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Yanks Join Battle for Italy

More Planes In Air Than Ever Before

Nearly 700 Tons Dropped On Nine Nazi Targets, Record For One Day

Eighth Air Force operations swelled to a new high yesterday as Flying Fortresses, Liberators, Marauders and Thunderbolts made more than 1,000 sorties over the invasion coast and airfields of northern France in the most powerful assault they have ever made in one day.

A new record was set both for the total number of targets hit in a single day and the total number of bombers dispatched in the most widespread, large-scale attacks ever carried out by Eighth Bomber Command.

The USAAF dropped nearly 700 tons of bombs on nine German targets to round out one of the most sustained aerial offensives of the war. In support of a full-scale naval and military amphibious exercise in the Channel, the Eighth Air Force unleashed its heaviest onslaught against enemy airfields, coastal installations and war industry.

Providing air cover of a size rarely seen over any amphibious operation, the USAAF struck across the Channel in a steady stream, knocking out enemy planes and smashing the fields from which German aircraft could threaten the amphibious invasion rehearsal.

Strike Paris Engine Factory

Bombers battered an aircraft engine factory near Paris, objectives in the Boulogne and St. Omer areas, and airfields at Beauvais-Lille, Beaumont-sur-Oise, Lille Nord, Lille-Vendeville, Vitry-en-Artois and Drucat-Abbeville.

In the massive operation only two Fortresses, three Marauders and two fighters were lost.

Brig. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, Eighth Bomber Command chief, commenting on the unprecedented attack, said:

"Nearly 700 tons of bombs were dropped on nine German targets today. The tonnage was not a record figure, but the number of targets assigned and the number of bombers dispatched today were greater than ever before. Seven air task forces of Eighth Bomber Command participated in the day's operations.

Little enemy opposition was encountered, except in the attack on Paris, where Forts shot down 15 German fighters. Supporting Thunderbolts broke up two strong attacks on the Fortresses, shooting down one enemy fighter.

The scarcity of German fighters in the eighth consecutive day of the heightened air campaign suggested the blasting of airfields in the occupied countries and the destruction of fighters by Allied aircraft had seriously reduced German strength.

Good bombing results were reported by crewmen, who lauded the Thunderbolts for their support. RAF, Dominion and Allied fighters provided additional backing.

Only hours before yesterday's hammer blows at Germany's air power, the RAF made an attack "in force" on the Con-

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Col. Elliott Roosevelt In ETO From Washington

Col. Elliott Roosevelt, attached to a photographic reconnaissance unit of the North African Air Force, has arrived in the ETO on a secret mission after conferences in Washington, it was disclosed yesterday.

Roosevelt conferred immediately upon arrival with a number of Air Corps officers, including Col. James Hall, chief of the Eighth Air Force's photographic reconnaissance unit. Hall, like Roosevelt, comes from Fort Worth, Tex.

1,500 Troop Trains Ordered

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9—In a campaign to expedite the movement of troops, 1,500 steel cars will be added to the nation's rolling stock this year, Joseph Eastman, head of the Office of Defense Transportation, announced.

Where British and Americans Struck



Moving onto Italian beaches in the yawning light of yesterday morning, British and American troops were reported to have landed at these spots. Dispatches, not yet confirmed, said troops hit Pisa, Civitavecchia, Gaeta, Genoa and Sardinia. Allied headquarters announced landings at Naples, Pizzo (south) and points in Tyrrhenian Sea.

Nazis Hurlled Back in 5 Sectors; Soviets 80 Miles Past Stalino

Russian forces striking westward from captured Stalino advanced yesterday toward the Dnieper River and Kiev from the liberated Donetz Basin. On the 800-mile front the Germans were rolled back in five sectors.

As the Soviets marched 80 miles beyond Stalino, Red Star, Russian army newspaper, termed the summer campaign "the beginning of the end."

"What is happening now is not a mere battle," Red Star said. "It is the expulsion of the enemy from the country. The Donetz Basin is only a chapter. Kiev is now awaiting us and can already hear the distant din of cannonade, bringing its liberation."

The threat to Kiev is developing rapidly. Borsna, 100 miles away, fell yesterday. Fanning out to the southwest and northwest, Red troops based at Konotop continued their westward drive to the Dnieper, according to front line dispatches.

Meanwhile Berlin radio admitted a breach in the German lines at Briansk. Russian advances were also made in the Smolensk area and in the Kharkov sector.

Yesterday's Russian communique revealed a new threat to the German troops remaining in the Donetz. By the capture of Vladimirovka, 12 miles north of the key railway junction of Volnovakha, the Russians moved to cut off the German escape route from Mariupol.

British Fleet Is Pledged To Move Into the Pacific

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Sept. 9—An assurance that the British Mediterranean Fleet would be available for use in the Pacific as soon as the Mediterranean was cleared was given to five United States senators by Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Foreign Minister Anthony Eden in Washington today.

The senators made this announcement here today on their tour of battlefronts in this area.

Hitler Reported Asked to Resign

Industrialists Plea, Berne Hears; War Council Is Said to Be On

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 9—Demands for Hitler's resignation have been made by leading German industrialists, a dispatch from the Berne correspondent of the Stockholm newspaper Afton Tidningen said today.

The dispatch said that the business leaders conferred immediately after news of Italy's fall and demanded that Hitler resign and that a new government be formed.

"The meeting was a very stormy one," the newspaper said, "and was attended by a representative of Goering, who reported the demands to the Marshal."

Earlier, the Stockholm paper Allehanda printed a dispatch from Berne stating that Hitler had called a council with Goering, Himmler, Von Ribbentrop, Adm. Doenitz, Navy commander, Field Marshal Keitel and others at Berchtesgaden. They were reported to have conferred several hours without issuing any statement.

5th, 7th Armies Strike, Fight Nazis at Naples; 5 Landings Reported

Americans Under Clark and Patton Swarm Ashore from Gigantic Invasion Fleet, Driving Nazis Before Them

United States and British forces made large-scale landings along 250 miles of the west coast of Italy yesterday morning and are methodically swarming over great stretches of the peninsula in a campaign to cleanse the country of Nazis and transform it into a base for more direct attacks on Hitler's centers.

Allied headquarters yesterday announced that the U.S. Fifth Army, under Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, had landed in the vicinity of Naples, while heavy forces of the Seventh Army, under Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, had stormed in at unspecified points along the Tyrrhenian coast, which forms nearly the whole western side of Italy proper. Another assault near Leghorn on the northwest coast 120 miles from Rome was reported.

