutral and underground sources claim strikes in German war plants have increased 30 per cent since the bombardment of German industry began, and it is no longer wishful thinking to speak of Hitler losing his grip on the Nazi party and being overthrown.

While it is premature to suggest a crack-up of either the German military machine or home front, defeat in Russia and Italy, together with continued and increased aerial bombardment, could bring a quick German collapse. It is the possibility of an unexpected collapse which Hitler and his aides must face, for if Germany continues to lose, you can rest assured the "breed" which constitutes Nazi "back-stage" leadership will soon make a move against Hitler, designed to secure for themselves the best possible salvage of "their own" from the wreckage of defeat.

Hitler has seen the Fascist rats desert the sinking ship, and he must by now be able to hear the patter of many little feet within the Reich.

This constitutes his new crisis.

McLemore Pays Off

Henry McLemore, world famous American War Correspondent, remembers he once wrote a column from London urging American soldiers coming to England to retain their own American expressions and not to pick up English ones.

It seems that Henry is now having trouble with his own advice. It all started when a friend asked him how much he weighed and Henry replied, "Oh, a little better than fourteen stone." The friend, reports Henry, shuddered all over, staggered back against a building and turned purple.

Later in the day, Henry and his wife were waiting for a hotel elevator. They rang and rang, but it did not appear. Being in a hurry Henry finally turned to "his little woman" and said, "I take a dismal view of this lift." Mrs. McLemore, he reports, grew slightly hysterical.

When she was able to speak coherently she gave Henry a look that froze him like a dish of brussels sprouts and said, "Could you possibly mean, Sir Henry, that you don't think much of the elevator service in this hotel? From now on you are going to give me 50 cents every time you go Mayfair on me, Country boy," and by the end of the day had collected \$5.50.

Frankly we think Mrs. McLemore has hit on a happy solution to the problem of Yankees going "native." We would call it a "smashing idea" . . . absolutely "smashing."

"Actually" the way some of our boys are beginning to say "You can't miss it" is nauseating, and "we take a poor view of it."

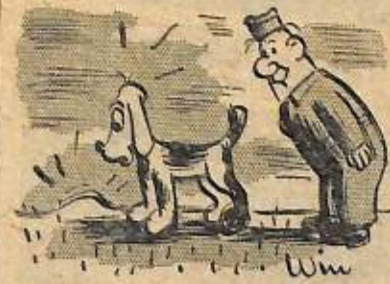
"Look you" . . . in no time at all a bit of Welsh and Scotch will be added to our first-class Yankee slang, and the folks at home will think we're foreigners when we get back.

"Hoch Aye" . . . and "Indeed to goodness."

Hash Marks

Brooklyn doctors had to devise a specially made magnet to retrieve a padlock from the stomach of Donald Brown, 5. The magnet was dangled down his gullet, and with the aid of a fluoroscope maneuvered close enough to the lock to attract it and yank it out. Donald is now giving all his old metal to the scrap drive instead of swallowing it.

Frustration De luxe. A GI strolling through the English countryside saw a frisky puppy running along. The puppy



suddenly spied what looked like a nice juicy bone. He hurried off to bury it but it wouldn't stay down. He buried it six times before he realized something was wrong—it was a live tortoise.

We've just heard a delightful story about one of the happiest men in the Army. The GI in question was a colonel's driver, and back in the States he spent many a weary hour scrubbing and polishing the old man's back, because it had to be spotless at all times. Eventually the outfit got in the thick of the scrap on the Tunisian battlefield and great was the GI's glee when he was ordered to do a mud camouflage job on the shiny buggy. He drove it to the nearest oozy mudhole and spent a happy half-hour throwing gobs of goo at the glittering vehicle—his face wreathed in a smile of fiendish contentment.

Our nomination for the man who did the fastest thinking last week is a hotel clerk in Knoxville. He was on duty at the desk when a herd of cows ambled in looking for a place to graze. "Sorry, girls," said the clerk, "everything's taken." He then led the bossies back into the street.

Gene Taggart, of Sturgis, Mich., won't stoop for anything lower than a hundred dollar bill these days. The other day he



saw a dime on the sidewalk, stooped over to pick it up and dropped his glasses. Then he stepped on the glasses, slipped, fell and broke his leg. (P.S.—He got the dime.)

