

## Nazis Evacuation of Naples Reported

### RAF Again Blasts Ruhr Steel Center

#### Great Fleet Hits Bochum, Ending One of Biggest Bombing Months

A huge fleet of RAF bombers hit the big iron and steel city of Bochum in the central Ruhr early yesterday to round out one of the heaviest months of Allied aerial activity over the blasted roof of the Fortress of Europe.

Ending a month of blows by both American and British bombers at scattered targets all over Germany and occupied Europe, the RAF returned to the great concentration of war industry in the Ruhr to raid Bochum for the fifth time this year. Other objectives in the Ruhr were also hit and mines were laid in enemy waters. Eight bombers did not return.

Situated 150 miles inland from the Dutch coast, the city of more than 300,000 has three large steel works and coke, coal, iron, tin, zinc and chemical plants. The attack was the fourth big Allied raid on Germany this week.

The RAF's heavy attack on the Ruhr brought to an end 30 days of concentrated air assaults on the Continent. During the month the USAAF participated in one of the longest sustained offensives against Germany and equalled, and in some cases shattered, previous Eighth Air Force records.

#### Nine Targets in a Day

On Sept. 9, supplying cover for the largest amphibious operation ever held in the Channel, the USAAF set a record for the number of targets it had hit in a single day and the total number of bombers dispatched. In the most widespread large-scale attacks ever carried out by the Eighth Air Force, Fortresses, Marauders, Liberators and Thunderbolts made more than 1,000 sorties over the invasion coast of France. Nine different targets were hit and nearly 700 tons of bombs were dropped, Brig. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, Eighth Bomber Command chief, revealed.

The massive operation, in which aircraft shuttled across the Channel in a steady stream, ended eight days of round-the-clock blows at German air power, industry, railroad yards, communications and shipping.

#### Forts' First Dusk Raid

Fortresses made their first dusk raid Sept. 15 to land in darkness after blasting airfields at Cognac and submarine pens at La Pallice. It was an 11-hour round-trip of 1,600 miles.

British-based Fortresses made ten raids this month, equalling July's total, the previous high. Marauders went out on 20 days against five in July, to hit some 40 targets.

The Fortresses set another precedent Sept. 23, when they hit Nantes twice in one day.

The Fortresses' first dusk raids, combined with their bombing of Emden through heavy clouds last Monday, suggested that the day and night operations forecast months ago by Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, Eighth Air Force commander, were approaching.

More than 700 American planes took part in raids over Germany and occupied

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### Clubs Helping Xmas Shopping

American soldiers in London and some provincial towns who don't know where to look for presents this Christmas are taking advantage of "shopping services" operated by many American Red Cross clubs. The clubs have prepared lists of suitable gifts and where they may be purchased.

Red Cross girls have spent days touring shops with pencils and notebooks, jotting down items to save soldiers' valuable leave time.

In London the Rainbow Corner, Hans Crescent, Mostyn and Washington clubs alone already have put hundreds of men on the right tracks. Many shy GIs have taken advantage of the Rainbow Corner's offer of sympathetic women volunteers who tour shops with them and help with selections and wrapping.

Christmas presents also may be sent home through ETO PXs, which will accept payments up to Oct. 12 and guarantee to buy, wrap and mail presents, selected from catalogues, to any address in the States.

### U.S., British Chiefs Join Hands



OWI Radio Photo

A handshake starts the Anglo-American joint drive on Naples. Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, Fifth Army commander, greets Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery, commander of the Eighth, on his arrival at Salerno after British drive up the coast.

### Perilous Rescues Win Medals For American and RAF Fliers

Two pilots, one American and the other British, both of whom went to the rescue of planes in distress over Europe, were among several recipients of awards announced yesterday by the Eighth Air Force.

The Distinguished Service Cross was presented by Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETO commander, to 1/Lt. Leonard L. Cox, of Carnegie, Okla., a bomber pilot, who fought off enemy fighters attacking another U.S. bomber, badly damaged and out of ammunition, on a bombing mission over Germany last May.