It was also officially announced that the British Eighth Army invaded new points at Pizzo in the toe of Italy's boot.

Pilots returning from air convoy duty in the Tyrrhenian Sea said the invasion fleet used at Naples was even larger than that in the Sicily operation, which was 3,000 vessels.

Allied landings at Genoa, Pisa, Civitavecchia, Gaeta and on the island of Sardinia were also reported by neutral capitals, but not confirmed by Allied Hq. While the ground operations officially were said to be progressing rapidly, hundreds of planes were descending on newly obtained Italian airfields to join in the occupation blitz before German forces consolidated for a stand. Allied naval units were reported patrolling the seas off Genoa.

Germany's Strength Estimated at 18 Divisions

Military observers estimated German strength in Italy at 18 divisions and doubted if any would be able to escape the Allied net.

Berlin radio conceded that Italian troops, acting on orders from Marshal Badoglio, had occupied Brenner Pass, only practicable means of exit for Hitler's army, but added that some units of the Italian army were "remaining loyal to the Axis."

While Allied armies were swarming through surrendered territory, President Roosevelt tempered celebrations in America with a warning that victory would not be complete until all German forces were driven from Italy. The capitulation was enthusiastically received in Russia, China and other Allied Nations.

The military picture in Italy in main outlines:

Gen. Eisenhower, with the British Gen. Alexander as field commander for the whole of Italy, and Gen. Clark his commander for landing forces, is delivering the principal thrust in the area of Naples while British and Canadian forces pursue Germans from the Italian boot, wholly cutting it off at the toe by seizing a lateral road running from the Mediterranean to the Adriatic. Gen. Montgomery, meanwhile, has caught up with the Nazi rearguard and is pounding it with cold force.

Berlin, Tokyo Shout 'Treason, Betrayal!'

As the United Nations yesterday celebrated the collapse of one spoke in the Axis wheel, the two surviving partners bitterly spoke of treachery and treason. Behind their protestations—for home consumption—that the war would still be fought to a victorious conclusion was the frantic realization that the noose was being drawn tighter around their own throats.

Meanwhile, President Roosevelt, in a broadcast from Washington, declared that the armistice with Italy was "a great victory," but he warned that "the time had not yet come for celebration."

"We must drive the Germans from

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New Allied Landings Fast Being Secured

U.S. and British forces which landed before dawn yesterday at several points in the Naples area are making "satisfactory progress," although they have made contact with the German defenders and are being shelled by the enemy, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced late yesterday.

The Germans apparently have strong forces in the Naples sector for shortly after the Allied ships carrying British troops and part of the U.S. Fifth Army had been landed there was news from Allied HQ that they were in contact with the enemy. A bridgehead was established, however, and reinforcements, stores and

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Frantic Balkans Hunt Answer To 'How to Get Out from Under?'

With Italy's fate before them as a horrible example, wavering Balkan satellites of the sundered Axis are reported to be looking for the nearest exit from the flimsy structure of Hitler's order in southeast Europe.

Dispatches reaching neutral countries from Balkan capitals claim Hungary may be on the verge of withdrawing its alliance with Germany on the strength that Italy's action in breaking the Axis bloc no longer binds Hungary as a signatory to the Tripartite Pact.

Bulgaria is said to be seething under a nervous tension unparalleled since the mysterious death of King Boris and while a special session of Parliament was being called to ostensibly select a Regent, the population was reported as quivering under the shadow of the mighty Allied

air force, which, with the occupation of Italy, will be based within a 600-mile round trip of the capital.

Immediate repercussions are also expected in Croatia, where the fall of Pavelitch, puppet premier and chief quisling, is believed to be imminent.

While the powder keg was sizzling within the Balkans, Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, Allied commander-in-chief in the Middle East, broadcast orders to Italians to turn on their former allies in the Dodecanese Islands, between Crete and the southwest Turkish coast, and elsewhere in the Balkans in carrying out terms of the unconditional surrender.

At the same time the Italian Navy was ordered to proceed to Alexandria and

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The Lost Army

The mystery of the "lost army" has been solved. Yesterday's communique from Allied Headquarters discloses that the American Army has landed on the west coast of central and southern Italy, supported by British and American warships. Satisfactory progress is being made as these troops move into action against German military units operating in opposition.

For days following the invasion of Italy the question was asked . . . where are the Americans . . . but there was no immediate answer. Eisenhower, it seems, had led with his left and held his right for a counter blow. Now he has cut loose with a punch that should knock the German Army in southern Italy out for the count. A quick thrust from Civita Vecchia (Port of Rome) and Naples across to the Adriatic, and all Nazi troops to the south will be neatly bagged.

So the Italians can join with the troops of the American Army as they sing, "The Yanks Are Coming." News of our landing on the mainland is now official.

The Giant Killers

Specially adapted land-based B24 Liberators have sunk or seriously damaged ten German U-boats in 13 engagements in the Atlantic, some as far as 1,000 miles from shore, reports the Army Air Force anti-submarine command. Libs scored at least five direct kills and five more U-boats took such a terrific depth-bomb battering they are believed to have been destroyed.

This report adds weight to another recently made by a British authority who said: "More enemy submarines were destroyed in the past three months than were sent to the bottom during any full year of the last war." In the opinion of this authority, the merchant shipping picture was never brighter.

These victories over the submarine, coming as they do in conjunction with other great Allied victories, give the Germans cause to realize the end grows near. Germany pinned great hopes on the ability of her under-sea fleet to paralyze any attempted Allied offensive against Europe by crippling Allied sea transport. Her failure to cripple our shipping is one reason why we are celebrating Italy's "unconditional surrender."

So to the Giant Killers our sincere thanks. We will never be able to discharge our debt to those men who, at the risk of their lives, kept open the vital sea lanes and thus enabled our leaders to direct the weight of our military might against the Axis powers on every front.

Faster Ships

In our battle to beat the submarine no single defense improvement was overlooked. Speed, it was discovered, was one defense; so our new shipbuilding program calls for faster cargo vessels.

Under the terms of the U.S. Maritime Commission shipbuilding program for 1944 double the original number of fast cargo vessels have been ordered, or roughly 1,000 Victory ships. Considerably fewer than 1,000 Liberty ships, with a speed of about 14 knots, are planned.

In contrast with a 500 fast ship order called for in earlier estimates, the increased proportion of Victory ship construction reflects a determination to shift emphasis to the speedier type vessel as rapidly as the necessary propulsive machinery becomes available, for this has been the bottleneck in the past.