These Coast Guard guys are ingenious lads. Marvin Smith, of Detroit, was top man in a class of radio students. He was supposed to deliver the valedictory address, but an attack of laryngitis clamped down on his vocal chords. This didn't stop Smith, tho, he rigged up a telegraph set on the speaker's rostrum and delivered his speech in Morse code.

J. C. W.

Recording Three Invasions on Film



U.S. Navy Photo

Italian prisoners on Pantellaria broke out an accordion and played for their Allied captors, after they had disconnected German mines set to blow up a power-house in an underground hangar before the Allies moved in. "We like the Americans," they said. "And we wanted to quit when they entered the war."

Navy Cameraman Tells Of Experiences in Africa, Sicily

By Jack Foster

Stars and Stripes Navy Writer.

CAPE BON, NORTH AFRICA—Alled warships in three rings of steel, preventing the escape of a broken Afrika Korps. . . .

PANTELLARIA—"Hitchhiked" to invasion aboard assault craft. . . . War-weary Italians welcome a respite from bombs and dust as Allied forces come ashore. . . .

SICILY—Eighteen hours daily at battle stations aboard speedy craft intercepting shipping; darting into enemy harbors prior to invasion. Four days aboard a flak ship under systematic bombing during landing operations. . . .

So go the high points in the mental log of Lt. (jg) Mark E. Armistead, 28-year-old Beverly Hills, Cal., U.S. Navy cameraman, who has just returned to London after recording the naval phases of three Allied invasions against a doomed Axis empire on thousands of feet of movie film.

"I think of the operations chronologically because each one surpasses the other in perfection and thrill," the sea-going photographer recalls.

"When I arrived in North Africa the Axis was on the run. But it was a run to nowhere. Cape Bon was surrounded by an impassable wall of warships.

"We moved into Bizerta with 12 American bluejackets, who immediately began salvage operations to clear the clogged harbor. The enemy fell back into Tunis and was chased out. Another salvage job by U.S. naval forces. Long, hard hours and backbreaking work cleared the port quickly.

"Jerry was trying hard to get out. He utilized anything that would float—gas-

line tins tied together, water-soaked, rotten boats, even lifebelts. But you couldn't get a sardine through those lines of waiting ships.

"At night, hopeful enemy troops set up huge bonfires on the beach waiting for German or Italian rescue vessels. It was nice of them to do that, for our ships' guns put out the fires and scattered the disillusioned forces."

Lt. Armistead's camera was grinding on the deck during these bombardments.

When the African campaign closed, Armistead and other members of his unit set about getting transportation facilities. They found two bullet-torn captured German jeeps.

"They were 'Volkswaggonen,' the famous car promised to each German family by Hitler. We found a salvage dump and went to work repairing the cars," Armistead related. "In two days we had them in good shape and were the envy of everyone in Africa. A couple of times we even had to stand guard on them because there were a lot of people walking who would have been glad to confiscate them."

It was in one of these that Lt. Armistead and Gilmer G. Brush, Sp(P)3c, Los Angeles, hitch-hiked to Pantellaria.

Zero Hour Arrives

"We knew the zero hour had arrived and the force was to shove off," Lt. Armistead explained. "We had no way of getting along with them so we took our jeep down to the docks. We casually drove up the ramp of an assault craft, already loaded with tanks and men. The crew cast off and we were on our way. A couple of hours later I went to the captain and requested permission to go along. Since we were in the middle of the Mediterranean he didn't refuse."

Pantellaria already had surrendered, so the invaders met no resistance from shore positions. German planes came over, however, and bombed the beach.

"I had just stepped ashore and was caught without my helmet. I dove into a slit trench and hugged the ground. Next thing I knew, the raid was over and I emerged wearing an Italian helmet."

Prisoners told the officer that the dust had been terrible. The terrific Allied bombing reduced everything to rubble but the islanders had taken to the hills, away from the chaos.

Inspecting a magnificent hangar, dug deep into a hill, Lt. Armistead found it in top shape. A modern powerhouse, overhead cranes, sleeping quarters and supplies were all contained within its bombproof walls.