### Photos Reveal Berlin Damage

#### British Say 100 Big Plants Hard Hit in Last Three Heavy RAF Raids

More than 100 important factories and other industrial works were damaged in Berlin in the heavy night raids of Aug. 23, 31 and Sept. 3, experts announced through the British Air Ministry yesterday following completion of study of reconnaissance photographs.

This first revelation of Berlin bomb damage said that no fewer than 30 of the factories were engineering and electrical plants, some of them vital to the German war machine.

Of the cluster of buildings constituting the electro-chemical branch of the Siemens works, one of the largest electrical plants in Germany, 75 per cent were burned to the ground. Fire and explosions also badly damaged the electric motors and accessories departments, as well as the metal foundry.

Among other electrical concerns hit hard were the A.E.G. works, a high priority factory turning out submarine engines and generators; two works of the Gestur Elektrische Unternehmungen, manufacturing machine and precision tools, and the Osram works, which turn out large numbers of radio valves.

Three vital general engineering works which between them manufacture or repair Diesel locomotives, tanks, armored fighting vehicles, airplane engines, torpedo components and precision tools suffered heavy damage.

Additional engineering and electrical works were bombed, and some were totally destroyed. All were engaged in war production, ranging from heavy machinery to delicate radio and X-ray apparatus.

The report listed 65 miscellaneous factories damaged, two oil depots blasted seriously and a large leather warehouse partly burned out.

#### Spending Spree Boosts Sales

NEW YORK, Sept. 30—All records for purchases of jewels, furs and clothing have been broken by women in one of the biggest spending sprees in American history, figures compiled here showed today. Clothing sales increased 60 per cent over last year, silk, rayon and linen goods 37 per cent, furs 300 per cent and jewelry 35 per cent. Theater and restaurant business went up 35 per cent.

### Fierce Rioting in City Admitted by Berlin; Fifth's Entry Is Near

#### Allies Push On After Overrunning Pompeii; Nazis Retreating Under Great Barrage From Land, Sea and Air

Italian rioters, stimulated by the fast approach of the Fifth Army and reportedly supported by Allied dive-bombers, blew the lid off German control in Naples last night. A Berlin spokesman was quoted in a Stockholm report as having admitted that German forces had evacuated the city, whose fall to advancing Allied troops last night was merely a matter of hours.

The Stockholm report, a dispatch to the newspaper Aftonbladet, said that the Germans pulled out of Naples after systematically destroying harbor installations.

Berlin itself admitted fierce uprisings among the Italians, terming the riots Communist-inspired and declaring that these "anarchist gangs" were cooperating with Allied forces, including the dive-bombers.

Meanwhile, driving ahead after capturing Pompeii, units of the Fifth Army neared the city, greatest Mediterranean port of entry into southern Europe. Allied HQ reports indicated that seizure of Naples could be expected at any moment.

As Nazi troops moved back, they were harried and pounded by a barrage from land, sea and air. Big guns of the Fifth continually blasted the only routes left to Marshal Kesselring's forces fleeing across the coastal plain. British and American warships rained a continual hail of shells into the German ranks from the Bay of Naples, and Allied bombers smashed and strafed the enemy columns.

#### 11 Miles from Naples

The land positions of the Fifth Army were changing so rapidly that the situation at the front could not be clearly defined, but spearheads of the Fifth were placed in the region of Torre Annunziata, only 11 miles from Naples, after Pompeii had been overrun along the coast.

North of Salerno, American and British forces captured San Severino, a small junction less than a mile south of Mercato on the road and railway to Avellino, rail center east of Naples.

To the east, the British Eighth Army continued its advance, capturing Manfredonia, the Adriatic coastal terminus of the railway from Foggia.

On the entire front stretching across Italy, the Germans were moving back, but there still was no indication of a rout. The Nazi retreat appeared to be orderly, and extensive demolition work was being carried out in most sectors.

At no point was the Luftwaffe putting in an appearance, however, giving the Allies undisputed control of the southern Italian skies.

