

Vital Damage Inflicted at Schweinfurt

Soviet Trap Faces 2 Big Nazi Forces

Russian Drives May Seal Off Crimea, Every Nazi In Dnieper Bend

The fate of two great German armies hung in the balance last night as triumphant Russian forces pounced on newly won opportunities to seal off every Nazi in the Crimea and threatened to envelop the huge enemy salient in the great Dnieper Bend.

The fall of Zaporozhe opened the way down the east bank of the Dnieper to the last German-controlled escape railway from the Crimea. Russians thrusting southwest from Kremenchug hourly drew nearer to lopping off the 12,000 square miles of territory encompassed in the bend of the river.

In between the two points the entire Nazi line along the Dnieper was crumbling beneath hammer-like blows of the Red onslaught.

At Kiev, the Russians had belted their way into the outer rim of the Nazi defenses to the rear of the city, after circling behind the capital of the Ukraine. It appeared that German forces left in Kiev were trapped.

Steady Progress at Gomel

Soviet units which swept inward after crossing the Dnieper north and south of the city were snuffing out one German position after another after getting around behind Kiev.

Similar tactics were being pursued in the battle for Gomel. Advances in this section were not so spectacular, but steady progress was being made. Farther north still, the Russian advance along the White Russian front was continuing.

But it was in the extreme south where last night's big news centered.

The sweep into Melitopol cut the last remaining Nazi rail link with Sevastopol, in the Crimea, leaving the Germans with only the hastily constructed railway from Dzhankoi to Kherson along which to withdraw their Crimean armies.

Any Nazi "Dunkirk" from the Crimea was bound to be dealt with by the Red's Black Sea fleet, which is again using the Novorossiisk base and Anapa and which was ready to pounce on any attempt to move troops out by sea.

Wildcat Strikes Close Coal Pits

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15—Wildcat coal strikes in protest against the return of government-operated pits to private owners today closed most of the mines in the Birmingham area of Alabama, crippled others in Indiana and threatened to spread throughout the nation.

The effect of the work stoppage—un-sanctioned by the United Mine Workers—was felt almost immediately in the nation's steel mills and other war-producing industries.

Government operation of coal mines was terminated Wednesday when Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, acting as federal coal mines administrator, returned to private operators the 1,700 mines remaining under federal control. The government took possession of the pits on May 1 by a Presidential order after a nation-wide strike.

Senate Group to Probe Globe-Trotters' Report

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (UP)—An inquiry into lend-lease became a certainty today when the Senate appropriations committee appointed a sub-committee to collaborate with the Truman committee to review investigations made by the five globe-trotting Senators who returned to Washington recently.

The sub-committee to investigate the charges included anti-British Senator Nye, Senator Tydings, an opponent of President Roosevelt, and Senator Truman.

Stockholm Hears Italy Ready to Fight Japanese

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 15—Italy is ready to declare war against Japan because of Japanese aggression against Italian interests in the Far East and is willing to send Italian warships into the Pacific to cooperate with the U.S. Navy, the Berne correspondent of the Stockholm Dagbladet said today.

Souvenir from Nazi Rocket Plane?



That ten-pound chunk of metal being held by Lts. Elmer J. Nardi, of Healdsburg, Cal., and H. E. Bergman, of Ellendale, N.D., was found embedded in the wing of their B-17 after a raid over Germany recently. Experts believe it is a fragment of a shell from a rocket gun which the Germans are reported to be mounting on twin-engined fighters and light bombers to combat the heavily-armed Fortresses.

Allies Gain, Seize Campobasso; Land Behind Nazis at Volturmo

German troops were driven from the important communications center of Campobasso yesterday as Allied columns pressed closer to Rome and British infantry and armored forces swept ashore in an amphibious landing behind the Volturmo line.

Campobasso, seven miles northeast of Vinchiaturio, fell after heavy street fighting by American tank troops and Canadians, who outflanked the town and threatened to surround its German defenders. Before the trap was sprung the Nazis fled in the night.

Along the bitterly-contested Volturmo front the Fifth Army pushed northward two to five miles in spite of heavy fighting along the north bank and strong German counter-attacks with tanks and mobile artillery.

Seize Heights Near Capua

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Mrs. Colin Kelly Marries

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 15—Mrs. Colin P. Kelly Jr., wife of the bomber pilot who gave his life to sink the Japanese battleship Haruna, was married today to Dr. J. Watson Peelow, of Philadelphia, a chemical engineer who is now a naval officer.

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Huge Bearing Plant At Least 50% Gone; 'Like Ploesti'—Arnold

Crews Were Told Success Might Cut War By 6 Months; Loss of 60 Forts Is Called 'No Setback'

The destruction of a considerable part of Germany's ball and roller bearing industry at Schweinfurt, Germany, during the attack by Flying Fortresses on Thursday was announced last night by Eighth Air Force Bomber Command.

Conservative early estimates indicated that at least one-fourth of Germany's bearing production had been knocked out, an official Air Force communique said. Crews had been told before they took off that successful completion of their mission might shorten the war by six months.

In Washington last night Gen. Henry H. Arnold, commander of the United States Army Air Forces, said the mission ranked in importance with the Liberators' raid on the Ploesti oilfields.

Schweinfurt's plants, Gen. Arnold said, made at least half of the ball-bearings manufactured in German-occupied Europe and 75 per cent of those manufactured in Germany itself.

The heavy damage inflicted on the plant was shown in photographs made during the bombing, Bomber Command said last night. It was estimated conservatively that at least 50 per cent of the production in the vital plants had been stopped, thus accounting for 25 per cent of Germany's total production of ball and roller-bearings.

The importance of the target was shown by the fierce resistance that the Germans offered. Sixty American heavy bombers were destroyed, the Eighth Air Force said, in what was described as the most severe aerial battle ever fought over Europe.

Expected Heavy Losses

Heavy losses had been expected, however, Brig. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, chief of Bomber Command, said last night.

"We had expected our losses to be heavy and they were," Gen. Anderson said. "But the damage done the enemy was much greater. Weather over the target was excellent and the bombs were concentrated on vital points in the area.

"Results of this attack eventually will be apparent in a shortage of German tanks, planes, guns and armored vehicles on the Russian, Mediterranean and Western fronts and a slowdown in submarine construction."

