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TWO LIRE

### Heavies Soar Over Austria, Hungary; Poland Areas Hit

### 15th Has Busy Session All Over Balkans; Opposition Nil

MAAF HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 9—Heavy bombers of the 15th AAF returned to the attack today after a day of rest and paged an oil refinery, an aircraft factory and two airdromes in Hungary with good results. Other heavy bombers attacked rail yards at Brod in Yugoslavia on the main line from Zagreb to Belgrade.

One formation of Liberators struck at the oil refinery at Almas Fuzito on the Danube, 30 miles west of Budapest and started a number of fires. Slight flak was encountered at this target, the second largest refinery in Hungary.

Flying Forts bombed the Messerschmitt assembly plant and wagon works now producing plane parts at Győr, between Vienna and Budapest.

A second formation of Liberators attacked an airdrome at Vescas, nine miles southeast of Budapest, and installations on the field which are used for the final assembly of Messerschmitts. A third target for Liberators was the Tokol airdrome, six miles south of Budapest, which also served as an assembly center for Messerschmitts.

The heavies were escorted by Lightnings and Mustangs which sighted a few enemy planes but ran into no air opposition.

Meanwhile, it was disclosed that the task force of 8th AAF Flying Forts which shuttled from Russia to Italy yesterday, had bombed airplane plants, oil refineries and air bases since they had left England on Sunday.

Aircraft manufacturing units at Gdynia, Poland, were attacked on the England-Russia leg by the heavies which landed at an American base in the Soviet Union the same day. On Monday, the Flying Forts attacked the Trzebinia oil refinery near Cracow, Poland, and

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### Five Kraut Attacks Shattered By 8th

ADVANCED ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 9—Eighth Army troops were holding firm in the mountain masses north of Arezzo today where five Kraut counterattacks against Mt. Grillo were broken up by Allied artillery yesterday.

Fierce fighting continued in the mountainous area on the west of the upper Arno Valley leading to Bibbiena. Northwest of Mt. Grillo troops of an Indian division met strong opposition in an attempt to push forward to the north.

Another hill position, east of Florence and west of Pontassieve where the Germans held a monastery on the summit, was also taken by 8th Army infantry together with a number of prisoners and was held against a Kraut counterassault.

Elsewhere on the front, the day's activities were confined to patrolling and artillery exchanges.

In the 3rd Army sector, Allied patrols probed Nazi positions north of the Arno River and several enemy patrols were driven back and casualties inflicted. A 5th Army mine laying detail southwest of Pisa was engaged by enemy patrols supported by artillery in a short engagement which was broken off with the arrival of Allied tanks.

Operations in the Florence area were confined to patrolling.

Polish patrols continued in contact with the enemy at the eastern end of the front near the Adriatic where enemy artillery and mortars were active.

### AFHQ CHIEF



GENERAL WILSON

### Allied HQ Moves To Base In Italy

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 9—Described by Army officers as "the largest movement of an army headquarters in all military history," the removal of AFHQ and four of its "satellite" headquarters from North Africa to Italy as of July 20, was announced today by General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, Supreme Allied Commander in the Mediterranean Theater.

Besides AFHQ, top headquarters for the theater, the shift also involved the Royal Navy and U. S. Navy of the theater; Allied Air Force; Mediterranean Allied Coastal Air Force and NATOUSA.

The movement, begun on June 20 after many weeks of preparation was "like moving a good-sized city," said an AFHQ authority. "For one thing," he continued, "even while the transfer was going on, we had to maintain communications with all parts of the fighting front, with Washington, London and with the rest of the world."

At one minute before midnight on July 19, the headquarters in North Africa were in full operation. At midnight—60 seconds later—the same headquarters were in complete operation in Italy many hundreds of miles away. This was accomplished by the transfer of personnel and equipment in two echelons.

American, British and French ships transported hundreds of thousands of tons of supplies.

### Fate Gives Cruel Twist To Meeting Of Brothers

By Sgt. JACK DELANEY

Special to The Stars and Stripes

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, Aug. 9—It should have been just one of those "brother meets brother" stories—but fate gave it a different twist.

Drafted into the Army the same day, John and Stephen were separated at the reception center and shipped to different outfits for training—John to the 88th Infantry Division and Stephen to the 85th Infantry Division.

Since that first separation, the brothers have tried unsuccessfully to affect a reunion.

On the day John left Camp Gruber, Okla., for Louisiana maneuvers with the 88th, Stephen arrived at camp aboard a truck convoy to visit him. Both units bivouacked that night within two miles of each other. Neither one knew that.

Later, in Africa, the boys located each other by mail. John secured a pass to visit Stephen but when he arrived he learned that his brother, also on pass, had gone to Oran.

In Italy, the boys found their

## Yanks Take Le Mans; Soviet Drive Resumes

### Huge Gains Registered In Baltic Sector; Enemy Mauled

LONDON, Aug. 9—Soviet armies resumed their great offensive all along the eastern front from the Baltic Sea to the Carpathian foothills today and a Russian communique reported that Nazi legions are being "bled white."

Great gains were registered in fighting in the north where Russian Baltic armies mauled the Germans seeking to crash out of their trap. Fanning out north and west from Rezekne in Latvia, the Russians pushed German lines back almost 10 miles nearer the sea.

An early morning announcement by Moscow radio declared that Russian armies had broken into the German defenses on the East Prussian frontier. The same announcement said the Germans had moved 16 new divisions to this front in the last three weeks, including the Hermann Goering Division from Italy.

Steady progress was reported in the Russian bridgehead across the Niemen River, northwest of Kaunas in Lithuania, where the advance on a broad front is developing toward Tilsit in East Prussia. The German News Agency admitted Nazi troops on this sector had carried out a "withdrawal movement."

Russian communique spoke of violent German counterattacks all along the line but announced all were repulsed. The Germans, in a frank admission of the powerful Soviet drives, said the Russians had advanced "some miles" north of their Baranov bridgehead over the Vistula in their thrust aimed directly at Silesia.

Farther south, Soviet Ukrainian armies swept closer to the Carpathian passes and Czechoslovakia, less than 30 miles distant, and the German radio said that here, too, their lines "had been moved back to straighten the front."

While the Russian communique made no mention of Warsaw, a Moscow official source said that Soviet troops were fighting in the outskirts. This, plus a German announcement that the Luftwaffe was raiding the city daily, led Moscow correspondents to report that the Polish capital appeared to be held more by Polish Patriots than by the Germans.

### Hermann Goering Div Now In Russian Fight

ROME, Aug. 9—The Hermann Goering division, old sparring partner of the Allies in North Africa and Italy, has been shifted to the Eastern front, a Russian report declared today.

The report said the Goering boys had been transferred from North Italy to East Prussia and had gone into action in an attempt to halt the Soviet drive in that sector.

The division has been chewed up badly in the past. It had its ears pinned back in Tunisia, again in Sicily and again in the Cassino sector when the Allies broke through in May. Each time it was reactivated and came back for more.

### More Trials Loom For Nazi Traitors

LONDON, Aug. 9—The German News Agency announced today that more trials of German officers accused of participating in the plot to kill Adolf Hitler last month are being held before the so-called "People's Court" in Berlin.

The announcement followed an agency report that Field Marshal Erwin von Witzleben, four generals and three other army officers had been found guilty by the court and hanged for participating in the assassination attempt. It was the first time in German history that a field marshal had been hanged.

According to one report, five officers hanged pleaded with the court to be executed by a firing squad but were refused. The Agency issued a number of highly colorful and dramatic accounts of what happened at the trials apparently in an effort to distract the attention of the people from defeats being suffered by German armies on the fighting fronts.

The Agency said the defendants had disclosed that several plots had been hatched against Hitler by von Witzleben just one month after the German defeat at Stalingrad in Feb., 1943. Maj. Gen. Stieff, one of those executed, confessed, the Agency said, to a plan to induce Hitler to inspect three German soldiers wearing a new type haversack. A time bomb was to be placed secretly in the haversack of one of the soldiers and the final plan was laid for July 20 because Heinrich Himmler, Gestapo chief, was expected to be present to share Hitler's fate.

In addition to the eight executed, five officers have been expelled and will stand trial, the agency declared.

Meanwhile, tension was reported mounting in northern France between the Wehrmacht and SS units and officers were said to be packing in preparation for flight.

### Second Son Loses Life In Backyard Accident

WATERFORD, N. Y., Aug. 9—Henry John Earle was strangled by the rope of his swing yesterday—the second five-year-old son of that name of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick S. Earle to perish in the same backyard.

The first Henry John burned to death in 1939 while playing in a small chicken coop at the home. The second son Henry John, named for the little brother he never saw, was discovered by his mother hanging limp, a small red wagon on which he had evidently climbed resting near his feet.

### Canadian Armor Hits Southward To Falaise In Fierce Fight

LONDON, Aug. 9—While American armored columns occupied the big road junction of Le Mans, Canadian tanks and infantry, striking southward from Caen, chewed up half of the 21-mile road to Falaise, which guards one of the highways to Paris.

[The German News Agency reported tonight that fast-moving American motorized columns were speeding past Le Mans and were within 87 miles of Paris.]

The Yanks had smashed across the Mayenne River on Monday toward Le Mans after they had slammed a bolt across the base of Brittany, trapping at least four German divisions on the peninsula. Le Mans, junction of five major highways, is 130 miles southwest of Paris, about the distance between Washington and Philadelphia.

Falaise, toward which the Canadians are now driving, is 136 miles west of the capital.

The Canadians' armored offensive was part of a combined British-Canadian drive to pry open the Germans' hinge positions around Caen. In some of the heaviest fighting of the entire Normandy campaign, the Canadians were penetrating a formidable German defense belt studded with 83 machine guns, mortars and dug-in tanks. Each village was a miniature fortress, and the Germans had covering fire points at almost every thousand yards.

As the Canadians battered their way south, they were rapidly approaching the British 2nd Army's bridgehead on the east bank of the Orne River above Thury-Harcourt. Here the British repelled furious German counterattacks and continued to pour fresh reinforcements into their wedge.

Some of the German strength was being drawn off, too, by Ameri-

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### FBI Seeking Data On Philly Walkout

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 9—Possible sensational disclosures about the paralyzing six-day transit strike were looked for today, with FBI agents studying it and a federal grand jury convening. Union charges of "company collusion" and "sinister enemy activity," plus the flashing suddenness with which the strike began and its lack of apparent organized leadership, aroused widespread interest in investigations into its background.

"We are going after the big fish," a federal spokesman said as the FBI massed data and the grand jury prepared to hear at least 35 persons including strikers, Philadelphia Transportation Company officials, CIO Transport Workers Union officers and government war agency officials.

The inquiry will last at least a week, said Henry A. Schwainhaut, special assistant to Attorney General Francis Biddle.

The tieup was completely crushed early yesterday with armed troops continuing to ride every bus, trolley, subway and elevated train operated yesterday.

Only 181 workers of the company's 6,000 operating employees failed to report during the first 24 hours of resumed operations, the Army said, adding that this was considerably below the daily absentee average of 650.

A federal spokesman said a special investigating jury would summon Frank L. McNamee, regional director of the War Manpower

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# Crews Of Carrier Group Decorated

By Sgt. DON WILLIAMS  
Staff Correspondent

AN ITALIAN AIRFIELD, Aug. 9—As a formation of 36 "flying boxcars" flew overhead, pilots and crewmen of the 64th Troop Carrier Group were given 224 DFCs with four Oak Leaf Clusters and 278 Air Medals and Oak Leaf Clusters this morning in one of the largest mass award and decoration formations ever held in the Mediterranean Theater.

