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Yanks Driving for Naples

Reds Smash Nazi Lines At Dnieper

Berlin Admits Retreating Germans 'Won't Stop For Some Time'

The Russian Army, hurling forward for new gains all along the 800-mile front from the Sea of Azov to Bryansk, blasted open German defense barriers before the Dnieper river yesterday in the summer offensive to liberate the Donetz Basin.

Berlin radio admitted that the German armies retreating in the Donetz "are not likely to stop for some time."

On the southern front Russian troops advanced 50 miles to capture the railway junction of Chaplino, 60 miles from Dnepropetrovsk, which is situated on the bend of the Dnieper. By capturing the junction, described in the order of the day as "very important," the Red Army has cut the main way of escape out of the Donetz Basin for the Germans.

Reds Take Port on Azov

In the same sector the Russians also claimed the capture of Mariupol, the last port of any size on the Sea of Azov, as well as Volnovakha, an important railway junction north of Mariupol, and Barvenkovo, northwest of the Donetz Basin.

These successes were achieved, according to the order of the day, by mounted and mechanized units which broke through and attacked the German troops from behind.

Now that the Russians are behind them, the plight of the German divisions still in the Donetz Basin is most serious. Up to now their retreat has been comparatively orderly and there had been no major breakthrough. The Russians now have broken through in two places and if German defenses continue to collapse before Kiev and in the southern Ukraine the German forces might be engulfed before they can cross the Dnieper.

Smash Toward Kiev

Soviet forces under Gen. Konstantin Rokossovsky, which broke through the German defenses to capture Bakhmach, are still smashing their way westward toward Kiev. One column has fanned out to the northwest in the direction of Chernigov, located on the railway running north to Gomel, while another force is moving on Priluki, 45 miles southwest of Bakhmach.

Bakhmach fell to the Russian forces after an 18-mile advance from Konotop. Bakhmach is located 113 miles northeast of Kiev on the direct Kursk-Kiev railway, but an advance guard already has penetrated to within less than 80 miles of Kiev.

In the Bryansk area the railway center of Lyudinovo, 45 miles to the north, has been occupied by the Red troops, cutting another German rail link with Smolensk. Roslavl, another important railway town 100 miles south of Smolensk, is seriously threatened.

WACs Insured Without Exams

WAC officers and enlisted members in the ETO may take out National Service Life Insurance within 120 days from Sept. 1 without a medical examination and without a medical history statement, it was announced.

They became eligible for insurance—the maximum is \$10,000 worth—the day they ceased being auxiliaries and were sworn in as part of the army. The conversion over here was completed by Aug. 19, but the 120 days will start as from Sept. 1, the date the WAC officially became entitled to army ratings, privileges, responsibilities and benefits. After the 120 days examinations will be required.

Efforts were made recently, on War Department instructions, to persuade every ETO soldier to take out the maximum amount of coverage during a similar 120-day period which ended at midnight, Aug. 10. During that time no medicals were necessary, and applications were accepted even from men who were hospitalized, and from those who had previously been rejected for any reason whatever.

The Boot Springs Some Leaks



U.S. Fifth Army hurls back German counter-attacks in Naples area; British Eighth Army captures Pizzo, moves northward; Allies seize Italian naval base at Taranto.

2-Pronged Yank-Aussie Drive Tightens Vise Throttling Lae

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Sept. 10—Australian and U.S. troops, advancing from two directions, slowly are tightening a net around Lae. Strategic Japanese base in Northern Guinea, and heavy concentrations of artillery are being brought into position for the final assault.

More troops also are being brought up to support the Australians driving in from the northeast and the Americans, pushing toward Lae down the Markham Valley from the west. The Australians were reported less than four miles from the enemy base.

The Aussies already are reported to have crossed the Busu river and to be shelling Japanese fortifications which, according to the official communique, have been reduced to ruins by concentrated attacks of Allied bombers. There has been no official report of large-scale artillery engagements, however, and it is believed that the big guns are being massed to provide a heavy barrage for the Allied troops just before the last assault.

The center of Japanese resistance has not yet been met, but the Allied forces are now so near Lae that a large-scale engagement is expected very soon. The Americans, advancing down the Markham Valley, are only about seven miles west of the Japanese fortress and are approaching the enemy's prepared positions at a place known as Heath's Plantation.

73 Tons Blast Lae

Allied bombers continued to plaster enemy installations. Heavy and medium bombers concentrated 73 tons of bombs in the Lae area, while other planes strafed roads in the Markham Valley. Attacks also were made on the airfield and waterfront area in Dutch New Guinea, and on dispersal areas in the Kai Islands, while night reconnaissance units attacked and damaged a 7,000-ton cargo ship and a submarine chaser.

At Salamaua Allied planes bombed and strafed the coastal trail, while naval surface units bombarded the waterfront and shot down two enemy planes which attacked them.

Thirty Targets Hammered

In its eight-day offensive, it struck at least 30 targets in France, Belgium and Germany, including 18 airfields, seven railroad yards, two airplane factories, a power station and several targets not specifically identified.

Thursday's widespread operations by the USAAF saw more bombers dispatched than ever before. Sgt. Clifford M. Hart, of Wenatchee, Wash., top-turret gunner in one of the Fortresses which bombed Vitry-en-Artois airdrome in France, said, "There were so many Forts in the air it looked like Times Square on New Year's Eve."

American Gets DFC

An American flying in the RCAF, acting F/Lt. Jacques George Mills, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for attacks against some of the most heavily defended targets in Europe, it was announced.

At Last!

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10—Iran, a vital link in the Allied overland supply line to Russia, has declared war on Germany. Iran (Persia) was occupied by British and Russian forces in 1941 to root out Axis agents.

Fifth Army Smashes Nazi Counter-Blows; Allies Seize Taranto

Germans in Rome After Fight With Italians; Badoglio Flees With Troops to Allies; Eighth Army Moves Northward

The vital port of Naples, first great objective in the battle for Italy, was almost within the grasp of the U.S. Fifth Army last night after the American troops had crushed German resistance and firmly established bridgeheads in the port area.

Gen. Eisenhower's latest communique reported that five fierce Nazi counter-attacks were beaten down and that the American forces under Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark were fighting their way inland.

In southern Italy Allied troops, supported by the Royal Navy, have seized the great naval base of Taranto in the raging struggle between Allied and German forces on one hand and Italian and German troops on the other for the possession of the country.

According to a special announcement from Hitler's headquarters last night, Rome is firmly in German hands, having capitulated after fighting had been in progress on the outskirts since the surrender of Italian forces. Marshal Badoglio is believed to have escaped, since he was reported by the Italian radio yesterday to be away from the capital with his troops. Italian forces were also said to be fighting with the British and Americans in the Salerno area, south of Naples.

In the far south the British Eighth Army lunged forward in two sectors, capturing Pizzo, at the top of the Italian foot, and Monasterace Marina, 30 miles across from Pizzo on the opposite coast, along the right wing.