The disclosure that more fast ships will be built is welcome news in more ways than one, for it means we are not only going all out to beat the under-sea menace; but that we are looking ahead and building a merchant fleet capable of

Hash Marks

Irony Dept.: A prowler recently entered the office of the superintendent of schools of Martinez, Cal., and stole 56 bucks. The only entrance to the office is through the office of the Sheriff.

One man who believes in full cooperation is R. C. Shelton, of Greenville, Miss. Instead of calling the fire department to a fire, he took the fire to the firemen. Wheeling into the station, he stood calmly by while the firefighters extinguished a blaze in the back seat of his car.

Investigators, feeling that workers at a Knoxville war plant were talking too much off the job on confidential matters,



decided to feel around and see who was talking and who wasn't. The investigator came up to an old man sawing boards. "What are you making?" he snapped. "Makin' \$1.25 an hour," replied the old man calmly.

A Texas ration board told W. E. Julian that he couldn't have a new tire unless he was on an essential business. But they decided that Julian was on essential business the moment they looked into his truck. The vehicle contained a pair of hot-tempered bears which Julian was transporting between zoos. Julian clinched the deal by nonchalantly remarking: "If I don't get a new tire, I guess I'll have to turn the bears loose."

Boys and girls, there's really one SAD man in this Army. He's a topkick and he belongs to an outfit serving in the British Isles. For months and months he pined for his lovely wife, a nurse back in the States. One day he got the tip-off that wifey was on her way over. The next day he broke his leg in an accident. He lay in his hospital bed thinking how nice it would be to have wifey dear here nursing him. And now wifey dear is in England—but the GI is on his way back to the States, sent home because of his injury.

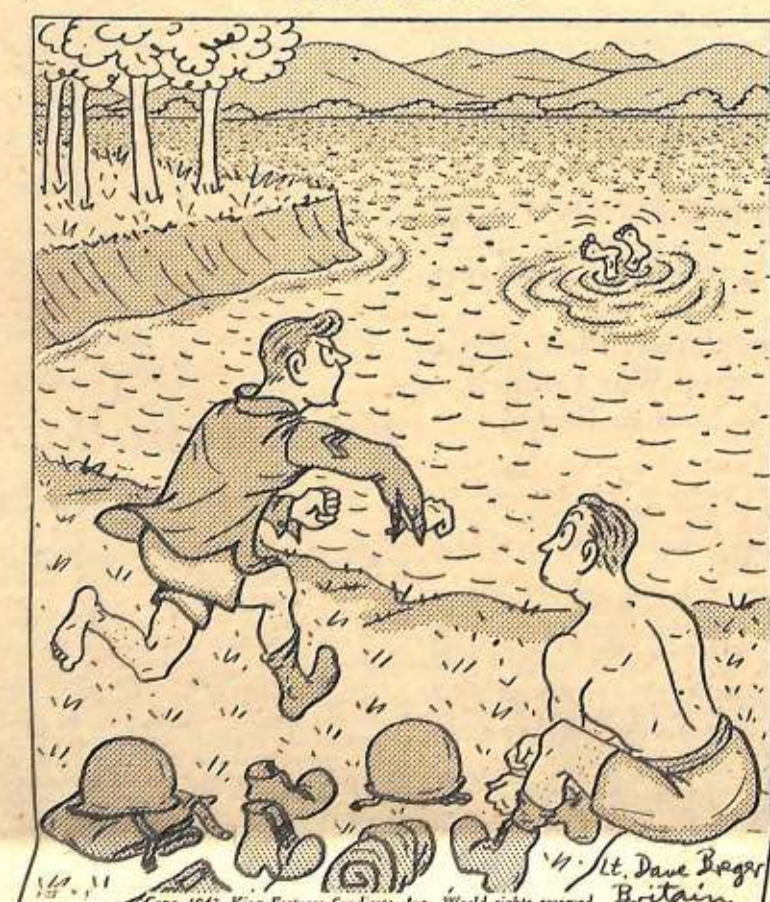
Cause for divorce, No. 354272536. There's a woman out in Texas who swears that Sherman was right. She is



seeking a divorce because her husband, after enlisting in the Army, made her salute him, call him "Sir" and stand at attention when addressing him.

Incidental information. The "pin-up" girl is now an institution. Today photographers from the Army, Navy and Marines will assemble at the studios of movie producer Sam Goldwyn where they will take pictures of 34 luscious girls. The pics will be distributed through the PX and ships' stores. Says Goldwyn, "The pin-up picture has become an item of morale."

J. C. W. PRIVATE BREGER



What's Worst Part of a B26 Raid?



Eighth Air Force ground crewmen—who get out of bed before the plane crews have blinked their first eye—give a B26 the final check before heling her up for the day's mission.

'Mr. FiveByFive' Crew Thinks It's Getting Up Too Early

What's it like to go bombing Europe in a Marauder? Andy Rooney wanted to know, so he joined one of the crews raiding Lille in northeastern France Wednesday. Here's his report of what happened.

By Andrew A. Rooney Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A U.S. MEDIUM BOMBER STATION, England, Sept. 8—A few dozen Marauder crews are shaken out of bed too early this morning. They half wash, eat breakfast and go to the briefing room.

They sit hunched over on rows of hard benches. The men look serious. They jot down notes, listen intently. The S-2 officer tells them where they are going—the Lille-Vendeville airfield: Rough over there. He tells them what German defenses they'll find, where they'll find them.

He mentions familiar names—St. Omer, Dunkirk, Ypres, Armentieres. No one wisecracks about last war's Dirty Gertie. Armentieres is this war's town with a good-sized German flak battery nesting there.

It smells like a raid in the briefing room. The smell is mostly the warm rubber of the Mae Wests which have been powdered with sharp smelling particles thrown off by the .50 calibers.

The crews shuffle out of the briefing room and climb all over a truck that takes them to their planes.

The truck takes Capt. Bob Sands to his B26, Mr. Five By Five. The engineer is warming up the engines. There is a pile of equipment in front of the plane—Mae Wests, chutes, harnesses, helmets.

Sands climbs in and the crew climbs in. There are six of them—pilot, co-pilot,

bombardier-navigator, top-turret gunner, waist gunner and tail gunner.

Up forward Bill Sands guns first one engine, then the other. The ship trembles but the brakes hold fast as the rush of wind gives a lift to the tail plane.

The knuckles push out the back of Sands' hand as he releases the brakes and shoves the ball-topped throttle levers forward with the fleshy part of his right hand. The B26 rolls fast and the pack of Camels on the instrument panel jiggles forward.

