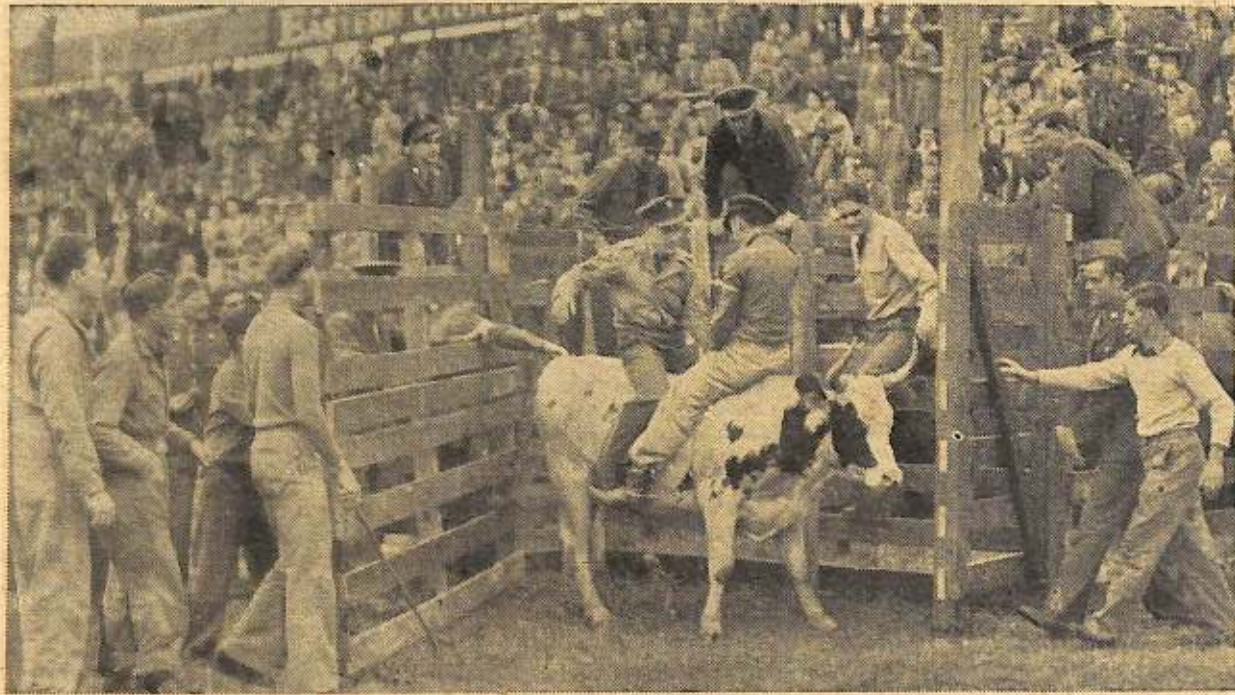


Naples Shipyard Shelled in Bold Raid

Yippee! Ride That Ornerly Critter, Cowboy!



U.S. Army Air Force Photo

Way out yonder in Norwich, England, where the skies are most always cloudy all day, this scene took place — a dual-attempt by a couple of Yanks to tame a steer.

GIs Ride Broncs, Rope Steers As 10,000 English Cheer Rodeo

By Harold A. Biller

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

NORWICH, Aug. 11—Fifty cowboys took over the football field here, rode "Bad Medicine" and "Hitler's Delight," chased a greased porker, roped steers, milked cows and sang western songs in the first rodeo ever held in England by American soldiers.

More than 10,000 British surged on foot and bicycle to the arena from all the neighboring towns and villages to watch with amazement a wild west show right out of Hollywood.

RAF Bombers Hit Nuremberg

RAF bombers pushed deep into the heavily defended interior of southern Germany early yesterday to batter Nuremberg, important rail and industrial center and shrine of the Nazi party. Sixteen planes were lost on the 1,500-ton raid.

Switching their offensive to attacks on industries producing finished products now that the Ruhr's heavy industry has been crippled, the RAF made their second consecutive raid on cities turning basic materials into front-line equipment. Early Tuesday, Mannheim-Ludwigshafen was heavily hit.

The assault on Nuremberg, seat of the vast Siemens-Schuckert electrical works and plants manufacturing diesel engines for submarines, warned the residents of Berlin that the time is drawing near when no place in Germany will be beyond the reach of heavy bombers. Yesterday's raid represented a round-trip flight of 1,000 miles.

While the Germans continued to evacuate Berlin, British aerial authorities predicted that when the blow does fall on the German capital, it will be furnished by a 24-hour RAF-USAAF team.

Germans Rush Troops to Save Line of Retreat

Only Few Miles to Go Before Russians Cut Kharkov Railway

MOSCOW, Aug. 11 (UP)—The Germans are rushing up troops and tanks to guard their last major line of retreat out of Kharkov, the railway to Poltava, reports from the front indicated today.

It is now five days since the decisive Russian breakthrough at Byelgorod and, since that time, the Russian armies have advanced 60 miles to the northeast and southeast.

A few more miles will bring them across the Kharkov-Poltava railway and cut off what German forces are left in the Kharkov salient, leaving only the southward line which, once Kharkov is approached, also can be cut easily.

Thus the Germans are exerting every effort to keep the line open while they move their men out of the city, the fall of which is certain within a short time.

Nazi tank and infantry reserves held on other parts of the Russian front have been thrown into the fighting, and many bitter battles are going on along the northern arc of the front above the city, but the process of tightening the Russian grip on the city still goes on.

New Threats to Germans

Not only has the Russian pressure on the northern arc increased, but, with the crossing of the Donetz River east of the city and the capture of the town of Pyatnitskoye, the Russians are exerting a direct frontal pressure from the east on the German lines.

This is the position on the other sectors: On the north the Russians are at Slatino, 11 miles from Kharkov; on the northeast they are at Lipty, 12 miles from Kharkov.

Farther north the Russian forces which broke through from the Byelgorod area last week have reached Boromya, 56 miles northwest, and Koziyevka, 56 miles southwest of the point of the original breakthrough.

Koziyevka is only 45 miles northeast of Poltava, almost as far as the Russians reached in their offensive last winter.

ETO Decorates GI and General

An Air Force general and a Medical Department private have been decorated for heroism, Headquarters, ETOUSA, announced yesterday.

Brig. Gen. Frank A. Armstrong, one-time professional baseball player, who participated in the first American heavy bombardment mission over Europe, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry on a raid on Antwerp, Belgium, April 5.

Pvt. James E. Murphy, of Kings Park, N.Y., a male nurse before the war and now a member of a hospital unit, received the Soldier's Medal for diving in a river to rescue a drowning injured civilian. Murphy received a broken neck in the shallow water, but brought the civilian to shore.

Drive in Sicily Gains As FDR, Churchill Arrange New Talks

New War Timetable Believed in Making; Staffs Present

A new master timetable for the war effort was in the making yesterday inside Quebec's ancient Citadel where Prime Minister Winston Churchill, on his fourth visit to the American continent in 20 months, conferred with Prime Minister Mackenzie King of Canada before joining President Roosevelt for their sixth war meeting.

Vital decisions to quicken the war's pace and take advantage of the United Nations' brightening war fortunes—successes undreamed of when the two leaders last met in Washington in May—were expected to result from their conferences. One high official at Ottawa even called the prospective deliberations "a second Casablanca."

Mr. Churchill was accompanied by his chiefs of staff, Gen. Sir Alan Brooke, chief of the imperial general staff; Adm. Sir Dudley Pound, First Sea Lord; Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Portal, Lord Louis Mountbatten, chief of combined operations; Gen. Sir Hastings Ismay, military secretary to the War Cabinet, and Lord Leathers, Minister of War Transport.

Mrs. Churchill and Miss Mary Churchill, a subaltern in the ATS, and RAF attack that destroyed Germany's Mohne and Eder dams, also were in the party.

FDR Calls Pacific Council

In Washington President Roosevelt told a press conference he expected to see Mr. Churchill but the place and date could not be disclosed. He said he did not think Russian representatives would attend.

The President summoned his Pacific war council to meet at noon yesterday, leading Washington observers to suggest Far Eastern strategy would be one of the topics for discussion.

First reaction to the news of the impending conference was good. "The tide is flowing more strongly in our favor," said the Evening News of London. "It is for Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt."

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Government Reported Ready to Quit Berlin

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 11 (AP)—The Zurich correspondent of the Dagens Nyheter said today a traveller from Germany had reported that preparations are under way to evacuate Government offices from Berlin. There is no confirmation of this report from other sources.

BERNE, Aug. 11 (UP)—The flight of Berliners from the German capital, following the partial evacuation of the city, has reached "enormous proportions," according to reports reaching Berne.

Fleet Defies Enemy; Allies on Sicily in Sight of Italy

British cruisers and destroyers, sweeping boldly into the Gulf of Naples in a nose-thumbing gesture of defiance to the Italian Navy, hurled volley after volley Monday night into the enemy's big shipbuilding and repair plant at Castellamare, 20 miles south of Naples, Allied headquarters announced yesterday.

The daring raid deep in the enemy's home waters, emphasizing Italy's unreadiness for the "searing and scarring" promised by Prime Minister Churchill, was revealed as Allied forces made new gains in Sicily, and Madrid sources forecast that the island's surrender now was only a question of days.

British advance forces, pushing forward two to three miles on the east coast to capture Guardia, 16 miles from Taormina, moved within sight of the Italian mainland from the slopes of Mount Etna.

Escape Barges Blitzed

Allied bombers, fighting to prevent evacuation of the Germans and Italians across the two-mile width of the Messina Straits, struck relentlessly at enemy barges dispersed in small coves along the straits. Sticks of bombs shattered landing craft and troops on the beaches. Four small vessels were sunk off shore and

Reports at Allied headquarters indicated, however, that the Axis may be abandoning further attempts to Dunkirk major forces from the island. Pilots flying over the evacuation area reported a considerable decrease in the number of ships crossing the straits. How many troops the Axis has been able to evacuate is not known.

A German retreat from Randazzo, the vital communications center ten miles beyond Bronte, was suggested last night in front line reports. American patrols have advanced within eight miles of the town without meeting the enemy, these reports said, suggesting that only demolition experts have been left behind.

The attack on Castellamare, coinciding with another naval raid on railway bridges at Cape Vaticano on the Italian "inset" south of the Gulf of Eufemia, was carried out "with the utmost precision," Allied headquarters said. With destroyers racing in close and cruisers standing off, the assault force sent shells screaming into the shipyard buildings.

Some of Italy's most powerful warships were built at Castellamare, which was capable of accommodating vessels 500 feet long. An arsenal is part of the plant, which is situated in a town of 28,000 population about midway between Naples and the Isle of Capri.

Battle for Randazzo

The stiffest fighting anywhere on the shrinking Sicilian front took place in front of strategic Randazzo, the key Axis junction north of Etna, which the Germans are defending like another Tunis or Bizerta because of its vital relation to their communications.

British and American columns, bucking heavy demolitions and seemingly endless minefields, pushed slowly north from Bronte against resistance officially described in the communique as "very

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Bomb Damage Disrupts Turin Transport System

BERNE, Switzerland, Aug. 11 (UP)—Trolleys in Turin are unable to function owing to severe bomb damage to the central streets and squares of the city, and a number of train services are suspended because of hits on the central station, according to reports reaching Berne from the Italian frontier today.

Trains from Milan to Turin, Piacenza and Cremona have also been temporarily suspended owing to the damage done to junctions and stations.

999 Axis Planes Captured

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Aug. 11 (AP)—Nine hundred and ninety-nine Axis aircraft, including 232 Me109s, have been recovered by the Allies from captured Sicilian fields. The majority were wrecks when found, but "a surprisingly large number are still serviceable" and have been flown to salvage centers, it was officially announced.

This is Old Shillelagh's Story . . .

By Lts. Bill Grodi and J. K. Hughes

(Pilot and Co-pilot, The Old Shillelagh)

A USAAF BOMBER STATION, England, Aug. 11—We had to decide between maybe saving The Old Shillelagh and the crew, or saving the crew for sure. The Old Shillelagh was with us a long time, and we loved that Fortress . . . but then there was the crew, and that fire was spreading. . . .

It all happened on our fifth operational mission over Germany and occupied Europe. We were over Denmark, heading for a Nazi fighter plant, which we intended blowing to hell. A propeller ran away on one of the inside engines, then the engine began smoking . . . then burning with a big flame. There we were, 25,000 feet up, and we had to leave the formation right in the thickest Nazi fighter territory, all by our selves. . . . Brother, we were really sweating that out.

Soon the engine started acting up still more . . . oil, smoke, then flame came out in big volumes, so we decided right then and there to ditch. We knew instinctively it was the right thing to do, rather than be lost in the Baltic or in Germany where we'd be taken prisoner.

The engine fire kept getting worse and worse, so we headed that B-17 down—at 400 miles an hour—it's a wonder the wings stood up. We levelled off 50 feet off

the North Sea and there we were several hours from England. By this time the fire had gotten into the wing, and pieces of cowl and wing were melting off and flying back, and the whole flame came nearer and nearer to our gas tanks. That's when we knew we'd blow up . . . if we stayed long enough.

We were sweating. Bill would look over to J. K. and J. K. would look back at Bill and we'd ask every second, "Think we'll make it?"

Then we'd say, "Let's hold out a little longer." Meanwhile, the top turret gunner, T/Sgt. Eugene Cavitt, who was in the radio room, was reporting the progress of the fire. "It's getting redder and redder," he'd say, "It's two feet from the tanks," then "It's two inches from the tanks," and that is when we knew we'd have to hit the water. We were an hour from England, but it was too bad.

Before that, the navigator, Dell Kneale Jr., and the bombardier, Lee Jones, went back to the radio compartment, because we thought the prop might come off and cut the nose in half.