Worried Hitler Makes Apology For Fall of Italy

Nazis' Unity Stops Chance Of Party Overthrow, The Fuehrer Says

Adolf Hitler last night apologized to the German nation for the fall of Italy, but the bald truth that uneasy lies the crown on the Fuehrer's head could be found in his own words.

"Those who think that a 25th July (day of Mussolini's downfall) can be brought about in Germany do not understand National Socialism," he asserted in a radio address to the German people. "They do not know our unity."

By stopping to even mention the possibility that he might face a catastrophe was interpreted in some quarters as proof positive that the very thought might be plaguing the master of Berchtesgaden.

Regarding the collapse of Italy, Hitler, making his first speech in many months, said that it did not occur because of lack of German assistance, but because of the "treachery" of Italy's leaders.

"I have taken all measures," he said, "to guard Germany and the German front. We are decided to frustrate all the intentions of our enemies. From the military point of view the loss of Italy means little. Germany bore the brunt for a long time."

Never before has there been a Hitler speech like it. The tone of it spelled abject humiliation. Gone was the invective, the wind and the fury. Hitler spoke rapidly, but monotonously, as if he were reading hurriedly from a script, and he ended abruptly, as if he had decided to leave out the last few paragraphs of his text.

He had great praise for Il Duce, calling (Continued on page 4)

Race for Albania is Reported; Nazis Claim Seizure of Ports

As Germany yesterday made frantic plans to protect the vast perimeter of its defenses unconfirmed reports suggested that little Albania, across the Adriatic Sea from Italy, might be the scene of the next blow against the European Fortress.

German radio yesterday claimed their troops had moved into Albania and occupied the seacoast cities of Valona and Durazzo and the town of Elbasan, while an unconfirmed Swiss report said that a large Anglo-American convoy was moving toward Albania.

The Swiss report, declaring that a landing in Albania was imminent, said that an Allied convoy, escorted by a powerful

squadron of warships, left an Italian port on the Ionian Sea and moved toward Albania under air cover.

Testimony that the nation would welcome Allied occupation was given by King Zog, whose country was attacked by the Italians Good Friday, 1939. King Zog said his nation rejoiced "at the news of the unconditional surrender of Italy" and would continue its fight for liberation.

A strip of land on the Adriatic open to Allied landings has been cleared by a two-week campaign of Yugoslav guerrillas who have occupied the long strip of territory from Serajevo to Susak, dividing German troops in the interior and Italians on the coast.

Unconfirmed reports reaching Madrid said that British troops under the protection of U.S. naval units had landed at Spezia, 75 miles south of Nazi-occupied Genoa.

Simultaneously with the announcement that Rome was in the hands of Nazi forces, Berlin also said that all Italian opposition in northern Italy had been subdued by troops under Field Marshal Erwin Rommel. Later reports from the frontier, however, indicated Italian resistance was still in progress in many sectors.

Seize Isle Off Coast With reinforcements, guns and heavy equipment being rushed ashore in the Naples area from the huge Allied invasion fleet under Vice-Adm. Henry K. Hewitt, USN, an Allied diversionary force captured tiny Ventotene Island, 40 miles west of Naples.

A great Allied air fleet was also active, furnishing a protective umbrella over landings of reinforcements and supplies to the Fifth Army and hammering German road columns moving up to oppose the Americans.

Heavy bombers of the Northwest African Air Forces also attacked road and railway bridges at Capua and Cancellara as mediums blasted bridges and communications at Potenza and the landing field at Scanzano. Medium and light bombers joined in the assault on Naples by attacking enemy positions and communications in the southern battle area. Liberators of the Ninth U.S. Air Force made a daylight assault on airdromes at Foggia in eastern Italy, destroying nine enemy fighters without loss to themselves.

Critical Stage is Over The U.S. Fifth Army, after successfully landing along the west coast, were reported at Allied headquarters to have passed the critical stage of initial operations after smashing back five enemy counter-attacks. Forces in the vicinity of Salerno, south of Naples, were said to be opposing the 16th German Panzer Division, which Hitler reorganized after it was wiped out at Stalingrad.

There were few official reports of the actual fighting along the Naples front, but it was established that the initial landings were made after stiff opposition. The landings were made after mine-

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Altered Nazi Propaganda Seen Confession of Defeat

The German propaganda machine changed its line yesterday on the Italian capitulation, played down references to "low treachery" and hammered home in the press and radio the point that the radically altered military situation would have no effect on the German war outlook.

Implicit in Goebbels' frantic assurances, however, were admissions that the whole course of the war had been changed overnight. The statement that the Allied advance on the Italian peninsula would be no "walkover" was seen as a confession that if it would not be a walkover it would at least succeed.

Italy a 'Dark, Bloody Ground' Still

Eisenhower Knows Nazis Must Be Cleared Out, and that Cost In Lives May be Heavy

By David Brown
Reuters War Correspondent

GEN. EISENHOWER'S HQ, Sept. 10—Along with the dramatic news of Italy's surrender came a revelation of the reasons behind the delay in making the announcement of the European Axis disintegration. A space of 10 hours or thereabouts permitted time for the news to filter through Italy, and especially through the Italian Army, in order to reduce the opposition to strictly German variety.

It was a master stroke of timing by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander-in-chief of Allied forces in the Mediterranean area. A carefully guarded secret for several weeks, the negotiations and resultant Italian armistice evidently caught the Germans by surprise, even though they were fully aware that their ally wanted desperately to get out of the war.

That Italy had done so right under their very noses must have resulted in scenes of consternation and feverish activity in the Nazi ranks.

While the surrender of Italy undoubtedly has been blown up in the Allied press as a great victory, with fighting soon to be ended, the naked truth is that the very opposite is true.

The Germans fought the most bitter kind of fight through Tunisia and Sicily; there is no reason to expect that in Italy, where they are much stronger, more solidly entrenched, they will do less.

If the Italians had stuck to them, they would have been in a much more advantageous position, and now there undoubtedly will be at least minor sabotage carried out by Italians for the benefit of the Allies.

But from Gen. Eisenhower down, it is the belief here that the hardest nut has still to be cracked.

Italy's Fall—Hitler's Problem

However, if the Allies face a stiff battle, Italy's fall poses no less of a problem for Hitler. Bulk of the Italian divisions are at present out of Italy, many of them garrisoned in Greece and the Balkans, and possibly kept from Italy deliberately by the Germans. How these forces will react to the capitulation of their mother country, and what steps may be taken if their "policing" value is lost, must be keeping the lights burning late in the Wilhelmstrasse.

Germany is faced with the probable necessity of replacing those troops, thus imposing a heavy strain on her manpower resources at a time when she is hardly able to bear such a strain.

At headquarters here, the feeling prevails that had Germany known that Italy was about to capitulate, she would have occupied Rome immediately in accordance with her usual technique, seizing the capital of an invaded country.

