

Nazis Pay 30,000 Lives for Small Gains

Yanks Converging on Munda

Land at Two More Places; 9 Ships Sunk

U.S. Troops Approaching Base From Three Directions

WASHINGTON, July 8—American troops, landing at two more points on the eastern shores of New Georgia, were closing in from three directions today on the key Japanese base at Munda.

The new footholds—at Zanana, six miles south of Munda itself, and Rice Anchorage, 15 miles northwest of Zanana—came several hours before the naval battle in Kula Gulf in which nine Japanese warships were officially disclosed today to have been sunk.

Another American column, which landed earlier at Viru, was pushing northward through the jungle toward the base.

Across the narrow channel from New Georgia, American artillery on Rendova Island was shelling the Munda airfield, 14 miles away.

Every Ship Damaged or Sunk

Today's official communique, elaborating on the details of the Kula battle, disclosed the American fleet, numerically inferior to the Jap force, surprised and trapped the enemy fleet on the night of July 6 and not one of the Jap warships got away without being badly damaged or sunk.

One American cruiser was sunk but it was known that a large percentage of the warship's personnel was saved, and it is possible that others reached the shore.

The Japanese losses were conservatively estimated to amount to nine definitely sunk and two damaged. The U.S. naval forces, which were light cruisers and destroyers, caught the enemy units attempting to sneak out of the gulf, which is only 15 miles long and eight wide, between Kolombangara and New Georgia islands.

450 Tons of Bombs Dropped

Allied heavy bombers attacked Kahili airdrome at dusk with 450 tons of high explosives, causing large fires in the dispersal areas.

A force of enemy bombers with a strong escort of 56 Zeros was intercepted and dispersed by U.S. fighters shortly after noon yesterday. Three enemy bombers and nine fighters were shot down for the loss of one Allied plane.

Delayed despatches indicate that on July 5 enemy bombers attempting to attack Allied shipping in the Solomons were driven off with the loss of nine bombers. No damage was caused.

At Vila U.S. torpedo and dive-bombers with fighter escort attacked an enemy airdrome, dropping 28 tons of heavy bombs on ack-ack positions and bivouac and supply dump areas.

Near Mubo, New Guinea, in direct (Continued on page 4)

Reich Concedes Ruhr Fight Lost

Increasingly severe night raids on the Ruhr are forcing the Germans to take away all movable equipment from that area and, in effect, to concede that the battle of the Ruhr is lost, Parliament was told yesterday by a spokesman for the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

Germany's decision to move the heavy industry of the Ruhr forces a "Herculean task" on her at a time when calls on transport and man-power are very high, the House of Commons was told by the Economic Ministry's parliamentary secretary. He added that the synthetic rubber works blasted by the Eighth Air Force at Huls on June 22 would be out of action many months.

Another effect of night raiding was disclosed at the same time by Rome radio, which said that employers in industrial areas likely to be raided had been ordered to regulate hours so that no one will have to work after dark.

The U.S. War Department, summarizing the Eighth Air Force's first year of operation, yesterday reported it bombed 102 targets in 68 daylight missions, shot down 1,199 enemy planes and dropped 11,423 tons of bombs. A total of 276 bombers was lost, an average of 3.91 per cent on 7,067 sorties—a sortie being any mission from a single flight by one plane.

New Anti-Submarine Weapon



A new U.S. vessel, designed for anti-submarine patrol, is put through tests on the U.S. East Coast. Powered by an aerial engine, the craft skims along the water's surface at 50 miles an hour, and according to its inventor it cannot be detected by underwater listening devices. The boat is armed with four depth charges, a light cannon and machine-guns and can be hoisted and carried on any vessel as easily as a lifeboat.

Output Rising As Attack Nears

Plane Every 5 Minutes U.S.-Canada Quota Soon, Nelson Says

TORONTO, July 8 (AP)—The North American continent alone will outproduce the Axis in munitions this year by nearly two to one, Donald Nelson, chairman of the U.S. War Production Board, reported to the Canadian people today.

Before the year's end, Canada and the United States will be producing a plane every four and two thirds minutes around the clock—nearly 13 an hour—Nelson said in a speech prepared for delivery at the Canadian club. Already, he added, they have turned out enough small arms and ammunition to fire 4,500 bullets at every Axis soldier.

All the United Nations this year will make three times the Axis output of arms and next year four times, Nelson declared.

He spoke guardedly of impending vast military developments to underscore the plea for a renewed production effort to "defeat the enemy so crushingly that his spirit will be broken and the day of his unconditional surrender hastened."

"You will shortly see gigantic battles in which unheard of quantities of war materials will be consumed," he said.

Battle Lessons Alter Output

WASHINGTON, July 8 (AP)—The failure of America's war factories to show a production gain in May as compared with April is to be attributed primarily to the switches in the military programme necessitated by battle-front experience, and is definitely "not a discouraging sign," the War Production Board said yesterday.

The board's executive vice-chairman, Charles Wilson, said: "The fact remains that this country will have to produce 50 per cent more in the second half of this year than it did in the first half. This is no time for a let-down."

U.S. Artillery Can Crumble 'West Wall,' Tests Show

ABERDEEN, Md., July 8—Maj. Gen. Levin Campbell, Chief of Ordnance, said today that the highly publicized German West Wall is vulnerable to heavy artillery and can "crumble" if U.S. big guns ever open up there. This assertion came as a result of tests at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.

Inside the testing grounds a miniature "West Wall" very much like the real thing was built. When American artillery—not the biggest nor the smallest—had opened fire it crumbled.

"The tests demonstrated that we can handle the West Wall at a considerable number of miles," he said.

The general added there was reason to believe the Nazis conducted similar tests before they went up against the Maginot Line and also the Russian system of fortifications.

Pilot, Gunner Awarded DSCs

Medium Bomber Skipper Died to Give Crew Bail Out Chance

Two Distinguished Service Crosses, the second highest of all American army decorations, have been awarded to air force men, ETO Headquarters has announced.

1/Lt. John J. Howell, of South Miami, Fla., was given the decoration posthumously after he had gone down with his badly damaged plane in an effort to keep it from crashing in a populated area and to give his crew a chance for life.

S/Sgt. John R. Roller, Lincoln, Ark., was cited for his heroic actions in helping to repel several enemy attacks after he had been seriously wounded.

On Velsen Raid

Lt. Howell was the pilot of a medium bomber in a raid on a German power station at Velsen, Holland. Coming in at roof-top height, the plane was so severely damaged by flak that Howell was forced to control it by using the aileron trim bias above his head and the elevator trim wheel on his left. Oil from punctured lines spurted up through the smashed control pedestal and completely covered the windshield, Howell and his co-pilot.

The co-pilot, 1/Lt. Howard E. Short, of Sequin, Tex., wiped off the windshield with his flying jacket and found that they were flying 30 feet off the ground.

