

Counter-Proposal by Rome Reported

Record Month for 8th Air Force

Forts Dump 4,000 Tons In 10 Raids

B17s Destroy 500 Nazi Fighters; Mediums Also Set New Mark

American heavy bombers last month dropped more bombs on German targets, shot down more enemy fighters and cut deeper into the Reich itself than in any previous month in the U.S. share of the biggest aerial push in history—the battle for mastery of the air over Europe.

In ten raids on targets from the edge of the Arctic Circle almost to the Bay of Biscay, the U.S. heavies flew approximately 2,700 plane-missions, actually dropped nearly 4,000 tons of bombs and shot down more than 500 Nazi fighters, according to a preliminary recapitulation last night.

Another 150 enemy fighters probably were destroyed and more than 275 damaged. The figure does not include planes destroyed by the 108 American heavy bombers lost during the record month.

Hamburg 'Wiped Out'

With the medium bombers of Eighth Air Support Command and the Thunderbolts of Eighth Fighter joining in their biggest month of operations in the ETO, the air war against the Reich was blasted to a new high in the last week of July, when Hamburg, Germany's biggest port and second city, was wiped off the map by seven raids in six days and nights—three heavy night blows by the RAF heavies, two by Mosquitos and two precision attacks by Fortresses.

Yesterday, as Eighth Air Force headquarters was issuing a compilation of bombing statistics which bore out Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker's declaration at the beginning of the summer that before October the USAAF here would double its strength and power, stories began to pour out from the neutral borders of Germany describing the desolation and fear that a month of almost uninterrupted assault has heaped within the Reich and the Nazi-held targets of the Occupied Countries.

Blows at U-Boat Plants

The month's air blows by night and day struck principally at the Nazi submarine construction industry and the manufacturing and assembly plants which turn out planes for the Luftwaffe. In addition, the RAF made heavy return visits to the industrial Ruhr, while the medium and light bombers of both air forces were concerned largely with neutralizing the enemy airfields and air concentration depots in the occupied countries.

The scoreboard for the month, which showed Eighth Air Force losses dropping to less than four per cent, was compiled even as Gen. Eaker, USAAF chief for the ETO, was disclosing that the Nazis have concentrated some 50 per cent of their available fighter strength in the west to meet the 24-hour-a-day threat of the Allied air armadas.

Despite that defense, however, an

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U.S. Troops Determined To Win, Stimson Reports

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (AP)—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, back from a three-week tour to Iceland, Britain and North Africa, today reported a "sober determined will to win" among the American troops he visited.

Stimson said he talked with Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers and Gen. Dwight Eisenhower. "I have seen our men in training and ready for action, and others who have been in action. They are well-equipped and well-trained men. There are no finer soldiers," he said.

"Everywhere I went there was demonstrated a sober determined will to win, fortified by our successful operations in Sicily and Tunisia and in the air over Germany and occupied Europe."

Nelson on U.S. Production

NEW YORK, Aug. 1 (AP)—Donald K. Nelson, War Production Board chairman, exhorted the nation to banish strikes, absenteeism and over-optimism in order to catch up with production goals. The monthly report said production was behind schedule, though it had increased two per cent in June.

Homeward Bound from Smoking Kassel



U.S. Army Air Force Photo
As Eighth Air Force B17s wing their way homeward, smoke towers higher and higher after direct hits in the Focke-Wulf factories at Kassel in west central Germany. This picture was taken from a waist-gun position in one of the Forts. (Full page of pictures of U.S. aerial onslaught on Germany on back page.)

USAAF and RAF Are Beating Half of Nazi Fighter Strength

Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, Eighth Air Force commander, said yesterday that more than half of Germany's total fighter strength is being held in Western Europe to face USAAF and RAF bombers which are making a "big hole in the ceiling of Hitler's Fortress of Europe."

"Some have asked when the invasion of Germany will begin. I say to them that it has begun. During the past week we made a big hole in the ceiling of Hitler's Fortress of Europe."

"Despite desperate need of fighters for support of his hard-pressed armies in Russia and Sicily, Hitler has had to maintain more than half of his total fighter strength across the English Channel to face our bombers," Gen. Eaker said during a two-way radio conversation with Lt. Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the U.S. Army Air Forces, on the 36th anniversary of the formation of the USAAF.

Gen. Eaker said that the Eighth Air Force, which has been entrusted with the responsibility of fighting the Germans in Germany, "appreciates the confidence and welcomes the opportunity." He added that along with the RAF it has been given one of the major assignments of the war—the destruction of the German Air Force and the German war industry.

"I am happy to tell you now that we

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Berlin Reported 'Close to Panic'

People Prepare Shelters, Fearing It Will Get Blitz Like Hamburg

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 1 (AP)—A Berlin dispatch to the newspaper Aftonbladet today said "near panic" prevailed in the Reich capital as the people feared it would be the next target for Anglo-American bombing warfare.

Early today Berliners were out in parks, squares and yards, digging trenches and family air raid shelters, it reported. An official proclamation urged the people to "mobilize your spiritual strength." It observed that Berlin could be laid in ruins like Hamburg, Cologne, Essen.

The correspondent said it was no longer possible to hide the frightfulness of the bombing war as trainloads of wounded and homeless reached Berlin. Mothers pleaded for safe places to take children.

Victory in 1943 or '44, Paper Quotes President

NEW YORK, Aug. 1 (AP)—President Roosevelt predicted, at the time of the Casablanca Conference, that the war will be over this year or next, the New York World-Telegram reported yesterday. The President, the paper said, went aboard the U.S. cruiser Memphis off the African coast and, in a speech to the crew, said:

"I can tell you that in the past ten days the British and ourselves have worked out plans which will keep the war going at full speed during the rest of 1943. We hope it will be over by then, but if it is not, we shall be even readier in 1944 for final victory."

Cairo Hears Terms Of Surrender Offer Rejected by Allies

Munich Paper Admits 'It Can Happen Here'

STOCKHOLM, Sunday—"The war has reached a state of immediate decision," Munich's Neueste Nachrichten said in the first Nazi-controlled press comment reaching Stockholm which frankly admitted the collapse of Fascism in Italy would affect the outcome of the war.

It revealed, too, that Nazi leaders fear that the same thing could happen to Germany.

The paper said: "Under the impact of events in Italy, which no one doubts have worldwide importance, many German quarters have begun considering the main question of the war's conduct and associated internal Italian developments with the outcome of the war."

