

# Forts Strike Deep in Reich, Go On to Africa



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# Allies Complete Sicily Conquest

## Twin Raids Pound Nazi War Plants

### All Germany Is Laid Open To Allied Attacks Now, Bomber Chief Says

Flying Fortresses struck their deepest blow to the heart of Germany in daylight yesterday and then flew on to Africa in the first American trans-Europe shuttle raid.

The 1,400-mile attack, with similar RAF flights by night before it, linked up the Allied air striking power of two continents in a potential 24-hour-a-day threat to every corner of Germany.

While one strong formation of Eighth Air Force Fortresses was winging to Germany and then flying on to Africa, another also struck at the center of the Reich but turned round and fought its way home to Britain through some of the most bitter air battles of the war.

The raids, marking the anniversary of the first U.S. heavy bomber attack on Europe, Aug. 17, 1942, cost 36 planes, the highest single day's total ever reported by Eighth Bomber Command. The previous high was 26, missing from Bremen.

#### P47s Down 20 Enemy Planes

While the heavy formations were bludgeoning their way into the middle of the Nazi homeland, B26 mediums, P47 Thunderbolts and RAF and Allied fighters and bombers ripped the length and breadth of the German invasion defenses along the occupied coastlines in one of the war's biggest Allied air attacks.

Thunderbolt pilots of Eighth Fighter Command escorting the Forts part way shot down 20 enemy fighters, and Spitfires, also in the escort, got 13 more. Five fighters were lost. It was the P47s' second best day of the war, with one pilot getting a triple, two others doubles and a third double going, unconfirmed, to a pilot listed as missing during the day.

The airplane factory at Regensburg, 65 miles northeast of Munich, was the target of the Africa-bound formation.

#### Hit Roller Bearing Plant

The Forts which fought back to their British bases bombed industrial plants at Schweinfurt, 70 miles east of Frankfurt, where a large percentage of the roller bearings used by German panzers and the Luftwaffe are manufactured.

Swiss Radio also reported that Fortresses attacked Friederichshafen, on Lake Constance at the Switzerland border, with two damaged B17s landing in Swiss territory, but there was no official confirmation from Eighth Air Force headquarters.

As the official communique was released describing the record 1,400-mile daylight flight, Brig. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, Eighth Bomber chief, pointed to the meaning of the day's historic flight.

"Germany is now wide open—no part secure—for today she received two blows at vital units deeper in her territory than ever before in this direction," he said.

"We have celebrated this anniversary by sending out two large forces of Fortresses deep into Germany. One of these forces is coming back here and will be landing here this afternoon. But the other force is continuing on south, almost

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## Forts From Africa Raid South of France Airfields

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Aug. 17 (AP)—A large formation of Flying Fortresses attacked airfields at Istres, Letube and Salon, northwest of Marseilles, it was announced today. It was the first raid on Southern France from the new Allied Mediterranean bases.

#### A New Wasp is Launched

A U.S. EAST COAST PORT, Aug. 17 (AP)—A new aircraft-carrier, the seventh United States ship to bear the name Wasp, was launched here today. The new Wasp is some 1,100 tons heavier than its predecessor. The former carrier Wasp was sunk by enemy action in a Mediterranean convoy battle.

## B17s Strike at Home of Nazi Fighters



U.S. Army Air Force Photo

What at first glance appears to be several rows of trees extending along the right of this picture from bottom to top are puffs from bombs which have just plowed furrows across the landing area of this important German fighter base near Amiens, France. Bomb hits begin in the dispersal areas and continue in almost unbroken lines through the landing area. The heavy construction of bursts at upper center are in hangar and workshop area. One large hangar received five direct hits.

## P47s Destroy 20 Nazi Planes; One Pilot Gets Three FW190s

By Dick Pine

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

USAAF FIGHTER STATION, Aug. 17—1/Lt. Glen E. Schiltz, of North Canton, Ohio, scored Eighth Fighter Command's second triple today, destroying three FW190s as Thunderbolts scored 20 positive victories against the Luftwaffe over Europe.

Two other German planes were reported—without confirmation—to have been shot down by a P47 pilot who did not return.

## Russians Push Nearer Bryansk

MOSCOW, Aug. 17 (AP)—The right wing of the Red Army forces attacking Bryansk have surged forward along the 25-mile front, threatening to outflank their objective from the north.

The Russians advanced two-and-a-half to four miles in the Bryansk sector, capturing over 60 inhabited localities.

After the occupation of Jizdra, 40 miles north of Bryansk, Red Star reported, the Germans were forced to evacuate this region, which had been strongly fortified and constituted one of the main bases of the Wehrmacht.

Red Star said the Germans had concentrated large reserves around Kharkov and hurled them into counter-attacks backed by groups of 40 to 50 tanks and squadrons of planes in an attempt to improve their positions, but had failed to gain ground.

Although a veteran of many previous missions, today's are the first enemy planes Schiltz has to his credit.

The first U.S. triple in the ETO was scored on July 30 by Maj. Eugene Roberts, of Spokane, Wash.

Capt. Jerry Johnson, of Owenton, Ky., almost equalled Schiltz's feat today when he shot down two positives and one probable, and shared one positive with 1/Lt. Frank E. McCauley, of Hicksville, Ohio. Johnson is now only one-half plane from being an ace, having downed two enemies during earlier missions.

#### Missing Pilot's Double

Capt. Walker M. Mahurin, of Fort Wayne, Ind., also reported a double victory over two FW190s, and Lt. Schiltz reported that he saw two more shot down by a pilot who failed to return.

Pilots who shot down one enemy plane include: Col. Hubert Zemke, Missoula, Mont., who already has a double; 1/Lts. Edgar G. Whitley, Globe, Ariz.; Harold E. Comstock, Fresno, Cal.; and Charles R. Harrison, New Orleans, and 2/Lts. John H. Truluck, Lynchburg, S.C., and Caleb R. Reeder Jr., Miami.

## Yanks Take Messina, Nazis Flee to Italy; Turin Hit From Here

### U.S. 'Long Toms' Shell Mainland With Navy, Air Forces; Leaflets Announce Next Raid 48 Hours in Advance

Sicily became Allied territory yesterday—the first tower of Germany's European fortress to topple under the onslaught of overwhelming Allied land, sea and air power.

