

FDR Draft Warning to Coal Miners

Would Ask Change of Age Limit for Inductees If Strikes Continue

WASHINGTON, June 24—Coal miners straggled back to work today following the President's grim warning that any future shutdown or threat of a work stoppage in a government-operated industry would be followed by induction of the strikers into military service.

President Roosevelt declared that he would ask Congress to raise the age limit for non-combatant military service under the Selective Service Act to 65 to enable him to deal promptly with any "intolerable" actions.

That the rank and file of John L. Lewis's union were confused by their leader's third sudden back-to-work order with no apparent gain was evident early today.

Only 20,000 miners out of 125,000 in the central and western Pennsylvania areas, which produce the bulk of the coal for the steel plants, returned to work. As a result, more blast furnaces were banked down.

Miners Claim 'Raw Deal'

John Busarello, president of the United Mine Workers' Pittsburgh district, said that "the boys may be a little slow returning because they are very angry about the raw deal they got, but most, if not all will be back by the first of next week."

A new note in the controversy was injected by the demand of the mine operators for the return of the pits now being worked for the government under the control of Secretary of the Interior Ickes.

The union's truce with the government, however, provides that the government retain control of the mines. Labeling this a reward to Lewis for his defiance of the government, the owners have filed a formal protest with the War Labor Board. They ask that the union be compelled to comply with the Board's June 18 order to sign a two-year contract.

Meanwhile, the miners insisted that the truce would end automatically if the mines revert to private control.

Government Control Continues

The owners' hopes, however, were dimmed by Ickes' announcement tonight that "the government will be compelled to continue the custody and operation of the mines for a considerable period of time."

The Fuel Coordinator moved to undertake active charge. "I still hope," he said, "that the private operation of the mines may be resumed under conditions which will not involve danger of interruption of production," but he declared that government operation must continue for the present.

Union leaders indicated at the same time that they had not relinquished their hopes of receiving their portal-to-portal pay raise. They implied they might press their new demands under the wage-hour laws.

As the miners trickled back to work, it became apparent that coal production—and hence vital steel production—would not return to normal until next week.

Nazis Have 12 Divisions In France, Stimson Says

WASHINGTON, June 24—The Germans are materially strengthening their forces in France, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson declared today as he estimated the size of the Nazi armies in Italy and France.

"Ten to 12 divisions have been moved into France and several to Italy," he said. "They may or may not have been withdrawn from the Russian front."

He also revealed latest figures on U.S. casualties as 7,528 killed, 17,128 wounded, 22,687 missing, 16,615 prisoners, and added that the army has "planned operations which will require great numbers of our troops and in which very heavy casualties may be expected."

Brig. Gen. McNeil Named Judge Advocate for ETO

Brig. Gen. Edwin C. McNeil, of Washington, has replaced Brig. Gen. L. H. Hedrick as Judge Advocate for the ETO, it was announced yesterday.

Gen. McNeil graduated from the Columbia school of law in 1916. As Judge Advocate he will be responsible only to the Judge Advocate General of the Army for the administration of justice under the Articles of War.

Bing Crosby Receives Million for Crooning

HOLLYWOOD, June 24—A man named Crosby who once washed cucumbers in a pickle factory was paid nearly a million dollars last year for his singing capabilities.

Crooner Bing, father of five children, received \$336,000 from Paramount, \$298,000 from Decca Record Co. and about \$260,000 for radio shows, it was revealed yesterday by the U.S. Treasury Department. With his many business interests in the U.S., Crosby probably clears a million.

It also was revealed that Claudette Colbert was paid \$360,000 in 1942 and Fred MacMurray \$347,000.

Allied Bombers Shift Attack to Invasion Isles

Italians Hit Back at Syria, Egypt; Last Rail Ferry To Sicily Destroyed

New Allied air blows at Sicily and Sardinia, switching the attack from the Italian mainland to the islands, were disclosed yesterday coincident with Axis reports that the United Nations now have a strong naval force standing by in Gibraltar.

At the same time, Cairo announced that Liberators of the U.S. Ninth Air Force have knocked out the fourth and last of the main rail ferries linking San Giovanni on the mainland with Messina on Sicily across the straits.

Italy struck back, sending bombers to attack communications in Egypt and an advanced airbase at Latakia, Syria, which they evidently feared could be used as a jumping-off spot for Allied bombers in an invasion of the Balkans.

Report Fleet at 'Gib'

The warships at Gibraltar include, Berlin radio said, the battleships Nelson and Rodney and two others of the Queen Elizabeth class, two aircraft-carriers, one the Formidable, and 14 British and five French destroyers.

In the air war, Wellington bombers of the Northwest Africa Air Force scored "many hits" on a seaplane base and military buildings at Olbia on Sardinia Tuesday night, and Middle East "heavies" dropped bombs on hangars and workshop areas at Comiso airdrome in Sicily, causing two violent explosions and two large fires.

Official accounts of the raid on Olbia, on the northeast coast of Sardinia, said the Wellingtons found ideal bombing conditions over the target and saw many bombs explode on the seaplane base. Other hits were observed on the southern edge of the landing ground, on the harbor mole and among military buildings. One ship was left afloat.

Third Raid in Row

It was the third raid in as many nights for the Wellingtons with their "block-busters" and incendiaries. The only other air activity reported during the day was the sinking of a medium-sized enemy tanker during an RAF Beaufighter attack on a convoy north of Sicily.

A hint of the effect of Allied bombing in Sardinia was contained in a Berne dispatch quoting Rome sources that Cagliari, the Sardinian capital, now has only 6,000 or 7,000 residents as against a normal population of 90,000. The rest have fled their bombed homes, Berne said.

The last of the Sicilian ferries was eliminated Monday, official accounts from Cairo said, during an attack on the vital railroad of San Giovanni in the Italian "toe."

Allied Experts Learn Secrets Of Captured Nazi 'Tiger' Tanks

ALGIERS, June 24—A tank which can travel on river beds under water and a rifle cribbed straight from the Garand are two of the enemy weapons which Allied experts are now examining here.

The tank is the famous Mark Six, usually known as the "Tiger," which weighs 56 tons and mounts an 88mm. gun. Specimens salvaged from dumps left behind in the Axis flight from Africa have been found to be fitted with special airlocks and submarine devices.

The automatic rifles modelled on the Garand are few in number; most of the German small arms are of 1941-42 vintage, and factory marking shows how manufacture has been dispersed as a result

'Shuttle Bombing' Threatens Axis From North and South, Splitting Nazi Night Defenses

The Duchess Inspects a Thunderbolt



On the wing of a P47, Col. Edward W. Anderson, of Tampa, Fla., commander of the fighter group in which most of the old-time Eagle Squadron men are flying, and Brig. Gen. Frank O'D. Hunter, Eighth Air Force Fighter Commander, show the Duchess of Kent how the feed line works on the Thunderbolt's guns.

Eighth Fighter Airmen Receive Plaques From Duchess of Kent

A USAAF FIGHTER STATION, June 24—The Duchess of Kent today presented plaques commemorating the part played by American Eagle squadrons in the RAF to commanders of three Eighth Air Force units which include former Eagle pilots.

Receiving the plaques on behalf of their squadrons were Maj. John G. DuFour, of Alameda, Cal.; Capt. Thomas J. Andrews, of Costa Mesa, Cal., and Capt. Gilbert O. Halsey, of Chickasha, Okla.

At the ceremony, in which officers and enlisted men of a fighter station marched in review, the Duchess made the presentation on behalf of Britain's royal household, after being greeted officially by Brig. Gen. Frank O'D. Hunter, chief of Eighth Fighter Command. With Gen. Hunter were Col. Edward W. Anderson, of Tampa, Fla., commanding officer of the station; Col. Ross G. Hoyt, of Traverse City, Mich., and Col. William H. Stovall, of Stovall, Miss.

"To commemorate forever the part the Eagle Squadron played in those critical days (of the war)," the Duchess said, "the King has gladly given permission for the RAF crest to be designed for those squadrons and has approved and signed them."

The Eagle squadrons were made up of American volunteers in the RAF.

Following the presentation ceremony, the Duchess inspected Thunderbolt P47 fighters and looked on from the station watch-tower as Thunderbolts piloted by former RAF airmen passed overhead in formation.

2,000 Bombers To Hit Reich

Observers Predict Huge Forces Will Strike Nazis This Fall

WASHINGTON, June 24—Formations of 2,000 bombing planes may be hurled against Germany by fall, and double that number could attack in day-and-night raids three or four months later, it was predicted here today.