"The Germans mined the powerhouse but the Italians disconnected the explosives when the Jerries left," Lt. Armistead said. "A prisoner told me that they wanted to save it for the Americans. 'We like the Yankees,' he said. 'And when they entered the war we wanted to quit. But Hitler took our crack divisions to Russia and the Balkans and replaced them with his own troops. We couldn't quit, Mussolini was afraid to quit, what could we do?'"

The two Navy men remained on the island four days, living in great discomfort.

"There were no restaurants in Pantellaria," Lt. Armistead declared. "We ate sea rations—tinned corn beef and biscuit—three times a day. We salvaged blankets from a bombed-out Italian officers' quarters and slept on the floor of the big hangar. That is, we slept until the fleas got to us! The Army issued us

one helmetful of water apiece each day and we used it for shaving, drinking and washing."

Returning to Africa again, the Californian boarded an American PT boat bound for the Sicilian harbors of Palermo and Marsala on forays to intercept enemy shipping. In the dead of night they stole into the hostile ports with muffled engines.

"Once we came so close to shore in Marsala that we could see through the windows of Sicilian homes. Often we were picked up by searchlights, but they would pass on after a breathless moment in which the defenders failed to see us.

"Our worst enemy in the PTs was the German dive bomber. They would come out of the dusk and were practically impossible to see while we were obvious through our white wake.

"We were strafed and dive-bombed several times. PT life is tough. We were at battle stations every minute and most of our trips lasted for 18 hours."

Meanwhile fresh forces were gathering for the invasion of the Italian outpost. This time Armistead obtained a place in the invasion flotilla through British authorities.

"I was aboard a flak ship, a veteran of the Russian convoy run," he related. "My presence caused a lot of speculation among the crew. Some said that being a correspondent, in a sense, I had picked a nice safe ship for myself. Others argued that I was a photographer and what good was a photographer if there were no action pictures to take?"

Our Bag—One Sparrow

"They had a scoreboard mounted, recording the number of enemy planes they shot down on convoy cruises. The carpenters added two lengths of board in anticipation of new victims, but they were over optimistic. Jerry planes never came within range of our ship all the time we were off Sicily and the only thing the gunners shot down was a sparrow which wandered into their barrage one night. The bird was mounted on the tally chart by a satirical rating from the black gang.

"Our contingent was to land near Cape Passero. We dove to about 1,000 yards offshore and watched the crowded barges slip ashore, their decks swarming with Canadian Highlanders ready for action.

"Suddenly the guns of our destroyers blasted the silence, sending salvo after salvo onto the beach in a pattern barrage. Shore batteries and searchlights were silenced in short order. Gunners aboard the ships felt the whole show was a failure for them if they didn't score direct hits on their first shot.

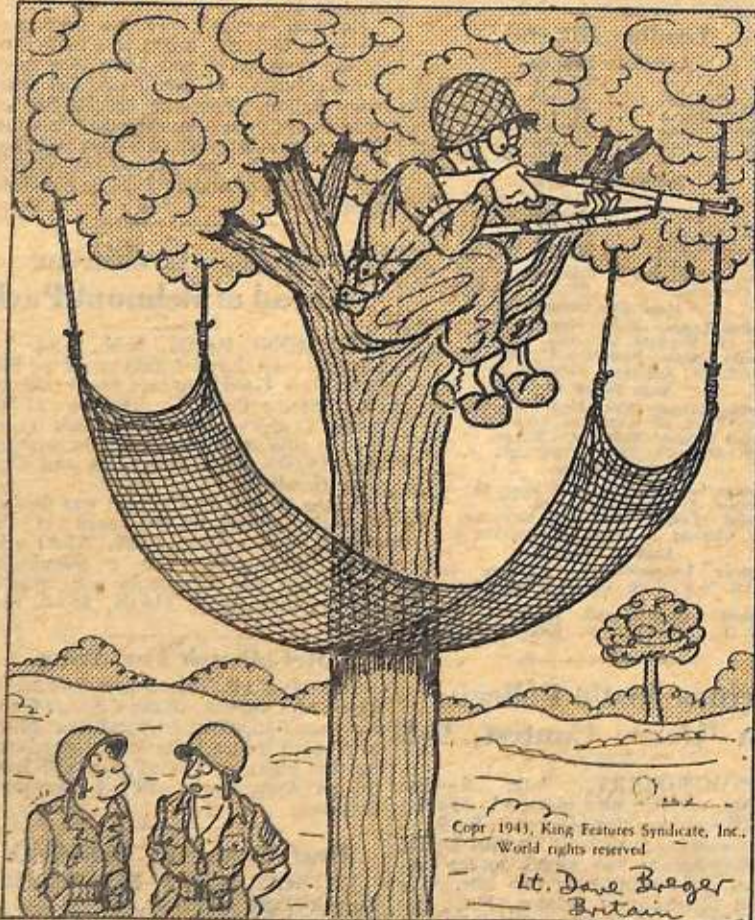
"The shelling was amazingly effective. Meeting light resistance the Canucks suffered only 12 casualties on the beach. By daylight they were out of sight over the hills as they pressed further inland.