An official announcement at Allied headquarters last night that American troops had captured Messina and all resistance was at an end rang down the curtain five weeks and four days after the first landings.

Sicily's fall was a signal for intensification of the assault on Italy itself. While American Long Tom 155mm. guns hurled shells at the coastal defenses dotting the Messina Straits, Allied warships bombarded both sides of the Italian "toe" and bombers as far separated as Britain and the Middle East smashed at the industrial city of Turin and the vital airfields around Foggia.

## RAF From Britain Raids Fiat Works

RAF heavy bombers from Britain, in a new attack on Italy's industrial north after three consecutive night hammerings of Milan, smashed Turin early yesterday for the third time this month in a two-pronged raid on the Fiat works and the city's railway center.

Dispatches from the Italian frontier said the planes which raided Milan Sunday night dropped leaflets saying that Como, in northern Italy, would be Tuesday night's target. This bold forecasting of raids 48 hours in advance caused thousands from Como and nearby villages to flee to the Swiss border, the reports said.

#### Huge Fires in Turin

The Air Ministry said heavy bombs burst in great numbers on the targets at Turin, fires soon sprang up and a great explosion resulted from one of them. Acknowledgment was not severe and the main opposition was from German fighters along the route, the Ministry added.

Two-thirds of the attacking force was made up of Stirlings. After reaching Turin some of the Stirlings swung off to attack the largest and most important of the many Fiat works in the city, the Mirafiori works covering 46 acres and capable of employing 12,000 in one shift. The plant makes motor vehicles, airplane engines, tank engines and possibly complete tanks and airplanes.

The rest of the bombers attacked "objectives nearer the center of the city, with the railway center as a chief target," the ministry said.

Milan went sleepless another night. Swiss radio reported it had an air raid alert from midnight to 1 AM, although there were no reports of bombs dropped.

Meanwhile Badoglio's government was reported making feverish efforts to immunize Rome from attack by removing military targets.

## RAF From Britain Raids Fiat Works

The Allies completed the conquest of Sicily yesterday.

The first great outpost of Hitler's Fortress of Europe fell just five weeks and four days after the initial landings.

(Rome radio, picked up in Montreal last night by Canadian Broadcasting Corp., said a large Allied invasion fleet had been sighted off the east coast of Sicily, United Press reported.)

U.S. Third Division troops, skirting around bitterly-resisting Axis rear-guards, drove into Messina Monday night and early yesterday and wrested the last territory in enemy hands.

The victory became complete at midday when Berlin radio announced the last Axis troops, "with their entire material and all their supplies," had been evacuated.

At that moment the Battle of Sicily ended and the Battle of Italy began.

#### Material Saved, Nazis Say

Even as the Germans boasted "a unique achievement in military history" in safely evacuating "an entire army ready to strike with all its tanks, guns and vehicles, to the last intact machine-gun," the Americans were sending the first shells from Long Tom 155mm. rifles screaming across the Messina straits into the Italian mainland.

Their target was the Italian coastal guns on the other side of the straits, giant 15-inch rifles protecting the last Axis troops fleeing across the two-mile channel.

Allied warships, illustrating the shape of things to come for Italy, battered her coast from the Gulf of Policastro in the west to Cape Rizzuto on the east—from top to bottom of the Italian "toe."

British vessels hurled 1,000 shells into Scalea, on the south side of the Policastro gulf, in 20 minutes early Sunday morning.

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## FDR in Canada for Parley; Quebec Expects Eisenhower

President Roosevelt arrived in Quebec last night to begin conferences with Prime Minister Churchill and the joint military staffs of their two nations on the future strategy of the war.

The President was accompanied by Harry Hopkins, Steve Early, his press secretary, and Miss Grace Tully, his personal secretary.

With the preliminary phases of the conference over, the points to be covered when the two leaders put their heads together appeared resolved into four main topics: Military strategy in the Mediterranean and Europe, encompassing invasion of the Continent; strategy in the Pacific; political problems current in Europe, and those which may develop after victory.

The high place of Pacific strategy in the discussions was evidenced by the presence, revealed yesterday, of Col. Emmett

O'Donnell, U.S. flying expert in the Far East.

The President arrived by special train early in the evening. He was greeted in the name of King George by Canada's Governor General, the Earl of Athlone, with whom he later dined.

Newspapermen predicted that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, fresh from his success as Allied commander-in-chief of the Sicily invasion, might arrive to attend the conferences and particularly to discuss a knockout blow against Italy.

Secretary of State Hull indicated in Washington he also might join the parley later in the week.

Meanwhile the British Information Service in Quebec issued a vigorous denial that Churchill had predicted, as asserted by the Quebec newspaper L'Action Catholique, that the war with Germany would be over in six months.



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A New War Dance

After each German military defeat Doctor Goebbels has produced a new type of "war dance" designed to whip up the morale of the German people.

Most remarkable of the Goebbels propaganda pieces was the four days of mourning initiated in the Reich after the fall of Stalingrad. This epic was staged complete with all the funeral trappings, clashing of cymbals and wailing brasses found in Wagner's operatic tragedies.

Now in Sicily, additional thousands of German troops have paid with their lives for Hitler's dream of world conquest and Goebbels will need a new and different theme.

In the good old days our own American Indians used to paint themselves with mud and ashes after a defeat by an enemy tribe, and the squaws would wait for days on end. Perhaps Doctor Goebbels could take this idea and re-adapt it to fit the characteristics of the Master Race and at the same time satisfy the German love of the melodramatic.

Anyway, with defeats coming thick and fast, a few new or even used ideas must be stocked up in advance, for certainly it would never occur to Doctor Goebbels to announce a defeat to the German army as a plain defeat and let it go at that. Such a procedure would be much too simple, so we await with interest the latest ritual.

A Wider Patriotism

The New York Times states:

"As the dark cloud that has so long hung over Europe lifts a little we can see what is underneath. It is not order. It has never been order. It never could have been order, even though the Axis system had lasted the thousand years that Hitler predicted for it. It is chaos, shot through with cruel and senseless violence. Old relationships have been destroyed. Civilization has been driven underground. . . .

The roots of these tragedies are older than the Nazi movement, but it has been the Nazi policy to cultivate them. This role of the Nazis has been less dramatic than their pose as armed conquerors, but it has been equally destructive. They have kept alive, in their own interest, every grievance, every wicked tradition, that divides the peoples of Europe. They have set nation against nation, class against class. They have destroyed every trace of voluntary co-operation, substituting their own rule by force and trickery, in their insane attempt to create a greater Germany they have laid greater Europe in ruins.