But, even so, Marshal Badoglio and his government are shrewd enough to have chosen a pre-arranged haven just in case of such a German thrust.

It is recognized here that even if the Italian troops and the civilian population fail to intervene on the side of the Allies,



Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower

"No more island nibbling—but a crack at the real thing."

their mere failure actively to help the Germans will improve the prospects for success in Italy by that much. However, the German policy must be to stop the Allies from getting near the Reich's lifelines at any cost. Ergo, the possession of airfields in northern Italy will be bitterly contested.

Regardless of the toughness of the prospects and the increased hazards, Gen. Eisenhower told me on the eve of the assault in the Naples area that he had decided to stop nibbling away at islands and take a crack at the real thing. That the landings have been secured and fanning-out operations going satisfactorily constitute a twin and glorious tribute to the American general.

Eisenhower Keeps Fit

Eisenhower, fit and unworried by the strains and stress of war, has the fortunate faculty of being able to turn over detail to subordinates, keeping himself fresh and available for the main problems. What is more, he is able to drop all worry serenely once a decision has been made and an operation under way.

He believes good luck plays a large part in any military undertaking. When I wished him that "good luck" before the start of the landings on west Italy's coast, he thanked me, adding that we would need all the luck we could get.

Throughout the day preceding the news of Italy's fall, staff conferences went

on in quiet at his headquarters. In the presence of a handful of Italian-speaking civilians, the only clue that anything big was in the wind was the calm coming and going of the smoothly-functioning staff, which never would have betrayed that even at that moment the great invasion force already was en route for the Naples landings.

Negotiations Still Secret

While the theatrical story of armistice negotiations, with secret trips in carefully routed airplanes, "mystery" negotiators and night-long sessions may not yet be revealed, it was learned that throughout the entire three-week discussions the background remained "unconditional surrender."

Despite all Italian efforts, there were no compromises, no concessions. It can be safely assumed that disposal of the Italian fleet and merchant marine was thoroughly discussed.

The armistice, which was careful to avoid economic, financial and political commitments, was announced at Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters because essentially it was a military armistice, granted after Italy had been beaten in the field.

It was impossible for the Italian negotiators, under circumstances in which Germans were practically in control on the mainland, to have offered any guarantees beyond their good faith.

Hash Marks

Cause for divorce, No. 64534776. The 100-pound wife of a prize fighter asked for a divorce on the grounds that her husband was in the habit of laying her across his knee and whacking her with a pool cue—"because the exercise was good for his back and arm muscles."

Fun on maneuvers. Back in the States they were putting thousands of GIs through maneuvers. One soldier was sent



over to a WAC barracks to notify the girls that they were captured. The WACs giggled a bit and then told the soldier that it would take more than one measley GI (or words to that effect) to take their barracks. The Amazons then proceeded to rush the GI, who was soon sprawled out on the floor begging the girls to give him back his rifle.

Boys, there's plenty of competition on all fronts. Delegates to the convention of The Hoboes of America, meeting in Seattle this week, asserted that too many women are invading their field of operations. Declaring that thousands of girls were roving the country and often becoming stranded, the hoboes passed a resolution urging that no train or bus tickets be sold girls or minors unless they have their parents' written permission to travel.

This little gem was spotted on a bulletin board of a station hospital in N. Ireland. Attention: "Will the person who stole the pie out of the bakery, PLEASE return the pan—WASHED."

Oddities in the news. At Denver, Col., the other day a bunch of draftees were told to report for induction. All showed up except one guy, a Blackfoot Indian, who was very, very late. When he did show up he explained that he forgot—incidentally his name is Pvt. Melvin Forgets-Nothing.

War nerves must be making people short-tempered or something. Lila Roman, of Los Angeles, filed suit against



a man who, she says, bit off the end of her nose when she refused to go out with him.

Neatest alibi of the week. A Colorado man, arrested for planting marijuana in his back yard, claimed he fed it to his canaries to improve their singing—jiving canaries, no doubt!

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Wild Rumors

Dispatches from capitals and listening-posts the world over are today filled with wild rumors. Some of these may be true, some are deliberate lies, others are cleverly laid to divert attention, part are smoke screens released to hide some other fact; all should be accepted with reservation.

A few in today's news include the report that Italy will declare war on Germany and send an army of two million into the field against the Nazis. Another claims King Victor has abdicated in favor of Crown Prince Umberto, while still another says Umberto and his wife are safe in Switzerland.

Mussolini has been handed over to the Allies in North Africa, claims the Milan paper "Corriere Della Sera," and this is re-echoed by Paris radio; but has not been confirmed.

From Berlin comes the report that an Italian battleship and an Italian cruiser were both sunk by German bombers yesterday between Sardinia and Corsica. They belonged to a formation which had fled from Spezia and on Anglo-American orders were attacking German shipping, claim the Germans.

Other reports have Badoglio overthrown and Marshal Cavaglia in temporary charge of the military, Turkey ready to declare war on somebody, and an allied invasion force moving on Albania.

These reports and many more like them are flooding the news tickers and keeping wires hot. They mean a great crisis is at hand and interested parties are deliberately attempting to confuse the issue in order to hide the true situation. Rumors therefore should be served during the next few days with a bit more salt than normally required. Some may be true, some partly true . . . but most will be false.

Tropical Diseases

Some time back, medical officers in this theater were startled to learn they must take a course in tropical medicine; so they would be prepared to diagnose and recommend treatment for tropical diseases.

We can all picture the thought which must have gone through many a medical mind when that course was ordered. Perhaps a number thought—just like the army—here we are in Great Britain so they teach us how to cure tropical diseases. Perhaps others thought the course was preparation for service in Africa, India and the south Pacific. Few, we feel, realized then that they might see the day when they would use the knowledge gained right here in the British Isles; but such is the case.

Shuttle bombing is the reason, for in shuttle bombing air crews are here today and in Africa tomorrow. In Africa they are subject to all the African diseases that attack troops permanently stationed there. An insect bite, a bad piece of fruit, impure water or personal contact with infected humans can and does result in quick infection.

So today, right here in England, our medical service is confronted not only with disease common to the British Isles, but also with malaria, skin infections and other maladies that are common to Africa. And the medical service is ready.

Life Savers

Ex-Governor Gifford Pinchot, of Pennsylvania, has rendered another service to his country. Raw fish, he found, contains a fluid which can be squeezed out and made a good substitute for water. His discovery was officially tested and accepted.

Fish therefore can provide sufficient liquid to prevent death from thirst and sufficient food value to sustain life.

The next logical step was to give all sailors and airmen operating on or over the seven seas emergency fishing kits. With these came instructions printed on waterproof paper, containing advice on how to get by in an emergency at sea or if stranded on an uninhabited island. Also provided were chemicals which render sea water fresh and safe to drink, and all this equipment is now standard in lifeboats and rafts, including the collapsible ones carried on aircraft.