Gen. Arnold said in Washington that 60 Fortresses and 592 crew members had been lost. "At least half," he said, "are believed to be alive as prisoners of war, on the basis of past experience."

He said that the American bombers had "encountered the most intense fighter opposition so far met over Europe."

Drop Incendiaries

The attack will have "a definite effect on German war economy within a reasonably short period of time," Gen. Arnold declared.

Two waves of bombers dropped 485 tons of bombs and 88 tons of incendiaries, he revealed.

"It was not just a spectacular air raid. It was an engagement between large armies," he said. "In a period of a few hours we invaded German-held Europe to a depth of 500 miles, and socked and crippled one of her most vital enterprises.

"We did it in daylight with precision, aiming our explosives with the care and accuracy of a marksman firing a rifle."

President Roosevelt, speaking to newsmen at his press conference, called the Schweinfurt losses "serious" and asserted that the Eighth Air Force could not afford such losses regularly, but on the credit side of the ledger, he said, was

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New B29 Super-bomber May See Combat Soon

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15—A new Boeing super-bomber, listed as the B29, with a range longer than Fortresses and Liberators and a bomb capacity exceeding British Lancasters, Stirlings and Halifaxes, was taken off the secret list today with the Army's disclosure that it is now in production and may appear in combat within a few months.

Airmen said the new ship was capable of bringing the innermost centers of Hitler's European Fortress and the Japanese empire within reach of U.S. bombardiers.

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Grateful U.S. to Give RAF Ace DFC

By Andrew A. Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The Eighth Air Force today will pay due homage to an RAF flier who has bagged 26 German planes, 13 of them while flying his deadly Spitfire in squadrons escorting American bombers.

He is Wing Commander James E. Johnson, double DSO, double DFC, an ace of aces, who will receive the American Army's DFC in ceremonies at Eighth Air Force headquarters, from Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, commander of the Eighth.

Johnson, who has shot down more German planes while protecting U.S. bombers in raids over Europe than any other man in any other air force, was to be but one of a number of American and British heroes to be honored in an interchange of awards by the two governments.

The RAF pilot has flown 75 missions across the Channel nursing Flying Fortresses and medium bombers. In all he has flown 240 offensive sorties, and until grounded three weeks ago to rest up for the winter and more hunting, "Wingo" Johnson, "Johnny" to his friends, was the RAF's highest scoring fighter pilot still in action.

Since he has been grounded, "Johnny" has been planning the operations for Spitfire pilots who give protection to the U.S. B26s. Johnson's pilots hold a place in a



James E. Johnson

Marauder crewman's heart right next to his mother.

Johnson would rather go out with

Fort than Marauders. "They draw the fighters better," he says simply, and that probably explains why Johnson ranks with the top ten RAF aces. He likes it. "It is the greatest game in the world," he says. "I often think of the similarity between this business and hunting, on the way over the Channel."

As a wing commander, Johnson's job on an operation was to find German fighters to engage, and the hunt was usually the toughest part of the job. Before he starts on a job Johnson completely familiarizes himself with the overall picture of the day's operations. He knows where every attack will take place and what course the bombers will take to reach the target.

"Then I try to put myself in the German commander's position," Johnson says. "If I were a German squadron commander I would move my fighters from this field to that field, so we'll go and have a look at that field, I say to myself. Maybe we'll catch someone we can smack."

The first time Johnson went over as B17 escort he was amazed at the numbers the Eighth Air Force sent over. "There were about 100 that day and we'd never seen so many heavy bombers in the air at one time," he said. "Those Fortresses

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Straight Thinking

Straight thinking is the mother of ideas, and ideas are the most powerful force and the most useful things in the world today.

Benjamin Franklin had an idea that lightning was a form of electricity and that electricity could be harnessed and put to work. In his time it was a small idea; but it grew. Today electricity is harnessed, and it has begun to change the face of the earth and the ways of millions of people.

In a world at war our fundamental concern should be the building of habits of straight thinking, and while the answer as to how this can be done is by no means simple it is not altogether baffling, for the lives of straight thinkers are an open book and we can read.

A study of the lives and works of straight thinkers indicates a pattern that can be followed. Known to all of us are many of the immortal thinkers, amongst whom are Aristotle, Dante, Bacon, Newton, and our own Alexander Hamilton and Daniel Webster. To this list could be added the names of many other men who have done much to give us a standard of accurate observation and clear thought expressed in action; but it also takes only elementary thinking to conclude that we have among us today many whose ideas are thin and threadbare or full of holes in a conspicuous section, and that these persons will fight to the death to prove their false theories. Pride of opinion, to such, is more important than truth.

Yet to know the truth and to be loyal to it is perhaps the most important need of civilization and certainly the foundation of straight thinking.

Ship News

Every reporter kicks the slats off his cradle reciting the line that it's not news when a dog bites a man, but it is news when a man bites a dog, for that rule has stood the test of time in a world interested in the unusual.

So by the old yardstick it's not news when a Kaiser yard begs a production record of another shipyard; but it is when a Kaiser yard beats the record of another Kaiser yard, and that's what's been happening back home.

In July we recorded the story of Kaiser's great Oregon shipyard. At that time they were celebrating the launching of their two hundredth Liberty ship, most famous of which was the Joseph N. Teal, built in ten days. But it was the Richmond Number One of the Permanent Metals Corporation which has since developed into the Kaiser dark horse and potential grand champion. This yard delivered the Robert E. Peary in four days 15 hours and 26 minutes, a ship that was actually at sea with a full cargo 14 days from the laying of its keel, and it was this yard that was first to deliver its three hundredth ship to the United States government.

Justly proud of their distinction, the 90,000 workers involved have pledged themselves to keep ahead of all other yards in the delivery of ships, so that supply lines to every battlefield will remain open until victory is ours and their ships can be used to take us all back home.

From these workers we accept this pledge in grateful appreciation.

Post-War Resolution

By a vote of seven to one, Mr. Connally's sub-committee of the Senate gave its approval to a declaration of post-war policy which would pledge the United States to "join with free and sovereign nations in the establishment and maintenance of international authority with power to prevent aggression and preserve the peace of the world."