One hope remains, and it is one that a wise and humane policy of the United Nations can bring to fruition. This is to substitute for the hates and jealousies that divide Europe, and that will be increasingly apparent as Nazi strength dwindles, a wider patriotism. For Europe's quarrels at their worst turn on the claim on one nation or people to oppress another. The passion for liberty cannot be satisfied, nor liberty be made secure, until the Continent and the world are free. . . .

Hello, Charlie

Charlie McCarthy, Dottie Lamour's boy friend, is coming to this country by air.

In other words, Bergen and his wooden-headed pal will broadcast to Britain from America on August 20, 9.20 to 9.45 PM on the Forces network.

Charlie, in case you have failed to follow his radio career during the past few months, is in the Marine Corps . . . or is it the Air Corps? Anyway, he joined the marines, and then, careless like—or should we say just like McCarthy?—joined the air force, neglecting to mention this fact to the marines, of all people. What makes Charlie in the eyes of a military court we can't say; but in the eyes of the army, Charlie, with some help from Bergen, is still aces.

So on August 20, over the BBC, we'll be able to hear Charlie's words of wisdom which he broadcasts so freely to a waiting world. Perhaps we'll learn that Bergen has raised his allowance to meet the high cost of living. Perhaps we'll find out how to "buck" successfully for promotion. Charlie, we know, always has the answers; so join us round the B kit radio on Friday night while we listen to Bergen and "his chip off the old block" till mass morale blows the top right off the bottle.

Hash Marks

GI oddities. At Camp Roberts, Cal., Pvt. Ralph L. Mayer wins the highest shooting honors in his battalion—even though he is left-handed and blind in one eye.

\* \* \* Favorite sport of GIs at Camp Polk, La., is swimming. Reason: WAC Ann



Whitfield, well-proportioned former Aquacade mermaid, is the new lifeguard.

\* \* \* Last year's daffynition—Golfball: What a man chases when he's too old to chase anything else.

\* \* \* A couple of high school kids in Frisco pulled a fast one the other day. They got hold of some draft registration cards and sold them around school. The buyers—16 and 17 year olds—flushed them in front of their girls and bragged about having to go off to war. It was funny till the FBI stepped in and the would-be soldiers wound up in juvenile court instead of the training camp.

\* \* \* Four small French-Canadian boys, puffing 10 cent cigars, met Mr. Churchill's train at the Quebec station. They caught the Prime Minister's eye. The next day, ill in bed, the lads received a box of candy and a card bearing an unsigned message: "L'Art vient par la pratique." (Art comes from practice.)

\* \* \* A Berkshire farmer with a sense of humor wanted a permit to buy wire. So he sent the War Agricultural Committee a special card, asking it to cross out the inappropriate statements and send it back. The card read: (1) There is no wire. (2) What is wire? (3) To hell with you and your wire. (4) Don't you know there's a war on? (5) Permit granted herewith.

\* \* \* Thanks to an officer of one of our Allies for this nifty. A young lieutenant



of his unit, strolling Hyde Park with a pretty nifty babe, met his CO. "This is my sister," he explained bashfully, as he exchanged salutes. "That's all right," the CO replied kindly, "she used to be mine."

\* \* \* Cause for Divorce, No. 8543728. In Chicago, Mrs. Alice Mischel got a divorce by testifying that her husband made her burn candles because he hated the electric company and cook with kerosene because he hated the gas company. J. C. W.



"Yeah, not bad, but what we want is plenty of 'em."

They Make Spare Time Pay Off

Signal Corps Repairmen Use Spare Time to Build Machines Which Make Life Easier

By Bryce W. Burke  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A SIGNAL DEPOT CO., England, Aug. 17—During duty hours the men of this unit spend their time repairing any and all kinds of Signal Corps equipment, but their spare time and their ingenuity are devoted to planning, building and operating machines designed to make life more pleasant.

Ice, to be sure, isn't one of the necessities of life. In fact, it might even be considered a luxury here in the British Isles, where the tinkle of ice cubes against the inside of a glass isn't appreciated and most of the natives are firm believers in drinking ale, soda and other beverages at room temperature. Most Americans after a few months either become acclimatized to luke-warm drinks or get to the point where they can drink almost anything—but not this gang.

They have ice here, all of it anyone would want and more, all because Sgt. Peter A. Thomas, of New York, has imagination, ingenuity and the ability to put new life into equipment believed by others to have served its purpose.

"We're especially proud of our ice-making machine because it was discarded as useless by the Navy. It's our pride and joy," Maj. Victor C. Bartig, former Western Electric Company employe from Milwaukee, said. Thomas was rumaging in the salvage heap one day when he spied the supposedly worn-out ice-making machine which the Navy had discarded. He didn't know a thing about refrigerators but he bought a book, studied it for a while, wangled a supply of copper tubing and started putting out ice.

With the refrigerator machine in operation, thoughts naturally turned to what every American soldier thinks of when ice is mentioned—ice cream. There is a lot of talk among Americans in the British Isles about chocolate sodas, banana splits, hot fudge sundaes and even about plain vanilla ice cream, but few do anything about it.

Ice Cream Regular Item

Thomas and T/4 Glenn Miles, of Portland, Ore., went to work to turn out a freezer, and ice cream is a regular item on the messhall menus now. First they obtained a 32-gal. wooden barrel, and then two ten-gal. metal milk cans which were cut off and welded together. The gears, located on a makeshift bar across the top of the barrel, were salvaged from a wrecked jeep, and the paddles inside the freezer were made from discarded packing case lumber. A motor not in use was remodelled to provide the power and the job was complete.

Since the first freezer went into operation, Thomas and Miles have made two others, one for another enlisted men's mess hall and one for their own officers' mess.

They don't always think of their stomachs here, either. They thought it would be nice to have a theater. Not just an unfinished Nissen hut with a few folding chairs and a projection machine, but a real theater with controlled lighting, a stage and comfort. Lumber was scarce, but T/3 Woodrow W. Osha, a building contractor from Miami, said he thought he could make something out of it. He did his best and Maj. Bartig swears there isn't a better camp theater in the ETO.

