

Catania Captured, Nazi Forces Trapped

Orel Taken As Nazis Flee Entire Area

Soviets in City After Two Years, Race to Cut Path of Retreat

Berlin radio admitted yesterday that the German army was abandoning the entire Orel salient following the capture of the city by Russian forces after it had been in Nazi hands for two years.

The fall of the city was the most staggering defeat the Germans had suffered on the eastern front since Stalingrad. Nazi commanders were making desperate attempts to withdraw their Orel forces, once estimated at 200,000 troops, in time to avert an even greater disaster, their encirclement and destruction by rapidly advancing Red troops.

As the capture of the key city was announced, Russian forces apparently took the initiative along the entire front from Leningrad in the north to the Kuban in the south. Advances at several points were reported, most important of them at Izyum in the Donetz basin.

Retreat Roads Blocked

At Orel speeding Red columns already had wiped out enormous numbers of German troops, had destroyed 236 tanks and seized hundreds of others, and had succeeded in blocking even secondary roads over which the Germans were endeavoring to withdraw, Moscow said last night.

With Orel captured after 23 days of bitter fighting, the Russians launched attacks aimed at Byelgorod, key railroad junction 40 miles north of Kharkov, while other Soviet forces pursuing the Germans westward from Orel threatened Briansk, one of the strongest German bastions on the central front. At Leningrad, several hundred Germans were killed in new Russian attacks in that sector.

Eight Russian columns were advancing yesterday in the Orel area, moving from all directions north, south and east of the city. German pockets in the northwest have already been wiped out, Moscow claimed. Large German forces moved southwest along two narrow dirt roads. More Russian troops threatened to trap surviving German forces in the area southeast of Briansk.

The exact lines to which the Germans are trying to withdraw were not known, but military observers anticipated they would try to take up positions running roughly from Syevsk in the south to a point midway along the Orel-Briansk railroad in the north. This line would straighten the German front and would still cover Briansk.

Memphis Belle Breaks Engagement With Flier

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 5—The engagement of Margaret Polk and Maj. Robert K. Morgan, Flying Fortress pilot who flew his "Memphis Belle" on 25 missions over occupied Europe from a British base, has been called off. Miss Polk, for whom Maj. Morgan named his ship, said the engagement was broken by mutual agreement after a long-distance telephone call.

Before going on tour of war plants with his original crew and their bomber, Maj. Morgan met Miss Polk here and announced they would be married immediately after the tour.

War Workers Requested To Give Up Labor Day

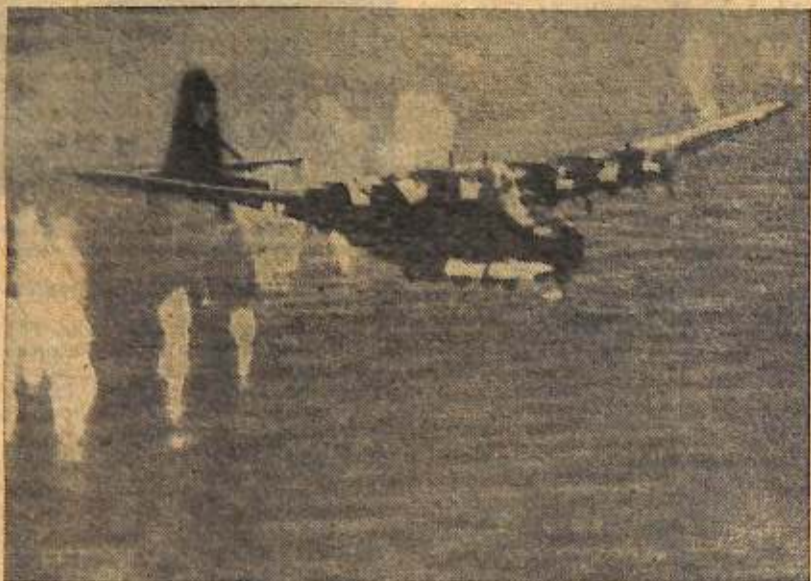
WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (AP)—All workers in American war factories are being asked to forgo the Labor Day holiday.

Charles Wilson, executive vice-president of the War Production Board, said: "The fact we have begun to dent the armor of the Axis is an added reason for harder work on the production line."

Shavetails Prefer Lamarr

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (AP)—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson told a press conference today: "When I got out of the plane in Newfoundland, I saw a number of young second lieutenants on the field whose faces fell when they saw me. Upon inquiry, I found there had been a rumor that Hedy Lamarr was coming in that plane."

Marauder 'Sinks' Nazi Transport



Caught off the coast of Corsica, a giant ME323 transport heads for its grave with machine-guns firing from its windows after a B26 Marauder set the German plane afire with cannon fire shown sending up spray as stray shells hit the water.

Five Senators Complete Tour Of ETO With Praise for GIs

Members of the five-man U.S. Senate committee, touring the world battle fronts on which American service men are fighting, yesterday completed their inspection of ETO camps and installations and their conferences with Army and government officials.

"I am sure that all of us have a better picture of the war effort as a result of these experiences than it would have been possible to obtain from weeks of hearings in Washington," Sen. Richard B. Russell, Ga. (D), said during a radio broadcast to the U.S. "The things we are seeing and learning will be most helpful not only in war legislation but in post-war problems."

During their five-day stay here, the group, composed of members of various standing committees of the Senate, talked with officers and men of the Army and with representatives of civilian agencies, inspected material and facilities "with which we are waging this war," visited the soldiers in their camps and inspected hospitals, Russell said.

"If the people back home will only measure up to the efforts and sacrifices of the men overseas and give them the tools, the unconditional surrender of our foes is inevitable. When it is all over, we must see that it doesn't happen again and see that the men do not suffer," he concluded.

During the same broadcast, Sen. James M. Mead, N.Y. (D), said the American soldier is "doing a grand job over here," and is "a credit to the republic and to the armed forces."

He added that when the group returns to Washington, "we shall include in our report the hopes and the aspirations of these boys for a better and broader opportunity in a democracy they helped to preserve."

Referring to the committee's earlier visit with troops stationed in Iceland, Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., Mass. (R), said their vigil is long and lonely. In a press conference earlier in the week, the group indicated that they planned to introduce legislation limiting the tour of duty in isolated spots to one year.

Referring to U.S. troops as a whole, Lodge said their food and medical care are good and their weapons excellent.

Sen. Ralph O. Brewster, Me. (R), explained that the activities of the Eighth Air Force had been a revelation to the committee and explain something of the enormous demands on American production.

Before the broadcast, Russell, Brewster and Meade attended the "Eve of St. Mark," the play by Maxwell Anderson being produced by the Army in conjunction with the Red Cross.

Winner of Top Medal Proves Italians Can Fight—for a Cause

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (UP)—A winner of America's highest award—the Congressional Medal of Honor—was cited today as evidence that the Italian is no coward, but a man who, as one Navy commander expressed it, will "fight into the jaws of hell itself" if he is defending a worthwhile cause.

The Congressional Medal was awarded to John Basilone, 26-year-old Marine platoon sergeant, of Somerville, N.J., whose parents were born in Naples. And this is the story of how he won it:

Last October, when the Japanese were harassing the Marines on Guadalcanal, Basilone stuck to his machine-gun for three days and three

nights without food, sleep or rest. Time and again the Japanese tried to rush his position, and he let them have it every time.

Finally, he had to move out—38 dead Japanese made too high a pile for his machine-gun to fire over.

The official citation says:

"A little later, with ammunition critically low and the supply lines cut off, Sergeant Basilone, at great risk of his life and in the face of continuous enemy attack, battled his way through hostile lines with urgently needed shells for his gunners, thereby contributing in a large measure to the virtual annihilation of a Japanese regiment."