Passing over the sea's edge, even heavy coastal batteries opened up on them. A survey of the ship revealed that the bomb bay doors were stuck, the land gear refused to go down, a gas tank was punctured.

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Navy Combat Artist in ETO To Paint Activity in Atlantic

By Jean Bradnick

Stars and Stripes Naval Writer

Battle-wise—not bohemian—is Navy artist Lt. Dwight Shepler, 37, of Chestnut Hill, Mass.

First Navy combat artist to serve in the European Theater of Operations, Lt. Shepler arrived recently in London to begin work on a series of paintings and drawings of naval activity in the Atlantic area.

He came to England via Guadalcanal and the Pacific, after completing about 70 paintings and drawings depicting American action against the Japanese on the other side of the world.

His voyage to Britain was no pleasure cruise. He came to England aboard a Liberty ship, on which he gathered ideas for a series of pictures on Atlantic convoys and Navy Armed Guard gunners.

Before his European assignment, Artist Shepler mixed artistry with battle action both at sea and ashore. In the Pacific

Reds Check Drive

By 650,000 Troops On 125-Mile Front

Claim 1,539 Tanks, 649 Planes Knocked Out In 'War's Most Furious Fighting'; Germans Rush Up Reserves

The German Army, hurling fresh reserves of man-power and increasing numbers of tanks and planes into the battle, were checked by stubborn Russian defenses yesterday for the fourth consecutive day of the new Nazi drive aimed at Moscow.

Fighting was described in dispatches as the most furious of the war, and the losses the Germans sustained were the greatest ever recorded in such a short space of time, Moscow radio asserted.

An official communique issued in Moscow early yesterday placed the German toll for the first three days of fighting at 30,000 men killed, 1,539 tanks destroyed or damaged, and 649 airplanes shot down.

Moscow said the Germans were using 650,000 men and 3,000 tanks in the offensive, including 15 Panzer divisions, one motorized division and 14 infantry divisions. It added that numerous Luftwaffe formations, not only from other sectors of the Russian front but also from western Europe, were being thrown into the offensive.

Signs Increase Mediterranean Action Imminent

Axis Says Allies Massing Troops and Ships; Bombings Continue

Signs multiplied in the news dispatches yesterday that the stage is almost set for Allied invasion in the Mediterranean.

Amid recurrent reports of rioting and guerrilla warfare in Greece, unrest in the Balkans, and a state of siege in Crete, these developments stood out:

1—Airfields on Sicily and Sardinia suffered intensified bombing for the fifth consecutive day, on a scale so great that Gerbini in eastern Sicily was attacked 19 times throughout the day.

2—Allied naval units, including two King George class battleships, were reported by German news agency to have left Gibraltar for the western Mediterranean.

3—Berlin said the Allies have 44 infantry divisions, 20 tank units and a million tons of shipping in the Mediterranean, including American parachute battalions and airborne troops to establish bridgeheads in Europe. American cruisers and some aircraft carriers now are reinforcing the Mediterranean fleet, Berlin added.

State of Siege in Crete

This threat in the east, coupled with Sunday night's British commando raid, apparently influenced the Axis command to order a state of siege on Crete and on the Dodecanese islands of Scarpanto and Leros.

The three, together with Rhodes, form the key defense outposts athwart the Aegean pathway to the Balkans. Crete has been reinforced constantly since the Germans captured it in 1941, and now has a garrison of probably ten divisions. Leros, a naval base and also an air base for bombers, fighters and seaplanes, is second in importance.

The North African bombers and fighters that blitzed Sicily and Sardinia reported enemy fighter opposition on "a

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Only Small Gains

Battlefields were strewn with wrecked and burning tanks, including many Mark Six "Tigers," and the reserves which the Wehrmacht threw in found themselves traversing paths littered with broken machines and bodies of the men who had preceded them.

The Red Army, fighting more brilliantly than ever, held the offensive in check in almost all sectors. The only gains reported were small ones in the Byelgorod sector, where the Germans were trying to push north to join another force coming southward and pinch off the important Kursk salient.

This salient now is only 125 miles wide and 60 miles deep, and along this comparatively small battlefield some of the fiercest fighting in history was taking place.

The fact the Russians had checked the advance so far was interpreted in Moscow as an important victory. William Downes, CBS commentator in the Russian capital, said in a broadcast to the United States: "It can be safely claimed that the Germans have suffered at least a conditional defeat in the first three days of their new offensive."

He added that German blitzkrieg tactics had been "dying for a long time," and predicted the current offensive would be the Wehrmacht's last attempt to use it on a large scale.

As in previous offensives, the Germans are attempting to pierce Russian defenses by sheer weight of armor. This time, however, their air support is being used differently. The planes are being employed to do little else but pound at the opposing Russian armor and lighten as much as possible the burden of the German tank crews. Rarely do they leave the scene of ground combat, and most of the air battles have been directly over the front lines.

A constant stream of German reinforcements to the front, including many brought in trains of gliders, was reported by the United Press from Moscow yesterday. Two of these glider trains, towed by Junkers, were intercepted by Red fighter planes Wednesday and shot down.

New U.S. Fighter Plane Reported in Production

WASHINGTON, July 8 (AP)—A new secret fighter plane has started rolling off the assembly lines, Charles Wilson, vice-chairman of the War Production Board, disclosed today. For security reasons he declined to reveal any details.

Asked at a press conference whether the planes were entirely new models or modifications of existing ones, Wilson replied: "Both."

Veronica Lake Has Baby Prematurely After Injury

HOLLYWOOD, July 8 (AP)—Veronica Lake gave birth to a three-pound boy today, two months prematurely.

The child was placed in an incubator ether a doctor said, and both mother and child were apparently doing well.

Miss Lake was injured in a fall and underwent a blood transfusion in hospital in Hollywood on Friday night.

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ETO Print Shop Busy These Days

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Hash Marks

Chanute Field claims the "smallest" GI in captivity. He's 4 feet 10 inches tall and his name's Anthony Mastantuono, Pvt. Oddly enough, his friends call him "Shorty."

Overheard at a GI ball game where a second looney was sweating out the job of calling the balls and strikes: "Saaaay, that guy's so crooked I bet he uses a cork screw for a swagger stick!"

After a hard day's work even psychiatrists get a little mixed up now and then. An officer noticing that one of his men



spent most of his time brushing himself off from head to toe took the lad in to see the medico. The psychiatrist examined the man and there was apparently nothing wrong. "What's the matter?" he asked. "Why do you keep brushing yourself?" "Can't you see, I'm covered with big red ants!" screamed the patient. "That's just your imagination," consoled the doc, "there are no ants on you." But as the patient leaned closer and closer to his desk and kept rubbing himself, the doc screamed, "WELL, you don't have to brush THEM off on me!"