Osha and his assistant, T/5 Glen Kaston, also have made work benches,



T/4 Glenn Miles, of Portland, Ore., puts the finishing touches (top) on a home-made ice cream freezer for mess halls at a Signal Depot in England. Repairing other Signal Corps equipment at the depot are (below): Pfc Frank Wisnoski, of Houston, Tex.; T/5 Lawrence Baldwin, of New Orleans; Pfc Thomas Barrow, of Pawtucket, R.I.; S/Sgt. William J. Dinwiddie, of Denison, Tex.; W/O Louis Saporito, of Fairport, N.Y. and T/4 Harry Hawhurst, of Oyster Bay, New York.

typewriter desks and other furniture from lumber salvaged from packing cases.

Pvt. Thomas M. O'Neil, of Elmhurst, N.Y., has devoted his time to making a power-driven shoe-shining machine from some discarded peep connecting rods, a few pieces of scrap iron, two bristle brushes and two cloth buffers. Four men can work at the machine at one time and many hours of diligent labor will be saved when inspections are scheduled.

Pfc Marshall McClenny, a former gold miner, hardware store clerk and general repair man from Prescott, Ariz., is the camp dentist's friend, because he hooked up a motor and a foot-controlled rheostat to drive the drill. It was easy to attach

the motor, but it took all of McClenny's ingenuity to control the revolutions so that the rig could be regulated to revolve at from 50 to 900 revolutions per minute.

These things are done in the repair men's spare time. On duty they spend their time fixing up teletype machines, telephone equipment, typewriters, mine detectors, radio equipment, watches, binoculars, meters, meteorological instruments and other equipment used by the Signal Corps.

Most of the men are trained in more than one type of work and schools are being conducted continually to extend their knowledge.

ARMY POETS

The Men Behind the Men

Our country is now at war,  
A war that must be won;  
And we're the men behind the men  
That stand behind the gun.

Many things are happening  
In this mad world today;  
And we don't want them to happen  
In the grand old U.S.A.

So it's up to everyone of us  
To help in our defense;  
And, boys, we sure can do it  
If we just use common sense.

We don't have room for slackers,  
Or a man who grows and gripes,  
We just want men whose heart and soul  
Is with the Stars and Stripes.

So let it be "attention" now,  
And not just "stand at ease,"  
Until we knock the daylight out of  
The dirty Japanese.

So put your shoulder to the wheel  
And help defeat the Japs,  
And pay them back for what they've done,  
The dirty little rats.

Remember Pearl Harbor, boys,  
And forward we will go;  
And plant the Stars and Stripes  
In the heart of Tokio.

So, workers of the nation,  
In accord let us stand;  
And God will bless America,  
Our grand and glorious land.

T/5 Tom O'Malley.

I Am America's Dream

I'm the Gettysburg address,  
I'm Roosevelt's smile,  
I'm the Statue of Liberty,  
And an old rock pile.

I'm Chicago's stockyards;  
I'm Virginia Ham;  
I'm Whittier's poems,  
And the Boulder Dam.

I'm Hollywood glamor;  
I'm a coon skin cap,  
I'm an ice cream soda,  
And a New York flat.

I'm Will Rogers' humor;  
I'm Mickey Mouse,  
I'm Lincoln's log cabin,  
And the famous White House.

I'm Lombardo's music,  
I'm a freight train's rattle;  
I'm the Rocky Mountains,  
And Texas cattle.

I'm Gable's ears,  
I'm Corrigan's flight;  
I'm an American liner  
On a dirty night.

I'm a Southern drawl,  
I'm a field of cotton;  
The old times there  
Are not forgotten.

I'm the Star Spangled Banner,  
I'm the heart of free speech,  
And the right to worship  
As Free men preach.  
William Crook, A.B., Royal Navy.



Thunderbolts Cop Air Force Softball Title

Bury Fighter Comets, 12-2, In Final of 2-Day Playoffs

By John Cowman

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent EIGHTH AIR FORCE HQ., Aug. 17 The — Fighter Station Thunderbolts took the Eighth Air Force softball championship here this evening, walloping the — Fighter Station Comets, 12-2, in an all-Fighter Command finale to the two-day tournament.

The winners started to work in the second as Cpl. Frank DiDion, of Brooklyn, singled and scored on an error. They netted two more in the third as Sgt. John Kochmar, of Duquesne, Pa., hit for the circuit with one man aboard.

However, it was not until the fourth that they really unlimbered their big guns. Then they teed off on Comet Hurler S/Sgt. Bill Schroeder, of Milwaukee, for five runs. Schroeder gave way to Pvt. Joe Cutrupia, of Houston, Texas.

Get Four in Sixth

Cutrupia stayed around long enough to be buried under another barrage in the sixth which accounted for four runs, one a circuit blow by Sgt. Joe DuPitka, of Flint, Mich.

The only Comet markers came in the second when Cpl. Walter Dixon, of Greensboro, N.C., got a four-ply knock with one on.

"Whiskers" DuPitka was the winning hurler, giving up five scattered hits. His catcher was M/Sgt. Mike Harrak, of Reading, Pa. Schroeder was the loser, while Sgt. Rex Von Ahn was his battery mate.

Pvt. Kenneth Hall, of South Bend Ind., turned in a two-hit mound performance as the Thunderbolts defeated the Bomber Unknowns, 9-2 in the semi-finals. The Fighters took advantage of six walks and one hit in the third frame to get off to an early lead. In the fifth, the winners scored another marker and collected two more in the sixth, one on a four bagger by Lt. John Eaves, of Edmond, Okla.

Ten-Inning Semi-Final

The Comets gained a 3-2 victory over the Air Support Debutantes after a ten-inning pitcher's duel in their semi-final round. During the first nine innings of play, both teams were able to score only one run apiece. In the tenth, Cpl. John Dahlstrom, of Chicago, Debutantes' first baseman, hit a sharp single to left, scoring on a bingle by Cpl. Mickey O'Dea, of Astoria, Long Island, putting the Debs one-up.

Coming to bat in the last of the tenth, the Comets opened up their big guns as Cpl. Leroy Guilfoyle, of Woodbury, N.J., poled a double to left and went to third on a single by Sgt. Bill Mitchell, of Barberton, Ohio. Joe Cutrupia then gained first on a fielder's choice, S/Sgt. James McVaine, of Philadelphia, Pa., cracked a sharp single to score Guilfoyle, Mitchell tallied the final run on a long fly to center by Walter Dixon.