More than 1,000,000 lives in the invasion forces will be saved by the aerial devastation of Germany, one observer said. He expressed the belief that President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, during their Washington conference, decided on a concentration of British-American air power to demoralize the Axis from the air.

"With our present production of 500 to 600 heavy bombers a month—and large numbers of other types—we are able to fly across the Atlantic enough bombers to enable the British-American Air Forces in Britain to have a 2,000 round-the-clock bombing force by the autumn," the observer stated.

Eighth Air Force bomber sorties in the ETO thus far have been at an announced maximum of 300 planes, and the RAF's maximum strength on any one night has been about 1,000 planes, it was pointed out last night in London.

Thus a combined 24-hour striking force of 2,600 bombers would approximately double present optimum raiding power. Last month, Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, commander of the Eighth Air Force, predicted that the USAAF in the ETO, doubled in the three previous months, would redouble in strength by autumn.

RAF Bombers Strike Twin Blow; U.S. Fighters Sweep

A new Allied bombing technique with enormous possibilities—shuttle-bombing by planes flying from England to North Africa on one raid and returning on the next—was disclosed by the Air Ministry yesterday with the arrival here of the Lancasters that hit Friedrichshafen Sunday.

The Lancasters devastated three acres of the Zeppelin works at Lake Constance at the beginning of the week, flew on to North Africa, and then, returning to England Wednesday night, pounded the great Italian naval base of Spezia and fired large oil stores.

The feat, spotlighting the possibilities for forcing the Axis to spread its defenses thin and guard twice as much territory, was announced just as USAAF fighters, now growing in strength in the European theater, went out on their first announced mission in support of RAF bombers.

Double Work For Axis

One fact was immediately clear from the Lancasters' performance: the Axis hereafter cannot concentrate its fighters and anti-aircraft defenses along the probable path Allied bombers might take returning from their raids; it must defend the opposite side of the target as well.

The two raids demonstrated that Allied bombers now can strike at objectives in southern and south-eastern Germany—where the Reich has relocated much of its dispersed heavy industry driven away from the Ruhr—and then proceed comparatively unhindered to North Africa.

Airmen noted immediately that no RAF planes were lost either going or coming back in the two-way blow—a telling gauge of the new technique's effectiveness.

The most obvious advantage of shuttle-bombing is that raiding bombers need not retrace their course over territory alerted and ready to contest their passage home.

1,400 Miles Airline

The 1,400-mile airline route from England to Tunisia almost exactly bisects Nazi-held France, and thus any point in that country comes within the range of concentration bombing under the new technique. It was obvious, however, that bomb load would decrease as the range increased.

The Ministry's announcement immediately aroused speculation that the USAAF might carry out similar shuttle-bombing, since both Liberators and Fortresses have sufficient range.

The raid obviously was experimental, but as an experiment it demonstrated how successful would be shuttle-bombing if the Allies were in possession of Italian airdromes. Ultimate perfection of the technique probably would come the day Allied bombers could fly from England to Russia on one mission and return on another.

The principle was partially applied in the Tokyo raid staged last year by airmen under Gen. James H. Doolittle, who flew from a carrier off Japan to Tokyo and then on into China.

Spezia was bombed from Britain last on Apr. 18, when a destroyer was sunk in the harbor and at least 27 buildings in

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USAAF Raid on Huls Part of Air Blockade

The Eighth Air Force's strategic bombing of Huls was part of the long-planned Allied internal blockade of Germany, it was learned yesterday with the announcement that the target of the Ports' precision attack was selected by USAAF leaders after a study of facts supplied by the British Ministry of Economic Warfare.

After a study of Nazi economy, the Ministry concluded that the rubber industry was most vital to the German war machine. Even a week's interruption in their synthetic rubber production, the Ministry estimated, would interfere drastically with Hitler's preparations to repel invasion.

The attack on the camouflaged square-mile synthetic rubber plant at Huls in the Ruhr was the military answer to the facts supplied by the Ministry.

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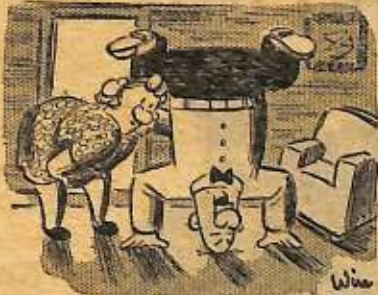
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Hash Marks

"What's that T/7 stand for?" asked a startled inspecting officer at Camp Chaffee when he spied the strange numerals on the bunk card of one of the men. "Tank duty, sir," replied the GI, "Seven days a week."

A Pvt. named Anthony Philbin had been hanging around camp for a week awaiting final confirmation of his certified disability discharge. One day he dutifully showed up for KP. "What are you doing here?" barked the mess sergeant. "My name's on the KP list," said our hero sadly. "Hell's bells, man," screamed the sergeant. "You were discharged from the Army last Saturday." It took Philbin 74 minutes to leave camp.

Because of a peanut, the California State Rationer was limping this week. The peanut lodged in his windpipe. He



stood on his head and his wife whacked him on the back. Out popped the goober. But as the guy lowered his feet he struck and bruised his toe on an iron smoking stand.

Ants nearly upset the formality of a retreat parade at an air base in sunny California. One second loopy halted his men on a bunch of ant hills. The busy little insects explored pants legs and shoes and crawled all over hell and back but the yardbirds never flicked an eyelash as they stood rigidly at attention. The unit stocked up on insect powder before the next parade.

For years kids of a Kansas City school have longed to turn in a fire alarm during their recess. Recently they marched out and saw smoke pouring from a nearby house. They rang the alarm and hit the jackpot—three engine companies, a hose company and turret company, a hook and ladder company, two chiefs' cars and two car loads of cops. Firemen extinguished a burning pot of beans!

We see by the papers that Mussolini has organized an institute to study Mediterranean problems. Just offhand we'd say it's the only concern in Italy doing full-time business.

A major was hustling on his way to headquarters when a GI passed without



saluting. He called the GI back and asked, "Soldier, why didn't you salute? Don't they teach you to salute in your company?" The sad sack answered simply "Well, sir, I didn't salute because I didn't want to attract more attention than I had to, 'cause I ain't supposed to be here without a pass."

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From Crutches to Obstacle Course

Men Hurt in Combat Made Fit Again for Action by Muscle And Bone Experts

By Russell Jones

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

— STATION HOSPITAL, June 24—Under the guidance of orthopedic experts, 12 American enlisted men and a British sergeant-major here are taking wounded and injured men from their hospital beds and rebuilding them to first-class fighting trim. When these instructors are through, the patients, some of whom arrive on crutches or in casts, are able to do a stiff 500-yard obstacle course in almost track-meet time. The patient's muscles, wasted from the time he spent in bed, will be restored to normal firmness, and he will be ready to go to work again. The instructors will have restored the proper functioning of the anatomy that the surgeon has repaired.

The first American attempt at an organized rehabilitation program, the clinic benefits by the years the British have spent in experimenting and perfecting their system. Although the first patients arrived here only two months ago, the men and officers are so pleased with results that they hope physical rehabilitation centers will become a permanent part of Army medical programs.

When a patient arrives he is put in one of four categories according to his physical condition. If he needs only a little rest and exercise before returning to duty, he is put in class A; if he is still too weak to do much more than attend to his personal toilet, he is classed as a D. B and C patients are those who fall between the two extreme categories.

The grading is done very carefully, with orthopedic surgeons examining the men and making X-rays frequently if there is any doubt of a man's condition. Each Thursday, following a hike on Wednesday afternoon, another examination is made and some of the men are moved to a higher class. The hikes vary from three miles for D patients to 15 for men in class A. To encourage the men to try to move up the scale of classes, pass privileges for D's are only half of those for A's.

The daily schedule for all men starts at 6 AM and continues to 4.30 PM. During these hours they are given physical training, work in the gardens at the camp, study military subjects, hike and do exercises especially designed to correct their particular ailments.

Games play a big part in the program, not only because of the exercise value but also for the competitive spirit involved. Men don't stay unhealthy for long when they can laugh and enjoy themselves at play.