Newspaper reports of speedy planes breaking records for Atlantic crossings are apparently confusing the civilian population of the USA on certain issues. For instance, a lieutenant over here got a letter from his girl friend back home saying, "why don't you write more often? I understand it takes a V-mail letter only 16 hours to be delivered."

From Bob Noble, a friend on army duty back in the States, comes the tale of the chowhound who would pass thru the chowline each day muttering "Hebrew 13:8." The KPs kept trying to figure out wotthehell he was muttering about. Finally they got the Bible and looked up the Book of Hebrews, 13th chapter, 8th verse. The passage reads, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever."

Yanks in England soon find the British method of giving travel directions very confusing—also the British estimate of



distance is often quite astounding. Some troops on a march asked a cyclist, "How far is it to (censored)?" "Oh, about 10 miles," was the reply. The troops trudged wearily on for about two hours with no sign of their destination. Soon they spotted a constable and again asked, "How far is it to (censored)?" "Oh, about 10 miles," was the reply. "Well," sighed a sergeant as the men moved on, "at least we're holding our own."

J. C. W.

GI Lithographers Reproduce ARs Or Sheet Music

By Russell Jones
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

U.S. ARMY PRINTING SHOP, July 8—Seven sergeants are running a big business here. With the help of a major, a captain, a couple of lieutenants, a few warrant officers—and a hundred-odd privates—they are printing field manuals, Army regulations, ration cards, stickers, letter-heads, song books, targets, hand books, sheet music, religious tracts—just about everything that the Army has or could think of. They claim—and probably can substantiate the claim—that they can print anything that can be photographed. If they can't print it, as in the case of letterpress work, they still handle the job before it goes to a commercial printer.

The shop was started just about a year ago, when Maj. Charles S. Marsh, who had been a lithographer in Cincinnati, Ohio, was told to get going. He had nothing but the orders; no equipment and no personnel. The equipment was picked up piecemeal; some coming from the British on reciprocal aid and the rest showing up in various ports after being shipped from the States. Lithographers just don't come along very often, so Maj. Marsh looked through hundreds of classification cards, picking out the men who had high IQs and might have a natural aptitude for the work. His success as a picker is vouched for by the fact that two-thirds of his officers have been commissioned by direct appointment from his section.

Tuition in Britain
 Only 25 per cent of the entire section had had any training in lithography before they had joined Maj. Marsh, so they were sent to British shops for ten day courses of instruction, with refresher courses of two or three days at intervals.

Maj. Marsh, Capt. Joseph H. Banks, of Grand Rapids, Mich., executive officer, supply officer and general factotum, and other officers and warrant officers do most of the paper work but the mechanical end is run by five tech sergeants. Jack Phelps, a photographer for the Milwaukee Journal, is the head man in the photographic department; Fred Maier, of New York, who did the same kind of work for the Security and Exchange Commission, is running photography section; Edward Kopta, veteran pressman of Chicago, is in charge of the presses; Edward Zytka, binder of Chicago, handles all cutting, folding and binding, and Bob Speirs, who thought a job as research assistant in Zoological department of the University of Wisconsin qualified him as a lithographer, is boss of all plate making.

Even in the front office the enlisted men play a big part. Sgt. Herbert Mann, of New Haven, Conn., is in charge of personnel and statistics while T/4 Marion Healy, of Baltimore, analyzes each job as it comes in and determines what process to use on it.

Lithography is a very complicated process. Briefly, the picture or page of type is photographed and the image transferred to a zinc plate by an engraving process. The plate is chemically impreg-



Stars and Stripes Photos

T/Sgt. Edward Kopta, of Chicago, Fred Maier, of New York, and Bob Speirs, of Stamford, Conn., discuss color schemes for use on a poster job at the Army Print Shop. At left, T/Sgt. Kopta makes an adjustment on one of the web presses in the shop.



copies instead of doing the printing in the United States and bringing the lot over by boat.

As soon as new cameras have been installed the saving will be even greater, for the copies will be sent by microfilm, with an entire field manual on one roll.

An idea of the volume of work done in the shop is given through the card index that 2/Lt. James Hoke, of Pottsville, Pa., keeps. Each of the thousands of cards he has means a job that has been done. Most of the cards show that they have been used four or five times for reprints of an original order. His file is growing at a rate of 600 or 700 a week.

Jobs of All Sizes
 The jobs done vary in size from windshield stickers run off on a small multi-lith press to posters 25 by 35 printed on a British Crabtree press at the rate of 5,500 an hour. This press, although a type almost unknown in the United States, was assembled by Sgt. Kopta and Pvt. Charles Smith, of Chicago. The job took them two weeks to do but the press ran perfectly when they were done.

Of all the jobs that the men have done here the one of which they are the proudest is a war bond poster that is found in every camp and installation in ETO. The poster shows an American flag in full color, and after seeing how the men had blended the colors and made the plates so that they registered perfectly with no overlapping or gaps, Maj. Marsh reported to his superiors, "Now we can call ourselves lithographers!"

The shop is so busy these days that a branch office is being set up in London to handle rush jobs here. Lt. Hoke—one of the men Maj. Marsh recommended for a direct appointment—and S/Sgt. Cecil Smith, of Richmond, Va., will be in charge. The rest of the personnel will be either drawn from the main shop or men that Maj. Marsh will pick from classification cards. "If they are as good as the boys we have now they'll do all right," the major says confidently.

The Melting Pot

Who are the Americans? This question, asked by countless Britons, is being answered graphically through the works of one of their own countrywomen—artist Honor Earl.

A selection of portraits, illustrating the diversity of types and characters to be found among the American people, is proving an eye-opener to Britons and Americans alike.

The drawings, most of them reproduced from sketches done at American Red Cross clubs, show a cross-section of the Americans who have left their homes to fight the common enemy of the United Nations.

Listings of ancestry under the portraits give new emphasis to America's reputation as a "melting pot of humanity." Typical headings like English, Scotch-Irish, Austro-Hungarian, Pennsylvania Dutch, Polish-French, Czech, Negro, Chinese, Indian, give the observer a keener realization that the United States is, in fact, a cross-section of world peoples. No races are missing.

But to the individual who has the opportunity to study these portraits there is a deeper meaning to be found, a meaning best expressed in the words of Ambassador John Winant, who, speaking at the dedication of the exhibit, said: "I hope that this exhibit will give you a stronger realization that it is possible for peoples of all creeds and all nationalities to live and work together in peace and harmony."

In her character studies, Honor Earl has truly caught the spirit and idealism of America. She has made a significant contribution to the stimulating of British-American understanding.

The exhibit, still on display, can be seen in London at Selfridges through July 19.

Black Angels

Addressing the "Congress of the International Union of Journalists" at Vienna recently, Rosenberg, one of Hitler's thugs, stated in quivering accents that the airmen on some American bombers were negroes.