Braves Release Cuccinello

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 17—Tony Cuccinello, outstanding major league infielder for the past 12 years, has been unconditionally released by the Boston Braves. The 34-year-old ball player, who has a lifetime batting mark of .279, tied the major league all-time mark in 1931 by hitting in six consecutive trips to the plate.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, Printing House Sq., London, EC4.

Help Wanted

WE have the APOs of the following: Pvt. John Chemura, Pfc Joseph J. Braun, Louise Newman, ANC, S/Sgt. William E. Saucier. If the persons who requested this information will send this department their own APOs, repeating the request, this information will be passed along.

APOs Wanted

CARL Hall, Faulkton, S.D.; Pvt. Jerry Rothman, Alden, N.Y.; Pvt. Leon Weiner, Paterson, N.J.; Jack Bogan, Lafayette, Ind.; Lt. William Austin, Fredonia, N.Y.; Lt. James Alonzo Fox, Lt. John Durnam, M/Sgt. Burton A. Davis, Cpl. William L. Paul, Cpl. Joseph Vona, Herman Scovel, Jake Vernile, Lt. Chestnut, John Paulick, Chubby Guinain.

German Linguaphone

COMPLETE set for sale, original cost 100gs., asking 26. Reception Desk, Victory Club, Seymour St., London, W1.

Camera Wanted

ROLLEFLEX, Rollei-cord or a Super Ikonta with F3.5 Tessar Lens. S/Sgt. N. L. Wolf, care of Help Wanted.

Hank Gowdy Promoted From Captain to Major

FORT BENNING, Ga., Aug. 17—Hank Gowdy, former big league catcher, has been promoted from a captain to a major. Gowdy was the first big leaguer to enlist in World War One, and served overseas.

Before the first war, he played big league ball for nine years and was a member of George Stalling's 1914 Boston Braves, who came from last place on July 4 to win the pennant. Gowdy coached the Cincinnati Reds until re-entering the Army last January.

3 Squads Left In SBS Play

Hospital Outfit, Two Signal Teams Advance to Next Round

SBS HQ., Aug. 17—Of the nine softball teams which entered the SBS eliminations here, six have been eliminated after the first day's play with only the — General Hospital, and two Signal outfits remaining in the competition.

The — Signals reached the finals by drawing a bye, after two easy victories, having turned back the — Medical Laboratory, 9-0, and the — Station Hospital, 6-1. T/4 Johnny Schenk, of Dover, Ohio, was on the mound for the winners in both games, and T/5 Marvin Salyers, of Corpus Christie, Tex., was his battery mate.

The — General Hospital drew a bye the first round and then went into the semi-final with a tight 2-1 victory over the — General Depot. Cpl. Dominic Fandetta, of Burlington, N.J., homered in the last inning to tie the score and then Pfc Charles Crystal, of Baltimore, scored the winning run on a depot error and a bunt by S/Sgt. Oscar Olson, of Eau Claire, Wis.

Pvt. Robert Peterson, of Fresno, Cal., held the Depot nine to two hits, while T/3 John Roth, of Marion, Conn., tossed three-hit ball for the losers.

The Depot had previously eliminated the — General Hospital, in an opening round game, 2-1, with Sgt. Mike Neshimka, of Elizabeth, N.J., pitching a two-hitter and T/5 Herman (Bucky) Roe, of Magnolia, Del., hitting a home run to aid the winner's cause.

The — Signals reached the semi-finals, drawing a bye after stopping the — Engineers, 3-0, behind the no-hit pitching of Pfc Joe Thomas, of Rochester, N.Y. Pfc Casey Koprucki, of Buffalo, N.Y., homered for the Signals' first tally.

The — Ordnance Depot was eliminated in the first round by the — Station Hospital, 8-7.

School Center Angels Rap Signals in Double-Header

AMERICAN SCHOOL CENTER, Aug. 17—It was power day at the American School Center as the Angels swept both ends of a double-header from the Signal Communicators, 12-1 and 13-6, for their 16th and 17th triumphs in 19 games. Every man hit safely in the opener as Fran Hecker tossed two-hit ball and struck out eight to rack up his tenth win of the season. The Communicators rushed in four pitchers in a futile effort to stem the 16-hit assault.

Three blows apiece by Joe O'Donnell and Bill Richtman paced the 13-hit blistering in the nightcap, and enabled Jughandle Joe McSherry to coast to his fifth victory. McSherry was felled in the sixth stanza when he was clipped in the back of his skull by a throwball. Reid Moy came on to mop up effectively.

Count Fleet Out 'Til Fall

NEW YORK, Aug. 17—Count Fleet will probably be out of racing until the fall, according to Trainer Don Cameron. He injured his ankle at Belmont Stakes in June, and has now been training by hard running under the saddle every day for the past fortnight, but won't be tiptop until October. Winner of the Kentucky Derby, Belmont Stakes, Preakness, Wood Memorial and Withers, he is the first horse ever to take all five events.

Vagabonds Tumble Airscrews

FIGHTER STATION, Aug. 17—In a league baseball game here yesterday, the — Service Squadron Vagabonds defeated the — Headquarters Airscrews, 3-1, making eight victories out of nine starts for the Vagabonds. Winning pitcher was Pvt. Peter Dudek, of Scranton, Pa., who limited the Airscrews to one hit. Loser was Pfc Vic Berger, of Forrest Lake, Minn.

Fearless Fred

By Pap



Cubs and Lions Gain Finals Of Field Forces Tournament

By Paul Lange

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BRISTOL, Aug. 17—A pair of hard-hitting teams, the — AA Cubs and the — Headquarters Lions, advanced to the finals of the field forces softball tournament here yesterday. In the semi-finals, the Cubs clawed the Panthers of the — Tank Destroyer outfit, 10-2, while the Lions tripped the — Infantry Pelicans, 6-5, in a thriller so hotly contested by players and fans that it had to be momentarily called to cool both off.

Minor League Results

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Renegades Blank Engineers — BOMBER STATION, Aug. 17—Racking up their fifth straight win without a defeat, the — Bombardment Group Renegades last night whitewashed the — Group Engineers, 11-0, behind the five-hit pitching of T/Sgt. Sug McLean, of Greensboro, N.C., and Cpl. Eddie Wierzbowski, of Cleveland, Ohio. McLean allowed only one hit, Wierzbowski four.