Retreat Cut as Allies Gain Control of Road Around Mount Etna

Eighth Army's Seizure of Catania in East, Paterno in West, Leaves Nazis Only Coast Route Shelled by Navy

The British Eighth Army, victoriously ending a 21-day siege of Sicily's second largest port, swept into the Axis stronghold of Catania at 8.30 AM yesterday and thus brought the Allies within sight of mastery of the island.

Incessant bombardment since the great Allied offensive began last Sunday drove back the Herman Goering division and half a dozen paratroop battalions and gave the Allies one of their greatest prizes since the campaign began a month ago. Only Messina is left to the Axis now as a major port.

Hours after British veterans of Dunkirk stormed into Catania, a rich trading city of 235,000 population, other British forces captured the town of Paterno, ten miles to the northwest on the railway and highway skirting Mount Etna on the West. Misterbianco, even closer to Catania, also was believed in Allied hands.

Capture of Catania and Paterno apparently trapped large numbers of Axis troops defending the southern end of the Etna line. With Allied warships continuously shelling the east coast road skirting the slopes of Mount Etna, escape in this direction seemed unlikely, and with British guns near Adrano pounding the other highway circling Etna to the west the alternate retreat route also appeared closed.

Elsewhere along the Etna line American and Canadian forces continued to advance, though their achievements were overshadowed by the victory of Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's troops.

U.S. Ships Beat Ju88s

American warships repulsed a raid by 30 Ju88s on Palermo harbor and shot down at least seven. On the north coast U.S. cruisers and destroyers laid a heavy barrage in front of the advancing Seventh Army, and American motor torpedo boats raked enemy supply lines in the Tyrrhenian sea.

Warships of both American and British navies were active along all Axis-held parts of the coast. British vessels heavily shelled Taormina, vital communications center on the east coast.

The victory at Catania was achieved at relatively slight cost of soldiers' lives, Allied headquarters disclosed. By avoiding a costly frontal attack and smashing a left hook into defenses 20 miles west of the port, Gen. Montgomery knocked out the Etna line anchor with a tremendous artillery concentration backed up by strong infantry charges.

Catania Crowds Cheer

Hysterical crowds, hoarse from shouting, surged around the British as they entered the city. Women and children begged food—chocolate or biscuits—and men guided the troops away from mined areas. Even as the first troops drove in some of the inhabitants who had left the city began returning, laden with family belongings, pots, blankets and sometimes a mattress.

The Germans driven out of the city were believed north of the port, but their chances of escape grew slimmer hourly as British war vessels pounded away at the coast road skirting the east side of Etna and Americans and Canadians pushed

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U.S. Casualties in Sicily 'Moderate'; 501 Killed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (UP)—Casualties among U.S. troops in Sicily up to July 22 were 501 killed, 3,870 wounded and 2,370 missing, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced today.

Italian and German prisoners number about 100,000, Mr. Stimson said. Enemy casualties are believed to have been substantial, while American losses were moderate considering the nature of the fighting.

Italian 'Killed More Nazis Than British'

ALLIED HQ., North Africa, Aug. 5 (AP)—It has been officially stated that relations between German and Italian troops are steadily deteriorating.

One Italian, captured at Catania, said that he had been a sapper, but was forced into the infantry for the final defense during which "I killed more Germans than Englishmen."



Daily Express Map

The final blow to hurl the Axis out of Sicily begins as British troops capture Catania and Paterno, forcing the Germans to withdraw north along the coastal road already pounded from the sea by Allied warships; Canadians and Americans push closer to Etna road on the west. U.S. troops advance on north coast.

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The Inventory

No nation can stand for long the physical and mental blows that are now being systematically directed against the German Reich. A review of recent defeats indicates the mounting pressure of the Allied offensive which in time will wreck German morale and crack the Nazi will to resist.

At Stalingrad the German army met its first great defeat. This was quickly followed by destruction of the German armies in North Africa, defeat of the German U-boats in the Atlantic, destruction of the Ruhr Valley dams, towns, cities, canals, roads, and factories and the complete destruction of Hamburg.

Then came the German summer offensive in Russia, which failed; but Russian counter-attacks are succeeding. Orel has fallen together with a rich prize in men and material.

In Sicily, German divisions appear to be trapped as the Allied armies go all out in the last great drive planned to complete the occupation of the island. As this attack progresses, favorable news comes of the successful aerial attack on the Ploesti oilfields and refineries in Rumania. This raid by U.S. Liberators destroyed the last great natural source of high octane gasoline available to the German air force, a loss the Luftwaffe can ill afford.

Now as the Russians advance in the East, our own forces advance in the South and the RAF and USAAF attack day and night from the West.

Italy, it appears, may soon be out of the war, and Germany will stand alone, faced with the huge task of policing and defending not only the Reich but every other country still occupied by her armies. This task is beyond her capabilities, and will result in her eventual defeat.

As Prime Minister Churchill puts it, "The Heat is On"; but much remains to be done, so on with the war. Let each blow strike with increased force as each of us gives more in our "all-out" effort to secure total victory... quickly.

Dead Eye Dick

Dime novels, read in boyhood days, have created in the hearts of most Americans the desire to know how to shoot a gun with deadly accuracy. As a result the counterparts of Buffalo Bill, Wild Bill Hickock and the Texas Kid are found today in our new Army.

Before the war most Americans had a gun of some kind and a surprisingly large number knew how to use the weapon they kept in a corner of the family closet. The National Guard, CMTC, ROTC and local gun clubs trained thousands in the proper use of small arms, making the average American a marksman of no mean ability. This training has since stood us in good stead.

In retaking Attu Island, accurate long-range sharpshooting by American Infantrymen played an important part in our ability to completely master the Japanese. Nipponese snipers, on the other hand, fired most inaccurately, and after the first few hours nobody on the American side paid much attention to their shooting. Our own troops, however, picked off distant enemies at ranges of 1,000 yards and better, at times knocking off Nips at impossible distances while they were on the move.

American artillery fired with equal accuracy, and in many instances the infantry moved forward with the artillery screen only 50 yards in front. This accurate fire by Americans came as a complete surprise to the Japs, who never seemed to be able to get used to it. Their continued carelessness cost them many lives and assisted materially in achieving the American victory.

But credit should go where credit is due... to the inspiration of our famous marksmen. Sgt. Alvan York, Bill Cody, David Crockett and Daniel Boone, names known to every American boy, live today in the hearts of thousands of GIs as they pull a bead on each careless target. And as another Jap bites the dust, Dead Eye Dick lives again.

Hash Marks

Believe it or not, you can get a severe sunburn in England. Lt. L. White was making the most of a brief stay at a seaside spot and took time out for a little sunbathing. He fell asleep and awoke to find himself slightly overdone, so to speak. His anatomy was a nice lobster red at first but it didn't burn much, but later, instead of blistering, it turned purple and other unusual hues. Surprised medicines provided relief.

Excitement on the home front. Betty Thomason, of Baker, Oregon, was milking a cow when lightning struck. Only



injury to either—a blister on Betty's ring finger.

The latest claim of the statisticians is that a few months in the military service will cure most anything. For instance, a sailor stopped stuttering when a dive bomber zoomed down on his destroyer; a merchant seaman ceased to have trouble with gout after being nicely toasted for four days on a raft in equatorial waters; a tank driver hasn't had another attack of heartburn since his tank rolled down a cliff, landed in a brook and caught fire. Thanks, we'll stick to aspirin.

Manna from Heaven, modern style. Two lads were strolling around Louisville, Ky., when a pair of military pants descended from the sky. There was no one in the pants, but there were 36 bucks in a rear pocket. Investigation revealed the pants belonged to an air force pilot stationed at a nearby field. He had taken the extra pair of trousers with him during a routine flight and they had dropped through the bomb bay.

It's an ill wind... Mrs. E. G. Blanchard, of Seattle, Wash., profited from the theft of her car. When police finally located it, it had an extra tire on the back.