Nazi-Italian Clashes Described; Peace Talk Rumors Fly

Marshal Badoglio, caught in a three-sided squeeze between mounting public pressure for peace, uncooled Italian fears of renewed Allied bombings and Adolf Hitler's threats of revenge, was reported in Cairo last night to have offered Italy's surrender provided the Allies agree not to use her bases, arms or troops against Germany. The Allies already have rejected the offer, the report said.

The Cairo report, published less than 18 hours after Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters had warned the Italian people that "the breathing spell is over . . . soon the air offensive will begin again," recalled Madrid reports that Badoglio established contact with Eisenhower last week through emissaries sent by special plane to North Africa.

Badoglio's first condition, that the Allies would not use Italy as a base nor pass through Italian territory to attack Germany, fared poorly to rejection, London observers believed, especially in view of Prime Minister Churchill's speech last week demanding unconditional surrender plus the things required to sustain the offensive against Germany.

Algiers radio, which broadcast the Eisenhower message, said last night, however, that no reply has yet been received from Badoglio. Meanwhile, thousands of copies of Gen. Eisenhower's declaration have appeared in Italian cities and are being passed from hand to hand.

London Awaits Big Developments

The purported peace offer—reported during a nervous weekend when Britain's war cabinet stayed close to London in obvious expectation of big events—also carried a provision for withdrawal of all Italian forces from Greece and the Balkans and their concentration in Albania, which would remain Italian. A third provision, Cairo said, was that the Allies be permitted to occupy the Dodecanese islands until a peace conference decided their fate.

Fighting between Italian and German troops in northern Italy, Albania and Greece was reported from many sources. The Italians, Cairo said, were in open revolt against a Berlin order replacing Italian garrisons with German.

The Germans, according to frontier reports, have forced the Italians to evacuate the harbor areas of Pola, Fiume and Trieste and other important positions in northern Italy.

Violent riots followed the Allied announcement that bombing would be resumed, and frontier reports said troops were joining civilians in peace demonstrations. Northern Italy was said to be virtually in a state of revolt, with rioting in Milan, Turin and other cities. Other

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Join War Against U.S., Tokyo 'Offer' to China

Japan has made another peace offer to China, the main condition of which is that China would join in the war against the U.S., Berlin radio announced yesterday, quoting an interview with the press chief in Tokyo.

Japanese troops would be withdrawn from China and the country would be left alone, entirely independent, it was claimed.

Polish Cross Flier Promoted

A U.S. FIGHTER STATION, England, Aug. 1—Francis S. Gabreski, 23, of Oil City, Pa., holder of the Polish Cross of Valor, today was promoted to major, given command of a Thunderbolt squadron and awarded the Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster for meritorious service in operational flights over enemy-occupied territory.

Another force of thousands of American soldiers has arrived in the British Isles after an uneventful crossing of the Atlantic, it was announced yesterday.

Pope Condemns Dictatorship

The Pope condemns all those who willingly place the fate of a whole nation in the hands of a single man who is liable to mistakes and errors," said a Vatican broadcast in Spanish, according to Algiers radio.

British Forces On Move Again Before Catania

Americans Advance Three Miles as Final Battle Near in Sicily

Britain's Eighth Army, reinforced with fresh artillery, resumed the advance south of Catania yesterday as American armored forces continued to roll up the German northern flank, capturing three small towns.

The Allied communique said only that the Eighth Army had extended "bridgeheads" projecting into enemy defenses in front of the scarred port 55 miles south of Messina, but it indicated Gen. Montgomery's tank columns were moving again after a long lull.

The Americans advanced their positions about three miles on the north flank, capturing Sperlinga, four miles northwest of Nicosia, and two other towns in the same general area, Mauro and Castelverdi. Their pace, though slower than before, still was faster than the forecasts of military experts.

Canadians Menace the Plain

Yesterday's communique had no word of the Canadian advance in the center of the line, where the Maple Leaf First Division was engaged in hard fighting in a push from Agira to Regalbuto. Last reported almost 20 miles due northwest of Catania, the Canadians now threaten the Germans defending the Catania plain, and an advance a few more miles to the east would bring them behind the enemy's Dittaina positions.

Three key road junctions at Aderno, 18 miles northwest of Catania, were literally

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Five Senators in GI Uniforms Arrive to Inspect ETO Forces

By Richard Wilbur
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Five U.S. Senators who, dressed in Army uniforms for their Transatlantic plane trip, were greeted on their arrival at Paddington Station in London yesterday by Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETO commander; Adm. Harold G. Stark, commander of U.S. naval forces in Europe; Ambassador John G. Winant, and other high-ranking officers. During their tour they plan "to see and talk with as many American troops as possible."

The Senators also came to investigate quality and quantity of war materials, and problems involved in transporting the materials to Allied theaters of operation.

Senators Richard B. Russell, Georgia (D), chairman of the committee; Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., Massachusetts (R), and Albert B. Chandler, Kentucky (D)—the latter two are members of the standing Senate committee on military affairs—

arrived in England by Flying Fortress. Senators James M. Mead, New York (D), and Ralph O. Brewster, Main (R), both of whom are members of the Truman committee to investigate the national defense program, reached the ETO in a transport plane.

Senators Mead and Brewster arrived in private's uniform, and the others wore officers' clothes. The first two Senators later explained that they had been granted the opportunity of wearing any uniform they chose, together with the privileges of a major general, and that they had chosen to wear plain GI.

"We plan to see and talk with as many American troops as possible while we're here," Sen. Russell said. "We want to find out how they're faring, how they're feeling, and how they are being provided for generally."

"We also are here to examine different

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Milestone Club Party to Mark First Birthday

British Stars Entertain Chicagoans Tonight At Columbia

Soldiers and staff members will celebrate the first anniversary of the Milestone Club, 2 Kensington Ct, London, W8, Saturday.

Program for the week: Tuesday—Fishing party, 2 PM. Wednesday—Dancing class, 7.30 PM.

Columbia

Several hundred soldiers, sailors and marines from Chicago will gather at the Columbia Club, 75 Seymour St., London, W2, tonight at 8 PM.

Hans Crescent

Program for the week at the Hans Crescent club, Hans Crescent, London, S.W.1:

Tuesday—Tour of London, 10 AM; golf matches, 12 noon; golf instruction, 2-5 PM; dancing lessons, 7.45 PM.

Washington

Program for the week at the Washington Club, 6, Curzon St., London, W.1:

Tuesday—Dancing lessons, 2.30-5.30 PM; dance, 8.30-11 PM.