If this new resolution is adopted by a majority of substantially more than two-thirds (of the Senate) an event of tremendous importance will have taken place, claims the New York Times, commenting on the Senate committee action, for still retaining its constitutional power to approve or disapprove the ultimate product, the Senate will have given the President a clear mandate to proceed at once to the negotiation of new treaties or a new covenant which will put the power of the United States squarely behind the execution of the post-war treaties in the interest of a lasting peace.

Hash Marks

Fun on the Home Front. Prof. C. I. Althouse, of Los Angeles, who is a crystal gazer and reader of the stars, has been so busy telling clients "what is going to happen to them," that he forgot to check on his own future. Right after he left his office he slipped on a curb and broke his leg and was delayed getting to the hospital when his ambulance rolled into a ditch.

Our nomination for the costliest salute of the war was one given by an unknown Pvt. at Camp Stoneman, Cal. Making



a medical inspection of a service club at the camp, Brig. Gen. Walter DeWitt walked into the cafeteria kitchen. The GI, carrying 25 plates, spotted the silver stars, and, without a moment's hesitation, snapped to attention and dropped the crockery.

Surprise, surprise! A Minneapolis grocer who has been held up by men who walked in with their hands stuck in their pockets, just like in the movies, began to wonder whether these stick-up men really had weapons. So the next time a gunman walked in and said, "This is a stick-up!" the grocer shouted, "Let me see your gun." The stick-up artist gasped, turned and ran, shouting over his shoulder, "You win." The smart storekeeper said he saved 150 bucks that time.

You never can tell where the food shortage will rear its ugly head next. The other day there was a great deal of complaining among the nation's senators. The Senate restaurant had run out of soup—for the first time since the Capitol was built.

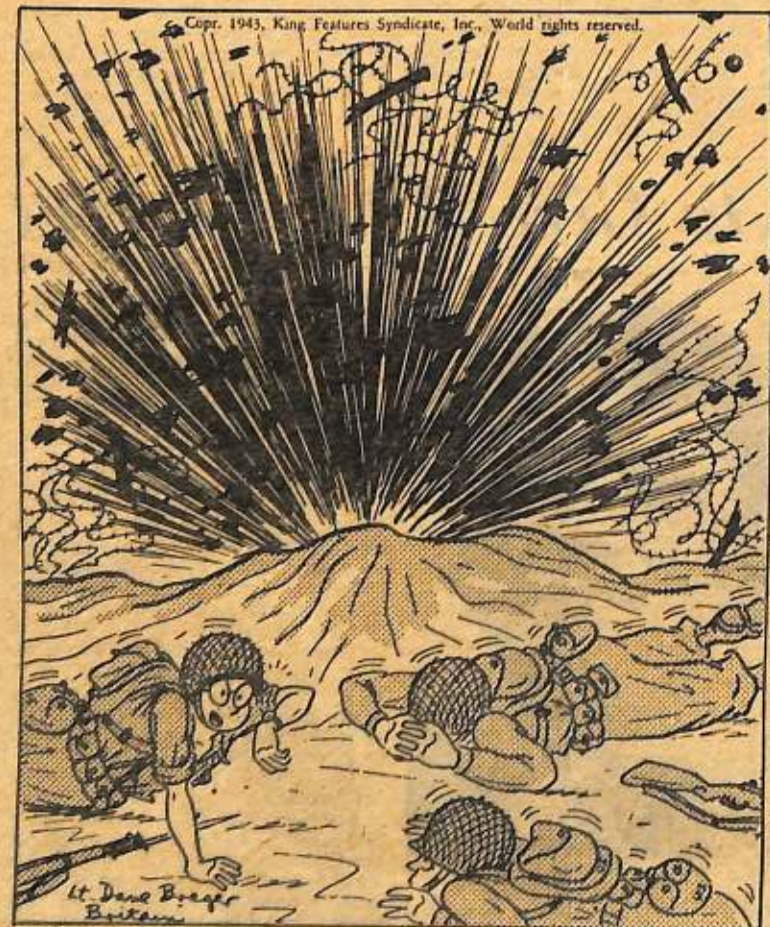
A Nazi radio newscaster, it is reported, outdid himself the other night, producing what we consider the classique enemy



communique of the war. Blabbed the expert to an eager German public: "American four-engined bombers penetrated Western Germany in great force today. Eighty-one of the attacking bombers were shot down for the loss of one German fighter. One of our cities is missing."

Quip of the week (by T/5 William R. Henes): "The American Forces should find smooth sailing in Venice because, in order to get anywhere around there, you have to go through channels."

PRIVATE BREGER



"Oh, boy! It started my watch going again!"

T/5 Santa Claus Already at Work



Pvt. Charles Barnett, of Elmo, Mo., wields a chisel on a wooden toy gun pattern. When finished it will be given to a British child.



T/5s Mary Wahl, of Fairfax, Minn. (left), and Louise Weseman, of LaGrange, Ill., paint models to be given as presents.

London's Poor Kids To Get Toys from 'Hobby Shops'

By Arthur W. White

Thousands of British kids are going to have fun this Christmas if all the plans being made by GI hobby enthusiasts here work out without a hitch.

In a hobby shop that looks and sounds almost like a Detroit war factory, soldiers are turning out masses of toys in their spare time to give to the guests they intend to invite to Christmas parties. More than 2,000 toys are scheduled for children from London's East End.

Sponsored by Special Service and backed by the American Red Cross, which gave £218 to equip this shop alone—four more are being fixed up at nearby stations—the idea has caught on so fast that more than 60 men daily are coming in to work.

Knick-knacks for Barracks

Children's toys are the big thing at the moment, but that's not the main idea. Lots of guys who used to tinker with a tool kit and lathe in the little machine-shop in the basement back home haven't had a saw in their hands since they donned OD. The army figured that if they had the same facilities over here they might put their spare time to more advantage, making personal knick-knacks for barracks and offices, and enjoy themselves in the process. The number crowding the shop proved the success of the experiment, and plans are being made to extend similar

facilities to many more ETO installations.

Veteran carpenters are not the only regular customers. Men who couldn't knock a nail in straight a month ago now are turning out everything from foot-lockers to wooden shower-slippers. Red signs plastering the white-washed walls, warning "Careful—you need your fingers," were for their benefit.

The machinery—a modern drill press, jig saw, lathe, hand-saw and jointer—was purchased in London shops on a priority permit from the British Machine Tool Control by Sgt. Milton M. Jacobson, of Brooklyn, who works in Special Service under Lt. Col. William Baily, the man behind the scheme.