Maj. Gen. John K. Cannon, commanding general of the Tactical Air Force, and Col. Timothy J. Manning, commanding officer of the 51st Troop Carrier Wing, presented the awards for distinguished service in action against the enemy in the China-Burma-India Theater from April 7 to June 15 of this year and for participation in operational flights in unarmed heavily loaded transport planes in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and Burma in the past two years.

Receiving the DFC with Oak Leaf Cluster were Col. John Cerny, Harrison, Idaho, commander of the group, a component of the 51st Troop Carrier Wing; Capt. Hal M. Scrugham, Frankfort, Ky.; 1st Lt. Elmer J. Jost, Berwyn, Ill., and 1st Lt. Brandt McIntyre, Nashville, Mich.

## NON-COMBAT TEAM

Capt. Scrugham and Lt. Jost gained the unusual distinction as a non-combat team of downing a Japanese Zero. While flying a routine mission over Burma on April 25, they were attacked by a pair of Zeros. They hit the ground when the Zeros peeled off to attack. One of the Zeros dived into the tail of the C-47 and cut off all but one and one-half feet of the transport's rudder. The Zero then crashed. A replica of the Japanese flag now is painted on the repaired transport.

Lt. McIntyre was the pilot of a transport bearing 15 wounded which was attacked by three Zeros. Despite the loss of a wing tip while taking evasive action, Lt. McIntyre brought the plane to its base successfully.

Another C-47, piloted by 1st Lt. Ellison V. Widney, Stockton, Calif., who received the DFC and Air Medal, was belly landed into the swampy jungle after being jumped by three Zeros. All of the personnel aboard were wounded, but eventually worked their way to safety through enemy territory.

## IN CBI THEATER

During their two and one-half year period of service in the CBI Theater, crews of the group flew 6,978 combat missions totaling more than 21,000 combat hours. They transported troops, food, equipment, medical supplies, arms, ammunition and even balky mules and pilots and crew members averaged more than 290 flying hours time per individual during the operations.

The group, which was activated in December, 1940, as the 64th Transport Group, celebrated its second anniversary overseas three days ago. Their last tactical operation before leaving for the Burma mission was the dropping of American paratroopers at Avellino in the hills in back of Salerno.

## New Zealand Gals In U. S. Searching For GI Husbands

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 9—Sixteen war brides and three babies from New Zealand arrived in San Francisco yesterday eager to see their American husbands, but today most of them were still searching.

"I've been sending wires to my husband at Camp Pendleton ever since I got here," Mrs. Suzanne Sullivan, wife of Lt. William J. Sullivan, Eagle Grove, Iowa, moaned. "Now I'm trying to put through a phone call but I'm not even sure he's there."

Mrs. Sullivan, whose home is Praporirua, New Zealand, said she was dying to see some American dress shops because "clothes are slightly hard to get where we come from."

The bride exclaimed, "I think San Francisco is wonderful. I'm afraid to get too far away from my hotel for fear I'll get lost. We were all frightened when we came under the Golden Gate bridge because San Francisco looked so awfully big."

Brides and babies were notified about their trip to America three hours before they sailed from Auckland on a troop ship.

"The sailors were very nice to us," Mrs. Sullivan said. "In fact, I think they spoiled our babies by playing with them all the way across. Those men were so anxious to see their own families."

## Allied Planes Smack Isle Near Philippines

PEARL HARBOR, Aug. 9—Allied planes raided Halmahera Island between New Guinea and the Philippines yesterday, dropping 48 tons of explosives upon the two largest towns.

In British New Guinea bombers blasted Jap re-enforcements rushed from Wewak to the Drimiumor River front and let fall 81 tons of bombs upon Nips in the Wewak-Aitape trap.

On Guam, the Yanks captured Mount Santa Rosa in the northeast corner where the Japs have been pushed, and added hundreds to the 10,000 or so Nip dead on the island.

## Reich Army 'Black Day' Has Anniversary Parallel

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9—As Allied forces pressed their attack toward Paris, official military circles recalled that yesterday—August 8—was the 26th anniversary of Germany's "Black Day"—the day the Wehrmacht's High Command decided that World War I was lost.

It was 26 years ago, yesterday that Marshal Foch launched his great offensive in the Albert Montdidier salient in the Somme sector. Spearheaded by 450 tanks, the British and French infantry swarmed through the enemy's lines, penetrating up to seven and one-half miles. So many prisoners were taken that the war dispatches from the front said counting them was a "difficult task."

Gains that first day of the Allied onslaught were the greatest on the Western Front since trench warfare began. It was the beginning of the end.

Field Marshal Erich von Ludendorff said in later years: "August 8 was the 'Black Day' of the German army in the history of the war. It put the decline on our fighting power beyond all doubt."

Acting upon this realization Marshal Ludendorff immediately informed the Kaiser he could no

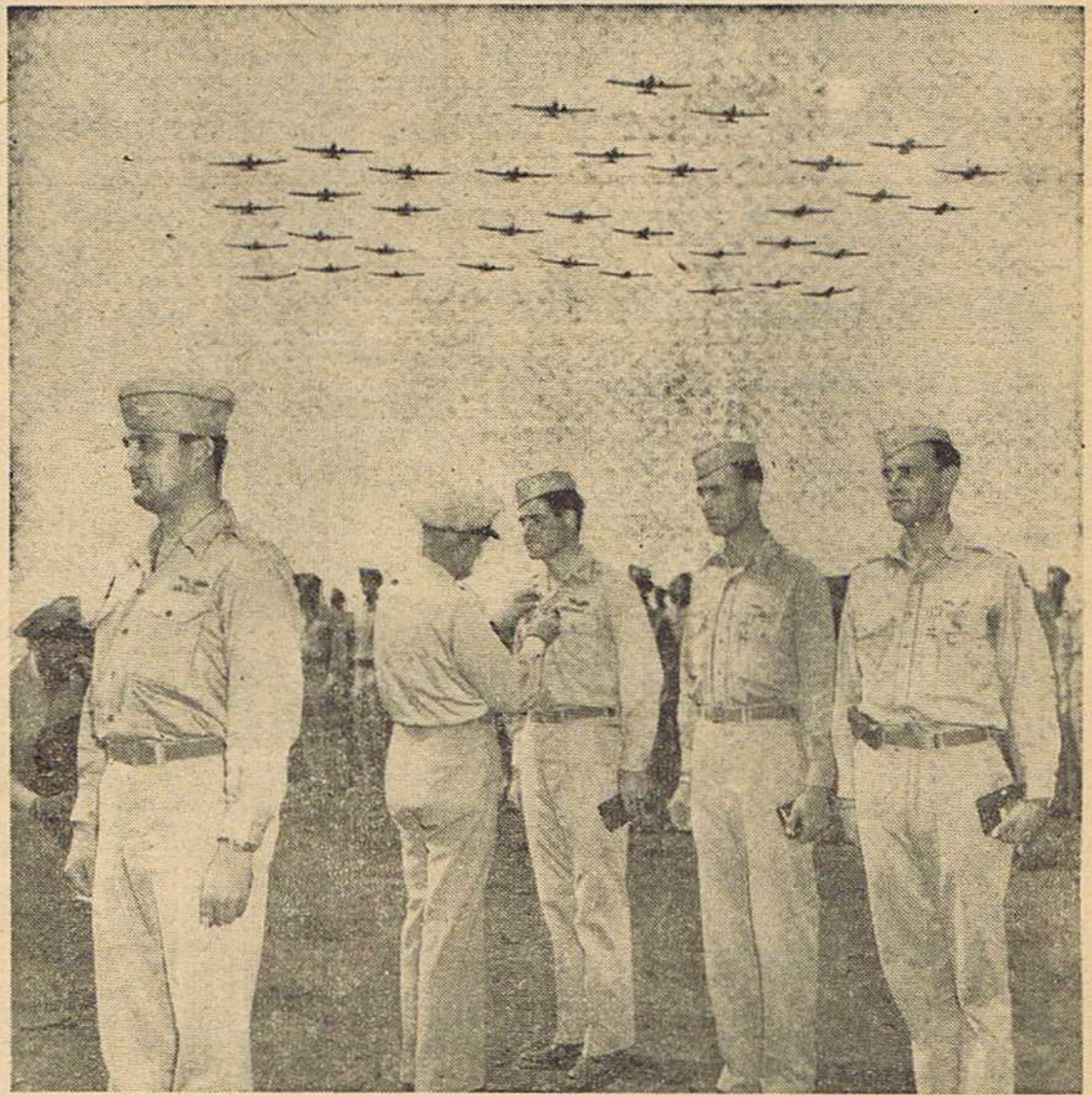
longer guarantee a military victory and peace overtures should be begun quickly before the situation became worse.

It did become worse. The German home front, Central Alliance and German throne crumbled even more rapidly than did the army. Yet it was three months and three days after Germany's "Black Day" before peace came.

Whether a comparable "Black Day" already has appeared for Germany in this war is a matter of opinion. It may have been July 27, the day the Russians captured Lwow, Bialystok, Stanislawow, Daughavpils, Rezekne and Siauliai. It may have been Aug. 3, when the Americans sliced off most of the Brittany peninsula. It may have been July 20, when Berlin announced the attempt on Hitler's life. It may have been still earlier, or it may be yet to come.

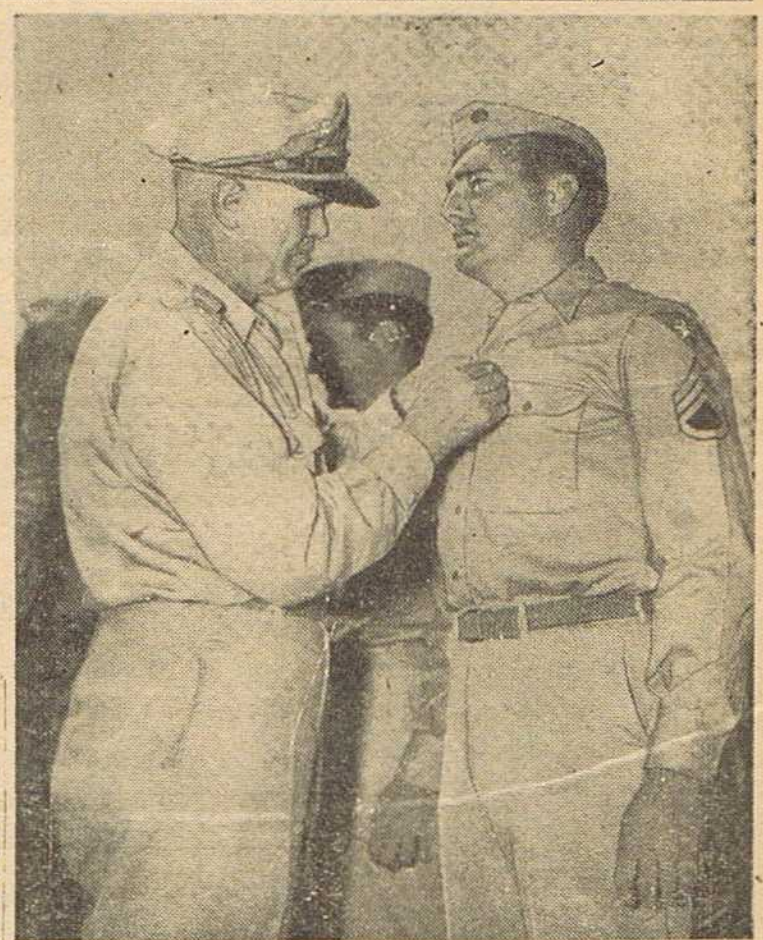
LONDON, Aug. 9—August 8, besides being Germany's "Black Day" of World War I, was also the anniversary of the start of the Battle of Britain, four years ago, the battle which saw the first crushing defeat of the Luftwaffe at the hands of the RAF.