Manchester

MANCHESTER, Aug. 1—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:

Bury St. Edmunds BURY ST. EDMUNDS, Aug. 1—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:

Bournemouth BOURNEMOUTH, Aug. 1—Program for the week at the Marsham Ct. club here:

Cheltenham CHELTENHAM, Aug. 1—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:

Victory Program for the week at the Red Cross Victory club:

Newbury NEWBURY, Aug. 1—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:

Kettering KETTERING, Aug. 1—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:

Bishop's Palace NORWICH, Aug. 1—Program for the week at the Bishop's Palace Red Cross club here:

'Short-Snorters' Exchange Signatures



Stars and Stripes Photo

Adolphe Menjou and Maj. Fred J. Hunter, of New York, exchange signatures on their 'Short-Snorters' bills at a base in England.

Bob Hope Heading for Africa After Six-Week Tour of ETO

Bob Hope and company took their last bow in London yesterday—after six weeks of touring "some of the best pastures in England" at the Odeon Theater, Leicester Sq., before a packed house of CBS soldiers and members of the Allied services.

Hope's next stop—"an official secret," he whispered—is Africa. But before he goes he's scheduled to give one more show for American soldiers in an unidentified town.

S/Sgt. Eck Meets Pop, A T/3, at Air Station

A U.S. BOMBER BASE, Aug. 1—T/3 Fred O. Eck, 44, and his 19-year-old son, S/Sgt. Warren F. Eck, of Great Neck, L.I., met here unexpectedly for the first time in more than a year.

The son enlisted in the Air Force in April, 1942. The father enlisted in October and came overseas shortly afterwards.

Not long ago the father heard his son had arrived in England and he mentioned the fact to 1/Lt. Tannis. Later, Lt. Tannis chose the elder Eck as his driver on a visit to this post, without telling Eck his destination.

Mongrel Mascot Saves Master from Mad Dog

LONDONDERRY NAVAL BASE, Aug. 1—Jocko, the mascot of this station, is near death as a result of wounds received saving his master, Lt. A. E. Chaffey, of San Jose, Cal., from an attack by a mad dog.

Lt. Chaffey was walking down a base street, preparing to begin his leave, when a mad dog started in pursuit. Jocko attacked the other dog, got a death grip on him and saved his master.

First WAAC Promotion

Cpl. Winnie Van Dyck, of Oak Harbor, Wash., received the first ETO WAAC promotion when she was named acting first sergeant.

'Victory Varieties' Sponsors Orphan

By Russell Jones Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

AAF STATION, Aug. 1—There is an old saying to the effect that the way to be happy is to make others happy.

They're all air force men—not the kind that you read about in the papers, but the kind that do the dirty jobs that very few hear about and fewer still care.

They do these jobs all day long and at night they traipse around the country with a show called "Victory Varieties," which lays the British and the GIs in the aisles.

Okay, the British and the GIs who see the show are happy. But are the 12 and one satisfied? Hell, no. They have to take all the shillings and thruppence that they've been piling up and come into The Stars and Stripes office and get themselves an orphan to sponsor.

The 100 quid—not because they weren't clearing more but because they were paying their way and buying props. When they almost had it, they sent in a hurry call to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund, and Gwenda, blonde, pig-tailed and five years old, came down in time to have dinner with them and see the show that brought in the last few pennies that they needed.

WAAC Officers Take Secret Orders Literally

Two WAAC officers, Capt. Selma Hansen, of Los Angeles, and Lt. Dorothy Swart, of Elsa, Tex., arrived in Britain under secret orders to report directly to Maj. Gen. Ira Eaker at Eighth Air Force Headquarters.

They spent several hours trying to locate the headquarters and then went to Army HQ for aid. But when they took their orders literally and refused to show them, no one would direct them.

Meanwhile, Col. Ralph Pulsifer was waiting for them in the Adjutant General's office, where newcomers are supposed to report. Hearing that two women in strange uniforms were in town trying to find headquarters, Col. Pulsifer went out in search of them.

"My orders say report to Gen. Eaker," Capt. Hansen said when the colonel found the WAACs. He persuaded them to report to his office.

New Weapon 'Burns Out' Japs

Yanks Use Flame-throwers To Wipe Out Forts In New Georgia

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Aug. 1—American troops slowly advancing on the stubborn Japanese defenders of Munda have used flame-throwers successfully to wipe out enemy strongpoints, today's official communique said.

Allied pressure is increasing after a Jap counter-attack was repulsed near Bibolo Hill, near Munda. Allied planes supporting the ground operations dumped 37 tons of bombs on the Jap base.

On the southern flank, light tanks smashed through strong defenses, then infantry followed close behind with the flame-throwers.

Heavy and medium U.S. bombers with a strong fighter escort made another attack on Vila airdrome and the Stanmore plantation on Kolombangara Island in the Solomons.

A series of coordinated attacks were made on the Japanese positions. Enemy camps were attacked. Altogether, 60 tons of bombs were dropped in the target areas—this in spite of strong Japanese anti-aircraft fire.

Munda Battle is Tough Going

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (UP)—"The battle for Munda is going on according to plan, but it is tough fighting," Secretary of Navy Frank Knox declared today.

"The Allied forces are meeting the same fanatical Japanese resistance as at Guadalcanal," he added.

"Japanese soldiers will die rather than yield, but we have to dig them out," said Knox. "It is a slow and costly process."

"Some of this island fighting must be done on these lines, but it isn't reasonable to assume that the whole war against Japan will be fought on such a basis."

Gets Extra Quick Pass To See Sister in WAACs

AIR DEPOT SERVICE COMMAND, Aug. 1—It took just five minutes to start S/Sgt. N. R. Longnecker, of Wichita, Kan., on his way to the WAAC Replacement Center to see his sister, Sgt. Beryl Longnecker.

1/Lt. Robert L. Haddock, of Tucson, Ariz., was the first to know Longnecker's sister was overseas when he spotted the name in The Stars and Stripes.

When Capt. Leo Rose, of Daytona Beach, Fla., Longnecker's commanding officer, learned about it, he immediately granted the sergeant a special 48-hour pass to see his sister.

Airdrome Squadron Insured

AN EIGHTH AIR SUPPORT COMMAND BASE, England, Aug. 1—Every man in the Airdrome Squadron, commanded by Maj. D. E. Van Vactor, of Klamath Falls, Ore., has subscribed to a \$10,000 National Service Life Insurance policy.

Amgot Helping Sicily's Towns Toward Normal

Quickly Clean Up Streets And Restore Services After Capture

WITH U.S. SEVENTH ARMY, Sicily (delayed)—The Civil Affairs Section of the Seventh Army is putting each Sicilian city back on its feet within a few hours after combat troops take it.