While Allied fighters and fighter-bombers swarmed over the combat areas, Marauders and Mitchells yesterday attacked the railway and road bridges at Cancellò, 10 miles northeast of Naples. Wednesday night, the railway and road junctions at Formia, on the Naples-Rome coastline, were attacked by RAF Wellingtons, which resumed their assaults after a lull caused by bad weather.

Kremenchug, which fell Wednesday, was the best bridgehead of all for them on the river, with its docks and piers. It was through Kremenchug that all

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#### Nazi Warship Bombed in Aegean

CAIRO, Sept. 30 (AP)—An RAF spokesman disclosed today that bomb-carrying Beaufighters severely damaged a German warship in the Aegean Sea, after a five-day hunt for the vessel. The planes left the ship obscured by a heavy pall of smoke and listing badly.

### Queen Mary's Troopship Role Revealed by Nazi Plot Story

The revelation yesterday that a quick-witted American government agent had thwarted a German plot a year ago to sink the liner Queen Mary off Brazil has drawn the veil of official secrecy at last from the role which the giant luxury liner has been playing in the war.

The role is hardly a secret one to the thousands of American soldiers who were fortunate enough to make the crossing on the speedy ship last year, but it has not been mentionable until now in print or in letters.

Converted to a great troop carrier with accommodation for 12,000 to 20,000 men, she carried not only Americans but thousands of Axis prisoners bound for captivity.

Early in the summer of 1942, according to the Daily Mail naval correspondent, the 80,000-ton transport played an important part in saving Britain's desperate position at Alamein.

"Once she steamed right through a pack of submarines estimated to number about 25," he added, "and not one had time to get a torpedo trained on her."

"She went flat out from England with men and stores representing half a fully equipped division. Her passage from an English port, right around the Cape to Port Suez, a distance of some 12,000 miles, was made in a few weeks, including a stop at a South African port."

"It is safe to say," the Mail said, "that the Queen Mary played a bigger part than any other ship and perhaps the biggest individual part of any fighting unit in saving the situation."

With a full load of American troops aboard in the late winter of 1942, the Mail said, the liner ran into giant storm-lashed seas which almost upset her.

She was heading for a port in north-

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#### Italian Fleet Engages Germans

ALLIED HQ, Sept. 30 (UP)—Some units of the Italian fleet have already engaged the Germans, it was revealed at Allied headquarters today.

#### Congress Approves Funds For Servicemen's Families

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30—Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins disclosed yesterday that more than 200,000 additional wives and babies of servicemen would be able to receive maternity and infant care during the remainder of this fiscal year through Congressional provision of additional funds for the Children's Bureau.

An amendment passed with the bill, Miss Perkins pointed out, limited the program to wives and children of enlisted men in the four lowest pay grades. Heretofore, all enlisted grades were covered.

#### U.S. Army Casualties 81,544 Up to Sept. 15

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 (AP)—U.S. Army casualties from Pearl Harbor to Sept. 15 total 81,544, Secretary of War Stimson said today.

Of that number he said 10,682 were killed, 26,666 wounded, 23,745 missing and 20,451 were taken prisoners. In addition, about 3,500 were lost in the Salerno fighting on which details are not yet obtainable.

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**Hash Marks**

Sorry, but there's very little truth to the rumor that The Stars and Stripes will be printed in luminous ink so you can read it in the blackout.

Take a tip from a signal corps captain. When you meet a British girl, ask her, "Are there any more at home like you?" This



captain walked into a store the other day, saw a girl he would have sworn he knew, smiled nicely and said, "Hello." The young lady says nothing, and freezes the guy with a look that requires at least two weeks defrosting. A group of old ladies in the background smile smugly and titter as if to say, "that's putting a Yankee wolf in his place." The captain's face was getting redder and redder, but the situation was finally saved when the sweet young thing condescended to explain, "Perhaps it's my sister you know—we are identical twins."

There's a red-headed nurse over here who is as mad as a hornet. She needed stockings and needed them in a bad way; so she wrote home for some. She inadvertently asked for "socks"; so when the long-awaited package arrived, she found herself with nine pairs of anklets on her hands. Her hopes were revived when a second package came a few days later, but all went blue again when she read the attached note saying, "Just in case the first package doesn't reach you, here's another." Inside were nine more pairs of anklets. So nurse has 18 pairs of short socks—any takers?