Apparently this man is so "sensitive" that he is unable to bear the thought of negroes squashing Nazis like bugs.

The Nazis have maintained that the art of flying is the privilege of the Nordic "superior" race because it requires courage, and now lo and behold a great many of their flaxen-haired Aryans are being killed by bombs dropped by negroes who appear to have mastered the exclusive art of aviation.

The humiliation of it leaves Rosenberg stuttering; but is nothing to the humiliation he will suffer when black, brown, red, yellow and white men . . . all Americans, and all serving with equal courage and distinction, march down the streets of Berlin in the victory parade that will follow the complete destruction of the Nazi tyranny.

War Dads

While we are fighting to protect our homes in America, the folks at home are organizing to protect us . . . this time it's the Dads.

Seems as though Dad can't quite forget how hollow was the doughboy welcome, received by many after the last war, and he's determined that this time it's going to be different.

Dad has gone to work to see if he can help the home front just like the place his son (and daughter) left; and he intends to do a bit of scragging to assure a job for those in the service when they come back.

Meanwhile his new organization—the American War Dads—is busy boosting morale of fighting men on a father-and-son basis.

The War Dads now have chapters in 300 cities and towns and expect to have 200 more before their First National Convention next Fall.

Already these new organizations have established canteens, helped furnish day rooms in barracks, sponsored free shows and maintained shelter houses along main highways where War Dads wait to give soldiers transportation or lodging as they move about on furlough.

We all know the American love for "joining"; but from a distance of four thousand miles this new organization seems to have an idea behind which Dads can afford to rally. They've tackled a man size job, of that we are sure; but all of us have always had a lot of faith in the ability of Dads to come through in a pinch.

Bet they'll do it this time, too.



Wingspit

"I'll have to leave after this dance, cupcake. I just dropped in to get my buttons shined."

Ordnance Soldiers Repair All Equipment

Former Mechanics, Opticians, Carpenters Improvise Their Tools

THE — ORDNANCE CO., July 8—Army equipment, either large or small, is being repaired by American soldiers here, and if they can't get the necessary equipment by requisition, they make it themselves.

Watches, field glasses, sights and sight-

ing equipment, fire control equipment, guns and other precision machines are repaired in the small arms section in charge of S/Sgt. Rexford O'Neil, a former carpenter and garage mechanic from New York.

T/Sgt. Fred Pletcher, of Cameron, W. Va., who repaired firearms in his spare time away from the hardware store where he worked, now has changed his hobby into a full-time job and is an expert repairman on all Army small arms from rifles to 37mm. anti-tank guns.

Former Opticians Fix Watches

Precision instruments, including watches, sighting equipment, binoculars and fire control instruments are fixed by two former opticians, T/5 Julian Rose, of Washington, and T/5 Robert D. Price, of Madison Heights, Va.

When Rose and Price were in need of an instrument to use in cutting and fitting crystals into stop watches they called on S/Sgt. Harry B. Wallace, of Conneaut, Ohio, machinist and lathe operator. He turned one out in a few minutes and their problem was solved.

"I paid over \$100 for a machine that does the same thing when I was a civilian," Rose explained.

Over in the heavy maintenance section the men also shift for themselves and make what machinery and tools they can't get through regular channels.

The transfer case of a six by six troop carrying truck weighs more than a hundred pounds and to lift it into position requires the combined effort of three men, all lying on their backs. T/Sgt. Barroll L. Haugh, of Highfield, Md., who was a civilian mechanic with the Maryland National Guard before his Army days, racked his brain and devised a three-quarter ton transfer case jack out of a regular issue truck jack and a few pieces of discarded sheet iron. The sides of the cup, which hold the 100-pound casing, are designed so as to raise it into position at the correct angle.

In the blacksmith section, T/5 Julian Bagmore practices the same trade he followed in Blackville, S.C., and all he

misses is a good job of horseshoeing now and then.

"I'll be out of practice if I don't get a horse to shoe pretty soon," Bagmore explained as he hammered out red hot braces to be used in supporting the running boards on Army ambulances. As he hammered, Pvt. Benjamin G. Divine, of Alamosa, Colo., turned the bellows. Divine, a former body and fender repairman, is learning blacksmithing from Bagmore.

The equipment of the shop is in charge of S/Sgt. Phil Zuckerman, of Trenton, N.J., who is responsible for its repair as well as getting it loaded and ready to roll in case of a quick decision to move. He estimated that the equipment can be loaded and moving in an hour and a half and set up and ready for use in about the same amount of time after stopping at the new location.



Strictly Confidential

If the litter o' letters that casually fall, In disorder, inert, filling baskets and hall Were to utter a warning which any child kens, This rustle would shame GIs of the pens, "We were reams of memos; our home, HQ files, Now we are boomerangs on fresh garbage piles Just scraps of paper and wads of command To make it quite easy for "rats" close at hand. Wanna send secrets to that dirty fuehrer, Type us . . . scrap intact, no grapevine is surer."

Pvt. Charles M. Cobb Jr.

ULSTER ROUNDUP

Golfers Sought For N. Ireland Links League

Each Unit Asked to Supply Six Club Swingers For Competition

By Sheamus McWhite

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
BELFAST, July 8—The baseball situation up here started on a sour note in the game between the USNOB and the Blues at Ravenhill Park. It was called, a 4-4 tie, in the seventh inning after the team managers failed to agree on an umpire's decision.

"Deacon" Behnen had trouble with Coach Patrick's heavy hitters, but stepped to the plate himself in the fourth inning to bang out one of the longest home runs seen here. It cleared the fence and lit somewhere on the other side of a distant mountain.

Patrick pitched his surprise fireball man, Frank Pekarovits, of Pulaski, Ohio, who turned out to be about what the doctor ordered, although somewhat wild. The former Southern Leaguer—quickly tabbed "Chattanooga Choo-choo" by Blues' rooters—had appeared in public only once before.

Mustangs Buck Dodgers, 7-3

He has, however, the necessary steam and may prove surprising to future batters—particularly those with dreams of home. Fired in the groove (which doesn't always happen), the Choo-choo's ball is about as easy to get away from as an M1.

The Mustangs, an Air Force nine, were guests of the Dodgers at Composite Command's anniversary party. Demure and humble, these lowly boys paid proper respects but acted very naughty for guests, winning the ball game, 7-3. After that they proceeded to eat, drink and be merry at one of the outstanding social events of Northern Ireland's year. Composite Command had such a fine birthday party all afternoon and evening that they didn't resent losing the baseball game—particularly since the new guys already have some convincing wins in exhibition games. The Mustangs now are asking for the Blues—and may get them.

Maruszewski Scores

The Composite Command brings up the subject of Pvt. Joe Maruszewski, former Hollywood Country Club golf pro. Relieved from greensward duties for the afternoon, Joe starred as song leader and triple threat corkscrew man, but found time to disclose some important golf plans.

