

## Allies Advance Against Stiffer Resistance

### Russians Open Own Big Drive

### Reds Pierce Enemy Line Above Orel

### Germany's 'Win-or-Lose' Push Is Turned Into Defensive Fight

Russian armies have launched their own big-scale offensive on the central front and have smashed through the German lines north of Orel, a Moscow communique proclaimed last night.

The news came after 11 days of fierce fighting in which stubborn Red forces had stopped what appeared to be Adolf Hitler's last "win-or-lose" drive on the eastern front. The drive apparently had turned into a complete fiasco.

The Russians struck from the north and east of Orel along a front of 25 miles, the communique said. In three days they advanced 12 to 15 miles, occupying more than 50 populated places.

Strong defeats, Moscow said, were inflicted on five German divisions, two of them motorized. More than 12,000 men were killed and 2,000 taken prisoner, the communique claimed.

The Germans were said to have lost 294 planes, 109 tanks and 46 guns destroyed in the three-day period. In addition, 40 tanks, 210 guns of various caliber, 197 mortars, 99 machine-guns and 26 various dumps were captured.

#### Berlin Admits Attacks

Even as Moscow was announcing the new offensive, the German radio commentator Sertorius was admitting that the Russians were striking at Briansk, one of the most vital railway junctions on the Russian front. Five major lines run through Briansk, to Orel, Kaluga, Smolensk, Brest Litovsk and Kharkov.

The offensive, announced just as military observers were speculating on the possibility that Hitler had "shot his bolt," probably has brought the Russians to the outskirts of Orel, which the Germans first captured in 1941 and have clung to ever since.

The communique claimed that the Red Army has occupied more than 1,000 square miles in three days—750 square miles north of Orel and 300 square miles to the west of it.

#### 'Hitler Relinquishes Command'

Rumors in neutral capitals said that Hitler had relinquished command of the drive, which he had assumed a few days ago, and had returned to Berlin from the front.

Reporting earlier that Nazi troops were going over to the defensive on more and more points, the United Press Moscow correspondent cabled that the enemy seemed unable to replace the enormous losses they had suffered in their ill-fated offensive.

Along the whole of the central front, United Press said, the momentum of the Russian blows was increasing, and the Red Army was quickly developing the initiative it had snatched from German hands.

### 8 Airmen Die Trying Rescue

Only one of the nine-men crew of a U.S. Navy Catalina plane, who gambled against almost certain death in an attempt to rescue eight British fliers drifting helplessly in a dinghy in a North Atlantic gale, escaped with his life, the Air Ministry announced yesterday.

Knowing that the Catalina had only a chance in a million of successfully alighting on the heavy sea the American pilot nevertheless tried it.

The British fliers, tossing in the dinghy, watched as the Catalina approached. Then, as it was landing, a huge wave smashed into the U.S. plane, tore off the starboard propeller, and the flying-boat buried its nose in the water.

With only the tail-fin of the plane still showing, the Americans piled into two dinghies and the waves swept them away. Six days later the dinghies were discovered. One man was alive in one. The other had overturned.

The British fliers—crew of a Fortress which crashed after sinking a U-boat—were picked up after five days by a British Catalina which managed to land after the storm abated.

### Fortress Gunner Comes Off KP To Receive Highest U.S. Award



Planet Photo U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo "Snuffy" Smith, the day before decoration day, undressed a barrel of spuds in his messhall. Yesterday, Smith got the Congressional Medal of Honor from Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson.

By Andrew A. Rooney  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, July 15—They took Maynard Smith off KP and gave him the Congressional Medal of Honor today.

Henry L. Stimson, U.S. Secretary of War, draped America's highest award around the little Eighth Air Force gunner's neck while Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETO chief, Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, Eighth Air Force commander, and a squad of brigadier generals stood in the background. S/Sgt. Maynard Smith rates a salute from all of them now. The recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor is entitled to a salute from a four-star general.

The dour little ball turret gunner, who comes from Caro, Mich., took the ceremony in stride yesterday. All the brass which had come to honor him for his hour-and-a-half battle with flames and enemy fighters over France and the Channel was just so much brass.

Smith, who usually answers to "Snuffy," had been on KP not so long before, peeling spuds. He was off KP for the ceremony, so there wasn't much that could really bother him.

He stood quietly at attention while Secretary Stimson read the citation for the second Congressional Medal of Honor won in this theater. (2/Lt. Jack Mathis, who died as he released his bombs over the target, was posthumously recommended for the C.M.H.)

The men on the station don't know Smithy too well. They haven't made up their minds about him yet. "He's a

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### Panzers Recapture Augusta and Lose It Again to 8th Army

### Americans Gain Four Miles on Gela Plain, Knock Out Tigers, Take Airfield; Messina Gets Worst Bombing

Enemy resistance stiffened on all fronts in Sicily yesterday, but Allied forces continued a general advance along their 100-mile front. The heaviest counter-attack of the invasion occurred at Augusta, where German panzer troops drove a wedge straight to the harbor before the British Eighth Army regrouped and drove them out. In the skies Allied planes tightened the air blockade of the island by hammering the vital supply port of Messina as it had never been hammered before, with three major attacks in 24 hours.

### Forts, Libs Pound Messina, 'Escape Port'

ALLIED AIR BASE, July 15 (UP)—The most devastating attacks yet made on Messina, designed once and for all to sever communications between Sicily and the mainland, have been made in the last 24 hours.

Never before has the vital Sicilian port, through which the Axis is trying to shuttle supplies and materials for its hard-pressed forces in Sicily, been so hammered.

Wellingtons of a Canadian squadron started the attacks Tuesday night. The major attacks followed yesterday. The 200 planes of the U.S. Army Air Force, the other U.S. Army Air Force, the other U.S. Army Air Force, the other U.S. Army Air Force.

The operations were part of the air blockade of Sicily, and the concentrated attack on Messina was due to the fact that when all other ports have been cut off it still may be possible for the Italians to get ships across the narrow straits.

The day's biggest attack was carried out by waves of Fortresses, Marauders and Mitchells escorted by Lightnings. The Fortresses flew through intense ack-ack and dropped large numbers of bombs on railroad yards and naval oil storage areas. Two large explosions, followed by bursts of white smoke, were seen. Barracks also were bombed.

Practically no enemy fighters were reported over the area.

#### Railway Tunnel Blocked

Direct hits were scored on the two ends of a railway tunnel, blocking it for further use for some time.

Liberators followed the Fortress raid and dropped more than 200 tons of bombs on Messina. Once again there was heavy ack-ack, but no fighters were met. One plane failed to return.

Attacks also were made on the San Giovanni ferry terminal on the other side of the straits. Warehouses and fire stations, railway tracks, engine-sheds and harbor works all were hit.

In the interior of Sicily, Mitchells and Lightnings attacked the vital strategic point of Enna, center of the island communications.

All over the island bombers and fighter-bombers roamed at will, night and day, supporting the infantry and attacking communications and other vital centers.

The day's account includes three locomotives, 30 railway cars and dozens of trucks. Wellingtons hit the railway yards and sidings at Palermo, the main station in the town and other junctions round the city.

### Allies Advancing In Both Sectors

American and British forces pushed forward in a general advance on both sectors of the Sicilian front yesterday in spite of stiffening resistance indicating a major battle may not be far off.

Crack German panzer troops struck their first heavy counterblow at Augusta yesterday. Led by units of the elite Hermann Goering division, they attacked at dawn and thrust their way clear to the harbor. The British Eighth Army, also no harbor, also no harbor, also no harbor.

and three for the Brownies last year and has yet to win a game this year.

### U.S. Troops Advance

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U.S. Seventh Army, knocking out a number of 60-ton Tiger tanks, gained about four miles and advanced well into the Gela plain, capturing the heavily-bombed airfield at Bisari—the seventh Sicilian airdrome seized since the invasion began Saturday. Their greatest advance was in the Vizzini-Ragusa sector, where, keeping step with Canadians and British on their right, they pushed forward six or seven miles to positions 25 miles inland.