Western Wonderland Adjusts Itself to War

Stars and Stripes Writer Gives First Report on Home Conditions

Tom Bernard, Stars and Stripes navy editor, who has returned to America on a special mission, gives his first report on conditions at home. From California, "the land of skimmed milk and synthetic honey," Bernard sends his first article.

By Tom Bernard

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 10—Southern California is a land of skimmed milk and synthetic honey where everything seems the same as years ago, but in reality life,

love and the pursuit of happiness are having a difficult time sustaining their pre-war standards.

There are many reminders here of life in the ETO, despite the primary interest in the Jap war instead of the fight against the original Axis partners.

Women have taken over many non-essential jobs and the girls are driving cabs and buses, working in gas stations, hustling luggage and answering "copy boy" calls in newspaper offices. One is even shipping shoes on Hill St. Thousands of others are working side by side with men in more than a dozen aircraft plants.

The soaring plane production has brought many new social problems with which Los Angeles never before had to contend. Like Washington, there has been a great influx of Midwesterners, only the newcomers here are welders, riggers and fitters instead of white-collar workers.

The housing shortage worries military and government authorities. Property owners are selling homes at a great profit. New owners eject tenants, leaving them stranded with plenty of money but no place to live.

The biggest sign of war plant production is the occasional Pittsburgh fog which hangs over the city. There are so many new factories here that the haze sometimes resembles a London pea-souper.

Civilian defense apparently is organized better than on the east coast, because the people believe a Japanese attack is a definite possibility. Every block in residential districts is equipped with sand barrels and gas alarm gongs. All motor cops wear tin hats and carry first aid kits. Taxis are authorized as emergency carriers in case of an air raid.

Servicemen here have mostly seen action in the Pacific, as indicated by their orange service ribbons. All receive preferential treatment in theaters, night clubs, scores of canteens and free hotels.

The greatest entertainment center in America is going overboard to show the boys a good time. Admission prices have been slashed everywhere. There are hundreds of free lists for the boys in khaki and blue.

Although automobiles are much scarcer than a year ago—at 5 PM Main St. is like a country lane—16 cent gas sells for 30 cents, but you can buy all you want. There is a real shortage of liquor. To

to 12 PM, beer from 10 AM to 12 PM. Sale stores close at 8 PM.

Although Los Angeles is the center of the citrus industry, orange, lemon and grapefruit prices have risen, and vegetable prices are double those of a year ago. A year ago a family of three spent ten dollars a week for food. Now it costs 20.

Practically the only thing in southern California which hasn't changed is the sunshine, and that sometimes drips.



The Recruit

He ain't from the Regular Army . . . He just "joined up" today, An' he wasn't long on his reasons . . . Just said he was "going away," His pa was right smart of worried, But just brimmin' over with pride, An' ma, with her flustered apron, Wiped tears she was tryin' to hide.

He'd never been given to fightin' No soul had he ever done harm . . . "Bout all that he know'd was workin', An' helpin' to tend the farm. He ain't got the slightest notion, How an Army's s'posed to be run; But you can bet that he's willin' To help with the job to be done.

Don't think 'cause his shirt is too skimpy, An' nothin' fits him just right, That he ain't the kind of a soldier To be counted upon in the fight. His veins flow the blood of freedom; He will perform as he should . . . As his daddy did before him At Argonne, and Belleau Wood.

Tho' the Army ain't his profession, He wasn't cut out for to roam; He'll fight in the best of tradition, Get the job done, and go home; And that's where he'll head, when it's Both happy and willin' to cease over, The strife and the struggle of battle To tend to the fruits of the peace.

An' when cuts 'cross the pasture, Down the old and well-worn track, There'll be souvenirs of his glory In the dullest corner of his pack.

Ground Blues Whip EBS to Capture Softball Crown

Yankees, Cards Have Pennants Nearly in Grasp

.500 Ball in Remaining Games Will Clinch League Titles

NEW YORK, Sept. 10—Mathematical certainty moved the New York Yankees and the St. Louis Cardinals nearer the major league pennants yesterday.

Both squads have 24 games still to play, and the Bombers need only win 12 of them to clinch their third straight American League flag—even if the second-place Washington Senators were to sweep through their 21 remaining games. In that event, the Yanks would wind up with 93 won and 61 lost, while the Nats would have 92 on the right side and 62 on the wrong side.

The Cardinals have an even easier road ahead. With 22 games left, they need only cop nine to beat out the Cincinnati Reds—again, if the Reds play 1,000 ball in their 24 games. That would make the final count read: Cardinals, 97 won, 57 lost; Reds, 96 won, 58 lost.

The Yankees, who have shown little sign of weakening in the home stretch, served notice that they weren't letting up, no matter what the odds on their taking a flag, by blasting the Red Sox yesterday at Boston, 11-3, with 15 hits.

Veteran Bill Dickey led the hit parade with two doubles and two singles which were good for three runs. Hank Borowy blew an early three-run advantage in the fifth, but the Yank batting support sent him on to his 11th triumph.

Indians, Tigers, Split

In the only other American League games, the Cleveland Indians and the Detroit Tigers said it with hits as they split a double-header at Briggs Stadium. The Tribe punched out 16 safeties to win the first game, 8-3, while the Bengals collected 12 blows in taking the nightcap, 10-3.

Al Smith was credited with his 15th victory in the first game and Hal White chalked up his seventh in the second, each yielding seven raps. Dick Wakefield led the Detroit attack in the nightcap with three singles, while Oris Hockett paced the Indians with a single, double and triple. Rookie Jimmy Outlaw, obtained recently from Buffalo in the International League, homered for the Tigers in the opener.

In the only fracas in the National circuit, the Brooklyn Dodgers opened their last home series by downing the Phillies, 7-6, with a three-run seventh-inning rally. The brilliant relief job of Les Webber, who relieved Rex Barney in the fourth, was largely responsible for Brooklyn's 16th win in their last 19 games. Webber held the Phils scoreless until the ninth, when they pushed over a run. Augie Galan and Billy Herman both homered.

London Diamond Loop Series Starts Tomorrow

The London International Baseball League second half playoff will get under way tomorrow afternoon to determine the team to tie up with the Signal Company for the league championship.

The first game will be played at Richmond Park at 2.15 when Cpl. Jim Wright, of Los Angeles, mound ace of Headquarters Company, will oppose S/Sgt. Ed. Smith, twirler for the CMHQ nine. Headquarters Company is second half winners, with a record of six wins and one loss.

Eton Manor Sports Ground will be the scene of the other game, with the —MPs taking on the —Engineers.