When that "two seconds" came up from Cavitt we shouted together, "Prepare to ditch," then we headed for the water. We called off the speeds, put down flaps and

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American Rodeo

While rodeo, in the jargon of the Mexican cattlemen, means a round-up of cattle, to every American the word means bucking broncs, bull-dogging, trick riding, roping, and all the other mounted sports with which cowboys amuse themselves throughout the Far West, and from which developed the wild and woolly entertainment that now carries the name.

Rodeos are typically American, more American in fact than baseball. It is with keen satisfaction, therefore, that we are able to commend the Air Force for organizing and successfully presenting an all-American rodeo here in England.

Not since 1924, when a troupe of 150 American and Canadian cowboys came to this country to participate in the British Empire Exhibition, have cowboys performed for the British public. And while the U.S. forces' rodeo was a small affair, judged by Cheyenne, Pendleton and Calgary standards, it was none the less thrilling and won the applause of a large and enthusiastic audience which had gathered to see honest-to-goodness cowboys in action.

After its first success, we hope the Army's only European rodeo troupe will be able to provide several repeat performances, for we believe that in the rodeo, our British friends will see Americans at their best... going all-out to entertain with pluck and skill in mounted sports.

Take a Vacation

Every officer and enlisted man in the European Theater of Operations is doing something to aid in the war effort. Most of us are working long hours, seven days a week, in an "all-out" effort to win the war quickly.

But every unit commander owes it to himself and to the army to see that his officers and enlisted men take an occasional leave. Those who fail to include leaves in their "advance planning" are poor soldiers who may well defeat the very end they now work overtime to achieve.

The officer or enlisted man who never takes "time off" for a rest soon becomes irritable. This in time leads to friction within an organization and reduces its operating efficiency. Irritation next leads to illness, and those who are ill need others to care for them.

Leave, on the other hand, soon snaps the war strain out of the nervous system. It also gives those of us here in Great Britain an opportunity to visit spots of beauty and historical interest which we may never be able to see again.

In the British Army and in some sections of the American Army you are required to take leave at fixed intervals. Where this intelligent policy is enforced we cannot see that it has slowed the war effort; but we can see where it has improved the spirit and health of the entire command.

A Good Start

The first step towards the replenishment of the devastated libraries in the countries occupied by Germany and Italy has been taken by the Conference of Allied Ministers of Education.

At its last meeting the Conference approved recommendations that a general pool should be established to provide books and periodicals for damaged and looted libraries; that books published since 1939 should be made available to State and University libraries immediately on cessation of hostilities and that forthcoming publications should be reserved for this purpose. The Conference also recommended that contributions of books from all Allied countries should be invited and that outstanding books on the life and thought of the United Nations should be collected for distribution to libraries and universities whose books have been looted.

The Conference also appointed commissions to consider the problem of replacing scientific equipment and films looted from, and destroyed in, educational institutions in the occupied countries.

In a world where education and technical training are of utmost importance, an educational "blank" of five years creates many serious problems. Books will prove a valuable tool in the gigantic task of rebuilding an educational program in nations freed from Axis rule.

As a follow up to the Hot Springs Conference, which laid the ground work for feeding peoples freed from Axis bondage, a conference that plans for educational assistance is of utmost importance.

Hash Marks

If you think life is just a bed of roses for the GIs back in the States who are quartered in swanky hotels, think again, brother. Topkicks vary KP by making delinquent Joes scrub the spacious hotel lobbies. An epidemic of "housemaid's knee" has been reported.

Since the horse is apparently here to stay there's been reams of newspaper copy written on dobbin—and the latest phe-



nomenon is the sneezing horse of Oregon. This nag is a prize saddle horse and apparently normal in all respects, but when his owner took him out for his first canter in the park things began to happen. Horsey sneezed so violently and so suddenly that said owner made a three-point landing in a nearby rosebush. Veterinarians say Dobbin is a hayfever sufferer.

That gigantic structure of international goodwill known as Anglo-American relations often hinges on minor incidents. For instance, a National Fire Service band was swinging out for a GI dance at a Liverpool Red Cross club. When the dance ended, the band played the British National Anthem; then they ran into a snag, they didn't know the Star Spangled Banner, but, as the next best gesture to the Yanks, they played "Yankee Doodle Dandy." Sensing the situation, the soldiers and sailors solemnly stood at attention—but there was an awful urge to start tapping the feet and shaking the hips.

We think a postcard sent to the office by a GI in N. Africa expresses the sentiments of a lot of battle-tested soldiers. The front of the card shows a rabbit saying, "I'm not scared." The reverse side shows the bunny dodging shell bursts—with the quotation, "But I'd like to get the hell out of here!"

It may be a woman's privilege to change her mind, but sometimes she doesn't. Officials of the jail in Corpus Christi were surprised when a guy came up and volunteered to be a prisoner. The guy had planned to get married and changed his mind—the girl hadn't changed hers; so he was seeking sanctuary in the cooler until he could be inducted.

Hermit Alex Anderson caused a little excitement on the home front when he came out of the Colorado mountains for



the first time in years. He left his cave to stock up with food supplies and he had never heard of rationing. Grocers kept demanding coupons—Alex got tired of it all, whipped out a rusty revolver and started blasting canned goods off the shelves. When his lawyer pleaded insanity, Alex said, "Wotthehell, any sane man would have stayed in the mountains!"

J. C. W.

'Miracle Road' Speeded U.S. Gains

Engineers Carved 12 Miles Through Rock In Three Days

By Hal Boyle

Associated Press War Correspondent

WITH U.S. SEVENTH ARMY, North Sicily, Aug. 9 (delayed)—American combat engineers helped crack German defenses at Cesaro, the gateway to Randazzo, by a miraculous feat of building a 12-mile supply road in three days through terrain that would bow the legs of a mountain goat.

"There was no road—not even a foot-path—in the area we wanted to traverse and, when finished, the road crossed 13 mountains with a number of peaks between," said Capt. Alex T. Forrest, of McKeesport, Pa. "We also had to cross a river bed every half mile or so."

It was necessary to have a road from near Capizzi to Mount Camelato, north of Cesaro, to flank the town and cut the main Axis route from Cesaro to San Agata on the northern coast. Construction of this improvised highway also enabled the Americans to bring up artillery to deal with enemy batteries brought into the area along a hidden German road.

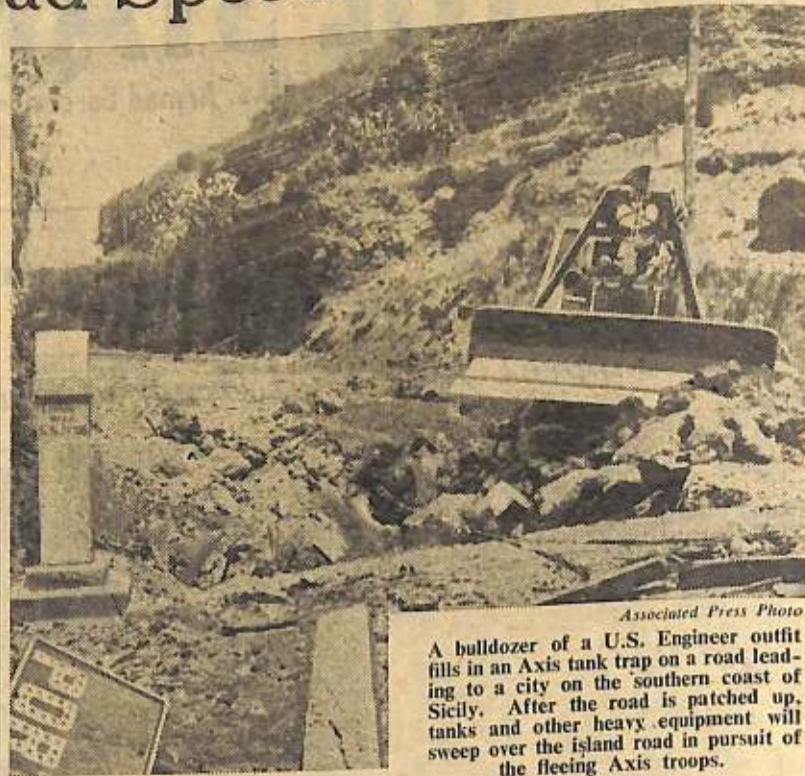
"In building the road we got up on one ridge and then found the other sides were three sheer cliffs," said Capt. Forrest. "That left us with the problem of getting back down. That was just one problem. Through Capizzi we had to blow down one building. That is, we wanted to blow down one—but the buildings were so rickety that after the explosion three tumbled to pieces."

How It Was Done

"First we sent wrecking parties to survey the routes and, after one was decided on, scouting patrols were dispatched on the flanks to guard us from enemy patrols. Then we had a mine detecting party sweep a route clear and we put two big bulldozers to work, one to break a rough road through by knocking down trees and pushing big boulders aside. Afterwards we put two lighter bulldozers out to dress up the road. Each bulldozer was protected by armored halftracks to keep off planes, and each was helped by pick and shovel crews."

"We were ahead of the infantry at one point, and their supply vehicles were following right on our trail all the way loaded with ammunition, food and water. One of our big problems was to get gasoline and diesel oil for the bulldozers."

"We fixed this by establishing fuel dumps along the way as the road grew. "We went through wheatfields and wooded areas and had to cross boulders; to dig we had to 'mudcar' them—that is, blow them up by putting explosive outside the rock and covering it with mud. The blast cracks the boulder. The first day we had 350 men on the job, the second day 80 and the third day about 150. They worked from 5.30 AM to 9 PM. "Our biggest headache was those infantry supply convoys. Every time we



Associated Press Photo

A bulldozer of a U.S. Engineer outfit fills in an Axis tank trap on a road leading to a city on the southern coast of Sicily. After the road is patched up, tanks and other heavy equipment will sweep over the island road in pursuit of the fleeing Axis troops.

built 15 feet of road they moved up 15 feet. They were on our tail all the way. We ducked around minefields in the way so as not to lose any time.

"Three days ago only a mule or goat could have gone over that route—and now we've got two-and-a-half ton trucks rolling over it. As soon as we were able to put our military traffic in from the north, the Germans had to pull out of Cesaro."

Forrest said this 12-mile road was only their "second biggest job."

"We built one 35 miles long in the Sedjenane Valley area during our drive on Bizerta during the Tunisian campaign," he smiled. "And afterward Gen. Giraud said: 'Those crazy American engineers—they build a two-lane highway right into the front lines.' That was the best compliment we ever received."

The engineering battalion is commanded by Lt. Col. John Schermerhorn, of Three Rivers, Mich.

'Phantom Road' Found

WITH U.S. TROOPS, Fighting Toward Randazzo, Aug. 9 (delayed)—American forces, smashing in mule-pack mountain warfare within seven miles of Randazzo, by road junction northeast of Mount Etna, have captured the western terminus of a long-captured German supply road.

This hidden highway, not shown on any map, was one of the chief factors enabling the Nazis to bring up heavy artillery, ammunition and troops into the rugged terrain between Cesaro in the hills and San Agata on the north coast. Americans trying a flanking movement north of the Cerami-Troina-Cesaro road were held up for days because of the concentration of firepower the enemy was able to bring to bear on them as a result of this unsuspected additional supply channel.

A study of aerial photographs of the entire area gave the first hint of the existence of this "phantom" military road, but it was so artfully concealed it was almost invisible from above.

Today combat engineers opening the Cesaro road to San Agata found the western terminus at Angeli, about a third of the way between Cesaro and the sea. Because of pockets of enemy resistance, they were unable to follow it to the juncture of the Cesaro-Randazzo road, about six miles west of Randazzo.

Made Old Trail Serviceable

Discussing the discovery of this "ghost" road, along which Germans brought up long-range 240mm. artillery pieces to slow up the Yanks' movement through the hills and impede the use of heavy batteries, Lt. Col. John Schermerhorn, of Three Rivers, Mich., one of the first to find the missing road, said:

"The Germans apparently took the old trail and built it into a serviceable military road."

Schermerhorn, who was able to explore the road for only two miles because of enemy fire, said it was approximately 12 feet wide and apparently used by the Germans only for essential traffic to the front.

"The road was in good shape and looked like most repair work had been done by hand labor rather than with machines," he said. This apparently was because the Germans were increasingly short of mobile equipment of all kinds.

But the Nazis secret highway was nullified by the American capture of Cesaro yesterday, which was partly made possible by a flanking advance through the hills along the 12-mile road carved out of the hills in three days by Schermerhorn's battalion of engineers.

This Is the Story of Old Shillelagh . . .

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everything, as though we were coming in for a landing at New York's biggest airport.

Then we hit, with a terrific jar, as though we'd run into a brick wall. Water

came pouring out of the ship. One of us opened our window, and it rushed in.

That dinghy practice we had surely came in handy after that. At first we were out there standing on the wing all alone, for two seconds that seemed like eternity. The dinghies hadn't been thrown out, and there was no noise from the radio compartment. We were about to go back in for the others, when "swoosh," out came the dinghies and out poured the others like flies.

One of the boys, Blaine Baum, the tail gunner, was hurt, so we had to take special care of him. He had wrenched his back. But soon we were in our dinghies and shoving off. All the ditching and getting into the life rafts had taken less than a minute.

Then we waited, and slowly—it was ten of the longest minutes we had ever experienced—The Old Shillelagh began to settle and sink. When her tail went down it was like part of us leaving. We were mighty lonesome out there.

Through the whole trouble our radio gunner, John Astyk, had sent continual SOS signals, and he kept it up with the automatic set in the life raft. We bulled, tried to cheer each other up, and did just about everything else possible in that small, cramped space.

"All I could think about (said Hughes) was whether I'd ever again see my wife, and whether I'd ever see our month-old baby. It was a mighty hollow feeling."

Then, in about four or five hours, we spotted a British Air-Sea Rescue plane, and it spotted us, and we were so happy we started singing the "Old Shillelagh." In another few hours one of their launches came up and took us aboard. That launch looked like the Queen Mary sailing up New York harbor to us.

On the launch was an old man named Pop, who greeted us with open arms, a hearty smile and a quart of rum. When we got back to the base The Old Shillelagh II was waiting for us, and now we're all ready and rearin' to go again.