Muscles Rebuilt

One large room of the hospital is devoted entirely to apparatus for strengthening and correcting wasted muscles and joints. Here there are rowing machines for back muscles, bicycles for the legs, weights and pulleys for arms, a "capstan," like a huge ship's wheel, for the shoulders, horizontal bars, trapezes, ropes and other devices for special exercises. Many of the devices have been designed by the instructors or the patients.

1/Lt. Jerry Seeder, of Pottstown, Pa., is the officer in charge of the gyms as well as all exercises. He lays out the schedules and supervises the work of the instructors. Directly under him is Company Sergeant Major Instructor Cyril Kibbey, veteran of 14 years in the British Army. Ten of those years he spent in the physical training corps. Under Kibbey are the Americans, six of whom have attended the British PT school at Aldershot. The other six were patients who liked the work so well that they stayed on after they had regained their health.

The 12 are T/4s Kenneth Gardner, Tomkwa, Okla.; David Gilbert, Philadelphia; Everett Johnson, Alla, Iowa;



Planet Photos

Pfc Wilfred Hawkes, of Columbus, Ohio, who received an injury in the neck during the U.S. landing at Oran, Algeria, takes the "hanging" treatment (top) at a U.S. hospital in England, while Sgt. D. D. Gilbert, of Philadelphia, watches. A game of field hockey (bottom) is part of the remedial exercises at the hospital.

William Leahy, Imogene, Iowa; Joseph Metrascia, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Wallace Brand, Central City, Ky., and Earl Abell, Johnston, Ohio; S/Sgt. Edward Meece, Chicago; Pfc Merrill Joho, Brocton, W. Va.; Pvts. Robert Richardson, Fountain City, Ind., and Donald Weaver, Remola, Pa., and T/5 Marshal Collins; Kenmouth, Ky.

The clinic is under the supervision of Col. Rex L. Dively, of Kansas City, Mo., senior consultant and orthopedic surgeon of the chief surgeon's office, ETO. With him are other medical officers who see that all men are physically capable of the training program and are in charge of the operating theater which is held in readiness for any emergency.

Then for the Kill

"We want to diminish the war production of Germany below that point at which it sustains operations on a scale sufficient to keep the United Nations out of Germany. Then we'll close for the kill."

This declaration by the British Air Ministry spokesman pledged a continuation of the heavy air attacks on German industrial cities that have left the Nazis reeling. And as the blitz on the fortress of Europe mounts, reports from within the fortress indicate that hope by the Axis peoples for an Axis victory is fading.

That the strain and stress of war brought home by the incessant air bombardment is sapping the morale in Germany is given by the Goebbels propaganda machine, which has gone into reverse. No longer is it possible for the Nazi leaders to conceal from the German people the havoc resulting from "round-the-clock" air raids, so Goebbels has decided to play up the damage as a means of steeling the Germans to further endurance.

Emphasis, of course, is placed on the loss of civilian life and property; but the effect of the Ruhr blitz on German war production is reflected in the stalemate of Nazi armies in the east.

What Goebbels has failed to tell his people in recent announcements is that gas and oil reserves have been destroyed as well as homes, plane production has been reduced, trained airmen have been killed faster than they can be replaced, and fighting ships from the eastern front have been withdrawn to protect factories at home in such quantities that it is doubtful if the Germans have sufficient on the eastern front to provide air cover for a major offensive.

As a result, the year 1943 is beginning to look more and more like 1918, the year in which Foch tried for a knockout blow. And as the weight of round-the-clock air raids weakens the German will to resist and ability to create, the time when we'll move in for "the kill" approaches with increased speed.

Persian Caravans

For hundreds of years camel caravans have moved leisurely across the ancient kingdom of Persia, exchanging the trade goods of the East with the West, the North with the South.

Now, almost overnight, Persia has been turned into one of the great supply corridors of the world as every means of modern transport is used to deliver implements of war bound from America to Russia via the ancient trade routes.

Back from Persia are the first eyewitness reports written by American war correspondents, describing a mass movement of war supplies that fairly gluts the freight yards and depots hurriedly erected to handle the traffic of "aid to Russia."

To learn that reserves are piling up as supplies move on their way to the Russian front through Persia is good news, first, because we know the route to Murmansk will be stalked this summer by German planes and submarines, secondly, because the Russians will need everything we can send them if the Germans try another push in the Caucasus; and thirdly, because war supplies for Russia constitute the best evidence we can offer that we consider aid to Russia a first priority.

Out of Business

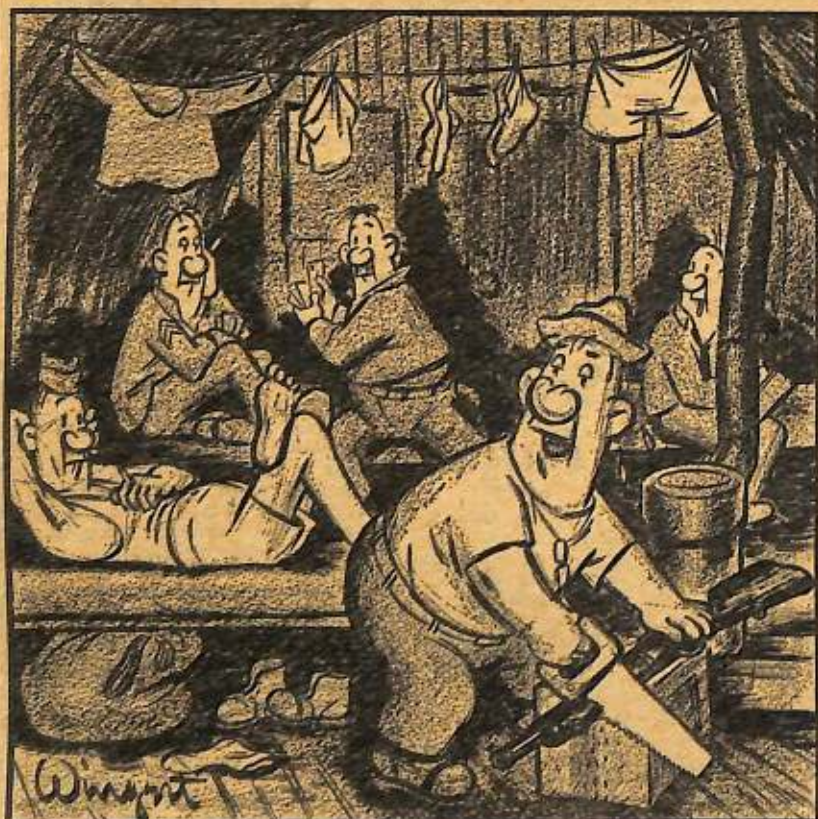
Among the week's newspaper headlines was one reading, "Nazis Close Brenner Pass." It occupied a relatively unimportant position in relation to the big news of the day; but it was significant.

Turn back the clock to the late 1930's—the words Brenner Pass made every citizen stop, think and wonder. Brenner Pass was the chosen meeting place of Hitler and Mussolini, who at that time boasted the world's mightiest war machines.

There, these arch-plotters met like villains in a mystery novel and made the decisions that were to shape world history. The announcement "Axis Leaders Confer at Brenner Pass" caused every little nation in Europe to tremble and wonder if it was to be the next to receive the "blessings of the new order."

In the months that followed a new type of meeting pushed Brenner Pass from the limelight. Two truly great leaders, Roosevelt and Churchill, met to save Europe, not destroy it—to undo all the evils spawned at the Pass conferences.

Now the words Brenner Pass have completely lost their original meaning of importance and fear. . . Brenner Pass is "closed" and this closing is the forerunner of yet another event. . . the day when the ill-fated company of Hitler, Mussolini, Hirohito and Sons hangs up the sign, "Out of Business."



"Hey! Ain't you bums gonna get ready for the short-arm inspection tomorrow!"

ARMY POETS

Somewhere in New Guinea

Somewhere in New Guinea, where the sun is like a curse, And each long day is followed by another slightly worse, Where the brick-red dust blows thicker than the shifting desert sands And a white man dreams and wishes for the greener, fairer lands. Somewhere in New Guinea, where a woman's never seen, Where the sky is never cloudy and the grass is never green, Where the dingoes' nightly howling robs a man of blessed sleep, Where there isn't any whisky and the beer is never cheap.

Where we never have a payday, and we never have a cent, But we never miss the money 'cause we'd never get it spent. Somewhere in New Guinea, where the ants and lizards play, And a hundred fresh mosquitoes replace every one you slay, So take me back to 'Frisco, let me hear the Mission bell, For this Godforsaken outpost is a substitute for Hell. Pfc Bob Fremd.