The early sun casts the shadow of the plane on the grass at the side of the runway. No one feels the takeoff. The jumbo tires, squashed out with the weight of the bomb load while the plane rolls slowly, begin to have better shape as the wings take more weight off them.

Craft Becomes Airborne

The nose comes off the ground first and the ship balances on two wheels. The wheels of the shadow plane on the grass fold from the runway, leaving the plane off the ground.

Capt. Sands circles the field while the last planes take off and finally locks himself in the six-ship formation of which Mr. Five By Five is part.

Where the cigar-shaped fuselage begins to narrow, the waist gunner sits looking out over England. The two waist gun doors slide up the side of the plane leaving the tail section looking like an afterthought tacked on by the narrow backbone of catwalk.

The gunner leans down to look out the doors, clucks and smiles to himself as he sees the Spits coming up to meet the formation. He likes Spits—plenty. As the ship passes over the English coast he adds the flak suit at his side to the layers of equipment he is wearing. He slips it over his head and it clumps down over his shoulders like a saddle on a horse.

His parachute is beside him and he picks it up and moves it a few inches—wants it in the handiest place.

The Channel isn't very wide in a Marauder.

The formation hits the French coast. The sands don't look good for bathing beaches. They look dark and soft. There is no steel wall up and Hitler's Western Wall looks pudgy. The flak begins to cough up in red flashes from the ground, and a second later ends as a cloudlike puff—no noise. The Wall doesn't look so pudgy.

Food For Thought

As the formation gets close to the target the men find time to think about things. They think they love their wife, will the war be over by Christmas, can they get a room at the Regent Palace if they get into London tomorrow night. They stop to wonder whether they are praying or not—whether they are Atheists in their aerial fox holes.

Somehow, there is time to think about those things. Through a dirty window a spot looks, for a minute, more like an FW190 than a Spit. The gunners are ready to see anything and see it quickly.

Close to the target there is plenty of flak and an FW and another German plane no one is sure about shows up on the clouds below. They let the Spit on the Jerry's tail do the shooting—can't take a chance of winging a Spit—alienation of affection—they love those Spits.

The bombing run doesn't last long. The waist gunner, looking backward, doesn't know they are on it until he sees the clouds of dust rising off the field

gives a little jump and its bombs are away. Someone wonders who they kill. The rest watch to see what they hit.

Leaving the bomb run the crew feels like a football team coming out for the second half. The tension is off, it isn't as tough as they thought it was going to be. The run to the coast is the same but everyone feels more relaxed.

There are a few Jerry fighters way below but they are kept on the fringe of the formation by the Spits. God Bless the Spits.

Over the intercom the crew loosens up. There is a little talk now. One of the gunners thinks he froze the tip of his ear. Last time that happened he was up at Placid for a weekend.

Below on the left of Mr. Five By Five a B26 is losing altitude. One prop sticks out, stopped cold. It looks bigger somehow than it did close up on the ground. The men keep their eyes on it and keep looking at their watches to note the last time they see it.

Crippled Plane Lands in Sea

The one-engine plane falls farther back, above the clouds for awhile. There is an open space and then more clouds. It goes below this time. The others hear later it landed in the Channel and all but one of its crew were saved.

It doesn't take as long to get into the field and land as it did to get off and join the other groups for the trip over. Bob Sands drops his wheels and uses his flaps, and the heavy, stubby-winged B26 drops fast.

The ground feels good, everything feels good. A gunner takes a candy bar he has been kneeling on out of the knee pocket of his flying suit and eats it off the paper while he tells one of the ground crew what happened.

Bob Sands talks to his ground crew chief about something that happened to the plane. The truck drives up and the men drag their equipment to it, climb on and drive off to the interrogation room. The toughest thing about going over France in the Purple Heart Corner of a Marauder formation, they decide, is getting up in the morning.



The Man Below

Clouds of creamy whiteness, Floating in the sky— Hiding Air Force pilots While they thunder by.

I often wish that I too— Could guide a mighty ship— And aim a load of trouble On some well charted trip.

But I have got an "Uncle," Who figured out the plan— That some of us would fight above, And others on the land.

I guess it doesn't matter As long as I can share The glories and the hardships Till its over, "Over There."

Tommy A. Grantham, 2nd Lt., Air Corps.

The Bells Again

Pealing chimes, a foreign sound After years of bloody strife, Proclaim to God a work well done;

EBS, Ground Blues Advance to Softball Finals

Wyatt's One-Hit Hurling Blanks Boston for Bums

Munger, Musial Give Cards 5-1 Victory Over Bucs; Phils Win

NEW YORK, Sept. 9—Whit Wyatt pitched a one-hit ball game yesterday at Ebbets Field as he led the Brooklyn Dodgers to a 3-0 victory over the Boston Braves. The only blow off Wyatt came in the first inning when Charley Workman singled to right field and from there on in, Wyatt was boss.

The Flock won the ball game in the fifth stanza when Billy Herman singled, took third on Howard Schultze's double and tallied on Mickey Owen's fly to center field. Owen drove in another run in the seventh when he squeezed Augie Galan home with a bunt. Manny Salvo was touched for seven hits in dropping his sixth decision. It was number 11 for Wyatt.

Hurler George Munger and Outfielder Stan Musial gave the Cardinals all they needed for a 5-1 triumph over the Pittsburgh Pirates at Sportsman's Park. Munger held the Bucs to seven hits, overcoming the handicap of five Redbird errors while Musial stroked out two homers. Munger yielded one Pirate run in the first inning, then Musial promptly tied the score in the home half with his first circuit clout. Musial blasted out another four-master in the fifth frame. Rip Sewell, vainly seeking his 21st win, allowed the Cards nine blows.



George Munger

At the Polo Grounds here, the Phillies bade Manhattan goodbye for the season with a 3-2 job over the Giants, Babe Dahlgren's round-tripper in the seventh deciding the game. The Phils touched Cliff Melton for a 2-0 lead in the first inning, but the Giants tied the score on homers by Buddy Kerr, rookie infielder, in the third, and Ernie Lombardi in the sixth. Bill Lee went the route for the winners while Melton lasted until the eighth when Ace Adams entered the game for his 62nd relief job.



American League Wednesday's Games

No games scheduled.

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
New York	80	49	620	Chicago	66 63 .512
Cleveland	68	59	536	Boston	62 69 .473
Washington	71	62	534	St. Louis	58 70 .453
Detroit	68	60	531	Philadelphia	44 84 .344

Yesterday's Schedule

Cleveland at Detroit
New York at Boston
Other teams not scheduled.