A number of British and American officers were landed with the assault troops on invasion day and it is their task to relieve the combat branches of the Army of the civil administration of captured enemy territory.

When the first forces enter a city they may find it paralyzed, with no water or electricity, its police force inactive and its people short of food because of transportation breakdowns.

First they go to the city hall and get in touch with the mayor and the chiefs of police, they hire men to bury any dead, clear up the streets as soon as possible and get the water and electric lights functioning. Then they get the mills to reopen, helping to solve the food problem.

Nickels, Pence, Lire: All Are Used in Sicily

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Aug. 1 (AP)—Both the U.S. and British brought military currency to Sicily, it was disclosed today. Its printing and delivery constituted one of the world's most closely guarded military secrets.

The people were told the British and American military currency would be legal tender. The rate of exchange was fixed at 100 lire for \$1 and 400 for £1.

Smaller coins, shillings, pence, half dollars, quarters and nickels—also were sent to the island.

So far they have found no real shortage of food. The problem had been to find it and get it transported to the cities.

The staff who carry out the plans of the newly created AMGOT (Allied Military Government of Occupied Territory) have the duty of putting in force the policies decreed by the military governor, Gen. Alexander, and the field commander of the Allied forces in Sicily.

AMGOT is the first joint venture of the United States and British governments in running occupied territory and it is functioning smoothly and without friction. Proclamations by Gen. Alexander are posted in public places in both Italian and English.

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Italian Chaos

Today, Italy is a seething mass of bewildered humanity. Fascists are fleeing for their lives fearful of the vengeance of the cheated masses. From Milan a half million people are streaming nightly into the country, fearing mass air raids that have been threatened if unconditional surrender is not forthcoming.

Italian workmen are striking, and the working class suspects Badoglio of scheming to prevent a popular revolution now threatened after 21 years of misrule.

The new Italian government is temporizing, and while it tries to wait out the storm, it speaks in three voices: telling the Germans Italy will continue to fight; telling the Italians a reasonable peace is being negotiated; telling the Allies through hints and propaganda that Italy will accept peace without occupation.

In the midst of this chaos, one fact stands out clearly. Italy is finished as a military power. A nation so weak from war and internal disorder that Germany dare not move beyond the River Po in defense, cannot with revolution stalking her cities hope to continue the struggle.

All that is left for Italy now is unconditional surrender.

On With the War

The last week has not only brought revolution and chaos to Italy. It has also drastically revised the whole picture of the war in Europe and Asia, for there is still but one war, and the most exciting prospects have opened before the peoples of the United Nations and all those in bondage to the Axis spirit of aggression. These possibilities, writes the New York Herald Tribune, are based upon real equations of the strength and weakness of the contending forces. They spring from the military, air and naval power which the United Nations have been able to bring to bear upon the enemy; from the overstressed economic resources of Germany, Italy and Japan; and, most important, from the essential righteousness of the cause of human dignity and freedom, the taint that lay at the heart of the aggressors' plans, eating away their vitals even in the moment of triumph. Hence it is right that men who love freedom should rejoice and face the future with confidence. Their cause is just, it is strong. And growing stronger as the enemy weakens.

Yet now, as in the darkest hours of world disaster, the call is still for work and sacrifice, redoubled, as work and sacrifice begin to bear their first fruits. To slight for one moment the task ahead is to betray the dead and the living. On with the war.

Sappers

The Nazis are beginning to hear sinister sounds in the night. We do not refer to the rain of bombs on key industrial cities, for while aerial bombardment is wrecking German war industries, other activities are wrecking morale.

Germany under Nazi rule developed the fifth column to a fine art. Now Nazi experts recognize the dangerous sound of "under-cover" anti-Nazi agents at work in the Reich.

Defeatism grows daily more apparent as Germans realize that Nazi Germany may crash as suddenly as the Kaiser's empire. Statements to this effect appear during the night on walls and conspicuously in public buildings.

"Sappers" point out that during World War I, the Kaiser was the "All Highest" and the Germans worshipped him. During World War II, they broadly hint, Der Fuhrer has been worshipped with equal ardour. But the old saying that "the bigger they come the harder they fall" applies in the case of Hitler and his Nazi party, particularly so when the sappers, working from beneath, start cutting the very ground out from under those who appear to stand so high and mighty.

Experts can plainly hear the sound of the sappers at work beneath the Nazi structure. Soon it may crash into the dark hole now being so carefully dug to receive it.

Hash Marks

Fun at home. An excited Oregon housewife telephoned the police that her house had just been bombed by the Japs. The bombs turned out to be bricks from the chimney which was loosely built.

Today's daffynition. Bachelor: A man who gets along without marriage.

Surprise! Seventeen cats and their owners were on hand today when Ed Strothers' service station in Tacoma.



Wash., opened up. And more arrived steadily. The owners brought this ad, clipped from a newspaper, "Cats wanted. Starting pet shop. Will pay 5 apiece for all and any cats." It gave the station address. Strothers is out gunning for the joker who placed the ad.

Walter Rogers, of Boston, was about to become a father for the first time and in his haste to get to the hospital he ran his automobile across the sidewalk and into a building. While he was explaining the accident to a police sergeant, he received word that he had just become the father of triplets. "Justifiable nervousness," muttered the police sergeant, "beat it!"

Monotony on the home front. A Salt Lake City store executive released a man who'd tried to steal several pillow cases because he told such a hard-luck tale. A half-hour later the same man repeated the same stunt, told the same story, was released again. The third attempt, two hours later, also flopped and this time the bored executive called the cops. The guy never did explain his mania for pillow cases.

John Wilson, 98-year-old Tennessee farmer, doesn't come to town very often. But the other day he wandered into Knoxville—and went right back home again. Wilson is afraid that if he comes too close to speeding automobiles again he might not live to be 100. "Things are moving too fast," he says, and it looks like this will be one of my last trips to town, or I'll get bumped off before my time.

Because six-year-old Elsie Wilkins was sleepy, the whole town of Jerseyville, Ill., was turned upside down Saturday night.



The little girl was missed after the evening meal; so pretty soon Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins called the city police, who called the sheriff, who called the state police. The house, the neighborhood, the town and most of the county was searched. Sunday morning the frantic parents found Elsie—asleep in an old suitcase under her little white bed.

A woman in Richmond, Va., reported to donate blood to the Red Cross blood bank and surprised the attendants by specifying that she wanted her blood sent to the Nazis and Japs. She explained, "I have undulant fever."

J. C. W.



"One—just a minute Mr Jackson—two!"