Theme Song of the 'Memphis Belle'

By Its Rear Gunner She flew over Germany one cold December day, And as she crossed the target You could hear the Jerries say, Here comes those flying bastards, They're straight from hottest hell, To blitz the Ruhr far vaster, Flying the "Memphis Belle." She's mighty grand and handsome, To all she's known quite well, She's the flagship of the squadron, The good ole "Memphis Belle." So when the war is over, And we mix in life's great swell, Oh crew men keep a memory Of the good ole Memphis Belle.

Somewhere in New Guinea, where the nights were made for love, Where the moon is like a searchlight, and the Southern Cross above Sparkles like a diamond necklace in a balmy tropic night, It's a shameless waste of beauty when there's not a girl in sight. Somewhere in New Guinea, where the mail is always late, And a Christmas card in April is considered up to date;

ULSTER ROUNDUP Blues Remain On Top of NI Diamond Loop

Leaders Still Unbeaten; Marines Flash Form In Exhibition Games

By Charles W. White
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BELFAST, June 24—While the sunshine here hasn't been too prominent this week, the weather did settle down to an occasional cloudburst and some good baseball resulted.

With the terrible "Deacon" Behnen, East St. Louis southpaw, on the mound, the undefeated Blues strengthened their hold on first place in the Northern Ireland League. They have a string of five straight victories and look like a safe bet to grasp the NI pennant.

On Monday night Pvt. Larry Stewart, of Milton, Fla., Blues' righthander, pitched them to an easy 18-2 win over the Redbirds. Stewart hasn't been the sensation that the Deacon has (35 strikeouts in 17 innings), but he has proved to be a reliable hurler. The combination of Righthander Stewart and Southpaw Behnen appears capable of standing up to anything the rest of the league can throw against them.

Meanwhile, the best Northern Ireland play continues to take place outside the league schedule.

The Navy's Creevagh's, who have been knocking off everything in sight, got their come-uppance at long last. And it would have to be the U.S. Marines to give it to them. The Marines gathered up what they declared to be a "scrub" team and set out to accept Coach Jerry Patrick's "British Isles" challenge. The leathernecks won three games and tied one, proving you can look the wide world over but one day you'll find happiness right in your own back yard. The Marines don't live more than a couple of stones' throws from Patrick's sailor boys.

Unfortunately, the Marines didn't get organized soon enough to be included in the NI League, but a lot of good exhibition games should be available for them.

Dodgers, Pelicans Tied

The league standings at the end of the first half show the Eighth Air Force Dodgers close on the heels of the pace-setting Blues, with four wins and one loss for a second-place tie with the Pelicans. The Agitators and Bulldozers are deadlocked for fourth, followed by the Pillrollers, Redbirds and Flying MPs. Two teams, the Nightsticks and Thunderbolts, have dropped out of the circuit. Each of the remaining teams has been credited with a win against these teams.

Saturday afternoon's doubleheader at Ravenhill Park sends the Blues against the Thunderbolts, with Behnen ready to take the mound for the leaders. The Flying MPs are also listed to play the Nightsticks and if this game takes place it will be an exhibition unless the Nightsticks get back in the league before game time. Sunday's schedule pits the Dodgers against the Pelicans at 2 PM.

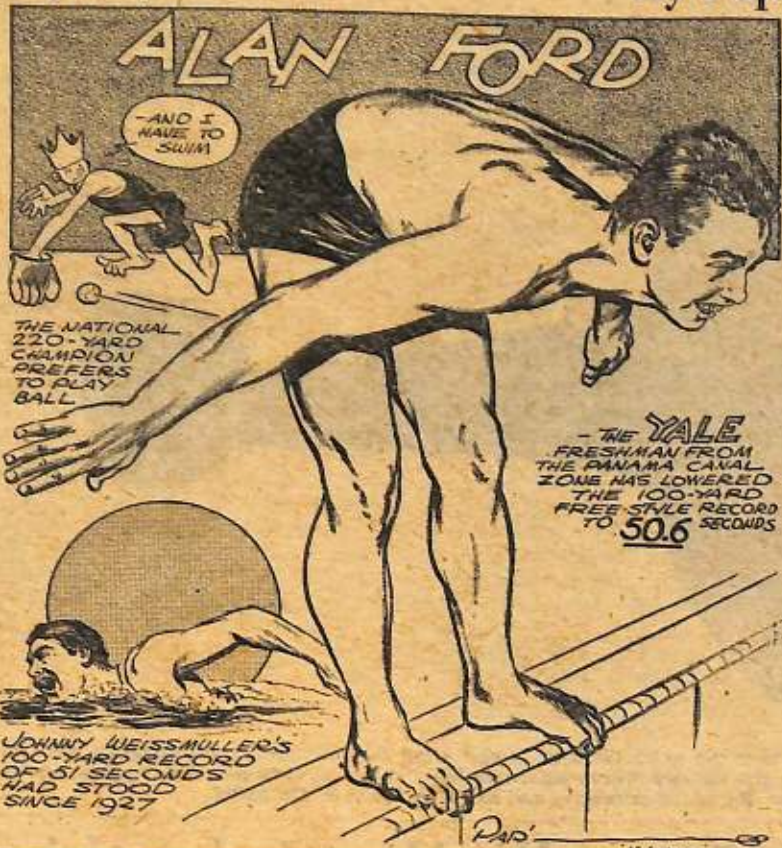
While baseball has been responsible for most of the sports activity it hasn't been the whole show by any means. The fact that the Pillrollers still are keeping a good softball outfit on rations may mean a happy trip to England for them in the near future. A lot of good softball outfits in England want games, it is rumored, and there's nothing a Northern Irish boy likes better than travel.

Minor League Results

International League			
Wednesday's Games			
Jersey City 4, Montreal 2			
Toronto 7, Newark 5			
Syracuse 1, Rochester 0 (first game)			
Syracuse 3, Rochester 2 (second game)			
Baltimore 10, Buffalo 0			
W	L	Pct.	
Toronto	37	27	.578
Newark	32	26	.552
Montreal	31	29	.517
Syracuse	28	27	.509
Baltimore	22	38	.367
Eastern League			
Wednesday's Games			
Seranton 5, Binghamton 4 (first game)			
Binghamton 8, Seranton 7 (second game)			
Albany 3, Hartford 5			
Springfield 8, Utica 5			
Elmira 7, Wilkes-Barre 6			
W	L	Pct.	
Seranton	33	10	.750
Albany	29	17	.630
Springfield	25	19	.568
Elmira	25	19	.568
Utica	8	37	.177
American Association			
Wednesday's Games			
Minneapolis 7, Kansas City 1			
Milwaukee 8, St. Paul 1			
Toledo 3, Louisville 2 (first game)			
Louisville 9, Toledo 3 (second game)			
Indianapolis 2, Columbus 1 (first game)			
Indianapolis 8, Columbus 4 (second game)			
W	L	Pct.	
Indianapolis	39	14	.742
Milwaukee	30	19	.625
Minneapolis	25	25	.500
Columbus	24	25	.490
Southern Association			
Wednesday's Games			
Memphis 3, Knoxville 2			
New Orleans 4, Atlanta 1			
Only games played.			
W	L	Pct.	
Nashville	38	23	.623
Little Rock	32	24	.571
Birmingham	34	30	.531
New Orleans	33	32	.508
Pacific Coast League			
Wednesday's Games			
Los Angeles 5, San Francisco 2 (first game)			
Los Angeles 4, San Francisco 3 (second game)			
Only games played.			
W	L	Pct.	
Los Angeles	49	17	.742
San Francisco	39	26	.600
San Diego	34	32	.515
Portland	29	32	.475

Speedy Swimmer

By Pap



Signals Seek League Title

The U.S. Signal Monarchs are picked to make it two straight over the First Canadian General Hospital and capture the London International Baseball League's first half title tonight in the second game of the playoff series at Stamford Bridge Stadium, Waltham Green.

Lt. Charlie Eisenmann, of Superior, Wis., who stopped the Canadians in the first game Tuesday with a five-hit, 19-strikeout effort, will be on the hill for the Monarchs when the twilight tils gets under way at 7 PM, opposing Pvt. Leo Curtis, of Orange, Mass., losing hurler in the first playoff game. Curtis holds one decision over the Monarchs, having administered the only loss they suffered during the first half schedule. If a third game is necessary to decide the title it will be played next week.