The Greeks had a word for it, but now the Czechs have come through with a couple of definitions. They say that an optimist is a man who believes that President Benes will be able to return to his beloved Prague by Christmas. A pessimist is a guy who believes it will be a few weeks later.

Ferdinand Schaefer, conductor emeritus of the Indianapolis symphony orchestra, just can't forget music, even on



his vacations. Returning from a trip to the Great Smoky mountains, he revealed to friends that he had tickled a rattlesnake which was sleeping in a tree. "I wanted to know," he explained, "what pitch a rattlesnake rattles in."

Blimey, lads, say it isn't so. Some rugged troops were doing a forced march through the countryside the other day. It was plenty hot and at the halts the guys couldn't lift their canteens to their lips fast enough. All were satisfied with nice cool water—except one GI—he had brought along a canteen full of TEA.  
J. C. W.

**Driving the Japs from New Guinea**



In the far-away South Seas, U.S. and Australian army, navy and air forces have put the Japanese on the defensive for the first time since Pearl Harbor. In New Guinea, the U.S. Sixth Army and the Aussies are forcing their way along the north coast—gaining valuable ground for blows toward Tokyo—and today are engaged in fierce battles for Finschafen. From Finschafen the Allies are expected to strike for New Britain—and the Jap's South Pacific headquarters at Rabaul.

**Exit Over Optimism**

The Washington Star reports: "A conference of some two hundred leaders of industry, labor and the press, aptly described as 'The nation's civilian general staff' and now in session here, was fed a sobering, yet salutary diet of factual 'brass tacks' by topflight officials of the War Department."

As a result of this conference, key personalities will return to their homes throughout America with a clear picture of the war situation, painted in starkly realistic tones, unfaded with the lovely hue of Pollyanna optimism and wishful thinking.

The conference was addressed "off the record," which in newspaper parlance means "not for publication"; but the edited version released to the public by the War Department leaves no doubt as to what the full context must have been.

All the speakers, who included General George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, and General Henry H. Arnold, Chief of the Army Air Forces, stressed the fact that victory could be attained by us only by throwing our last ounce of energy into the struggle, with no relaxation of effort at any moment.

It was pointed out that our main advantage at present was the fact we could produce weapons of war faster than our enemies. But it was also pointed out that if, through our unwillingness to face facts, we gave up our one great advantage, then we would find our opportunity for victory had escaped us permanently.

The press reports that our military leaders were able to prove each point they made, and their expert opinion is expected soon to reflect itself in thought and action on the home front . . . to good purpose.

**Donald Nelson Reports**

Yesterday, in London, Donald Nelson discussed with the press war production problems faced by the United Nations in their effort to integrate production resources to secure maximum results, quickly.

"The most serious of our common problems," he said, "have been beaten as surely as our troops have beaten the enemy in Africa, Sicily, Italy and the South Pacific."

That new problems would arise in the production field, he indicated as certain; but he was equally certain they would be met and beaten as rapidly as they appeared.

Copper, tin and rubber, which in the early stages of the war gave concern, are now available in sufficient quantities to meet all essential demands, he reported. This availability, he said, was the result of pooling the United Nations resources and through the coordinated creation of new sources for the procurement and production of these and other essential materials. Production facilities needed to turn raw materials into weapons of war are also ready he claimed. All that remains to be done is to secure maximum production from pooled plants and labor.

"We will need too much too soon, if we are to win this war quickly," said Donald Nelson, "for the one great lesson I have learned from my trip to this theater has been that the more materials we have ready for each operation, the more lives we'll save in that operation. The more planes, landing craft and guns we have for each operation, the safer each soldier will be who participates in that operation. The more we can throw at the enemy, quickly, the more lives we'll save, and every worker and every factory manager should remember that fact as he strives for maximum production."