Magazines Scanned for Ideas

Sgt. Pete J. Balutis, of Kewanee, Ill., "animal-maker and tommy-gun-designer-in-chief," says there isn't much to designing toys. "I thumb through magazines, and when I see something I think the kids will like I check our pile of scrap wood, plexiglass and empty shells for material, and start drawing."

A couple of brigades of tanks and a troupe of slightly lopsided elephants made from wooden crates were on display. A classy-looking fire-engine was coming up. Some of the boys, wrestling with stubborn designs, had enlisted some first-class help. Sitting demurely in a sheltered corner, slapping paint on toys faster than any GI, were two WAC T/5s.

Louise Weseman, of La Grange, Ill.,

and Mary Wahl—"they call me 'AWOL'"—of Fairfax, Minn., are the vanguard of a corps of WAC toy volunteers.

"When the boys are finished making them we're going to take the toys back to our barracks and do the paint job," they said. The WACs also are going ahead on their own hook and making animals which GI hosts hope to stuff with PX candy and gum for the Christmas parties.

Bandsmen Get Busy

Three "Flying Yanks," members of the Eighth Air Force band—T/Sgt. Charles Cleaver, Kansas City, and Sgts. Jess Corrales, Los Angeles, and Bill Uberti, Watertown, Mass.—who played for morning parade and were booked later for retreat and a big dance in town, were making the most of an afternoon break, Uberti, who already has finished 30 march books for the band, was in the middle of a new rack-case for 24 music stands.

Sgt. Walter Waldecker, of Washington, making a fire engine and ladders, also has fashioned several wallets and done other leather work, a shop activity that has temporarily ceased during "the Christmas rush." Another of his specialties is making ashtrays from spent 37 mm. shells and lighters from .50-caliber bullets.

"I got the afternoon off," he said, "and in a weak moment tossed up whether to go and see a Betty Grable movie in town or come over here and finish the fire-engine. I lost!"

Money Is the Open Sesame To Gaiety in War-Time N.Y.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15—With a heavy sheaf of folding green plus the realization that you're due for a costly clipping if you take on too much joy juice and the physical stamina to battle your way into every joint, you can have a helluva good time in New York's war-time night life.

Most important is the money. Without it you're a gone gosling, able only to patronize the "Beer—15 cents" saloons on Broadway and the West Side.

For, since America went to war, guzzling and its allied amusements have rocketed to stratospheric price levels. The 52nd St. neighborhood spots like Leon and Eddie's, the Stork, Onyx and Three Deuces have more than doubled their prices, and preying waiters have more than doubled their attempts to milk the unwary out of all available cash.

There's quite a resemblance to London club-crawling in wandering through some sections of after-dark activity, for the dimout is as depressing to a drunk as the complete blackout.

The trend in entertainment is definitely toward Negro bands and artists. Every downstairs hole-in-the-pavement spot relies almost exclusively on a four-piece colored combine composed of drummer, pianist, bass-slapper and guitar—the old swing quartet—while a few toss in a sax or trumpet for variety. Even the larger places like Cafe Zanzibar are featuring colored entertainment. Such stars as Ella Logan, Art Tatum, Coleman Hawkins and Billie Holiday are packing in the suckers.

Outside of "cafe society" spots and the hotels, which are still going strong with name orchestras, the rest of New York's famed entertainment areas are having a tough struggle.

Harlem is virtually dead on its feet. Whereas it used to be popular for a change from the Uptown life, there's little left open to patronize. The law has put the clamps on the hotter spots for morality reasons.

In Greenwich Village a few places like The Barn manage to draw enough clientele to pay expenses. But the average Village bistro is looking around for a good embalmer.

Chinatown is on its uppers, not because of entertainment or drinks but because of the food situation. Many Uptown restaurants will say "no" to your request for half the items on the menu, but Chinese cafes will fill you to the brim for \$1.50.

Times Square and adjacent streets are cleaning up. Money flows faster than water. Merchants can thank the servicemen for that, for the average GI or sailor heads for the Square as soon as he hits town—and stays until he leaves.

The hundreds of beer joints and cheap restaurants are at least being nice to the boys. They've maintained comparatively reasonable prices and try to give the average guy in uniform an even break. And they're profiting by it.



Panorama—1943

Here in this room on England's proud-set isle A soldier sings and strums an old guitar. Beyond his song, he sings of hills of home; Those hills so blue, unutterably far.

Another shuffles cards upon his bunk, But while he plays a hand of solitaire More clearly than the faces on the cards He sees the picture of a face not there.

And one lad reads a letter some weeks old With unrelenting hunger of all exiles, And from the silent words upon the page A voice calls out across three thousand miles.

Lt. Myron P. Moses, Signal Corps.

Southern Loop Players Getting Big Time Chance

Number Going to Majors Reflects Caliber Of Circuit

By Zipp Newman

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Oct. 15—Thirty-one players have already gone out of the Southern League to major and double-A clubs and this is only the beginning. The draft is sure to cost each club one more player, making a total of 39 to graduate from one of the best minor leagues in the country.

In the past, Southern League graduates have done as well in the American and National Leagues as graduates from the Pacific Coast League, American Association and the International League. The good ball players in this league have always made good under the big tent. Few of them have ever had to do much experience picking in the double-A leagues.

The Southern League doesn't get some of the fancy prices the double-A league clubs get, but this is due to prejudice against the ball used in Dixie. In the past, double-A and major clubs have had much to say about the betting averages in the Southern. They forgot all about it this year in buying or recalling 31 players.

Hamrick Brought \$17,000

Southern League players brought good prices. Hamrick fetched the Vols \$17,000 and a good shortstop to boot. Atlanta is said to have received the top price of the year for Curtis, a promising pitcher.

Knoxville sold two catchers—Finley and Seminick—to the same club—the Phillies. The pair must have brought the Smokies close to \$33,000.

Nashville sent back, or up, the most players—ten altogether. The Vols sold Hamrick to the Phils and Gassaway to Minneapolis, sending the other eight to the Chicago Cubs. If the Cubs can keep Sauer, Elko and Gilbert, they will have good building material. They all ended up as outstanding players.