Army Teams Play In Preston "Wings" Game

PRESTON, England, June 24—A crowd of 10,000 is expected to see a pair of U.S. Army baseball teams play here Saturday as part of the city's "Wings for Victory" program. The teams represent Washington Hall of the Air Force and Adams Hall of the QM. Battery for the QM nine will be Pvt. Bill Blackwell, of New York City, on the mound with Cpl. "Buck" Simms, of Monroe, La., behind the bat.

Bakers Setting Pace In Softball League

WELLINGBORO, June 24—With a record of seven victories in eight games the Bakers are leading the first half standings in the softball league sponsored here by the American Red Cross. The league is made up of teams from U.S. Army units stationed near here.

The standings:

W	L	Station	Hospital	W	L
Bakers	7	1	4	4	4
MPs	6	2	3	3	5
Medics	5	3	2	3	7
Service Co.	4	4	0	8	0

CBS Nine Tops Air Force

EIGHTH AIR FORCE HQ, June 24—The Central Base Section nine captured its third straight game last night when it defeated Eighth Air Force HQ, 6-3, behind the four-hit hurling of Sgt. Johnny Puskas, southpaw from Pittsburgh, Pa. The victors collected seven hits off Sgt. George Trocheck, of Claraton, Pa., including a two-run homer in the third by Sgt. Pete Pavich, of South Amboy, N.J., and three safeties by Pfc Harold Fouts, of Camden, Mich.

Sliek Tosses One Hitter

CAMP GRIFFISS, June 24—Cpl. Frank Sliek, of Milwaukee, Wis., held the Engineers to one hit in pitching the QM Truck Co. baseball team to a 2-0 victory. In another game the Signal Co. subdued the Supply Co., 6-5, with Sgt. Neal Mullinix, of Red Boiling Spring, Tenn., outpitching Cpl. Harold Knoper, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Blondie



Bums Rap Giants Twice; Yankees, Senators Split

Louis Says He Can Fight For Four More Years

HOLLYWOOD, June 24—Sgt. Joe Louis won't think about retiring "for at least another four years." He still hopes to meet Billy Conn, whom he thinks is the only logical contender for his title.

Munching five doughnuts while on the set of the movie, "This is the Army," Louis said, "I could get in shape to fight anybody—anybody at all—in about eight weeks. It's simply a matter of business. I ain't in this for my health, but of course I've got to finish this fight I'm in now first. I could fight in a year or four years from now. Heavyweights are still good at 34."

Ruth Sees War Crippling Game

Baseball May Not Survive Present Season Is Babe's Outlook

By Dennis Dalton
United Press Sports Writer

CLEVELAND, June 24—Baseball, which has made fortunes for major league club owners since the beginning of organized leagues, is now losing money and may not survive even the present season.

That is the opinion of George Herman "Babe" Ruth, whose pessimistic outlook for the future of baseball was given here yesterday during an interview. It was a strange statement from one who gained fame and fortune by belting home runs out of the Yankee Stadium and other parks around the major league circuits and whose \$85,000 salary for one season may never be equalled. But the Babe was honest in his conviction.

"There won't be enough people going to games next season to make it worth while to open the parks," Ruth said. "In fact, crowds are getting so small now something may happen before this season is over. There is plenty of interest in the game but fans are having tough jobs getting to the parks."

The Bambino, who has made several tours promoting the sale of war bonds, said it all depended on how long the club owners cared to keep losing money.

Transportation Trouble

"The main trouble lies in transportation," he added. "That is especially so in the East where pleasure-driving is banned. It's silly to believe 50,000 or 60,000 people will travel to the Yankee Stadium in subways."

"Before the war there were as many as five or six thousand private cars outside the Stadium for every Sunday game. In order to get 50,000 into the park now the fans would have to start rushing the subways at seven o'clock in the morning. And, war workers won't get up that early."

If baseball carries through this season, Ruth predicted a close race in the American League right to the finish with "any one of the first five clubs standing a chance to win."

Players are going into service every day, crowds are getting smaller and the clubs are feeling it where it hurts most—in the pocket book—but there has been no definite signs that the game will be suspended, either this year or next.

ASC Angels Belt Bombers

AMERICAN SCHOOL CENTER, June 24—The ASC Angels won their fourth game in five starts after defeating a USAAF Bomb Squadron baseball team, 11-3, behind the long-range hitting of Joe O'Donnell and the tight pitching of Joe McSherry. O'Donnell clouted two homers during an eight-run sixth inning. Bob Girr and Larry Bonnicksen had three hits apiece for the Angels.

14 Straight for Ordnance Co.

U.S. AIR FORCE STATION, June 24—The Ordnance Ammunition Co. stretched its string of softball victories to 14 straight and 21 in 22 starts by beating the MP Co., 4-2, and the Ordnance Co., 7-3, behind the hurling of Sgt. Paul Richards, of Chicago, Ill., and Pfc George Bausler, of Springfield, Ohio. Pfc Julian Waskiewicz, of Chicago, hit a two-run homer in the sixth of the game with the MPs.

Wolverines in First Place

U.S. ARMY HQ STATION, June 24—The Wolverines, with an unbeaten record in five games, lead the softball league here. The Eagles hold second place with four won and one lost, followed by the Yellow Jackets in third, the Lions and Bears tied for fourth, with the winless Cavaliers, Leopards and Tigers at the bottom.

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Dodgers Cut Cards' Lead To Half Game as Reds Bump Champions

NEW YORK, June 24—The red hot battles for first place in both major leagues were still raging today after the onrushing Dodgers swept both ends of a double-header with the Giants yesterday at Ebbets Field, pulling themselves up to within a half game of the National League-leading Cardinals, and the Yankees protected their two-game margin over the Senators in the American League by splitting a pair of shutout victories with the Nats at the Yankee Stadium.

While the Flatbush faithful were celebrating their Bums' twin win over the Giants, 7-2 and 6-0, the Cardinal followers were getting a sad report from Cincinnati, where Billy Southworth's World Champions were being humbled, 8-3, by the brilliant relief pitching of Fireman Joe Beggs.

The big showdown between the Dodgers and Cards takes place next weekend when the teams meet in a three-game series July 3-4 in Brooklyn.

In mauling the Giants twice, the Brooks swept the five-game series between the borough rivals. The opener was a tight struggle until the seventh when Giant hurlers Johnny Wittig, Van Mungo and Harry Feldman walked four runs across the plate, enabling the Dodgers to break a 2-2 deadlock. In the eighth, Dolph Camilli applied the crusher with a home run to polish off Rube Melton's first pitching victory since early May.

Two-Hitter for Davis

Veteran Curt Davis fashioned a brilliant two-hit shutout in the nightcap, stretching his winning streak to six straight. Dick Bartell's single with two out in the eighth and Johnny Rucker's base knock in the ninth prevented a no-hitter for the Brooklyn righthander.

The Cardinals relied on their ace, Mort Cooper, against the Reds but the timely hitting of Outfielder Gee Walker whose two hits cashed in three runs led Cooper to his fourth defeat. Beggs took over from Ray Starr in the fifth and got credit for the triumph after a superb relief job.

In exchanging a pair of shutouts the Yanks and Senators closed their five-game series with Washington walking off with three decisions. Milo Candini, refugee from the Yankee chain gang, turned on the leaders with his seventh consecutive pitching victory in the opener, aiding his own cause with a double and a homer inside the park to win, 8-0, before Ernie Bonham tossed the Yanks to a 4-0 win in the second game.

Boxox In Third Place

The Red Sox moved past the Indians and occupied third place after blanking the Athletics, 1-0, in Philadelphia. Leon Culbertson's homer in the fourth gave Oscar Judd the edge in a mound duel with rookie Don Black.

In Detroit, the Tigers and Indians divided a double-header. Hal Newhouse's five-hitter leading Steve O'Neill's workmen to victory in the first game, 3-1, before Jeff Heath's circuit drive in the 11th frame of the nightcap broke a deadlock and put Cleveland in front, 9-6.

In the National League, Red Barrett and Al Javery gave the Braves a double win over the Phillies, 1-0 and 4-3, at Boston. Javery bested Newt Kimball in the opener when the Braves grouped three of six hits in the second for the only run of the game. Charlie Workman's bingle in the 11th frame of the afterpiece scored Mickey Wietelmann with the winning run for the Stengelmen.