Editor's Note—The Old Shillelagh II

and its crew are in the squadron of Lt. Col. Elliott Vandevanter Jr., somewhere in England. Its crew includes: the 24-year-old pilot, 1/Lt. Wilmot C. Grodi, Toledo, Ohio, who wrote the above narrative with the co-pilot, 28-year-old John K. Hughes, of Evanston, Ill., and Mauldin, Mass. The navigator is 2/Lt. A. D. Kneale Jr., 26, of Tulsa, Okla.; bombardier, 2/Lt. Lee V. Jones, 26, Chester, Pa.; tail gunner, S/Sgt. Blaine V. Baum, 24, Canton, Ohio; radio-gunner, S/Sgt. John F. Astyk, 23, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; top turret gunner and engineer, T/Sgt. Eugene W. Cavitt, Wichita, Kan.; ball turret gunner, S/Sgt. Melvin L. Frazier, 23, Lincoln, Neb.; and the waist gunners, S/Sgt. Denver M. Canaday, 20, New Castle, Ind., and Robert J. Realy, 22, Glendale, N.Y.



Evening Prayer

Dear God, I know that in Your plan There is a place for me, And well I know that every man Must leave his fate with Thee. The humble servant and the king, The saintly and the lost Alike must feel one day the sting Of Death . . . and waive the cost. But Lord I cannot rest when Death Has come to still this heart Unless—O God take not my breath— We are so far apart! Once more, dear Jesus, let me know My wife and little son— One hour with them—where roses grow, And then—Thy will be done.

Dan Arthur Dugan, USNR.



All About Babies



NEW YORK—Summer time is the best time for babies to be born and most are born then according to life insurance experts. The best babies are not necessarily those with the best temper but they are the babies best equipped to meet the hazards of early infancy.

Features

SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT

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Henergetic

FREMONT, Neb.—Leonard M. Larsen is waiting patiently for the announcement that the Army-Navy "E" for "efficiency" award will be presented one of the hens on his farm. Regularly the energetic hen lays four-inch eggs shaped like airplane bombs.



Backstage Story of a GI Drama

By Andrew A. Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The morning Maxwell Anderson was kicked out of an Army cot by a power-mad sergeant and hit the floor of a Fort Bragg Replacement Center barracks, he probably didn't care much whether he wrote the play he had in the back of his head or not.

He did write it though, and named it *The Eve of St. Mark*. The play had a successful run on Broadway and after it closed the playwright started looking for more material for another. A few months ago he came to London and gave his old play to the Army. The Theater Section of Special Service, with the help of the Red Cross, has been staging the play nightly, except Mondays, at the Scala Theater.

The Eve of St. Mark belongs pretty definitely to the Army. Almost two years ago now, Anderson wandered down to Fort Bragg, N.C., to see what material he could find to pad an idea he had.

At Fort Bragg he fell into the hands of a small group of what the regular Army men were calling "them sad draftees," who were working in the public relations office of the large Fort Bragg Field Artillery Replacement Center. Among the group was Cpl. Marion Hargrove, who has since gained fame and a few hundred thousand beat-up old dollars on the book he was writing in the form of a daily column called "See Here, Pvt. Hargrove."

Hargrove, along with John Bushemi, now a Yank photographer in Hawaii, Lloyd Shearer, Tom Mulvehill and several other characters who come through regularly in Hargrove's book, took the playwright, Anderson, in hand. Being broke at the time, they accepted his hospitality when he asked them to go into nearby Fayetteville with him and have a steak dinner and a few beers.

A Soldier's Town

Fayetteville was everything a soldier's town should be, according to the boys; and shouldn't be, according to local, state and national better-conditions-for-the-soldier societies. It was replete with bars, restaurants, gadget stores and a famed trailer troupe referred to affectionately by the men as Panzer Prostitutes.

Anderson stood for steak and beer that night at the Rainbow Grill. They talked about women, how broke they were, and the Army life. Hargrove talked of his heritage of the Deep South and quoted poetry and Latin proverbs. Anderson jokingly remarked that he might use the three of them in a play "as grave-diggers, maybe."

After dinner they all decided that if Anderson was to get a real taste of Army life he'd have to go back to camp that night and sleep in the barracks. "Steak and beer was not the real taste."

What happened to Anderson out at camp has been told several hundred times before. He dropped his 200 pounds into an Army cot, lent by Bushemi for the occasion, pulled the covers over himself and went to sleep.

At reveille in the morning, the sergeant who made it his business to see that everyone was up, walked through the barracks, and, seeing the frame of what looked like Bushemi in Bushemi's bed, several minutes after "first call," gave him a boot in what Shearer referred to as "the fleshy portion of the high thigh."

Get Outa Bed

Anderson hit the floor in time to hear the sergeant yell "Outa bed, Bushemi!"

Six months later Bushemi, Shearer and Hargrove were in New York, and, hearing that Anderson had a play in rehearsal, decided to drop around to the Belasco and have a look.

They were amazed to find themselves on the stage practically in the flesh. Anderson had changed the names slightly, but there was still no doubt about which was which.

Shearer thought that Anderson had taken too much poetic license. They got through the first four scenes nicely but in the second act, where Bushemi and Shearer saw the Anderson prototype of Hargrove, a "Pvt. Marion," shooting a man sized artillery piece off a rock at Bataan, that was too much.

"The nearest Hargrove ever got to a .155 mm. howitzer was the day he watched



The top kick testing that .45 is Cpl. Leo Kaye, while the corporal is T/Sgt. Jordan Miller. Both do a day of army work before their theater performance.



British screen star Ann Dvorak, who took over one of the feminine leads for a few weeks, meets John Sweet, who turns in a fine performance as "Pvt. Marion."

a gun rolled down the road from the window of the PRO office," Shearer screamed.

When they protested to the stage manager that Anderson had stolen some of the best gags that they had used that night he fed them steak and beer in the Rainbow in Fayetteville, he laughed them off, stating flatly that the play was a pure Anderson creation and any similarity to persons, etc.

Anderson a Good Guy

At any rate, they all laughed, agreed that Anderson was a good guy, and that he had written a good play. The author got Hargrove's book started with the publisher and nearly everybody was happy.

Maxwell Anderson came to London a few months back to look around for material for another play. While he was here he waived author's rights on his play "The Eve of St. Mark" and the Army went ahead and staged it.

Anderson was here for the first few rehearsals before he left for Africa and was so pleased with the way things went that after he returned to New York from North Africa, he cabled Rusty Lane, whom the Red Cross loaned to Special Service to direct the play. He not only congratulated Rusty but asked him to come back to New York and direct the new play he is writing when it opens on Broadway. Rusty got permission from Red Cross authorities and left for New York last week.

"It's a Horatio Alger success story," says Lane, who directed dramatics at the

University of Wisconsin for 15 years without ever getting any closer to the big time.

All that to prove that Anderson is a soldier's playwright and that "The Eve of St. Mark" is a soldier's play.

The soldiers and Red Cross gals who are putting the show on in front of an average house of 1,000 at the Scala Theater are doing a professional job and having a good time. For most of them the job is strictly extra-curricula. They do their regular Army-work and get to the Scala in time to make up and go on at 6.30 PM.

No one steals the show, but the opening night Sgt. John Sweet got half-way to the door with it. He plays "Pvt. Marion," the character Anderson lifted from life in the person of Cpl. Marion Hargrove and admittedly the best part. If anything, Sweet is more like Hargrove than Hargrove was.

Corporal Is First Sergeant

"Tonight's your night, Sweet," Cpl. Leo Kaye remarks backstage, as he pulls on the first sergeant's shirt he wears in the play. "It's Boy Scout Night—four hundred of them out there."

"How big are they?" Sweet asks. "Real little," the pseudo first sergeant says holding his hand three feet off the floor of the dressing room to give Sweet an idea of what he can expect.

"Well we have clean uniforms tonight anyway," Sweet says with an air that ends the episode.

One of the things that bothers the players most is the inconsistency of their audiences. On normal nights the house

is apt to be full of men and women from every Allied army, navy and marine corps. Special Service has arranged several special nights. They have had a National Fire Service Night, Mostyn Club Night, Metropolitan Police Night, Boy Scout Night, Women's Voluntary Service Night and a flock of other Nights, to which the players have no objection, but they insist that the audience Mostyn Club Night simply does not react the same as the audience Metropolitan Police Night.

Red Cross Worker in Play

"You can't judge pace or get in the rhythm of the play," Margaret Hammerstein, a Red Cross girl who plays a feminine lead, says. "You can never tell where the laughs will come or how long they will last."

Margaret, who, according to the audience, does or does not get whistled at when she takes off a dressing robe and stands on the stage in a brief slip in the third scene, is often met after the show by the wartime equivalent of a stage-door Johnny (viz., a major, lieutenant, or Pfc). Usually, however, she goes back to the Victory Club, to which she is assigned by the Red Cross, and talks to the Joes who drop in for a coke.

Of the others in the cast, Sgt. Tom Palmer, who plays "Quiz West," is the only one who devotes anything like all his time to the play. He is full-time with Special Service. It was at his suggestion that Sweet was tried out for the part of "Pvt. Marion." Palmer, along with Margaret Hammerstein, is one of the few people in the cast who has had any experience on the stage.

Maj. Brooks Watson, who does a studied job of carelessness with the part of "Sy," the farmhand, does his regular duties with the Theater Section of the Public Relations during the day.

There is quite a bit of difference of opinion among the players as to which is the best scene and who has the best lines. Everyone agrees that the soliloquy on sex by Sgt. Murray Sitzer, as "Glinka," is one of the best, and the one a GI audience usually likes best. The speech presents the old sex-talk about the 20 per cent who will, no matter what, the 20 per cent who won't, no matter what, and the 60 per cent in the middle who can be kept from it "if you offer them something better."

"For instance?" Pvt. Marion asks.

Ann Dvorak Helps Out

The scene in the "Moonbow" is a reasonably accurate facsimile of what Anderson saw in Fayetteville at the Rainbow Grill, and the two Red Cross girls who play the parts of the sisters do a good job.

Ann Dvorak stepped in to help out after Virgilia Chew, ARC, fell sick, but Miss Chew has recovered and played again Tuesday night. Pvt. Abe Knox, who has had professional experience, took over the Brooklyn soldier part of "Mulveroy" after S/Sgt. Larry Roemer had to quit because of his health. Things have settled down to normal again, and the play is going on before a nightly full house.

Ann Dvorak, all the cast agrees, is a great guy. She had to add about 20 years with greasepaint and makeup. Most actresses who have not passed the point where they can still play the good-looking-young-girl part won't risk their careers playing a mother role. Miss Dvorak is Mrs. Leslie Fenton offstage. Her husband, a British Naval lieutenant, formerly a director with Metro, was wounded on the combined operations raid at St. Nazaire more than two years ago.

Need Two Uniforms

There are only one or two problems left. For one thing, most of the soldier parts call for two khaki uniforms, one clean one for the early scenes, and a dirty one for the Bataan scenes in the second act. Ann Denny, property director, another ARC girl, got hold of enough so that they each have two, but she couldn't get hold of any more. The quartermaster just doesn't stock the things in the ETO. Two was enough for a while but after the first week they needed cleaning and pressing. The problem was to get them to a cleaners after the performance Sunday night and get them back before the show goes on again Tuesday. Cleaners—"There's a war on you know"—are hard to push.

Capt. William Stern, Special Service officer who keeps his finger on the business end of the show, estimates that approximately 20 per cent of the audience has been American. The remaining 80 per cent ranges from British generals to Polish pfc's.

The play will run through August and if the attendance stays above 90 per cent of the capacity of the Scala Theater it may run through the summer.

The Anderson play is good entertainment whether you feel you need to be sold the fight for democracy or not. The first act is 100 per cent enjoyable, presenting four scenes, packed with humor, which every soldier will recognize. It is mostly, for the boys, a good, funny play.



Between scenes of "Eve of St. Mark" Abe Knox, George Michaels, Ann Newdick, Edward Oram and Gwen Gabrielle relax and have a cigarette.

U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos

SOMEHOW, when you're slogging along a dusty road and your side's big bombers come droning over, high above so that your neck gets chafed from looking up at them, they don't do much more than give you a little lift and a feeling that, "Well our guys are out again. Give 'em hell, Joe!"

It's difficult, when you've been getting pushed around by Jerry's artillery, to find an affinity beyond OD suits and Spam for breakfast between you and those guys up in the Forts and Liberators who are heading for the enemy's rear lines and depots and munitions centers. But there is a very real and close liaison between you and them, between their work and what the hostile citizenry over yonder throw at you, between the bomber bellies full of HE and the amount of dive-bombing you'll get when your next position is consolidated. There is even a direct connection between what they do and what you get tomorrow morning for breakfast.

Of course, the same thing goes in reverse for the enemy's heavy bombers.

Here's the connection: When the heavies are being used strategically—that is, on a long term policy basis—they direct their assault, as the high command decides, against the sources of the enemy's war power. They blast a Krupp plant in Essen making machine tools which go to turn out parts for 88-mm. guns. That means, in the long run, so much less of a barrage Jerry is going to be able to lay down against your advance.

Or maybe the Forts and Libs go by day to the town of Oschersleben, near Magdeburg, some 90 miles from

Berlin, and the RAF's Lancasters and Halifaxes go back by night. They were after the aircraft frame plant which turns out FW190 fighter-bombers, and somewhere along in the campaign the Luftwaffe won't be able to throw enough bombing FWs at you to halt your push because of what the heavies did to that plant.