For one thing, new golf teams are needed. Each unit in Northern Ireland has been asked to line up six men. Although handicaps and previous scores aren't required, a golfer, to have fun in the new league, should be able to get somewhere under 119 on a good day, according to Joe. Men who can do consistent 79s, 80s, 82s, etc., will find interesting opponents. All golfers have been asked to see or phone the program office at the American Red Cross.

McCune Shoots in 70s

The Seabees have landed and have the situation fairly well in hand. Since Bobby Jones was too young for the assignment, they turned it over to EM 2/c C. W. McCune, of Indianapolis, Ind., who came up the hard way as caddy, greenskeeper, 19th hole director, cook, manager, and finally pro at the Hoosier capital before the war took him away from 23 years of golf. Shooting in the near 70s himself, McCune admits he's out of practice but has lined up a team and wants games. He may be reached at GPO Box 48, U.S. Navy.

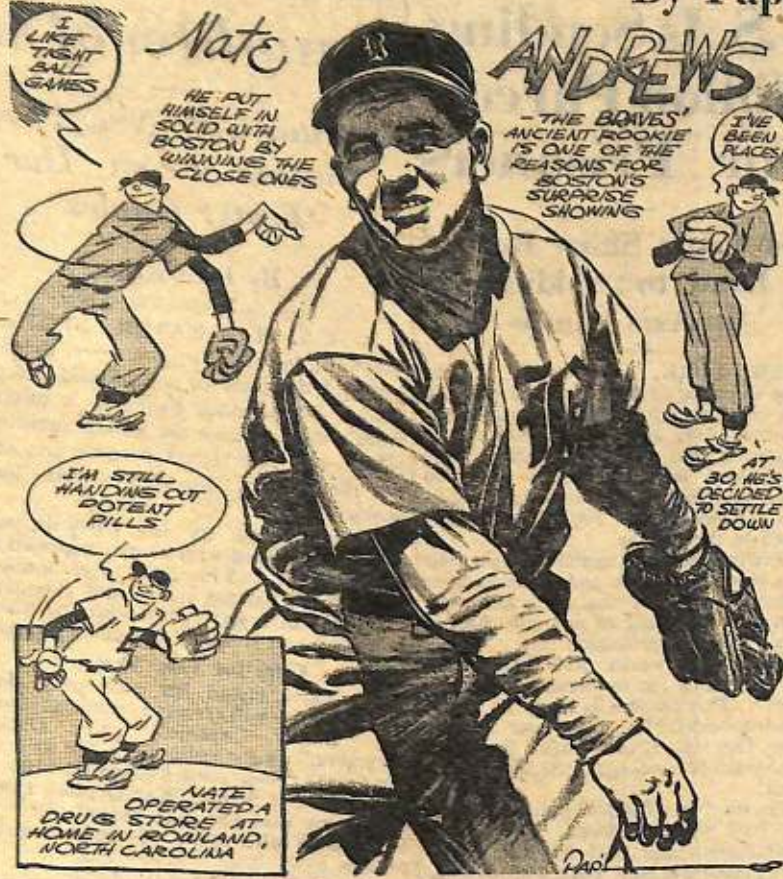
Main trouble in the golf league here is balls—not that the boys are knocking them out of the isles, but because somehow, somewhere, when outfits were packing for overseas, nobody thought to stick in a box or two of Kro-flites. There are, however, enough to go around and a lot of precision golf is expected here before the snow flies.

The ball shortage hasn't bothered tennis addicts, probably because the Red Cross spent some time on the matter. Although there aren't too many balls, there are enough, and at Belfast applicants have been invited for singles. The deadline is July 12. Play will begin July 17. Although racquetees may try any of a number of suburban clubs, Windsor's clay courts in Belfast have been popular and most of the sets will be lobbed out over these nets. Tennis players interested may phone the program office.

Scalders Blank Aircrews

FIGHTER STATION, July 8—In a big fourth inning, the Scalders' nine shut out the Aircrews, 4-0, here. Winning battery was Lt. Byers, of Detroit, and Pvt. Burt Kopperud, of Minneapolis, Minn. Pfc Vic Berger, of Forest Lake, Wis., and Sgt. John Barchosky, of Ham-tranck, Mich., were the losing battery.

Busy Brave



By Pap

ANDREWS

Clowns, Without Eisenmann, Downed by Bomber Nine, 8-4

With their scheduled ace hurler, Lt. Chuck Eisenmann, of Superior, Wis., laid up with an appendectomy, the CBS Clowns' winning streak came to a halt at ten games when the — Bombers upset them, 8-4, at Paddington Recreation Grounds.

Southpaw Cpl. Ross Grimsley, of Americus, Kans., downed the London nine almost single-handedly, getting four singles in four trips to the plate, scoring three runs, and striking out ten batters.

S/Sgt. John Puskas, of Pittsburgh, started on the mound for the losers, but was relieved in the sixth after giving up five runs on eight base raps. Sgt. Myron Scow, of Arcadia, Wis., relief hurler, was hit six times for three tallies.

The Clowns took a 2-0 lead in the second inning, but were on the short end thereafter. The winners retaliated with three markers in the third, added one more in the fourth and fifth, another two in the seventh, and one in the ninth. The losers pushed across one in the sixth and another in the eighth.

Sgt. Joe Gradisher, of Muskegan, Mich.; Cpl. Jim Beane, of High Point, N.C.; Cpl. Jim Roughton, of Urban, Ill., and Pfc Nick Fracaro, of Joliet, Ill., each tripled for the Bombers. Sgt. Amey Fontana, of Wampum, Pa., got a three-bagger for the Clowns.

Bomb Group Nine Drops Engineer Squad, 9-6

BOMBER STATION, July 8—Holding the — Engineers' baseball club to one inning of scoring, the — Bomb Group team came through to win, 9-6, here. Cpl. Sol Lowenthal, of Rego Park, N.Y., pounded in four runs with a triple in the second and a single in the fourth innings while Sgt. Johnny B. Chipik, of Temple, Texas, sent in two more in the sixth with a double for the Bombers.

T/Sgt. Tom West, of San Antonio, Texas, pitched the first four innings for the bombers, then was relieved by Sgt. Lou Anschutz, of Detroit, who allowed only one hit for the Engineers in the last three innings.

Port Ramblers Still Lead WBS Baseball League

WBS HQ., July 8—While the MP Nitesticks are idle, the — Port Ramblers will endeavor to strengthen their hold on first place in the Liverpool district baseball league Sunday when they tangle with the Ordnance Tigers, managed by Sgt. Hank Pawlak.

The WBS Fence Busters hope to climb back into the .500 rating at the expense of the — Station Hospital Pill Rollers.

