

Biggest Air Battle Cost Nazis 307 Planes

Danish Navy Scuttles 45 Of Its Vessels

Nine Others Escape As Germans Put Country Under Martial Law

Denmark's Navy scuttled 45 ships at dawn yesterday and sailed nine others—two small destroyers, six torpedo-boats and a minesweeper—into Swedish ports to prevent their seizure by the Germans.

The scuttling, climaxing a clash between Danes and Nazi military forces in the Copenhagen naval yard, occurred almost simultaneously with the German military commander's publication at 4 AM of a proclamation placing all Denmark under martial law.

Stockholm heard last night that several persons were killed, a number wounded and scores arrested as a result of riots in Copenhagen. These reports said German air squadrons circled over the city in great numbers all day.

Nazis Tried to Halt It

The navy yard battle apparently was one of the first clashes. It started before daybreak, a Dane who escaped to Sweden said, when the Germans tried to force their way into the yard to prevent the scuttling. Stockholm heard from another traveler that another battle occurred in Copenhagen barracks yesterday afternoon between the Danish Royal Guard and German troops.

The ships that fled to Sweden brought with them a large number of civilians as well as naval officers and enlisted men.

Telegraphic communication between Denmark and Sweden, cut at 5 PM Saturday, remained broken yesterday, but the Danish radio announced that strikes would be punished by death, that German military courts would be set up to try offenders under the new regulations, that meetings of more than five persons were forbidden and that a curfew at dusk would be instituted.

Little was known in Stockholm of the reported scuttling beyond the assertions of the officers reaching Sweden that vessels which could not escape were blown up to prevent their falling into the enemy's hands.

'Ruthless' Action Threatened

Denmark's entire navy numbers little more than 60 vessels, many of them tiny coastal patrol ships. The fleet includes 17 torpedo-boats, most of them less than 300 tons, and 12 submarines, the largest of which is only 380 tons. The navy's largest ships are two coastal defense craft of 3,800 and 3,500 tons respectively.

The German military commander's proclamation of martial law warned the Danes that "in the event of assaults or gatherings, armed force will be used ruthlessly."

An announcement in Berlin said martial law was proclaimed "in order to secure the European coast and to form a counter-measure against the increased activity of enemy agents in Denmark. The necessary measures have been carried out without a hitch. No incidents worth mentioning took place."

U.S. to Punish Nazi Atrocities

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29 (AP)—The U.S. government reaffirmed today that "it is resolved to punish the instigators and the actual perpetrators" of German atrocities against the people of Poland.

The State Department in "a declaration on German crimes in Poland" said trustworthy information had reached the U.S. government regarding "crimes committed by the German invaders" against the Polish population. The State Department said these were carried out with "the utmost brutality."

"Since the autumn of 1942 a belt of territory... has been systematically emptied of its inhabitants," the statement said. "In July, 1943, these measures were extended to practically the whole of the province of Lublin, where hundreds of thousands of people have been deported from their homes or exterminated."

"These measures are carried out with the utmost brutality. Many victims are killed on the spot. The rest are segregated. Men from 14 to 50 are taken away to work for Germany. Some children are killed on the spot, others separated from their parents and either sent to Germany to be brought up as Germans or sold to German settlers or dispatched with the women and old men to concentration camps."

The Miracle Tribe's Lady Moe



Lady Moe, donkey mascot of the Fortress The Miracle Tribe, peers from a waist gun position with S/Sgt. Lou Klimchak, of Josephine, Pa., and Sgt. E. O. Matthews, of Porter, Tex., after a flight from Africa in the B17 which bombed Bordeaux, France, before landing at its home base in the ETO. Lady Moe, bought for 400 francs from an Arab desert dweller, wore a special oxygen mask on the mission—the home leg of the USAAF's first shuttle raid from the ETO to Africa.

Nazis Map Dnieper Retreat; Ploesti Raid Helped Defeats

The Russian drive to smash the German supply lines in the Donetz Basin gained speed yesterday, as the German war machine, handicapped by the destruction of their Ploesti oil supply in the American Liberator long-range bombing attack, was reported mapping a retreat to the Dnieper River.

The Russians advanced yesterday on two of the most vital railroads in southern Russia—the line from Bryansk through Konotop to Kiev and the Poltava-Kiev line.

On all three fronts the Reds launched new offensives at widely separated points. South of Bryansk, the Soviet troops advanced from four to eight miles and occupied more than 50 inhabited places. South and west of Kharkov, the Russians beat off fierce German counter-attacks and advanced three and one-half to seven miles. On the Mius front the Russians reported new advances.

Meanwhile, the Rumanian military experts were quoted as expressing the belief that the dislocation of Rumanian oil exports were largely responsible for the German defeats in the last three weeks.

Since the start of the Russian invasion the Germans have been transporting oil directly to their armies from Rumania. Before the Ploesti raid it was estimated that any interruption in the flow of oil

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The Air Ministry announcement, which was the first reference in two months to U.S.-manned Liberators with Coastal Command, provided confirmation that two types of U.S. aircraft, flown by U.S. personnel, are operating from British bases against the Nazi subs. It was revealed two weeks ago that Catalinas, Navy flying patrol boats, are operating with Coastal Command.

Disclosure that the Germans are sending out their fighters in packs came with the announcement that a Liberator, piloted by Lt. K. H. Dustin, of Ausable Forks, N.Y., was attacked by a swarm of ten Ju88s over the Bay of Biscay. During a 40-minute battle, the Lib destroyed one enemy plane and damaged three others.