Then there was the GI out in the Pacific who didn't like to be called a Private—he refers to himself as one of Gen. MacArthur's assistants.

Baltimore police were puzzled when they spotted a sailor, sleeping on a park bench, wearing one black shoe and one brown



one. They soon spotted a fleeing pedestrian wearing the unmatched mates. The captured shoe pilferer explained he traded shoes because one pinched. J. C. W.

How Planes Opened Sicily's Gates

U.S. Tells of Blows That Paved Way For Troops

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5—How the USAAF and RAF cleared Sicilian skies of enemy aircraft and blanketed airfields, communication lines and industrial targets with thousands of tons of bombs before and after the invasion of the island was disclosed today by the War Department.

The official account, describing principally the operations of the Northwest African Air Force under Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz and the Ninth Air Force under Maj. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, told a story of a steady, scientifically planned pounding of all targets that might prove an obstacle to the invading troops—one of the biggest aerial offensives in history.

In the four weeks ending July 26 planes of the USAAF alone flew 12,583 offensive sorties, dropped 12,460 tons of bombs, destroyed 342 enemy aircraft with 54 probables, and destroyed enemy shipping with a loss of only 190 USAAF planes.

The bell for the first round sounded during the first week in July, when co-ordinated USAAF activity reached a scale more intense than at any time since the fall of Pantellaria.

To reduce the threat of enemy opposition in the air, the first targets of the Allied air fleet were Axis airfields at Palermo, Catania, Trapani, Gerbini and other points, where enemy planes were destroyed on the ground. On July 3 alone, Flying Fortresses dropped 5,427 fragmentation bombs of 20 pounds each on the Sardinian airdrome of Chilivani while mediums rained 135 tons on two other Sardinian airfields.

Switching its type of attack in the second week, the USAAF heavies and mediums dropped 3,000 tons of demolition bombs on Sicilian airdromes.

Next came the ports, communication lines and supply routes, strategically attacked and systematically destroyed.

Then, on the night of July 9, the Northwest African Air Forces launched the invasion of Sicily with one of the most complicated and intense undertakings in air force history.

Mitchell and Marauder medium bombers, as well as fighter bombers, attacked targets in southwest Sicily to soften up invasion points. Hundreds of C47 Skytrain transports dropped paratroopers and released glider-borne forces in the eastern sector of the island before dawn.

Landing all airborne troops near their objectives, the transports lost only eight planes.

When the vast Allied naval fleet disembarked landing forces, equipment and supplies on the beaches early the next morning, USAAF and RAF fighters kept



On a captured airport in Sicily wreckage of a German fighter plane lies beside a bomb crater—a monument of Axis defeat and a symbol of accurate Allied bombing.

the skies almost entirely clear of enemy aircraft.

P38 Lightnings, P40 Warhawks, P51 Mustangs and Spitfires flew 1,200 sorties for the invasion forces that day, according to the War Department figures. Lightnings and A36 fighter-bombers joined in the attack throughout the day with 222 sorties against communication lines, motor transport and other targets. Coastal Command also played its part on "invasion day," engaging in convoy escort and air-sea rescue work.

In a total of 2,200 sorties during that one day, Allied planes destroyed 27 enemy aircraft with a loss of 34 of their own.

By the end of the third week in July, Allied air superiority over Sicily and central and southern Italy was complete and overwhelming. Strategic bombardment of enemy airfields continued and the vital supply route of Messina, San Giovanni and Reggio di Calabria was hammered relentlessly.

Air Superiority Maintained

In the first four days of the invasion, the Allied air superiority was maintained not only by destroying enemy aircraft on the ground but by forcing the Axis to move many of its fighters and bombers from Sicily to bases in Italy more distant from Allied targets. Large-scale enemy troop movements also were hampered by "round-the-clock" patrols of Allied fighters and fighter bombers.

Strategic bombardment of ports, communication centers and supply routes was coordinated with aerial support for Allied ground forces. The supply link between Messina, San Giovanni and Reggio di Calabria, through which the majority of reinforcements and supplies must flow to Sicily, was blasted relentlessly. Typical

of the attacks on this link were the July 12 sorties of heavy bombers which dropped almost a million and a quarter pounds of bombs over the target without interception from enemy fighters.

Still another phase of the aerial offensive opened on the night of July 18 when RAF Wellingtons dropped more than three quarters of a million leaflets over Rome, heralding the all-American raid several hours later on the Lorenzo and Littorio marshalling yards and Littorio airdrome.

Rehearsed for Weeks

Exemplifying the intensive planning of the July offensive, the Rome raid was rehearsed for weeks by Fortress and Liberator crews and successfully completed despite warnings to Rome that it would take place.

Through the fourth week of the record-breaking aerial assault, Sicilian targets were pulverized in coordination with movements by the ground forces. The Allied air armada, however, did not concentrate solely on Sicily but struck the Italian mainland as far north as Bologna with heavy bombers and southern and central Italy with mediums.

Taking part in the intense four-week offensive, according to the War Department report, were hundreds of planes forming full battle teams, including USAAF Fortress and Liberator heavy bombers, Mitchell and Marauder mediums, Havoc attack bombers, Invaders (A36) and Lightning fighter-bombers and Warhawk and Mustang fighters, as well as RAF fighters and bombers.

By the end of the month the Northwest African Air Forces had complete control of the air.

100,000 Tons of Rubble Make Car Park Soldiers Haul Away Blitzed Buildings to Lick the Mud

By Paul Lange Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

AN ORDNANCE DEPOT, Aug. 5—How more than 100,000 tons of blitz rubble and ashes were "borrowed" from one of England's bombed cities and then converted into hard standing ground for what is now probably the U.S. Army's largest vehicle reception park in Great Britain is one of the most remarkable of "strictly GI" accomplishments. And by "strictly GI," 1/Lt. Arthur K.

Rouse, of Detroit, who inspired the idea, means just that. The 100,000 tons of rubble and ashes were loaded, hauled, unloaded and spread by GI labor and GI trucks on much of the GIs' own time.

When Lt. Rouse took over the depot early last fall the grounds were nothing but mud and water.

"It was no fit place for Army vehicles because they literally sank out of sight," he said, "and then I got an idea how the situation might be solved."

The former Michigan State football star of 1933-34-35 went to the city officials and made a bargain. He was only a second lieutenant at the time, too. Rouse said if they would give him permission to use blitz bricks he would furnish his own men and government trucks to help clear some of the bombed areas. The request was granted.

Ashes Were Necessary

The big job began. When Lt. Rouse was given permission to take the rubble he decided that ashes would be necessary in his project, too, and he made a deal with LMS authorities.

From a quagmire to a first-class reception center for vehicles has been the result of all the labor, and with hardly any cost to the government, a project that would cost thousands of dollars under peace-time conditions.

The hard standing ground has a thickness of bricks from one to three feet and a top layer of ashes from 12 to 16 inches, greater in some places. There are now thousands of square yards of hard standing ground.

"The men pitched in and gladly devoted their own time, in addition to doing their other duties required in an ordnance depot, to accomplish this mammoth task," Lt. Rouse said.

"We didn't have any men who could operate cranes to load ashes in the trucks when we first started," he explained, "but four GIs learned in short order, and now they are experts with those cranes."

The boys who started from scratch on the crane were Cpl. Lawrence L. Theiss, Bishop, Texas; Cpl. Kenneth Aldrich, Hastings, Mich.; Pfc Everett R. Lukehart, Vandergrift, Pa.; and Pfc Frank Pirone, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Lt. Rouse credits much of the project's success to T/Sgt. Robert R. Portale, of Brooklyn, his "right-hand man," who supervised the men in their work.