National League Wednesday's Games

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Brooklyn	3	5	606	Chicago	61 69 .469
St. Louis	5	5	536	Boston	62 69 .473
Philadelphia	3	3	534	St. Louis	58 70 .453
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Yesterday's Schedule

Philadelphia at Brooklyn
No other games scheduled.

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Armstrong Insists Retirement Is Final

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 9—Henry Armstrong is retiring from the ring again, and this time he insists it's permanent. The former triple-titleholder's decision was reached after the New York State Athletic Commission cancelled his scheduled bout with Slugger White on Sept. 18, acting on the advice of eye doctors who advised against Henry's appearance. "I'll quit now 'cause I'm tired of fighting," was Henry's comment.

Rookie Johnson Nears .300 Goal

Yank Third Baseman Is Out to Make Grade in First Year

NEW YORK, Sept. 9—Precedent says he'll fall short of his goal, but Yankee freshman Bill Johnson is well on the road toward his ambition to hit .300 and drive in 100 runs in his first season under the big top.

Three-hundred averages for rookies are as rare as a new set of tires and so are 100 RBI records. In fact, novices who have slipped into the select circle during the last decade can be counted on the fingers of one hand.

Red Rolfe, whom Johnson replaced, did it in 1936, his first full semester as a Yankee infielder. But he served with the club in '34 and '35.

Johnson has been at third every day this season and he has 87 runs batted in, plus a .294 average. With 25 games to go, he should reach the 100 mark, while a short batting spurt will hurdle him over the .300 border.

Pepper Martin clubbed .313 in 1933, his first full year as a third baseman, but he was not a rookie. In 1934, Cecil Travis batted .319. However, he had seen action the previous season so he, too, is barred from consideration.

Detroit's Pinky Higgins heads the parade of yearling third basemen on his record of having hit .314 and knocking in 94 runs when the Athletics lured him from Portland. Jim Tabor swatted .319 for the Red Sox in '39. Both, however, had been attached to their teams before breaking into the regular lineup.

On the other hand, Johnson's first major league game was on opening day of '43. Previously he had never been closer than Newark of the International League. So his claim will be bonafide, if he doesn't falter in the stretch drive.

Jack-Montgomery Fight Shoved Ahead to Oct. 4

NEW YORK, Sept. 9—Beau Jack must wait until Oct. 4 for a crack at the lightweight title he lost to Bob Montgomery last May. The announced reason for the postponement of the scheduled 15-round title bout is that Montgomery is suffering from an impacted wisdom tooth.

Chick Wergeles, Beau Jack's manager, rushed to the offices of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club and told reporters, "I ain't no dentist and I want a promise that Montgomery positively will fight Beau Jack in the Garden before fighting anyone else. It looks legit to me, but I ain't no dentist."

Hans Crescent Golfers Tie On Haste Hill Course, 4-4

The Hans Crescent golfers could get no better than a tie with the combined Civil Defense-Scotland Yard team at Haste Hill, the match going four-all.

On the American team were: Cpl. Dick Austin, Lynn, Mass.; Sgt. Walter Kupiec, Chicopee Falls, Mass.; Sgt. Eli Thomas, Pittsburgh; Cpl. Don Pene, Springfield, Ill.; Sgt. John Anderson, Beverly Hills, Cal.; Cpl. Joe Fiore, New York; S/Sgt. John Vensberg, Chicago; Cpl. Ed Sullivan, Hartford, Conn.; Sgt. Bud Helmar, Springfield, Mass.; Pvt. Sam Raymond, Rockaway, N.Y.; Pvt. Sam Lutter, Los Angeles; Pvt. Joe Doyle, Long Island, N.Y.; Sgt. Frank Cormack, Omaha, Neb.; Pvt. Jack Bailey, Akron, Ohio; Cpl. Rick Famin, Glen Cove, N.Y.; Cpl. Stan Remsen, Long Island, N.Y.

Towering Tossers

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Bears Plan Gala Reception—'The Bronk' Is Back in Town

By Caswell Adams
International News Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Sept. 9—Turnstiles should click a merry tune this fall when the fabulous Chicago Bears launch their National Football League travels, and all because there'll be a bulky "3" in the forward wall for the first time since 1935.

The "3" returning to circulation will be borne on the massive back of famed Bronko Nagurski, almost legendary in pro grid circles. The Bronk, once a bone-crushing fullback, is coming back as a tackle, but that won't stop the fans from storming the gates to see their idol.

Nagurski's surprise comeback no doubt will touch off the noisiest argument in the world among football people.

I say that Ken Strong, N.Y. Giant back, was the best I ever saw. But there is staunch support for Jim Thorpe, Ernie Nevers, Red Grange and pass-snatcher Don Hutson. However, the Nagurski party certainly has an argument in its favor.

The Bronk, a giant of a man, was All-American at Minnesota as a tackle, then turned the trick again a year later, this time as a fullback. Later he drew the nod as All-National League fullback three times running.

During his prime, when the Bears needed yardage, ol' reliable Bronk was

handed the ball, and he didn't fail often. As Steve Owen, Giant owner, once remarked, "He's the only man I ever saw who ran his own interference."

Now with that comic opera, professional wrestling, delightfully dead at least for the duration—and we hope for ever—Nagurski is coming back to football, where he belongs.

With gentles like long-jawed Joe Stydahar, Lee Artoe and Art Kolman among the missing this season, the Bronk's heft will not be out of place. It might be odd to find him in the line, but rival linemen probably won't appreciate the joke.

And I'll bet that some Sunday, when Sid Luckman needs just a couple of yards through the middle, "3" will be the fellow who cracks open a path for the ball carrier.

Minor League Results

International League Wednesday's Games

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Newark 2	Jersey City 0				
Syracuse 15	Baltimore 4				
Toronto 4	Rochester 1				
Montreal 15	Buffalo 3				

Eastern League Wednesday's Games

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Syracuse	83	49	620	Albany	71 61 .538
Hartford	74	56	569	Birmingham	70 64 .522
Elmira	74	59	556	Springfield	46 82 .359
Wilkes-Barre	72	59	550	Utica	35 97 .265

American Association Wednesday's Games

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Toledo 7	Columbus 2	(first game)			

Southern Association Wednesday's Games

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Milwaukee	79	59	572	Minneapolis	63 72 .467
Indianapolis	79	61	564	Louisville	63 74 .460
Columbus	76	64	543	St. Paul	60 75 .444
Toledo	72	67	518	Kansas City	59 79 .428

Pacific Coast League Wednesday's Games

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Oakland 1	Sacramento 0	(first game)			
Oakland 6	Sacramento 1	(second game)			
Hollywood 6	San Diego 0				
Portland 10	San Francisco 4				
Los Angeles 10	Seattle 4				

Nashville 11, New Orleans 5

(first game of playoffs played at Nashville)

Bucs Purchase Ordenana

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 9—The Pittsburgh Pirates have announced the purchase of Antonio Ordenana, Cuban shortstop, from Portsmouth of the Piedmont League.