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Newly-Crowned Softball Champions of the ETO



The Ground Blues, who yesterday defeated the —MPs, EBS representatives, 3-1, in the finals held at the White City Stadium: front row (left to right)—S/Sgt. Edwin Hauser, Baltimore; T/5 Martin Behnke, Westmont, N.J.; T/5 Walter Novick, S. Boston, Mass.; T/4 George Buckless, Baltimore; T/4 Maurice Jacobs, Baltimore; Sgt. Leon Derda, Baltimore; Pfc John Choptick, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; S/Sgt. Louis Thuman, Baltimore; T/5 Patrick Fitzgerald, Washington. Rear row (left to right)—Capt. Ed Casey, Washington, coach; 1/Sgt. John Kropp, S. Williamsport, Pa.; Pfc Walter Odum, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Sgt. Robert Clear, Bridgeport, W. Va.; Pvt. Howard Hylcock, Baltimore; Pfc William Gross, Frederick, Md.; Cpl. Samuel Lomaglio, Rochester, N.Y.; T/5 Pat Gallagher, Pittsburgh, trainer, and Lt. Thomas Dukehart, Baltimore.

HOW THEY STAND.

American League

Thursday's Games

New York 11, Boston 3	Cleveland 8, Detroit 3 (first game)	Detroit 10, Cleveland 3 (second game)
Other teams did not play.		
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
New York .81 .49 .623	Chicago .66 .63 .512	Cleveland .69 .60 .535
Boston .57 .57 .500	St. Louis .58 .71 .450	Washington .71 .62 .534
Detroit .69 .61 .527	Philadelphia .44 .84 .344	

Yesterday's Schedule

Chicago at St. Louis (night game)
Cleveland at Detroit
New York at Boston
Washington at Philadelphia (night game)

National League

Thursday's Game

Brooklyn 7, Philadelphia 6		
Other teams did not play.		
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
St. Louis .88 .44 .667	Chicago .61 .69 .469	Cincinnati .72 .58 .554
Brooklyn .72 .59 .550	Philadelphia .58 .73 .443	Pittsburgh .70 .66 .515
New York .45 .84 .349		

Yesterday's Schedule

Boston at New York
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati
St. Louis at Chicago
Other teams not scheduled.

Leading Hitters

American League

Appling, Chicago	129	488	49	160	.328
Wakefield, Detroit	131	546	81	173	.317
Curtright, Chicago	112	381	56	116	.305
Cramer, Detroit	120	417	71	155	.300
Johnson, New York	131	495	56	145	.293

National League

Musial, St. Louis	135	542	93	192	.354
Herman, Brooklyn	132	503	66	167	.332
Elliott, Pittsburgh	138	521	71	165	.317
Vaughan, Brooklyn	128	525	104	165	.314
Witek, New York	127	509	50	157	.309

Home Run Hitters

American League—York, Detroit, 31; Keller, New York, 25; Heath, Cleveland, and Stephens, St. Louis, 18.
National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 22; Ott, New York, 17; DiMaggio, Pittsburgh, 15.

Runs Batted In

American League—York, Detroit, 105; Ethen, New York, 92; Johnson, New York, 87.
National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 106; Elliott, Pittsburgh, 90; Herman, Brooklyn, 87.

Vols Edge Pelicans, 4-3, Near Southern Circuit Flag

NASHVILLE, Sept. 10—The Nashville Vols were half-way along the road to their fifth straight Southern Association playoff championship today after tagging the New Orleans Pelicans last night, 4-3, their second triumph in as many starts in the series.

Hurler Wally Signer went all the way for the Vols, allowing eight hits, Jesse Dana, who won 22 games during the regular season, started for the losers, but was knocked out in the fourth. George Washburn then took over and pitched scoreless ball for the remainder of the game.

Sinkwich to Confer with Lions

DETROIT, Sept. 10—Detroit Lions' owner, Fred Mandel, said here that he expects to meet Frankie Sinkwich in Akron, Ohio, Sunday to talk over Sinkwich's future plans. All-American Sinkwich, last week honorably discharged from the Marines, was drawn by the Lions in the National Professional Football League draft last spring.

World Series Movies Will Be Sent to ETO

CHICAGO, Sept. 10—America's fighting men everywhere will be able to see motion pictures of the World Series in a two-reel, 20-minute sound film that will be distributed to all foreign bases, Lew Fonseca, promotional director of the American League, said here yesterday.

The filming of the series will be done by the American League, the War and Navy Departments, Fonseca added. He stated that 100 prints will be distributed immediately after the series to forces overseas.

Giants Sign Ott For Three Years

NEW YORK, Sept. 10—By way of absolving Mel Ott of any guilt for the dismal performance of the New York Giants this season, President Horace Stoneham yesterday signed Ott to a three-year player-manager contract and at the same time pledged his full financial backing for the rebuilding of the cellar dwellers.

"There never was any doubt in my mind about retaining Mel," Stoneham said. "He's got plenty of ability and did a good job, considering the little he had to work with."

Ott's salary was not disclosed, but it is believed he will receive a slight increase over the reported \$25,000 he got this year. Asked whether the player clause in the contract was to be taken seriously, Ott said he intended to play and hoped to keep hitting until he had hit the 500 homer mark. Since coming with the Giants as a 16-year-old kid in 1926, Ott has hit for the circuit 462 times.

Moles Clinch Bomber Title

Jolt Liberator Outfit, 20-5, In Final Tilt of Playoffs

—BOMBER STATION, Sept. 10—The Bomb Group Moles clinched the Eighth Bomber Command baseball championship here yesterday, walloping a Liberator outfit, 20-5. The one-sided score followed on the heels of a 4-2 victory over Headquarters, Eighth Bomber Command, on Wednesday.

The Moles, winners of 23 out of 24 games this season, will represent Bomber Command in the Eighth Air Force baseball tournament playoffs this weekend. The championship game in which the Moles so decisively defeated the Libers was featured by the long range hitting of Sgts. Carl Murphy, New Albany, Ind.; Marion Lewis, Buford, Ga.; Don Wegand, Scribner, Neb.; Cpl. Joe Uhl, West Frankfort, Ill., and Pvt. Al Slackish, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Winning hurler was Sgt. Bill Craddock, of Norfolk, Va., who yielded eight hits. The game was put on ice in the first inning when the Moles pounded out five hits including homers by Slackish and Wegand.

Wednesday's game with Eighth Bomber Command was largely a pitchers' battle with Sgt. Joe Rundus, of Belleville, Kan., pitcher for the Moles, besting Sgt. Ross Grimley, of Americus, Kan., to gain the 4-2 victory.

Dee Moore Sworn Into Marines

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 10—Dee Moore, catcher for the Philadelphia Phillies, was sworn into the Marine Corps here yesterday and given two weeks furlough before reporting to San Diego for basic training. Moore, formerly with the Dodgers, was inducted at Fort McClellan, Ala. He said he does not plan to join the Phillies again.