The Americans' extreme left flank was being extended from the town of Naro, ten miles inland from Palma, toward the center of the island. Strong enemy forces were reported massing here to check a threat to all the Axis lines of communication. Heavy air support has been given the U.S. forces in this area in the last 24 hours.

Gen. Patton's troops also were reported striking due north from Naro to threaten the important railway junction of Canicatt.

#### Axis Guards' Escape Corridor

On the east coast, one of the strongest concentrations of enemy troops on Sicily was between the advancing British and Catania, and heavier opposition was expected hourly. The chief Axis fear appeared to be that Gen. Montgomery's forces would get between the Italo-German forces and their one big port of escape should Sicily fall—Messina.

Four small towns between Augusta and Catania—Bruco, Lentini, Carlentini and Melilli—fell to the Eighth Army as it closed in on Catania for the expected major battle for possession of that second-largest port and the airfields about it.

Another Italian general also fell into the bag when the commanding officer and

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### Yanks Menace Three Jap Bases

### Aleutian Base Bombed; Final Attacks on Munda, And In New Guinea

WASHINGTON, July 15—Swift new moves by American forces today menaced already hard-pressed Japanese island positions ranging all the way from the Aleutian Islands, off Alaska, to New Georgia and New Guinea in the Southwest Pacific.

At Kiska, in the Aleutians, light U.S. surface craft have begun to bombard Japanese positions in Gertrude Cove without drawing any reply from the enemy, the Navy announced here. Adm. Chester Nimitz declared at his Pearl Harbor headquarters that bombers and warships have now "isolated and neutralized" Kiska. Fall of the island, next northern stepping stone toward Tokyo, appeared imminent.

On New Georgia, in the Solomons, Marines and Army units employing tanks have begun to close in for the kill on Munda, the important Japanese base on the island, reports from Guadalcanal revealed. It was the first time that tanks had been mentioned as being used.

On New Guinea, American and Australian troops with strong air support were bearing down on Mubo, Japanese bastion of the Salamaua line, and decisive action is expected within the next few days, a special announcement from Gen. Douglas MacArthur headquarters stated early this morning.

### Exchange Service Chief In U.S. to Improve PX

Col. Edmund M. Barnum, ETO Army Exchange Service Chief, who has been in the British Isles for 17 months, has returned to the U.S. "to investigate the possibility of increasing and improving the PX service for troops in the ETO," it was announced yesterday.

Lt. Col. N. C. Earl Jr., deputy Exchange Service Chief, said that Col. Barnum wanted to familiarize himself with changes made in America since he's been away, and probably would lecture to officers now training there for PX duties in the ETO.

### Progress of the Battle for Sicily



British troops advance toward Catania after being pushed back to Augusta by German panzers. Americans drive west from Licata to Naro and Palma; and north from Gela to points near Caltagirone. Canadians push north from the southeast corner.

### Allied Aircraft Using 8 Captured Sicily Fields

Airfields captured in Sicily are now being used as bases for both Allied fighters and bombers, it was revealed yesterday. Eight enemy airdromes now are in Allied hands, seven of them having been captured by U.S. troops.

Most important is the Comiso field. Within several hours of its occupation by American airborne forces, U.S. engineers and ground forces with RAF advanced units arrived at the field.

The bases already taken by the Allies are Pachino, Bisceglie, Gela-Farello, Gela-Forte Olvio, Licata, Syracuse and Comiso. Allied aircraft based on Pantellaria also are hitting Axis positions on Sicily.



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Hash Marks

Today's daffynition. Baby: A tube with loud noises at one end and complete lack of responsibility at the other.

High finance on the N. African front: Pvt. Melvin Cain, of St. Louis, needed 50 cents and Pvt. John Rogers was willing to lend him the dough, but wanted security. Cain had none so Rogers took out a mortgage on Cain's fox-hole, said to be one of the classiest, best-equipped in the area.

If you don't believe GI sergeants are tough, get a load of this. Up Alaska way, a sergeant waded into a stream for a swim.



A big bruin spotted him, moved in and took a couple of swipes at his chest. Unabashed, the GI socked the bear on the snout a couple of times. Bruin retreated.

Down at sunny Camp Blanding, Fla., a trainee came upon an MP resplendent in his summer uniform, white pith helmet, starched khaki and the rest of the costume that looks like what the well-dressed African explorer is wearing this season. Quipped the trainee, "Dr. Livingston, I presume?" Growled the MP, "I don't get it!"

Although it is denied by OPA, ODT, funeral drivers and cops, the story still persists that a party of shrewd New York characters beat gas rationing by hiring a hearse. It is told that they loaded the hearse with tennis rackets and golf clubs; then assembled their friends in a fleet of mourners' limousines. Nobody bothered the "funeral" procession as it wended its way to the Catskill mountains for a holiday.

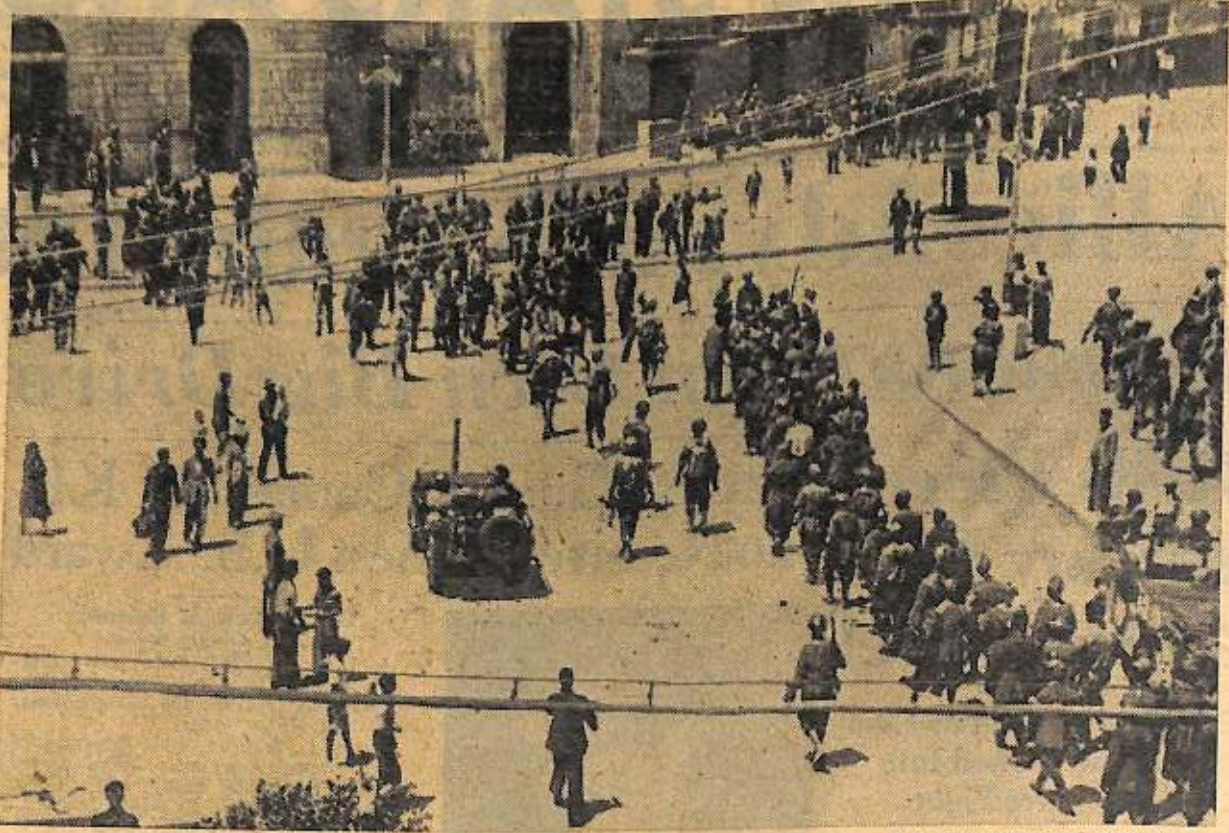
In a certain military headquarters which employs civilian help, an officer, seeking the services of a stenographer, found a diminutive Cockney lad seated at the stenog's desk addressing envelopes on her typewriter. "Hello, young man," remarked the officer, "pinch-hitting for station and all?" "Honest, mister, I typed 200 times, the photos were just a small hangars and were strictly Air Force. Vic playfully nudged me by the 70 Liberators of the north African Air Army, one by one by Eight Army veterans flung themselves at the enemy, hurled them out and then they were now a British brigade. It seems to be materializing as ordered.



fastened his wrist watch on his girl's ankle, forgot to remove it. Later he forgot her name—what she looked like, too.