The JUs ganged up on the B24 and attacked in pairs, groups coming from both sides simultaneously, the Ministry reported. On the first attack a cannon shell crashed into the right side of the cockpit, wounding the co-pilot, just as another hit the left side and injured the pilot. The top turret and radio gunners received minor wounds, one engine was hit and the landing gear knocked out in five attacks.

Lt. Dustin managed to nose his ship, V for Victory, into cloud cover and

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Shuttle Raid Forts Got 140, Schweinfurt Force 147, P47s 20

Gunner Hangs by Toes From Fort Ball Turret

A USAAF BOMBER STATION, England, Aug. 29—Hanging by his feet from the ball turret of a Fortress, thousands of feet in the air, gave S/Sgt. Aubrey R. Bartholomew an upside down view of Nazi fighters pressing home an attack during the USAAF's England-North Africa shuttle raid.

Bartholomew tumbled from his turret when the door came off on the outward flight near Regensburg. Luckily, his toes hooked the range pedal of one of his guns. He hung there, without a parachute and with enemy fighters attacking his formation, until he lifted himself "up by the toes."

When Bartholomew, Canadian-born gunner on the Raunchy Wolf, arrived back in Britain he received word his four-year quest for U.S. citizenship had been approved.

Allied Bombers Again Blanket Italy's Railways

Yards and Depots at Dozen Points Are Battered By Day and Night

ALLIED HQ, Aug. 29 (UP)—One of the most extensive bomb-blankets ever dropped on any country's transport system has battered Italian railways during the last 24 hours.

Nearly a dozen targets were attacked by Allied bombers. Railway yards and depots at Taranto, Crotone, Cancelli, Aversa, Terni, Lamezia, Catanzaro, Castrovellari and Cadenza all were hit heavily.

The Tactical Air Force alone dropped a heavier bomb-load on Italy than at any other time since the end of the Tunisian campaign.

In addition, U.S. Liberators from the Middle East raided shipping at Taranto, damaging an enemy cruiser, while fighter-bombers from the North African Air Forces attacked targets in Sardinia.

One of the biggest attacks was made on the railway yards at Terni, 45 miles north of Rome and on the line from Rome to Ancona.

The attack, concentrated into five minutes, was made by more than 100 planes, including Portresses escorted by Lightnings.

Besides the repair shops and the railway yards, targets hit included the royal arsenal, an electrical works and the gas works. At least one large explosion and a number of fires were seen. About 40 enemy fighters came up, and at least six Me109s were shot down.

The important junction at Aversa, 15 miles north of Naples, was attacked by

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Weekend Offensive Hits Nuremberg, Enemy Fields

American airmen scored the biggest aerial victory of the entire war in their battle with Luftwaffe fighters during the Regensburg-Schweinfurt raids of Aug. 17, it was revealed yesterday.

Three hundred and seven enemy aircraft were destroyed in aerial combats by the gunners of Flying Fortresses and the P47 Thunderbolt pilots who flew to Germany to escort some of the formations back to Britain.

One hundred and forty planes were shot down by the Fort formations which battled their way across the Reich, shattered the Messerschmitt factory at Regensburg and then shuttled on to Africa, Eighth Air Force headquarters announced last night after a check of intelligence reports.

One hundred and forty seven Nazi planes were destroyed by the Fortresses which struck the key roller bearing plant at Schweinfurt at the same time, and the Thunderbolt guns accounted for 20 more, making a total of at least 307 confirmed victims.

RAF's Best Score

The battles over Germany provided far and away the biggest air victory on any single day of the war—Allied or Axis. At the height of the Battle of Britain, the best day's score for the RAF—on Sept. 15, 1940—was 185 German planes shot down. The previous high for the Eighth Air Force was the tally of 87 chalked up on June 11 when the targets were Wilhelmshaven and Cuxhaven, in Germany. Eight Forts were lost that day.

The record score, however, was only a small portion of the day's achievements, since the bombs which burst across the Messerschmitt factory cut 30 per cent off the German production of day fighters for the next six months, according to official reports. The Regensburg factory was geared to turn out between 1,000 and 2,000 day fighters—depending on supplies—during the next six months.

In addition, uncounted scores of completed and nearly completed fighter planes were destroyed on the factory's vast dispersal area.

59 Bombers Lost

For the record score, the Eighth Air Force paid a known total of 59 bombers, the highest Allied loss of bombers on a single day's or night's mission yet in the war. Twenty-three Forts were reported missing from the Regensburg attack, it was announced, but the crews of four are known to be safe. It previously was announced that 36 bombers were lost on the Schweinfurt attack.

Commenting on the Regensburg operation, Brig. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, Eighth Bomber Command chief, said: "Our bomber crews destroyed one of Germany's most important aircraft factories, one which had a potential production of more than 1,000 fighters over the

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School Hours Rearranged For War-Working Pupils

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 29—Dr. Alexander Stoddard, superintendent of schools, announced today that if school interfered with the war plant jobs of some 15,000 Philadelphia pupils school hours would be changed for them.

He urged as many pupils as possible to attend during regular hours after the summer vacation ended, but said that classes would be arranged "at odd hours and on Saturdays for those who feel they must work." Pupils will receive laboratory credit toward diplomas for their work in war factories.

Nearly 15,000 Wounded Flown Out in Five Weeks

In the five weeks between July 6 and Aug. 14, 14,898 wounded and sick were flown from Sicily to hospitals in Algeria and Egypt by RAF-USAAF medical services, the Air Ministry reported yesterday.