It will be of interest to keep up with Ed Sauer and Charlie Roberts. Sauer was picked as the league's outstanding player, but many believe Roberts will stick longer in the majors. Roberts will go down as one of the league's best shortstops.

Tribute to Evans

The number of players going up is a tribute to the league. It is also a tribute to Billy Evans' standing with club owners. He recommended a number of the players.

Here are the players going up:
Atlanta—Bobby Dews to Montreal, Vernon Curtis to Washington, Charlie Glock to Indianapolis.

Birmingham—Bob Malloy to Cincinnati, Lonnie Goldstein to Cincinnati, Charles Aleno to Cincinnati.

Little Rock—Fred Hancock to Chicago White Sox, Eddie Lopat to Chicago White Sox, Frank Papish to Minneapolis.

Memphis—Weldon West to St. Louis Browns.

Montgomery—Jim Walsh to Minneapolis, John Frye to St. Louis Browns, Smut Aderholt to Montreal, Charlie Roberts to Washington, Lewis Carpenter to Minneapolis, John Ox Miller to St. Louis Browns.

Nashville—Ed Sauer to Chicago Cubs, Whitey Platt to Chicago Cubs, Pete Elko to Chicago Cubs, Walter Ringhofer to Chicago Cubs, Charlie Gilbert to Chicago Cubs, Ray Hamrick to Philadelphia, Glenn Gardner to Chicago Cubs, Mack Stewart to Chicago Cubs, John Anderson to Chicago Cubs, Charlie Gassaway to Minneapolis.

New Orleans—Carden Gillenwater to Brooklyn, Jim Bolling to Minneapolis, Bill Hart to Brooklyn.

Knoxville—Bob Finley to Philadelphia, Andy Seminick to Philadelphia.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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

Lost
OFFICER'S GARRISON CAP, at Rainbow Corner Sept. 29. Name is in hat. Lt. James DILL, c/o Help Wanted.
WATCH, 17-jewel round Harvel wrist watch in Cambridge. Oct. 8, pink-gold face and metal. Reward.—Sgt. Ray Sewalson, c/o Help Wanted department.

Masons' Club
All Freemasons of the armed forces of the English-speaking nations have been invited to visit the Square Club, 98 Mount St., London, W1. The club is open daily from 11 AM to 11 PM. Refreshments are served from 11:30 AM to 3 PM and from 6:30 PM to 11 PM on weekdays and on Sundays from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM and 7 PM to 10 PM.

Backs Who'll See Action at Reading



The four huskies (top) are expected to compose the starting backfield of the Gremlin eleven which tangles with the Red Devils at Elm Park Stadium, Reading, at 2.30 PM tomorrow. They are (left to right): S/Sgt. Wallace Holson, Sweetwater, Texas; Cpl. Robert Hartwick, San Francisco; Pvt. Gordon LeBoeuf, Menominee, Mich.; and Sgt. Felix Johnson, Tifton, Ga. The Red Devils' field goal expert is M/Sgt. Michael Barto, of Edwardsville, Pa., here booting the ball in pre-game practice with Cpl. Walter Erickson, of Willmar, Minn., assisting.

McCarthy Leading Manager In Major League Baseball

By the Old Scout

NEW YORK, Oct. 15—On Nov. 13, 1940, Ed Barrow, Yankee president, made the announcement at the Yankees' 42nd Street offices that Joe McCarthy had been signed as manager for three more years. There was no surprise in the announcement because everybody figured that Marse Joe would be re-engaged.



There is no hurry about signing another contract, although Joe will be rehired. Because of Barrow's illness, the matter will not be attended to for several weeks. Because of wartime uncertainties, however, McCarthy's new contract may cover only 1944.

Whether there will be major league baseball next year is yet to be determined. At the present time the policy of all big league clubs is to operate next year and make plans accordingly.

McCarthy was firmly established as one of the most astute managers in baseball history when he signed that three-year contract. With the expiration of that document he's even more solidly established as a successful big league leader. He has added three American League pennants and two world championships to his collection.

With his success this year Joe matched John McGaw's feat of having managed nine teams in World Series competition, and Joe finished with seven world championships, a trick no other manager has been able to accomplish.

Joe's success secret lies in the fact that he gets most out of whatever he has in the way of playing material. He also keeps two plays ahead of the game all the time.

Hill, Pratt to Play for Leafs

ST. CATHERINES, Ont., Oct. 15—Coach Clarence Day has announced that Mel Hill and Walter Pratt have been rejected by the Canadian Army and will play this year with the Toronto Maple Leafs in the National Hockey League.

Andy Seminick Rejected

FT. OGLETHORPE, Ga., Oct. 15—Andy Seminick, rookie Phillie catcher, has been rejected by the Army for physical reasons. Seminick said he still favors an old knee injury.

Sailor Nine Made \$24,000

CHICAGO, Oct. 15—The Great Lakes Naval Training Station baseball team showed a profit of \$24,000.44 for the 1943 season, according to Lt. Cmdr. Russell Cook. The profits will be turned over to the welfare and athletic fund.

Kimbrough Reports

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., Oct. 15—John Kimbrough, former Texas A and M All-American, now an Army lieutenant in the Air Force, has reported to Kirkland Field for advanced training.

Harris to Boss Buffalo Bisons

Former 'Boy Wonder' Was Fired as Head of Phillies by Cox

BUFFALO, N.Y., Oct. 15—Stanley "Bucky" Harris, fired in mid-season as manager of the Philadelphia Phillies, has signed to manage the Buffalo Bisons of the International League, succeeding Greg Mulleavy. The contract terms were not disclosed, but Harris is believed to be getting the highest salary ever paid a Bison manager.

Harris was fired last summer by Bill Cox, new Phillie owner, while the Phillies were on the road. First news of the ouster came when Freddie Fitzsimmons, then Dodger pitcher-coach, announced himself as the new Phillie boss. The Philadelphia players struck in the clubhouse, making Cox apologize to Harris for the method of firing.

Cox accused Harris of calling the Phillies "just a bunch of jerks." Harris replied with, "If there's a jerk connected with the Phillies, it's Bill Cox. He's the All-American jerk."

Harris was called the "Boy Wonder" when he brought the Washington Senators through to the American League pennant in 1924 in his first year at the helm. He subsequently managed the Detroit Tigers and the Boston Red Sox. Harris played for Buffalo in 1918 and '19 before joining the Senators.