"During the day we had a magnificent air umbrella. We'd watch formations of P38s skim over the sea and disappear over the island. Ten minutes later they'd return after blasting enemy emplacements.

"The German bombers came over only during darkness. There were so many ships in the area that they couldn't cover them all at once so they tried systematic raiding. Our ship came under their attention regularly just before dawn, at dusk and at 11 PM. So we always knew when the guns all the time, anyhow."

The American officer did his "shooting" from a small platform above the flak ship's bridge. His camera was set up there and he slept beside it between attacks. In four days he took 9,000 feet of film.

PRIVATE BREGER



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Lt. Dave Breger Britain

"The recoil of his gun knocks him off every time!"

NEWS FROM HOME

7,373 Aircraft Built in July, Record Output

Production Tops All Axis Nations Combined; 13% Gain in Bombers

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8 (UP)—The United States built 7,373 military planes in July, a new record, it was announced here yesterday. This production is more than that of all Axis countries combined.

The War Production Board said that heavy bomber output was 13 per cent above June. However, Donald Nelson, production chief, and his executive vice-chairman, Charles Wilson, jointly issued a statement that plane production is still behind schedule.

"Airplane production needs to increase still faster and reach still higher totals if the schedules of our armed forces are to be met. The production of all military goods, including planes, has now reached a level where additional gains can be made only by the most determined effort," it said.

Post-War Rubber Surplus

SCHENECTADY, N.Y., Aug. 8 (AP)—A huge post-war rubber surplus is forecast by John Collyer, president of the Goodrich Company. He declared that an abundant supply—potentially twice the amount ever used in a year—will be produced annually and will open new agricultural and industrial uses if the cost is low.

Pick Cherries for Gas

DETROIT, Aug. 8—It's no trick for a Michigan motorist to get extra gasoline for vacation motoring, but a little cherry picking is involved. Montague A. Clark, of the War Manpower Commission, said extra gas would be allowed if the motorist and persons traveling in his car agree to pick cherries for 80 hours in the Grand Traverse Bay cherry belt.

Rooms Built in a Day

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8—Contractor Robert McCarthy sympathized with the plight of servicemen visiting San Francisco who couldn't find hotel rooms on weekends, so he decided to do something about it. At 9 AM McCarthy began building an 88-bed dormitory in the civic center here. He finished it at 5:30 PM, and presented it to the city.

Times Square Memorial

NEW YORK, Aug. 8—Plans for a Victory Arch, with figures representing the armed services, which will stretch across the island in Times Square, have been submitted by the Broadway Association to Mayor F. H. LaGuardia. The design, by Lucia Helen Willoughby, of Maplewood, N.J., calls for a temporary structure which will be replaced later by a permanent memorial.

Americans Pay Less Taxes

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8—Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr., in an answer to criticism of the nation's tax program, revealed that while the British finance 52 per cent of the war's cost by taxation and the Canadians 47 per cent, in America only 36 per cent of the total governmental cost is paid by taxation.

\$34,000,000 to Cut Prices

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8—Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones has announced that the RFC had spent more than \$34,000,000 in meat and butter subsidies since the program to roll back food prices through subsidies became effective in June.

Lewis Argues Wage Rise

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, appeared before the National War Labor Board to ask approval of the portal-to-portal clause in the contract which the miners recently made with Illinois coal operators.

Soldiers Buy War Bonds

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8—American soldiers are spending 20 per cent of their pay for War Bonds, according to a Treasury Department report. Six hundred thousand soldiers are now buying a bond a month, 750,000 are paying for a bond every three months and 850,000 are purchasing one every five months.