The two air forces collaborated completely, pooling their planes. In some cases, the RAF provided orderlies to fly on American ambulance transport planes.

Germans Use Mark V Tanks In Frantic Effort to Halt Reds

The Germans are scraping the bottom of their military arsenal to halt the Russians' summer offensive, according to a roundup yesterday of dispatches from Moscow.

In a frantic effort to halt the Soviet drives, the Nazi armored force has unveiled the Mark V Panther tank, hitherto missing from the consecutively numbered series of panzerwaggonen. Red anti-tank gunners say it is highly vulnerable.

Going to the opposite extreme, the Germans also have come up in the last three weeks with almost primitive means of defense against the Soviet attacks, using armor-plated shields and ready-made concrete pillboxes in multiple

storeys similar to stockade towers of 18th-century warfare.

The Russians don't think much of the Mark V Panther.

"Any man can destroy these novelties," the Soviet newspaper Red Star said yesterday, after revealing that the Mark V is being used on a mass scale along with Tigers and Ferdinands in an effort to halt the Russian drive to regain possession of the Ukraine.

The Panther weighs 45 tons—15 less than the Tiger—carries a crew of five, is armed with a 75mm. long-barrelled gun and a 7.92mm. machine-gun, roughly equivalent to a .30 cal.

The new tank is approximately the same

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Hash Marks

Headline: "Italy Awaits 'Big Event' any hour" . . . wonder if that's the way they announce the birth of a nation!

Nobody's taking the war more calmly than Pfc Eugene Latimer, of Northboro, Iowa. In civvie life, Latimer used to be



a horticulturist. Now, he's with an engineers' unit that saw plenty of action in North Africa. Through all the battles Latimer never lost his true love—picking up rare orchids amidst all the fireworks.

Curvaceous Mae West recently gave permission to publishers of a dictionary to include the definition, "Mae West: A device used by members of the RAF to keep afloat a person in water." "Murmured Miss West, "I'm glad the dictionary isn't going to say that a Mae West is something men fly around with at night."

Police won't bother looking for Laverne Leroy, parole violator, around the swimming pools. An FBI bulletin listed these identifying tattoo marks on his body: "A shield with an eagle, two U.S. flags, rising sun, crucifix, Indian girl, Pearl Harbor scene, ballet dancer, butterfly, sailing ship, girl's head, setting sun, scroll, three hearts, flowers, dragon, several race horses," and the words, "Manila, 1922, U.S.A., 1931."

Sign on a suburban drug store in Phoenix: "No ice cream, no soda, no help, no beer, no liquor, no nothing. Closed until after the war." . . . which all goes to show you can't keep no drug store open without you have something besides drugs.

You Pfc's aren't the only ones with troubles. Cpl. Broderick Crawford, of Hollywood, has one of the prize beefs of all time. He says even his pet dog outranks him. The pooch is a sergeant in "Dogs for Defense" and every time he sees Crawford he barks. Just like a sergeant, eh?

A GI who had just lost his three stripes for a slight infraction of the rules emerged from his CO's tent muttering, "That guy is a man of few words. He calls me in and says, 'Hello, sergeant. Sit down, sergeant—get up, private. Good-bye, private.'"

GI Philosophy. The honeymoon is over when she starts throwing kisses.

Denver military police and city cops now have to be experts on romance—they have to judge which is discreet and



which is obnoxious petting. Some citizens complained that too much petting goes on in the city's parks. The police chief ruled that the parks were set aside for enjoyment; it is only natural for young people to make love; discreet courting is OK. We wonder if the cops carry thermometers around to test for torrid temperatures.

J. C. W.

Jungle Drums Signal: 'Fliers Safe'

Then Portable Radio Tells of Long Trek After Crash

Four weeks ago a transport plane was flying 20 men from India and China when, over some of the wildest jungle in the Far East, an engine cut out and a crash was inevitable. Nineteen of the 20 men aboard managed to bale out. Since then they have slowly been making their way toward an Allied base, aided by three Army medical men dropped by parachute.

On Friday throbbing native drums sounded through the monsoon-drenched jungle, informing the Allied personnel that the survivors were making their way slowly toward the base. And on Saturday, from a little aboriginal native village, Eric Severeid, one of the survivors, sent back the following story by means of a wireless set with a hand-crank generator.

By Eric Severeid

Columbia Broadcasting System Correspondent
SOMEWHERE IN THE JUNGLE (re-layed by United Press)—I am grinding out this story on a hand-crank wireless set in an aboriginal village on a mountain-top somewhere between India and China.

Several days' marching lie behind us since we baled out of our plane over the jungle and several more lie ahead before we reach civilization. This is what happened to us.

Just before 9 o'clock Aug. 2 one of the motors of our plane cut out. The plane began to lose height and in a few minutes we were ordered to throw all baggage out to try and lighten it.

The plane struggled bravely on one motor for a few minutes, but it was plain we would never make it.

At 9:15 AM the pilot said: "Jump, everybody, jump!"

We jumped. Below us stretched the jungle, green and forbidding, but it was that or death in the plane itself.

John Davies Jr., second secretary of the American Embassy at Chungking, went first. Four others followed him. I was just about to jump next when we swept over the peak of a tall hill. We waited a moment, then the rest of us went out.

The ground was only 500 feet away when I jumped. I saw the plane nose down and crash in a geyser of orange flame right below me. I drifted towards the flames, praying I would miss them, and then a gust of wind tossed me into a hillside and I rolled over and over in the dense undergrowth.