'Old Salts' Know U-Boats Licked

Few Patients Remain In Hospitals for Merchantmen

By Don Hewitt

Stars and Stripes Merchant Marine Editor

GLASGOW, Aug. 1—The ebbing tide of the Battle of the Atlantic was reflected today when the Glasgow Merchant Seamen's club, which has played host to more than 1,000 torpedoed and bombed American mariners in the last seven months, bade goodbye to its last convalescent survivor, and an emergency hospital in this area—to which most of the casualties in the Northern waters were brought—prepared to release its last American seaman patient.

Off to catch a ship going home, George T. Pullen, first assistant engineer on an American freighter which was attacked 11 months ago, packed his seabag, waved a fond goodbye to the club staff and hobbled off on his crutches, eager to get home to Huntington, Long Island.

Pullen, who has been convalescing from a leg wound, told a grim story of a perilous voyage to Russia which he described as "hell on earth."

"As soon as we left Iceland we were shadowed for nine days by German patrol planes which circled the convoy just outside of our firing range, evidently radiating our position to U-boats patrolling those waters.

"We were just off Spitzbergen on the morning of Sept. 13 when we got our first sub attack. They got two ships. About 30 minutes later all hell broke loose. Sixty torpedo-bombers came out of the clouds on the starboard side of the convoy. The water was frothing with torpedo wakes; they criss-crossed all around us.

Bombers Drop Mines, Too

"While the torpedo planes were giving us the works, high-level bombers were dropping incendiaries on us. Then those bastard subs moved right into the convoy; there were periscopes sticking up all over the place. To top it off other bombers were dropping mines up ahead of us.

"They kept up the bombing attack all night, and the next morning a new batch of torpedo planes came in low level dead ahead. I had just come off watch in the engine-room and was turning in for a little shut-eye when the 20mm. over my cabin began spouting away a mile-a-minute, so I stepped out in the passageway to see what the hell was going on. Just as I got to the door leading out on deck one of the Jerry planes let loose with his cannon and got me in the leg.

"I was knocked out and when I came to I was lying on the deck all alone. Every sailor and his brother was up on the bridge scared silly. I hollered like hell and a couple of the boys came down and picked me up. They signalled to a destroyer to come along side, and I and a Navy gunner were transferred to the destroyer in a whale boat during the height of the attack. The kid had also been cannoned and was in pretty bad shape. He died about an hour later.

"The rough-riding destroyer was pitching and tossing, so they lashed me to a mattress in the captain's cabin. We finally made it to the entrance to the White Sea, where the Russians took up the escort of the convoy. I figured that now I could be transferred to a hospital



George T. Pullen, merchant sailor, leaves the Merchant Marine seamen's club on his way home to Long Island.



Veteran of the sea Arthur Walbe rests at a west Scotland hospital, where he is recuperating from a foot injury.

but hell, no. The destroyer was detailed to escort a convoy going home and I lay on that hard, rough mattress for two whole weeks.

"On the way back we went under another terrific U-boat attack. Everybody was up on deck manning the guns, and there I was lashed to the mattress listening to ships getting it all around us and figuring any moment might be my last. On Sept. 29 we finally made port and I was taken to a hospital and later brought here to the club. That was nine months ago, and my leg is still in a cast. My right leg is going to be about an inch shorter than my left, but I can't complain. I'm lucky to be alive.

"Now I'm clearing out of here—the last of the Mohicans. If they let me, I'm going to ship out again as soon as my leg heals, if not I think I can get a spot as an instructor at one of the Government Maritime Training Stations."

Last Patient Leaving

Though grim reminders of the vicious U-boat warfare during the winter months are still very much in evidence in the merchant seaman's ward of an emergency hospital near here, the only American patient left is just about ready to go home.

He is 60-year-old Arthur Walbe, of Brooklyn, who had been to sea 20 years ago and "was one of those wise guys who figured they couldn't win the war without me, so I shipped out as an able seaman, and I'll be damned if they didn't get me on first trip."

Walbe told a harrowing story of a blustery February night in which he spent an hour in the water and seven hours on a raft during a hailstorm in the Atlantic

"We figured we were heading for Casablanca, but of course no one but the skipper knew, and he wasn't talking. I was on the twelve to four watch as a lookout with the second-mate. It was the blackest night I ever remember. We had either lost the convoy or it was too dark to see them. About one o'clock in the morning we got a torpedo in the number one hold—blew the hatch boards off and set the forward end of the ship ablaze. I remained on lookout as no orders to abandon had been given.

"About ten minutes later the second one hit. This time I left the bridge and went to my boat station. My boat was on the weather side of the ship making it impossible to launch it. The crew was all around on the other side. The wind was howling and hailstones were pelting me like buckshot. I made it over to the other side and was pushed into one of the overcrowded lifeboats. About half way down one of the falls broke loose dumping us all into the drink.

'Better Swim For It'

"Just about then the third torpedo hit, and the ship was all ablaze. I was half submerged and some guy was standing on my head. As soon as I realized what had happened I figured I'd better swim away from here and die in peace—no use being trampled to death.

"I paddled around for about an hour. The light from the blaze carried pretty far and soon I spied a live raft. I swam toward it but the wind was carrying it away. I don't know how I made it. It all seems so hazy, but I managed to scramble aboard. There were two other men on the raft. About ten minutes after we picked up a messboy. He died a few minutes later.

"I had lost most of my clothes and the hailstorm was becoming worse. By this time my legs were numb from the cold. I snuggled up close to the dead man, and used him as a shelter. Our spirits

were low and my legs were aching so that I could hardly bear it.

"About dawn we felt a surge of relief. We sighted the tip of the mast of a ship, but she went away in search of survivors who might still be in the water. My whole body was becoming numb as we pitched and tossed in the icy gale. About nine o'clock the rescue ship came back and picked us up. I was hoisted aboard, and rubbed down with rough towels. I was sure they would have to amputate my legs, but the doctor told me that wouldn't be necessary, though it was evident that he wasn't too sure himself.

"My feet had turned black and as the feeling returned I experienced excruciating pain, and violent chills. When we made port I was taken to here and have waited five months for the dead black skin to come off my feet so that new skin could be grafted.

"Last week they grafted the skin. I hope to go home in about two weeks, and should be as good as new in no time."

Walbe's son, 2/Lt. Victor Walbe, is with the U.S. Army Air Force in Britain.

More Signs of Battle

More evidence of the waning dangers in the convoy lanes was found at the Gourcock Yacht club.