How times change! In Lonsdale, Tenn., Ernest Clabough was charged with speeding, passing a stoplight and resisting arrest after driving a horse and buggy at break-neck speed through the center of town. J. C. W.

Italians Not Defending Own Island



American troops form an armed escort for captured Italians, who are led into the market square at Licata, on the south-central coast of Sicily. Yesterday Allied Hq announced 7,000 prisoners had been taken by U.S. troops; 5,000 others by the British.

Troops Surrendering, Civilians Cheering Invading Force

By Alan Humphreys

For the Combined British Press NOTO, Sicily, July 12 (delayed)—The invasion of the southeastern tip of Sicily has become a pursuit of an almost non-resisting enemy. In three days the assault force has gone twice as far, twice as fast, as planned.

Italian non-resistance reached a new peak when they abandoned 24 field guns following the start of the infantry attack on their positions. Though well placed along a line commanding the heights, they fired a few token rounds, then some gunners fled, some gave themselves up and guns were captured by the attacking infantry without a single casualty. The action was over remarkably swiftly.

An impression of the capture was given by Capt. James Pennie, who said: "One minute the men were fighting forward; five minutes later they were giving cigarettes to prisoners; five minutes after that they were pacifying nearby women and children as Axis aircraft swept over, too late to save the batteries."

Opposition was chiefly encountered by artillery; the Italian infantry was as fighty as at the start of the invasion. The captain commanding one company,

asked how the battle was going, replied: "We fired one Bren gun magazine, captured 170 Italian prisoners. We fired a few shots and out came the white flags. At one point it looked as if it might be difficult so we finished the magazine. The whole lot surrendered."

Victory March

By Ross Munro

Canadian Press War Correspondent

ON THE CANADIAN FRONT, Southeast Sicily, July 13 (delayed)—With the Italians surrendering in droves and towns capitulating with scarcely any fight, these first three days of the amazing Sicilian campaign have been a clean sweep for the Canadians on this sector.

I finally caught up with the fast-moving front line troops yesterday afternoon in a jeep after pursuing them on foot for two days. They were sitting on top of the world.

Even the commanders were surprised at the meagre defense the Italians were making of their homeland.

The Canadians have taken every advantage of the weak stand of the enemy, and American and British troops are having equal success. It has been a victory march so far through the vineyards, olive groves, plantations and over the chalk dust roads of this part of Sicily.

Yesterday (Monday) the Canadians joined up with the Americans on the left and have been keeping pace with a famous British division.

Every town in the Canadians' path has

fallen without major fighting. Pozzallo on the south coast, 15 miles west of the beach where we landed, was occupied by two companies. Ispica flew the white flag as we mounted the attack on this cliff-top town, which had been shelled by the Navy, and Rossolini collapsed before eastern Canada troops.

Modica, 15 miles northwest of Ispica, gave up as the Canadians were preparing to strike it, and here the Canucks captured their first Italian general—Achille d'Havel, commander of the 206th Coastal Division, which was supposed to defend the coast where the Canadians landed.

With the Canadian attack imminent the general asked for terms and was told "unconditional surrender." He accepted, and Maj. Dick Malone went into Modica to arrange the capitulation.

The reaction of Italian civilians has been rather surprising. We expected they might be sullen and completely uncooperative but it has not been like that.

Perhaps they are faking, but when the Canadians pass through towns dozens of citizens stand on the pavement and give the V-for-Victory sign, clap their hands and grin as if it was an Italian celebration.

In Modica a dead Canadian was lying by the roadside and the Italians had draped the body with a white sheet and placed flowers on it.

Just before we got to Modica late yesterday we passed a batch of more than 1,000 prisoners—captured by 50 Canadians after a short skirmish. They were completely unbeligerent. Guarded by a dozen Canucks, they crowded around and posed, pleased as Punch, when Army film unit cameramen photographed them.

Nazi Economic Control

Parallel with the exercise of administrative and operational war-time control of all countries occupied by the Nazis goes another and very important process.

German industrial concerns are systematically acquiring possession of leading business, bank and industrial organizations.

Commenting on this report, the well-known British paper, The Financial News, made these timely observations.

"The value of securities Germany's banks, industries and private investors have acquired in German dominated countries runs into many billions of dollars.

"If she is allowed to retain them she will emerge from the war enriched, while her victorious opponents will emerge impoverished.

"The liberated countries would then be condemned to pay tribute to vanquished Germany in perpetuity, in the form of dividends on the securities, and in various other forms by which Germany, controlling their industries, would secure economic advantages for herself at their expense.

"The only way by which Europe can be safeguarded against coming once more under German economic domination will be to deprive Germany of the economic control with the aid of which she will be able in due course to impose her will on the weaker continental countries."

Governments of the United Nations are well aware of what the Nazis are doing in occupied Europe, and have joined together to defeat the German purpose. An inter-Allied committee of experts is already working on a solution.

While it is impossible to forecast the methods that will be used in solving the many complex economic problems which will follow unconditional surrender, we can be sure that Europe will be freed from the economic servitude which has been forced upon her. This will be done before business and industrial organizations are rebuilt in the countries now under Nazi control.

'Put Shells Here,' Army Says—Navy Does Land-Sea Coordination at Its Best in Sicily Coast Drive

By Paul Lee

Associated Press War Correspondent

ABOARD A BRITISH CRUISER, Catania Bay, Eastern Sicily, July 14 (delayed)—The big guns of the British fleet, lobbing shells repeatedly into enemy strong points, are barking a remarkable

demonstration today of the effectiveness of Army-Navy coordination.

At dawn on July 12, having shot up the shore battery on the peninsula north of Augusta the night before, this cruiser and her sister ships left loose on the town of Melilla, ten miles inland, at the request of the Army. The enemy apparently had chosen the spot for a stand against the Allied advance. The town was captured the following afternoon and a shore observer signalled us: "Melilla damage worse than the London blitz."

In another case this ship began hammering field guns which were holding up British troops. It was the best shooting of the day; after three rounds the Army signalled: "Cease fire, target destroyed." Troops taking up positions four miles south added: "First-class shoot. Thank you."

During the afternoon of July 12 our ship was asked by the Army to bombard another enemy shore battery. Just as we prepared to do so, a new signal said, "Hold fire. Target being attacked by our tanks."

'Robbed of Prey'

A few minutes later came the signal: "Tanks destroyed target." "Robbed of our prey," exclaimed the chief gunner.

The Army soon suggested a new target and after 15 minutes' firing signalled, "Cease fire. Good work."

The city of Augusta seemed so quiet on the afternoon of July 12 that a Greek destroyer went boldly inside the harbor boom just to see what would happen. It came out firing hotly, and signalled it had taken one prisoner who claimed that the town was deserted, but they were being shelled by guns on the hills just outside the town.