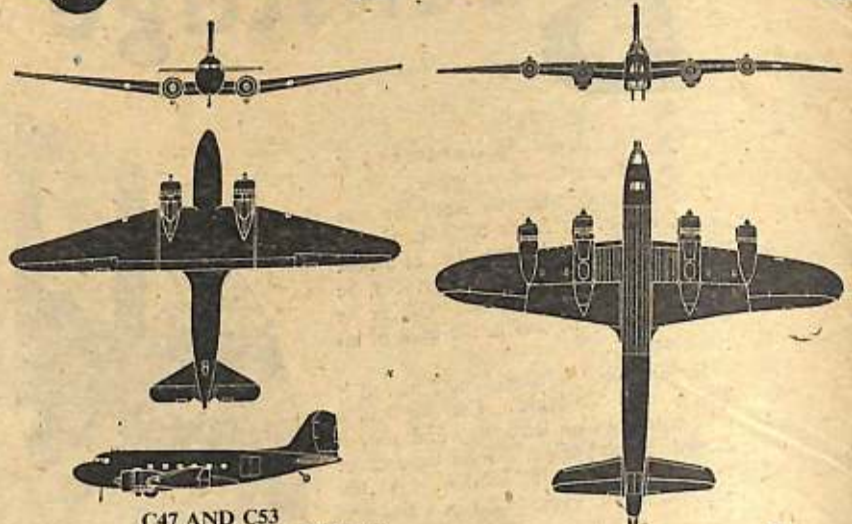
Again, the RAF four-engine craft thunder out at night to pound industrial Hamburg, and in the next daylight the Forts sail through flak and fighters to lay their eggs on the Blohm und Voss submarine yards there. You'll get another dozen shiploads of supplies—maybe, even, with Spam—because those raids knock out the yards which turn out Hitler's undersea boats.

That's the connection, as close to you as your dog tags.

Thus, this week The Stars and Stripes Digest of the War in the Air concludes with identifications of heavy bombers, Allied and German. In addition, there are silhouettes of transports, gliders and miscellaneous craft.

Airmen, for instance, will want to know every welcome line of the clumsy, beloved old Walrus, the RAF's Air-Sea Rescue Service plane-of-all-work. In the big air offensive of two weeks ago, Walruses played a leading role in saving 101 U.S. and British fliers from the drink. You'll want to know a little bit about the transports—particularly the enemy's, because out of the Ju 52s and the Me 323s and out of the German gliders may come units of Nazi paratroops, the hardest-fighting, toughest shock troops Hitler's generals have, to do you dirt behind the front. If you know them, you'll be ready. If you don't, there's no future in it.

The Stars and Stripes These Are



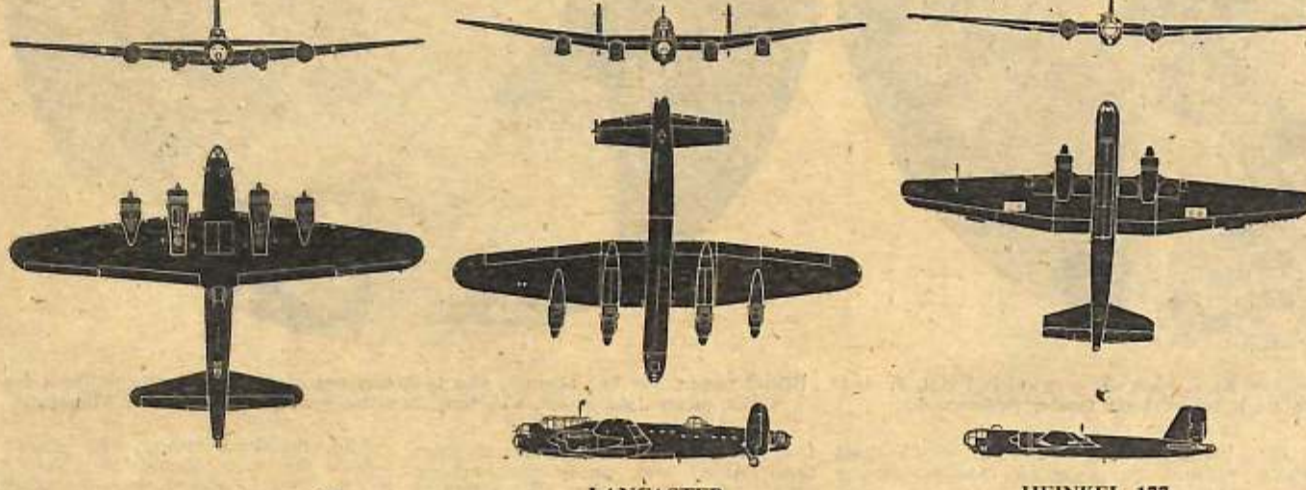
C47 AND C53
 Type: low wing transport. Range: 2,125 max. Armament: none. Engine: 2 air-cooled. Speed: 220 max. Ceiling: 21,900 service. Length: 64ft. 6in. Span: 95ft.

The Douglas C47 and C53 are the same plane except that the -47 has larger doors. The RAF knows it as the Dakota and both air forces use it extensively for transporting troops and equipment. It is a very good-looking plane, with almost no straight lines. The outer portions of the wing sweep sharply back from the motors, while the trailing edge is straight. The fuselage has a clean sweep to it with the windshield of the cockpit indented in the nose. The tail fin is quite large and has a faring roughly one-third the length of the plane. The tail plane is triangular and has cutouts on either side of the fin.



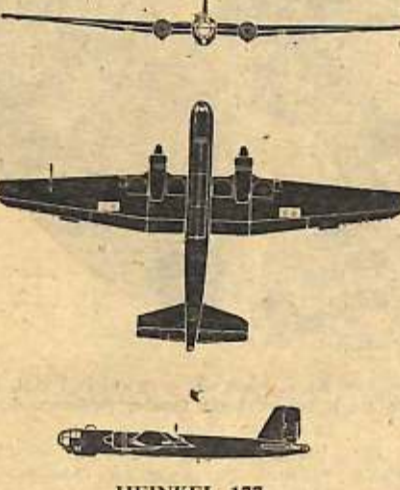
STIRLING
 Type: midwing bomber. Armament: 8 m.g., 7 tons bombs max. Engine: 4 air-cooled. Speed: 275 max. Ceiling: secret. Length: 87ft. 3in. Range: 1,885 service. Span: 99ft. 1in.

The Short Stirling is the earliest of the British heavy bombers and has been used for night bombing on Germany, day bombing on France and mine-laying. The three turrets—one in the nose, one midway from wing to tail and one in the tail, aft of the high fin—the thick elliptical wing and the blunt-tipped, awkward appearing fuselage make it easy to identify. The pilot sits high above the nose.



LANCASTER
 Type: midwing bomber. Armament: 8 to 10 m.g., 8 tons bombs max. Engine: 4 liquid-cooled. Speed: 280 max. Ceiling: secret. Length: 69ft. 4in. Range: 3,000 service. Span: 102ft.

The Avro Lancaster is the night-flying partner of the Flying Fortress. With its heavy load and strong defense, it is a formidable weapon in the air onslaught on the Axis. The four motors stagger away from the long, blunt nose. There is a turret in the nose, one on top and one behind the twin, egg-shaped tail fins. A ventral turret is sometimes added. The fuselage is deep and straight, running back from the raised cockpit to the tail. The wide wing has an almost straight trailing edge but has a very high taper to the leading edge. The tail wheel is un retractable. The Lancaster is responsible for such exploits as bombing the Ruhr dams and a major part in the obliterating raids on Hamburg and the Ruhr industries. It's the RAF's warhorse, carrying enough defensive armament to take care of itself as well as dropping an unparalleled tonnage of bombs.

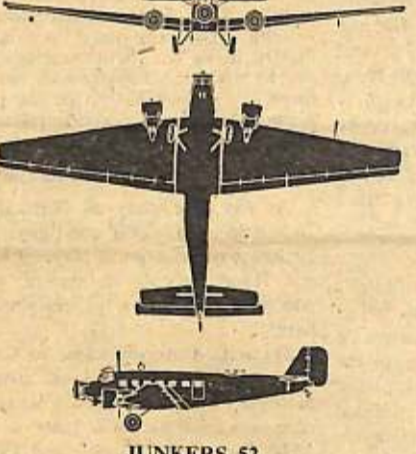
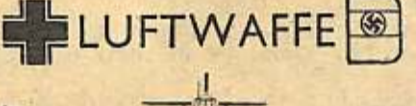


HEINKEL 177
 Type: midwing bomber. Armament: 5 or more m.g., 8 tons bombs max. Engine: 4 air-cooled. Speed: 280 max. Ceiling: 25,000 service. Length: 67ft. 3in. Range: 7,040 max. Span: 103ft. 4in.

The Heinkel 177 is a four motored bomber, but because the engines are coupled in pairs, it appears to be twin engined. The transparent nose extends far forward of the tapered wing. The fin is very high and square-cut. There are gun positions in the nose, in the bulge under the nose and in the transparent turret just aft of the tail assembly. The engines are set close to the fuselage, giving the impression that the wing is even longer than it actually is. Troubles with production, plus the Allied bombing of Rostock where it is made, has kept the number of He 177s down.

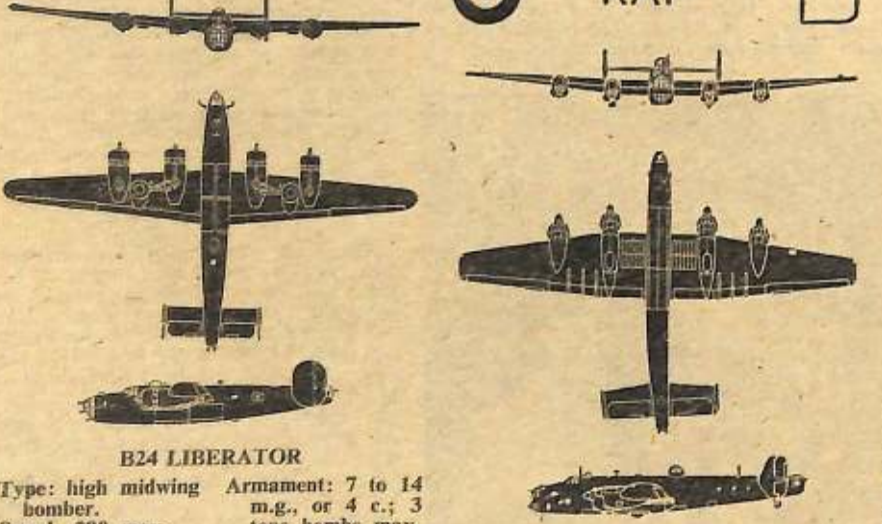
B17 FLYING FORTRESS
 Type: low wing bomber. Armament: 13 m.g., 5,000lb. bomb load max. Engine: 4 air-cooled. Speed: 290 max. Ceiling: 40,000 service. Length: 74ft. 10in. Range: 2,000 max. Span: 103ft. 9in.

The Boeing B17 is known to everyone as the Flying Fortress. Carrying most of the weight of the U.S. attack on the Axis, its silhouettes should be memorized by every soldier. Both the wing and the tail plane are tapered; the wing on both edges and the plane on the leading edge. The back of the graceful fuselage sweeps up into the huge rounded fin. There is a top turret, behind the pilot; a ball turret in the center of the bottom, and a tail turret behind the tail plane. When in action the two waist gunners fire from wide hatches, midway from wing to tail. The effectiveness of this armament is shown by the scores brought back by raiding planes.



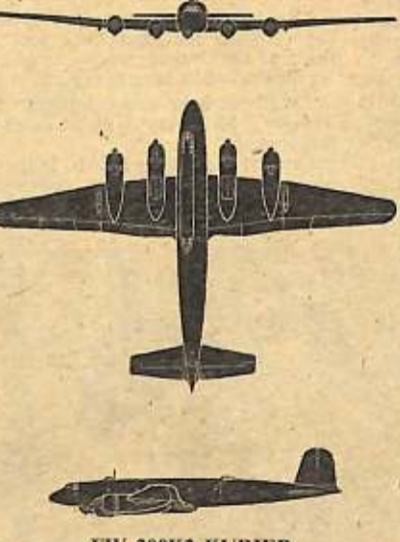
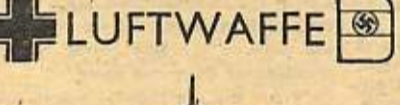
JUNKERS 52
 Type: low wing carrier. Armament: 2 m.g. Engine: 3 air-cooled. Speed: 165 max. Ceiling: 22,250 service. Length: 62ft. Span: 96ft.

The Junkers 52 is the standard cargo and troop carrying plane of the Luftwaffe. With floats substituted for wheels it becomes the work horse of the German navy. One of the very few common types of trimotored planes still built, it has a superficial resemblance to the old Ford trimotor. The three motors are spread fanwise, with the middle one projecting in front of the other two. The wheels are un retractable. The tail plane is flat and rectangular while the fin rises at a steep angle in front and is straight down the back.



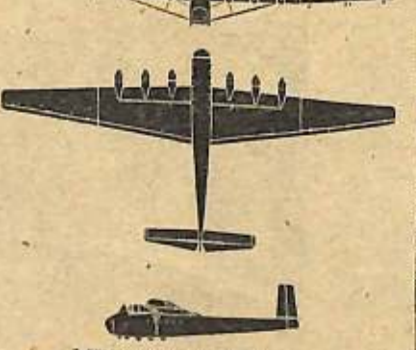
B24 LIBERATOR
 Type: high midwing bomber. Armament: 7 to 14 m.g., or 4 c.; 3 tons bombs max. Engine: 4 air-cooled. Speed: 280 max. Ceiling: 36,000 plus. Length: 64ft. Range: 2,500 max. Span: 110ft.

The Consolidated B24 Liberator, with the Fortress, carries the bulk of the American bombing attack, while the British use it in Coastal Command and for transport. The Coastal Command version sometimes carries four cannon, while the others carry a varying number of machine guns. Its pot-bellied fuselage has given it the nickname of "The Flying Cow." The four engines are in a straight line across the high, thick, narrow wing which is tapered on both edges. The huge, oval twin fins enclose a wide, straight-edged tail plane which sits on top of the fuselage. The attack on the Ploesti oilfields in Rumania was carried out by B24s—a 2,400-mile job which proved the listed range is no myth.