Dodgers Expect Salary Slashes

NEW YORK, Oct. 15—There is general apprehension among the Dodger players about trades and pay cuts. Branch Rickey is now in St. Louis selling "ivestock" raised on a suburban farm.

Leo Durocher, nettled at the boss, said: "He's out there worrying about his cows and I am here worrying about a job. He left me straddling the fence not knowing which way I'm going to fall. He said just before he left for St. Louis that he would let me know right after the Series, but I haven't heard a word from him since."

Significant in the Dodger situation is the fact that Bill Terry remained in St. Louis after the Series and talked with Rickey. Terry covered the Series for a Memphis paper and told newspaper men that he definitely wants to return to baseball.

Engineers Trip Signals, 4-3, For London Diamond Title

The — Engineers took the London International Baseball pennant Friday afternoon by defeating the Signal Monarchs, 4-3, with a ninth-inning rally.

Trailing, 1-0, coming into the ninth, the Monarchs staged a three-run rally, but the winners promptly scored three more in the last of the ninth. Winning battery was Cpl. George Burns, of Sylacauga, Ala., and Sgt. Mike Sopcheck, of Scranton, Pa., while the losers pitched M/Sgt. Bill Stoddard, of Red Bank, N.J., and used T/4 Frank Partyka, of Scranton, Pa., behind the plate.

Texas A and M, TCU Contest Top Grid Tilt

Army, Navy, Notre Dame Expected to Remain Undeclared

NEW YORK, Oct. 14—The nation's number one football game tomorrow is that between Texas Christian and Texas A and M at Fort Worth. This game will go a long way in deciding the Southwest Conference championship, depending on how the winner fares against the University of Texas eleven later in the season.

The other outstanding regional contests will pit Cornell against Holy Cross at Ithaca, N.Y., in the East, Purdue and Ohio State at Cleveland in the Midwest, Duke vs. North Carolina at Durham, N.C., in the South, and Amos Alonzo Stagg's College of the Pacific against Del Monte Pre-Flight at Stockton, Cal., in the Far West.

Notre Dame, Army and Navy figure to have an easy time against Wisconsin, Columbia and Penn State respectively in retaining their ratings as the nation's three top teams. The Irish are rated 33 points better than the Wolverines and the experts pick the Cadets by six touchdowns, even with Doug Kenna, All-American back, still on the sidelines. Kenna injured his knee again in scrimmage and won't be ready until the last game of the season against Navy.

Middies Two Touchdowns Better

Navy does not figure to push Penn State around too much, but is rated two scores better than the Nittany Lions.

The only game of the season between two New York City teams pits Brooklyn College against CCNY with City favored despite the fact that Stan Brodsky, star backfielder, is on the injured list.

Loren Palmer, University of Minnesota freshman, will start against Camp Grant in place of Fullback Hot Moncrief, who was called to his father's sick bed in Monroe, La. The Iowa Hawkeyes have lost three more players to the armed forces on the eve of the Indiana game.

Southwestern and North Texas Aggies, unknowns in the grid world last year, face each other with the winner hoping for one of the bowl bids.

In other attractions, Penn tackles Lakehurst Naval, Northwestern meets up with Great Lakes Naval and California takes on UCLA.



East

Stanley Woodward of the New York Herald-Tribune favors Army over Columbia, Navy over Penn State, Cornell over Holy Cross, Pennsylvania over Lakehurst Naval and Rochester over Colgate.

Midwest

Arch Ward of the Chicago Tribune picks Great Lakes over Northwestern, Notre Dame over Wisconsin, Indiana over Iowa, Purdue over Ohio State and Minnesota over Camp Grant.

South

Caswell Adams of the International News Service takes Duke over North Carolina, Georgia over Daniel Field, LSU over Memphis Naval, Georgia Tech over Ft. Benning and Camp Davis over North Carolina Pre-Flight.

Southwest

Oscar Fraley of the United Press is betting on Texas Aggies over Texas Christian, Texas over Arkansas, Southern Methodist over Rice, Texas Tech over Southplains AAF and Southwestern over North Texas Aggies.

Far West

Bill Leiser of the San Francisco Chronicle sees Del Monte Pre-Flight over College of the Pacific, California over UCLA, Fourth Air Force of March Field over San Diego Navy, Southern California over San Francisco University and St. Marys College over Alameda Coast Guard.

Two 8-Team Grid Loops Start CBS Play Tomorrow

Two eight-team touch football leagues have been organized in the CBS with the season officially getting under way tomorrow afternoon with all teams scheduled to play. Six fields, three in Hyde Park, two in Regent's Park and one in Kew Gardens, have been obtained.

Schedule for tomorrow's games is as follows: MPs vs. Headquarters, Signal Monarchs vs. — Port, and Pillrollers vs. Security Company in the Unit League. In the Marble Arch League, the Flying Tigers vs. GPA, Special Service vs. Army Pictorial, Zombies vs. AACs and ATC vs. — Engineers.

Segura Reaches Net Semi-Finals

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 15—Francisco "Pancho" Segura, of Ecuador, advanced to the quarter-finals of the Pan American tennis tournament here by beating sixth-ranking Guerrero Arochoa, Mexican. Four American and three Mexicans reached the quarter-finals with Segura.

Navy Game to Be Broadcast

The Navy-Penn State football game at Annapolis will be broadcast on the American Forces Network today at 7 PM.



100 Planes Jolt Vital Jap Base In the Solomons

Fighters Destroy 12 Zeros In Damaging Blow To Enemy Stronghold

ALLIED HQ., South Pacific, Oct. 15—U.S. air forces yesterday struck another damaging blow to Jap air power in the South Pacific, destroying gun positions, buildings and 12 Zeros in a heavy attack at Kahili, in the Solomons.

Huge fires were started in the main building area of the air base by 100 heavy torpedo bombers, dive-bombers and fighters which flew from newly-established bases around New Georgia.

Kahili, on Bougainville island, is the Jap's last main air stronghold in the Solomons, protecting their disabled base at Rabaul, New Britain.

Two ships were believed to have been sunk by U.S. mediums which flew at masthead height to attack the vessels in a harbor near Atchin Bay, Bougainville.