League standings:

Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
Ramblers	4	0	1.000	Tigers	1	3	.250
Nitesticks	4	1	.800	Pill Rollers	0	3	.000
Fence Busters	1	2	.333				

Yellowjackets Sting Medics

BRISTOL, July 8—The — Signal Yellowjackets defeated the — Medics, 7-2, in a regular league game here. Leading hitters for Yellowjackets were Owen L. Moore, of Marianna, Ark., who got two hits for four tries, and Sgt. Joseph Noyer, of Brooklyn, who hit safely in three of five tries. Winning pitcher was S/Sgt. Edward M. Stice Jr., of Atchison, Kan., who allowed five hits.

Lefty Gomez Hits Baseball Road Again

DETROIT, July 8—Pitcher Lefty Gomez has been released by the Washington Senators after starting only one game.

The colorful southpaw, who set a record by hurling six straight World Series victories, has been making the rounds of late. He was with the New York Yankees until last January, when he was sold to the Boston Braves. The National Leaguers turned him loose in May and he caught on with the Senators.

Gomez, now 32, was with the American League champions from 1931 to 1942.

Chisox Edge Tigers, 11-9

Samsal Leads Winners In Jeep League Contest

By Wade Barton

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

AIR DEPOT GROUP, July 8—The Tigers and White Sox staged a see-saw game before 6,000 British spectators in a Jeep league game. Each team came from behind twice before the White Sox sewed up the game with four runs in the eighth and two in the ninth, finally winning, 11-9.

Cpl. Sammy Samsal, of Lima, Ohio, retired the Tigers in order in the first three innings, but Sgt. "Glider" Schultz, of Woodstock, Ill., poled a home run in the fourth with the bases loaded to climax a five-run inning. The lead then changed hands three times before the Sox' two big innings. Samsal got five for six at the plate, including two triples and a double.

The Missions snapped the winning streak of the league-leading Yanks at seven straight with a 15-8 triumph. The Yanks outthit the Missions, 12-7, but Tommy Barker, of San Antonio, Texas, was always able to bear down in the pinches. The Missions started early with three runs in the first then added four in the fourth and eighth. Cpl. Denny Martin, of San Francisco, Cal., and S/Sgt. Dick Long, of Kingsman, Ariz., were the hitting stars for the Yanks, the former getting a home run, the latter three singles, yet both had to bow to Joe Neckar, also of San Antonio, Missions' catcher, who had four for five, one a home run.

In an earlier league game the Yanks smothered the Tigers with a 17-hit attack to win, 15-4. A six-run spree in the first inning gave Sgt. Frank Guidotti, of Sacramento, Cal., a working margin that was never threatened.



American League

Wednesday's Games
New York 2, St. Louis 0
Detroit 9, Washington 1
Chicago 3, Boston 2 (14 innings)
Other teams did not play.

Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
New York	39	29	.572	Boston	34	35	.493
Detroit	35	32	.522	Cleveland	33	35	.485
Chicago	34	32	.515	St. Louis	31	36	.462
Washington	37	35	.514	Philadelphia	32	41	.438

Yesterday's Schedule

Philadelphia at Detroit
Washington at Cleveland
New York at Chicago (night game)
Other teams not scheduled.

National League

Wednesday's Games
Cincinnati 5, Boston 1 (first game)
Boston 4, Cincinnati 2 (second, night game)
No other games played.

Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	44	24	.647	Philadelphia	33	37	.474
Brooklyn	44	32	.579	Boston	32	36	.471
Pittsburgh	36	32	.529	Chicago	30	41	.424
Cincinnati	34	36	.486	New York	28	43	.395

Yesterday's Schedule

Pittsburgh at Brooklyn
Cincinnati at Philadelphia
St. Louis at Boston
Other teams not scheduled.

Leading Batters

League	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
American League					
Curtright, Chicago	56	177	30	60	.333
Stephens, St. Louis	59	220	31	73	.332
Hockett, Cleveland	59	251	34	82	.322
Wakefield, Detroit	68	297	36	96	.322
Johnson, Washington	72	276	41	89	.290
Etten, New York	69	266	37	79	.293
National League					
Musial, St. Louis	71	277	46	91	.328
Herman, Brooklyn	76	280	39	91	.324
Hack, Chicago	71	269	36	87	.323
Dahlgren, Philadelphia	70	263	25	85	.323
Frey, Cincinnati	62	263	35	83	.316

Home Run Hitters

American League—Keller, New York, York, Detroit, Stephens and Laabs, St. Louis, 10.
National League—Ott, New York, 12; Nicholson, Chicago, DiMaggio, Pittsburgh, and L. Wheeler, St. Louis, 9.

Runs Batted In

American League—Etten, New York, 52; Stephens, St. Louis, 48; Laabs, St. Louis, 47.
National League—Herman, Brooklyn, 50; Nicholson, Chicago, 47; DiMaggio, Pittsburgh, 45.

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by Chic Young

U.S. Commando Jungle March Captured Viru

Two Marine Companies Took Jap Harbor In Rear Attack

WITH INVASION FORCE, New Georgia, July 8 (UP)—American commandos, composed of two companies of specially trained Marines, took Viru Harbor and established a bridgehead on New Georgia Island after a four-day forced march through thick jungles and skirmishes with Japanese all the way across the island, it was revealed yesterday.

The Marines set out on June 20, the advance force of the main body of American troops. For six days they remained hidden near the shore. They started their dash on the seventh to take the Japanese at Viru Harbor by surprise in the rear. Soon the Japanese were trailing them through the jungle, sniping from trees and trying to cut off stragglers.

Setting a trap for the snipers, the marine commander deployed a small force behind his main body. The Japs walked into the trap.

Captured Hill

"We killed 18 of them and the rest fled," said one member of the rear guard. "In the end we charged up a hill in the face of their machine-gun fire, throwing grenades and digging them out of their gun-nests."

"One of our boys was shot in the right knee and fell sideways, breaking his ankle. Despite the intense pain he insisted on going on, so we bandaged his wounds as best as we could and he kept on going for three more days with the help of a couple of native guides. He even took a part in the final attack on Viru Harbor."

The Marines spent four days moving at top speed through the jungle, but the jungle was such that their progress was only about eight miles a day, and that had to be accomplished by forced marches.

Mile-an-Hour Progress

They kept going 12 hours a day, their progress being less than a mile an hour. Time and time again they had to turn and fight off Japanese patrols who had fastened on their flanks, but they arrived at last behind Viru Harbor, dirty, dog-tired but in good fighting trim.

The Japanese commander at Viru had apparently not been warned that the force had reached his rear positions and had prepared for a frontal attack.

Instead the commandos attacked from the jungle behind the twin villages on either side of the bay. They took the Japanese completely by surprise.

Scores of Japanese took to their heels to reach the comparative safety of the jungle. Some of them, trapped, jumped over cliffs, shouting "Marines, Marines," as they fell.