As the sun was dropping towards the western hills several destroyers closed to point blank range and began a heavy shelling of Augusta. A hot battle quickly developed. Guns in and around the town disclosed their presence for the first time.

Fresh British infantry brought up by transport leaped into small landing craft

and stormed the beach under the cover of the destroyers' guns.

The scene was one of wild, weird beauty. To the right the great cone of Mount Etna loomed purple in the setting sun. Destroyers and assault craft were silhouetted black against the reddening sky with the antlike figures of assault troops racing up the rocky beach to the town.

Flashing guns sent black and white smoke rising from a score of points in and around the town, while enemy guns threw up a series of white splashes in the sea like rows of footlights.

Suddenly the Army asked us to quit firing as the troops had gained the north part of the town. As the sounds of battle thinned, the big ships pulled away slightly.

From shore came the following signal: "The field commander congratulates and thanks you all for today's grand shooting." The army ashore reported July 13 that Augusta was captured. After shelling various other points on the coast our ship and others subsequently moved daringly into Catania Bay to shell a variety of targets and draw return fire from at least eight-inch Italian guns using aircraft as spotters.

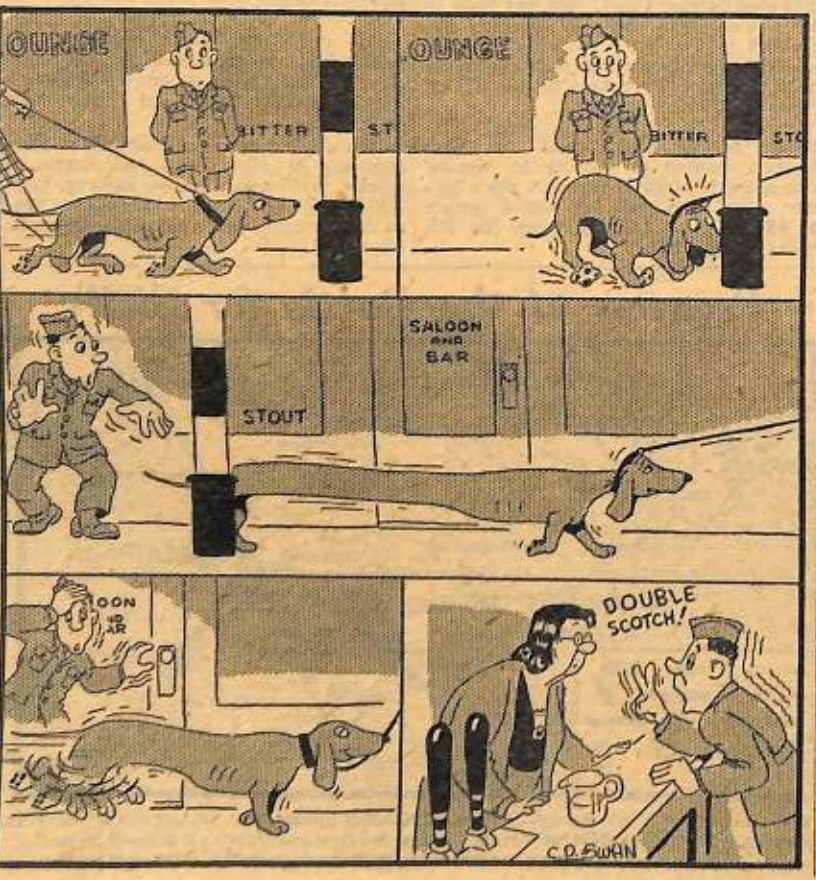
As we shelled the towns of Lentini and Carlentini, six miles inshore, big and little shells from the Catania area splashed the water 50 yards short of us. The ship silenced one battery on Punto Castelluzzo.

A terrific dog fight went on overhead as Spitfires chased Axis planes spotting for shore guns.

Coming in for another go at Lentini, our ship was straddled by two shells, so close that Cmdr. Patrick Brock said it looked as if he could touch them. The entire ship shook. Capt. Davis took us out at top speed, circled and dashed in at an oblique angle.

Going as close as possible to shore, we let Lentini have it with all the main armament. The cruiser was well within range of the Catania batteries, but the enemy appeared thunderstruck by the maneuver and was silent.

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# Rebels Notch Eighth Straight In SOS Loop

## Unbeaten Since May 25, Roosevelt Leaders Subdue MRUs

By M. M. Robins

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent  
SOS HEADQUARTERS, July 15—The Roosevelt Rebels, the Churchill Knockout Drops and the Stalin League Wolves and Chain Gang are out in front in the Special Service Unit's softball leagues as the third month of play here came to a close.

In this second half of the season, which started two weeks ago, the Rebels have won three straight, bringing their grand total to 16 triumphs and one loss. Since losing to the Flaming Bombers on May 25, they have taken eight straight games. The other three teams are newcomers in first place, having finished as follows in the first half: the Wolves in fourth, the Chain Gang in fifth, and the Kayo Drops in seventh. It remains to be seen whether these intruders can maintain their hot pace.

In the Churchill loop, the sensational pitching of Cpl. John T. Gapko, of Milwaukee, Wis., has kept the Drops out in front. He followed up his no-hitter of last week with a one-hitter against the Sad Sacks, winning 6-0. He extended his string of scoreless innings to 22 by whitewashing the Mobs, 9-0.

The Mobs retaliated for this loss with a close 2-6 win over the Jr. Commandos, 2-1. The luckless Commandos have lost three of their four games by one run. Winning hurler, Pfc Marshall M. Harbart, of Michigan City, Ind., was rapped for seven hits, three more than his mates collected from the slants of T/Sgt. Orville O. Lindquist, of Rockford, Ill. Another heart-breaker was lost by the Commandos to the Rangers, 1-0. T/Sgt. Merrill Mulder, of Racine, Wis., held the opposition to two bingles—one by Lindquist, who again was the losing hurler, and Pvt. Frank Flower, of Chicago.

### Aces Climb Above .500 Mark

The Medics Aces climbed above the .500 mark by taking the Sad Socks, 14-5. M/Sgt. Ken Bangston, of Goldfield, Iowa, was nicked by the losers for 14 blows, but they were kept from bunching them effectively.

The Wolves ran their winning streak to seven straight by shading the Gas House Gang, 4-3; their last game lost was to the Rebels, 10-0, on June 1. The Gang outthrew the Wolves, 11-7, but once again Capt. A. T. Hingle, of San Antonio, Texas, was effective in the pinches. The triple and home run by 2/Lt. R. C. Williamson, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, and the two singles by 2/Lt. J. J. McTigue, of Pittsburgh, were the main factors in the victory.

The Chain Gang tangled with the Kings for three-extra innings before subduing them, 6-5. The Kings led, 2-1, before their opponents tallied four runs in the fifth to move ahead, 5-2. In the next frame, the Kings tied the count thanks to the timely hitting of W/O Steve Skrzydlak of Chicago, 2/Lt. Frank C. Wippel, of Columbus, Ohio, and 2/Lt. Myron P. Moses, of New York. The Gang reached pitcher Wippel for the winning run to hand the triumph to Pvt. John Dzubinski, of Pittsburgh. The loss put the Kings into second place, a game behind the Wolves and the Chain Gang who are knotted in first place.

### Hoffman Yields Three Hits

In the Roosevelt League, the Rebels clashed with the MRUs and won, 3-1. Both teams had won the championship of their leagues in the first half of the season, and this was their first meeting. The winners' ace moundsman, Pfc John Hoffman, of Chicago, set the MRUs down with three hits, while his mates clipped Sgt. Andy Tack, of Elizabeth, N.J., for four. The Rebels scored all their runs in the first.