The Pirates and Cubs shared honors in a doubleheader at Chicago, the Bruins taking the opener, 4-1, with Claude Passeau, Kewpie Barrett and Hank Wyse combining to hold the enemy to five hits before the Bucs put together a 13-hit attack to win the second game, 7-5.

Under the patronage of the Duke of Abercorn, the game is expected to have the Duke and Duchess, Sir Basil Brooke, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland; Brig. Gen. Edmund W. Hill, commanding American forces in Northern Ireland, and other high-ranking officials present. The U.S. Navy band and Marine bagpipers from Londonderry will play.

Air Force, Blues' Nines In Belfast Charity Tilt

BELFAST, June 24—An Eighth Air Force team from England and the Blues, Northern Ireland Baseball League leaders, meet in a charity game July 3 here at Ravenhill Park. The American Red Cross has turned the field over to the teams for the day and proceeds will go to the RAF Benevolent Fund.

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Volleyball Title to Amertex

BELFAST, June 24—The Amertex, of Lockheed Overseas Corp., won the N.I. volleyball championship here, defeating the Setups in two games, 15-12 and 15-13. The game culminated a two-league playoff.

NEWS FROM HOME

Vinson Refuses R.R. Workers Salary Boost

8-Cent Per Hour Raise Would Have Totaled \$2,000,000 Yearly

WASHINGTON, June 24—Fred Vinson, director of economic stabilization, yesterday refused to allow an eight-cent per hour wage increase to 1,100,000 non-operating railway workers, scheduled to go into effect today.

Vinson returned the case to the three-man emergency board set up by President Roosevelt under the Railway Labor Act to settle wage disputes between non-operating employees and certain carriers. The workers involved are represented by 15 non-operating railway labor unions.

Vinson told the board to reconsider its recommendations for the eight-cent per hour boost and to make a revised recommendation to President Roosevelt. Wage increases recommended by the board would have amounted to \$2,000,000 a year.

Seaman in Need With \$1,000

NEW YORK, June 24 (UP)—George Izabi, an American merchant seaman, was starving even though he had \$1,000 in his pockets. Police to whom he appealed loaned him \$2 after he explained that all the banks were closed and no restaurant would cash his two \$500 bills.

Landis Praises Negroes

CINCINNATI, Ohio, June 24—James M. Landis, director of the Office of Civilian Defense, today praised the part played by Negroes in the American war effort in a message to the National Sunday School Congress meeting here. "In this war," he said, "we have joined hands among ourselves and with other nations regardless of color. We fight as United Nations, a concept not of white, not of black, but of humanity."

U.S.S. Quincy Launched

QUINCY, Mass., June 24—A new and powerful U.S. heavy cruiser Quincy was launched yesterday from the Bethlehem Steel Company's shipways here, less than 11 months after her namesake was sunk in battle off Guadalcanal.

Radio Static Neutralized

AKRON, Ohio, June 24—The Good-year Tire and Rubber Co. announced today the development of a new device to neutralize radio static. It is expected to be used by combat planes, armored vehicles and warships.

Alien Shows Gratitude

NEWARK, N.J., June 24—Morris Sharff, Austrian-born contractor, who died recently, left War Bonds valued at several thousand dollars to the Treasury Department. He said it was "an expression of gratitude to the land of my adoption."

More Awards For U.S. Fliers

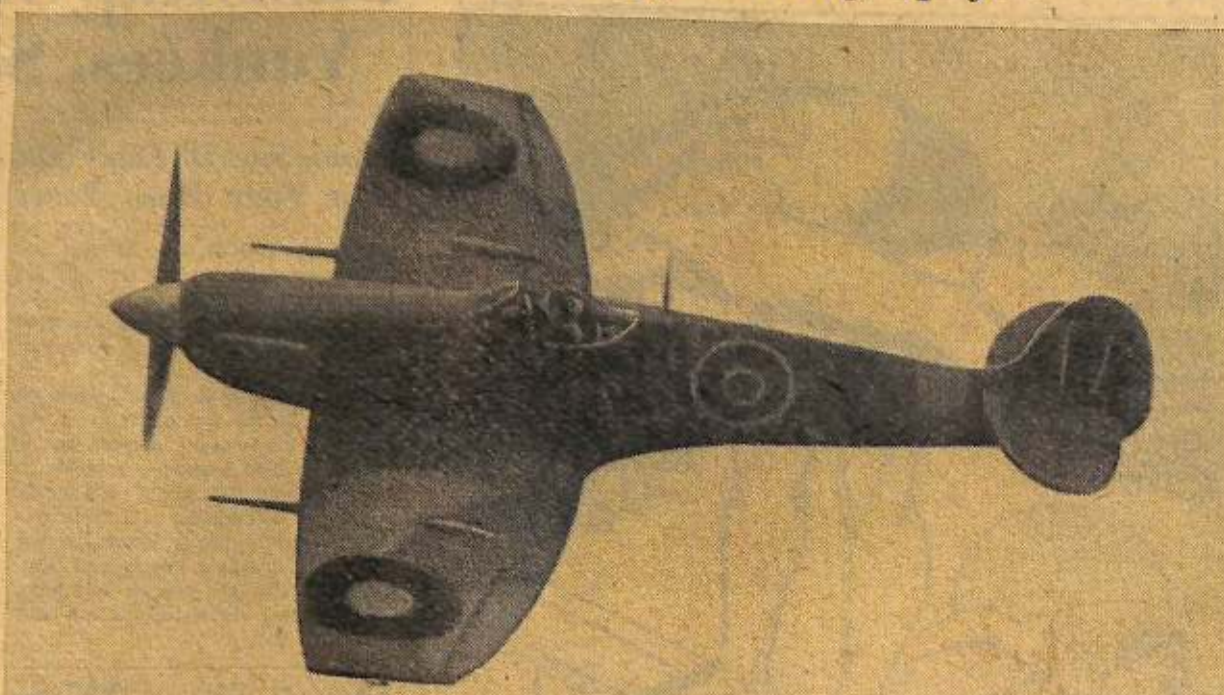
Awards of the Oak Leaf Cluster for the Air Medal to officers and enlisted men of the Eighth Air Force are published today in part. Others will be listed tomorrow.

Because the new list of awards announced Wednesday is so large—a total of 1,155—names of the recipients are being printed over a period of several days. Those who received the Silver Stars, Soldier's Medal, DFCs and Air Medals were listed yesterday.

Oak Leaf Cluster for the Air Medal

- Alabama: Maj. Herbert O. Wagneman, Moorpark; Capt. Allen V. Martini, San Francisco; Capt. Albert J. Salitnik, Alhambra; Capt. Jack Roller, Los Angeles; Capt. Kenneth O. Deasert, El Segundo; Capt. John M. Regan, San Francisco; Capt. Frank D. Yausi, Glendale; Capt. Russell E. Schieb, San Francisco; Capt. J. Lawrence Smith, Carpinteria; Capt. Lawrence P. Dwyer Jr., Michigan City; 1/Lt. Ralph W. Jones, Los Angeles; 2/Lt. Robert I. Brown, Norwalk; 2/Lt. Edward T. Logan, La. Crescenta; 2/Lt. Lyle D. Sherwood, Riverside; 2/Lt. Clyde J. Travis, Los Angeles; 2/Lt. Henry S. McMurray, San Leandro; 2/Lt. Roger L. Caultin, Los Angeles; 2/Lt. Richard R. Honper, Fresno; 2/Lt. Stanley M. Van Dyke, Fallbrook; 2/Lt. Robert K. Walker, Newport Beach.
California: Maj. Paul D. Brown, Orange; 1/Lt. John F. Kelt, Jersey City.
New York: Capt. Leander F. Schmid, New Hampton; 2/Lt. Lawrence C. Farrell, Caledonia; 1/Lt. Julian A.

The RAF's New Clipped Wing Spitfire



This is the clipped wing version of the Spitfire Mark 5B which the RAF is now using for low altitude engagements with the Luftwaffe. The wing tips were squared off to give the ship greater maneuverability at the low altitudes. This Spit carries two 20mm. cannons besides four .303 cal. machine-guns and has a top speed of 370 MPH.

Jap Cruiser Hit In Long Lib Raid

Fly 2,000 Miles to Celebes In Second Longest Attack in Pacific

WASHINGTON, June 24—American-manned Liberators made a round trip of 2,000 miles from Australia to Macassar, chief Jap base in the Celebes, to score hits on a Jap cruiser and a merchant ship, today's official communique reports.