Rainbow Corner Drops First Tilt

The Rainbow Corner softball team lost its first game in the ARC London League Wednesday night, dropping a 9-1 decision to the Victory Club. Sgt. Dick Chval, of Chicago, was the winning hurler.

Bears Clinch Playoff Berth

NEWARK, Sept. 9—The Newark Bears clinched a spot in the International League playoffs for the 11th consecutive year with their first game victory over the Jersey City Giants in Monday's twin bill.

Blues Shut Out Mustangs, 5-0; Devils Lose, 4-3

Winners Tangle Today At White City For Title

By Ray Lee
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Two top-notch softball squads—the Ground Blues and the —MP outfit, the best in the EBS—will fight it out for the ETO championship this afternoon at White City Stadium at 3.30.

In the opener of the semi-finals played at the White City yesterday, the Ground Blues blanked the Composite Command Mustangs, from Northern Ireland, 5-0, for their second shutout of the series, as Pfc William Gross, of Frederick, Md., allowed the losers four scattered hits, one in the first, two in the second, and one in the fifth.

Outplaying the Mustangs all the way, the Blues allowed only two men to reach scoring position, cutting off two at third and leaving one at second, as Gross whiffed two men in a row to retire the side with a runner on first and second.

Tally in Second

The Blues started their scoring in the second off a walk, an attempted sacrifice that turned out to be a safe bunt, a passed ball and two errors. They got their other three across in the next frame off two hits. T/4 Hiram Harris, of Columbus, Ohio, the shortstop captain of the Mustangs, then relieved Pfc Carl Perry, of Canon City, Col., who went to second, the second baseman taking Harris' position. The side was then retired when the Mustangs cut off a run at home on an attempted sacrifice, the runner leaving the base too soon. The victors managed to get only one hit for the balance of the game.

In the other game, the EBS entry edged out the —Hospital Daredavils, WBS softballers, 4-3, garnering nine hits to the losers six. EBS managed to score in the first off two hits and an error, after which they went hitless and scoreless until the fourth, when Cpl. Bill Pawlecki, of Toledo, Ohio, who had previously scored their first tally, singled, went to second on a passed ball, and was sacrificed home. With two men out, two more runs were pushed across on a single and an error.

Daredavils Threaten

The Daredavils made a serious threat when they put the winners in a tight spot by scoring three runs on four hits, a passed ball, and two errors. T/5 Dante Gillono, of Chicago, was credited with the only double of the day, when he slammed one over the short left field fence, with one on and two out, the ground rules giving him two bases.

The attempted rally was quickly stopped on the next batter, who grounded out to second. Credited with his first loss was Sgt. John Talfelski, of Dearborn, Mich., who pitched to T/5 William Armstrong, of Cleveland, Ohio. Winning battery was Sgt. George Pease, of San Diego, Cal., and T/4 Johnny Teufel, of Baltimore, Md.

The consolation game between yesterday's losers will be played today at 2 P.M. A band will be on hand and the first four teams will be presented with a cup and the champs with medals by a high-ranking official.

Here are the box scores:

Mustangs-0				Ground Blues-5			
AB	R	H	E	AB	R	H	E
Holmes, 3b	3	0	0	Buckless, ss	3	1	2
Randall, 2b	3	0	0	Jacobs, 2b	3	1	0
Harris, ss	3	0	0	Hausser, 3b	3	1	0
Zitta, 1b	3	0	0	Cleer, 1b	3	0	1
Hewitt, rf	2	0	0	Novick, rf	2	1	0
Lightbody, c	0	1	0	Chopick, lf	1	1	1
Jones, cf	0	0	0	Thuman, cf	2	0	0
Barry, rf	0	0	0	Kropp, c	2	0	0
Semcak, sf	0	0	0	Frizz, p	0	0	0
Perry, p	2	0	0	Gross, p	2	0	0
Totals	24	0	4	Totals	22	5	4

Score by innings:

Mustangs	Ground Blues
0 0 0 0 0 0	0 2 3 0 0 5

EBS-4 WBS-3

AB	R	H	E	AB	R	H	E
Pawlecki, 3b	4	2	2	Greenlee, rf	3	1	1
Taylor, ss	3	0	1	Menduno, ss	3	1	1
Lynn, 2b	3	0	1	Armstrong, c	3	1	1
Scaglione, sf	3	1	1	Gillono, 2b	3	0	1
Cone, lf	3	0	1	Lewandowski, 1b	3	0	0
Sorte, cf	2	0	1	Caputa, sf	3	0	0
Schrader, 1b	3	0	0	Tafelski, p	3	0	0
Teufel, c	3	0	1	Moody, cf	3	0	1
Pease, p	3	0	1	Mayfield, lf	2	0	0
Totals	30	4	9	Totals	28	3	6

Score by innings:

EBS	WBS
0 0 0 0 0 4	0 0 0 3 0 0 3

Chalky Wright Rejected

NEW YORK, Sept. 9—Chalky Wright, ex-featherweight champion, who was jerked from the Merchant Marine and sent to the Army by his draft board, is a civilian again. Wright was rejected for physical disabilities. It is expected that Wright's nose, flat as a pancake, might be the cause.

Does 100 in 9.7 in GI Shoes

CAMP CHAFFEE, Cal., Sept. 9—Pvt. Henry Farinholt, of the 59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, ran the 100-yard dash in the camp track meet here in nine and seven-tenths seconds wearing GI shoes. He also took the running broad jump, leaping 19 feet, 11 and one-half inches.



Aussies Smash Jap Patrols and Close In on Lae

Now Within Five Miles of Base; Planes Step Up Raids in Burma

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Sept. 9.—Australian forces are smashing through weak Japanese patrols and now are less than five miles from Lae, strong enemy base on the New Guinea coast, the official communique announced tonight.