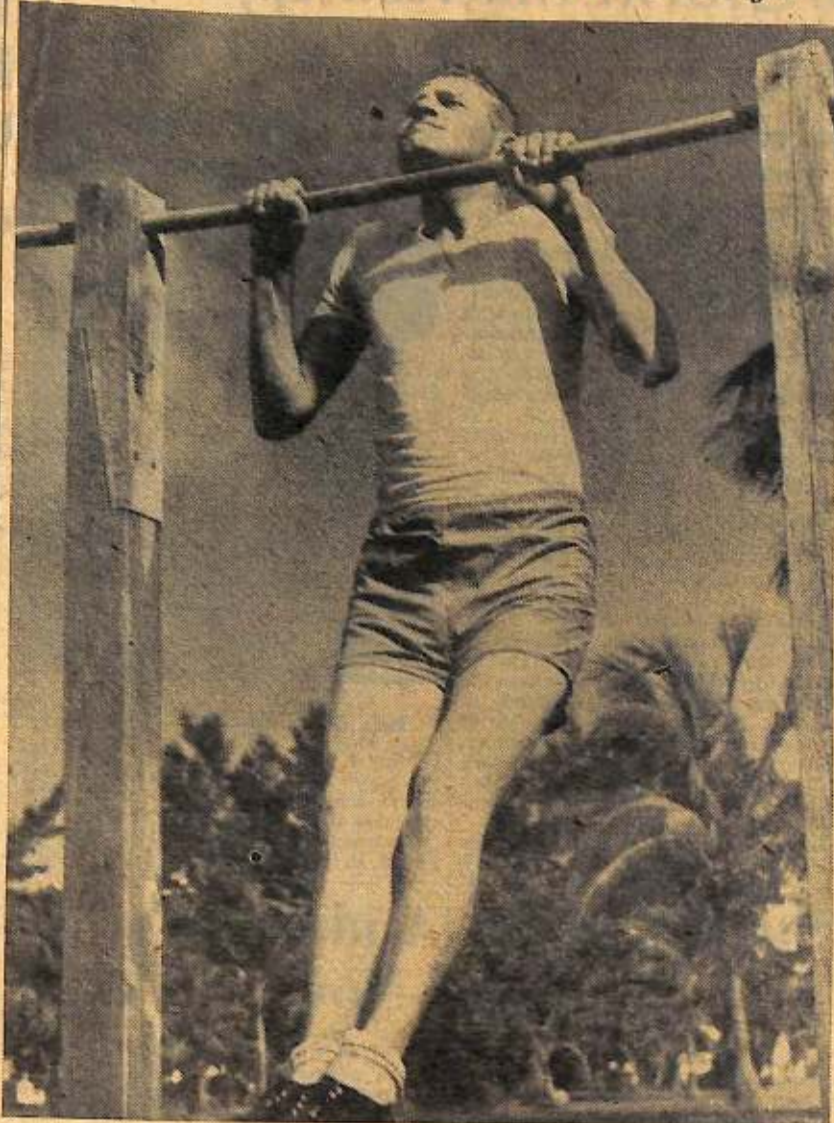
The MRUs fell to fourth place, losing to the second place Gophers, 4-3. They collected nine raps from the offerings of Pfc Norman Parker, of Ridgewood, N.J. Cpl. John R. Gray, of Baltimore, Md., started for the losers, but was relieved by Tack who lost the game when the Gophers tallied the winning run in the eighth.

The Flaming Bombers went into a second-place tie with the Gophers by beating the Aces, 5-1. Both pitchers gave up nine hits, with T/3 Walter Johnson, of Rochester, N.Y., the winner and W/O Robert A. Fox, of Cincinnati, the loser.

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# This is Horton Smith—The Golfer



Keystone Photo

Horton Smith, former golf professional, now undergoing training in the Army Air Force's officers' candidate school at Miami, Fla., feels that Air Force's technical training command's physical fitness program will prolong his brilliant career another ten years. Smith is a candidate for a commission as second lieutenant with the class of 1943 scheduled to be graduated this month.



American League							
Wednesday's Games							
No games scheduled.							
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
New York	43	30	.589	St. Louis	35	37	.486
Detroit	38	34	.528	Cleveland	35	38	.479
Washington	40	37	.519	Boston	35	39	.473
Chicago	35	36	.493	Philadelphia	34	44	.436

National League							
Wednesday's Games							
No games scheduled.							
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
St. Louis	48	24	.667	Philadelphia	34	42	.447
Washington	47	34	.580	Boston	32	40	.444
Pittsburgh	38	35	.521	Chicago	33	43	.434
Cincinnati	39	37	.513	New York	30	46	.395

American League						
G	AB	R	H	Pct.		
Stephens, St. Louis	61	195	33	65	.333	
Curtright, Chicago	73	317	41	102	.322	
Wakfield, Detroit	64	274	34	88	.321	
Hockett, Cleveland	71	272	22	82	.301	

National League						
G	AB	R	H	Pct.		
Musial, St. Louis	75	290	51	98	.331	
Herman, Brooklyn	81	302	42	99	.328	
Dahlgren, Philadelphia	76	282	42	91	.323	
Hack, Chicago	76	292	41	94	.322	
McCormick, Cincinnati	71	276	33	87	.313	

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# Angels Edge QM Nats, 7-6

AMERICAN SCHOOL CENTER, July 15—The American School Center Angels remained undefeated in the Southern Base Section's Northern Baseball League, staggering to a 7-6 decision over the QM Senators. The winning run came in dramatic fashion in the bottom half of the ninth inning as burly S/Sgt. Frank Davito, of Nokomis, Ill., smashed the longest home run ever hit on the Angel field with two out to break a 6-6 deadlock.

The Angels held a two-run lead until the eighth, when the Senators clubbed four successive singles to tie the score and set the stage for Davito's climatic last-inning blow.

Cpl. Francis Hecker, of New Orleans, winner in his two previous league efforts, labored through the nine innings with a painful back and was touched for ten hits while striking out 15 to hang up his sixth victory in seven starts.

# Ordnance Co. Stops Fliers With Triple Play in Third

AIR FORCE STATION, July 15—The Ordnance Ammunition Company softball team buried the Squadron beneath a 14-2 score after a triple play in the third erased the only serious threat the Fliers made. The victory was the 16th straight for the Ordnance team and their 23rd in 24 starts.

Pitcher Sgt. Paul Richards, of Chicago, set up the triple play when he speared a line drive. He whipped the ball to Third Baseman T/4 Gabriel Doucet, of Lafayette, La., and Second Baseman Cpl. Frank Kolmos, of Chicago, completed the combination.

Batting honors went to T/Sgt. Bob Zelus, of Chicago, and Pfc George Bauser, of Springfield, Ohio, with three hits apiece in four trips to the plate.

# Air Force MPs Rap QM Trucksters, 8-2

EIGHTH AIR FORCE HQ, July 15—The MP Fliers scored an 8-2 triumph over the QM Truck Company in a Headquarters league baseball game here yesterday.

Pvt. Calvin Tripp, of Greenwood, S.C., winning pitcher, allowed five safeties in giving the MPs their 12th victory against five defeats. Hitting honors went to Pvt. Ed Hawkins, of Seneca, S.C., who got four for four and drove in six runs.

# Dodgers Trade Newsom To Browns for 2 Hurlers

## Sgt. Joe Louis Entered In Links Tournament

CHICAGO, July 15—Sgt. Joe Louis has filed an entry in the \$10,000 Tam O'Shanter golf tournament to be held here next week. Louis was allotted the maximum handicap of six strokes.

Miss Betty Hicks, former women's golf champ, was sworn into the Coast Guard Reserve today. She will represent the SPARS in the tournament at the Tam O'Shanter club.