Nestled on the South bank of the Clyde against the picturesque backdrop of the rolling hills of Scotland, the once exclusive yacht club is now an American Merchant Seamen's Club under the direction of George V. Bonhag, former American Olympic star.

The club was originally opened to accommodate American merchant seamen on shore leave and survivors of torpedoed ships, but with the convoy lanes becoming more and more secure every day there are no survivors at the club at present, and soldiers and sailors as well as seamen are making use of the snack bar, lounge and terrace as a place to relax during their free moments.

Since the club was opened in February, Bonhag has played host to Ambassador John G. Winant, Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers and Lend-Lease Administrator W. Averell Harriman, as well as high-ranking American and British military and naval personnel, who drop in occasionally for a chat on the terrace or a dip in the Clyde.

During the period between 1907 and 1912 Bonhag held all American track records for distances between two miles and ten miles. Rabin on the subject of track and field, he produced a letter he received last week from Emil Von Elling, famous NYU track coach, who, in commenting on Gunder Haegg, the Swedish track sensation, said, "He's the nearest thing I've seen to you, George."

A physical training instructor with the Army Air Corps during the last war, Bonhag is just as beloved by the boys at the club as he was by track fans when he competed in the 1906, 1908 and 1912 Olympics in Athens, London and Stockholm.

The club is one of four run by the United Seamen's Service in conjunction with the U.S. War Shipping Administration. The other three are in Cardiff, Liverpool and Glasgow.

NEWS FROM HOME U.S. 1944 War Budget Totals \$100,000,000,000 Munitions and Building Expenditures Rise \$16,000,000,000

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1—President Roosevelt announced last night that the revised United States war budget for the 1944 fiscal year totalled \$100,000,000,000. Recalling his budget message of last January in which he said that "some persons may believe that such a program is fantastic," the President declared that the American people were proving that it was feasible.

The \$100,000,000,000 compares with \$75,000,000,000 actually spent for war in the fiscal year 1943, which ended July 1. It contemplates an increase for munitions and construction from \$56,000,000,000 expended last year to \$72,000,000,000 this year. Spending for other direct war purposes will increase from last year's figure of \$19,000,000,000 to \$28,000,000,000.

Under the budget each American, earning an average yearly salary of \$1,160, will spend \$740 on all war expenditures, of which \$480 will go to the Army and \$212 to the Navy.

Standard Oil Using Horses

LINDEN, N.J., Aug. 1 (UP)—The Standard Oil Company's Bayway refinery here is now making gasoline deliveries by horse and wagon instead of by truck—because the company is rationed on gasoline.

Vandegrift Now Lt. Gen.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1—Maj. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, of Charlottesville, Va., has been advanced to lieutenant general and named commanding officer of the First Marine Amphibious Corps. He is the second marine to attain that grade on the active list. The first was Lt. Gen. Thomas Holcomb, present Marine commandant.

Bank Robbery Suspects Held

BROKEN ARROW, Okla., Aug. 1—State police have arrested two men suspected of being the bandits who took \$12,000 from the Arkansas Valley State bank here after holding the bank president and his wife prisoners at home for eight hours while waiting for the bank vault time-clock to open. The suspects, Paul Bibee and Chester Don Peeler, were seized near Ponca.

New ATC Deputy Commander

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1—The War Department announced today that Brig. Gen. C. R. Smith had been named deputy commander of the Army Air Transport Command. Gen. Smith, who was chief of staff of the ATC, will be succeeded in that post by Brig. Gen. Bob Nowland.

River Taxis in Chicago

CHICAGO, Aug. 1—Taxicabs, street cars and elevated trains have new competition following the launching of a taxi service on the Chicago river. A 28-passenger cabin cruiser now plies between the Michigan Ave. Bridge and the Northwestern Railroad station. Another boat will begin service on Monday.

Armor Piercing Tests

NEW YORK, Aug. 1—Dr. Miklos Hetenyi and his associates at the Westinghouse Laboratories hope to obtain new information facilitating the development of tougher armor plate and better armor-piercing shells by studying "footprints" of bullets crashing into steel plate. "Footprints" are thin, closely spaced cracks appearing on a lacquer-coated steel target under the impact of a speeding bullet.

\$1,000,000,000 Lend-Lease

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1—Lend-lease Administrator Edward R. Stettinius announced that Lend-Lease rendered during June totalled \$1,030,000,000. It was the first time since the passage of the Act that aid in one month exceeded \$1,000,000,000.

New U.S. War Loan

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (AP)—President Roosevelt proclaimed Sept. 9 for the start of the third war loan campaign, urging every American to "back the attack" with war bond purchases. A goal of \$15,000,000,000 is set.

Billy Smith, Billy Smith Is in ETO, Is in ETO

BELFAST, Aug. 1—Privts. Billy T. Smith, of Missouri, have arrived overseas. Both come from the same small town, both attended the same high school and both were inducted at the same time.

Billy T. Smith No. 1, stationed in Northern Ireland, gets Billy T. Smith No. 2's mail—and vice versa.

"We're good friends and if I see his serial number I don't open the envelope, but it's getting all mixed up, this criss crossing of letters all the time," Smith No. 1 said. "The only solution I can think of is to send one of us home."

Billy T. Smith No. 1 will even volunteer for the journey.

Cheesecake Booby-Trap 'Kills' Brass Aplenty

ABERDEEN, Md., Aug. 1 (UP)—An Army general saw a picture on the wall at an Army training center here. It was a picture of a girl—the type of cheesecake a soldier likes to stick up near his bunk.

The general liked it and he went closer to have a good look. Then the bomb went off. It was a dud bomb, a booby-trap planted in a course in the detection of the traps.

The cheesecake was the best booby-trap of the demonstration. In two hours it and similar traps accounted for two colonels, a couple of majors and ten newspaper reporters.

Muskrat Pie, Shark Fillet Suggested Instead of Meat

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (UP)—The Department of the Interior is trying out new dishes to take the place of meat during the war.

Muskrat pie and baked burbot creole are two of the latest, and they have turned out so well that the department is considering a new industry to rear muskrat, antelope, deer and game of all kinds.

Burbot is the cod's freshwater cousin, very tasty served with almond dressing or flaky pic crust.

Other new food suggestions are: Fillet of shark, kippered shark, baked carp, broiled sheephead fillets, or steamed mussels.

The American housewife can get plenty of mushrooms, lots of partridge and, instead of beef or pork, can serve porterhouse moose steak, fricasseed goose, frogs' legs and roast crawfish if she wishes.

Daughter for Lana Turner

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 1 (AP)—Lana Turner has given birth to a seven-pound 14-ounce daughter.