FW 200K2 KURIER
 Type: low wing bomber. Armament: 1 c., 5 m.g., 2 tons bombs max. Engine: 4 air-cooled. Speed: 235 max. Ceiling: 28,500 service. Length: 78ft. 3in. Range: 2,200 max. Span: 108ft. 6in.

The Focke Wulf 200K2 and its sister ship, the 200B transport are modifications of the Condor, a peace-time passenger plane used for trans-Atlantic travel. The K2, or Kurier, is used for long range reconnaissance and raids on merchant shipping in cooperation with submarines in the Atlantic and on the route to Murmansk. The low wing has a highly tapered leading edge and "kinks" in the trailing edge. There is a power turret above and behind the pilot's compartment, a gun blister midway between tail and wing, and a long, glass-enclosed bulge offset under the nose and wing. The high rounded tail fin sits on a very wide, square-tipped tail plane. Aircraft-carriers, catapult planes and long-range patrols have made attacks on shipping so risky for the Kurier that her armament has been reduced and every effort made to increase her speed for reconnaissance work.



MESSERSCHMITT 323
 Type: high wing transport. Armament: none. Engine: 6 air-cooled. Speed: 150 max. Length: 88ft. Range: ? Span: 178ft.

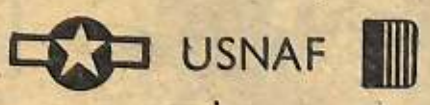
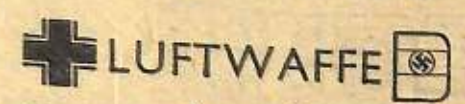
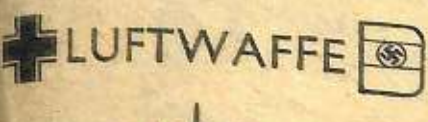
The Messerschmitt 323 is known as a "powered glider" and can carry 130 fully equipped troops. One of the first times caught almost 100 of them off the coast of Tunisia and shot down 74. Slow and unhandy, it is easy meat unless heavily escorted by fighters. With its ten wheels, to identify. Both the square, high tail and the extremely long wing are braced. Fully loaded, the 323 must be towed to get off the ground.

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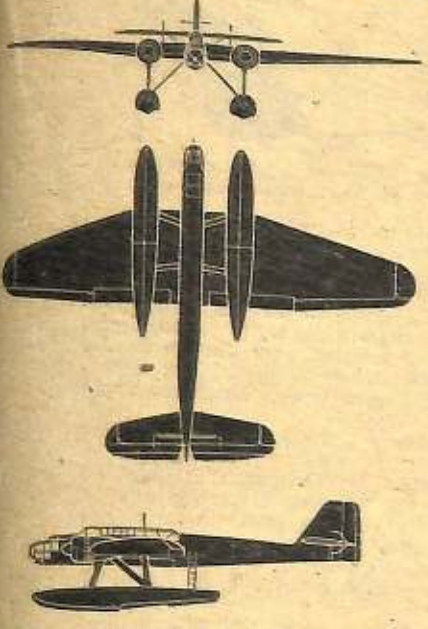


Still pursued by its destroyer, a light German bomber's funeral plume behind after some deadly dramatic picture was taken by an amateur on the southwest

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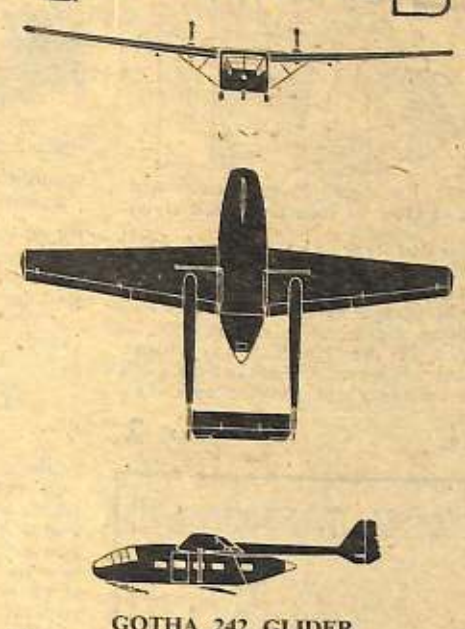


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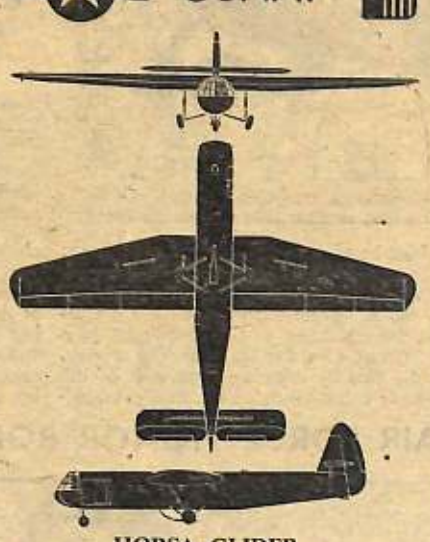
HEINKEL 115K2
 Type: midwing seaplane.
 Speed: 217 max.
 Ceiling: 21,320 service.
 Range: 1,300 max.
 Armament: 4 m.g., 2,200lb. bombs max.
 Engine: 2 air-cooled.
 Length: 57ft.
 Span: 75ft. 11in.

The Heinkel 115K2 was the plane that carried Hitler's "secret weapon," the magnetic mines, to the British coast. It also can carry a torpedo. The transparent cover of the cockpit extends from behind the wing down to the nose. The floats are beneath the engines and almost flush with the nose. A fixed ladder is attached between floats and fuselage. The wing is swept back. The tail fin rises at a sharp angle and drops straight at the back. The tail plane is typical.



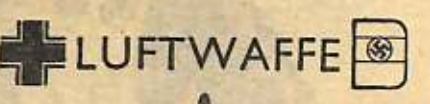
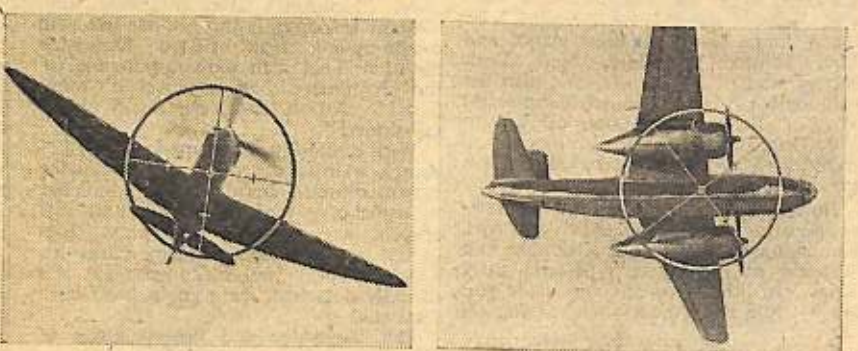
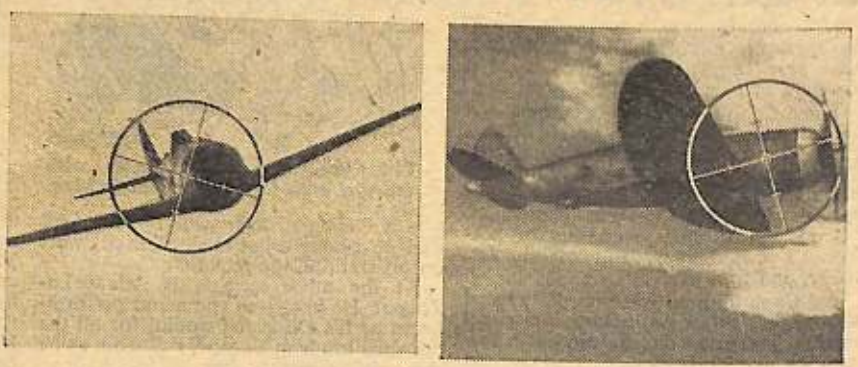
GOtha 242 GLIDER
 Type: high-wing glider.
 Length: 52ft. 6in.
 Span: 79ft.
 Armament: 4 m.g.

The Gotha 242 is the most commonly used German glider and can carry 23 fully equipped soldiers. It looks like a winged beetle and takes off on a wheeled undercarriage that is jettisoned in flight. Landings are made on three sprung skids; the front one is retractable. The nacelle is beneath both the wing and the twin booms. The wing is tapered on leading and trailing edges. The angular tail fins enclose the straight edged plane.



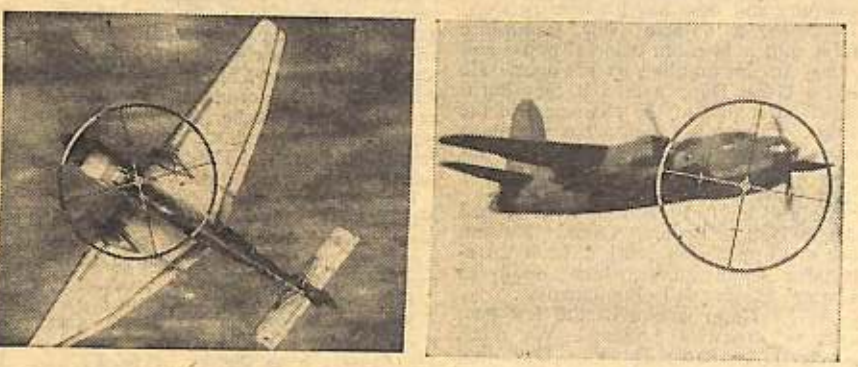
HORSA GLIDER
 Type: high wing glider.
 Length: 67ft.
 Span: 88ft.

The Airspeed Horsa is one of the two troop and cargo carrying gliders produced by the British. The swept back wing is almost in the center of the long, tubular fuselage, which has a tricycle landing gear. The tail fin is almost triangular, and the plane cuts through above the fuselage.



DFS 230A1 GLIDER
 Type: high-wing glider.
 Length: 37ft.
 Span: 69ft. 11in.
 Armament: 1 m.g.

The DFS 230A1, with the Go242, carries the main weight of German glider-borne troops and equipment. As many as 10 of these gliders have been seen towed by one tug. Only 10 men can be carried in the deep angular body. The wing is flat, with the trailing edge tapered and heavy struts to the bottom of the fuselage. The short undercarriage straddles a long skid. The wing is well back in the body and the tail fin is high, with the plane intersecting above the top line of the fuselage.

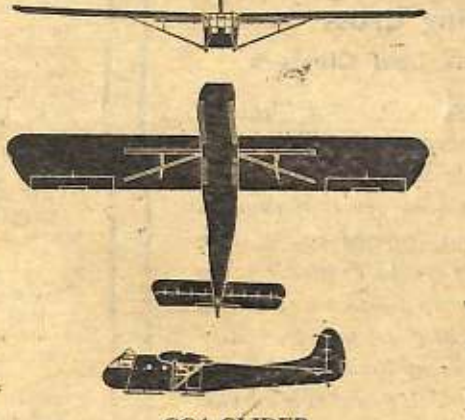
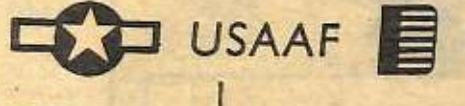


Six planes roar into your vision. In 20 seconds they will have travelled a mile up to you, passed you and be a mile away. What are you going to do about it? In this series of identification studies all six planes have appeared with descriptions and silhouettes. If you've done your home work, you'll know on which planes to open fire as they center in the sights, and which to let go. The answers are at the bottom of the page.

Nazi Raider



Bomber screams earthward drawing fire by an RAF fighter plane. This bomber was shot down last month near a small town in England.



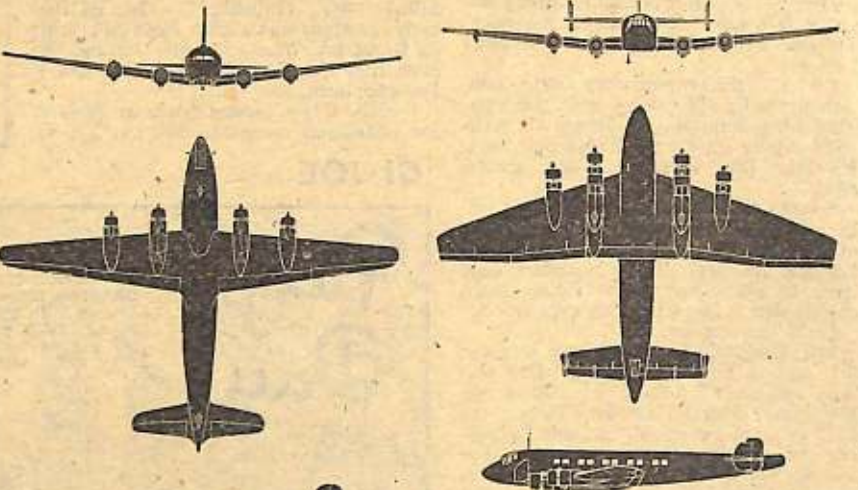
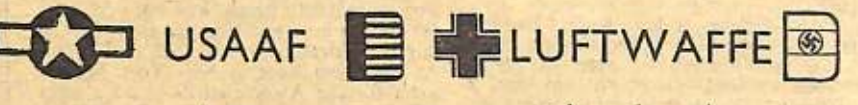
CG4 GLIDER
 Type: high-wing glider.
 Length: 52ft.
 Span: 84ft.

The Waco CG4 was the first glider ever to cross the Atlantic. It can carry 15 men and the removable nose allows it to be loaded with peeps, anti-tank guns or other sizeable objects. The body is angular and the long wing is strut-braced. The wheels are dropped after takeoff and the landing gear is made on skids. Glidermen, proud of their sturdy craft, have nicknamed the CG4 the "Flying Jeep," and claim for it all the ruggedness of its four-wheeled namesake.



RAF WALRUS
 Type: amphibious biplane.
 Speed: 135 max.
 Ceiling: secret.
 Range: 600 max.
 Armament: 2 m.g.
 Engine: 1 air-cooled.
 Length: 37ft. 7in.
 Span: 45ft. 10in.