This represents an advance of more than three miles by the eastern arm of an Allied pincer drawing tight about the isolated Jap garrison. There was no specific news of American paratroopers, who have landed in force west of Lae, other than a brief statement that they were advancing also.

Allied heavy bombers continued their terrific pasting of enemy installations, dumping 96 tons of bombs on Japanese positions. It was thought here that the Japs, in an effort to stop the Allied planes, were calling in plane reinforcements from other areas and may precipitate the greatest aerial battles of the Pacific war in the next few weeks in this sector.

An optimistic outlook on future operations was expressed by Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson. In a statement made at Guadalcanal on his recent inspection tour of the Pacific and made public today, Patterson said, "Future operations look good. We are going to have more equipment, planes and ships entering the Solomons campaign. The current situation is highly favorable."

Burma Junction Smashed

NEW DELHI, Sept. 9.—The monsoon, the rainy season which prevents any operations of consequence, appears to be ending in Burma, and Allied aircraft, taking advantage of this, are stepping up their attacks.

This was made clear in a communique issued by the 10th U.S. Air Force, which reported the smashing of the important railway junction of Ywataung, in Central Burma, by B25 medium bombers yesterday.

Raids

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inent and USAAF Marauders blasted the Boulogne area.

The B26s returned to Boulogne yesterday to continue their mounting assault on German airdromes.

Beauvais-Lille, one of yesterday's targets, is 35 miles north of Paris, Beaumont-sur-Oise is 20 miles north of Paris, Vitry-en-Artois 20 miles south of Lille, and Drucat-Abbeville, near the mouth of the River Seine.

While the heavy USAAF raids were in progress, RAF Typhoons attacked airfields near Courtrai and St. Omer, and Mitchells, Venturas, Tpyhoons and Whirlwinds attacked targets in the Boulogne area.

Mediums carried out their Wednesday evening mission without a loss, meanwhile destroying one of the few German fighters encountered. Likewise, Typhoons, which attacked an airfield at Mardyk the same day, and Venturas, which swept over the Abbeville railroad yards, all returned safely.

Three enemy planes were destroyed in raids on Britain during Wednesday night. Bombs were dropped at scattered points in East Anglia and southeast England. The Ministry of Home Security said they caused little damage and there were no fatalities.

Yesterday's missions saw the B26s in their ninth raid in nine days and their 36th since they were taken into Eighth Air Support Command. The Marauders have not necessarily raided every day; some days in that period they went out twice.

For the Fortresses, it was the fifth raid of the month and their 93rd since beginning operations Aug. 17, 1942. Five raids in the first nine days of the month put the Forts on the road to a record month. Their best previous month was July, when they went out ten times and dropped more than 4,000 tons of bombs.

American Forces Network

Operated by Radio Branch, Special Service Section, SOS, ETO

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(All times listed are PM)

- Friday, Sept. 10
- 5:45—Spotlight—Sunny Dunham.
- 6:00—News (BBC).
- 6:10—Personal Album—Jean O'Neill.
- 6:25—GI Super Club—request program.
- 7:00—Sports—Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
- 7:05—Baseball Broadcast—a recorded description of the final game of the ETO Softball Championship, with Cpl. John Vrotsos and Cpl. Syl Blinks at the AFN microphones.
- 8:00—News From Home—Stars and Stripes roundup.
- 8:10—The Fred Waring Show.
- 8:25—Symphonietta—Beethoven's 5th Symphony.
- 9:00—News (BBC).
- 9:10—Moods in Music.
- 9:20—The Charlie McCarthy Program—with Edgar Bergen.
- 9:45—Happy Norman sings western songs.
- 10:00—Final Edition—Stars and Stripes News.
- 10:10—Teddy Powell and his orchestra.
- 10:30—Sign off until Sept. 11 at 5:45 PM.

2,000 Yank Prisoners Wait Release in Italy

Surrender of Italy probably means freedom for at least 70,000 British and Canadians and 2,000 Americans held prisoners of war in that country. "It can be assumed," said a War Office announcement, "that the 'unconditional surrender' accepted by Gen. Eisenhower took into account the immediate release of all prisoners of war and that they will reach Allied hands as soon as conditions allow."

New Landings On Italy's Coast

5th and 7th Armies Join Battle for Boot; Nazis Shell Americans

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equipment began to pour ashore from the landing fleet.

Eighth Army troops landed further south in the Gulf of San Eufemia with British Navy support, and they now are fighting their way towards other parts of the Eighth Army pushing north from the toe of Italy.

Reports of landings at other points along the west coast of Italy came from both Axis and Allied sources throughout the day.

The Germans said a landing had been made at Pizze in the Gulf of San Eufemia and another at Amalfi, about 38 miles southeast of Naples on the Gulf of Salerno.

Swiss radio told of heavy forces of Gen. George S. Patton's American Seventh Army pouring ashore at unspecified points along the Tyrrhenian coast, which forms nearly the whole western side of Italy proper, as well as at Leghorn, south of the Gulf of Genoa.

Other Swiss reports said that a landing at Genoa was imminent although the Germans claimed they had taken over the port and its entire industrial area, and Italian reports said three German divisions were converging on the port.

Scattered accounts of fighting between Italian and German forces also were reported. An RAF officer was told by an Italian villager that a running battle between Germans and Italians occurred in the mountains behind Reggio three days before Allied invasion of the mainland. He said that in the battle, which lasted several hours, 200 Germans and 100 Italians were killed.

Rumors from inside Italy said that the Italian garrison in Corsica had overpowered the Germans, had taken control of the island, and were preparing to fight the Germans. The same report also came from Stockholm.

On the other hand, the Germans claimed that all strategically important points in northern and central Italy were in their hands. Those places not occupied after the fall of Mussolini, said Berlin, now had been seized.

Germany also reported that those Italians who had not expressed their desire to continue fighting under German command had been disarmed, and that Italian troops in Greece were giving up their

GIs Say Italy Brings Home Nearer



Sgt. Eleno Baldacchino, a New Yorker who was born in Malta, tells Pfc Luther Sheppard, of Saltville, Va., what he would have done to the Italians—but they "surrendered too quickly."

American reaction to Italy's surrender took two forms yesterday: A lot of soldiers wished they'd been there when it happened, but a lot more were concerned about how much it quickened their chances to get home.

Mostly, all the GIs took the news calmly; they had never considered Italy very seriously as an enemy.

"The news, it is marvelous," smiled Sgt. Carman P. Cassella, of Jersey City, American-born of Italian parents. "I will be home by Christmas, but first I would like to see Italy."