Gas Rationing Cuts N.Y. Auto Toll 30%

ALBANY, N.Y., Aug. 8—The State Motor Vehicle Department has credited the ban against pleasure driving and gasoline rationing with saving more than 300 lives in New York State during the first half of 1943.

Commissioner Clifford J. Fletcher said the 711 traffic fatalities in the first six months represented a 30 per cent decline from the toll in the first six months of 1942, but conversely he reported that the gasoline shortage had forced many persons to swim in unsupervised places because they were near home and accidental drownings had jumped to 152 in June, surpassing automobile fatalities for the first time in any month since July, 1924.

'Cop' Halts Speeder, Cops \$10,000 Payroll

NEW YORK, Aug. 8—A bandit dressed in the uniform of a New York policeman stopped a payroll truck on Henry Hudson parkway for a supposed speeding violation and took \$10,000.

Stopping the truck, he demanded of Charles L. Elbert, driver, "Where do you think you're going, to a fire? Pull over to the curb."

When the driver opened the door to show the "policeman" his license, the "policeman" stepped inside the truck with a revolver in his hand and grabbed the payroll bag. He escaped in a dark-colored sedan.

U.S. Seeking to Delay Induction of Fathers

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8—Selective Service headquarters revealed today a stepped-up effort had been commenced to delay the drafting of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers which has been authorized as of October 1. A new directive in effect creates a nationwide pool of other eligible men that will be drawn upon first.

A Selective Service spokesman emphasized that the new plan did not change the liability of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers to induction after October 1, but that state quotas will be adjusted more and more toward larger inductions in states with the biggest pools of eligible men other than fathers.

The directive said the adjustments would be made "so that all states insofar as possible will begin to deliver fathers to fill calls at the same time."

Prisoners Working on Farms

NEW YORK, Aug. 8—Midwestern farms have been using Axis prisoners of war, but informed sources said prisoners probably would not work in the east. For one thing, the nearest war prisoner camp is in Maryland. For another, small Eastern farms need but two or three men, and the War Department will not send out a detail of fewer than 12 because of the problem of providing guards.

Normandie Slowly Rising from Mud

NEW YORK, Aug. 8—The U.S. transport Lafayette, formerly the French luxury liner Normandie, which has been lying on its side in the mud of the Hudson River since it burned and capsized at its pier Feb. 10, 1942, has been raised 15 feet since the final stage of the defloating operation started on July 22, the Navy announced last night.

The operation entails the pumping out of an estimated 100,000 tons of mud and water from the burned out hull of the 83,423-ton ship.

"We have started the righting operation and work is progressing deliberately according to planned schedule," Capt. B. E. Manseau, U.S. Naval officer supervising the salvage operation, said.

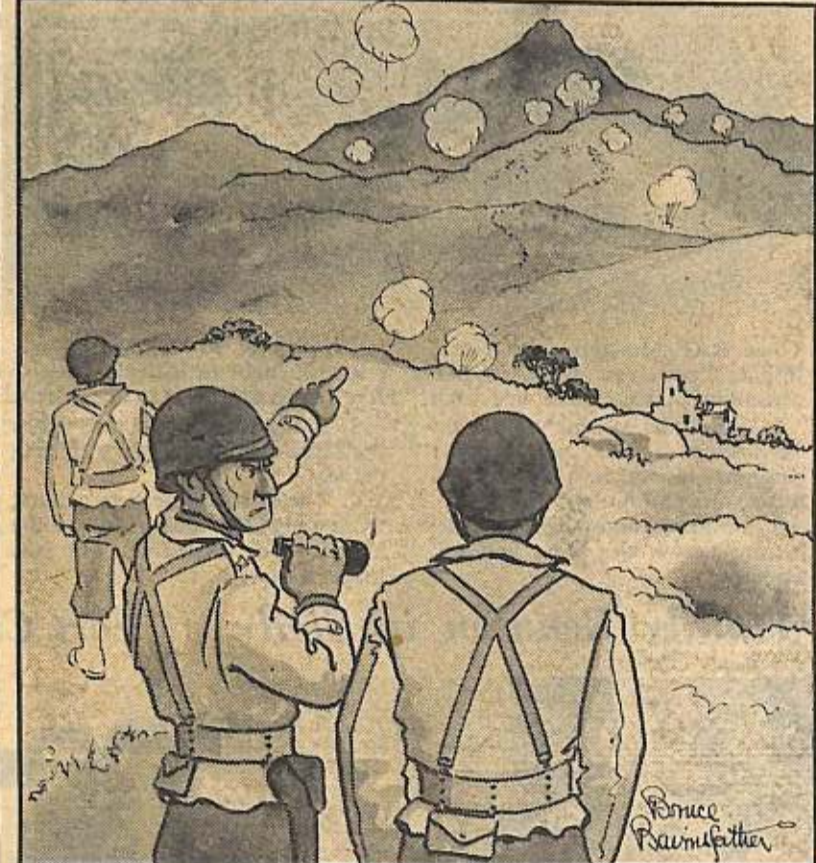
He added that the ship will remain tilted at an angle of about 45 degrees while she remains in the slip for another month to be cleaned out and thoroughly pumped. The liner then will be sent to a shipyard for rebuilding. No indication has yet been given on how long it will take to refit the vessel for service.