"The final scrap was terrific," said one of the Marines. "Machine-guns, grenades and automatic rifles were all going off at top speed. Our men were yelling and swearing and the Japanese were shouting 'Banzai.'"

Pacific - - -

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support of ground forces, strong formations of attack planes and medium and heavy bombers executed coordinated bombing and strafing attacks on enemy positions. One hundred and six tons of high explosive and fragmentation bombs were concentrated on the target in less than 45 minutes.

In the North Pacific, Kiska, the Japanese base in the Aleutians, has been attacked by a U.S. task force, it was revealed yesterday.

Kiska was by-passed when the American forces took Attu island recently, thus placing an American base 90 miles to the east of Kiska.

Although the American force stood off shore and bombarded the Japanese positions, the enemy's shore batteries did not return the fire, which may have been due to an order that they were not to reveal their positions. This is the third attack on Kiska in four days.

Limits Sale of Insignia

WASHINGTON, July 8—Manufacture and sale of Army insignia by civilian companies has been banned by the War Department. Licenses of 2,800 firms will be revoked within four months. The action was taken to regulate the sales of insignia and save metal. Soldiers will be able to buy insignia only at PXs and Quartermaster stores.

Derry Seabees Adopt Pup for Mascot Duty

LONDONDERRY, July 8—Concerned lest his cat, "Seabee," become lonely, CB/M Robert S. Poplin, of Fillmore, Cal., has acquired a Cairn Terrier. Like "Seabee," the dog is officially registered with the U.S. Navy as a mascot. Comdr. L. J. Bortelman, of Ventura, Cal., unit CO, swore the pup into service, with serial number 153655 plus the Navy rank and name "Coxswain."

"Coxswain" got off to a good start with his health record and liberty card in order, but like many another new sailor, let love dissuade him from duty. This week he was under restriction, charged with AWOL.

Liverpool Maps Hostess Set-Up

Mount Pleasant Programs To Be in Charge of British Girls

LIVERPOOL, July 8—Arrangements for the Mount Pleasant club's new hostess plan will be completed at a meeting at the club tomorrow night.

Under the set-up, a group of British girls, including those in the services, will have charge of a program every night. There will be a movie night, two games nights, one indoors and one outdoors, three dance nights and a Battle of the Sixes night.

A dance will be held at the club Saturday night from 8 to 11 PM and a cabaret show will begin at 9.30 PM. Sunday is date day from 2 to 10.30 PM. Polly will play the piano in the evening and a dance will be held at 7.30. The musical "Stump the Experts" quiz will go on at 9 PM. Sgt. Joseph Nairn and Sgt. Joe Cohen are conducting auditions now for the "Mount Pleasant Follies."

Belfast

BELFAST, July 8—Twenty couples will go on an excursion and picnic to Port Rush and Northern Ireland scenic spots Sunday, July 11, starting from the American Red Cross Belfast club. The excursion is on a "first come, first served" basis—applicants being accepted as they sign up. Starting shortly after 9 AM, the tour will be by bus to Port Rush. Couples will meet at the club.

Glasgow

GLASGOW, July 8—Movies will be shown tomorrow night at 7.30 at the Red Cross club here. Program for the week: Saturday—Dancing, 7.30-11 PM. Sunday—Motor coach tour of the Burns' country. bookings must be made in advance; tea dance; Highland Light Infantry Band, 2.30 PM; movie, 7.30 PM. Monday—Scottish Hop, 7.30 PM.

Liberty Club

Dancing lessons will be given Sunday from 11.30 to 1.30 at the Liberty club, 12 Upper Woburn Pl., London W.C2. Program for the week: Tuesday—Open house, 8.30-11 PM. Wednesday—Dance, Musical Engineers, 8.30-11 PM. Thursday—Movies, 8 PM. Friday—Dancing lessons, 1.30-3.30 PM; open house, 8.30-11 PM. Saturday—Picnic supper party to Regent's Park, 2.30 PM.

Southport

SOUTHPORT, July 8—Two dances are on the program for this week's entertainment at the American Red Cross Palace club here. The schedule: Saturday—Dance, 8-11.30 PM. Baseball game, 1 PM. Sunday—Dance, 5-9 PM. Cold buffet supper, 6-8 PM. Open house, 3-5 PM. Rides in a coach and four are being arranged for GIs by Doria Hawley, of Bridgeport, Conn., new program assistant of the club.

War Bond Office Makes Top Sale

The largest single cash war bond sale by the new London War Bond Office was made yesterday when 2/Lt. James Archambeault, of South Bend, Ind., walked in with £341 8s., belonging to 177 men of B Co., — Engineers Av. Bn.

The percentage of the company making Class B allotments has jumped from 13 to 95 in a drive conducted by 1/Lt. Donald Stein, of Aurora, and Lt. Archambeault. Two sergeants, Loren Reed, of Viroqua, Wis., and Marleo Roberts, of Mich., each bought \$150 worth, and S/Sgt. Fred W. Metzger, of San Francisco, has signed up for a \$100 monthly bond allotment.

Plan covering all angles of the ETO bond drive is being discussed at the office in preparation for the public-speaking contest for soldiers on "Why I Buy War Bonds," scheduled for Aug. 16 at the ARC Rainbow Corner.

NEWS FROM HOME

U.S. Is Sending Million Parcels For Prisoners

Red Cross Ships Record Load to Soldiers In Axis Camps

NEW YORK, July 8—The largest single shipment of Red Cross parcels and other comforts for allied prisoners of war left three days ago on the Swiss liner Lugano, it was disclosed today. The record load included nearly 1,000,000 parcels and follows by two weeks a previous shipment of 500,000 packages carried by the Caritas.

Departure of the Lugano brought into focus the tremendous and hitherto little publicized work of the American Red Cross for the benefit of not only American but all allied prisoners.

Merchandise worth \$24,000,000 has been sent since the outbreak of the war in 1939. This amount is likely to be exceeded considerably in the near future; during the last three months the value of shipments averaged \$3,000,000 a month.

Of more than 4,000,000 parcels already sent, half were produced by private manufacturers and half by Red Cross packing centers in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago, where women volunteers pack parcels on an assembly-line basis.

James Gets Draft Notice

BEAUMONT, Tex., July 8—Harry James, who is honeymooning with Betty Grable, has been ordered by his Selective Service Board to report for a preliminary physical examination. If he passes he will be inducted in the near future, the board said.

Union Wants Women Sailors

NEW YORK, July 8—The National Maritime Union of the CIO at its fourth convention yesterday adopted a resolution asking the U.S. Maritime Training Service and the War Shipping Administration to bring back into the industry "the hundreds of women" who served as pursers, cooks, stewards and yeomen aboard ships before the war and were beached after Pearl Harbor.