As a result of the hard standing grounds, Lt. Rouse can move out any

number of vehicles in a minimum of time, compared to the slow procedure of last fall when many trucks had to be winched out of the mud before they could be sent to the African battlefield. The hard standing ground is so constructed that rain and moisture will not affect it in the least. It also was arranged so that there would be no congestion of vehicles.

Thousands of vehicles of every description are received, maintained and issued at this depot. Vehicles are inspected daily so that they can be kept ready for action at all times. Worn-out vehicles are brought in along with new ones, and most of those that might be tabbed for the junk heap are made over into A-1 vehicles again.

While Lt. Rouse was planning his project, he didn't forget the security angle by any means. The Michigan officer spent two hours in a plane one day circling the depot from various elevations and found that it was almost impossible to identify his grounds because of the excellent job of camouflage.



Recollections: For Virginia

AMERICA September shone, and then the bright months came, The autumn days were days of gold and flame, The winter tide brought holly with its snow, And spring was mist, and summer was a glow. Then parting came, and in that tardy Lent A shadow rose, the dark of discontent.

ENGLAND

The seasons turned, as seasons turn each year, And yellow leaves left branches bleak and sere, Until again there sprang another May To part the clouds, and gild again the day. For where the heart has seasons all its own, May lingers there, where once September shone.

Sgt. Stanly Ferber.

PRIVATE BREGER



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"Sergeant, take his name. He's scraped some paint off the fender!"

Keller Pacing Yanks in Rush To Loop Flag

Charlie Blasting Homers Again After Missing Trip West

By Will Wedge

NEW YORK, Aug. 5—Charlie Keller, who hits 'em where outfielders ain't, or into pavilions, was one of the Yankees who helped make notable the long home stand that ended Tuesday with a split-bill at the Stadium.

The King Kong of an earlier Yankee saga missed nearly all of the second Western trip, due to a spike wound, and during his layoff was passed by Vern Stephens, of the Browns, for the loop homer leadership.

After the All-Star game, when the Yankees came home on July 16 to begin their stand against the Western teams, Keller returned to left field and his stay was not three days old before he began sinking drives into the stands.

During the Bronx blasting, Keller's homer output climbed from ten to 17, counting two off Newhouser and Oana in Tuesday's nightcap with Detroit. He now is not only ahead of Stephens, but homer leader of both majors.

Have Won 23 Out of 30

Keller shared honors with others for the Yankee pick-up beginning early in July, after they had lost four straight and had their lead shaved to a single game. The feat was a team achievement with practically all operatives having a hand in winning the last seven straight sets, or 23 of their last 30 games.

The game that turned the Yankees around was on July 5, the opener of a bargain bill in St. Louis, when Rookie Charley Wenzloff bulled his way through to a five-hit, 11-inning win, aided by Joe Gordon's overtime homer.

Frankie Crosetti played well in that game, having resumed short only a few days previously. Crosetti, replacing Sturweiss early last month, was one of the big factors of the Yanks turn-around that saw their lead zoom to almost fool-proof proportions.

Returns to Grid By Jack Sords



SLIP-MADIGAN.
NEW HEAD FOOTBALL COACH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA, REPLACING DR. EDDIE ANDERSON WHO IS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE SERVING AS A MAJOR IN THE ARMY

SLIP'S DOCTOR ORDERED HIM TO RETIRE IN 1939 AFTER 19 YEARS OF COACHING AT ST. MARY'S COLLEGE, OAKLAND, CAL.

Central Press

Swimmers to Compete Sunday in Title Tourney

9-Event ETO Meet Starts At 2 PM at Marshall Street Baths

The top swimmers and divers in the ETO get their chance for their first big-time competition in this theater on Sunday when they will compete in The Stars and Stripes championships at the Marshall Street Baths, London.

The nine-event meet will open at 2 PM with eliminations for all events. The low board diving finals will be held at 5 PM and the remainder of the finals start at 7 PM.

Most popular event, in the number of applicants, is the 50-yard free style in which almost 70 men are entered. The 100 and 200-yard free style events then follow in popularity.

The meet will be run on an entirely individual basis, with no team championships awarded. Winners in each event and the next four runners-up will be awarded medals by The Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee.

The competitors, more than 150 of them, will be made up of men who won places in the base section meets and the Eighth Air Force eliminations as well as those who entered directly because they could not compete in the eliminations. Base section and Air Force eliminations do not qualify entrants for the finals. All entrants must compete in the eliminations Sunday afternoon. Air Force entries will be those who placed first, second and third in the Air Force eliminations. Base representatives will be the first and second in each event of the base meets.

Entrants, Officials to Report

All swimmers who are competing should report to the Rainbow Corner tomorrow, Saturday, if possible, or by 11 AM Sunday at the latest. EM swimmers will be billeted at the Liberty Club while the officers will stay at the Reindeer Club.

Officials have been requested to attend a meeting at ARC athletic headquarters at the Rainbow Corner at 10 AM Sunday.

Sunday's tournament will be the last of four ETO title competitions sponsored by The Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee, whose work has been a joint effort of the Army's special service section, the American Red Cross and The Stars and Stripes.

Here is a partial list of those entered. Names of entrants in the remaining events will appear in tomorrow's edition of The Stars and Stripes.