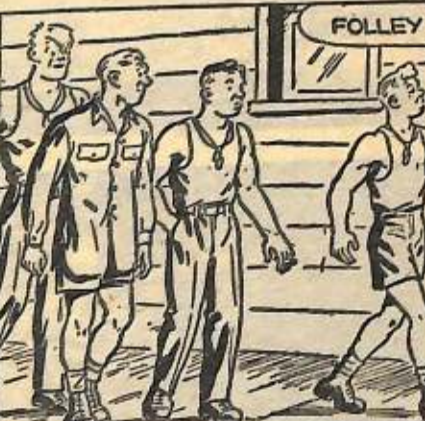
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Male Call



Joe Palooka



Troops Will Get Holiday Turkey

U.S. Bans Gobbler Sales To Provide 10 Million Pounds for Overseas

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1—The War Food Administration yesterday issued an order prohibiting the sale, purchase or processing of live or dressed turkeys except to the government until 10,000,000 pounds have been acquired to provide holiday dinners for men serving overseas.

It is expected that the 10,000,000-pound purchase will be completed by early fall.

The order applies to marketings of 1943 crop turkeys and affects producers, processors, packers, wholesalers, retailers, dining-car operators and civilian consumers without regard to contracts made prior to the order.

Don't Borrow Eskimos' Wives, Alaska GIs Told

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (UP)—It isn't the fashion these days to borrow an Eskimo's wife, American soldiers serving in Alaska have been warned.

"In the old days, a male guest in an Alaskan village might have borrowed an Eskimo's wife—so that he could get his clothes repaired," says a War Department guide-book. "A traveller might have borrowed a friend's wife to go with him on a long journey. But it isn't done today."

The guide-book warns soldiers against throwing away their Eskimo underwear. "You can boil it in a pot and eat it if ever you are starving on the trail," it states.

Dimout Hides Empire State

NEW YORK, Aug. 1—Three youngsters from Bedford, Mass., came to New York to see the Empire State Building. They couldn't find the world's largest building because of the dimout and they got lost and wound up in Brooklyn.

Bazookas Going to Allies In Quantity, Army Says

SCHENECTADY, N.Y., Aug. 1—Bazooka guns are now being supplied in quantity to United Nations forces, Maj. Gen. L. H. Campbell, chief of Army Ordnance, revealed yesterday.

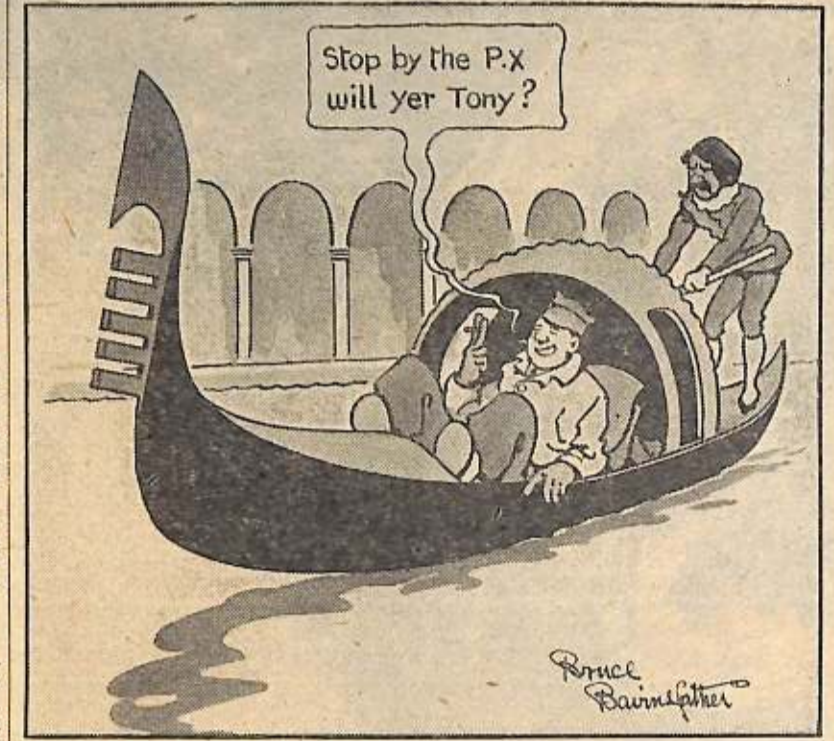
"During recent operations in Africa," he said, telling of the gun's efficiency, "one small but strong fort gave the Americans considerable trouble. One American soldier detached himself from the landing party, waded ashore and with one shot from his gun effected the surrender of the fort."

General Electric Co. officials disclosed yesterday they were producing the gun in quantity at an undisclosed plant.

Prosperity of Farmers Highest in 20 Years

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1—Seeking to find out how farmers were faring financially under the unprecedented demand for farm products, the Agriculture Department sent agents into 35 scattered sections of the country to interview farmers and bankers, doctors, merchants and others who deal with farmers.

Reports showed that in general farmers were enjoying their greatest prosperity in more than 20 years. They are flooding banks with savings, buying more and better clothes, entering markets for bathroom and building equipment and paying more taxes than ever before.