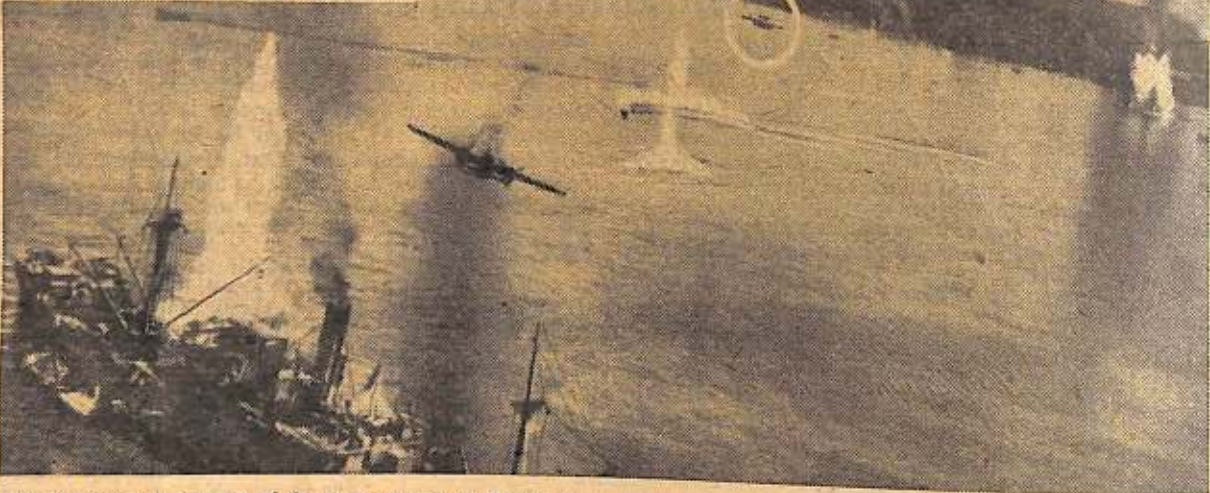
Mr. Nelson will leave Great Britain impressed with the splendid effort this country has made to produce materials



Gen. Douglas MacArthur, supreme Allied commander in the Pacific theater, knows the Japs from years of experience before the war as U.S. chief in the Philippines. MacArthur's men may be driving for the Philippines. He once said, "We have left but we will return."



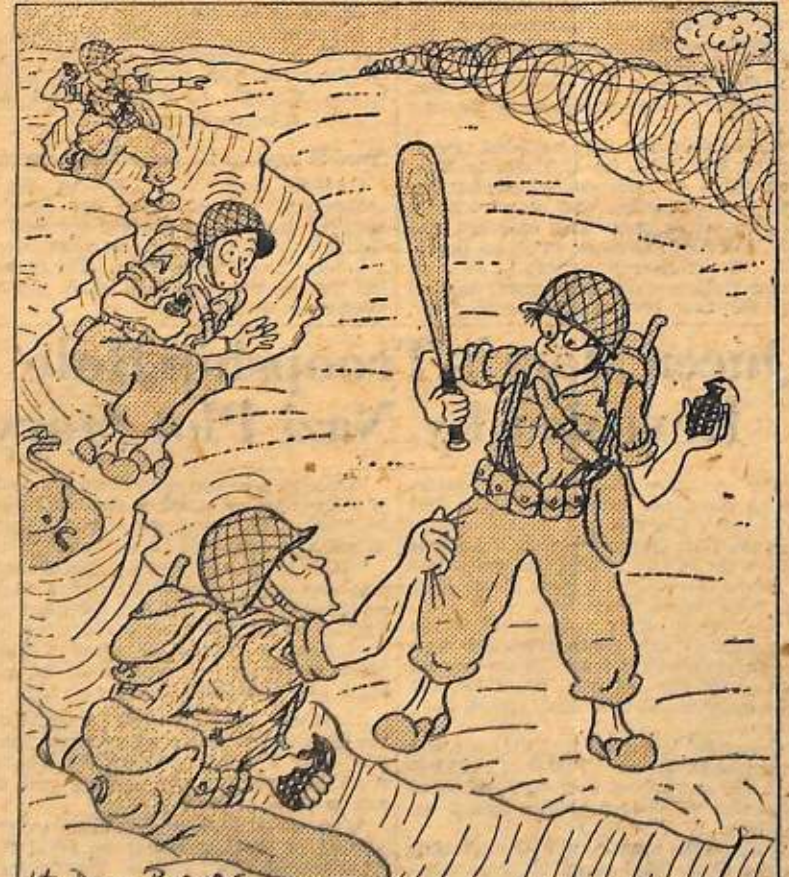
Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger (left), pipe-smoking commander of the Sixth Army, confers with Lt. Gen. Horace Fuller, commander of U.S. 41st Division which helped wipe out the Jap garrison at Buna. The 32nd Division also is in New Guinea.