50-YARD FREE STYLE—Lt. Willard Garvey, Wichita, Kan.; Sgt. Robert Mohr, Detroit; Lt. Fred Swihart, Lincoln, Neb.; Pvt. Joseph Albert, Columbus, Ohio; Pvt. William Griffin, Los Angeles; Sgt. James Warokowski, Detroit; S/Sgt. Howard Wessel, St. Paul, Minn.; S/Sgt. Clint Dean, Minneapolis; Pvt. Norman Rosenberg, New York; Sgt. Donald Robinson, New York; Pvt. Johnny Onderyzer, New York; T/5 Jerome Maier, Newark, N.J.; Pfc. Harry S. Van Stone, Erie, Pa.; M/Sgt. Sam Rosenblatt, Brooklyn; Pfc. William Oliver, Boston; Lt. Arnold M. Gotthilf, Mt. Vernon, N.Y.; Cpl. Frederick Devine, New London, Conn.; Pvt. Richard Shaw, Gary, Ind.; Pfc. Robert Farnan, Far Rockaway, L.I.; Pfc. Toto'a Auelua, Pago Pago, Samoa; Cpl. John D. Kosker, Baltimore; T/4 Dewey Force, Willmar, Minn.; Pvt. Herbert Sautman, Los Angeles; Pvt. Geo. Doug. Allen, T. Town, L. Cal.; T/5 Henry Falliers, Cleveland; S/Sgt. Thomas Hoynes, Savannah, Ga.; Pvt. Harold Ritchie, Paterson, N.J.; Pvt. Albert Fierstein, Chicago; T/3 Robert Rogers, Brooklyn; Pfc. Jack McLaughlin, New York; Pfc. Elmer Molzahn, Chicago; Pvt. Ern. Stacie, New York; Lt. Taylor Drysdale, Detroit; Lt. Deane Kipphut, New Haven, Conn.; Pfc. James Dineen, Chicago; Cpl. Shein Shcn, Hartford, Conn.; Pvt. Louis Shanahan, Brooklyn; Pfc. Chester Knowles, Portland, Me.; Pvt. Samuel Goode, Milton, Mass.; Pvt. Jerome Steiner, Brooklyn; Pfc. Alexander Roe, New York; Sgt. Wallace Davis, Richmond, Va.; Pvt. Harry Kingstord, Meriden, Conn.; T/4 Dominic Gagliopoli, Jennings, Pa.; T/4 Ernest Elexa, Berryville, Va.; Pfc. Jack Sherman, Brooklyn; Pfc. Thomas Syracuse, N.Y.; Cpl. Robert Asquith, Boston; Pvt. Myron Schwartz, New York; Pfc. Joseph Ciccone, Birdsboro, Pa.; Sgt. James Carpenter, Baton Rouge, La.; Pvt. Eugene Boyle, Allentown, Pa.; Pvt. Wayne Maribugh, Allentown, Pa.; Lt. J. C. Butcher, L.I.; Pfc. Joseph McNally; T/5 William D. Conrad, Winnetka, N.C.; T/5 Dick Embrickson, Austin, Minn.; Pvt. William Sawton, Steubenville, Ohio; Pvt. Vaughn Farnell, Youngstown, Ohio; Lt. Charles Skipper, Kingston, N.C.; Sgt. Thomas Connor, Columbus, Ohio; Pvt. William Tillie, Newark, N.J.; Lt. Robert Brown, Cincinnati; Cpt. Carl Lindstrand, West Chester, Pa.; S/Sgt. Joseph Houston, Brewer, Me.; Lt. Valentine Bauer, New York; Cpl. Carl Schaeberle, York, Pa.; Pvt. Albert Gannon, Buffalo, N.Y.; Pfc. Vincent Morrow, Elizabeth, N.J.; Sgt. John Kurek, Buffalo, N.Y.; T/5 Sgt. George Salage, Detroit; T/5 Raymond Toscano, Worcester, Mass.; Pfc. Harold Esten, Washington; T/5 A. Loftin; S/Sgt. Neil Donnelly; Sgt. James Skinner, Sgt. Clifton Teagarden; T/5 ARNOLD FREE STYLE—Lt. Willard Garvey, Wichita, Kan.; Sgt. Robert Mohr, Detroit; Lt. Fred Swihart, Lincoln, Neb.; Pfc. Joseph Albert, Columbus, Ohio; Pfc. Clarence Hicks, Paterson, Mass.; Donald Robinson, New York; Cpl. Ken Ansel, Oakland, Cal.; Pfc. William Mikesie, Los Angeles; Sgt. James Warokowski, Detroit; S/Sgt. Jerome Ludden, St. Paul, Minn.; S/Sgt. Howard Wessel, St. Paul, Minn.; Sgt. Clint Dean, Minneapolis; Cpl. Robert Asquith, Boston; Pfc. Harry Van Stone, Erie, Pa.; M/Sgt. Sam Rosenblatt, Brooklyn; Lt. Arnold Gotthilf; Mr. Vernon, N.Y.; Cpl. Frederick Devine, New London, Conn.; Pvt. Bradford Tatum, Washington; Pfc. Richard Shaw, Gary, Ind.; Pfc. Robert J. Farnan, Far Rockaway, L.I.; Pvt. Toto'a Auelua, Pago Pago, Samoa; Cpl. John Kosker, Baltimore; Lt. Fred Swihart, Lincoln, Neb.; S/Sgt. Robert T. Asquith, Boston; Pfc. Eugene Boyle, Allentown, Pa.; Sgt. C. A. Parker; Lt. Fred Swihart, Lincoln, Neb.; Pvt. William Finley, Kearney, N.E.; Cpt. Carl Lindstrand, West Chester, Pa.; S/Sgt. Joseph Houston, Brewer, Me.; Lt. Valentine Bauer, New York; Cpl. Clifford Scott, Buffalo, N.Y.; Pfc. Vincent Morrow, Elizabeth, N.J.; S/Sgt. Neil Donnelly; Cpl. James Skinner; Sgt. Clifton Teagarden.

200-YARD FREE STYLE—Lt. William Garvey, Wichita, Kan.; Sgt. Carl Pearson, Ft. Collins, Cal.; S/Sgt. Howard Wessel, St. Paul, Minn.; Pvt. William Griffin, Los Angeles; Cpl. Robert T. Asquith, Boston; Pfc. George Panitz, Brooklyn; Pvt. Bradford Tatum, Washington; Pvt. Toto'a Auelua, Pago Pago, Samoa; T/4 Dewey Force, Willmar, Minn.; Pvt. Harold Ritchie, Paterson, N.J.; Pvt. Albert Fierstein, Chicago; T/3 Robert Rogers, Brooklyn; Pfc. Elmer Molzahn, Chicago; Lt. Taylor Drysdale, Detroit; Pfc. James Dineen, Chicago; Pfc. Chester Knowles, Portland, Me.; S/Sgt. James Schneider, Chicago; Pfc. Michael Kishicki, New York; Cpl. Robert Asquith, Boston; Sgt. Robert Oshimo, Toledo, Ohio; Pvt. Anthony Ciccone, Birdsboro, Pa.; Pvt. Eugene Boyle, Allentown, Pa.; Sgt. C. A. Parker; Lt. Fred Swihart, Lincoln, Neb.; Pvt. William Finley, Kearney, N.E.; Cpt. Carl Lindstrand, West Chester, Pa.; S/Sgt. Joseph Houston, Brewer, Me.; Lt. Valentine Bauer, New York; Cpl. Clifford Scott, Buffalo, N.Y.; Pfc. Vincent Morrow, Elizabeth, N.J.; S/Sgt. Neil Donnelly; Cpl. James Skinner; Sgt. Clifton Teagarden.

AMERICAN LEAGUE Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled.
W L Pct. W L Pct.
New York 58 36 .617 Cleveland 46 47 .495
Washington 53 47 .530 Boston 46 49 .484
Chicago 49 45 .521 St. Louis 42 51 .452
Detroit 47 47 .500 Philadelphia 39 58 .402

Yesterday's Schedule
No games scheduled.

National League Wednesday's Games
Pittsburgh 6, Philadelphia 2 (night game)
No other games scheduled.
W L Pct. W L Pct.
St. Louis 53 31 .670 Chicago 45 50 .474
Pittsburgh 53 43 .552 Philadelphia 44 55 .444
Brooklyn 52 47 .525 Boston 40 51 .440
Cincinnati 50 46 .521 New York 36 59 .375

Yesterday's Schedule
No games scheduled.

Leading Hitters
American League
Appling, Chicago .. . 94 362 37 120 .331
Wakelin, Detroit .. . 95 407 55 132 .324
Curtright, Chicago .. . 77 254 43 81 .319
Stephens, St. Louis .. . 81 305 43 92 .307
Hockett, Cleveland .. . 81 346 44 103 .298

National League
Musial, St. Louis .. . 98 388 65 132 .340
Hetman, Brooklyn .. . 100 373 47 123 .330
Vaughan, Brooklyn .. . 98 393 80 123 .313
Hack, Chicago .. . 94 364 52 114 .313
Kutowski, St. Louis .. . 86 326 47 102 .313

Home Run Hitters
American League—Keller, New York, 17; York, Detroit, and Stephens, St. Louis, 14.
National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 15; Ott, New York, 14; DiMaggio, Pittsburgh, 12.

Runs Batted In
American League—Eaton, New York, 71; Johnson, New York, 64; Stephens and Laabs, St. Louis, 59.
National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 74; Herman, Dodgers, 69; Elliott, Pittsburgh, 66.

Boulton Scores On SBS Card

SBS HQ, Aug. 5—Lightweight T/5 Charles Boulton, of New York, scored the only knockout on an eight-bout card as he TKO'd Pvt. Charles Healon, of Harlan, Ky., in the second round of the SBS fight show.

Boulton stopped Healon with hard rights to the face and showed fine promise of being one of the better boxers in the SBS lightweight division. Other bout winners who received belts from the Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee were:

Pvt. Tom McClure, Bellefonte, Pa., dethroned Pvt. Clayton Lucas, Chicago; Pvt. Don Santora, New York, outpointed Pvt. Harry Clark, Dayton, Ohio; Pvt. Sam Gualandri, Wilmington, Ill., outpointed Pvt. Willie Mariner, Monticello, N.Y.; Sgt. Owen Travers, New York, outpointed Pvt. Ray Clark, Dayton, Ohio; Pvt. John Robin, Kansas City, drew with Pvt. Glenn Carpenter, Hoopa, Cal.; Sgt. Joe Homick, New York, drew with Pvt. Herbertio Riviera, Taft, Texas.