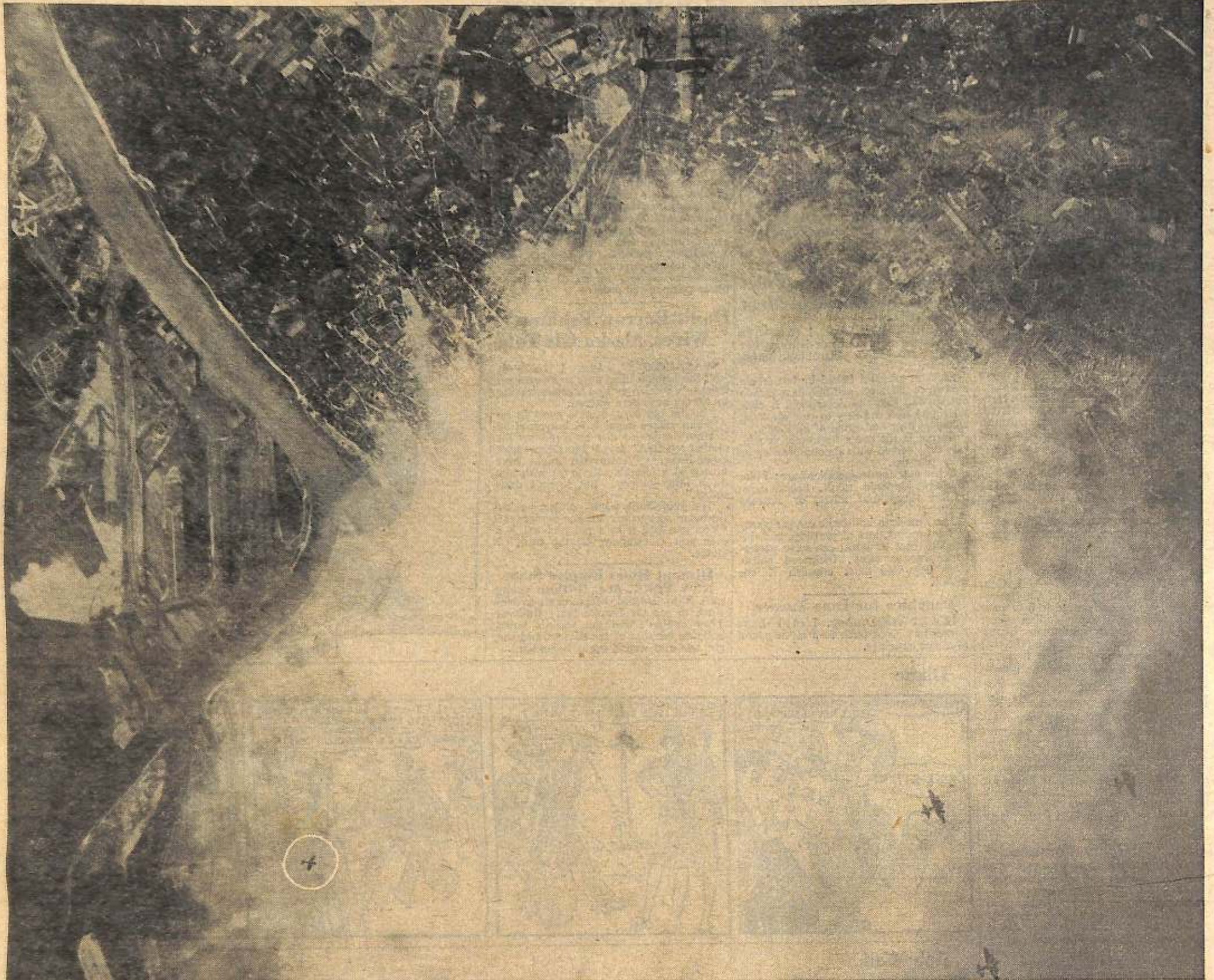


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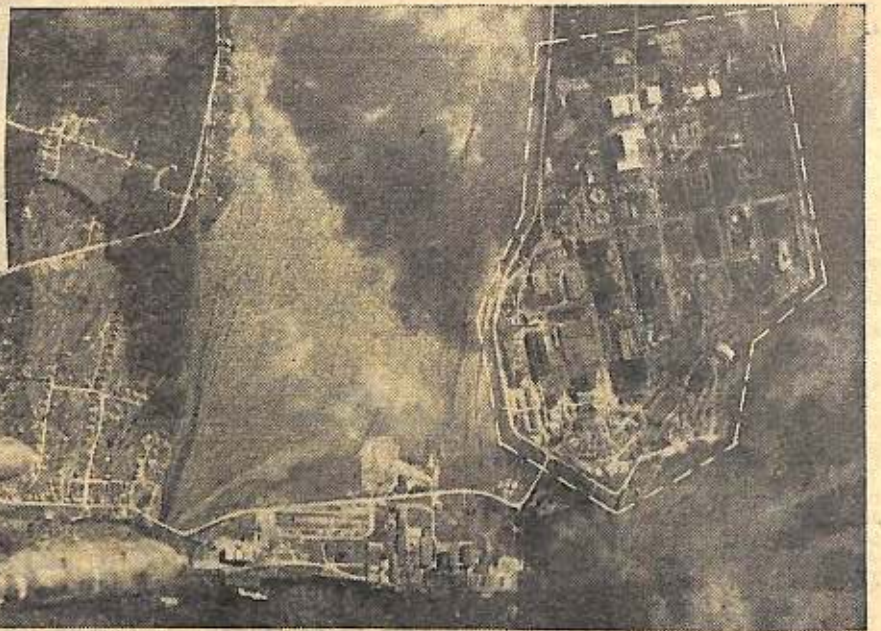
Handiwork of Eighth Air Force on the Nazis' War Machine



Silhouetted against the smoke pall over Hamburg are Flying Fortresses and a lone Focke Wulf 190 during the second raid on the largest port in Germany which today is reported to be completely devastated after 8,000 tons of bombs in seven attacks within 124 hours. Since the current air siege against the Nazis began it is estimated that Eighth Air Force B17s have shot down 250 German fighters.

'Bombs Away!'

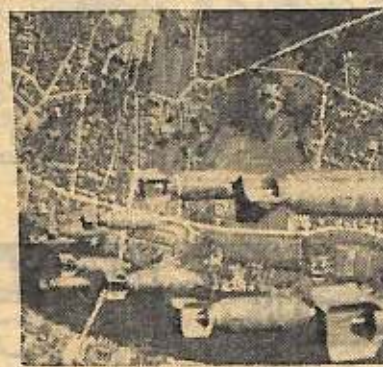
An Eighth Air Force bombardier in a B17 releases his bombs over the target (dotted line), a German aluminum plant at Heroya, near Oslo, in Norway, on July 24—the beginning of seven-day USAAF-RAF air onslaught on the Nazis' war machine.



Heavier Attacks May Be Expected



Even heavier USAAF raids than last week's are in store for the Reich, according to a statement made two months ago by Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, chief of the Eighth Air Force. He then declared that his force had been doubled since March and that the June force would be doubled again in October. On May 30, the Eighth Air Force announced that the largest force of heavy U.S. bombers yet to fly from bases in Britain has struck targets in France—the exact number of planes was not given, but Gen. Eaker pointed out in his June statement that 300 planes were sent out on one raid. It is possible within the next few months that the Eighth Air Force may make its first 1,000-plane attack from bases in the British Isles.



'Target Hit!'

A few seconds later and even before the bombs dropping in the picture above had hit the target, the aluminum factory was obscured in smoke from perfect hits by other Forts, as this picture shows. Note all bombs have landed inside the target area at this stage of the raid.



New Insignia For U.S. Air Forces



The new U.S. air forces insignia will consist of the present white star on a circular field of blue with the addition of a white rectangle attached horizontally at the right and left of the circle, plus a red border enclosing the entire device.