## DECORATION DAY FOR CARRIER GROUP



While the C-47s they have flown so valiantly soar overhead in graceful formation, these officers of the 64th Troop Carrier Group, who were honored yesterday along with scores of their fellow flyers, receive their awards from Maj. Gen. John K. Cannon, Commander of Tactical Air Force. Left to right, Capt. Hal M. Scrugham, Frankfort, Ky.; 1st Lt. Brandt McIntyre, Nashville, Mich., and 1st Lt. Elmer J. Jost, Berwyn, Ill., all pilots, all getting the DFC with Oak Leaf Cluster. The group commander, who received the same, stands in front—Col. John Cerny, Harrison, Idaho. At right: For his services S-Sgt. Willard C. Johnson, Fort Worth, Texas, radio operator, receives the DFC and Air Medal from General Cannon. Sgt. Johnson has 900 flying hours to his credit.

(Staff Photos by Sgt. Grayson B. Tewksbury)



## Count Sforza Asks Purge Of 309 Italian Senators

ROME, Aug. 9—Count Carlo Sforza, in the first important move by the Bonomi cabinet against persons supporting Mussolini's dictatorship, today recommended to the government's high court of justice that 309 of Italy's 420 senators be purged for Fascist activities.

Sforza, Bonomi high commissioner for sanctions against Fascism, divided the senators into six groups, according to their degree of responsibility for Fascism.

The first group included senators who were ministers, under-secretaries of state, presidents and vice presidents of the senate or Chamber of Deputies after Jan. 3, 1925. The second group included those who continued as presidents of senatorial commissions after that date. The third group included those whose tenure was not validated by the plenary assembly as well as senators who had been deputies or national councillors after 1929.

The fourth group included those not confirmed by the assembly but imposed after abolition of the validation law.

ROME, Aug. 9—Lt. Alfonso Casati, only son of Minister of War Alessandro Casati, has been killed in action while serving with the Italian Liberation Corps on the Italian front, it was announced today. Prime Minister Bonomi sent a personal letter of condolence to the Minister of War.

## Patriots Busy In France

French interior forces are liberating some Breton towns even before American armor arrives, a Chicago Tribune correspondent reported yesterday. He said the French patriots were aiding the Allies by mopping up pockets of German troops isolated by the forward sweep of the Allies. They've also kept Allied officers informed of German troop movements behind or between the Allied lines, he wrote. One young Frenchman joined an American column at Avranches, obtained a rifle and has been fighting with the Americans ever since.

The Algiers radio reported that a French paratroop regiment dropped in Brittany during June gathered around it more than 6,000 French resisters. This was reported to be the first French unit to fight again in the motherland. The broadcast said the unit had been awarded the Croix de la Liberation.

The Associated Press reported from 1st Canadian Army Headquarters that the 1st Canadian Army had left the British 2nd Army on July 31 and today, for the first time in Canadian history, the dominion has an independent army formation in the field. Looking southward from the Channel, the French front now has the American 1st Army on the right, the British 2nd Army in the center and the Canadian 1st Army on the left.

An Allied spokesman reported most of Normandy's many churches had escaped serious damage because of accurate artillery fire. He said there were many instances in which artillery targets adjacent to churches were blasted while the churches themselves were undamaged. Special crews following in the wake of the offensive are repairing as completely and rapidly as possible whatever damage has been caused to churches.



## Yank Doughboys Most Popular Guys On Partisan Isle

By STOYAN PRIBICHEVICH  
For the Combined American-British Press

(Correspondent for Time, Pribichevich has had some amazingly close calls. He was captured by German paratroopers in Yugoslavia with two other correspondents. Pribichevich was the only one to escape. This is his story of American soldiers on the Dalmatian Island of Vis.)

SOMEWHERE IN ITALY—American doughboys get along very well with the population and Partisan soldiers on Vis. They fling around words like Dobro, Dobro (Okay, Okay) Ayde, Ayde (Come on, Come on) and have learned how to sing "Rifle Mine" or Koombay Koombay Koombay" and are generally the most popular guys on the island.

They give hitchhikers rides—there's nothing a Partisan on Vis enjoys better—and they are often missing from their messes because they're invited to some Yugoslav house.

### SAVE PLANES

American troops are doing a fine job on the island: Saving planes and crews that have been shot up over the Reich and Central Europe, instructing Yugoslav Partisans how to use dynamite and raiding German-held Dalmatian islands.

A "candid saboteur," bespectacled young 1st Lt. Sherman Kendall, teaches eager Partisan boys and girls how to use TNT with minimum and maximum effect. He explains to them why and how bridges of stone should be blown up in a different manner than bridges of steel, concrete or wood. And he proves to them in his quiet schoolroom class how eight pounds of properly placed dynamite can produce the same effect in a tunnel as 50 pounds of indiscriminately piled-up explosive.

"This is a honey" he would say, pulling out a clocklike contraption from his top drawer. His pockets are full of gadgets, like horsedung charged with dynamite, and once he bawled out a Partisan girl who used three extra pounds of dynamite for blowing up a bridge and a German sentry at once—"three additional pounds is too much for a German."

### NIGHT FIGHTERS

The Americans on Vis are troops trained for months in close combat night fighting, rapid thrusts and a quick getaway. The commander of U. S. combat units on Vis is Maj. John W. Urban, Slovak by descent, from Chicago Heights.

American Adriatic guerrillas have so far participated in ten raiding operations, and the following is the record of one:

One still night a party of 30 American men and four officers and five Britishers with one officer took off on two fast small American boats escorted by British naval craft. They lay still by an island and proceeded toward another island half an hour before midnight. The men boarded rubber boats in the dark and took land positions under trees and bushes at 3 A.M. Half an hour later a German convoy passed by and there was no shooting.

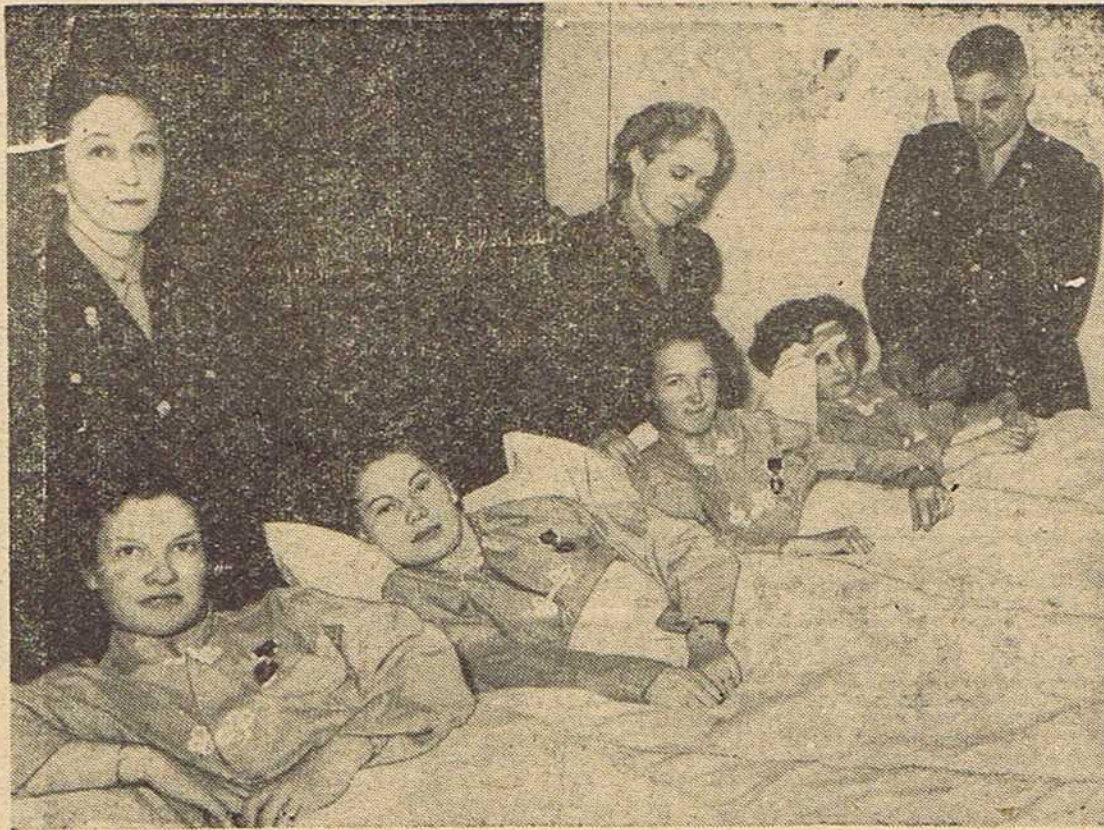
The next day the Americans reconnoitered the island and infiltrated into the woods. At 8:30 P.M. the sound of a motor was heard. One boat passed. No activity. All the following day the Americans remained in security positions. In the evening the Americans saw a big German boat, but soon it got out of sight. At 11 P.M. the Americans again heard the sound of motors. They scored a direct hit on the first ship which was a German E-boat, 75 yards off.

### BAZOOKAS' BAG

Then in the dark of night American machine guns and bazookas opened fire and set a second ship ablaze—a large cargo vessel—by direct hits amidship. A third ship—another E-boat—was mortally wounded by bazookas, turned off into the sea and sank.

The Americans went down to the beach, jumped into rubber boats at dawn and boarded evacuation ships to sail back to the island of Vis. The following day RAF reconnaissance planes and Partisan intelligence reported three German ships, including two German E-boats, burned and wrecked 120 miles off Vis without a single American casualty.

## PURPLE HEARTS FOR WACS



Flying bombs are no respecters of sex, and when one landed near a building in England where American Wacs were working, four were wounded. For their injuries they were awarded the Purple Heart, first Wacs in the European Theater to win the medal. They are (left to right): Pfc. Effie M. Gibbons, Lewiston, Ida.; Pvt. Margaret Johnstone, Madison, Wis.; Pvt. Leona J. Galyon, Odessa, Tex.; Pfc. Dorothy Whitfield, Schenectady, N. Y. (Acme Photo)

## Jimmy's Umbriago Remains Mystery

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 9—Jimmy Durante is sorry folks but he's not going to put Umbriago into character.

"You know," says the Schnozz, referring to an expression he uses in radio shows, "I get hundreds of requests every week asking who is Umbriago and why don't I let folks see him. But I can't."

"Once I worked up a lot of interest in my 'unfinished symphony.' So before taking a vacation one year I finished it. But when I returned to the air, interest in the song finished, too."

"Now I've got a great thing in bombers for him and even some of our paratroopers are yelling 'Umbriago' when they jump out of planes."

"Of course, I may change my mind sometime, but right now Umbriago is going to stay strictly mythical."

Who is this guy Umbriago? Well, that's just an old Italian expression for any jovial young fellow you usually associate with a yo ho ho and a bottle of you-know-what.

## Jap Girls Helped, German Testifies

DENVER, Aug. 9—A German prisoner testifying today at the treason trial of three California-born Japanese sisters said that he and his comrade, escaping from an internment camp, were met by the three women and driven to temporary freedom.