Artist to Paint Navy Activity

(Continued from page 1) convoy during the initial landing, participated in an action-packed raid against shipping near a Jap-held island in the South Pacific on a cruiser, was on the same vessel in the thick of the Battle of Santa Cruz and spent two months on a battleship.

Between battle engagements and during his off-hours, Lt. Shepler turned artist. His paintings and drawings are his impressions of the battles, based on strategically correct data from the reports of the warships in the actions.

"Drawing battle scenes for the Navy is not guesswork," Lt. Shepler said. "Every minute detail must be historically correct."

Most of Lt. Shepler's works are water colors, although he now is completing some oils of action in the Pacific.

That Lt. Shepler should mix paints and gunpowder is not surprising, in view of his career in peace-time. After graduating from Williams College in 1928, his interests turned to art and hockey. He went to the Museum of Fine Arts School in Boston. Soon he became known for his paintings, but was equally famous as right wing of the all-American hockey team which toured Europe in 1931.

He was a sailor, too, mate of a schooner yacht that sailed from Cape Cod to the Galapagos Islands and back.

Since he would "rather ski than anything," many of his best works are skiing scenes done in the Alps and in the Eastern and Western American mountains. He also has done many portraits.

Married and the father of two young daughters, Lt. Shepler gave up painting to join the Navy 15 months ago as a line duty officer. He was commissioned because of his seagoing experience, and it was later that he was chosen to become one of five combat artists in the Navy.

Shots Instead of Chow

BERNE, July 8 (UP)—Italian workers are now being given injections which have a temporarily invigorating effect, travelers from Milan report. The injections are given at mealtime, but cannot replace missing foodstuffs.

Liberator Bomber Men Sponsor Daughter of Missing RAF Pilot

Orphan Gets New Party Clothes From Her 'Foster Uncles'

By Bud Kane

Stars and Stripes Unit Writer

A U.S. LIBERATOR STATION, England, July 8—Virginia, the five-year-old daughter of a widowed defense worker whose pilot husband is missing from a RAF raid on the Skoda munitions works, was entertained here by the men of the Bomb Squadron who have sponsored her.

Virginia came to the party in new clothes purchased with money supplied by the squadron, and her 300 "foster uncles" watched her eat ice cream and chocolate cake, ride in a jeep, play with the ducks in a pond and frolic with station puppies.

Gifts for Five Years

The party lasted for part of a day, but Virginia will receive presents from her "Daddy Captain" and "Daddy Sergeants," as she calls them, for at least five years. Their contribution of £100 to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund guarantees that for that period she will be supplied with many of the necessities of life.

The thanks is not entirely one-sided, however. M/Sgt. Joseph H. Snyder, of Harrisburg, Pa., expressed the feelings of the men when he said:

"Hell, I've had ten pounds worth of fun watching her—she enjoys everything



U.S. Army Air Force Photo

Virginia at the controls of a B24 Liberator. so much. If it were possible I'd sponsor one for myself."

Virginia was selected as the Squadron "orphan" by a committee composed of Capt. Donald J. Williams, of Cascade, Idaho; 1/Sgt. Robert W. Ryan, Rockville Center, L.I.; M/Sgt. Ralph R. Illick, Easton, Pa.; S/Sgt. George W. Nugent, Nashville, Tenn.; M/Sgt. Joseph H. Snyder, Harrisburg, Pa.; M/Sgt. Menno Unruh, Tampa, Kan.; M/Sgt. Emory Shimmel, Clearfield, Pa.; M/Sgt. Fred Marsh, Milton, Pa., and Cpl. Clemence Lukaszewski, Milwaukee, Wis.

Britain Honors Pilot, Gunner Six U.S. Airmen Awarded DSCs

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Six Americans, one of whom has transferred to the USAAF, have received air medals for gallantry in missions with the RAF and RCAF, it was announced yesterday.

Sgt. L. I. Thomas, of West Richmond, Va., former RCAF air gunner, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal by King George at a recent investiture at Buckingham Palace. Thomas, a veteran of 36 RCAF bomber raids, has two confirmed JU88s, two probable Messerschmitts and one damaged Me110 to his credit.

DFCs were awarded F/O Gordon Henry Francis Carter, of New York; F/O Thomas R. Wilby, Richmond, Va.; F/O John Henry Striebel, Chicago, and Acting F/Lt. Charles Robert Mc Mills, Seattle, Wash. Sgt. Stanley Gaunt, of Pascoag, R.I., was awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.

Giraud Sees Roosevelt, Gen. Marshall, Adm. Leahy

WASHINGTON, July 8—Gen. Henri Giraud was scheduled to lunch with President Roosevelt today in the company of Gen. George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, and Adm. William Leahy, the President's personal chief of staff and former Ambassador to France. The French High Commissioner in North Africa conferred briefly with Mr. Roosevelt and Gen. Marshall following his arrival by air yesterday.

Giraud, who is to discuss with the President problems of administering the French North African colonies, was given a 17-gun salute when he arrived.

He is expected to visit Canada after the Washington conferences.

Gen. Wood Named Chief Of 8th Air Force Supply

Brig. Gen. Myron R. Wood, one of the four officers who organized the Eighth Air Force's Service Command, yesterday was appointed chief of its supply division by Maj. Gen. Henry J. F. Miller, service command head.

Gen. Wood, a native of Boulder, Colo., will be in charge of all air force supply in the ETO, including procurement of equipment for American-made aircraft operated by the RAF.

He entered the army as an air cadet 25 years ago, served three years in the office of Under-secretary of War Robert Patterson, and earlier on the staff of Gen. Henry H. Arnold, air force chief.

Seaman Drowns in Hudson

NEW YORK, July 8—Emmet Wells, 44, of Seattle, a veteran of three torpedoings, slipped off a gangplank into the North River and was drowned.

Axis Tense - -

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reduced scale," a fact that was taken to mean Marshal Kesselring was husbanding his fighters for the land attack the Axis apparently expects soon. Over Gerbini, for instance, not a single enemy plane was encountered. Ten enemy ships were downed during the day, and of these six were bagged by Warhawks over Borizzo in western Sicily. Five Allied planes were lost.

The Axis high command has become so defensive minded that its armament production, according to the British Ministry of Economic Warfare, now is principally of "anti" type weapons—anti-aircraft guns, anti-tank guns, Tiger tanks, fighter planes.

In the Balkans trouble was piling up fast for the Axis. Greek guerrillas were reported in Cairo to have killed an Italian officer, and 60 men in a battle in a mountain pass along the Yannina-Larissa road. The killings were in reprisal for Axis burning of two villages.

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- 9.45—Weekend Leave—What to do on that leave coming up.
- 9.50—Musical Memories.
- 10.00—Final Edition—Late world, sport and U.S. American troop news as presented by The Stars and Stripes radio reporters.
- 10.15—Teddy Powell's Orchestra.
- 10.30—Sign Off until Saturday, 5.45 PM.