The Solomons air blow momentarily took the spotlight from the Allied air forces in New Guinea which yesterday carried out routine sweeps against the island arc around Australia.

Medium and heavy bombers blasted the Penfoei, Timor, airfield, blowing up a fuel tank which started fires in an aircraft dispersal area; at Cape Laiwai, reconnaissance planes fired a small Jap merchant ship, at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, bombers raided the Jap air-drome.

Activity on Burma Front

NEW DELHI, India, Oct. 15—Increased patrol activity along the Burma front has led to a number of minor clashes with the Japs during the past few days.

In one sector, the enemy, attempting to surround British patrols, was attacked with grenades and driven off.

Meanwhile, both RAF and USAAF aircraft blasted Jap positions along the border.

Admiral Has a Navy at Last

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 15—Adm. Nicholas Horthy, Hungary's regent, long the "admiral without a navy," has a ship at last—a Danube yacht presented by Adolf Hitler as a birthday present, Budapest dispatches said today. German Adm. Raeder arrived with the yacht for talks to keep Hungary in line with the Axis.

Gen. Le May -

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probably half of the crews reached the ground alive.

As a direct result of the Allied air war in Europe, Le May declared, the Allied forces on the Russian and Mediterranean fronts gained air superiority. He added that over France and Germany enemy fighter strength was "moving up all the time." How long the enemy can go on depends on how much he will strip other fronts.

American bombing losses have been increasing in numbers recently, Le May continued, but the percentage, considering the forces employed, has remained almost constantly at less than five, he added.

"The destruction of targets like Marienburg's Focke Wulf plant and Schweinfurt is worth almost any expenditure," he said.

The fact that the Germans now are using rocket-gunned planes of every type—some of them obsolete—"may be a measure of their desperation," Le May concluded.

3 WACs in India Take Spotlight from Big Shots

NEW DELHI, India, Oct. 15 (AP)—Honest to gosh WACs—three of them all told—finally arrived at the "end of the line."

For months rumors spread like wild fire, "the WACs are coming!" Air ports were checked regularly—but no WACs.

They're here now and are causing more excitement than the big shot generals who have been conferring with Far East chief Lord Louis Mountbatten.

Capt. Elizabeth Lutze, of Sheboygan, Wis.; T/4s Theresa March, of Chicago, and Louise Hill, of Smithport, Pa., make up the contingent.

B26 Crewmen Are Decorated

Receive Awards on Field From Which Planes Made First Raid

A U.S. MEDIUM BOMBER STATION, Oct. 15—One Silver Star, nine DFCs and an Oak Leaf Cluster to the DFC were awarded to members of four B26 Marauder groups here today, in a ceremony marking the first formal recognition of the accomplishments of medium bomber crews in the ETO.

Ten officers and one enlisted man received the decorations from Brig. Gen. Robert C. Candee, chief of Eighth Air Support Command, under whom the Marauders started operations in this theater three months ago.

The ceremony took place on the airfield from which the first B26 mission flew to enemy-occupied France July 16.

The only previous awards made to ETO medium bomber crews were two DFCs, awarded posthumously, and Air Medals and Purple Hearts.

The Silver Star was awarded Capt. Raymond P. Sanford, of Alhambra, Cal., for gallantry during a raid on an enemy airfield at St. Omer, France, Aug. 2. Wounded in the legs by flak while leading a B26 formation, Capt. Sanford, then a first lieutenant, maintained his lead position to complete the bombing run, and later safely landed his plane, which had been severely damaged by flak.

The DFC was awarded a tail gunner, S/Sgt. Emanuel J. Duran, Sante Fe, N.M.; to the medium wing commander, Col. Samuel E. Anderson, Greensboro, N.C.; to three group commanders, Col. Herbert B. Thatcher, Chevy Chase, Md.; G. C. Nye, Raleigh, N.C., and Carl R. Storrie, Denton, Tex., and to four pilots, Capt. Thomas Barger, Van Nuys, Cal.; 1/Lts. Grant A. Seeley, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Bernard Thompson, Sheridan, Ind., and 2/Lt. James Davis, Ellijay, Ga.

An Oak Leaf Cluster to the DFC was awarded another group commander, Col. L. J. Maitland, of Boerne, Tex., who, in 1927, won the second DFC ever awarded for piloting the first plane to fly from California to Hawaii.

Kaiser Raps Planning Lag

NEW YORK, Oct. 15 (UP)—Henry Kaiser, America's master shipbuilder, yesterday criticized the Maritime Commission and American ship owners for lagging in post-war planning. Kaiser stated that according to a reliable report one foreign government alone has placed orders in Britain for 21 liners to be built after the war. "While we are just talking," he said, "Britain can sell 21 liners."

Beating the Xmas Mailing Deadline



Planet Photo
It's too late now to mail Christmas packages home if you want them opened on or before Dec. 25. The Army postal service deadline for sending Yuletide gifts to the States ended last night at midnight. Here's a scene at a London Red Cross club where S/Sgt. Robert S. Towey, of New York, and Pvt. Cleo Pack, of San Francisco, have packages wrapped by a club hostess.

U.S. to Honor RAF Protector

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boys are absolutely terrific and their bombing is beautiful.

"Often we've taken them part way into their target, returned here to the station, had a cup of tea, refueled and have gone back out to bring them home."

Lately, since Eighth Fighter Command P47s have been used as direct escort for Forts because of their advantage in range over the Spits, Johnson has been working more with the B26s.

"They are just as good as the Forts in a small way," he says.

Wing Commander Johnson is 27, weighs 170 pounds and stands about five feet ten. He looks as though he might have been Dartmouth's quarterback two or three years ago. He plays a lot of squash, but that is about all he does in the way of exercise to keep in shape.

He is not only one of the top ten scoring RAF pilots, but all his Germans were shot down while Johnson was on offensive operations. The other RAF aces above 25 got some of their work in when the Germans were coming over here or Malta, "asking for it," "Johnny" had to look for his first.

The men with higher scores than Johnson are "Sailor" Malan, whose 32 Germans destroyed rates highest; Paddy Finucane, shot down in the Channel, 29; "Screwball" Buerling (now back on active service with Johnson's wing), 29; Stanford Tuck (a prisoner of war), 29; Lacey, who was noted as a Battle of Britain fighter, 27.