Pfc Luther Sheppard of Saltville, Va., adopting the mantle of George Fielding Eliot, weighed his words.

"The move," he said, "was not unexpected, although it must be said that the capitulation was quicker than most people anticipated."

The idea a lot of soldiers had when the news came through was expressed by Sgt. Donald Levin, of Chicago: "Gee! I wish I'd been there."

So did Sgt. Eleno Baldacchino, of New York, who lived 14 years ago on Malta, the little island that the Axis could neither conquer nor cow.

"I am 38, but today I feel like 24," Baldacchino said. "Las' night I go out and for the first time I almost get drunk."

"When I think 'bout my sister I want to kill all the Italians. She is out in Malta and was bombed and bombed. All the time those Italians were bombing my sister. I am glad we bombed the Italians before they gave in. I would like to go to Italy. I would tell them a lot. I would like to see Mussolini. I would like to give him a shave . . . to shave his head off. I would like to have a razor. . . ."

heavy equipment and making for the coast to await German orders. They later stated that the Germans, with Croat troops, had taken over the Dalmatian coast, directly across the Adriatic from the Italian mainland.

These reports were discounted by reports from inside Italy, however, that Milan, Turin and other industrial centers in northern Italy were completely in the hands of Italian military authorities and that the Germans had left these cities. It also was said that there were no German soldiers on the Italo-Swiss border.

In the south, British and Canadian troops continued to advance under a strong air umbrella and protected by the guns of Allied warships which ranged up and down the coast giving support to the two armies. It was not believed, however, that any heavy fighting would eventuate in the south. Farther north, however, heavy fighting may be expected when the Germans decide where the Allied main thrust lies and bring up their forces to counter-attack.

Italy as we have driven them from Tunisia and Sicily," the President said. "We must drive them from France and all the other captive countries and we must strike them on their own soil from all directions."

The uncoordinated invective hurled against Marshal Badoglio in the German press revealed the inability of Goebbels to explain the Italian collapse.

Coupled with his claims that Germany had anticipated Italy's "base desertion of an ally in the midst of a war" and had prepared "necessary counter measures" was a furious denunciation of "macaroni eaters," "Jew-ridden gangsters" and "Satanic traitors."

In Japan, the emperor held a special audience with Gen. Tojo and Foreign Minister Shigemitsu. Tokyo radio, in denouncing the Italian "betrayal," said that the fall of Italy had been anticipated and would have no decisive influence on the war situation as a whole.

"Japan will continue to fight Britain and the U.S.A., her mortal enemies, until they are destroyed. Japan, more than ever, believes in final victory," the announcement said.

Renewed second-front demands greeted the news in Russia.

"The striking victories of the Red Army, combined with the victory of the Anglo-American troops, have created the necessary circumstances for an immediate blow at Hitlerite Germany itself," the newspaper Pravda declared.

"The isolation of Hitler's Germany is being rapidly tightened. The enemy is weakened and stands on the eve of a full-scale catastrophe," Pravda said.

However, proof that the Soviet was pleased greatly by the Italian fall came with publication of a cartoon in the Army newspaper Red Star.

It showed a long saw gripped by two hands on the left—presumably Britain and the United States—and one hand on the right—presumably Russia—cutting the Italian leg off Hitler. The cartoon was entitled "Serious Amputation."

In Chungking, optimism over an early German collapse reached a new high. Italy's surrender bolstered the conviction that the war would end within two years.

Navy Will Have Over 14 Large Carriers Soon

Forrestal Says They Will Permit Blow at Heart Of Japan Itself

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 9.—By year's end there will be more than 14 first-line aircraft carriers with the American Fleet, Undersecretary of the Navy James Forrestal revealed here today.

Describing carriers as one of America's most potent weapons for striking at the heart of Japan, Forrestal said that the figure of 14 did not include the small converted merchant ship carriers which already had rendered "distinguished service combatting U-boats in the Atlantic."

The Navy now has 10 times as many planes and pilots as in 1940, he said. Forrestal hinted that America's Pacific offensive had saved Russia from a Japanese attack on Siberia and that the Russians were very "appreciative."

Shipbuilding Outstrips Sinkings

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—American shipyards have delivered more than 20,000,000 tons of merchant shipping since Pearl Harbor, the OWI reported today.

Exact figures of shipping losses were not given; the report said ships now were being delivered several times faster than the rate of sinkings. However, actual construction might fall below the year's goal, according to OWI, due to the steel shortage, lack of propulsion equipment, the man-power situation and "unforeseen circumstances."

In his first public analysis of the synthetic rubber situation since succeeding William Jeffers, Col. Bradley Dewey, acting rubber administrator, said today that production was going through a phase that kept output bouncing around between 50 and 150 per cent of rated plant capacity.

He attributed this to the necessity of a regular change in catalysts used in producing chemical rubber.

Sergeant Saves Precious Nylons

A Brooklyn supply sergeant, T/4 Phil Nichols, of CBS Quartermaster, has been nominated by an American woman war correspondent for the title of most honest man in the ETO.

When Betty Finan, of Harper's Bazaar, learned she was returning home by air, she turned back to the quartermaster the army equipment issued to her when she came here by transport.

It was given to Nichols to check, and in a bedroll he found tucked away five brand new pairs of sheer stockings. Not the Bank of England could procure their like here.

Nichols has a friend in the British WRENS, but he did not hesitate. Amid the moans of his colleagues, who gathered round like vultures, he marched bravely to a telephone and notified Mrs. Finan of her oversight.

"The stockings were nylons—glorious, irreplaceable nylons."

"Since I cannot give you the DFC, I am giving you a pair of the stockings," Mrs. Finan told Nichols.

Balkans

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Haifa, while the Italian air force was instructed to fly to other points along the Mediterranean shore.

A message was also broadcast to Greeks, Yugoslavs and their guerrilla bands which have yet to be conquered. Instructions on how to continue the fight "when the signal for a general uprising is given," was given to all Allied supporters in the Balkans.

Further north of the shaken European fortress the Axis structure was trembling, reports from Stockholm stated.

Finland, trying to free herself from the German grip, is watching Italy's action against Nazi forces to see if she could detect a pattern to rid the country of German forces and negotiate a separate peace with Russia.

There was also reported signs of the German High Command "thinning the ranks" of the Scandinavian flank of the Axis fortress in order to have more men and materials to combat an Allied offensive on the continent.

Leaders of Operations in Italy



Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark Chief of Landing Forces



Gen. Sir Harold Alexander Allied Field Commander

Terry and the Pirates



By Milton Caniff