Minor League Results

International League

Thursday's Games

Syracuse 5, Jersey City 2	Buffalo 3, Montreal 1	Rochester 2, Toronto 1
Other teams not scheduled.		
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Toronto .92 .56 .622	Montreal .73 .75 .493	Newark .82 .67 .550
Baltimore .72 .78 .480	Syracuse .79 .71 .527	Buffalo .65 .85 .433
Rochester .74 .75 .497	Jersey City .60 .90 .400	

Eastern League

Thursday's Games

Albany 3, Wilkes-Barre 2 (first game)	Wilkes-Barre 6, Albany 2 (second game)	Binghamton 4, Springfield 0	Elmira 10, Hartford 6	Scranton 6, Utica 0
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Scranton .84 .49 .632	Albany .72 .62 .537	Hartford .74 .57 .565	Binghamton .71 .64 .526	Elmira .75 .59 .560
Springfield .46 .83 .357	Wilkes-Barre .73 .60 .549	Utica .36 .97 .271		

American Association

Thursday's Games

Toledo 14, Columbus 10

Pacific Coast League

Thursday's Games

Hollywood 8, San Diego 1 (first game)	Hollywood 1, San Diego 0 (second game)	Oakland 3, Sacramento 1 (first game)	Oakland 2, Sacramento 0 (second game)	Los Angeles 4, Seattle 2 (first game)	Seattle 4, Los Angeles 2 (second game)	Portland 16, San Francisco 15 (first game)	Portland 5, San Francisco 1 (second game)
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Los Angeles .108 .42 .720	Hollywood .71 .79 .473	S. Francisco .87 .63 .580	Oakland .67 .82 .450	Seattle .82 .68 .547	San Diego .67 .83 .447	Portland .76 .74 .507	Sacramento .41 .108 .275

Down MPs, 3-1, In Final Game At White City

Bill Gross Yields Two Hits For Winners; Maj. Gen. Lee Presents Trophies

By Ray Lee

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Hurling his ninth victory, and his team's 17th, of the season, Pfc Bill Gross, of Frederick Md., pitched the Ground Blues to the ETO softball championship with a two-hit, 3-1 victory over the —MPs, the EBS team, at White City yesterday afternoon. The WBS—Hospital Daredavils took the consolation with a 7-2 triumph over the Composite Command Mustangs, one of Northern Ireland's two entries.

Handing the MPs their first loss in 18 starts, the Blues took an early two-run lead in the first when the lead off man, T/4 George Buckless, of Baltimore, singled, went to second on an error in the outfield and scored on a double by T/4 Maurice Jacobs, also of Baltimore, who got the second tally later.

They made another try in the second when Gross singled and Buckless walked behind him, but Jacobs flied out to end the inning.

Gets Out of a Hole

The MP squad got into scoring position in their half of the second when two men got free passes with no outs, but Gross got out of the hole with two infield flies and a strikeout. After an uneventful third, when Gross whiffed two more, the losers scored their only tally in the fourth as Sgt. J. D. Taylor, of Clovis, N.M., who got the two blows off Gross, binged to center for his second hit and took second on a base on balls given to Pvt. Johnny Lynn, of Scranton, Pa. Taylor went to third on a fielder's choice and scored on the third free pass of the inning.

Gross then settled down, and held the losers hitless, facing only nine men in the final three innings. The Blues pushed another tally across in the fifth, Catcher 1/Sgt. John Kropp, of S. Williamsport, Pa., opening the frame with a triple to deep center, scoring on a timely single by S/Sgt. Edwin Hauser, of Baltimore. Losing pitcher, Sgt. George Pease, of San Diego, Cal., allowed seven hits and walked two as he pitched to T/4 Johnny Teufel, of Baltimore, Md.

'Devils Come From Behind

In the consolation affair, the Daredavils came from behind in the fifth to overcome a two-run Mustang lead. Hurler Cpl. John Tellefski, of Dearborn, Mich., who had doubled earlier in the game, singled, advanced to second on a walk and scored on an error at the plate on a single by T/4 Clifford Mayfield, of Adrian, Mo.

Another marker was put over on a sacrifice, one on a fielder's choice and the fourth on an infield error. They scored three more in the sixth on three errors, a single and base on balls. Losing battery was T/4 Hiram Harris, of Columbus, Ohio, and T/4 Donald Lightbody, of Youngstown, Ohio.

Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee, SOS chief, presented the winning team with a cup. Here are the box scores:

Ground Blues—3				EBS—1			
Buckless, ss	2	1	1	Pawlecki, 3b	3	0	0
Jacobs, 2b	4	1	1	Taylor, ss	3	1	2
Hauser, 3b	3	0	1	Lynn, 2b	3	1	2
Clear, cf	2	0	0	Seaton, cf	2	0	0
Novick, rf	3	0	0	Conc, lf	1	0	0
Choptick, lf	3	0	1	May, rf	2	0	0
Thuman, c	3	0	1	Sorge, cf	2	0	0
Fitzpatrick, lb	3	0	0	Schradler, lb	2	0	0
Kropp, c	3	1	1	Teufel, c	2	0	0
Gross, p	3	0	1	Pease, p	2	0	0
Totals	29	3	7	Totals	21	1	2

Score by innings:

Ground Blues	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
EBS	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

Composite Command—2

WBS—7							
Hewitt, lf	3	1	1	Greenlee, rf	3	0	0
Lightbody, c	3	0	0	Mendunco, ss	3	0	2
Zitta, lb	3	1	1	Armstrong, c	3	0	1
Harris, p	3	0	1	Gilbono, 2b	3	0	0
Randall, ss	3	0	1	Lewandowski, lb	3	1	0
Holmes, 3b	3	0	0	Caduto, cf	3	0	0
Perry, 2b	2	0	0	Tafelski, p	3	2	2
Barry, rf	2	0	0	Moody, cf	3	2	1
Payne, cf	2	0	0	Mayfield, lf	3	1	2
Semchak, sf	2	0	0	Ashlock, 3b	3	1	0
Totals	26	2	3	Totals	30	7	8

Score by innings:

Composite Command	1	0	1	0	0	2
WBS	0	0	0	4	3	x-7

Frick Expects All-Star Tour to Go Through

NEW YORK, Sept. 10—National League President Ford Frick has denied knowledge of a rumor that transportation problems may force a cancellation of the projected tour of the major league baseball stars overseas.

Frick said, "I expect that Judge Landis will have an official announcement to make within the week. When I last talked to War Department officials concerning the tour, the outlook was extremely favorable. That was only 11 days ago, but the world seems to be changing mighty fast these days, so you can't say for sure what's going to happen."

Natators Compete Tonight

The CBS swimming team, including the ETO champion relay squad and Lt. Taylor Drysdale, of Detroit, world 300-meter individual medley titlist, will compete at the Marshall St. Baths tonight. Meet starts at 5.30.



Yanks Drive for Naples, Smash Nazi Resistance

Allies Seize Naval Base At Taranto; Rome in German Hands

(Continued from page 1) sweepers had cleared the beach approaches, working backwards and forwards across the Gulf of Salerno before the first landing craft went in.