The Vickers-Armstrongs Supermarine Walrus is a very elderly plane indeed, but because it is sturdy and can land on both land and water, it has seen much service with the Air Sea Rescue Service. The swept-back wings are set behind and on top of the pilot's compartment, while the pusher-type engine hangs between them. The rectangular tail plane is high in the fin. There are fixed wing-tip floats, while the wheels retract.



JUNKERS 90B
 Type: low wing transport.
 Speed: 236 max.
 Ceiling: 23,620 service.
 Range: 1,300 max.
 Armament: Usually none.
 Engine: 4 air-cooled.
 Length: 86ft. 3in.
 Span: 114ft. 11in.

The Junkers 90B is a military version of a plane designed for peace-time service with the Lufthansa. Its capacity is 40 men in addition to a crew of four. The square-tipped wing is almost straight across the trailing edge but has a very pronounced sweep back to the leading edge. The top line is straight from the cockpit to the tail which has rounded twin rudders extending above and below the wide tail plane. The engines are staggered back from the long nose. When equipped for bombing it has three gun turrets and is called the Ju. 89.

C54 SKYMASTER
 Type: low-wing transport.
 Speed: 259 max.
 Ceiling: 25,300 service.
 Range: 2,540 max.
 Armament: none.
 Engine: 4 air-cooled.
 Length: 92ft. 10in.
 Span: 117ft. 6in.

The Douglas C54 Skymaster is the big brother of the C47-53 and may eventually become the standard Army transport. It is a great deal similar to the C47, having the same clean, flowing lines, high tail and round fuselage. There is a considerable dihedral to the wing, starting at the root, while the tapered tail plane is flat.

Here Are the Answers

- Upper left—Fire! It's an FW190.
- Upper right—Hold! It's a USAAF P47 Thunderbolt.
- Center left—Hold! It's an RAF Spitfire.
- Center right—Hold! It's an A20 Boston.
- Lower left—Fire! It's a Ju87D Stuka, just pulling out of its bombing dive.
- Lower right—Hold! It's an Eighth Air Force B26 Marauder.

Li'l Abner of Dogpatch Makes a Killing

By Howard Whitman

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IN the heart of our southern hills, close to nowhere in particular, nestles the town of Dogpatch, ancestral home of the Yokums.

But that's gold in them hills and Al Capp, who created Dogpatch and the Yokums, has stuck his pen into a thick vein of it. His comic-strip Li'l Abner appears in 493 newspapers with an aggregate circulation of 24,000,000. Last year Dogpatch paid its creator a dividend of over \$100,000.

When Capp thought up Li'l Abner and his Mammy (Pansy Yokum) and his Pappy (Lucifer Ornamental Yokum) and all the other folks of Dogpatch, hillbilly ballads were pouring from the nation's radios. It was 1934—and depression. "Comic" strips had given way to hot-blooded melodramas, full of murder, terror, and foul play.

But Capp figured what people wanted was laughs. So he put yokum and yokel together and got Yokum. He put a low neckline and a short skirt together and got Daisy Mae. He thought up the dastardly Scraggs (who've been feudin' with the Yokums for a hundred y'ars), and Mrs. Beatrix Bopshire, New York society aunt of Li'l Abner, and also the redoubtable Adam LaZonga, the greatest lover of all time and master of How to Woo Dogpatch Style. He also thought up Salomey, a pearl among swine, the pet pig of the Yokums.

He rescued the comedy from the fast-disappearing wham, bang and zowie strips, and combined it with the adventure and suspense of the newer type-serial-story strips. In other words, Capp made you laugh while Li'l Abner was hanging on the cliff.

Frankly amazed at his pee-kool-yar success, Capp husbanded his earnings carefully and now has his own personal Dogpatch, a 65-acre New Hampshire farm with a 14-room colonial house and a lazy stream ambling by his door. He has a Great Dane named Barney Barnsmell (after one of the characters in the strip), a dog of questionable parentage named Susie, a corpulent black cat named Fat Fat the Cat Cat, and two or three other cats which hain't named.

He also has a French gardener named Andre Dubois Brilliant Grande Maison, but this appellation being difficult to remember, Capp refers to him casually as Champs Elysees de la Bouillabaisse.

At 33, Capp is one of the few men ever to invent a holiday. We refer, natchery, to Sadie Hawkins Day, that day of days in November when boy flees girl.

"Sadie Hawkins," Capp explains in an annual strip on the origin of the holiday, "was the homeliest gal in all them hills. After Sadie tried to catch a husband for 15 years and failed, she appealed to her father, Hekzebiah, for help. He called together all the eligible bachelors of Dogpatch.

"Ah declares t'day Sadie Hawkins Day," Hekzebiah proclaimed, flourishing a blunderbuss over his head. "When ah fires—all o' yo' kin start a-runnin'! When ah fires again—after givin' yo' a fair start—Sadie starts a-runnin'. Th' one she catches 'll be her husband! Le's go!"

"Well," the explanatory strip continues, "Sadie did catch one of the boys. The other spinsters of Dogpatch reckoned it were such a good idea that Sadie Hawkins Day was made an annual affair."

Similar pursuits now are staged in real life all over the country. But instead of marriage being the penalty for being ketched, the real life Li'l Abners only have to take their Daisy Maes to a college dance, for which all expenses are paid by the females.

The University of Tennessee was the first to pick up Sadie Hawkins Day and was quickly followed by Oklahoma University, Morris Harvey College, the El Paso College of Mines, the University of Cincinnati, the University of Idaho, San Diego State College, Piedmont College and scores of other institutions of learning, including the University of Toronto and McGill University in Montreal. This year Sadie Hawkins Day falls on November 7.

Capp's Li'l Abner is practically love-proof. "Honestly! Ah despises gals—Ah hain't foolin'!" he pouts, even when the voluptuous Mimi Van Pett of Park Avenue has her arms draped around him, octopus style.

Moonbeam McSwine, the curvaceous daughter of Moonshine McSwine, is Li'l Abner's nemesis of the mountains. She and her pappy are always trying to inveigle him into matrimony. On one occasion, they fixed it so that a rock fell on Li'l Abner's head while he was sitting next to Moonbeam. As Li'l Abner fell semi-conscious into Moonbeam's arms, Moonshine rushed in to offer his corn-gradge-u-lay-shuns, since he now had the makings of a shotgun wedding.

Daisy Mae is, of course, the girl for Li'l Abner. She loves him with an ardor that will never cool, not even when he's daid. Secretly, he's got a soft spot for her, too. But he'll never admit it and he hates kissin', and the thought of being married wif Daisy Mae or any other girl nauseates him.

Not so the readers. They keep writing letters, asking when Daisy Mae and Li'l Abner are going to get married and berating Capp for splitting them asunder every time they reach the threshold of Marryin' Sam, the Harryin' Man.

Capp thinks it is good psychology to have Li'l Abner constantly chased by the girls but never caught. The male reader



Li'l Abner, despiser of females, with the girl who loves him, Daisy Mae.



The Scraggs, traditional enemies of the Yokums, are another Dogpatch family



Madame LaZonga, love teacher and author of How to Woo Dogpatch style.



Moonbeam McSwine is the curvaceous daughter of Moonshine McSwine.

gets a feeling of superiority. "He feels that he'd know what to do if sirens were on his trail," Capp remarks.

At the other extreme is Adam LaZonga. He has given command performances of his Dogpatch wooin' for all the crowned heads of Europe, and won, as he says, many loving cups.

As Mammy Yokum describes him, "Adam LaZonga is the gee-nee-uss who ori-jin-ay-ted How t'Woo Dogpatch Style!! That man were responsible fo' mo' happiness than a barrel o' monkeys!! All th' rest were cheap immy-tay-shuns!"

With discretion, Capp made Adam LaZonga a little old man with a flowing carrot-colored beard and handlebar moustache, a man of dignity and soft speech, with nothing sexy about him except a gold heart hanging from his watch chain. Had LaZonga been less carnally detached, there might have been squawks.

The langwidge and nomenclature of Capp's strip have put it in a class by itself. Readers are tickled no end by the names of characters: Trigger Mortiss, gunman; Belinda Bargrease, ugly but amorous; the law firm of Slynke and Slyme; Hammern Chizzel, the sculptor; the House of Hosschild, international bankers; Mr. Vulcher, martinet of an orphan asylum, and his voracious son, Junior Vulcher; and Fruitful and Frightful, the Leapin' McGulps.

Readers are tickled, too, by such dialectal phoneticisms as ridikerluss, edju-cay-shunal, noose-papers, condishuns, natcheral, partiklar, ellyvatuh, Sattiddy, and horsepitality.

But is the langwidge authentic? Sometimes yes, sometimes no. Capp doesn't strive particularly for authenticity. He doesn't have shelves of books and dossiers of notes on mountain lore, and he doesn't check his dialect to see if hillbillies really talk that way. Actually he wouldn't know just where to check. For Dogpatch hain't in any special hills. Just hills. At the strip's outset, Capp located it in Kentucky but syndicate men were afraid of injuring local sensibilities.

Al Capp, whose name is an abbreviation of Alfred Caplin, was born in New Haven, Conn., and later moved with his family to Bridgeport and then to Boston. At 19, Capp went to New York and to work for the Associated Press on a strip called "Mr. Gilfeather." One of the early reactions was a letter from an editor in Brockton, Massachusetts, stating, in part, that Capp's comic was "the worst I've ever seen, bar none."

Finally Capp headed back to Boston for additional art education. At 21, he

decided he was ready for New York once more and settled down in a Greenwich Village boarding house. He couldn't find any work, but he soon earned the gratuitous horsepitality of his landlady plus the loan of \$1 a day for spending money. He did this by drawing a portrait of the landlady's husband, a decidedly unpul-

chritudinous type who emerged in the portrait as a Clark Gable.

Not long afterwards, Capp came out of the McNaught Syndicate and was walking along the street with his drawings wrapped in the syndicate's customary rejection wrapper. A Packard car pulled up to the curb and a voice called out,

"Say, buddy, I just made a bet that those are comic strips under your arm."

"You win," said Capp disconsolately and he started to walk away. "Wait a minute. Let's see the drawings," the man in the car persisted. It was Ham Fisher, the pen pappy of Joe Palooka, who had recognized the pigeon-blue McNaught paper. He gave Capp a job.

In February, 1934, after progressing rapidly as an assistant to Fisher, Capp had evolved his Dogpatch drama. He went to the United Feature Syndicate, Colin Miller, then a salesman for United Feature and now its business manager, saw the possibilities of the strip from the start and himself sold it to scores of papers.

"Work three months and collapse three months," is Capp's formula for drawing. He puts in seven 16-hour days a week for three months, turning out six months of Li'l Abners, and then goes to California to catch his breath. He also uses the collapse period to corral ideas. He catches new fads and trends just about six weeks ahead of the public—in time to get them in the strip when they're hot.

Li'l Abner is 19 years old (and "six foot three in his stocking feet, if he wore stockings"). Capp keeps him 19 years old. Time stands still in relation to all Capp characters. He likes it that way, feels it contributes to the background of legend and fantasy. For the same reason he isn't sending Li'l Abner to war.

"Li'l Abner isn't going into the Army," Capp wrote recently. "Perhaps Li'l Abner and his friends, living through these terrible days in a peaceful, happy, free world, will do their part by thus reminding us that this is what we are fighting for . . . a world where a fella and his gal can look up at the moon just for the foolishness of it—and not because there may be planes up there coming to blast 'em both off the earth—a world where a fella is free to be as wise or foolish as he pleases—but, mainly—a world where a fella is free!!!"

Capp's public wrote him piles of letters saying that was swell with them. They often write letters. When Capp first introduced "po'k chops and presarved turnips," a favorite dish of the Yokums, dozens of readers wrote in for the recipe for presarved turnips.

"What could I write 'em?" Capp asks. "I thought up the dish because presarved turnips sounded like the most indigestible, horrible stuff possible."

Capp was about to reply that there hain't any recipe, when suddenly packages began to arrive in the mail. Presarved turnips!

"And they tasted swell!" he says.

AIR FORCE HONOR ROLL

No. 2



Distinguished Flying Cross Air Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters

" This officer, recently commissioned from the enlisted ranks, was the first member of the Eighth Air Force to complete 25 missions over enemy territory. He is known to have no nerves and a great sense of humor. On one occasion the Pennsylvanian dropped bricks over France on which was inscribed 'Vive la France!' On another occasion he dropped an empty practice bomb over Germany to give trouble to bomb disposal squads. Any officer, regardless of rank, who flies in Roskavitch's ship always has his tie cut off at the knot. He carries a special pair of scissors for the purpose."

GI JOE



By Lt. Dave Breger

Behnen to Start For Blues Nine In Ulster Tilt

Ravenhill Game Saturday For Benefit of RAF Fund

BELFAST, Aug. 11—Pvt. Ed "Deacon" Behnen, Northern Ireland strikeout record holder, will pitch for a revamped Blues nine in their game at Ravenhill Saturday with the Eighth Air Force Airmen, who will come from England for the RAF Benevolent show.

Behnen burned the back of his right hand again while working in the cookhouse, but it is healing, and T/4 Leonard Baer, of Watertown, S.D., Blues' shortstop and mess sergeant, said, "The big boy will be able to pitch."

For a relief pitcher, Behnen will have T/5 John Natowich, of Antonia, Conn., new right-hander, who gave up one hit against the Mustangs last week in his first appearance with the Blues' outfit. He succeeds Pvt. Lorry Stewart, of Milton, Fla.

Three Air Force All-Stars in Lineup

The Blues, who took first-round NI league honors, are tied, as of Aug. 9, with the Red Birds and Pelicans, for second position in the final round, having given place to Sgt. Joe Aycock's steadily climbing Agitators.

Three members of the Eighth Air Force All-Star nine are in the Airmen's starting lineup. They are Sgt. Bill Brech, of Secaucus, N.J., pitcher; Cpl. Larry Toth, Toledo, Ohio, second base; and Pvt. Ed Hawkins, Seneca, S.C., outfielder.