The German, 31-year-old Cpl. Heinrich Haider, one-time member of the Afrika Korps, testified that he had planned to escape so he could "fight against the Hitler gang." Haider said he was of Austrian birth and served two years in a German concentration camp for urging the Austrian people "to rise up against the Hitler power."

In addition, Haider said his escape was prompted by fear of Nazis in the internment camp, particularly a Nazi first sergeant.

The German prisoner said he wrote a letter arranging for a rendezvous with one of the defendants, Mrs. Tsuruko "Tots" Wallace, 35. Other defendants are Mrs. Florence "Flo" Shitze Otani, 33, and Mrs. Billie Shitara Tnaigoshi, 32. Mrs. Wallace was able to send him a reply, he testified.

## 21 Perish

LAUREL, Neb., Aug. 9—Twenty-one Army airmen perished in the crash of two Flying Fortresses and an Army trainer plane near here yesterday, bringing to 49 the number of Army flyers to die in accidents in Nebraska this week.

## 'Scoop' Tub Thumps 57th, And Their Deadly P-47s

By Sgt. VICTOR DALLAIRE  
Staff Correspondent

A U. S. FIGHTER BASE, Corsica—From the grinning half circle of newsmen in the sweltering pyramidal one could tell what 1st Lt. Lou "Scoop" Basilio, of Miami, was off on his favorite subject, the 57th Fighter Bomber Group.

"These Thunderbolt pilots can do anything. They're good, I'm telling you. They've been good for more than two years and they'll keep getting better."

"Yes, but Scoop," someone squeezed in, "the 57th isn't winning the war alone. There are other outfits in the Air Forces and a lot of guys are fighting on the ground and in the Navy."

### LOVE WORK

"Yes, yes, I know. But these 57th guys love their work. They know how to handle these P-47s. Just take a look at the record. Look at the firsts. They've scored so many firsts that I can't remember them all. The 57th flew the first U. S. single-engine fighter in combat. They gave Marshal Tito his first air support. They were the first to use two one-thousand pound bombs on a Thunderbolt, that's why it's a Thunderbomber. They invented zero bombing."

"What in the hell is zero bombing?"

"Well, it's like this. The P-47 was a high altitude job at first. Pilots flew them at 25,000 feet and dropped to 11,000 to lay their bombs. We took the plane over and came in from 4,000 to place delayed action bombs right on the target at zero."

"Look at the records, the Palm Sunday Massacre over Cape Bon—77 victories in 15 minutes. I've figured it out, that's one German plane every 15 seconds. We've won the acclaim of every ground commander in this theater for our close support. We've got three Presidential citations. Here's what FDR thinks of us. It's out of the third citation:

### TASK FORCE

"Pioneering in the adaption of high-altitude P-47 as a low-level strafing and dive-bombing aircraft, the 57th Fighter Group perfected these techniques to such a high degree of effectiveness that on March 30, 1944, the organization was moved from the Italian mainland to Corsica to operate as a separate task force."

"Selected to accomplish the interdiction of railroads and communications and the destruction of locomotives, rolling stock and motor vehicles behind the enemy lines, the group was directed to provide a minimum of 48 fighter bomber sorties per day and customarily furnish its own top cover. Displaying outstanding efficiency and zeal in surpassing these requirements, the

## Oil For All Lands Available In New U. S.-British Plan

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9—The U. S. and Great Britain signed an agreement here last night designed to make the world's petroleum supplies available to all peaceful countries at fair prices and without discrimination.

The agreement, which lays down broad principles for international trade in petroleum, was signed for the U. S. by Acting Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., and for the British Government by Lord Beaverbrook, head of the Empire's delegation.

It provides for creation of an international petroleum commission composed of representatives of the two countries to estimate the world demand for petroleum and recommend means by which demands can be met. The accord is a preliminary to the negotiation of a multilateral agreement on petroleum to which producing governments and consuming countries will, it is hoped, become signatories.

Stettinius, commenting on the agreement, said it "is a most constructive step toward long-range collaboration between the two countries in the international economic field."

## Unions Mobilizing For November Vote

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9—Labor union leaders are mobilizing nearly 14,000,000 members for what they regard as labor's most important Presidential campaign, according to the United Press.

Union membership is 26 percent of the nation's total labor force, and equal to 27 percent of the total last vote for President.

The CIO through its Political Action Committee has already endorsed President Roosevelt and Sen. Harry S. Truman, Democratic nominees. Committees are raising funds to assure their election.

The executive council of AFL, which is adhering to its traditional policy of not endorsing candidates in a national election is scheduled to hold its quarterly meeting in Chicago beginning Aug. 21, and may adopt resolutions condemning some Administration labor policies. The council is free to speak its mind, though it cannot commit the AFL.

## SHADOW AND SUBSTANCE



If valiant was the word for Carry, then tantalizing is the word for blonde Leslie Brooks, one of the "Cover Girls" in picture of the same name.



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MAIL CALL

Mistreatment

Dear Editor: Referring to the letter "On Rotation," July 26 issue, which reprinted a clipping from the Richmond, Va., Times, telling about a group of sergeants who, having been rotated...

Agreed

Dear Editor: With reference to an article which appeared in your column, July 29th issue, by Cpl. Sol Glick, re: complaining about the unfairness of the litter-bearers of a collecting company...

On Vets (jg)

Dear Editor: The letter, "Veterans (jg)," which was printed in the Aug. 2 issue, is typical of what is happening to some of the youth of our country.

When In Rome Today

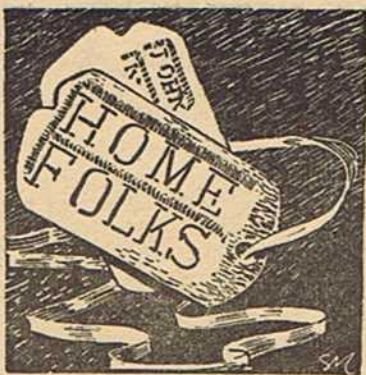
STAGE "Spotlight," review featuring ENSA and local entertainers. From jazz to opera. Today through Sunday inclusive at 1830 hours; Argentina Theater, Largo Argentina. No tickets required.

How They Stand

Dear Editor: Now that everything possible is being done to enable overseas troops to vote in the coming elections, I—among many others—would be interested in knowing just how each candidate stands on the question of discharges when this war is over.

U. Of F. S.

Dear Editor: In order to be an exclusive member of the Union of Forgotten Shavetails U. of F. S. it is necessary to have the following qualifications as a second lieutenant: Eighteen months overseas; six months in a Replacement depot; six months attached, unassigned duty.



By Sgt. RALPH G. MARTIN Staff Correspondent

COLLINS, Iowa--Main Street was deserted except for a dozen dusty cars that looked as if they had been parked in the same place for weeks. The only noise in the streets was the singing of birds, and even that sounded hushed and muted. The town seemed dead. But that was before Uncle Charley stepped out of the bank, slamming the door loudly.

Gripin'...

Uncle Charley was quiet for a little while, making the street's silence seem louder than ever. Then he rubbed his chin and smiled a little and said, "Most of the folks here in Iowa now are just like me—they're all bitchin' about the rain. I guess we farmers and you soldier fellers are both alike—we're always bitchin' about something and then we feel better."

"But things are all right now," he continued. "Everything we planted is really sprouting up fast and maybe our harvest won't be so late as we figured. And one thing is sure. Iowa will still be Number One state as far as corn production is concerned."

Uncle Charley ought to know. He's one of the county's acknowledged farm experts. His own farm, a 240-acre operation which his Dad started back in 1865, has mostly corn on it although lately Charley has been planting a little more hay and oats and a lot more soybeans.

"This soybean crop is gettin' to be more and more important all the time," said Uncle Charley. "Maybe some day it may even be just as important as corn. You can never tell about those things."

"For example, look at this town," said Charley. "At one time it almost had 500 people and then comes the war and the young people go into the Army (Charley has two soldier sons overseas) or else high-tail it out west to the war industries and now all we've got left is a bunch of old retired folks and a few hired hands maybe and the rest of the people who work here in town."

Work Aplenty...

The town didn't look as if there were enough work for a couple of hundred people until Charley pointed out the large lumber yard at the other end of town and the two grain elevators and the two grocery stores and bank and beauty parlor and hardware store and two restaurants and three churches.

"Collins has got most things but there's still lots of things that we just ain't got," he said. He told how the townspeople had to go five miles to Maxwell if they wanted to see a movie or go to a dentist and how they only had a part-time blacksmith who divided his working week between Collins and nearby Ames and how there was no druggist and the folks had to rely on a grocer who also occasionally sold patent medicines.

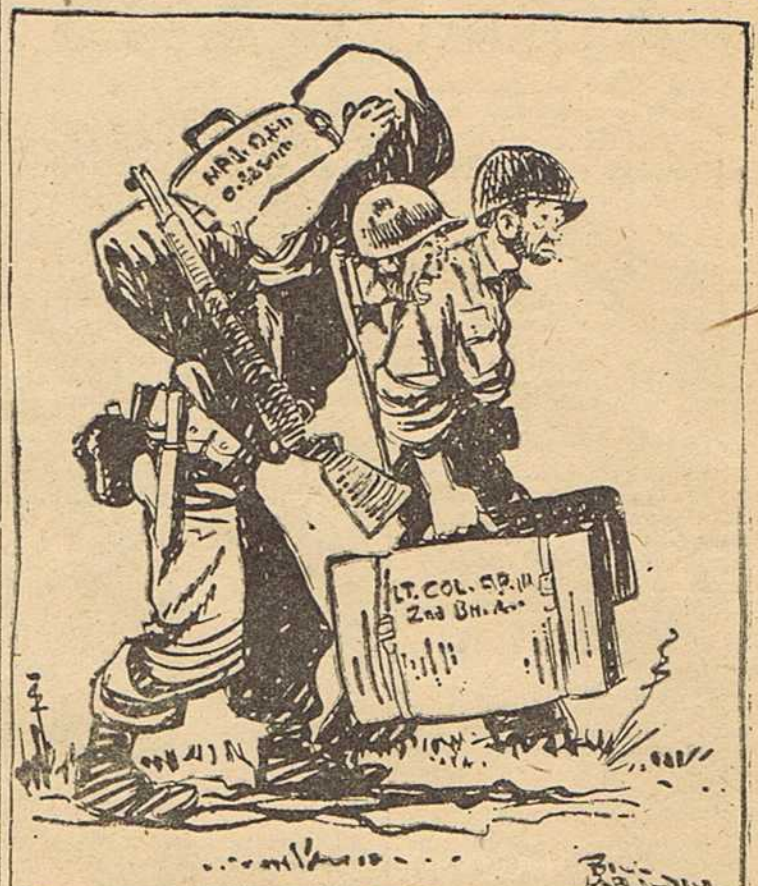
"Another thing we ain't got now is a ball field," said Charley. "We used to have a beautiful ball field right there," he said pointing to a field not too far away. "But now there ain't enough young fellers to make up a team, and even if there were, we wouldn't let them play because we need them so badly to help out on the farms."

"So we planted hay in that ball field this year and maybe next year we'll plant some corn."

"But maybe by next year, the boys will be back and we'll make it into a ball field again."

UP FRONT...

By Mauldin



"Oh, I likes officers. They make me wanta live till th' war's over."

THEY HAD FAITH

Bronze Doors Of Siena Cathedral To Hang Again

By Sgt. ROBERT B. McINTYRE Staff Correspondent

How the simple folk of Siena, historic mountain city 60 miles south of Florence, saved it from the devastation of war by invoking the aid of the Holy Virgin has been revealed for the first time.