The pumping operation climaxes a long salvage job, during which between 600

and 800 workmen have swarmed into, over and under the rusty fire-scarred hull. The Normandie was being converted into a troop transport when a workman's torch ignited one of the 1,100 bales of life preservers stored in the grand lounge. She turned over on her side the next morning.

The job of righting the giant liner, largest marine salvage operation of its kind ever attempted, has been in progress for more than a year, during which time most of the superstructure has been removed, the ports sealed and the hatches closed.

The Navy used the Normandie operation as a school for divers and others being trained in marine salvage work. Workers who were trained there assisted in raising many of the ships sunk at Pearl Harbor, and others are now at work in North Africa, Sicily and other theaters.



"Something's got to be done about this, colonel. I can't have war correspondents and cameramen storming positions ahead of the infantry."

WAACs to Get Training For Medical and Lab Jobs

NEW YORK, Aug. 8—Enrolment of WAACs in the Army and Navy Hospital School at Hot Springs, Ark., will begin Sept. 10. Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, director of the corps, announced on the anniversary of the opening of the WAAC training center at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. Graduates of the course will be assigned to duty as medical and laboratory technicians.

Col. Hobby revealed that the 65,000 officers and women of the corps are working in 225 Army posts in America and abroad. They are being employed in 155 specialist jobs vital to the operation of the Army, Col. Hobby said.

Chicago Population Up

CHICAGO, Aug. 8 (UP)—The population of metropolitan Chicago has passed the 5,000,000 mark, according to an estimate based on ration-book registration figures. This is an increase of more than 490,000 over the 1940 census.