Help Wanted — AND GIVEN

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

Kansas Officers' Dinner
KANSAS City officers serving in the ETO will meet at the Savoy Hotel, London, Saturday, Aug. 28 at 8 PM. Maj. Richard Nelson, chairman of the dinner committee, has asked all officers of Greater Kansas City interested in attending from Greater Kansas City into the care of the Jules Officers' club, Jermy St., London.

Kiwans
FORMER members of Kiwanis clubs interested in forming an ETO Kiwanis club should contact Claude R. Myers, director of the Bury St. Edmunds Red Cross club.

Wanted
ACCORDION, 24-base or over.—Cpl. F. W. Parks, c/o Help Wanted.

LTS. WILLIAM GILL and JAMES STOKES—will you please send your correct address and year of graduation from Missouri University to the Stars and Stripes Alumni Secretary?

CAMERA, No. 120; state make, lens and shutter speed.—Pfc D. E. Upchurch, c/o this department.

Lost
WATCH, Bulova, No. 2395215 on the back, gold, white face. Lost Aug. 3, between 7 and 8 PM, at Cheltenham. Pvt. Berlin Waldon, c/o Help Wanted.

Ice Hockey
ICE HOCKEY team being formed for matches on local rink. Full equipment available.—If interested, contact Gerald Fitzgerald, ARC, Rainbow Corner, Shaftesbury Avenue, London, W.1. Ger. 5616.

Minor League Results

International League Wednesday's Games

Jersey City 4, Rochester 1	W L Pct.
Buffalo 1, Baltimore 0	51 55 .481
Montreal 4, Newark 2 (first game)	50 58 .463
Newark 1, Montreal 0 (second game)	47 59 .443
Other teams did not play.	

Eastern League Wednesday's Games

Hartford 11, Binghamton 4	W L Pct.
Springfield 2, Elmira 0 (first game)	49 42 .538
Elmira 5, Springfield 6 (second game)	45 43 .511
No other games played.	

American Association Wednesday's Games

St. Paul 3, Louisville 2	W L Pct.
Toledo 3, Milwaukee 2 (first game)	49 42 .538
Milwaukee 7, Toledo 6 (second game, 12 innings)	45 43 .511
Minneapolis 3, Indianapolis 1	44 54 .449
Other teams did not play.	

Southern Association Wednesday's Games

Birmingham 8, Little Rock 7	W L Pct.
Atlanta 3, Knoxville 2	46 52 .469
Montgomery 5, Nashville 1	44 50 .468
Memphis 5, New Orleans 3 (first game)	44 54 .449
New Orleans 2, Memphis 0 (second game)	39 54 .419

Pacific Coast League Wednesday's Games

San Francisco 8, San Diego 0	W L Pct.
Oakland 5, Portland 3	48 52 .479
Los Angeles 10, Sacramento 3 (first game)	49 42 .538
Los Angeles 10, Sacramento 0 (second game)	48 46 .511
Seattle 9, Hollywood 3	43 62 .436

Vagabonds Knick Vikings, 7-6

FIGHTER STATION, Aug. 5—After making a poor start, the Vagabonds defeated the Vikings, 7-6, in a league baseball game here. Pfc Bill Pronold, of Genessee, Wis., homered for the winners. Batteries for the winning team were T/Sgt. Dick Snyder, McKeesport, Pa., and Pronold. Pvt. Pete Dudeck, of Scranton, Pa., and Pfc Elmer Kataska, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were the losers.

Pirates Rap Phillies, 6-2

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 5—A seventh-inning, four-run rally, climaxed by Vince DiMaggio's 13th homer of the season, gave the Pirates a 6-2 victory over the Phillies here yesterday.

Schoolboy Rowe started for the Phils, but retired in the seventh with a sore arm. Lefty Al Gerheuser replaced him and allowed two of the four runs to be charged with the loss. Newt Kimball was on the mound when DiMaggio homered over the left field scoreboard.

The Pirates scored twice off Rowe in the first. The Phillies scored one in the sixth and tied it two-all in the seventh. Max Butcher went the distance for the Pirates for his sixth triumph of the season against four losses.

Headquarters Team Wins In Wing Series Contest

BOMB WING, Aug. 5—In the first of a three-game interleague championship tournament to determine the wing representative to the Eighth Air Force softball tournament, this wing's Headquarters team defeated an operational outfit, 10-2.

Cpl. Ray Hollick, of Ludington, Mich., hurled one-hit ball in five innings on the mound for the winners. He was relieved in the sixth by Cpl. T. J. Parnis, of Detroit.

The winners hit Cpl. A. Sleckura for nine base hits and scored in every inning. The wing catcher was Sgt. J. A. Walter, of Monroe, Wis., while Sgt. B. Bowersox caught for the losers.

MPs Topple Headquarters Before 3,000 in Loop Tilt

Before a crowd of 8,000 fans at Chingford, the — MPs edged out Headquarters Company, 4-3, in a London International Baseball League game. The lawmen rapped out six hits while the losers garnered eight.

The MPs, trailing in the ninth, 3-2, scored their winning tally when their runner collided with the third baseman, and came home when the ball went into left field. The winning hurler, Sgt. Cornelius Sabotta, of Arcadia, Wis., started in the first of the fifth, after Sgt. Myron Scow, also of Arcadia, had pitched the first four innings.

LIZABETH

IN A TINY ROSE-COVERED COTTAGE, REPIRED FROM THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF THE WORKADAY WORLD—

—LIVES THE MOTHER OF ADAM LAZONGA ("MASTER OF HOW TO WOO DOGGPATCH STYLE")—NAMED MADAME ("SHE'S GOT SOMETHING") LAZONGA.

MY?—IT'S NICE T'JUST SET AROUN' PEACEFUL AN' CHUCKLE OVER TH' LIVES O' THESE CHEAP AMACHOORS —CLEOPATRA, HELEN OF TROY, MADAME DUBARRY—PORE DEARS? THEY ALL HAD SOMETHING—BUT THEY DIDN'T KNOW HOW T'USE IT!!

EV'RY GAL IN TH' WORLD GOT SOMETHING—BUT UNFORCHUNITLY, NOT ONE OF 'EM KNOWS HOW T'USE IT—CEPT ME. AH-H?—LIFE WERE MIGHTY GAY IN THEM OLDEN, GOLDEN DAYS—BEFO' AH RETIRED—BUT AH IS TOO OLD FO' THET SORT O' THING NOW!!

TOSS IT ALL INTO TH' WASTEBASKET?—AH GITS MILLIONS O' LETTERS—ALL FUM GALS—ALL PLEADIN' WIFE T' TEACH 'EM MAH SECRET!! BUT AH HAS RETIRED FUM ACTIVE SERVICE! AH HAS EARNED MAH REST!!

THERE'S ONE LETTER HERE FROM PANSYKUM OF DOGGPATCH!!

YO' FAN MAIL!!

Italy's Course Believed Fixed By War Cabinet

Naples Battered by Forts Fourth Day in Row; Rioting Subsides

With Italy's war fortunes at their lowest point in three years—Africa lost, Sicily virtually lost, and Naples, her greatest port, battered by its fourth great air attack in as many days—Marshal Badoglio's cabinet met yesterday in a special session generally believed in neutral capitals to have decided whether her future course would be peace or war.

Allied sources were prepared for a rejection of the demand for unconditional surrender, in spite of the popular pressure on Badoglio to make peace. In step with German demands that the Italians keep fighting, the tone of press and radio comment has been growing more defiant of the Allies for the last few days.