In spite of the enemy opposition, however, the landing went according to plan and the work of unloading more men and materials from thousands of vessels began.

Pilots who flew planes providing air cover reported that thousands of troops were safely ashore and that Allied warships were lying off shore while a steady stream of landing craft plied between them and the beaches.

Stockholm dispatches reported that Allied armies have occupied almost the whole of Italy's west coast—a 500-mile strip from Spezia on the edge of the Gulf of Genoa down to the toe—and that an invasion fleet covering 1,000 miles of the Tyrrhenian Sea was still pouring reinforcements into the Naples bridgehead.

There was no mention, however, in any official or unconfirmed reports, of the U.S. Seventh Army under Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, which yesterday was said to have made landings on the coast as far north as Leghorn.

The intense Allied air activity over Italy, meanwhile, is operating on a non-stop schedule with fighters and bombers based in Sicily, the Middle East and North Africa ranging from the Italian toe to targets in the north.

While German road transports were being blasted in the Naples area, strong air support was helping the British Eighth Army in its drive northwards along the coasts of Calabria.

The air onslaught against airfields and railways in German hands also continued. In the Naples area, Potenza was battered by wave after wave of medium bombers and fighters.

Formations of Mitchells ringed Potenza with bombs, cutting all road and railway communications south of the town. In Potenza itself, direct hits were scored on railway stations and other military targets.

The vital airfield at Foggia, heavily hit by a large force of Liberators, was covered with high explosive and fragmentation bombs.

Hitler - - -

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Mussolini the "greatest son of Italy since the fall of the ancient empire."

"It was an honor for me to consider Mussolini my friend, and I do not change my feelings or opinions," was one Fuehrer's requiem for the other.

Referring to the great Allied aerial offensive against the Reich, Hitler declared that terror attacks could not break Germany and that technical means were "about to be completed to make the enemy abandon terror raids altogether."

Germany might have to cede some territory, he said, but that did not mean the loss of the war.

Appealing to the German soldier to resist all onslaughts of the enemy, the Fuehrer concluded by saying that "if we come through today's trials and tribulations, God will reward us with final victory."

Weekend Radio Programs

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

1402 kc. On Your Dial 1420 kc.
213.9m. 211.3m.

Saturday, Sept. 11, 1943

- 5.45—Spotlights—Vincent Lopez.
- 6.00—News (BBC).
- 6.10—Personal Album—Nan Wynn.
- 6.25—GI Supper Club—Request program.
- 7.00—Sports—Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
- 7.05—The Fanny Price Program.
- 7.30—News From Home—Stars and Stripes Roundup.
- 8.10—Dinah Shore.
- 8.25—Miniature.
- 8.30—Yankee-Doodle-Do (BBC).
- 9.00—News (BBC).
- 9.10—Moods in Music.
- 9.20—Alexander Werthe—Russian commentator (BBC).
- 9.35—Yank Swing Session.
- 10.00—Final Edition—Stars and Stripes News.
- 10.10—Glen Gray's Orchestra.
- 10.30—Sign off until Sept. 12 at 8.00 AM.

Sunday, Sept. 12

- 8.00—Program Résumé—Organ Recital.
- 8.15—Melody Roundup—Westerns introduced by Richard Dix.
- 8.30—Yank Swing Session.
- 9.00—World News (BBC).
- 9.15—Music for Sunday—popular hymns.
- 9.30—Sunday Serenade (BBC)—Scottish Variety Orchestra.
- 10.15—Your Town—Radio news letters.
- 10.30—Major Bowes.
- 11.00—Weekly News Roundup—Stars and Stripes news.
- 11.10—Say it with Music.
- 11.30—Sammy Kaye Program.
- 12.00—Telephone Hour—featuring Lily Pons.
- 12.30—Program Résumé.
- 12.35—Fred Allen Program.
- 1.00—World News (BBC).
- 1.10—Sound Off—with Benny Goodman, Johnny Mercer, Dinah Shore and the Merry Macs.
- 1.25—Sports Interview—Freddie Fitzsimmons.
- 1.40—Bing Crosby.
- 2.00—National Barn Dance.
- 2.30—John Charles Thomas.
- 3.00—We Who Fight—Remont from the Battle

Six Italian Warships Reported at Gibraltar

Six Italian warships and one merchantman were reported to have entered Gibraltar harbor yesterday, according to reports from La Linea, Spain. Two were "apparently" aircraft carriers, the report added.

Berlin radio, commenting on the location of Italian naval units, yesterday said Luftwaffe dive-bombers forced Italian warships back into Greek harbors after the ships attempted to flee to the British in the Mediterranean.

Rumors Have It Italy Is Now at War with Reich

Reports of a political upheaval in Rome and an Italian decision to declare war on Germany yesterday left Italy tense and confused with many rumors and reports.

King Victor Emmanuel's abdication in favor of Prince Umberto was broadcast by Berlin radio but denied in Rome. The declaration of war was said to have followed an overthrow of the Badoglio government with Marshal Enrico Caviglia appointed the new Prime Minister.

A special German communique last night stated that Rome had capitulated to the Nazis. Field Marshal Kesselring launched attacks on the city, the communique said, and presented an ultimatum. Under this pressure the Italian commander-in-chief capitulated, it added.

Italian armed forces, meanwhile, were bitterly fighting Germans in the country's northern areas where German defenders are reported to have seized vital railway and road routes.

Madrid reported that the Germans had gained control of the Brenner Pass after fierce fighting with Italian garrisons. Genoa, the biggest port in Italy, was acknowledged by Allied headquarters to be in German hands. Milan, Turin and Venice, however, were still occupied by Italians. Italians were also said to be prepared to sabotage bridges and other communication lines to hinder German forces in the north. Swedish correspondents quoted Germans as saying that Italians, since Mussolini's downfall, have sent weapons, ammunition and soldiers to strengthen fortifications in the Alps.

In France, thousands of Italians were pouring over the border into Switzerland with arms, baggage and vehicles, ignoring an order by the German high command to surrender all material, according to Swiss correspondents. Italians in Yugoslavia were said to be turning over weapons, ammunitions and stores to pro-Ally guerrillas.

An official report in Berlin said that all German forces in Italy were under the command of Field Marshal Gen. Von Weichs, with Rommel directing units in north Italy, Marshal Kesselring in the south and Field Marshal von Rundstedt in southern France.

CBS Unit Outfits Orphan at Party



Jean W—, eight-year-old Stars and Stripes war orphan sponsored by Headquarters detachment, CBS, is introduced to her foster-fathers at a London party in her honor. Left to right, bottom row: T/3 Martin A. Crawford, Greenville, Conn.; T/3 Salvatore C. Stassi, New Orleans; Jean W—; M/Sgt. Lloyd Ruble, Springfield, Ill.; Cpl. George A. Miller, Chicago; back row: T/3 Anthony B. Kupas, Chicago; T/4 R. T. Mottys, Berwyn, Ill.; S/Sgt. Edward Lewitski, Moosic, Pa., and T/3 Franklin R. Sipos, Geneva, Ohio.