I was not hurt but I had a moment of panic when I realized I did not know where I was and my total equipment was one penknife.

Last-Minute SOS

We had one hope. The radio operator had stuck to his set until the last, flashing out an SOS and our position. If we found one another, kept together and waited, a plane might be sent out and locate us.

Our party started shouting to one another and getting together. We found a trail which led to a village. Meanwhile the group that landed on the other side of the mountain started to move over to us. When we finally assembled we counted heads. There were 18.

Not until later did we learn the fate



Associated Press Photos
 "Flying groceries" have supplied many stranded airmen and troops in the China-Burma-India theaters, but probably never in such style as the 19 crash survivors now plodding slowly toward Allied bases after a crash four weeks ago. Dinners, including fried chicken, hot rolls, butter and even ice cream, have been dropped, along with guns, trinkets for natives, and medical aid.

of the other two. One, Cpl. Basil M. Lemon, of Tulsa, Okla., wandered alone in the jungle for four days before finding us. The other, Lt. Charles W. Felix, of Compton, Cal., co-pilot, was killed in the crash. We buried him with military honors under the crest of the mountain.

One hour after we crashed we heard the faint buzz of plane motors. The noise grew and a plane finally circled around us. Our signals had been heard. The rescue had begun.

Rescue Party from the Sky

Some hours later another plane circled us. We watched it swing around and then our hearts jumped as we saw three black dots fall out and three parachutes billow out above us. We had signalled to the first plane by crude panels asking for medical aid. This was the answer.

I confess that I ran towards the three men on the hillside with tears of relief and gratitude in my eyes. They were Col. Don Flickinger, 37-year-old flight surgeon and holder of the DFC, of Long Beach, Cal.; Sgt. Richards Passey, of Provo, Utah, and Cpl. William McKenzie, of Detroit.

There were some of the most infamous killers in the world in the mountains where we had landed, but they proved friendly to us, and killed pigs and goats to feed us. They guided missing units of the party together and finally brought in the lost Cpl. Lemon four days later.

Col. Flickinger attended to our radio operator, Walter R. Oswald, of Ansonia, Ohio, who had broken his leg in the parachute jump, and we started to plan our trek back.

Escorted by Planes

Day by day we had a plane escort. Their appearance, by the way, reminded the natives through whose country we passed that we had not been abandoned. Many of us were soon covered with insect bites and sores, but there was nothing serious except some cases of heat exhaustion. Civilians and soldiers stood it alike.

It meant days and days of walking over tortuous trails, down into valleys and up over the mountains again, but the party has stayed in good shape physically and morally thanks to the leadership of Col. Flickinger and the painstaking preparations of Philip Adams, a young British political officer, who has organized natives, guns, guards and pack bearers for us while on his way in toward us with two other American soldiers.

All the time the planes dropped supplies that we had signalled for—and salt for the natives, which was important. Once we got a Calcutta newspaper that was only two days old.

All is going well and we have only a few more days to go. I am so tired from cranking the machine that I can send no more.

Other End of the Story

By George Ravenholt

United Press War Correspondent
 I have just flown over the marching line of survivors and rescuers in the jungle. From the plane one can see that



they have been crossing ridge upon ridge of green-covered mountains broken only by a few mountain villages and precipitous trails which wind along the mountainsides. It was on one of these that I saw the party making its way.

I talked to them over the portable wireless set which had been dropped to them from a supply plane after they were found.

Waiting for them at the nearest possible point is an ambulance plane ready to fly them back to hospital.

Meanwhile I can guarantee that they are being well fed.

Manna from Heaven

The "flying grocery shop," as somebody called it, drops meals like the following: Fried chicken, creamed potatoes, giblet gravy, creamed corn, string beans, hot rolls, jam, butter, coffee, chocolate cake and ice-cream. And the hot dishes are dropped hot.

"It's like telephoning the grocer's," said one pilot after taking in supplies which included some shoes, ordered by size, socks, shirts and a camera, and salt for the natives.

(One of the first requests from the ground party, according to the Associated Press, was for toilet paper and soap. Guns, tents, blankets, food, many trinkets, and some valuable gifts were dropped to reward friendly natives, who did not want money.)

(A camp was established the second day, and one of the first messages from ground to plane said: "Setting up light housekeeping. Don't worry about us—we can hang on indefinitely." Newspapers and mail, including letters to Davies and Severeid, were delivered from the air.)

Cut Jungle Trail

But the party which went forward to meet them on the ground did not have such an easy job. It was led by Philip Adams, the British political officer, and to make its way through the jungle it had to cut a trail through jungle over steep slopes.

They brought in stretchers and food, marching 18 miles a day, and met the 19 men in a native village.

(Besides Felix, Oswald and Lemon, the crew members of the crashed plane are the pilot, F/O Harry K. Neveu, of Cudahy, Wis., and S/Sgt. Ned G. Miller, of Ottumwa, Ia., the Associated Press reported. Other U.S. Army personnel among the plane survivors are Capt. D. C. Lee, Lt. Roland K. Lee, of Hicksville, N.Y.; Sgt. Joseph E. Clay; Sgt. Joseph J. Gigure, of Auburn, Me.; Sgt. Glen A. Kittelson, of Ballantine, Mont.; Sgt. Francis E. Wilder; Cpl. Edward Holland, of East Cleveland, O.; Cpl. Lloyd J. Sherrill, of Burlington, Ia.; Cpl. S. M. Waterbury, of Blue Hill, Neb., and Pvt. William Schramudt. Two Chinese army colonels, Wang Pao Chao and Kwbbh Li, also are among the survivors.)