A week before the Allies liberated the quaint Tuscan city Mayor Socini Guelfi, fearing the effect of the pending battle on the city, sought the advice of the Archbishop of Siena Cathedral who immediately rallied Siena's Catholic population. They formed a devout procession that wound for miles across the three hills upon which the city stands.

The Nazis suddenly watched the mass of people slowly filing through the streets with bowed heads and lighted candles, fervently murmuring supplications to the blessed Virgin that their Siena be spared the fate of her southern neighbors.

The idea behind the procession caught on like wild fire. Men long in hiding from the German menace, Partisans from the surrounding hills—all came out of their places of safety to pray for the salvation of their beloved Siena.

When the crowds had filled the cathedral to overflowing so that thousands had to kneel in the streets, Mayor Guelfi turned the keys and flag of the city over to the Virgin for safe-keeping. Then the population dispersed and went about their daily tasks—secure in the knowledge that their Lady would see them through.

A week later the Germans were driven from the city after fierce resistance. The liberating Allied troops paused in their pursuit of the Krauts only long enough to express amazement at how well the city had weathered the storm of shells and gun fire. With the exception of a few houses on the outskirts, Siena bore not a single, ugly war scar and no civilian casualties were reported.

The people were filled with rejoicing and sought for an earthly manifestation of their gratitude to the Blessed Virgin. But what could they do? What could they possibly say in thanks for Siena's salvation?

The archbishop and the mayor had an idea, however. More than 600 years ago the four massive bronze doors of the cathedral had been carried away to Florence by the victorious Florentines after one of their many battles with the Siennese. These priceless doors had never been returned.

Today, as an indication of their gratitude to the Virgin, the people of Siena have been asked by the mayor and archbishop to replace the long-missing doors with new ones of equal beauty.

The citizens have readily agreed and will share the expense four ways. The doors to the right of the Cathedral will be paid for by contributions from the poor; the center doors will be paid for by the rich; the banks of Siena will meet the expense of the doors on the left and the remaining side door will be paid for entirely by Siena's wealthy Count Chigi.

PUPPENT POETS

The President

He found us in a sorry state; with skill, He led us in the paths of progress till We had made gains the years had waited for, As on the loosing of a long-closed door. A bloodless revolution you can call it if you will. That is the only way That nations safely change. In spite of all The clamor he best represents our day. As champion of those who would be wholly free, He owns world-wide acclaim. The common man Although he know it not will never see Just peace, by his and others' plan, Historians will give to him a place Among the prophets of our time and race.

—Cpl. R. W. Lovett

Comparison

Narrow, winding roads, Going up hill and down, Drenched in scent of pines, Far from the nearest town. Sparsely wooded slopes, Broken by fields of grain, Beds of dried-up streams, Waiting for next fall's rain; Not New Hampshire, no; Though it comes back to me. Dust, and homes, and men, Say to us, "Italy."

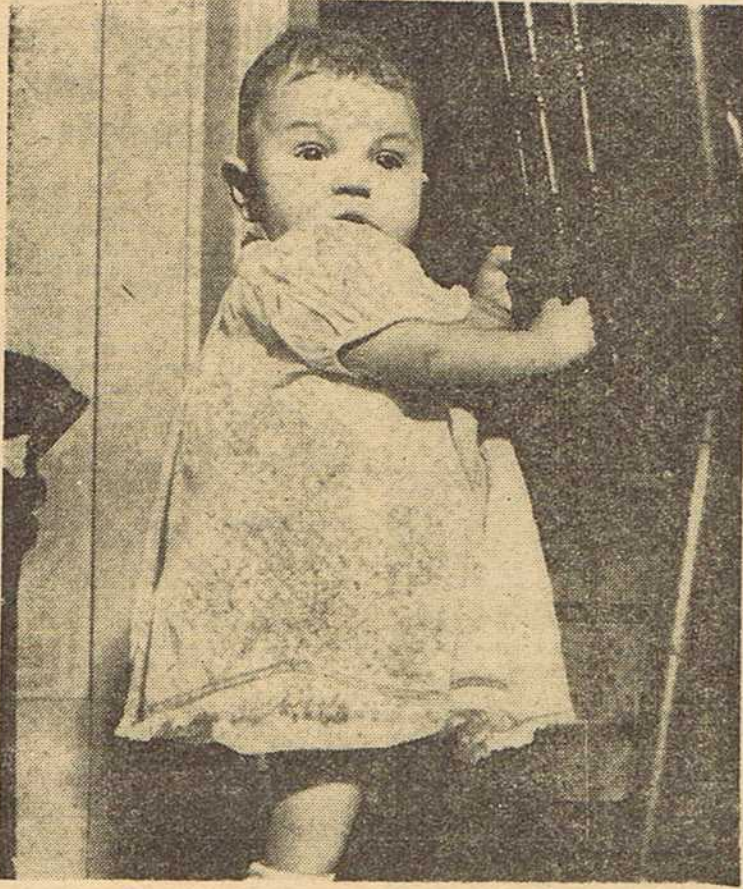
—Cpl. R. W. Lovett

Help Wanted

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 9—Harry Van Brunt's one worry was his inability to find a carpenter to do some vital repair work. It didn't help his peace of mind any when he had to drop the quest and answer a summons for jury duty today. Good citizenship paid off though when he hired one of his fellow jurors, an expert with hammer and saw.



# A BABY AND A HOT DRUMMER BOY



A perfect specimen of babyhood, little Patricia Rose Potter, four-month-old daughter of Pfc. and Mrs. Charles Potter, Tacoma, Wash., tips the scales at 20 pounds.



Gene Krupa, drummer-boy idol of the jitterbugs, has returned to Broadway with a band of his own. Here he is backstage at the Capitol Theater, applying makeup in his dressing room. Krupa has been cleared of charges which jailed him for three months early in the year.



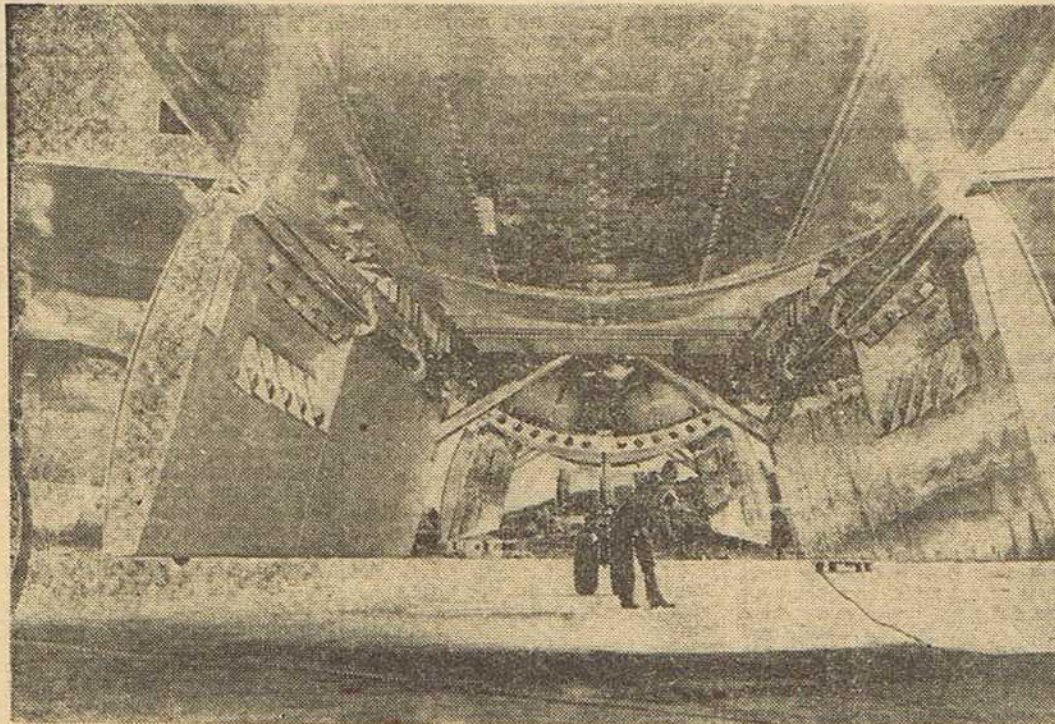
"Faline," three-week-old white-tail fawn, is no beer-guzzler, despite the fact she's feeding on a nipped beer bottle in the hands of Seaman D. E. Garitone, Mullan, Idaho.



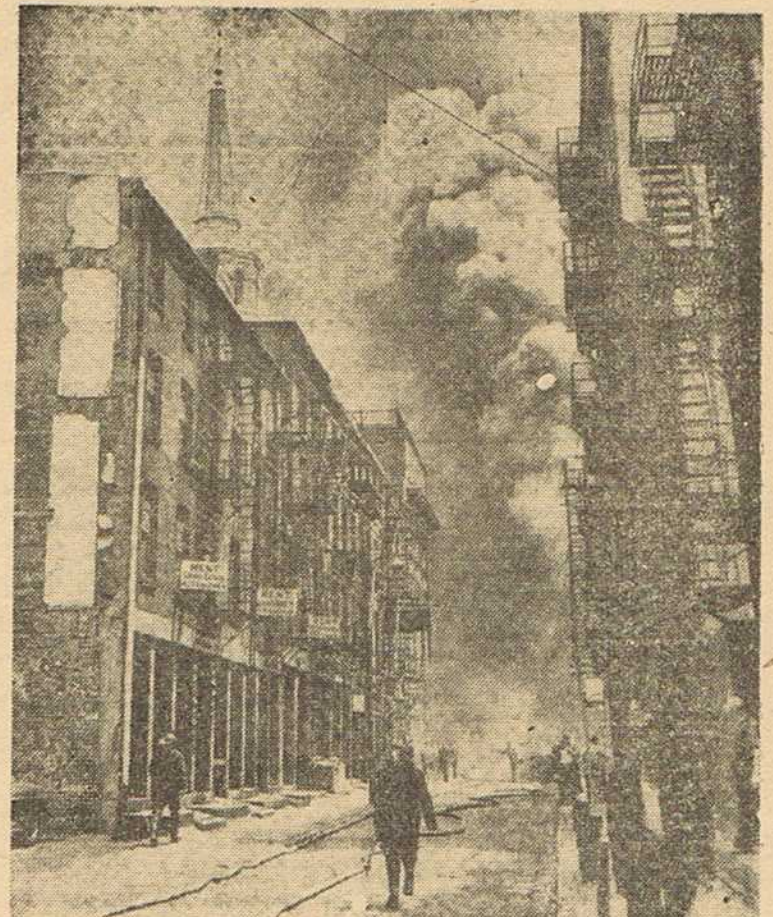
Cpl. Bertha Santos, U. S. Marine Corps, embraces the bow of the destroyer escort Hanna, named for her sweetheart, the late Marine Corps Pvt. William Thomas Hanna, before the ship slid into Newark Bay from a New Jersey shipyard.



Lt. Col. Evans F. Carlson, who led the famed Carlson's Marine Raiders, gives Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt an account of some of the lighter events of the Saipan invasion as the First Lady visits the San Diego, Calif., naval hospital.



One secret of the huge bomb-carrying capacity of the mighty Boeing B-29 Super-Fortress is the big ship's twin bomb bays. Bombs drop alternately from one bay and then the other so that the center of gravity remains undisturbed. Here is a closeup of the bomb bays as the B-29 rests on the ground.