It was the second longest raid of the war in the Pacific theater, the longest one being the daylight attack on Wake Island by Libs from Hawaii.

Emphasizing the scope of yesterday's raid, Allied officials pointed out that the distance flown was equivalent to a flight from the south of England to Warsaw or Naples and back. Large fires were caused in the town and on the wharves. The Allied bomber force lost one Liberator, which crashed into the sea after coming into collision with an intercepting Zero which had been hit by the Liberator's gun-fire. The only other raid reported today is the bombing of Lae air-drome by a heavy reconnaissance unit.

Wilhelmina Visits FDR

WASHINGTON, June 24 (AP)—Queen Wilhelmina was the guest of President and Mrs. Roosevelt last Sunday at Hyde Park. White House officials said the visit was purely social. Later she returned to Canada.

B17 Crew Will Battle Anything But A Cumulo-Nimbus Cloud

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, June 24—Briggs, the radio man, and Bagwell, the ball turret gunner, were playing chess over the Atlantic in the radio room of their B17, on the way from the States, when they hit a cumulo-nimbus.

It was the innocent-looking white cloud into which the pilot, 1/Lt. John V. Lemmon, flew the Fortress. Cumulo-nimbuses are not to fly Fortresses into. From the weathermen's books they are cloud formations made up of the best parts of tornadoes, typhoons and hurricanes.

"It looked like an ordinary bunch of clouds," said Lt. Lemmon, "and we switched from the automatic pilot to the manual controls and went into an opening at 8,500 feet."

The opening proved to be the entrance to a trap. The Fort had barely poked its nose into the hole when a violent draft caught it. In the plane hell broke loose. Lemmon, who had unfastened his safety belt for comfort, was thrown against the roof of the plane and held there, unable to move. Co-pilot F/O E. E. Clark, of Pasadena, Cal., managed to stay in his seat and fought to get the nose down.

When the nose finally came down it stayed down and another sudden draft threw the plane toward the water at a terrific speed, again out of control.

Instruments spun wildly. Movement up and down in the winds which Lt. Darrel Gust, navigator, estimated at 200 miles per hour was so violent that the altimeter was useless. The rate-of-climb indicator went to the 6,000 feet per minute mark and stayed there. Nobody knew if the altitude was 500 feet or 15,000 feet.

The Fort was pulled out of the dive by another violent updraft. "The next thing we knew we were flying upside down," said Clark. "I don't know whether we looped or flipped over. I think we looped."

S/Sgt. Albert T. Beavers, of Columbus, Ind., was sleeping on the cat walk in the bomb bay when they hit the maelstrom. He woke up and found himself pinned to the roof in a bath of gas from the extra tanks in the bomb bay.

S/Sgt. Virgil Brown, tail gunner from Little Rock, Ark., went into the waist of the ship and tried to shove some of the loose equipment forward to balance the load, but the storm tossed him, and all the equipment he was trying to move, into one heap.

In the nose of the ship 2/Lt. Elbert E. Stone, of Martinsville, Va., bombardier, was floating in circles, accompanied by baggage, ammunition, chutes and water cans.

Somebody shouted to T/Sgt. Caryl C. Zeller, radio operator from Rochester, Minn., to send out an SOS, but the radio had been smashed with the first upheaval.

Final release came when the storm threw the plane out at 18,000 feet. The ship was miles off the course, getting low on gas and still on the same side of the storm front. After some debate, Lt. Lemmon decided to chance going under it at wave-top level and, luckily, found a passage open.

1/Lt. John W. Yerman, Eiamond; 1/Lt. Robert E. Kaluzsa, Cleveland; 2/Lt. Carl G. Jones, Lima.

1/Lt. Clinton B. Sipe, Pittsburgh; 2/Lt. Gerald F. Clymer, Quakertown; 2/Lt. Earl W. Quillman, Erie.

South Carolina: Capt. Edward D. Gaitley Jr., Florence; 1/Lt. Hugh G. Ashcraft, Charlotte; 1/Lt. James W. Gillespie, Haw River; 1/Lt. Earl E. Ellis, Asheville; 1/Lt. Joseph B. Clements Jr., Raleigh.

Tennessee: Capt. Robert E. Misner, Parker; Capt. Owen C. Kunze, Alpina (posthumous); Capt. Ramsay D. Fotts Jr., Memphis; 1/Lt. Wallace De Boring, Jonesboro; 1/Lt. Walter E. Dooley, Knoxville; 2/Lt. William H. Owens, Tullahoma; 2/Lt. Calvin A. Swaffar, Memphis.

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Utah: Capt. Robert W. Smith, Salt Lake City; 2/Lt. Luther Bergen, Brigham.

Vermont: 2/Lt. Warren B. Collins, Colchester.

Washington: Capt. Harold L. Stouse, Spokane; Capt. Irl E. Baldwin, Yakima.

West Virginia: Capt. William S. Raper, Wheeling.

Wisconsin: 1/Lt. Robt G. Abb, Stevens Point.

Washington, D.C.: Lt. Col. John K. de Russy; Capt. Albert W. Diefenbach.

- Georgia: 2/Lt. Harold W. Whitman, Atlanta.
Idaho: Capt. Chester H. May, Rupert.
Illinois: Capt. Harold E. Gaslin, Valley City; Capt. Dean W. Bohlen, Rantoul; Capt. Glenn E. Hagenbuch, Utica; Capt. Ralph W. Hosman, Western Springs; Capt. Gideon W. Warner, Elborn; 1/Lt. Milton S. Fonorow, Chicago; 1/Lt. John B. White Jr., Hillsboro; 1/Lt. John W. Farrar, Mattoon; 2/Lt. Frank E. Zasadi, Cicero.
Indiana: Capt. Jacob W. Fredericks, Wakarusa; Capt. Everett E. Tribbett, Thornton; 1/Lt. Earl A. Shaeffer, Fort Wayne.
Iowa: 1/Lt. Robert L. Brown, Cedar Falls; 2/Lt. Carl O. Haworth, Armstrong.
Kansas: 2/Lt. Warren W. Anderson, Lawrence.
Kentucky: 1/Lt. James E. Gott, Berea.
Louisiana: Lt. Col. Donald K. Fargo, Grand Cane; 1/Lt. Joseph C. H. Sanders, Shreveport; Capt. Ralph J. McBride Jr., Marksville.
Maryland: Capt. John C. Bishop, Queenstown.
Massachusetts: 2/Lt. Arthur D. Reitz, Waltham.
Michigan: Lt. Col. Charles E. Marion, Detroit; Capt. Walter M. Soha, Crystal Falls; Capt. Charles B. Leighton, E. Lansing.
Mississippi: Capt. William E. Clancy, Jackson; Capt. Claude A. Culpepper, Poplarville; 1/Lt. Joseph M. Strickland, Liberty.
Montana: 1/Lt. Harry J. Thompson, Health.
Nebraska: 1/Lt. Joseph C. Wilkins, Omaha; 1/Lt. Robert K. Flynn, Blair (Posthumous).
Nevada: 1/Lt. Joseph E. Kosakowski, Reno.
New Jersey: Maj. Paul D. Brown, Orange; 1/Lt. John F. Kelt, Jersey City.
New York: Capt. Leander F. Schmid, New Hampton; 2/Lt. Lawrence C. Farrell, Caledonia; 1/Lt. Julian A. Harvey, Scarsdale; 2/Lt. Richard C. Brown, Oneonta.
North Dakota: 1/Lt. Raymond J. Check, Minot.
Oklahoma: Capt. Charles T. Moore, Oklahoma City; 1/Lt. Howard W. Freese, Checotah; 2/Lt. William W. Saunders, Bartlesville.
Oregon: Capt. Donald E. Stockton, Redmond.
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Old-Fashioned July 4 Outing For Kettering

Mississippi and Louisiana Men Meet at Norwich; Glasgow Dance

KETTERING, June 24—An old-fashioned American July 4th outing, with a picnic supper, boating, baseball and informal dancing, will be held here on the holiday at the American Red Cross Service club. The program for next week:

- Monday—Glee Club, 7:30 PM; house committee meeting, 8 PM.
Tuesday—Dancing class, 7:30 PM; Conversation French for beginners, 7:30 PM.
Wednesday—Horseback riding, tennis, golf, afternoon; baseball practice, evening.
Thursday—Dancer, 8-11 PM.
Friday—Conversational French, advanced, 5 PM.
Saturday—Movies, 7:30 PM.
Sunday—Open house, 3-6 PM; old-fashioned American July 4th outing, picnic supper, boating, games at Wicksteed Park, 5 PM; baseball game, 6 PM; informal dancing at the club, 9 PM.