Oxford Opportunity

The privilege of attending a short course at Oxford University is still open to both officers and men of the U.S. armed forces stationed in Great Britain. The quota for the American troops is thirty students a week. In the past these vacancies have been filled to capacity. At present, it is possible to accept all applications and those who may have been disappointed before are urged to resubmit their request for enrolment.

The aim of the Oxford short course is to provide opportunity for the service personnel of the allied nations to meet and become better acquainted. It also provides opportunity to spend a week at one of the world's great universities at a price anyone can afford, just £3 12s. for officers and £1 12s. for enlisted men.

Each course surveys a wide range of problems and study covers government, politics, history, social problems, economics, the arts, sciences and post-war reconstruction. Outstanding men from the University faculty and from public life lecture and lead discussions. One of the features of each course is the visit to historic spots of interest close to Oxford, including the lovely town of Stratford-on-Avon.

Military personnel interested and eligible for leave or furlough may attend one of these courses by sending a request in triplicate through channels to the Chief of Special Service, SOS ETOUSA APO 887.

It's an educational opportunity no one should miss.

Boris the Engineer

King Boris of Bulgaria, whose mysterious death was announced first from Berlin, should have been a railroad engineer.

Boris had a passion for toy engines, and his most valued possessions were steam and electric toy trains with which he played in his own palace for hours at a time. His love of these toys was equalled only by his fondness for life-size models and he never missed an opportunity to act as engineer on a railroad locomotive. The first train driven over every new line in Bulgaria always had Boris at the throttle, and he achieved a life's ambition when he acted as engineer on the British Coronation Scot.

Known as the foxiest diplomat in Europe, King Boris "got on the wrong track" when he joined the Axis Main-Line operation, and it is interesting to note that his sudden death comes at a time when Hitler is reported to have made new demands on the reluctant Bulgarian government.

Now King Boris is dead, and the Bulgarian Special speeds down grade towards a disastrous end.



"Any more like you back at the barracks, Jock?"

New Gasoline May Increase Air Speed 25%

High Octane Fuel Enables Aircraft to Fly Straight Up

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29 (UP)—United States scientists have perfected a new type of high octane gasoline which is expected to increase the speed of aircraft 25 per cent.

This was disclosed here by Dr. Gustav Egloff, president of the American Institute of Chemists. The War Department had given him permission to make the announcement, Egloff said.

He added that such were the amazing results of the new type gasoline that it would enable fighter planes to fly straight upwards.

California Has Earthquake

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 29 (AP)—Earthquake shocks were felt here last night. Two shocks of about 30 seconds' duration were recorded at 11.46 at San Bernardino. No damage was reported.

Wood Pulp Tire Tested

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 29 (AP)—The first demonstration of the new Butadiene synthetic automobile tire was declared "very satisfactory" by experts after a 17-hour test on the speedway here. The tire is made of wood pulp and waste products.

Mine Explosion Kills 13

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 29 (AP)—At least 13 miners were killed and 12 others burned last night in a gas explosion deep within the Sayreton Mine of the Republic Steel Corporation. Another 110 men on the night shift were believed to have been rescued unhurt.

Mayor Tobin to Enter Army

BOSTON, Aug. 29—Mayor Maurice Tobin has volunteered for Army service, it was announced here yesterday. There had been reports that he would become a lieutenant colonel in the Allied military government organization, but this was neither confirmed nor denied in Tobin's announcement.

Husband Beat Joan Marsh

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 29—Screen actress Joan Marsh told Superior Court Judge Dudley Valentine that in Hollywood's last blackout her husband was so engrossed in beating her that the air raid warden had to knock on the door of their home three times and tell them to put out the light. Miss Marsh was granted a divorce from screen writer Spencer Belden.

Army's Crime Rate Lowest

CHICAGO, Aug. 29—The Army's crime rate is "the lowest in history and much better than in the last war," according to Maj. Gen. Myron C. Cramer, Judge Advocate General of the army. Gen. Cramer told a press conference that the rate "compares favorably with that of any well-behaved civilian community in the country."

Penicillin Plant Underway

OAKLAND, Aug. 29—Construction of a \$600,000 plant for the production of penicillin, the miraculous new bacteria killing drug, has begun here. The plant will be operated by the Culter Laboratory and some 60 scientists will be engaged in producing the drug, a by-product of a mold.

Society Families Lose Rations

DETROIT, Aug. 29—The office of Price Administration suspended the ration books of the A. D. Wilkinson family of the exclusive Grosse Pointe suburb until Dec. 31, 1944, and impounded for six months the ration books of two other socially prominent families for buying rationed goods from a black market catering to wealthy families.

Ford's Challenge Accepted

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29 (UP)—Drew Pearson, 45-year-old radio commentator and newspaperman, has accepted Henry Ford's challenge to compete in a foot race, bicycle race or jumping contest. Ford challenged Pearson after a broadcast in which Pearson charged that the government might be forced to take over the Ford factory in Detroit because of Ford's failing health.

Bar Association Elects

CHICAGO, Aug. 29—Joseph W. Henderson, senior partner of the Philadelphia law firm of Rawle and Henderson, was unanimously elected president of the American Bar Association.

Overtime Factory Work Gives Soldiers Smokes

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 29 (UP)—The "Half-Hour Club" is the latest idea of factory workers to help the war effort and to provide troops with comforts at the same time.