## Ram Sports Out For Duration

### Army Ban on Soldiers Forces Fordham Decision

NEW YORK, July 15—Fordham University, one of the top schools in intercollegiate sports, is dropping intercollegiate athletics for the duration. Jack Coffey, director of athletics for the Rams, said: "The Army has taken over Fordham and unless it lifts its ban on soldiers participating in athletics Fordham will be unable to field a team."

With 650 soldiers now studying at Fordham, the student body eligible for athletics has been dwindling since the start of the war. The Rams will be forced to cancel their football schedule, which included the following teams: North Carolina, Purdue, Texas Christian, Louisiana State, Holy Cross and North Carolina Preflight. St. Mary's and Tennessee had already been cancelled because they have dropped sports and Missouri because of transportation difficulties.

## Congressmen Against Ban

SYRACUSE, July 15—The Syracuse Post says 50 U.S. senators and 150 representatives have signed a petition asking the Army to raise the ban on soldiers in intercollegiate athletics, adding that the petition will be presented to Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson upon his return from England. Sec. Stimson is a scheduled speaker at a meeting here.

If the Army holds up the ban more colleges are expected to abandon football. The total is now 190 that have abandoned the sport.

# Bombers Top Photogs, 4-1

BOMBER COMMAND HQ., July 15—The Bomber Command nine defeated the Photo Intelligence Group, 4-1, here yesterday for their 13th successive victory.

Sgt. Al Mace, of Walliston, Vt., hurled one-hit ball up to the final stanza when he gave up three singles and a run. The Bombers scored three tallies in the third and another in the fifth.

The winners got six hits off Pvt. Stanley Gibson, of St. Louis, who suffered his second defeat in eight starts. This was Mace's sixth win and third four-hitter.

# Wildcats Rout Lightnings As Ginnity Racks Up 20th

FIGHTER STATION, July 15—Pitcher Ed Ginnity, of Manchester, N.H., won his 20th game when the Service Squadron Wildcats trounced the Fighter Squadron Lightnings, 14-4, in a station softball league game yesterday.

Following this victory—the Wildcats' 25th against three losses—Cpl. Sol Plushkin, of Bridgeport, Conn., manager of the team, issued a challenge to any softball team in the ETO seeking games.

Teams interested in the above challenge should write to the Sports Editor, The Stars and Stripes, Printing House Sq., London, EC4.

# North Irelanders Ahead

FIGHTER STATION, July 15—The league-leading Vagabond nine dropped a 4-1 decision to the fifth place North Irelanders here yesterday. T/Sgt. Buford Petty, of Williamsburgh, Ky., hurled his first game with the winners with T/Sgt. Dick Snyder, of McKeesport, Pa., the losing pitcher.

## McKain, Ostermueller Go To Brooklyn; Rickey Backs Up Lippy

BROOKLYN, July 15—Bobo Newsom, the Brooklyn Dodgers' leading pitcher and the center of last Saturday's revolt of the ball club, has been traded to the St. Louis Browns for Fritz Ostermueller and Archie McKain.

The deal followed an announcement made yesterday by Branch Rickey, Dodger president, that he is solidly behind Manager Leo Durocher in the dispute with the ball players.

Interviewed by an International News Service sports writer, Newsom declared, "I got the worst and rawest deal ever handed to a baseball player. I have no intention of reporting to the Browns and I'll quit playing baseball before I do. Sure I'll hang around here for a few days—and then I'll go home. Is that all straight in your mind?"

Previous to the announcement of the deal, Rickey stated that the suspension imposed by Durocher on Newsom would stick. He added that, contrary to earlier reports, Durocher didn't offer to quit. "If he had," Rickey explained, "I wouldn't have accepted his resignation."

Browns Waived on Him in '42 Rickey's action in dealing Newsom off the club reveals not only the club's attitude toward Newsom but also the National League's attitude because, since the trading deadline is past, waivers were necessary to get Bobo out of the League.

A leading pitcher with the Detroit Tigers in 1940 when they won the pennant, Newsom came to Brooklyn last summer from the Washington Senators, having served with several clubs, including the Browns, who waived on him last year.

McKain, who is almost 32, won 17 for Toledo last year and has a one-and-one average this year. Ostermueller, also a youngster—he's 35—won 11 for Toledo and three for the Brownies last year and has yet to win a game this year.



Bobo Newsom

# Results

International League						
Wednesday's Games						
Newark 6, Syracuse 4 (first game)	Hartford 5, Wilkes-Barre 6 (second game)	Jersey City 4, Baltimore 2	Buffalo 11, Montreal 3	Other teams did not play.		
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	

Toronto	55	36	.604	Rochester	40	42	.488
Newark	46	38	.548	Baltimore	38	41	.481
Syracuse	40	41	.494	Buffalo	39	43	.476
Montreal	42	43	.494	Jersey City	35	51	.407

Eastern League						
Wednesday's Games						
Hartford 2, Wilkes-Barre 1 (first game)	Hartford 5, Wilkes-Barre 6 (second game)	Binghamton 3, Albany 2	No other games played.			
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	

Scranton	47	18	.723	Albany	36	52	.529
Wilkes-Barre	39	28	.582	Hartford	33	44	.493
Elmira	39	31	.557	Springfield	25	41	.379
Binghamton	38	33	.535	Union	15	55	.214

American Association						
Wednesday's Games						
Toledo 4, St. Paul 0	Minneapolis 8, Columbus 4	Milwaukee 10, Louisville 5	Kansas City 9, Indianapolis 2 (first game)	Indianapolis 7, Kansas City		



# Airman, on KP, Given Highest U.S. Decoration

## Stimson Gives Gunner Congressional Medal Of Honor

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character," they say, and that's all they're sure about him.

Several weeks ago he came in after a pass a little late; and a week later he did it again. He was put on KP as a mild form of punishment, and for the last week he's been peeling potatoes in between raids.

After the ceremony someone asked Smith if he had any plans for the night. He didn't have any special plans. "I haven't got a pass for tonight, but I think I can arrange for one," he said.

The general opinion of the ranking officers that were there to congratulate him was that he probably could arrange for one.

Combat crews here are hardened to heroism, but the story of "Snuffy" Smith on his first raid May 1 over Flak City (St. Nazaire) is still talked over in Nissen huts at night. They talk about "Snuffy," himself, too. He is a character—not the typical American hero folks picture.

On May 1, Maynard Smith started out on his first raid. He was flying in a numbered but nameless ship piloted by 1/Lt. Lewis P. Johnson, who had been on 24 missions before.

Maynard Smith tells the story of the trip that won him the Congressional Medal this way:

### FWs Followed

"We had left St. Nazaire and headed out to sea with some FWs tailing us. I was watching the tracers from a Jerry fighter come puffing by our tail when, suddenly, there was a terrific explosion. Whoop! Just like that. Boy, it was a pip!

"My interphone and the electrical controls to my turret went out, so I hand-cranked myself up and crawled out of the turret into the ship. The first thing I saw was a sheet of flame coming out of the radio room and another fire by the tail wheel section.

"Suddenly, the radio operator, came staggering out of the flames. He made a bee line for the gun hatch and dived out. I glanced out and watched him hit the horizontal stabilizer, bounce off and open his chute. The poor guy didn't even have a 'Mac West.' I think it was burned off. By this time I was

pulling him back into the ship. I saw him if the heat was too much for him. All he did was stare at me and say, 'I'm getting out of here.' I helped him open the rear escape door and watched him bale out. His chute opened okay.

### Fire in Radio Room

"The smoke and gas were really thick. I wrapped a sweater around my face so I could breathe, grabbed a fire extinguisher and attacked the fire in the radio room. Glancing over my shoulder at the tail fire, I thought I saw something coming, and ran back. It was Gibson, the tail gunner, painfully crawling back, wounded. He had blood all over him.

"Looking him over, I saw that he had been hit in the back and that it had probably gone through his left lung. I laid him down on his left side so that the wound would not drain into the right lung, gave him a shot of morphine and made him as comfortable as possible before going back to the fires.