Mostyn Club

Sgt. Eugene Britt and Pvt. Claude Beal, who went to school together in Wheeling, met for the first time in over a year at this week's West Virginia Night at the Mostyn Club, 17 Portman St., London, W.1. Greetings were sent to Gov. M. M. Neely, of Charleston. Present were:

- Pvt. Richard Gibbs, S/Sgt. Morton Lippman and Sgt. Arthur W. Evans, Charleston; Pvt. Clyde Beal, T/5 Frank Lock, Sgt. Eugene Britt, T/5 John Gordon and Pfc. Ell Kutrovac, Wheeling; Cpl. Gerald Comer, T/5 Brad Thonwald, Sgt. Joseph Leeper and Pvt. Paul Weese, Elkins; S/Sgt. William Baumgartner and Sgt. Bernard Sherrill, Parkersburg; T/5 Coleman Branham, T/5 Richard Dicken and 1/Sgt. James A. Dore, Fairmont; T/5 Hayward McGee and S/Sgt. Bud Shaffer, Phillips; T/Sgt. Clifton Gard, Williams-town; T/4 William T. De Lardos, Mounttown; Pfc. Russell Bishop, Steyer; T/4 George Swann, Shinnston; T/5 Jerry R. Fox, Cameron; Pvt. Henry Kronenberger, McMechen; Sgt. Paul A. Rader, Camden-on-Gauley; T/5 Lester Wilhelm, Blaine; Cpl. James S. Cleary, Kenova; Pvt. Homer Barney, Hedgewise; T/5 Curtis West, Moundsville; Cpl. William B. Racer, St. Albans; Pfc. Joe Scott, Eskdale; 2/Lt. Jack Sutherland, Huntington; Pfc. Herschel Locklar, Willington; S/Sgt. Walter C. Bare, Salt Sulphur Springs; Sgt. Woodrow Lewis, Petro; Pfc. Colenso Price, East Raintelle; T/4 Frank Helmecki and Miss Julia K. Ellison, A.R.C., Greenville.

Greetings were sent to Gov. Raymond E. Baldwin, of Hartford, at the Connecticut reunion at the club. Present were:

- Pfc. Edward Nolan, Cpl. George Schnittman, T/5 Anthony Esposito, Cpl. Nicholas Mattoff, Sgt. Garry Monahan and Capt. H. Allen Wichstrom, New Haven; Sgt. David Gordon, Hartford; Sgt. George Goodrow, West Hartford; S/Sgt. Bill Zierling, Rochville; Sgt. Laurence Albertini, Hamden; Pvt. Humbert Morio, West Haven; and Edwin J. Belnecke, deputy commissioner, A.R.C., Greerwich.

Norwich

NORWICH, June 24—Mississippi and Louisiana soldiers serving in the ETO will meet at the Bishop's Palace club here next Wednesday. Program for the week:

- Friday—Tennis party, 3-6:30 PM.
Saturday—Informal musical and skit program, 9:15-10:15 PM.
Sunday—Musical tea party, dates, 3:30-5:30 PM.
Monday—Movie in lounge, 8 PM.
Tuesday—Ping-pong tournament, 9 PM.
Wednesday—Louisiana and Mississippi Night, dinner in lounge, 7:30 PM.
Thursday—Picnic and swimming, dates, 2:30-9 PM.

Glasgow

GLASGOW, June 24—A formal dress dance will be held Friday night at the Red Cross club here. Other items on the week's program:

- Saturday—Dance, 7:30 PM.
Sunday—Motor coach tour, 10 AM; dance with music provided by the Highland Light Infantry band, 2:30 PM; "at home" party, 5:30 PM.
Wednesday—Dance, 7:30 PM.

Rainbow Corner

Thirty American soldiers from the Engineer Corps played host to 21 members of the Royal Engineers at a party at Rainbow Corner, London. Brig. Gen. C. R. Moore, of Harrisburg, Va., chief Engineer, SOS, ETO, greeted the men. The American engineers present were:

- Capt. Edward B. Kine, Huntingdon, W.Va.; M/Sgt. Harry F. Carter, Willow Grove, Pa., and Marion Nalen, Kienston, Ala.; T/Sgts. P. V. Snyder, London, Ohio, and R. L. Hough, Franklin, Pa.; S/Sgts. Carl W. Seerhammer, Belleville, Kan., and Allen R. Smith, Pittsburgh; T/3 Odell Webb, Salt Lake City; Sgts. Irving M. Statman, Cincinnati; J. M. Delahantz, Trenton, N.J.; F. C. Guyant, Indianapolis; Frederick W. Slick, Royal Oak, Mich.; Green T. Waggener, Vicksburg, Miss.; William D. Sims, Lewisburg, W.Va.; Bert Hister, Centralia, Ill., and Raymond V. Wilson, Sioux Rapids, Iowa; Cpls. Sidney Rosenberg, Brooklyn; Wayne R. Hanson, Omaha, Neb.; John D. Cody, Nashua, N.H., and George F. Michel, Pfc. David D. Albus, Brooklyn; Thomas R. Dresser, New Jersey; Albert Hillinger, Fort Edward, N.Y.; William Healy, Bronx, N.Y.; John Jaworski, George H. Jenner, Philadelphia, and Roy E. Lewis, Atlanta, Ga.; Frank Hilt, Roxburg, N.Y.; Walter H. Colyer, Greenville, Tenn., and Philip Besce, Brooklyn.

Raids

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the dockyard were hit. Fortresses from North Africa attacked it June 6 and scored a hit on the bow of one of three battleships in the harbor. A city of about 100,000, it is Italy's biggest warship base and also a submarine-building center.

The U.S. fighters' first-announced operation in escort of RAF bombers was made in a sweep over Belgium, in which P47 Thunderbolts shot down one FW190 and damaged another with no U.S. losses.

The communique credited the one kill to 2/Lt. Melvin D. Putnam, of Lyons, N.Y. The other enemy ship was damaged by 2/Lt. Thomas W. Sheppard, of New Orleans.

Eighth Air Force fighters also carried out a sweep over Holland during the day, but this was uneventful.

Wednesday night about 15 Nazi bombers struck at Hull, on the north-eastern English coast, and caused damage and casualties.

Large-scale intruder operations involving between 400 and 500 fighter-bombers also were carried out over Holland and Northern France yesterday by the RAF. Ten enemy aircraft were destroyed, and "many more" were listed as probably destroyed or damaged.

Comic strip titled 'LIZABETH' featuring a woman and a dog. The woman says: 'ALAS, MADAM!—WE HAVE TRIED ALL THE USUAL METHODS TO CAUSE THE EVIL LITTLE SPIRIT TO VANISH—WE'VE TRIED ALL FORMS OF SELF-TORTURE!! WE'VE (SOB!) SLEPT ON NAILS—WE'VE WALKED ON RED-HOT COALS!!'. The dog says: 'THERE'S ONLY ONE THING LEFT—WE'LL OFFER A HUMAN SACRIFICE!! WE'LL KILL OURSELVES!! IF THAT DOESN'T WORK, I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'LL DO!!'. The woman replies: 'THANK GOODNESS THAT VASE GOES OFF BY BOAT TOMORROW NIGHT TO INDIA, WHERE IT WILL BE SEALED IN A TOMB FOR ANOTHER 200 YEARS—EVIL SPIRIT AND ALL!!'. The dog says: 'MEANWHILE: BACK IN DOGPATCH—A (SOB!) FULL BARR'L O' KICKAPOO JOY-JUICE LOCKED IN THET STRONGBOX—AN' WHO GOT TH' KEY? PAPPY YOKUM THASS WHO!! AN' WHAR IS HE? WE DONT KNOW!! THASS WHAR HE IS!!'. The woman says: 'LOOK!! MY HAIRLESS FRIEND JOE!!—THIS PITCHER O' VASE GOT PAPPY YOKUM IN UM!!'. The dog says: 'SO THET LI'L RAT IS A HIDI'N' FUM US, IN THET VASE!! LE'S GIT SOME-ONE T' READ THIS T'US!!—MEBBE WE KIN FIND HIM!!'.