Once a week its members work overtime half an hour, but instead of putting the extra money in their pockets they give it to a fund to buy cigarettes and other goods for the troops. The club was originally formed by shipyard workers here.

Tooth Decay Preventive Is Discovered by Doctor

WORCESTER, Mass., Aug. 29—Dr. S. G. Harootian has reported the discovery of a flour which makes humans immune to dental decay.

Flour made from the bones of beef animals containing large quantities of calcium, phosphorus and flourine was given to patients at the Worcester State Hospital over a nine-month period and caused a "striking" decrease in decay.

Dr. Harootian, whose findings were announced in the "Journal of the American Dental Association" said use of bone flour resulted from an investigation made in Smith County, Tex., where dental decay is almost non-existent.

3 Full Meals Contained In New 1-Lb. Food Kit

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29 (AP)—A new condensed food kit, which weighs only one pound, but will provide an adult with three well-balanced meals, has been invented by the Department of Agriculture.

Designed for the relief of Europe, the kits contain the makings of a quart of milk, three pints of soup, four glasses of orange juice, and large helpings of cereal and dessert, all in dehydrated form.

Violin for Reveille

DENVER, Col., Aug. 29—Prof. Wayne C. Hedges, member of the faculty of a music school here, suggested that soldiers be awakened by the strains of reveille played in waltz time on a violin. "Psychologically the bugle is all wrong," he said. "The tune jangles the nerves and I am sure it makes the boys cross and cranky."

Large Force From Brazil

ABERDEEN, Md., Aug. 29 (UP)—Brazil will send a strong expeditionary force—"and not just a symbolic representation"—overseas to fight the Axis, says Gen. Gaspar Dutra, Brazilian minister of war, who is touring American military installations and war plants.

Europe to See 'Typical Town'

Indiana Farmers' Lives Being Filmed to Show Democratic Way

MADISON, Ind., Aug. 29—Film director Josef Von Sternberg prepared today to make a motion picture that will show liberated populations abroad the meaning of democracy in a typical American town that has never known anything else.

The sound track of the government-sponsored film will carry what Jefferson County farmers talk about on the courthouse steps, in stores and on the streets. Their conversations about the price of wheat and the prospects of rain will be translated into 22 foreign languages.

"We shall film the city and the people just as we find them," Sternberg said. "We have a shooting script, but we'll not try to prettify the town or glamorize it. The people are taking it in stride, and no one has asked to star in the picture."

147 War Criminals Caught By FBI Since Jap Attack

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29 (UP)—The Federal Bureau of Investigation has convicted 147 men and women for high war crimes since the United States entered the war, it was announced yesterday.

Six of them were sentenced to death, one to life imprisonment and the rest to long prison terms. During the last 12 months the FBI has taken more than 14,400 aliens into custody, of whom 5,685 were Germans and 5,234 Japanese.

Draft Head Warns Curran

NEW YORK, Aug. 29—Col. Arthur V. McDermott, state selective service director, said that Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, had not notified his draft board before he shipped out as a seaman to inspect maritime conditions in England, Russia and North Africa. McDermott declared that when Curran's six-month deferment as a union leader expires and Curran is unable to comply with an order to report for induction he will be cited as a delinquent.

30-Anti-Strike Offenders To Enter 'No Defense' Plea

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 29—The defense counsel for 30 miners indicted under the Smith-Connally Anti-Strike law announced yesterday that they would plead "no defense," removing the possibility that the case would be used as a constitutional test of the measure.

The defendants, all members or minor officers of John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers, were the first indicted under the law, which provides maximum penalties of a year in prison, a \$5,000 fine, or both.

Spy Defendants May Elude Death, Prosecutor States

DETROIT, Aug. 29 (UP)—Four of the defendants charged with supplying the German high command with information about Allied naval bases, convoys and war factories here may escape the death penalty unless more evidence is brought forward, District Attorney John Lehr said today.

The FBI is preparing its case against Bertrand Stuart Hoffman, one of the four defendants, who was brought here for trial Thursday.



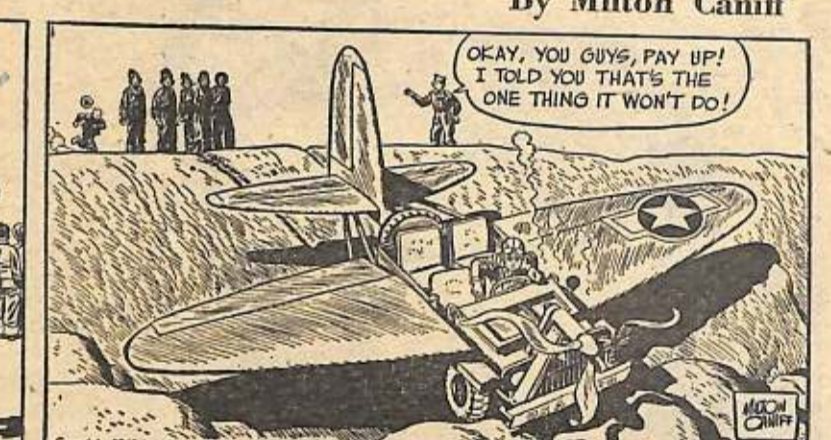
"Sir, I can't get London. Tried for over an hour, but here's your Guadalcanal call."