Streams of water are poured into a five-story building at 217 Market Street, Philadelphia, in a desperate attempt to stop the six-alarm blaze which roared through Philly's main business section recently. (Acme Photos)



# SPORTS PARADE

By a Staff Correspondent

**U. S. ARMY REST CENTER, Aug. 9**—The original story was terrific, right out of the movies. An American Olympic star, fighting in the frontlines, suddenly comes face to face with a Nazi athlete he defeated in the international games. Once again the Nazi is a beaten man. He is taken prisoner.

As it turns out, it's a good story anyway. Det. Halo T. Hirose, one of the 5th Army zone swimming stars, was a member of an MP Guard Co. back in the States. One day, while watching a new batch of prisoners unload, a young Boche came over and asked in fair English, "Don't you remember me?"

Halo didn't. Whereupon the prisoner took a picture out of his pocket and showed him a group of mermen snapped in 1938 during the post-Olympic games in Berlin. Sure enough, there were Hirose and this German—a fellow named Schwenk—arms draped around each other's shoulders.

Hirose then remembered that the Nazi, a prisoner of the African campaign, had lost to him in one of the heats in the 200-meter free-style. Hirose took third place in the finals.

"I still have the picture," said Hirose today. "The fellow seemed to think I deserved it more than he."

The 5th Army zone champions are practicing daily here for the big Allied title swimming carnival to be sponsored by the U. S. Navy Aug. 19 and 20. They are being coached by Capt. Katsumi Kometani, former Michigan and Southern California swimming star.

The 34th Division's "Red Bulls" baseball team will be hot favorites to take the 5th Army zone title as a result of their showing here while on a five-day rest pass last weekend. Although they'd played only a handful of games this season, they had little difficulty in subduing the strong Casablanca Yankees, last year's "North African World Series" kings, 16-5.

Sgt. Ray "Lefty" Pilot had the 1943 NATOUSA champs eating out of his hand while Lt. Paul Froning came back the next day to defeat another strong hospital nine, 6-4.

Among the stars on this snappy ball club are Sgt. Joe Dearle, property of Carthage, Mo., in the Western Association; S-Sgt. Chuck Stevenson, outfielder formerly with Beaumont in the Texas League; S-Sgt. "Pop" Wry, property of the Reds and Pfc. Lou Fishman who played in the Northern League in 1940.

## Armored Nine

**CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky., Aug. 9**—Seven former players in the Piedmont League are playing baseball for the 20th Armored Division team here. Called the Armored Nine, they include Manager George Lacy, Howie Munderski, Lloyd Lanning, Bill Fuchs, Ken Johnson, Alex Sukowski and Spencer Smith.

## Football Dodgers, Now Named Tigers, Start Fall Practice

**ABILENE, Tex., Aug. 9**—Pete Cawthon, the drawing Texan, who made his professional football coaching debut last year with the Brooklyn Dodgers of the National League, welcomed 35 members of the renamed Tigers at Hardin-Simmons University athletic field today to start practice for the 1944 season. Cawthon has been here three weeks in some of the hottest weather Texas ever had.

"We can cut those waistlines down in a hurry under this sun," he said. Ed Kubale, line coach, and Frank Bridges, scout and end coach, have joined Cawthon in getting the squad launched on a 20-day practice grind. Cawthon said he expected about 45 of 61 players under contract to report here among whom there will be only a half dozen who played with last year's Dodgers.

**DETROIT, Aug. 9**—Don Rezzler, 175 pound Colorado State halfback, with a medical discharge from the parachute troops, signed a contract with the Detroit Lions today, Coach Gus Dorias announced. Rezzler's inked document brings the Lions roster to 32.

**COLLEGE PARK, Mo., Aug. 9**—Dr. Clarence W. (Dic) Spears, head football coach at Maryland University, added his name to the growing list of officials who think the gridiron sport is in for a big boom in 1944.

"I think the game will be better balanced," Spears said, "and that goes not only for smaller schools and those without Navy units but for big Navy schools like Notre Dame and Duke and other perennial powers as well."

**BOULDER, Col., Aug. 9**—Colorado University is returning to the gridiron sport this season. The Athletic Office announced they will field a team composed of Navy and civilian players next fall. Practice starts Monday.

**CHICAGO, Aug. 9**—Jeff Cravath who piloted Southern California to its 29-0 triumph over Washington University in the Rose Bowl last New Year's Day was added to the coaching staff of the College All-Stars who play the Chicago Bears in the annual charity football game at Doye Stadium, Evanston, August 30.

Cravath will join Henry Frnka of Tulsa and Bo McMillan of Indiana on the All-Stars' coaching staff.

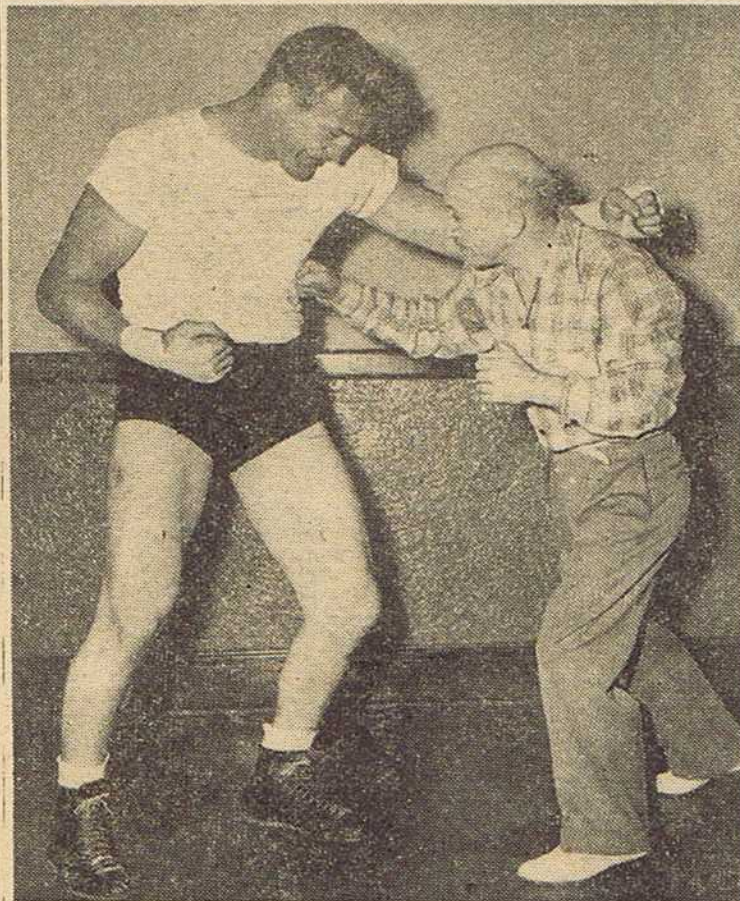
## Alsab Retired To Stud; Earned 300,000 Dollars

**CHICAGO, Aug. 9**—Alsab, one of the greatest bargain yearlings in turf history, has been retired and will enter stud in the spring. The five-year old bay horse was purchased by Al Sabath for 700 dollars and went on to earn 350,000 dollars in purses.

Sabath said Alsab had been on the track here every day this summer and had galloped and breathed soundly, but because he has grown in bulk he would need three or four races to reach top form. It was decided to retire him rather than risk any recurrence of the leg injury suffered last year.

# Baksi Has Too Much Speed For Savold In Ten Round Bout

... CAN BEAT A GOOD LITTLE MAN



No, giant Joe Baksi and former bantamweight champ Johnny Coulon aren't planning to test the old boxing adage. Joe is showing Johnny how he whips that right to the body. Baksi did a lot of that in his bout with Savold Monday night.

## Young Heavyweight Wins 'Civilian' Title Crown; Lane Scores Again

**CHICAGO, Aug. 9**—Joe Baksi, Kulpmont, Pa., heavyweight, hammered out a clean cut victory over Lee Savold, Paterson, N. J., last night in a ten-round bout billed for the phony "civilian" heavyweight championship. The referee and one judge voted for Baksi and the other judge called it a draw.

The first six rounds were rough and bloody with Savold gushing forth from his nose and mouth and a nasty cut over the right eye. But the last four rounds were comparatively dull and the crowd boomed lustily as each fighter showed remarkable versatility at clinching.

The youthful Baksi outspeeded Savold in the first two rounds, but Savold shook the former coal miner up with several sharp lefts to the head in the third. The fourth was even and Savold took the fifth, Baksi's early lead and Savold's lack of stamina in the late rounds carried the victor to the decision. Baksi brought his attack down-stairs in the last five rounds and beat the former bartender off everytime he challenged.

Sixteen thousand fans including 7,500 servicemen saw the bout. Baksi weighed 213 and three-quarter pounds and Savold 199.

Larry Lane, Trenton, N. J., Negro heavyweight, making his first start since the tragic ring accident two weeks ago which resulted in the death of Lem Franklin, Chicago Negro, kayoed Georgie Parks of Washington in the third round. Lane draped Parks over the middle rope with a series of rights to the head and when Parks came up Lane sank him with a right to the stomach. Lane weighed 191 and a half pounds and Parks weighed 213.

**LOS ANGELES, Aug. 9**—The latest fighter to draw crowds on the west coast is Enrique Bolanos who is proving that people will still go to see little men in action. A bantamweight, Bolanos was a Mexico City bellhop, but he has won 12 straight since coming to the U. S. and the only bell he'll answer nowadays is the one at ringside.

## Great Lakes Beats Chisox For No. 39

**GREAT LAKES, Ill., Aug. 9**—The Great Lakes Naval Training Station baseball team won its 39th game in 40 starts here Monday when Virgil Trucks, former Detroit righthander, stopped the Chicago White Sox with two hits and helped with the bat as the sailors beat the Sox, 4-0.

Successive singles by Walter Millies, Trucks and Roy Hartfield, after two were out in the fifth inning, produced the only run. Hartfield, 18-year-old Atlanta boy, substituting for Billy Herman, drove a sharp single to left, scoring Millies.

Trucks fanned eight White Sox and ran his strikeout total to 124 in 86 innings. It was his eighth victory. Lee Ross, Johnny Humphries and Jake Wade pitched for the big leaguers and Ross was charged with the defeat.

## Eastern Kids Win, 6-0, In Subdraft Age Game

**NEW YORK, Aug. 9**—A team of subdraft-age kids from east of the Mississippi River trounced a western team at the Polo Grounds yesterday, 6-0, despite the five-hit pitching of three western twirlers.

The game, sponsored by Esquire magazine, attracted players from 28 cities of the country. The best 14-16-year olds who could be found by newspapers participating in the selections.

Connie Mack piloted the easterners and Mel Ott the west.

Virgil Jester, Denver, Jim Propst, Kansas City and Ervin Palica, Los Angeles, pitched for the west while Bill Pierce, Detroit, George Worgul, New York, and Mason Leeper of Gastonia, N. Car., gave the west six hits. Charlie Perchak, Chicago, eastern first baseman, was the batting star with three singles in four trips.

## Maltzy Doesn't Start 'Em But Sure Ends Ball Games

**CHICAGO, Aug. 9**—If Gordon Maltzberger continues to save games at his present rate, the 29-year-old White Sox relief hurler will become the first White Sox relief pitcher to win the league title on a won and lost percentage basis. With his current record of 10-3, for the fifth place Hose, Maltzy has a grand chance to eclipse Moore's sensational 19-7 relief mark. Waite Hoyt of the Yanks won 22 and lost 7 that year; but Moore showed the remainder of the league the way in earned run averages. He turned in a stingy 2.28 mark over the season and pitched only six complete games.