The U.S. Marines' bagpipe band and color guard of Londonderry will be there, as well as the RAF band. High-ranking U.S. and Allied officers are expected to be present. Patrons for the benefit are the Duke of Abercorn, Governor-General of Northern Ireland, and the Duchess.

Seats will be three, two, and one shilling, all proceeds to the RAF Benevolent Fund.



American League

Tuesday's Games

St. Louis 10, New York 2	Chicago 4, Boston 2 (night game)	No other games played.
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	
New York 61 38 .616	Cleveland 49 48 .505	
Washington 55 49 .529	Boston 48 52 .480	
Chicago 51 48 .519	St. Louis 44 54 .449	
Detroit 50 48 .510	Philadelphia 40 61 .396	

Yesterday's Schedule

Washington at Detroit	Philadelphia at Cleveland (night game)
New York at St. Louis	Boston at Chicago (night game)

National League

Tuesday's Games

No games scheduled.	
W L Pct.	W L Pct.
St. Louis 66 32 .673	Chicago 46 53 .465
Pittsburgh 54 46 .540	Philadelphia 47 56 .456
Cincinnati 54 47 .535	Boston 43 52 .453
Brooklyn 52 50 .510	New York 37 63 .370

Yesterday's Schedule

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia	Cincinnati at Brooklyn
Chicago at Boston	St. Louis at New York

Lajeskie Gets \$10,000 Bonus

NEW YORK, Aug. 11—The New York Giants have paid a \$10,000 bonus to 17-year-old Richard Lajeskie, Passaic, N.J., high school shortstop, for signing a contract. Lajeskie will report to their Jersey City farm club.

Help Wanted AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, Printing House Sq., London, EC4.

Lost CAMERA, Brownie target "620" in Hawks tailor shop, London, July 31. Lt. Roy H. Mohr, c/o this department.

MUSSETTE BAG at ARCS Reindeer Club, Aug. 6. Name on flap. Return to Charles G. Wells, c/o this department.

APOs Wanted

LT. James Martin Moses, Pvt. Ralph Martin, Uvalde, Ga.; Cpl. Van D. Bowyer, Alamo, Ga.; Pvt. Vernon Hartley, S/Sgt. Hugh A. Kelly, Emporia, Va.; Capt. J. S. Hamer, Black River Mills, Wis.; Capt. Thomas R. Cramer, Washington, Pa.; Capt. Edward S. Dodge, Lake Falls, Wis.; Capt. John Day, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.; Pfc. Roy Danner, Whatcheer, Iowa; Lt. Matthew Pfc. Roy Danner, Whatcheer, Iowa; Lt. Matthew Caldwell, St. Johnsbury, Vt.; Lt. Thomas Mall-chuskie, Tamagua, Pa.; E. E. (Bill) Raticliff, Green-Odesa, Texas; Capt. David Gelfand, Capt. Robert Kenim, Philadelphia; Carroll Plunkett, Green-Kenim, Philadelphia; John K. Williams, Mesick, wood, Ark.; S/Sgt. John K. Williams, Mesick, Mich.; Cpl. Donald S. Ford, Aberdeen, Md.; Sgt. George T. Archer, Long Island City, N.Y.; Cpl. Leo F. Sweeney, Wash.; Cpl. Jack Boeck, Lampan, Bellingham; Don Bettiner, Independence, Tex.; Cpl. Fojtik, Cudahy, Wis.; Cpl. Al Ham, Lt. Steve Bowen.

Record Wrecker

By Pap



Stimson Upheld in Banning Soldier-Students From Grid

By Caswell Adams

NEW YORK, Aug. 11—I notice that many of the brothers and many Congressmen are noisy against the Army for not allowing the soldier-students in our colleges to play ball for their synthetic Alma Mater this fall. The Navy will let its cadets and trainees play under the banner of the dormitory in which they have been enrolled.

In principle, I agree with Cmdr. Tom Hamilton, Cmdr. Packy Graff and Secretary Knox that contact sports are excellent and should be continued. In an argument between the two schools, I am strictly sea-going, but in an argument over whether the Army has a right to make their own rules, I am strictly with the Army, even if they want to defy Congressman Weiss and his 200-odd petitioners.

I know all about the friendly fields of Etton and that Gen. MacArthur once said,

"On the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds which in other years and on other fields will bear the fruit of victory." I also know that we are winning this war and no one in his right mind questions the tactics of a successful firm. We put our chances of licking the Axis in the hands of a few successful men, and so far their judgment is that the schooling soldiers haven't time to play football for the colleges.

Our Army is run by Secretary Stimson and Gen. Marshall and they can say anything in regard to the training of soldiers. They have said that our boys can't play and they've also won their battles. And I say we can't afford to second guess these men. Let them run the war the way they are doing it. Let football be played by Navy men and let's reserve judgment on this. Taking the minds of the big generals and the Secretary off the war for an instant amounts to absenteeism. Let's forget it and enjoy whatever football we get this fall and be glad to get any at all.

Browns Give Luke Sewell Contract Through 1945

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 11—In the continuation of baseball, Browns officials have given Manager Luke Sewell a contract carrying him through 1945. Sewell came to the Browns from the coaching line of the Cleveland Indians in 1941.

President Donald Barnes said baseball is bound to continue because of government recommendations as well as a favorable reaction in wartime from the public and servicemen.

Meantime the Browns bought pitcher Charlie Fuchs from Toledo, their American Association farm. Fuchs was recently sold to Toledo by the Philadelphia Phillies.

Irish Eleven to Play Ten-Game Schedule

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Aug. 11—Notre Dame has announced its ten-game grid schedule: Pittsburgh (away), Georgia Tech (home), Michigan (away), Wisconsin (away), Illinois (home), Navy (at Cleveland), Army (at New York), Northwestern (away), Iowa Pre-flight (home) and Great Lakes (at Chicago).

First game for the Irish will be on Sept. 25. All games are to be played on successive Saturdays, except the Great Lakes encounter which will be played on Thursday, Nov. 25.

Kut, Clark Cop SBS Golf Titles

SBS HQ, Aug. 11—T/5 Joseph Kut, of Harvey, Ill., and Lt. William Clark, of Ridgewood, N.J., led the field of 70 SBS golfers in the week-long tournament concluded here yesterday. Kut stroked his cluded here yesterday. Kut stroked his way into the enlisted man's title with a fine 79 for the 18 hole of tournament play which was one stroke better than Cpl. George Boyagan, of Atlantic City, could register. Kut went out in four over par, and covered the back nine in 39 strokes, which was just three over.

Hawks Top Stumblebums In Fighter Baseball Loop

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 11—The Warhawks outfit and outpitched the Stumblebums in yesterday's league baseball game here, finishing on the long end of an 8-5 score and strengthening their hold on second place in the league standings. They are just one and a half games out of first.

The winners garnered 14 hits during the game, including home runs by Sgt. Jack Joseph, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., who hit two; Sgt. Andy Biscan, of Sawerville, Ill.; and Pfc. Tony Falcione, of Paterson, N.J. Winning battery was Sgt. Andy Biscan, who allowed two hits and struck out 13 batsmen, and Pvt. Frank Cassella, of Brooklyn. Losers were S/Sgt. Dell Sniess, of San Rosa, Cal., and Cpl. Bernie Schoroeder, of St. Louis.

Charlie Trippi Joins All-Star Backfield Squad

CHICAGO, Aug. 11—Charlie Trippi, Georgia University halfback, who personally gained more ground in the last Rose Bowl game than the whole UCLA squad, reported to the All-Star football team today for practice for the game with the Washington Redskins, Aug. 25.

Trippi completes the greatest backfield in the history of the All-Star game, along with Paul Governali, Columbia; Bob Steuber, Missouri, and Otto Graham, Northwestern.

Tippy Larkin Suspended

NEW YORK, Aug. 11—Tippy Larkin, New Jersey lightweight, has been suspended for failing to fight at MacArthur Stadium here Monday night. Angelo Pucci, Larkin's manager, after explaining that Larkin was unable to appear because of a cold, was also suspended. The suspension costs Larkin his Aug. 20 match with Harry Teaney at Madison Square Garden.

ETO Softball Tournament To Be Held Here Sept. 9, 10

Gunder Haegg Will Try For Four-Minute Mile

NEW YORK, Aug. 11—Gunder Haegg, in his final race here tonight, will be out to run a four-minute mile. He also thinks that someone will do a three minute, 57-second mile in the near future. However, his primary objective tonight will be to break Arne Andersson's world mark of four minutes, two and six-tenths seconds.

Gunder the Wunder is now in top shape and feels ready to make a determined bid for a new record. Four men are ready to push him to it: old reliable, Gil Dodds and Bill Hulse, and Rudy Simms, of the New York Pioneer Club, who'll have a 95-yard handicap, and Al Daily, national junior 800-meter champ, with a 105-yard handicap.

16 Squads Will Compete On London Diamonds For Crown

By Ray Lee

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Londoners will have another opportunity to witness American athletes in action on Sept. 9 and 10 when approximately 250 softballers will arrive to vie for the ETO championship.

With 16 teams competing, the eliminations will be held on various diamonds in London, the majority probably being played in Hyde Park, with the finals on the evening of the second day in some well known stadium.

Most distant of the squads to enter the competition will be the two from Iceland, each of whom are vowing to take honors in the playoff. Although little has been heard from them, managers may do well to watch them.

Browns Topple Yankees, 10-2

Chisox Move Into Third With 4-2 Triumph Over Boston

NEW YORK, Aug. 11—In the only two games in the major leagues yesterday, the St. Louis Browns put a damper on the opening of the New York Yankees' western trip by blasting the Ruppert Rifles, 10-2, while the Chicago White Sox nicked the Red Sox, 4-2.

The Brownies started on Hank Borowy in the first inning as George McQuinn knocked out his seventh homer with one aboard. Three more Browns tallied in the fourth, two on Chet Laabs' 13th home run. Marvin Brewer, came in for his first appearance this year and yielded five of the Browns' 13 hits.

The Yankees scored their first run in the eighth inning on Bud Methany's third homer. They picked up another run on Nick Etten's double with Johnny Lindell on base.

By beating the Red Sox at Comiskey Park last night, the White Sox took undisputed possession of third place. Vince Castino was the big gun of the Chisox attack, getting three for three. Edgar Smith held the Bostoners to six hits, allowing only two raps after the third stanza. A walk and three singles in the sixth inning gave the winners a 3-2 lead. Boston tallied once in the second and once in the third. Heber Newsome was the loser.

Volo Song 6-3 Favorite In 17th Hambletonian

YONKERS, N.Y., Aug. 11—Volo Song is 6-3 favorite to win the 17th renewal of the \$40,000 Hambletonian at Empire City track here today. A field of 12 will go to the post in the corn tassel derby, transplanted from Goshen, N.Y., because of transportation difficulties.

Twenty thousand fans are expected to witness the blue ribbon event of sulky racing, with the largest field since 1930. The winner must take two of the three one-mile heats. If three horses win three heats, they meet in a fourth, from which all the others are eliminated. Volo Song is favored on the strength of three straight victories this year and also because he will be driven by 70-year-old Ben White, dean of the drivers and the only man to win three Hambletonians.

Ramblers Cop WBS Crown

WBS HQ, Aug. 11—Already champions of the Port District baseball league, the Port Ramblers will bring loop competition to a close Sunday, Aug. 15, when they square off against the luckless Station Hospital Pill Rollers.

Ramblers	W L Pct.	Station Hospital Pill Rollers	W L Pct.
Fence B's	5 1 .833	Phil Rollers	0 3 .000
	1 3 .250		



Minor League Results

International League

Tuesday's Games

Buffalo 10, Newark 3 (first game)	Toronto 8, Jersey City 2 (first game)
Toronto 4, Jersey City 1 (second game)	Baltimore 2, Montreal 1 (first game)
Baltimore 5, Montreal 1 (second game)	Newark 63 52 .548
Newark 63 52 .548	Buffalo 54 63 .462
Montreal 62 57 .521	Baltimore 50 63 .442
Rochester 57 57 .500	Jersey City 45 68 .398

Eastern League

Tuesday's Games

Binghamton 7, Wilkes-Barre 1	Elmira 3, Scranton 2 (first game)
Elmira 4, Scranton 3 (second game)	Springfield 3, Utica 1
Albany 5, Hartford 4	W L Pct.
Scranton 64 34 .653	Wilkes-Barre 49 53 .455
Albany 54 43 .557	Hartford 48 46 .511
Elmira 54 45 .545	Springfield 35 56 .385
Binghamton 54 46 .540	Utica 24 71 .253

American Association

Tuesday's Games

Kansas City 6, Louisville 3	St. Paul 10, Columbus 2
Toledo 2, Minneapolis 1 (first game)	Toledo 9, Minneapolis 3 (second game)
Indianapolis 3, Milwaukee 0 (first game)	Indianapolis 4, Milwaukee 2 (second game)
W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Milwaukee 60 43 .583	Louisville 49 53 .480
Columbus 58 49 .542	Toledo 50 56 .472
Indianapolis 55 47 .539	St. Paul 47 58 .448
Minneapolis 52 54 .491	Kansas City 45 56 .446

Southern Association

Tuesday's Games

New Orleans 4, Little Rock 3 (first game)	New Orleans 11, Little Rock 8 (second game)
Montgomery 4, Knoxville 3 (second game)	Montgomery 10, Knoxville 4 (second game)
Nashville 5, Atlanta 2 (first game)	Nashville 5, Atlanta 0 (second game)
Birmingham 6, Memphis 1 (first game)	Birmingham 7, Birmingham 6 (second game)
W L Pct.	W L Pct.
N. Orleans 24 13 .649	Memphis 21 24 .467
Montgomery 26 22 .542	Little Rock 19 22 .463
Knoxville 21 18 .539	Atlanta 18 23 .439
Nashville 19 17 .528	Birmingham 15 24 .387

Pacific Coast League

Tuesday's Games

Seattle 2, Oakland 1	Los Angeles 3, San Diego 1
Other teams not scheduled.	W L Pct.
Los Angeles 86 30 .741	Hollywood 53 63 .457
San Francisco 72 42 .632	San Diego 50 67 .427
Seattle 59 56 .513	Oakland 49 67 .422
Portland 57 57 .500	Sacramento 35 79 .307

Persely Decisions Whalen In Liverpool Feature

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 11—In the feature bout of the boxing program staged here for the benefit of the Merseyside Dockers' charity fund, Pvt. Arthur Persely, of New York, won a close decision from Pvt. Edward Whalen, of Brooklyn, in a thrilling three-round affair.