The process of "hotting up" Italy to hasten her departure from the war went on unabated. American Flying Fortresses engulfed the docks and submarine base at Naples Wednesday and set a merchantman afire at its pier, in spite of a heavy flak barrage and strong opposition from 25 or 30 fighters. Three interceptors were destroyed.

Mitchells struck by day and RCAF Wellingtons by night at Marina di Catanzaro in the center of the Italian "arch" and Paola on the "instep," 150 miles south of Naples. Oil tanks and railway tracks were damaged. Marauders, fighting off 30 enemy interceptors, shot down eight.

Frontier reports said Italy's big cities now were comparatively calm because of a widespread belief that peace negotiations have begun. Algiers radio reported, however, that Milan workers had threatened to strike unless Badoglio's government made peace. Swiss reports said signs reading "We want work and peace" and "The Germans must be ousted from Italy" were found every morning chalked on Milan walls.

Badoglio has issued a decree ordering heavy prison terms for anyone listening to British, American "or other enemy radio," Berne heard.

Sicily - - - -

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closer to the volcano on the west and northwest.

The best part of the 60,000-70,000 Axis troops on Sicily were thrown into Catania's defense during the 21-day siege which began July 15, five days after the first Allied landings. Besides the Goering panzers and the paratroops, the German commander also called up the 15th tank division and the 29th motorized division.

Large-scale bombardment by air forces and naval units, hurling huge amounts of bombs and shells, played a vital part in preventing the enemy from bringing up reinforcements. The port's fate was sealed a few days ago when Britain's 78th Division captured Centuripe and brought the circular road and railway around Etna under its big guns, partially cutting off the city.

Allied headquarters disclosed last night that the Germans began withdrawing non-essential personnel from Sicily five or six days ago.

The remaining Axis forces, now hemmed into an area roughly 1,200 square miles, are now the targets of "massive" air bombardments. RAF and South Africa Bostons and Baltimore and USAAF Mitchells are pounding hard at Adrano, Bronte and Milazzo, and large fires have been started. Two-ton block-busters were dumped on Messina Wednesday night.

Huge air forces backed up the Canadians pressing forward in the center of the line, where fierce fighting was reported around the town of Troina, ten miles west of Bronte.

Sweden Stops German Troops
STOCKHOLM, Aug. 5 (AP)—A Swedish communique announced today the transportation of German troops over Swedish railways between Germany and Norway was to be banned after Aug. 20, and that the movement of war materials would be discontinued from Aug. 18.

American Forces Network Operated by Radio Section, Special Service Section, SOS, ETO.

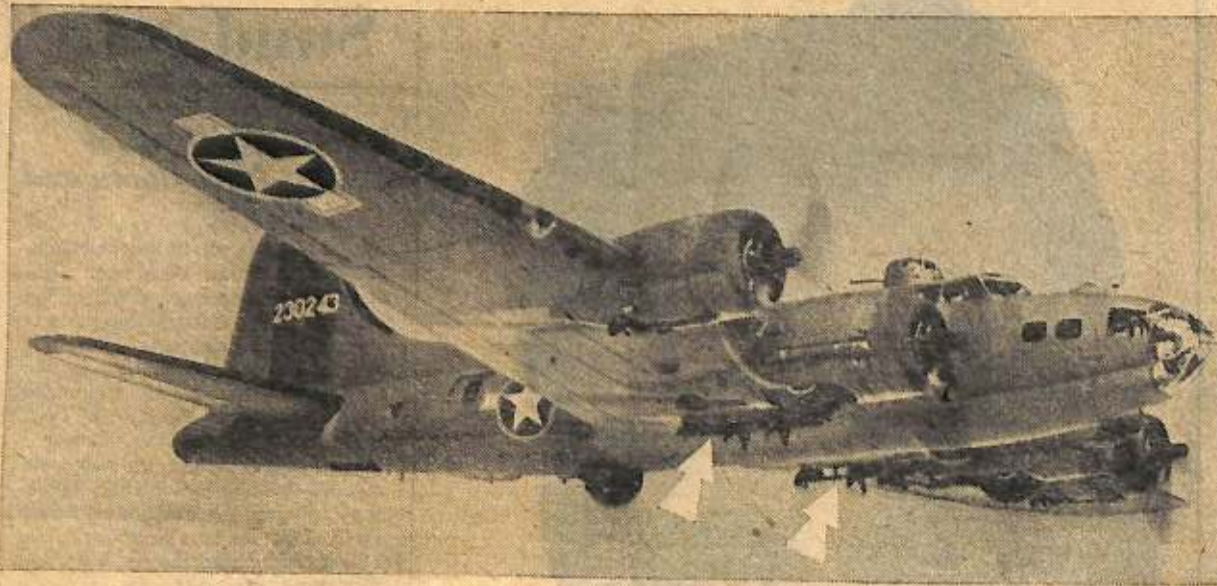
1,402 kc. On Your Dial 1,420 kc. 211.2m. 213.9m.

(All times listed are PM)

Friday, Aug. 6

- 5.45—Spotlight on Bob Chester's Orchestra.
- 6.00—News (BBC).
- 6.15—Personal Album—Shirley Ross sings "Can't Get Out of This Mood" and "Singing in the Rain."
- 6.30—GI Supper Club—Your requests played by Cpl. Chauncey Caspo, your GI host.
- 7.00—Sports News—Presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
- 7.05—Kate Smith.
- 7.30—Tommy Dorsey and his Orchestra.
- 8.00—News From Home—What America is doing, thinking and saying, as presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
- 8.10—Fred Waring.
- 8.25—Symphonetta.
- 9.00—News (BBC).
- 9.10—Moods in Music.
- 9.25—Jack Benny.
- 9.50—Memories.
- 10.00—Final Edition—Latest world, ETO and sports news, as presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
- 10.10—Lawrence Welk's Orchestra.
- 10.30—Sign off until Aug. 7 at 5.45 PM.

New Bomb Racks Fitted to Fortresses



Associated Press Photo

New bomb racks on Flying Fortresses, attached beneath the wings on both sides of the fuselage, together with the standard bomb bays, will enable B17s to fly with a possible maximum bomb load of ten tons. The ten-ton load is more than triple the average weight of bombs carried by most Forts on operational flights. But bomb loads are subject to variation with the length of the mission, and experts say it seems likely the Forts so equipped will be toting along some five tons or so on most jobs—three tons in the bay, one ton on each rack.

1,000 Bullet, Flak Holes in Hide, Club Asks Men For GI Dreams

Fort, 'Patches,' Just Gets Home
A U.S. BOMBER STATION, Aug. 5 (AP)—The Fortress, Patches, really lived up to her name when she limped back from Kassel on July 30, pulverized by nearly 1,000 bullet and flak holes.

She was a flying hospital for most of the hectic trip back to England, as other crewmen—between shots at a swarm of Luftwaffe tormentors—administered first aid to four injured men lying on the floor in the radio and nose compartments.

The pilot took the bomber to Kassel without incident, so that 2/Lt. Charles P. Mannka, of Pittsburgh, Pa., bombardier, could dump the explosives. Then trouble began.

Bounced around by flak, besieged by fighters, Patches fought her way back to the enemy coast despite jammed throttles, badly damaged controls, most of her elevator gone, and a big chunk torn out of the rudder.

Wounded Gunner Got FW
The top turret gunner received a fractured leg when he was thrown about the top turret, and then stopped a bullet in his left thigh. But he refused to abandon his guns and shot down an FW190 in flames. Sgt. John McKenna, of Rochester, N.Y., ball turret gunner, accounted for another German.

Both waist gunners, Sgts. Tom B. Wheeler, of Corsicana, Tex., and Willard J. Cronin, of Winthrop, Mass., were knocked unconscious by flak bursts, but shock was their only injury.

The pilot, shot through the right hip, relinquished the controls to 2/Lt. Ivan L. Rice, of Merdosa, Ill., co-pilot, but it took both pilots to set the big plane down in a field in southern England, because a flat tire increased landing difficulties.