Isbell to Coach at Purdue GREEN BAY, Wis., Aug. 17—Cecil Isbell, forward passing ace of the Green Bay Packers, has quit pro football to become assistant coach at his alma mater, Purdue. He replaces Mel Taube, now in service. Isbell threw passes to the greatest receiver of them all—Don Hutson, former Alabama flash, when both played for the Packers.



Joe Kirkwood Quits PGA Over Dispute With Hagen

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 17—Trick shot golfer Joe Kirkwood has resigned from the Professional Golfers' Association in a huff. Kirkwood claims he was invited to Detroit to play on Walter Hagen's challenge team in the recent Ryder Cup matches, and was then left out of the lineup. Hagen explained that Kirkwood was left off the team because he was unable to beat Hagen in a practice round. In a letter to PGA President Ed Dudley, Kirkwood said, "Absolutely no explanation was given by Fred Corcoran, Walter Hagen or anyone else as to why I was left out of the lineup."

Pancho Segura Captures Eastern Grass Tennis Title

RYE, N.Y., Aug. 17—In the most important victory of his career, Francisco "Pancho" Segura, of Ecuador and the University of Miami, captured the Eastern Grass Court tennis championship, defeating Lt. Joe Hunt, of the Navy, 6-4, 6-1, and 6-3.

Hunt's downfall was his own backhand errors at the net and Segura's drop shots. Montgomery to Fight Jack Again NEW YORK, Aug. 17—Promoter Mike Jacobs has announced that lightweight champion Bob Montgomery and Beau Jack, former titleholder, will meet in a title bout at the Polo Grounds here Sept. 14. The National Boxing Association, however, will not recognize the fight as a title match inasmuch as it does not recognize Montgomery as champion.



Dodgers Whip Cardinals, 7-3; Yanks Triumph

Schoolboy Rowe Hurls 11th Victory as Phillies Clip Cubs, 4-3

NEW YORK, Aug. 17—The fact that the St. Louis Cardinals are leading the National League pack to the wire by a handy margin did not deter the Brooklyn Dodgers from whipping the Gas House Gang, 7-3, at Ebbets Field yesterday.

The Bums' big inning was the fifth when they scored four runs on five hits. They kept up the drum fire in the next stanza, chasing Mort Cooper with two runs on three singles, a sacrifice and a double. Whit Wyatt travelled all the way for the Flock, allowing eight hits. The Dodgers got 15 off Cooper and Ernie White. It was Whit's sixth victory while Cooper dropped number seven.

The Giants added concrete to the firm foundation they have set at the bottom of the League standings, dropping their 68th game of the season to the Cincinnati Reds, 5-2. The Reds won the game in the first with a three-run outburst at the expense of Johnny Wittig. Harry Feldman took over from there for the New Yorkers. It was Johnny Vander Meer's 11th victory, Wittig's 14th defeat.

The Pirates thrashed the Braves, 5-1, at Boston as Johnny Gee spaced seven Boston hits and one pass. Al Javery and Hank Odum allowed seven blows, but mixed in eight passes. Gee racked up his third triumph while Javery suffered his 11th setback.

Nats in Second Slot Again

Schoolboy Rowe gained his 11th decision of the season at Shibe Park as the Phillies clipped the Cubs, 4-3. Paul Erickson and Lon Warneke were mauled for five hits, the same number Rowe yielded. It was Erickson's second mishap.

Yankee Hank Borowoy turned in a neat four-hit, 7-0, whitewash over the White Sox at Comiskey Park. The Yankees went on a hitting spree, collecting 14 raps as they scored once in the second, twice in the third, once in the fourth and three times in the eighth. Bill Dietrich took the beating, losing his eighth game, while Borowoy was credited with the same number of victories.

The Senators regained second place in the American League as they topped the Indians, 6-3, at Griffith Stadium. A three-run outburst in the eighth off Jim Bagby gave the Griffs their winning margin. Johnny Salveson, who relieved Wilfred LeFebvre, pitched nine-hit ball for the triumph. Bagby was tapped for his 11th loss.

Bobby Doerr presented Mike Ryba with his sixth victory at Sportsman's Park as the Red Sox blanked the Browns, 9-0. Doerr blasted out his 15th homer in the first inning with two aboard. Ryba allowed four hits, while Bobo Newsom, the victim, lost his tenth.



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Texas League to Restart in '44 DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 17—The Texas League will resume play next year. President Alvin Gardner said the League suspended this year because of the manpower shortage and transportation difficulties, but he figures the Allies will have the situation well enough in hand next year that the fans will want their baseball back again.



# Civilian Troops Of U.S. Proved Mettle in Sicily

## 7th Army Shared Honors With Britain's Best In Fast Clean-Up

By Daniel De Luce

Associated Press War Correspondent

ALLIED HQ, Aug. 17 (AP)—America's civilian soldiers, tempered by blazing battle, emerged today from the finale of the Sicilian conquest as peers of Hitler's veteran Wehrmacht.

For courage, heads-up initiative and skilled coordination of all arms, the United States Seventh Army made a perfect record in the 38-day occupation of this vital island at the back door of Europe.

With the famed British Eighth Army, described by the enemy as the finest Allied force in the world, the Seventh Army shared fully equal honors in crushing the offensive organized by Gen. Eisenhower.

### Yanks Captured 100,000

Of more than 130,000 enemy prisoners, the Americans probably seized at least 100,000. Americans occupied roughly two-thirds of Sicily, splitting the island in half, then swung east along the shore of the Tyrrhenian Sea and landed a knockout blow against Messina.

The Third Division, first into Palermo and Messina, had relatively little combat experience—aside from participating in the Moroccan landings last November and in small mopping-up operations during the final days of the Tunisian campaign—when they first reached Sicily.

But this division, twice smashing the enemy's rear communications with sensational airborne outflanking attacks last week, won probably the most spectacular honors of all Allied divisions on the island.

It is unfair, however, to single out any division—either American or British—for the lion's share of glory, for what epitomized the campaign was teamwork—teamwork on land, sea and in the air.

## Sicily - - -

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ing, and the port of Calabria, in the Calabria region, suffered a destructive attack Monday.