Johnson has never been scratched either by flak or by shells from German fighter guns. He admits that the closest shave he has had occurred recently when he was out hunting with his wife.

"I gave her a gun," he laughed, "turned my back and the gun went off right by my feet. That was my closest call."

Allies Advance Along Volturno

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the next move. There was no sign what Gen. Clark's strategy was to be, but it looked like a thrust to cut the German right flank here.

Last night Algiers radio said that the landing force had linked up with the main Fifth Army.

On the Adriatic front Britain's Eighth Army drove ahead six miles and captured Casacalendo, 20 miles from Campobasso on the Termoli-Campobasso road. Unlike the other fronts, the British were meeting little resistance here as the Germans pulled back to prevent a Fifth Army breakthrough.

Fortresses took a hand by plastering the railway yard at Terni, 45 miles north of Rome, through which the Germans might have brought up reinforcements to the Volturno front. So well were the ground defenses surprised that not a single ack-ack shell was sent up as the B17s made their bombing runs.

Thursday Raid 'Like Ploesti'

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the great damage inflicted on one of Germany's vital war industries.

The loss of 60 planes was the largest toll the Germans had yet exacted in a single mission. However, the Eighth Air Force reported that 104 Nazi planes were destroyed and 55 probably destroyed. Of the 104, Fort crews claimed 91 and escorting P47 Thunderbolts 13. The P47s protected the bombers on their way in and on their way out.

Despite the relatively high losses, civilian correspondents reported that the Schweinfurt mission was "unofficially but expertly regarded as far from a setback on the daylight bombing campaign against Germany."

The loss rate might have been 15 per cent if the force equalled the record 400 of last week end, compared with the average five per cent which is regarded as an "economical" rate of operation, and which both the RAF and the Eighth Air Force have been maintaining or bettering.

Acknowledging heavy damage at Schweinfurt, Berlin radio added the astounding claim that more than 174 bombers were shot down.

It was the second USAAF heavy-bomber raid on Schweinfurt, which lies 65 miles east of Frankfurt. Taking part in the first "shuttle mission" to Africa, the Forts destroyed 147 German fighters on Aug. 17 and severely damaged all three roller-bearing plants. Thirty-six Fortresses were lost.

Eyewitness reports reaching Stockholm last night said that ten ships were sunk in the Gdynia harbor by American Fortresses and Liberators in last Saturday's long-distance daylight raid. The Gestapo headquarters at Gdynia was demolished by a direct hit, it was reported.

The damage to the coal docks, said the eyewitnesses, was so extensive that German coal shipments to Sweden and Finland will probably have to be suspended. The bombing was described as "very accurate."

Churchill Plays Juke Box At FDR's Secret Hideout

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15—President Roosevelt has converted an old manor house and swimming pool in the mountains of western Maryland into a "secret hideout," where he relaxes from wartime burdens, it became known today. Prime Minister Churchill accompanied the President to the mountains on one of his trips and, according to Washington sources, amused himself by playing the latest records on a juke box in the town's closest approach to a night club.

U.S. Newsmen in Nazi Hands

ALLIED HQ, Oct. 15 (AP)—Larry Allen, Associated Press war correspondent, who was captured Sept. 13, 1942, while accompanying British warships in a naval raid on Tobruk, was among Allied war prisoners whom the Italians permitted to fall into the hands of the Germans, it was learned today.

NEWS FROM HOME

Expect Willkie To Make GOP Presidential Bid

Eric Johnston's Name Also Entered in Unofficial Republican Race

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15—Capital Republican circles forecast today that Wendell Willkie would fire the opening gun in his campaign for a second Republican presidential nomination in a Mid-West speech tonight.

A Republican "darkhorse" candidate emerged at the same time in the person of Eric Johnston, youthful president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, recently returned from a tour of England.

Dennen Watson, Chicago lawyer, announced the disbanding of the Republican Post-War Policy Committee to devote his time to campaigning for Johnston.

1943 Tobacco Crop Falls

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15—The Department of Agriculture forecast heavy rice, bean and hop crops but said that tobacco and cranberry production for 1943 was below normal.

MGM to Select Book of Year

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 15—Metro-Goldwyn-Meyer studio announced that beginning next spring it would annually select the book which it considered the best of the year and offer the author \$100,000 for the film rights.

Liberty Ship Named 'USO'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15—A Liberty Ship is being named "USO" in recognition of the services of the United Services Organizations, the War Shipping Administration announced yesterday.

Britain Seen Hollywood's Rival

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (AP)—Britain is rolling up her sleeves to give the American film industry its keenest competition for post-war film sales, the Department of Commerce revealed yesterday. The British film industry had learned much during the war on how to make good films, the department stated, adding that if last year's output was a fair example of how British technique was advancing Britain was bidding fair to become America's greatest competitor for world markets.

Nye Rebukes Churchill

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15—Accusing Prime Minister Churchill of having rebuked the United States for political squabbling over the report made by five senators who toured the world's battlefield, Sen. Gerald K. Nye (R-N.D.) attacked the "nosings into American affairs" by the British. Sen. Nye's remarks were challenged by Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.), Sen. Alben W. Barkley (D-Ky.) and Sen. Carl A. Hatch (D-NM).

Fort S & S Gets 3 Nazi Fighters

The Stars and Stripes, Flying Fortress named for this newspaper, shot down three German interceptors on its seventh mission Thursday when Eighth Air Force bombers blasted Schweinfurt, Germany, it was announced officially yesterday.

The crew of the Fort, christened in a raid over Germany only 12 days ago, claimed two Me109s and a FW190. S/Sgt. Eddie Barrett, of Brooklyn, tail gunner, Daniel J. Sullivan, of New York, waist gunner, and James H. Harbison, of Hillsboro, Tex., radio gunner, were credited with one plane each.

1/Lt. Clarence S. McIlveen, of Portland, Ore., piloted the Fort, which flew in the last element of the lowest squadron in the raid—known as the "Purple Heart Corner" because of exposure to flak and enemy fighters.

The Fortress Yank, namesake of the weekend magazine distributed with The Stars and Stripes, was christened on the raid, with S/Sgt. Walter Peters, of the gazette's staff, as one of the gunners. Piloted by Capt. Ivon Klohe, of Monterey, Cal., Yank also claimed three Nazi fighters.

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Terry and the Pirates