This is a scene during one of the many attacks at Wewak, New Guinea, by the Fifth U.S. Air Force, commanded by Maj. Gen. Ennis C. Whitehead. Wewak today virtually is desolate after the vicious U.S.-Aussie air blows which have destroyed nearly 750 enemy aircraft since attacks began a year ago. Lt. Gen. George C. Kenny is Allied Air Force chief of the Southwest Pacific.



**PRIVATE BREGER**



Lt. Dave Breger

U.S. infantrymen in camouflaged uniform examine a stack of Jap rifles and light machine guns captured by the Allies in jungle fighting near Mubo. The Yanks have learned the tricks of the jungle-canny Japs and are beating them at their own game.



# Jap Planes Join Battles Raging For Finschafen

## Allies Advancing as Enemy Throws in Reserves to Relieve Its Garrison

ALLIED HQ., Southwest Pacific, Sept. 30 (UP)—The Japanese have thrown in strong air forces in the battle for Finschafen hoping to relieve their garrison fighting desperately against strong Allied forces.

Tokyo radio admitted the Allies held air superiority however.

Finschafen itself is now almost in the Allied grasp. Advanced spearheads have reached points less than a mile from the port in the west.

Salankaua plantation, less than half a mile away, was captured after inflicting many enemy casualties.

After a bitter defense lasting for several days the Japanese are worn down. More enemy strongpoints on all sides of the port were taken by the Allied troops yesterday.

### Great Wewak Raid

Lately the Japs have been showing signs of surrendering or fleeing rather than suffering an "honorable" death, and it remains to be seen what they will choose at Finschafen.

Wewak, one of the main Japanese supply and air bases in northern New Guinea, can now lay claim to the title of most-bombed target in the Pacific area.

Yesterday's raid was the biggest ever. Swarms of heavy Liberator bombers went over the target area and blew up the main ammunition dump on the airfield.

The effect was tremendous. Lib crews described it as "the biggest explosion and fire seen in the southwest Pacific area," and said that "the explosion obscured the entire peninsula" and that "flames were visible for more than 60 miles away."

### 145 Tons Dropped

More than 145 tons of bombs were dropped by the planes, a figure not far short of the heaviest raids in the Pacific. Large fuel dumps near Mission Point, near Wewak, were also destroyed, and eight big fires were left blazing in Japanese supply dump areas near Boram. Sixty planes were destroyed.

In spite of the crippling blows dealt to the Japanese air fleet at Wewak in previous raids, the Japanese managed to get 40 fighters into the air to intercept the raiding force yesterday. Eight enemy fighters were shot down, and three more are claimed as probables, without loss to the Liberators.

### U.S. Sub Sinks 19 Jap Ships

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 (AP)—The U.S. submarine Gudgeon sank 19 Japanese ships, including one submarine, and damaged three others in eight war patrols in the Pacific, the Navy Department revealed today, in announcing the award of a Presidential citation to the ship.

## Raids - - -

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Europe last Monday. Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson disclosed in Washington yesterday.

The combined operation of northern and southern Allied air forces was indicated in raids by Eighth Air Force Liberators from both British and North African bases.