The Germans, fearful of an amphibious attack from the sea against the exposed Italian "toe," were reported by British naval forces to be carrying out demolitions along the south coast—possibly in preparation for further withdrawal up the peninsula.

Air forces hurled hundreds of tons of bombs at Axis communications on Sicily and the Italian mainland. Heavy bombers from African bases again smashed Viterbo airdrome north of Rome and Liberators from the Middle East pounded airfields near Foggia, destroying no less than 43 enemy fighters.

The Axis lost nearly 2,000 planes in its futile attempt to defend Sicily, the North-West African Air Force disclosed yesterday.

Two commando landings from the sea preceded Messina's fall. Eighth Army units, braving enemy guns on both sides of the straits, skirted Axis rearguards and drove a bridgehead on the east coast eight miles south of Messina, probably cutting off numbers of Germans and Italians north of Taormina. More important, the maneuver by-passed a full-scale landslide that brought transport to a full stop on the coast road north of Taormina.

The other landing was made Monday by the Americans on the north coast near the Axis evacuation port of Milazzo. It was the Yanks' third amphibious "end run" around the enemy in ten days. Allied headquarters said the U.S. Navy landed the force behind the enemy "without great difficulty" and Milazzo "quickly fell."

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- 6.00—News (BBC)
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- 6.25—GI Supper Club—with Cpl. Charlie Capps as your GI host.
- 7.00—Sports News—presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
- 7.05—Command Performance—with Bob Crosby, the Charitoters and Count Basie's orchestra.
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- 8.00—News From Home—Nightly roundup of the news from the U.S.A. as presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
- 8.10—Fred Waring—the 55 Pennsylvanians salute the Quartermaster.
- 8.25—Miniature.
- 8.30—Jubilee—The all-star, all-colored show, with Louis Armstrong, Lena Horne, and Ernie Whitman as MC
- 9.00—News (BBC)
- 9.10—Moods in Music.
- 9.35—Bob Hope—with Frances Langford and Jerry Colonna.
- 10.00—Final Edition—Latest world, ETO and sports news as presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
- 10.10—At Donahue's orchestra.
- 10.30—Sign off until Aug. 19 at 5.45 PM.

## Allied Troops Conquer All of Sicily in 39 Days

By the Associated Press

The Allies occupied all of Sicily in 39 days. The timetable:

July 9—Allied parachute and glider troops landed in Sicily during the night.

July 10—Troops made main landings from more than 2,000 ships.

July 22—Palermo captured. Axis troops in the west of the island cut off.

Aug. 5—Catania and Paterno occupied after bitter fighting.

Aug. 13—Americans entered Randazzo.

Aug. 14—Evacuation of Germans in full swing.

Aug. 15—Eighth Army captured Taormina, former Axis general headquarters.

Aug. 16—Americans took Milazzo. Allies in the outskirts of Messina.

Aug. 17—Axis announced the last German and Italian troops had left Sicily.

## Evidence Points To Italy Next

### Blow May Fall at Any One of Several Points On Continent

By Lew Hawkins

Associated Press Staff Writer

With Sicily conquered, Allied armies are now wedged solidly into the Italian entrance to the European mainland, and it's a good guess that they'll kick in this door as the next step in the tearing down the house that Hitler built.

But there are other doorways. American, British and Allied forces based in the British Isles are right on the northern French threshold. And from Greece, through southern and western France, the Low Countries, northern Germany, Denmark and Norway no Nazi portal is completely beyond Anglo-American reach—except in the east, and the Russians are battering at those.

Since the North African landings the Allies have made no attempt at strategic surprise. Instead they have moved ahead logically and methodically, carefully amassing superiority on land, sea and in the air, then using it with the minimum of gambling.

This fact could support a hunch that the United Nations' high command is about ready for a change of pace to send an invasion crashing into the mainland at some other point. But on the basis of proven success of logical point-to-point advance and other factors, it remains the safest bet that Italy will be the first Axis European country to be occupied—whether by fighting invasion or by a walk-in after a political victory.

Possibly operations will be delayed a few weeks to permit fullest preparations and to permit heavy bombings and psychological attacks to crystallize the Italian will for peace.

Among the factors in favor of an Italian invasion are:

1—Accessibility from Sicilian coast, permitting the same overwhelming air cover that cut losses in Sicilian landings. Only in northern France and part of the Low Countries could a similar cover be achieved, and there the defenses are immeasurably stronger.

2—Resistance is likely to be less in peace-hungry Italy than anywhere else except the Balkans. Italians available for defense probably do not number more than 750,000 now, many of them ill-trained and ill-equipped. Estimates of German strength in Italy vary from eight to 18 divisions, but most of them are probably well to the north.

3—The presence in Eisenhower's command of an expert and proven invasion team.

4—Desirability of southern Italy as a base for air operations against Ploesti and other Balkan air targets, and as a possible jumping-off place for invasion of Yugoslavia and across Axis lines down to Greece.

Perhaps the most interesting invasion possibility outside the Mediterranean lies far to the north in Norway where the nights will soon be long enough to permit landing fleet to move in without prolonged exposure to day bombardment by shore-based planes which could be met only with carrier aircraft. About ten Nazi divisions are believed to be there.

## NEWS FROM HOME Backer Defends Measure to Give Soldiers Ballot

### Bill Would Grant Forces Absentee Franchise In '44 Election

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP)—Sen. Theodore F. Green (D-R.I.), co-sponsor of the Green-Lucas bill, which would enable servicemen to vote by mail in the 1944 Presidential elections even though they may not be registered voters, yesterday defended the pending legislation against Congressional arguments that it is unconstitutional.

Sen. Lucas said some of his colleagues privately were raising the same arguments which developed in the debate on the abolition of the poll tax as a prerequisite to voting in federal elections. In their successful battle against the anti-poll tax bill, its opponents argued that the proposed law was an illegal interference with the right of any sovereign state to determine the qualifications of its voters.

"Personally, I am convinced that my bill is constitutional," Sen. Green said. "I do not believe it sets qualifications for voters, which is admittedly a right reserved to the states, but instead merely fixes conditions of voting, which is a very different thing in a legal sense."

The Green-Lucas bill, now before the Senate Elections Committee, which is headed by Sen. Green, would conflict with present election laws of some states. Several do not permit voting by absentee ballot. In most states where absentee voting is legal, the absentee voter must be legally registered. However, the Green-Lucas bill would permit all military and naval personnel "eligible to register" in their home states to cast a valid vote by taking an oath of eligibility before a commissioned officer.