While the fight was going on, Mannka and 2/Lt. David H. Black, of Birmingham, Ala., navigator, set up first aid stations. Sgt. LeRoy Parent, of Trenton, N.J., tail gunner, helped the wounded despite his own badly frost-bitten feet.

None of the crew was wounded seriously. The crew also included Sgt. Edward F. Simpson, Upper Lisle, N.Y., radio operator-gunner.

Ex-Rodeo Star Awarded DFC

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Aug. 5—The Distinguished Flying Cross and two Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal were awarded yesterday to S/Sgt. Lionel E. Adams, former rodeo rider from Pagosa Springs, Col., for "extraordinary achievement" on his first ten missions over Europe as a B17 waist gunner. He has three enemy fighters to his credit.

Two members of a ground crew were decorated with the Soldier's Medal for assisting in an operation to remove a 2,000-pound blockbuster which fell from the bomb bay of Patty Anne II as it was being loaded. They were T/Sgt. Rubin Blanck, of New York, and T/Sgt. Harold C. Waite, of St. Louis.

The bomb fell as it was being hoisted into place. If it had exploded, it would have wrecked five Forts, killed several people and destroyed nearby buildings.

Ploesti Raid Cost U.S. 30 to 40 of 177 Planes

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (UP)—Of the 177 Liberators which raided the Ploesti oil fields in Rumania, between 15 and 20 were shot down over the target, and another 15 to 20 failed to return to their bases, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced today. Eight of the raiders were forced to land in Turkey, he added.

Raiders Get Purple Hearts

CAIRO, Aug. 5 (UP)—Twenty-nine of the Ploesti raiders received Purple Hearts less than 24 hours after their return, it was disclosed today. The presentations were made by Brig. Gen. Uzal G. Ent, commander of the Ninth U.S. Bomber Command.

ETO Sigma Chi Meets

Sixteen members of the Sigma Chi Fraternity gathered at the Dorchester Hotel Wednesday night at a meeting organized by Lt. Cmdr. H. M. Gilmore. Present were:

- Mals, Edward H. McAdam, Pensacola, Fla., and Bruce D. Haner Jr., Albuquerque, N.M.; Capt. Don L. Weiss, Denison, Iowa; James W. Kalbasi, Moscow, Idaho; Edward T. Froberg, Chicago, and Don Summs Jr., Albuquerque, N.M.; 1/Lt. Robert L. Warren, Brockway, Pa.; John L. Pugh, North Sacramento, Cal.; Marshall B. Shore, Seattle, Wash.; Frank Mattes, Mt. Vernon, Wash.; and John R. Howell, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 2/Lts. Owen M. Conrad, Atlanta, Ga., and Frank L. Levings, Eugene, Ore.; S/Sgt. Max H. Dunlap, USMC, Washington, and Cpl. Harry E. Parker, Mt. Pelier, Vt.

Food Shortage in Rome

BERNE, Aug. 5 (UP)—Food supplies are short in Rome because of transport difficulties, a dispatch from the Rome correspondent of the Swiss newspaper Neue Zurichier Zeitung said Tuesday.

Club Asks Men For GI Dreams

St. Lawrence Hall Bills 2 Dances, Movies, Radio Party

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 5—A date with a beautiful blonde or brunette, or some tasty cookies just like "mom's"—anything a soldier dreams about—come true if the American Red Cross Mount Pleasant club here can possibly arrange it.

A box has been placed alongside the bulletin board and soldiers can jot down their "dreams" on a slip of paper and drop them into the box.

Every Sunday the club will select two or three dreams at random and attempt to make them an actuality.

St. Lawrence Hall
READING, Aug. 5—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:
Sunday—Coffee hour, 4 PM; dance, Victoria Rooms, 8-11 PM.
Saturday—Dance in Stardust Room, 7.30 PM.
Sunday—Dance, 6.30 PM.
Wednesday—Radio party, Washington Hall.
Thursday—Dancing class, 7.30 PM.
Friday—Movies.

Bristol
BRISTOL, Aug. 5—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:
Sunday—Coffee hour, 4 PM; dance, Victoria Rooms, 8-11 PM.
Monday—Movies, 8 PM.
Tuesday—"Long Haired" music, 6.45-7.30 PM; dance, 7.30-10.30 PM.
Wednesday—Open house, 8-10 PM.
Thursday—Movies, 8 PM.
Saturday—Dance, 7.30-10.30 PM.

Salisbury
SALISBURY, Aug. 5—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:
Sunday—Moonlight outing, 8 PM.
Tuesday—Movie, 7 PM; swimming party, 8 PM.
Wednesday—Program committee meeting, 6.30 PM; dance, 7.30 PM.
Thursday—Musical tea, 3.30 PM; baseball, 7 PM.
Friday—Dance, 7.30 PM.
Saturday—Musical tea, 3.30 PM.
Sunday—Tour of Salisbury, 2 PM; softball, 3 PM; outing, 4 PM; band concert.

Nazi Fliers Have Respect For U.S., British in Air

A German sergeant major of the Luftwaffe, broadcasting over Berlin radio, declared that USAAF fighter planes were "equal to ours but by no means superior." He also asserted "the myth of the Flying Fortress has been broken. We are not afraid of them any more, as in the beginning."

Comparing Allied with Russian material and flying tactics, he said American and British pilots were "more intelligent, employ superior tactics, have longer training and fighting experience." They also have better material, he said.

LOC Technicians Boost Orphan Gifts to £1,726.13

BELFAST, Aug. 5—Technicians of Lockheed Overseas Corp. have forwarded £41 19s. 3d. to help care for the 17 war orphans they are sponsoring under The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund program.

The money represents the surplus remaining from an anniversary party given for the first group of technical workers to arrive at the base here. LOC's contribution to the fund now stands at £1,726 1s. 3d.

Bomber Party for WAACs

EIGHTH BOMBER COMMAND HQ, Aug. 5—The EMs at this station are giving a party on Friday evening to the WAACs who arrived a week ago to take over duties from the WAAFs.

Breaks Arm Saluting

WAAC REPLACEMENT DEPOT, England, Aug. 5—Pvt. Betty Hurley, WAAC telephonist from Salem, Ore., is in the post hospital here with a broken arm.

Meeting an officer on the steps of HQ, Pvt. Hurley made with a snappy salute, lost her balance, fell and fractured her arm.

Veteran Ship's Fireman Quits Army for Sea Although Only 27

By Don Hewitt
Stars and Stripes Merchant Marine Editor
Pvt. Theodore Kulesza, 27, in good health and of sound mind, got out of the Army last week and he wasn't in trouble.

Kulesza is the first soldier under the age limit who has been allowed to transfer to the Merchant Marine, and the London office of the War Shipping Administration stressed that the action does not set a precedent. Men under 38 will be permitted to transfer, the office explained, only when their experience makes them invaluable as seamen.

The Salem, Mass., soldier's seven years at sea qualified him and now he is waiting for assignment to a ship as a fireman. Before he was placed in the reserve corps, Kulesza was a member of a headquarters detachment in London.

Kulesza got off on the wrong foot with the Army way back in 1940. He returned from a trip to sea and a few days later was paid a visit by the FBI, who wanted to know if he was too busy to fill out his draft board questionnaire which had been mailed more than a month before.

"Sorry," he said, "but I've been out of town."

"Yeah? Where ya been," they retorted.

"Shanghai," replied Kulesza with a grin. Apologies were made.

Besides his trip to China he made trips to Australia, South America and Spain as fireman and water tender. He was drafted in February, 1942.

Kulesza is a graduate of the U.S. Maritime Service Training Station at Hoffman Island, N.Y., and after he makes a few trips he intends to apply for appointment to the Merchant Marine Officers' Training School at New London, Conn.

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