Diane



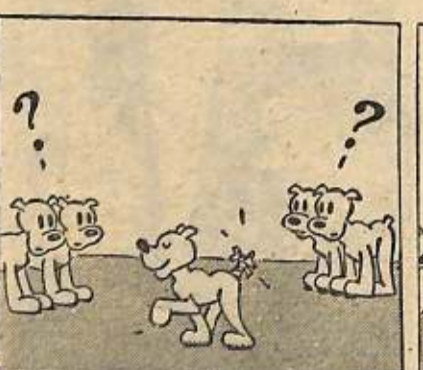
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New Weapon Used by British Infantry



An English soldier looks through the sight of the new British 4.2 mortar which has been taken off the secret list. This infantry weapon, used by the Allies in the Sicily campaign, throws a 20-pound bomb 4,000 yards and at the peak of its trajectory it reaches a height of 4,000 feet. The 4.2 mortar is manned by a crew of four.

Associated Press Photo.

USO Hilarity on MP Jeep



Stars and Stripes Photo

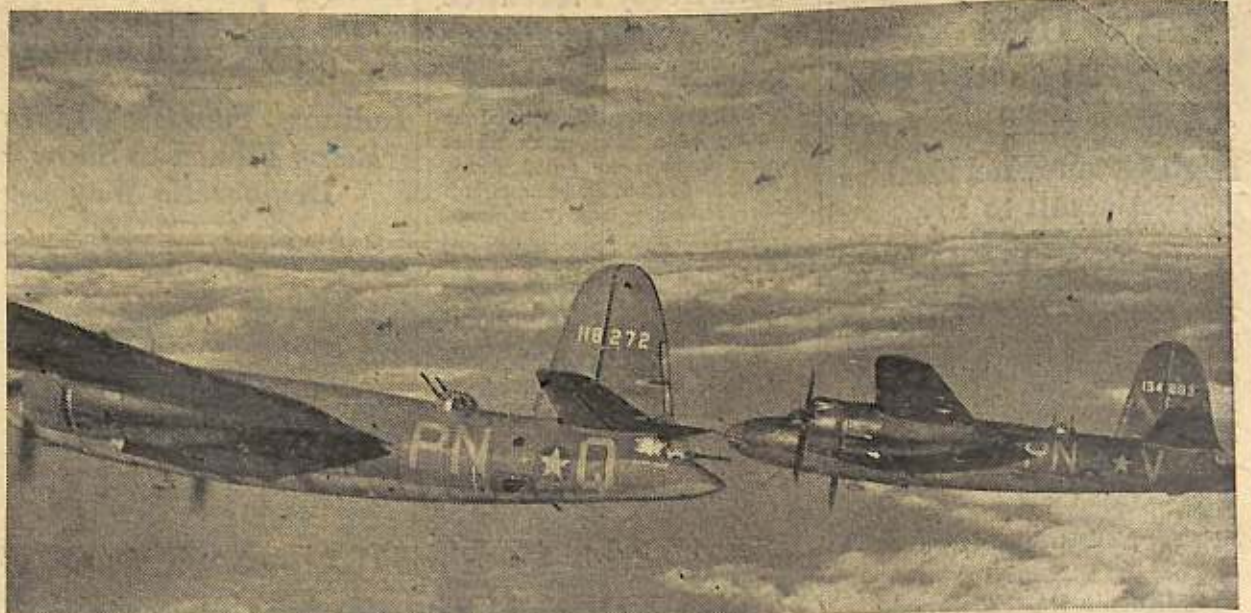
On the hood of an MP "squad car" Shelia Gravell and Violet Davidson give Cpl. Peter Hausman, Flemington, N.J., Pvt. Anthony Julla, East Boston, Mass., Sgt. Fred Wright, Beardstown, Ill., and Cpl. Sidney Mabowitz, Brooklyn, a sample of their dance routine as entertainers on the USO-Camp Show "Highlights and Hilarity." (Story on page 3.)

She's Got What It Takes



Irene Manning stands in the Hollywood spotlight in more ways than one. She is very busy these days making new pictures and posing for fetching photos like this taken during a spare moment.

Marauders and Bostons Smash Nazi Bases in France



B26 Marauders (above) fly through a flak field on their way to attack the German airfield at Omer-Rouge, France, on Aug. 9. U.S. medium bombers like these have seriously crippled the Luftwaffe's fighter bases in Europe with more than 30 raids since they went operational mid-July.

RAF fighter command Bostons swoop low over the Rennes, France, naval stores depot for Germany's starved U-boat fleet, drop their load of destruction (note bomb leaving Boston at right) and then hedge-hop for home. Among crews on this raid were men of a Fighting French squadron.