Whalen took the ring only a short time after he had stepped from a train on which he had been riding for ten hours. The Brooklyn fighter has asked for a return match with Persely.

Amertex Edge Agitators, 2-1

BELFAST, Aug. 11—The LOC overseas Amertex defeated the Agitators in nine innings of baseball here yesterday, 2-1, on the Agitators' field. Marty Podmeyer, of Los Angeles, LOC hurler, pitched against Pfc. Martin Rothe, of Dundalk, Md., for the Agitators.

Victory Nears For Americans In New Georgia

Japanese Retreat to Sea As Yanks Advance On Bairoka

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Aug. 11 (UP)—The end of the fighting on New Georgia Island is near, and it is expected to be only a matter of hours before the last Japanese forces are driven into the sea.

American Army units have effected a junction with Marines and are moving steadily northward from Munda, pushing the hard-pressed Jap forces back into the west coast of the Solomon island.

Two miles from Bairoka, the last Japanese base in the northwestern tip of New Georgia, the American ground forces crushed enemy opposition and are advancing.

On the right flank of the line, the Americans have reached the Bairoka River, and are still driving on through territory which has been turned into a vast quagmire by heavy rains.

The American advances have made the possibility of the Japanese retaining a foothold on the island so slim as to be entirely discounted. Their troops are being hammered without a break on the land and from the air.

For the second successive day, American bombers raided Salamaua, the main Japanese base in New Guinea, dropping more than 85 tons of bombs. Widespread damage was caused and direct hits were reported on two ammunition dumps.

A Jap retaliatory raid against Rendova was repulsed. Fourteen Allied fighters intercepted 50 Jap bombers and shot down two. Only one Allied plane was lost.

Japanese targets in Burma from the Arakan coast to Mandalay were raided by the Tenth United States Air Force yesterday. Two heavy raids were made on Akyab and Pyawdaw.

A single Mitchell bomber, employing skip-bombing tactics, reported the destruction of two 200-foot ferry boats, a 52-foot river steamer, and the capsizing of an 80-foot barge on the River Irrawaddy.

Complete occupation of New Georgia will give the Americans a jumping-off point for the next step of their bid to clear the whole of the Solomons.

A spokesman for Adm. William F. Halsey Jr., commander of the South Pacific naval forces, said that the enemy's only chance of escape was to attempt a night withdrawal in small boats to nearby Kolombangara Island.

GIs Rope, Ride, Eat Fire in Rodeo



The master of this bucking steer is Pfc Clifford R. Bone, of Ester, Mo., one of the American cow-punchers who took part in the show for charity.



Ex-carnival fire-eater Pfc Elerd E. Doxtator, of Milwaukee, gives a light to Pfc Johnny Melker, of Johnstown, Pa., during a side-show event on the rodeo.

10,000 English Cheer First Sight of Wild West

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After throwing two riders, "Bad Medicine" returned to his chute and clawed the air with his forelegs, awaiting the appearance of Lt. James Taylor, 22-year-old Texas A and M grad.

Several bystanders were almost trampled as the horse tried to leave the chute without his rider.

Lieutenant Victorious

Applying a tight grip on the bucking rope, Taylor yipped "let 'er go," and shot out of the chute as though fired from a cannon. "Bad Medicine" leaped off the ground, swayed from side to side, bucked and made every attempt to dislodge his rider. But the lieutenant finally broke the bronc's wild spree and made a jumping dismount.

"I've been cowboying all my life and there is nothing I enjoy more. I sure would like to have that horse for a few more days," he said, when called to the loudspeaker. Mustang's owner, T. A. Ketteringham, "For riding that horse," he added, "that bloke deserves to own it."

Lt. Jack (Jocko) Maher, of Houston, Tex., former Hollywood stunt rider and member of Victor McLaglen's Light Horse Troops, demonstrated daredevil horsemanship.

Pfc Cecil E. (Blackie) Russell, 43-year-old rodeo veteran, who won the bulldogging event in Madison Square Garden two consecutive years, teamed up with Pvt. Bud Stout, of Alpine, Tex., and Ray Ary, and won the wild milking event in two minutes and 21 seconds.

The rodeo, the proceeds of which went to the Norwich and Norfolk War Charities Fund, was sponsored by Brig. Gen. James P. Hodges, commander of a heavy bombardment wing.

Other contestants were: S/Sgt. Elton Schulties, McArthur, Cal.; T/Sgt. Ronald Beaulieu, Hartford, Conn.; Cpl. Max Rogers, Salt Lake City, Utah; Pvt. (Teet) Simpson, Moroney, Ariz.; Sgt. William Burland, Romani, Mon.; Pvt. Clarence Asher Jr., Fort Worth, Tex.; Cpl. Floyd Feyereisen, Iona, S.D.; Pvt. Homer Prudehall, Redlands, Cal.; Pfc Leroy Simpson, Alpine, Ariz.; Cpl. Chris Friesinger, Sheridan, Wyo., and Pvt. George Bartell, Wichita, Kan.

Arena judges were Capt. Dewey Blank, of Rocking Lazy Bee, Wyo., and Maj. Robert (Tex.) Stonesifer, of Austin, Tex.

Hamburg Damage 25%

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 11 (AP)—The Allied record bombardment of Hamburg destroyed 11 of the city's 40 districts, reliable sources reported here after a survey of the stricken city where at least 50,000 persons were believed killed.

Yanks on Malta AA Guns

MALTA, Aug. 11 (AP)—American ack-ack gunners now are helping to man Malta's formidable barrage defenses.

Terry and the Pirates



U.S. Army Air Force Photos An event which pleased the crowd was the milking race. Here, one crew persuades a wild "bossie" to yield. The winner's time in this event was 2:21.

Every Detached Unit in ETO To Get Radio, Gen. Osborn Says

Eventually there will be no detached unit in the ETO, even as small as five men, without a radio, according to Brig. Gen. Frederick H. Osborn, chief of the Special Service Division, Army Service Forces. The need for more radios and "a great demand for musical instruments" here will both be met, the Special Service chief said.

Gen. Osborn came to the ETO from Washington to see how Special Service is functioning here. He has been visiting military units with Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee, SOS commander, for the last week, and expects to begin a tour today with the chief of Special Service, Eighth Air Force.

Soldiers in the ETO want to hear talks by their officers about the Allies, so they can learn more about the historical background of nations at whose side they are fighting, Gen. Osborn said. This desire for instruction, he added, is another indication that "this is a studious army."

Army orientation films have had a good effect on the U.S. soldier, Gen. Osborn declared. After seeing an orientation series at an ETO replacement center, soldiers "walked around with their chests farther out, proud to be soldiers," according to what the commanding officer of the depot told him, he said.

"These films are the ablest documentary films ever produced," he said. "Mr. Churchill has arranged to show our Army series to the British people."

Soldiers in the ETO have swelled the general demand from Army ranks for popular songs, Gen. Osborn said, and more than a million and a quarter copies have been distributed to American forces during the past year. He said that today's soldiers seem to be more fond of individual singing than of the group singing favored by last war's doughboys.

About 1,500 men per week enrol for courses offered under the Army education program, Gen. Osborn said.

Club Arranges Snooker Match

Preliminaries of a snooker tournament for American soldiers will begin tomorrow at 7 PM at the Red Cross Columbia club, 75 Seymour St., London, W2. The finals will be held Wednesday, Aug. 18, at 7 PM. Winners will meet London snooker champions. English professionals will give exhibitions during the preliminaries.

St. Lawrence's Hall

READING, Aug. 11—Program for the week at the St. Lawrence's Hall Red Cross club here: Saturday—Dance, 7:30 PM. Sunday—Dance, 6:30 PM. Wednesday—Radio party, Washington Hall, 7 PM. Thursday—Dancing class, 7:30 PM. Friday—Movies, 7:30 PM.

Peterborough

PETERBOROUGH, Aug. 11—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here: Thursday—Birthday party, 7:45 PM. Sunday—Dance, Recreation Hall, 8:30 PM. Monday—Movies, 9:30 PM. Tuesday—American Jamboree, 8:30 PM. Wednesday—Pennsylvania night.

Warrington

WARRINGTON, Aug. 11—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here: Thursday—Movie, 8 PM. Friday—Dance, Coop Hall, 8 PM. Saturday—Swimming, Leigh Str., 9 PM. Sunday—Tea, Upper Canteen, 3:5 PM; dance, Bell Hall, 9 PM; Movie, 2, 4 and 7:20 PM; swimming, 9 PM. CEMA concert, 9 PM. Monday—Movie, 8 PM. Tuesday—Movie, 8 PM.

NEWS FROM HOME House to Debate Bill Prohibiting Draft of Fathers

Legislation May Demand Discharge of Men Now in Army

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (AP)—A Congressional battle over the conscription of American fathers when the House reassembles after its summer recess, Sept. 14, loomed today with the announcement of Rep. Andrew May (D-Ky.), chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, that he would introduce legislation prohibiting the induction into the armed forces of married men with children.

May said his bill might also provide for the discharge of fathers who are already in the Army, regardless of whether their children were born before or after Pearl Harbor.

Estimating that the Army's membership would mount to about 10,000,000, May said: "I think Congress might decide that the Army has enough with the 80,000 18-year-old youths they are getting every month."

Soldiers to Enter Mines

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (AP)—The Army will grant leave tomorrow to 4,500 soldiers to enter metal and mineral mines which are badly in need of workers, according to an official of the War Production Board. The soldiers will be distributed on a priority basis to approximately 100 mines.

'Keep Fleet Intact'—Vinson

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga., Aug. 11 (AP)—Rep. Carl Vinson (D-Ga.), chairman of the House Naval Affairs Committee, has suggested that the American fleet be kept intact after the war as a guarantee of world freedom. Predicting that "war and rumors of war" would continue, Vinson said he opposed any post-war commitments which would require the scrapping of useful naval vessels.

Plants Lose Help to Schools

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (UP)—The War Production Board and War Food Administration are faced with the problem of replacing thousands of teachers and students who will leave factories and farms next month to return to school and college. Volunteers are being sought to replace them.

Sloan Sees Post-War Boom

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11—Alfred P. Sloan, prominent American industrialist, predicted today an adjustment period of a few months after the war and then a five-year industrial boom. He said the war might "possibly end in the fall of 1944."

Discover There's a War On

RICHMOND, Staten Island, N.Y., Aug. 11—Two brothers, Antonio Malango, 48, and Donato, 41, have just discovered there's a war going on. The brothers, living hermits' lives in this New York City borough, were arrested on charges of evading the draft. They were released when they promised to register.

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vult to make sure of taking the tide at the flood." The New York Times, pointing out that "the meeting takes place at one of the great turning points of the war" and that "the time has come for a diplomatic offensive on our side," nevertheless bemoaned the absence of a Russian spokesman. "The ideal conference at this moment would be one at which not only Britain and the United States are represented, but also China and Russia."

The turreted Chateau Frontenac, high on the cliffs overlooking the broad St. Lawrence, was selected some time ago for the Canadian conferences. Guests were told the hotel would be closed "for reasons beyond our control" from Aug. 7 to Aug. 27, and permanent residents were asked to check out by the evening of Aug. 7.

Jack Benny in Cairo

CAIRO, Aug. 11 (AP)—Jack Benny, Larry Adler, Anna Lee and Winifred Shaw arrived here today for a three-week tour of the Middle East, which might be followed by a visit to Britain.

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bombers smashed the town for the fourth successive day in round-the-clock raids. Algiers radio said Americans advancing from Cesaro were less than two miles from the town and British pushing north from Bronte were even closer.

Along the north coast the U.S. Seventh Army was reported consolidating positions at the Rosmarino river three miles beyond San Agata and pressing forward.

Correspondents with the Seventh Army said the Americans' spectacular landings from the sea behind the Germans Sunday, coupled with the First Division's capture of strongly-defended Troina, doomed the Axis Etina line and caused a general retreat along this flank.

So fast did the Nazis withdraw along the road to Randazzo that American troops took Cesaro, 15 miles northeast of Troina, without firing a shot. Great fires and explosions along an Axis supply road from Randazzo to Troina were evidence that the enemy lacked time to withdraw fuel and munitions and was forced to destroy them.

Minimum on Radioed Funds

Soldiers in this theater who wish to send money home by radio must make a minimum deposit of \$25, rather than \$10, as reported in a Stars and Stripes editorial Tuesday. The \$10 minimum is effective only in the United States and other theaters of war.

American Forces Network

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213.9m. 211.2m.
(All times listed are PM)
Thursday, Aug. 12
5:45—Spotlight on Raymond Paige and his orchestra.
6:00—News (BBC).
6:10—Personal Album—Larry Adler and his harmonica.
6:25—GI Supper Club—with Cpl. Charlie Capas as your host.
7:00—Sports News—latest baseball scores, presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
7:05—The Aldrich Family.
7:30—Kay Kyser and his Kollege of Musical Knowledge.
8:00—News From Home—a cross-section of America's headlines as presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
8:10—Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians.
8:25—Training Time—Five minutes of value to the American soldier.
8:30—Farewell to Yvette.
9:00—News (BBC).
9:10—Moods in Music.
9:25—Mail Call—recorded in America.
9:55—Weekend Leave—Tips on how to spend that weekend while on pass.
10:00—Final Edition—the latest world, ETO and sports news as presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
10:10—Duke Ellington's orchestra.
10:30—Sign off until Aug. 13 at 5:45 PM.