The RAF's raid on Bochum yesterday was the first aerial blow against the Ruhr for a month. In June, when Bochum was the chief target in a widespread attack on the central Ruhr, 180 acres in the center of the city were devastated and 700 buildings were either destroyed or damaged.

Berlin radio admitted yesterday that Bochum had been raided by a heavy force.

### American Forces Network

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- AM
- 11.00—GI Five.
- 11.15—Glimpy Simms.
- 11.30—Pop Concert.
- 12.00—Jack Payne and his orchestra—(BBC).
- PM
- 12.30—Return Engagement—All Time Hit Parade.
- 1.00—News (BBC).
- 1.15—War Commentary.
- 1.30—Concert For Snow Hounds.
- 2.00—Sign off until 3.45 PM.
- 5.45—Spotlight on Horace Heidt.
- 6.00—News (BBC).
- 6.10—Personal Album—Trudy Erwin.
- 6.25—GI Supper Club—request program.
- 7.00—Sports—Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
- 7.05—South American Way.
- 7.30—Comedy Caravan—Rudy Vallee, Dorothy Lamour, the King Sisters and Alvaro Key and his orchestra.
- 8.00—News From Home—Stars and Stripes roundup.
- 8.10—The Fred Waring Show.
- 8.25—Miniature.
- 8.30—Forney Dorsey Program.
- 9.00—News (BBC).
- 9.10—Happy Norman and his Guitar.
- 9.30—Charlie McCarthy Program—with Edgar Bergen.
- 9.45—Hits and Bits.
- 9.50—Suspense.
- 10.30—Final Edition—Stars and Stripes news.

## Japs Using Super Zero, More Deadly Fighter

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 (AP)—Sen. Ralph O. Brewster (R.—Me.) disclosed today the Japanese are using a new fighter plane more formidable than the Zero.

Brewster said the U.S. may have to send more "big league" battlers to cope with them.

He attributed the drop in the ratio of Japanese-Allied losses—four to one in favor of the Allies—to the new "Super Zero."

## Jewish Forces Mark Holiday

### New Year Is Observed At Many Services Throughout U.K.

American Jewish soldiers, sailors, marines, nurses and WACs joined with Jewish civilians and members of other United Nations' armies yesterday in attending New Year services in more than 100 communities throughout the United Kingdom.

Many Jewish soldiers were allowed passes by unit commanding officers, under authorization of ETO headquarters, to attend the New Year services yesterday and today. Leave also will be granted soldiers to attend Day of Atonement services Oct. 9.

Special military ceremonies marking the Jewish High Holy Days were held in London at Conway Hall, under sponsorship of the United Synagogue of Great Britain. The preachers were Lt. Col. Dayan M. Gollop, senior Jewish chaplain to His Majesty's Forces; Capt. Judah Nadich, U.S. Army chaplain, and Capt. S. Gershon Levi, Canadian Army chaplain.

In various parts of England services were held by Chaplains Bertram Klausner, Morris Lieberman, Meyer Miller and David Shor, all of the U.S. Army.

In Northern Ireland, Jewish sailors and marines joined soldiers at services in Belfast. American servicemen also worshipped with Jewish congregations in Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool, Cardiff, Glasgow and Bristol.

Communal meals were provided in many communities. Several hundred American servicemen were served festival meals at Balfour Services Club in London, and the club's hospitality committee placed several hundred more in private homes.

Hospitality work throughout the country was coordinated by the National British Jewish Hospitality Committee, headed by Lord Nathan of Churt.

New Year ceremonies will also be held today. On Oct. 9 the Day of Atonement will be observed.

### Plans, Training Officer Cited

Col. Robert W. Raynsford, of Schenectady, N.Y., was awarded the Legion of Merit yesterday for "outstanding services as signal communications officer and later as officer in charge of Plans and Training Division, SOS, ETO." He was in charge of signal communications between forces here and in Africa and later was placed in charge of planning for signal communications in operations on the continent.

### Marine Academy Dedicated

GREAT NECK, N.Y., Sept. 30 (AP)—A \$6,900,000 Marine Academy with a war-time capacity of 2,670 cadets was dedicated here today, hailed by President Roosevelt as a "momentous forward stride in the nation's maritime progress."