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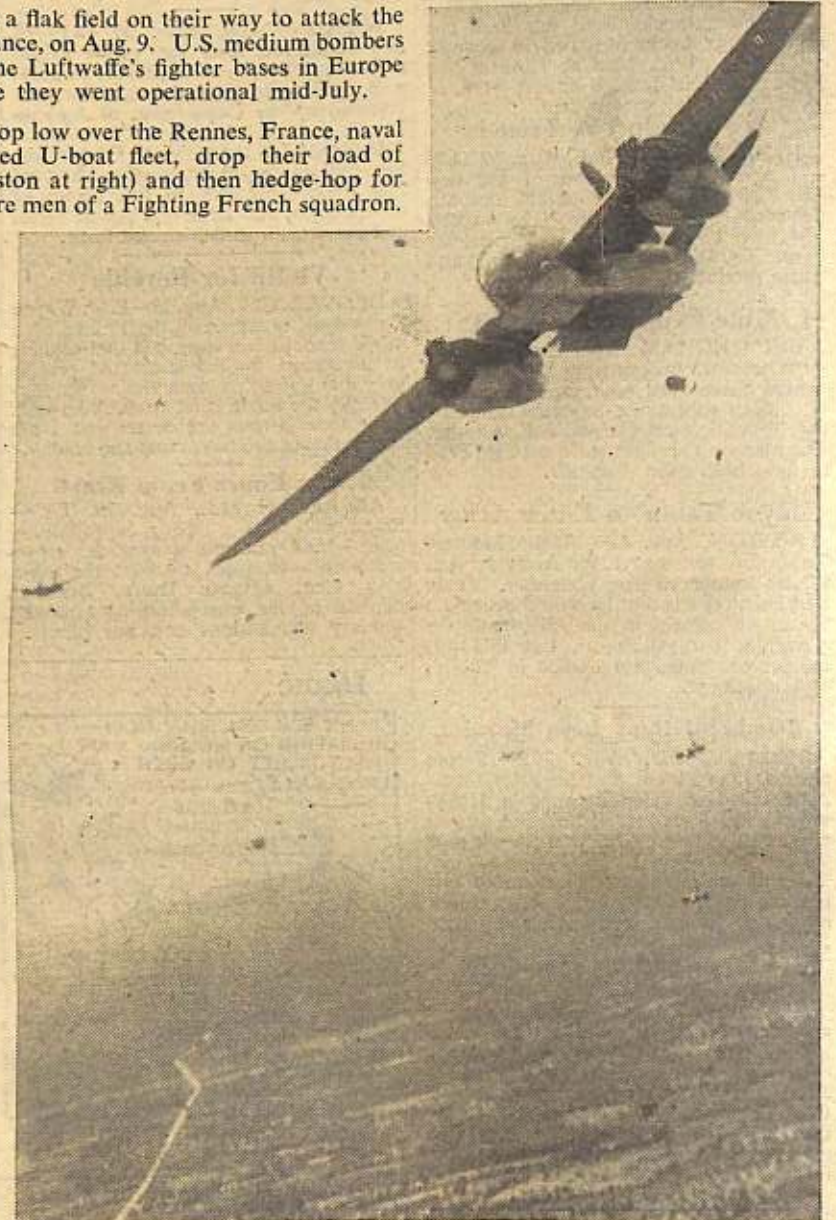
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Harry Conover, chairman of the committee to select "Miss New York," pins the blue ribbon on Milena Miller, of Manhattan, who will participate at Atlantic City next week when Miss America for 1943 will be chosen.

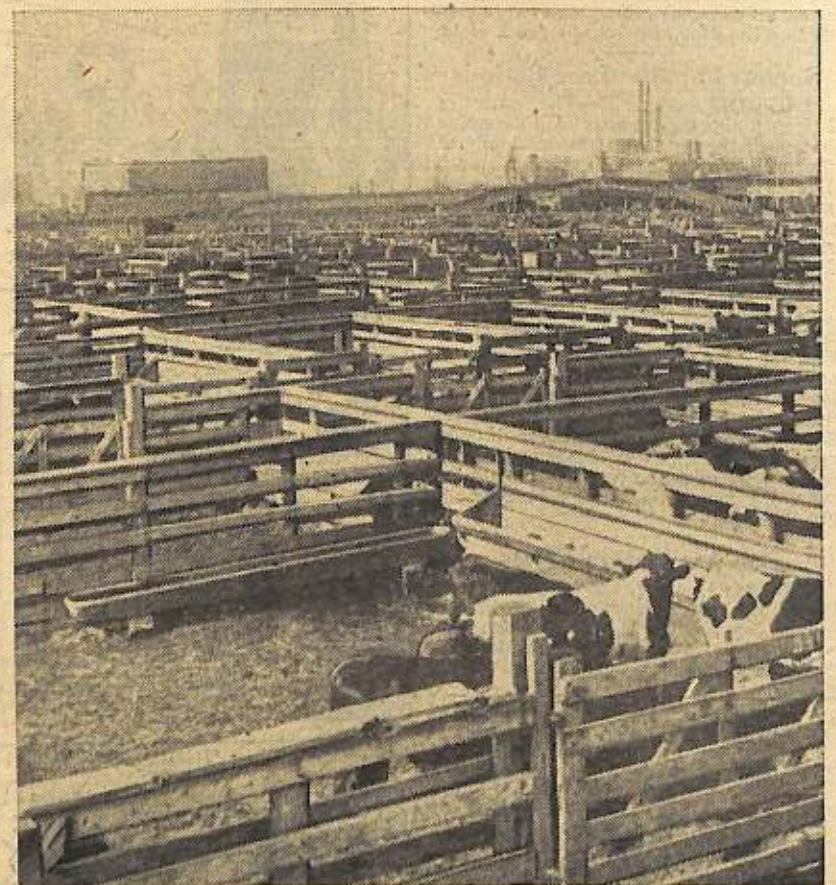
Gets High Award



In London, Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETO commander, pins the Legion of Merit on Brig. Gen. William Chambers for "meritorious conduct as commander of the Eastern defense area in Iceland." (Story on page 2.)



Meatless Day in Chicago's Stockyards



Keystone Photo

This photo of the Union Stockyards, Chicago—the world's largest livestock market—shows pens, which normally hold thousands of cattle awaiting processing for food, unoccupied except for a handful of steers. With Chicago livestock receipts totaling one-third those of a year ago, an acute meat shortage still prevails in the eastern states. Packers predict a near-famine in the near future.