Maltzberger is still waiting to start his first game of the year, but he isn't getting rusty sitting around as he has appeared in 40 games. In 83 and 2-3 innings he's walked 13 men and allowed 62 hits. He doesn't strive for strikeouts since he usually finds men on base when he comes along and concentrates on a downer that will make the opposition nit into the dirt.

Jimmy Dykes once entertained the idea of starting the Badara County, Texas native but later decided to leave well enough alone and keep Maltzy warmed up in the bullpen.

"I have so many pitchers who start strong but fold before the game's half over that I can't afford to start Maltzy. I'm sure he'd be a winner but he's more valuable where he is," Dykes said.

**PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 9**—The Yankees announced the sale of lefthander Joe Page to Newark of the International League and also announced the purchase from the same club of pitcher Mel Queen who had a trial with the Yankees in 1942. Page, whose early season work got him a place on the American League all-star team although he didn't play in the game, lost six straight.

## Out Of The Past

**SYRACUSE, N. Y., Aug. 9**—Horace (Hod) Lisenbee, 43-year-old righthander, pitched his first no-hitter here last night when the Syracuse Chiefs downed the Montreal Royals, 8-0, in the seven-inning opener of a twilight double-header. Lisenbee was a star with the Senators in 1927 when he won 18 and lost 9. He later played with the Red Sox. He had an almost perfect game tonight, walking nobody and allowing but one man to reach base. That was on an error.

# 17 Strikeouts A Breeze For Ol' Diz

Striking out 17 men in one game might seem like a tough job to some guys, but to ol' Diz it was a breeze. I struck out three men in the fifth and the eighth and ninth. Twelve of the 17 swung at the last one. I never bothered with pitchin' high or low when I was good. I just poured the ball in there, right over the plate.

Koenig, Cuyler, Demaree, Hendricks and Jurgas each struck out twice and I got that Billy Herman three times. He came up the fourth time and I just threw easy-like and he popped up for a change and he threw his bat away and yelled at me: "You must have a Bible in your pocket, you lucky bush so-and-so," but I didn't.

It was only ol' Diz on one of his good days. If I'd known I was anywhere near a record I'd struck out 20 anyway. I just

toyed with Bill Jurgas a couple of times, figurin' he couldn't hit nothin' anyway.

I'll never forget the last inning. I struck out Hendricks and Jurgas and that made it 16, I found out afterwards. Charley Grimm was makin' faces over on the bench and growlin' at me about bein' a big dumb Oklahoma busher. Hee-hee. I never forget he yelled at me: "You look like you live in one of those Oklahoma penitenses." You with Venetian blinds, and I almost got laughin' and spoiled it all.

He sent up somebody named Moslof to pinch-hit and ol' Wilson met this guy before he got to the plate and I could hear him say: "This is a helluva place to stick you in kid. I wouldn't be surprised if the first one this Dizzy moron threw was right at your ear. He don't like pinch-hitters."

Moslof never took his bat off his shoulder. Wilson's give me the sign and then he'd straighten up and pound his glove right behind Moslof's ear and the guy thought surer-n'-hell he was gonna get punctured and I just put three through there. Dean Specials with the smoke curlin' off 'em.

You'd a thought we won the World's Series the way everybody pounded me on the back in the clubhouse and told me what I'd done and I was pretty proud too. But hell there ain't no use in me tryin' to talk about a special day, 'cause every time I had a ball in my hand, and that suit on, it was my greatest day. The only time you ever feel bad is when you gotta quit.

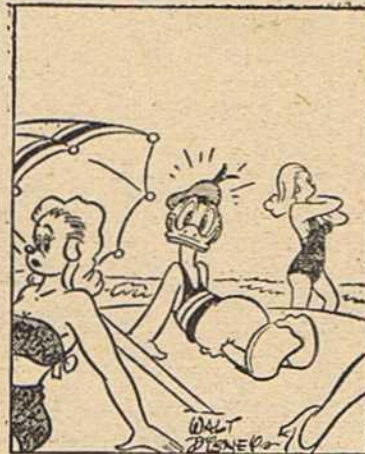
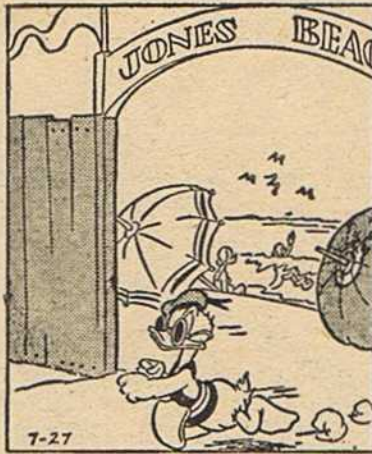
(This is the last of four articles on the trials and tribulations of Dizzy Dean, self-styled "greatest hurler in baseball.")



DONALD DUCK

(Courtesy of King Features)

By WALT DISNEY



LOST AND FOUND

Luigi (Gino) Galantoni, has been missing from his home since July 23. He was last seen wearing a pair of blue shorts and a striped blue shirt. His parents, at 12, Via Germaine Sommeiller, flat no. 9, are very anxious to have him back. Gino is believed to be with an American unit, forward.

FOUND

Dog tags for William J. Trant, Courtland G. Ackley, Austin L. Begley, Herbert C. Black, Wesley W. Calhoun, Wald H. Colley. Pay book for Natividad B. Corral. Papers and photographs. Claude W. Carroll. Wallet belonging to Albert Barben. Paybook for J. S. Cusimano. Photographs and papers for Charles G. Curry. Pay book for Victor Dollar. Identification cards for Clarence G. Emmons. Silver bracelet for Leonard L. Emmer. Wallet and papers for Cecil E. Ellis.

LOST

Prescription fitted sun glasses which were picked up in a shoe shine parlor on Via Veneto by mistake. They are Ray Band and optically unsound for any other person. Reward. Lt. DeLyle I. Seda. Musette bag, containing film, Purple Heart medal and fountain pens, plus personal articles. T-3 Roy F. Rasback. Green money belt, with money, papers and orders. Lt. Dorothy J. Berger, ANC. Musette bag, containing Air Corps song sun glasses. F.O. Evert L. Rankin. Leather folder, containing photos of family and friends. One colored photo carefully wrapped in cellophane, 2nd Lt. N. Kendig, Jr.

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

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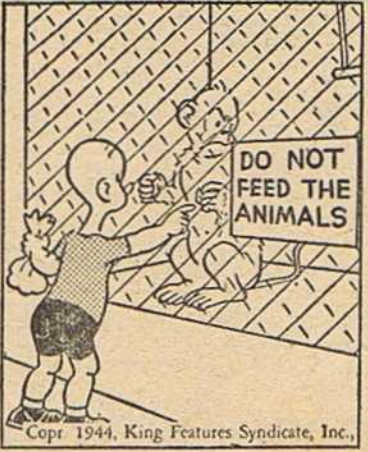
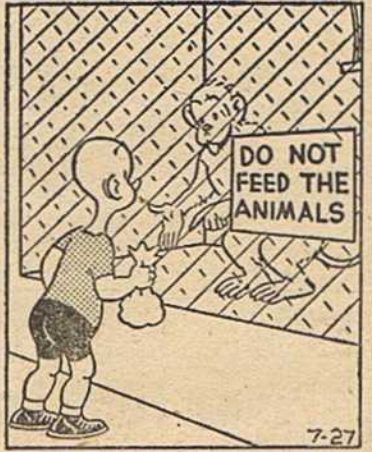
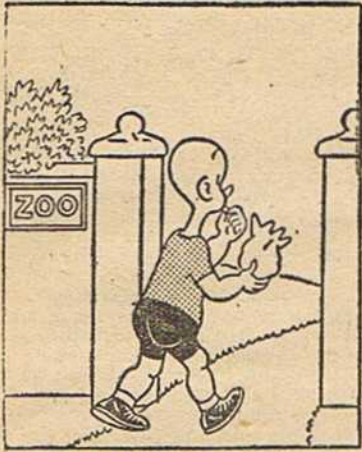
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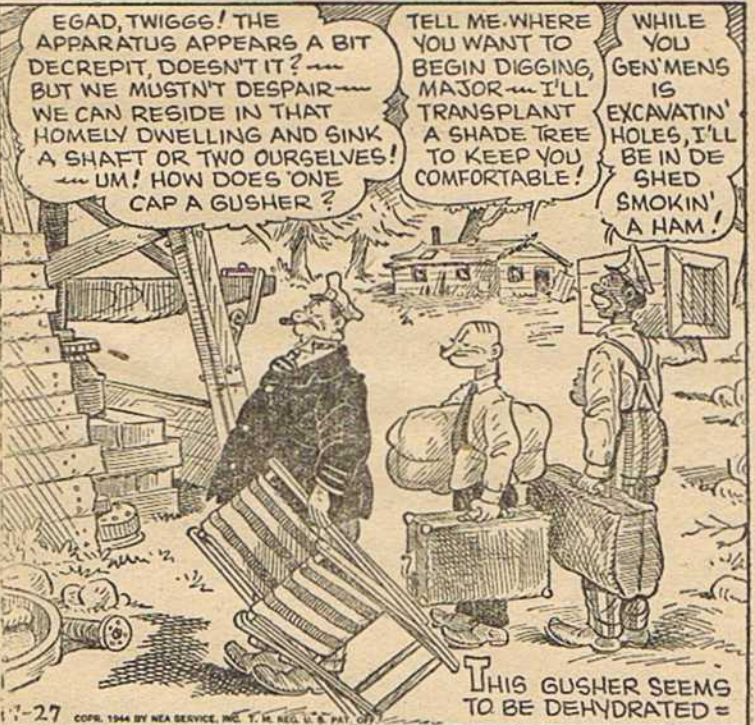
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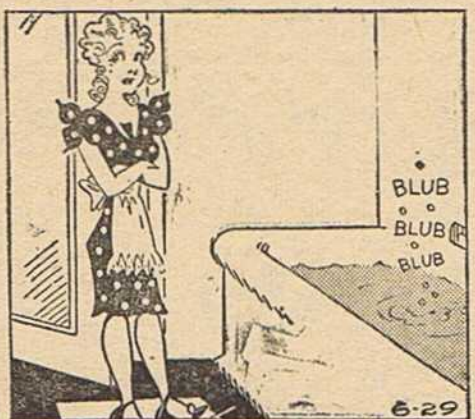
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# Russ-Poles Parley Yields No Results

LONDON, Aug. 9—An all-night meeting in Moscow between Polish Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk and the Polish Committee of National Liberation on a single government for liberated Poland failed to produce results, it was announced today, but observers here believed the stumbling blocks could be removed.

The conference yielded no positive results, it was said, because the Mikolajczyk group would not agree to recognize Poland's 1921 constitution and drop the 1935 constitution which was described by the Moscow group as "anti-democratic."

It was understood the Polish premier favored revision of the later constitution but maintained this could be done legally only by act of parliament, not by act of government, and therefore must await the first meeting of the Polish Parliament after the country's liberation.

The surprise appointment in London of Tomasz Arciszewski, 66-year-old Socialist leader, as president designate of Poland was interpreted as a move to make it easier for Mikolajczyk to come to an agreement with the Moscow committee and with the Russians.