## Russia - - -

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German men and material flowed this year to the Kharkov and Poltava fronts.

Before they fled the Germans set Kremenchug afire. Today it flamed like a torch for miles over the steppes.

German casualties were enormous. Many German units were encircled before reaching the river and were wiped out or forced to surrender.

Futher north, Gomel, hinge of the German defenses in the southeastern part of White Russia, was under a direct threat with the Russian capture of Vetka, on the Sozh River, only nine miles north-east of Gomel.

Above Gomel the Russians moved on towards the great communication centers of Mogilev, Orsha and Vitebsk.

## 'Kitchen Policewomen' on the Job



U.S. Army Air Force Photo

Too many cooks don't spoil the broth—not in this mess kitchen, which serves both men and women soldiers of Uncle Sam and therefore has WAC cooks one day out of three. Concerned with the success of the pudding above are (left to right) Pfc Lima Sponangle, of Circleville, W. Va.; Pfc Dorothy Inman, of South Amboy, N.J., and Pvt. Mary Dickinson, of Des Moines, Ia.

## Lucky Soldiers Share Kitchen (And KP) With WAC Shift

By Cpl. Dave Hopkins

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

A U.S. MEDIUM BOMBER HQ., Sept. 30—Every third day glamor invades the kitchen and mess hall here, with WACs serving meals like mother used to make, with added smiles and smart wisecracks, instead of the usual disgruntled remarks of the regular GI "burn-and-serve-it" gang.

The "Joes" do a fair job of "burning the chow" two out of three days, but when the "Janes" move in on the third day they add a "Sunday Punch" that has mess hall patrons scraping the bottoms of the kettles.

This good fortune came to the soldiers when the WACs moved in and took over an adjoining mess hall. Both chow lines are served from the same kitchen and GIs and WACs split up the culinary duties.

"I like the chow, the girls give seconds and I like their smiling faces," Sgt. Stanley Monroe, of Winchester, N.H., said, speaking for those who like several heaping plates.

"This is what we joined up for," one WAC said, while another exclaimed: "It's just wonderful!"

For an instance of the "feminine touch," take the day when the male crew served pineapple cream pudding at the noon meal. Mildly speaking, it resembled fish glue and was about as appetizing.

In the afternoon the WACs came on duty and prepared pineapple cream pudding for the evening meal dessert. It may have been a little audacious on their part, but the kettle was scraped clean and the appreciative GIs ate the last drop and clamored for more.

The mess sergeant, S/Sgt. Cecil J. Stephens, of Shreveport, La., and Sgt. Bernard E. Chafin, of Cleveland, Va., in charge of the WAC shift, both approve of the WAC cooks.

"They keep the kitchen much cleaner than the men," Stephens complimented, while Chafin said that the "average man in the kitchen lets things go and keeps wading through the mess and cleans it up when the shift is done. The WACs keep things clean as they go along and when the job is done the kitchen looks a lot neater."

The "Joes" seem to cater to the women and their feelings are appreciated by the WACs, but in their own mess hall they look forward to meals served by the men.

The WACs, who are helping the Army "travel on its stomach" are: T/5 Freida Riley, of San Antonio, Tex.; Pfc Dorothy Inman, South Amboy, N.J.; Alyce Slater, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Lima J. Sponangle, Circleville, W.Va., and Lora P. Bowden, Okmulgee, Okla., and Pvt. Mary E. Dickinson, of Des Moines, Iowa.

### Aeroclub Opened

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Sept. 30—A Red Cross Aeroclub has been opened here with Carolyn Buehler, of Baltimore, as director and Margaret Spenglin, of Toronto, as her assistant.

### May Parole Scottsboro Boys

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Sept. 30—Two of the principals in the famous Scottsboro case are being considered for parole, Judge Alex Smith, State Parole Board chairman, announced. They are Andy Wright, 30, of Chattanooga, and Charlie Weems, 31, of Atlanta, Ga.

### Terry and the Pirates



By Milton Caniff