A blonde, blue-eyed little English girl with a bright smile has stolen the affections of a lot of enlisted men of Headquarters detachment, Central Base Section—but the girls back home needn't worry, their rival is only eight years old.

She's dimpled Jean W—, of West Ham, daughter of a Royal Artillery gunner who died in a military hospital last year. Jean is the detachment's Stars and Stripes war orphan—and the other night her sponsors threw a party for her at Porchester Hall, Bayswater Rd.

They gave her a complete outfit—suit,

underwear, socks, shoes, an umbrella to keep 'em dry, and even an identification bracelet. In addition, there were books and games and £16 cash to give Jean, her mother, and her two brothers, William, 13, and Peter, 6, a vacation.

English girls who work with the detachment in headquarters offices were dancing partners to the music of W/O Frank Rosato's band, and a special service group presented a variety show. Arrangements were made by a committee headed by S/Sgt. Edward Lewitski, of Moosic, Pa. Capt. C. P. Gummel, QMC, commands the outfit.

Davis Praises Army Besieged By Would-Be GI

Red Cross Chairman Says 'Crazy to Be a Soldier,' He Covers 20,000 Miles Seeking Acceptance

By Don Hewitt

Merchant Marine Editor

AN EIGHTH AIR SUPPORT COMMAND FIELD, England, Sept. 10—Norman H. Davis, American Red Cross national chairman, inspecting ARC facilities in the ETO, placed his stamp of approval on aero-clubs like the one at this station, declaring they provided a meeting and recreational spot which gave men the comforts of larger clubs while they remained in camp.

Davis was accompanied by Harvey D. Gibson, of New York, ARC commissioner in Britain. They toured the camp with Col. Russell L. Maughan, Salt Lake City, Utah, post commander; Maj. Clyde Braden, Independence, Kan.; Miss Olga Jarosi, Cleveland, club director, and Robert Hull, Scranton, Pa., ARC field director.

Cheltenham

CHELTEHAM, Sept. 10—Program at the Red Cross club here:
Saturday—Movie, 8:15 PM.
Sunday—Picnic, 11 AM; concert, 2-4 PM; golf match, 2:30 PM; SOS tennis finals, 2:30 PM; dance, 8:15 PM.

Salisbury

SALISBURY, Sept. 10—Program at the Red Cross club here:
Saturday—Musical tea, 3:30 PM; dance, 7:30 PM.
Sunday—Weight lifting, 11:30 AM; Salisbury tour, 2 PM; tea; dance, 4 PM; USO show, "Jive Time," 7:30 PM.

Huntingdon

HUNTINGDON, Sept. 10—Program at the Red Cross club here:
Saturday—Dance, 8-11 PM.
Sunday—Classical recordings, 7-8 PM.

Reading

READING, Sept. 9—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:
Saturday, Dance, 7:30 PM.
Sunday—Motor coach tour, 7:30 PM.
Thursday—Dancing class, 7:30 PM.

Tamworth

TAMWORTH, Sept. 9—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here: 3 George St.:
Sunday—Treasure hunt.
Wednesday—Movies.
Saturday—Dance.

Glasgow

GLASGOW, Sept. 9—Program at the Red Cross club here, 560 Sauchiehall St.:
Saturday—Dance, 7:30-11 PM.
Sunday—Motor coach tour, 10 AM; tea dance, 2:30 PM; movies, 7:30 PM.

NEWS FROM HOME Exports Reach New Record for Lend-Lease Aid

U.S. Sends Its Allies More Than a Billion Pounds Of Food in Month

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10—The largest monthly consignment of goods since the lend-lease agreement took effect in March of 1941 was shipped from the United States to Allied fighting fronts in July.

More than 1,250,000,000 pounds of food and other agricultural commodities were exported, the War Food Administration announced today, emphasizing the reflection by the figures of the improved shipping situation.

It was estimated that for the whole of this year about 10 per cent of America's total food supply will be sent abroad under lend-lease.

WFA also announced that 264,000,000 pounds of edible fats were sent to Russia in the first seven months of 1943, with the expectation that these shipments would ease the Soviet's critical fats and oils shortage.

Calls Yanks Goodwill Envoys

NEW YORK, Sept. 10—Describing the American soldiers in Britain as "a great army of ambassadors," Sir Donald Somervell, the British attorney general, said here that the comradeship growing between British and United States troops would be of great importance in post-war cooperation.

Wants FDR to Boss Peace

CHICAGO, Sept. 10—A suggestion that President Roosevelt be made permanent chairman at the post-war peace table was made today by Vice President Henry A. Wallace.

Asked what he thought of having Prime Minister Winston Churchill at the peace conference, Wallace replied simply, "Well, I am an American."

He explained that he was offering his proposal that Roosevelt be "peace chairman" because the United States was looked upon "with less suspicion than the other United Nations" and also because America had less territorial ambitions than other nations.

Rainbow's Pot of Gold

BALTIMORE, Sept. 10—Five and ten-dollar bills rained on the heads of pedestrians from the office of Abraham Watner, general manager of Meadowridge Memorial Park, Inc. He had \$22,000 in bills on his desk, and when he accidentally dislodged a paper weight the wind carried the fortune out of the window. He recovered \$9,910.

One Tragedy Breeds a Second

NEW YORK, Sept. 10—Morris Borden, 42, went to Philadelphia to identify the bodies of his wife and seven-year-old son, who were killed in the wreck of the crack train Congressional Limited near here. He returned to New York, and his body later was discovered in his apartment, with all gas jets of the kitchen stove turned on.

Stark Honorary Bearer At Commodore's Burial

Commodore James A. Logan, commandant of the U.S. Naval Operating Base in Londonderry, who was killed last Saturday in a plane crash in Northern Ireland, was buried with full military honors yesterday at Brookwood Cemetery.

Adm. Harold R. Stark, commander of U.S. naval forces in Europe, and a group of his staff officers served as honorary pall bearers.

Interred with Comm. Logan were Capt. Loren Lee Miles, U.S. Army, pilot of the plane, and David Grimes, of Philadelphia, vice president in charge of engineering for the Philco Corp., who also were killed in the crash. Services were conducted by Lt. John Koning, Army chaplain.

MP Who Couldn't Swim Saves Boy at Edinburgh

Although he couldn't swim himself, Pvt. Crate Love, 20-year-old London MP from Kansas City, Mo., dived into the water at an Edinburgh beach and saved a Scottish boy from drowning. The act of heroism was revealed by a letter of commendation written by a police inspector who witnessed the rescue.

Terry and the Pirates



By Milton Caniff