Arciszewski, who held high office in the Polish underground until two weeks ago and who has recently arrived in England, was selected to succeed Gen. Kazimierz Sosnkowski, resigned right wing leader. Although the general quit the presidency, he will continue as commander-in-chief of Polish forces.

# Chinese Lose Hengyang After 45-Day Defense

CHUNGKING, Aug. 9—After 45 days of siege, the longest of the seven-year-old Sino-Japanese war, the city of Hengyang, important junction on the Hankow-Canton railway, today fell to the Japanese, the Chinese High Command announced today. Its defenders were "killed to the last man," the communique said, and the capture came with a fierce Jap assault preceded by heavy artillery and air bombardment.

# Bette Davis Contender For Producing Honors

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 9 — Bette Davis' hat, a period model, of course, was in the ring today as a contender for movie producing honors. But she said to think nothing of it. It didn't mean she was planning to retire from the acting career which has brought her fame, fortune and Oscars.

Dressed in the staid green and red wig of a Welsh schoolteacher in "The Corn Is Green," Miss Davis said she was merely exercising a contractual right.

"I'll just ease into the producing end this way. It will be little different from what I've done before, and I'll be co-producer on only one of my three films a year. For the past several years the studio has been nice about letting me make suggestions on my films and as co-producer I'll do the same."

# 15TH HEAVIES

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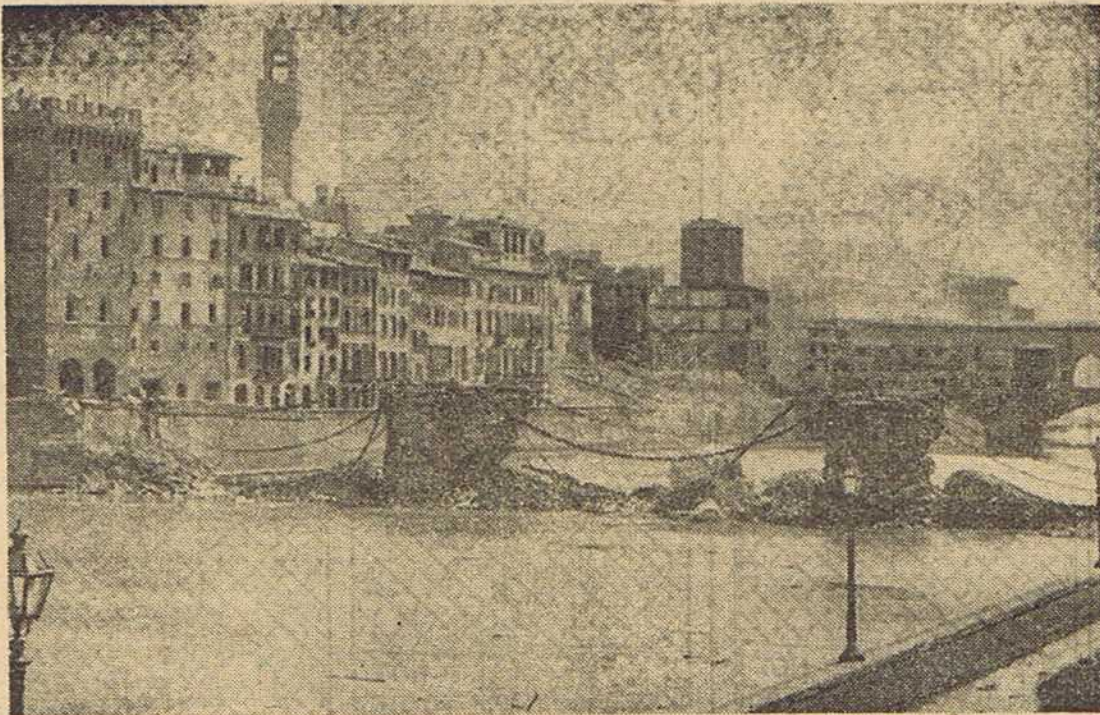
returned to Russia. On the shuttle run to Italy yesterday, the heavies blasted airdromes at Buzau and Zilistea, 40 miles northeast of Ploesti in Rumania.

The three-day attacks "were of direct aid to the Soviet government and today's mission was also of assistance to the 15th AAF," Colonel Karl Truesdell, Jr., Washington, D. C., acting deputy task force commander, said on his arrival at the Italian base.

Bridges in the Rhone and Var Valleys and road and rail lines in northeast Italy used by the Nazis to transport troops and supplies to the battle front were attacked by the TAF.

At Alessandria, the 674-foot bridge connecting the rail yards with main lines to Turin, Milan and the Riviera was damaged by two hits and bombs tore up the approaches. The eastern half of the highway bridge at Asti, midway between Alessandria and Turin, was reported destroyed.

# KRAUTS SMASH ARNO BRIDGES



This Arno River bridge before Florence was wrecked by the enemy withdrawing into the city as the Allies entered the outskirts. Wherever possible the Germans have been using the river as a defense line, blocking Allied progress across it. (Photo through PWB)

# Balkan Air Force Aids South Europe Partisans

MAAF HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 9—The establishment of the Balkan Air Force, whose formation was announced this week in London, emphasizes the importance that the Allied High Command places upon operations in that part of southern Europe lying east of the Adriatic Sea.

Short of actual invasion the use of planes for the transportation of supplies, equipment and strategic personnel is the only effective means whereby the Allies can assist the Partisans of Yugoslavia and the patriot forces of the other Balkan nations.

For months, MAAF units based in the Mediterranean Theater have given intensive co-operation to the various resistance groups in these nominally German-occupied countries. Now, under the command of Air Vice Marshal William Elliott, these operations have been coordinated and placed under central direction.

The mission is threefold: Independent air operations against the enemy in the Balkans; close support of activities of the Allied land and naval forces, the Yugoslav Na-

tional Army of Liberation, and supply transport.

Although the bulk of the personnel is RAF, the new tactical air force is cosmopolitan in nature and includes Yugoslavs, Greeks and Italians. Some of its staff officers have been in touch with the Balkan resistance movements almost from the time that the British evacuated Greece.

Considerable quantities of supplies were handed to Balkan guerrillas by the Allied airmen after the Germans were pushed out of North Africa and last November tactical air support for the Partisan operations was begun.

Within the next three months more than 100 vessels were destroyed and the Nazis' sea supply route from Fiume at the head of the Adriatic to Dubrovnik was almost completely cut.

Supplies and equipment of all kinds, including jeeps and trailers, have been flown into the Balkans by the Allied planes which never return empty to base. Thousands of wounded Partisans and children have been brought to the safety of Allied territory. Last month, the first in which the planes operated as the Balkan Air Force, saw between 2,000 and 3,000 people, most of them Partisan wounded, flown out of the Balkans.

Ground crews live and work with the Partisans, moving from section to section as the need dictates but always busy preparing new fields at which the Allied planes can land.

# Federal Payroll Cut Of 2 Million Foreseen

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 — At least 2,000,000 civilians will be dropped from the federal payroll within a year after the war ends, Chairman Robert Ramspect (D., Ga.), of the House Civil Service Committee predicted today.

The Georgia Representative said civilian rolls now number 2,908,912. He estimated that postwar cuts would bring the total down to about 900,000. The 270,000 federal employees in Washington, he said, will be cut in half.

# Senator Protests Postwar Lend-Lease

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 — Sen. Thomas Murray (D., Mont.), yesterday charged that postwar lend-lease aid to Great Britain "might impose upon our country a burden which we shouldn't be called upon to bear."

Murray, chairman of the Senate military postwar subcommittee, commenting on a report by the National Association of Manufacturers that such a proposal is under discussion, said:

"It would require serious study. Congress would have to be convinced such aid was necessary to prevent complete collapse of the economy of Great Britain."

NAM's weekly publication asserted that top administration circles are considering a proposal to provide the British people with assistance at least until the fall of Japan and "perhaps well into the transition period" to support Britain's domestic economy.

# PHILLY STRIKE

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Commission. McNamee previously had estimated 4,000,000 man-hours were lost to war production through the stoppage.

"If the grand jury calls me," McNamee said, "I am prepared to lay this matter before it in great detail. Seems to me the circumstances are well worth investigation."

Five of the eight Negroes who were scheduled to begin training as operators when the work stoppage began last Tuesday reported to the PTC instructions depots yesterday but were told to go home and call back tomorrow "to see whether you are to report for work."

Meanwhile, the four strike leaders, dismissed when they appeared for work yesterday, are free on 2,500-dollar bonds pending a hearing on Aug. 14 on charges of violating the Smith-Connally Wartime Anti-Strike Act.

# DeSylvas Split

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 9 — B. G. "Buddy" DeSylva, film producer and song writer, has separated from his wife of 19 years, the former Marie Wallace of the Zeigfeld Folies, his studio reported today.

# Senate Candidates Being Chosen In N.Y.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9—Democrats and Republicans in New York, with their thoughts on the state's 47 electoral votes, chose Senatorial "running mates" today for their parties presidential nominees.

Voters in Arkansas, Connecticut and Vermont are likewise busy picking candidates for the elections in November.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey conferred with party leaders on the best Senatorial candidate to help him swing the state in his presidential try. Advance indications pointed to Thomas J. Curran of Manhattan, 45-year-old Secretary of State.

New York Democrats gathered for their meeting with the expectation that their nominee again would be Sen. Robert F. Wagner, 67-year-old author of the Social Security and National Labor Relations Acts. He is a longtime supporter of President Roosevelt.

The lineup in the other three states appeared to be as follows:

Arkansas: Rep. J. W. Fulbright, freshman Congressman, against Gov. Homer M. Adkins in the runoff primary for the Democratic nomination for the Senate seat held by Mrs. Hattie Caraway, who was defeated in the first primary.

Connecticut: Sen. John A. Danaher, due to be renominated in the Republican state convention, also Gov. Raymond E. Baldwin and Representative-At-Large Boleslaus J. Monkiewicz.

Vermont: Lt. Gov. Mortimer E. Proctor and Arthur W. Simpson, running for the Republican gubernatorial nomination, the winner facing Dr. Ernest L. Bailey, Democrat. An absence of other contests assures an electoral battle between Sen. George D. Aiken, Republican, who is running for re-election against Harry W. Witters, and Rep. Charles A. Plumley, Republican, opposing Robert W. Ready, Democrat.

# LE MANS TAKEN

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cans in the Vire sector to the west. Bitter tank fighting continued around Cherence la Roussel, where a German counterthrust was checked Monday with devastating losses to elements of four Panzer divisions. American tanks held a firm grip on the Vire-Cherence la Roussel highway.

Throughout Brittany bitter fighting still raged for the peninsula's five big ports—Brest, Lorient, St. Nazaire, St. Malo and Nantes. Fighting was especially heavy outside of St. Malo, where the German garrison was ordered to fight to the very last.

The main German forces in Brittany appeared to be withdrawing into the port areas. They were also under constant attack from French resistance forces as well as from American troops and tanks. Large fires were seen in St. Malo and Lorient, indicating the Nazis were burning their supplies and installations.

A German news dispatch said Allied glider troops had landed at the Loire estuary, on the southeast corner of the peninsula, but the report was not confirmed from Allied sources.

# Lois Loves Jack

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 9 — Lois Andrews, who married comedian George Jessel four years ago when she was only 16, said she and wealthy Jack Topping expect to be married soon. Miss Andrews was divorced from Jessel two years ago. She is here visiting with her three-year-old daughter Jerilyn. Topping is the son of millionaire John Reed Topping and brother of sportsman Dan Topping, husband of actress Sonja Henle.

# LI'L ABNER

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