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By Jean Baird

Male Call



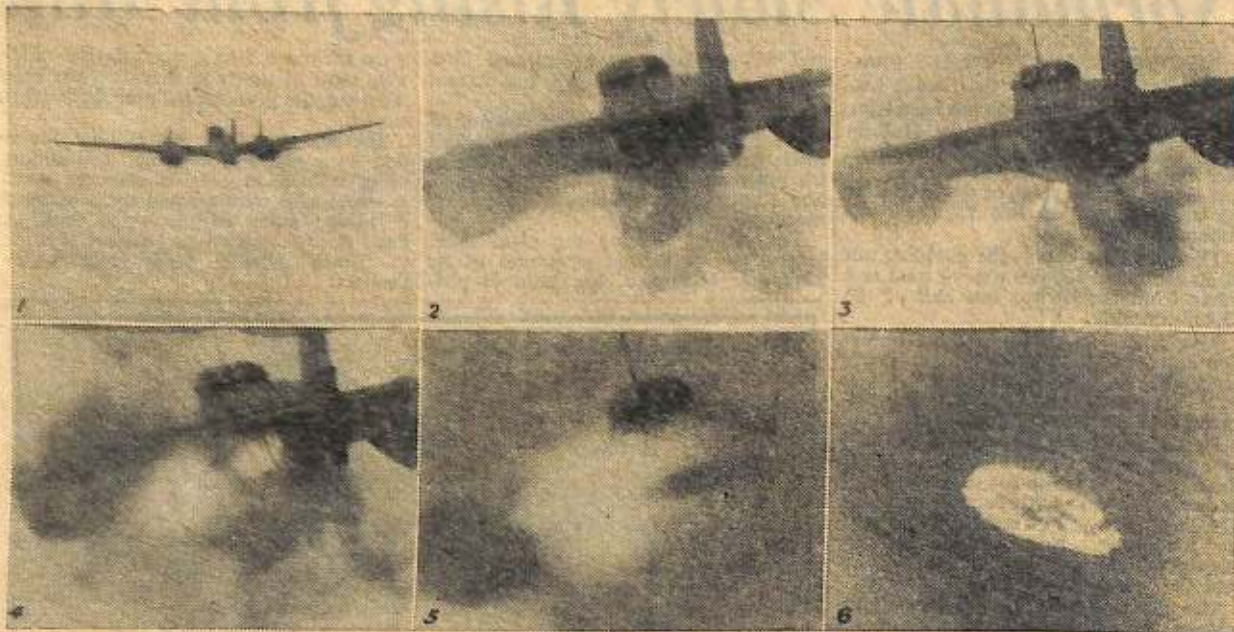
By Milton Caniff

Blondie



By Chic Young

Mosquito Shoots Ju88 Into the Sea



Three RAF Mosquitos, on patrol over the Bay of Biscay, sighted five Ju88s climbing into the clouds trying to hide themselves. Eager for battle, a British flight lieutenant yelled over the radio telephone to the other Mosquito pilots, "Take one each!" Here's what happened to one selected victim:

1. One of the Mosquitos lines up the fleeing German plane in his gunsight, moves into range, and presses the gun button.
2. The first cannon shells explode, tearing across the wing and tail assembly.
3. Still on the Ju's tail, more shells are poured into the wobbling plane.
4. The port engine gets a burst from only 25 yards away as the enemy plane maneuvers, but fails to get away.
5. The starboard engine bursts into smoke as pieces of cowling fly off. (A few seconds after this two men parachuted from the plane.)
6. A wreath of foam covers the watery grave of another German Ju88.

Family Reunion in Sicily



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

After landing at Gela, on the south coast of Sicily, Pvt. Joe Ballo, of Brooklyn, met his grandmother, who he had never seen in his life. The elderly woman recognised the soldier from pictures sent to her from the U.S. several years ago by Ballo's parents. Joe found out later that he had other relatives in that section of Sicily and a small reunion was held.

Fort Crews Eat Chicken



U.S. Army Air Force Photo

Red Cross Aero Club hostesses Esther Kelso, of Washington, and Louise Tessier, of New York, at a B17 base have inaugurated a weekly party for squadrons. Lining up for chicken at one of the gatherings are: T/Sgt. Richard T. Martin, Kansas City, Mo.; S/Sgt. Jack A. Cooper, South Birmingham, Ala.; T/Sgt. Joseph P. Richey, Ashatabula, Ohio; 2/Lt. Arthur F. Kohle, New York; and T/Sgt. Richard J. Riley, Cleveland, Ohio.

Yvette Visits London Dental Clinic Lee at British OCS



Stars and Stripes Photo

Yvette Harris, USO camp show entertainer, visited the U.S. Army dispensary in London last week. Stopping at the dental clinic, she found Cpl. John Anagnost, of Cortland, N.Y., and Cpl. Louis Grannoni, of Philadelphia, testing their dental knowledge on their boss—Capt. Phillip Brackett, of Boston, and gave them a hand. Yvette will make her last appearance in the ETO tonight in London (story on page 3).



Fox Photo

Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee, commanding general of Services of Supply ETO, adjusts one of the belts presented to cadets at an officers' candidate school of the British Army last week. Before the presentations, Gen. Lee reviewed and inspected the future second lieutenants.



Keystone Photo

Here's tall, tapersy Rita Hayworth to whom we give a generous amount of space—4 1/2 by 11 1/2 inches—after a week's lull in the cheesecake department.

Highest Paid Private in the Army



Keystone Photo

Pvt. Cyril G. Wolfe of Des Moines, Iowa, shown at his job in instrument repairs, is the highest paid private in the U.S. army. The 42-year-old soldier is the father of ten children; his wife and his mother are also listed as dependents. Counting dependency allotments and the \$8.85 he personally receives, this soldier makes \$203.50 a month. His family receives the following allotments: his wife \$50 per month, his mother \$20, the oldest child \$12, and each of the other children \$10 a month.