"I had just got started on this when that FW came in again. I jumped for one of the waist guns and fired at him. As he swept under us, I turned to the other waist gun and let him have it from the other side. He left us for a while, so I went back to the radio room fire again.

"I got into the room this time and began throwing out burning debris. The fire had burned holes so large in the side of the ship that I just tossed the stuff out through them. Gas from a burning extinguisher was choking me, so I went back to the tail fire. I took off my chute

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### Friday, July 16

- 5.45—Sign On—Program Resumé.
- 5.50—Gerald and his Orchestra.
- 6.00—News (BBC).
- 6.15—Personal Album—Bea Wayne sings your favorite songs.
- 6.30—Ivy Benson and her all-girl Orchestra (BBC).
- 7.00—Sports news—Presented by the Stars and Stripes radio reporters.
- 7.05—Kate Smith Program.
- 7.30—Tommy Dorsey Program—Dorsey's Orchestra plays "Dinah," "Tea for Two" and "A Pretty Girl is Like a Melody."
- 8.00—News From Home—Presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporters.
- 8.15—Fred Warne—Salute to Dartmouth College.
- 8.30—Tommy Trinder—BBC presents "Tommy Get Your Gun."
- 9.00—News (BBC).
- 9.10—Musical Miniature—Salon Orchestra.
- 9.20—Jack Benny Program—Dennis Day, Mary Livingston and Don Wilson.
- 9.45—Training Time—Five minutes of value to the American Soldier.
- 9.50—Memories—Old-time musical favorites.
- 10.00—Final Edition—Latest world, sport and Forces news presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
- 10.15—Ziggy Ullman and his Orchestra.
- 10.30—Sign Off until 5.45 Saturday, July 17.

# WO Lays Down \$2,475 For Largest Bond Sale

Chief Warrant Officer M. R. Lockard, of Baldwin, N.Y., made what officials of the new London War Bond Office believe is the ETO's largest single cash bond sale, when he laid down no less than \$2,475. He said he'd been saving up for it.

Date of the public-speaking contest for soldiers on "Why I Buy War Bonds," previously scheduled for Aug. 16 at the ARC Rainbow Corner, has been changed to Aug. 17 at 8 PM. 1/Lt. I. C. Ownbey, London bond officer announced yesterday.

A speaker from every London unit will compete, and men from outside London also may take part if they have their CO's permission, he said.

# Fortresses Cut Nazi Reserves

## Bastille Day Raid Struck Hard at Planes, Fields, Photographs Show

German hangars, repair shops, parked planes and aircraft factories were smashed when Flying Fortresses pounded three Nazi airfields in France Wednesday, reconnaissance photographs showed yesterday. At the same time, Mosquito pilots proved that enemy rail transport wasn't safe even 300 miles from England when they severely damaged two locomotives at Strasbourg.

The reconnaissance pictures showed that the airfields at Villacoublay, Le Bourget and Amiens, which were hit by the Forts in a Bastille day celebration over the suburbs of Paris, had suffered widespread destruction, which must have cut heavily into the Luftwaffe's reserves. More than 45 enemy fighters were shot down by the Forts.

At the Villacoublay field, located less than nine miles from the heart of Paris, two hangars were destroyed, four were damaged and three repair shops were wrecked, while 15 more, parked outside, suffered from blast.

Le Bourget field, which has been converted by the Germans into a plane repair station and air base, was hit more than 200 times, the photos showed. Two large small hangars and three additional

pilots escorted them, the most terrific air battle since that over Kiel, June 13, took place over Le Bourget. Many of the enemy fighters were shot down while only four of the Forts failed to return from that attack.

Dispersal areas and bomb-storage sites at Amiens-Glisy field were hit, the pictures showed. Although the buildings were in the cover of heavy woods, ten hangars were believed to have been severely hit. Tremendous explosions followed the hits on the bomb dumps.

Brig. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, newly appointed head of the Eighth Bomber Command, gave much of the credit for the success of the missions to the Thunderbolts which escorted the bombers. He sent a letter of congratulation to Brig. Gen. Frank O'D. Hunter, commander of the Eighth Fighter Command.

so I could move easier. I'm glad I didn't take it off sooner, because later I found that it had stopped a .30 caliber bullet.

"I fired another burst with the waist guns, and went back to the radio room with the last of the extinguisher fluid. When that ran out I found a water-bottle and a urine can and poured those out.

"After that I was so mad I urinated on the fire and finally beat on it with my hands and feet until my clothes began to smolder. That FW came around again and I let him have it. That time he left us for good. The fire was under control, more or less, and we were in sight of land.

"Lt. Johnson brought the ship in okay, and by the time we stopped rolling I had the fires completely out. It was really a miracle the ship didn't break in two in the air."

Many of the details were filled in by the men flying in the Forts on the wings of Lt. Johnson's ship. The ship flown by Capt. Raymond Check, who has since been killed, was closest to the ship in which the story took place.

The men in Capt. Check's ship could see the stubby little ball turret gunner working feverishly, head bobbing as he

# Brig. Gen. Anderson Appointed To Head 8th Bomber Command

## Expert on Attack Tactics Succeeds Brig. Gen. Longfellow

Brig. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, who assisted in developing American bombing tactics and was chief of a pre-Pearl Harbor mission to study RAF bombing tactics, has been appointed commander of the Eighth Bomber Command, replacing Brig. Gen. Newton D. Longfellow, it was announced at Eighth Air Force Headquarters yesterday.

Gen. Anderson, who is 38, has spent his entire military career in the air force, winning his wings a year after graduation from West Point in 1928 as a second lieutenant of cavalry. With Brig. Gen. Ken Walker and Maj. Gen. George Stratemeyer, now chief of air staff, he worked out the tactics used by all American bombers, and in 1940 he started the bombardier instructors' school.

In 1941, Gen. Anderson headed a bombardment tactics board that came to England to study bombing methods of the RAF. He returned to England in December, 1942, as the representative of Gen. H. H. Arnold, USAAF commander, in bombardment matters. He went back to Washington for two weeks, then returned to England again as the commander of a Fortress wing.

Gen. Anderson wears one of the few DFCs awarded in peace time. In 1934,



Brig. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson

he flew a blazing plane away from the downtown area of San Francisco and out to sea before he baled out. The plane exploded seconds after he had left it. He was promoted to brigadier general Feb. 8, 1942. His home is in Washington.

# 3 States to Meet At Palace Club

NORWICH, July 15—Men from South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia will hold state nights Wednesday at 7:30 at the Bishop's Palace Red Cross club here. A variety show will be held Saturday night at 8 o'clock.

Program for the week:  
Friday—Tennis party, 3-6 PM.  
Saturday—Garden party, soldier hill billie band, 3.30-5.30 PM.  
Monday—Movie in lounge, 8 PM.  
Tuesday—Ping-pong tournament, 9.15 PM.  
Thursday—Picnic, swimming, boating, 2.30-8 PM.

### Manchester

MANCHESTER, July 15—Program for the week at the Red Cross Service club, 36 St. Ann Street:  
Monday—House committee meeting, 7.15 PM; Recorded musical hour, 8-9 PM.  
Wednesday—Dance, 7-10.30 PM.  
Saturday—Dinner dance, Gethic's orchestra, 6.30-10.30 PM.  
Sunday—Pet show, 2-6 PM; Supper dance, 6-10 PM.

# Gen. Devers Congratulates Cast of 'Eve of St. Mark'

A letter of congratulations for the cast and producers of the "Eve of St. Mark" has been received from ETOUSA commander, Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers. "This play by Mr. Maxwell Anderson," he wrote, "which has had a long and successful run in the United States, is one which should be seen by all Army men who find it possible to attend, and by our many friends in Britain. I was greatly and emotionally affected by this splendid production."

The "Eve of St. Mark," which has an all soldier and ARC cast, is produced by the Theater Unit of the CBS Special Services Section, and plays every night but Mondays at 6.30 o'clock at the Scala Theater, London.

tossed a load of stuff out the window, went back to fire fighting again and then hit the floor to lay low for a few seconds to gasp for breath.

At first they could see the tail dragging as the pilot of the stricken Fort fought for control of the ship. Smith heaved enough equipment over, including guns, ammunition and safety devices, so that the ship flew on.

Only the heavy skeleton held the plane together as the fire burned through the sides. Fire reached the ammunition boxes and .50 caliber shells began popping before Smith could get to them to throw them overboard.

The wounded tail-gunner was in agony and besides giving him first aid, Smith had to lie to him to keep his courage up. Every few minutes he would lean over him and shout "Yeah, we're in sight of England now, we'll only be a few minutes longer." It was three quarters of an hour from the first time he said that before they saw the English coast.

From the other side of the radio room, S/Sgt. William W. Fahrendorf, of McKee's Rock, Pa., was doing heroic work, but he didn't have the wounded men and the fire was blowing away from him.

# Andrews Field Now U.S. Post

ANDREWS FIELD, England, July 15—This airfield, the first in England to be completed by U.S. engineers, was transferred formally at noon today to the USAAF.

In the presence of Col. Samuel K. Anderson, of Greensboro, N.C., commanding officer of the — Bombardment Wing, and other officials, the Stars and Stripes replaced the Union Jack on the station flagpole as the post band played the national anthems of America and Britain.

Lt. Col. Glenn C. Nye, of Raleigh, N.C., commander of the base, received the transfer receipt from RAF Squadron Leader Aldin Houghton. An RAF platoon and a U.S. color guard presented arms during the exchange of flags.

The field was dedicated several months ago, when it was named in honor of Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, former ETO commander who was killed in a plane crash in Iceland.

Maj. Alfred H. Von Kolnitz, of Charleston, S.C., was in charge of arrangements.

# R. G. Hoyt, Eighth Fighter Wing Chief, Gets Star

Col. Ross G. Hoyt, commander of an Eighth Fighter Command wing, has been promoted to the rank of brigadier general, it was announced at Eighth Air Force Headquarters.

Gen. Hoyt, who has been a flier since the last war, was in China when World War II started and served as director of air operations in Australia from January to June, 1942.

In 1929, Gen. Hoyt was one of the Army pilots who made the New York-Nome flight, and later piloted the refueling ship for the "Question Mark" when it made its endurance flight. Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker was one of the pilots of the "Question Mark."

# CBS to Broadcast Sundays On U.S. Forces Network

The Special Service section, CBS, will broadcast from 5.30 to 6 PM each Sunday over the American Forces Network, beginning this Sunday.

Plans for the programs are still tentative but they will be primarily musical. Guest speakers and entertainers will participate.

The — Infantry band, under the direction of WO Frank Rosato, will play for the first program.

# U.S. Air Medal to RCAF Flier

For intercepting and guiding a flight of USAAF planes to a safe landing at a friendly base under adverse weather conditions, Squadron Leader Richard J. Bennel, RCAF, has been awarded the U.S. Army Air Medal. The announcement, made by Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, Eighth Air Force commander, said Bennel's action probably saved several planes.

# NEWS FROM HOME U.S. Weighing Post-War Rule Of All Aviation

## Far-Reaching House Bill Submitted to Companies For Suggestions

WASHINGTON, July 15 (AP)—A post-war plan of government-regulated and government-financed aviation has been drawn up in Congress for action in the autumn. It is believed to be the most far-reaching legislation ever conceived in the 40-year history of American aeronautics.

The bill has been drafted in the House by the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee and copies are circulating among aviation concerns for suggestions. The bill would transform the Civil Aeronautics Administration into a Civil Aeronautics Commission with completely independent status and sweeping powers for the promotion, regulation and investigation of American aviation.

### Promote Public Interests

The commission would have the right "to make payments to air-carriers to enable them to promote public interests." This applies to both domestic and international air transportation.

On the domestic side such payments are planned for "experimental purposes" only, but in the international field they would be unlimited subject only to the amounts Congress makes available.

The commission could require civilian airlines operating internationally to extend their lines still further if the general interests of the U.S. seemed to be augmented by such an extension.

In the case of the extension not being self-supporting, the commission could make up the difference to operators.

### MacArthur For President

PRINCETON, N.J., July 15—Thomas E. Dewey, Wendell Willkie and Gen. Douglas MacArthur are three top choices for the 1944 Republican Presidential nomination in New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois, according to the Gallup Poll.

### Rome Recreation Center

BOSTON, Mass., July 15—Anticipating an early victory in Sicily and Italy, the Grand Lodge of Elks has appointed Edward J. McCormack, of Toledo, Ohio, to start plans for a recreation center for American soldiers in Rome.

### Japs Aim for Medicos

CHICAGO, July 15 (UP)—The Japanese fighting in the Pacific would rather kill an American doctor than a general, according to Lt. Cmdr. Dewey Jackson, who revealed that casualties among members of medical units in the Far East have been remarkably high.

### Bulldog Hatches Egg

PONTIAC, Mich., July 15 — A Boston bulldog owned by Mrs. Charlotte Hoadley hatched an egg that was placed under the dog three days before. The chick refuses to leave its foster mother.

### Personal Records Banned

WASHINGTON, July 15—The War Department has banned phonograph records carrying personal messages to soldiers overseas. Hundreds of records bearing greetings have been sent through the mails by several commercial companies.

# Sicily - - - -

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entire staff of the 54th Napoli division surrendered to the British. In six days the invading troops have taken 12,000 prisoners, of whom two-thirds were captured by the Americans. Eight thousand already have been evacuated.

Last night's communique said the situation at Augusta had been fully restored and the Eighth Army had advanced some miles beyond Augusta. Heavy street fighting occurred in the city Wednesday night some 12 hours after the Allied communique had announced capture of the port, an NBC commentator broadcast to New York last night.

He added that when British cruisers first began to bombard Catania Wednesday evening they sent up "an almost solid wall of flame and smoke along 20 miles of the Sicilian coast." He said he saw four- and six-inch guns wrenched from their emplacements and gasoline and oil dumps blown up in great explosions.

**BENGAL TIGER RESTAURANT**  
AUTHENTIC HINDOO DISHES

OH, MY STOMACH! THAT'S WHAT I GET FOR EATING THOSE WEIRD EXOTIC DISHES. THE SANDWICH AND THE COFFEE AND THE PIE COMPOSED OF APPLES!

I, TOO, AM IN AGONY AFTER THAT FEAST OF FANTASTIC FOODS! OH, IF ONLY WE COULD GET SOME GOOD PLAIN FOOD—LIKE A WELL-RIPENED SNAKE EGG AND A HOT STEAPING CLIP OF CURDLED MONGOOSE MILK!!

YES, COMPATRIOTS, WE HAVE WHAT YOU WANT, BUT YOU, ALAS, HAVE NOT WHAT WE WANT—NAMELY, CASH ON THE LINE!

OH, OUR MOUTHS WATER FOR SOME GOOD, SENSIBLE FOOD, LIKE COBRA CUTLETS—OR YAK STEW!

HOW CAN WE EARN A FEW RUPEES, TO PURCHASE THE AFOREMENTIONED NECESSITIES OF LIFE?

WELL, ANOTHER OF OUR COMPATRIOTS—THE FAKIR, SWAMI RIVA—IS NOW EMPLOYED AS AN ACT AT THAT DECREEPIT BURLESQUE THEATRE. HEAR HE! HE NEEDS CHEAP LABOR.

THANK YOU FOR THIS VALUABLE LEAD, OH COMPATRIOT!!