### Coal Mine Survey Begun

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17—The Coal Mines Administration has begun a survey of a large number of coal mines to determine whether they are ready to be released from government control. Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes has operated the mines since they were put under government control last spring following strikes in the industry.

## Raids - - -

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a thousand more miles beyond its target, to Africa.

"We have taken up the 'shuttle service' across Europe, a service which was started by the RAF but which both air forces will now carry out while demonstrating beyond all doubt that the end of German power is but a matter of time. Allied air forces in Africa have now contacted those from England, and Germany is between their jaws.

"Although we cannot say that the end actually is in sight, the final effects of prolonged bombing of this kind are as inevitable as the chain of events necessary to build an enemy airplane.

"We are breaking that chain in several places and many other chains along with it."

Almost as significant as Gen. Anderson's statement was the airline record on a map of Europe which shows that advanced Russian airdromes beyond the Nazis' eastern front are within the 1,400-mile flight distance of the shuttling Fortresses.

The medium Marauders of Eighth Air Support Command attacked the German airfields at Poix and at Bryas-sud, near St. Pol, in France, while RAF Typhoon bombers hit the Luftwaffe field at Lille and Poix, in France, and Woensdrecht, near Antwerp, Belgium. Mitchells raided the railway yards at Calais.

In addition to the heavy bomber losses, the day's attacks—third in a row of a 72-hour-old non-stop offensive—cost one fighter bomber and five fighters.

The attacks deep into the Reich—fourth day of raiding this month for the Forts—took the formations to targets previously untouched by American bombs. Regensburg is 475 airline miles from London, Schwienfurt about the same.

Many of the German-built planes destroyed met still bore Italian markings, bearing out the belief that the Germans had not had time to change the markings after hastily revoking an Axis version of lease-lend.

## Pfc Praised for Scrap Drive



Stars and Stripes Photo

A one-man salvage drive, conceived four months ago by Military Policeman Pfc Charles A. Skillern, of Jacksonville, Fla., has brought in hundreds of pounds of scrap which the Army has turned over to the British for use. Here, Skillern perches on top of his pile of old razor blades, shaving cream and tooth paste tubes, bottle tops, broken door handles, shoe polish tins, lighter fluid tins, old rubber and other scrap metal. The Floridan has been highly praised by high ETO officers, including two inspectors from the Inspector General's office.

## New Solomon Island Taken 39 Air Veterans Shift to USAAF

ALLIED HQ, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Aug. 17 (UP)—U.S. forces moved another 50 miles nearer to Rabaul, the key point of the arc of Japanese bases north of Australia today by the occupation of Vella La Vella Island.

The capture of this island, announced in today's communique at Allied headquarters, also brings the Allies to within 75 miles of Buin, the clearing center for Jap ships supplying the remaining enemy garrisons in the central Solomons, and astride the Japanese supply line to Kolombangara, from which it is about 20 miles to the northwest.

Allied heavy bombers returned to the oil port of Balikpapan, in Borneo, for the second time during this war to observe the damage in the first raid.

Oil tanks were set on fire again, and a 6,000-ton tanker was also set on fire. Six Jap fighters were shot down.

The flight to Balikpapan involves a round flight from Australia of about 2,500 miles, which is the greatest distance ever covered by bombers in the southwest Pacific.

## Soldiers to Get Prizes For Human Interest Tales

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 17—Prizes will be awarded soldiers for the best human interest stories of their experiences, Thursday night at the American Red Cross White Chapel club for Negro troops here.

Program for the week:  
Wednesday—Dance, 7 PM.  
Friday—Fun night, 7:30 PM.  
Saturday—Dance, 7 PM.  
Sunday—Picnic, 12:30 PM; dance, 7 PM.  
Tuesday—Movies, 7 PM.

### Priory

HUNTINGDON, Aug. 17—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:  
Wednesday—Dance, 8-11 PM.  
Thursday—Bridge, softball.  
Friday—Bowling.  
Saturday—Victoria dance, 8-11 PM.  
Sunday—Talent Show, 8 PM.

### Kingston

KINGSTON, Aug. 17—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:  
Thursday—Boat ride and picnic supper, 5.45 PM; secretarial service, 9 PM.  
Friday—Dance, 7.30-11 PM.  
Saturday—Showmobile, 7 PM.

### Southampton

SOUTHAMPTON, Aug. 17—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:  
Wednesday—Musical appreciation.  
Thursday—Southampton troops entertainments service.  
Saturday—Dance.

An American bombardier in the Polish Air Force who flew in an RAF Wellington on 17 missions over occupied Europe yesterday transferred to the U.S. Air Force, together with 38 enlisted men from the RCAF and RAF.

The 23-year-old sergeant bombardier—Ted Dobrowski, of Pittsburgh, Pa.—who was awarded the Polish Cross of Valor (second highest Polish decoration), will be sworn in within a few days, according to USAAF Recruiting HQ in London.

The RCAF and RAF airmen, all sergeants and flight sergeants, meanwhile, were sworn in yesterday with ratings of technical and staff sergeants.

The lone RAF transferee was Sgt. Henry M. Sandifer, of Brunswick, Ga.

### Technical Sergeants

W/O Wray D. Kennedy, Westwood, N.J.; F/Sgt. Robert S. Alexander, Brooklyn; Charles Rice, Cleveland; F. E. Joyce, Newton Center, Mass.; Ted Losiewicz, Detroit; David Mann, Highland Park, Ill.; Donald T. McKenna, Madison, Wis.; William Cook, Hinsdale, Ill.; and C. W. Dunn, Long Beach, Cal.

### Staff Sergeants

Sgt. Harry Karns, LaGrande, Ore.; Arthur Grossbacher, Anderson, Ind.; Roderick Jones, Cheboygan, Mich.; Harold McCullough, Temple, Tex.; Norman J. Olson, Dallas, Wis.; Evan D. McMini, Pittsburgh; Ray A. Hodgdon, Barrington, Ill.; Ross Gerber, Medford, N.J.; Lynn Morrison, Colorado City, Tex.; John Ross, Perry, Mich.; Willard Waitline, Syracuse, N.Y.; Thomas J. Robinson, Newton, Mass.; James V. Edsall, Greenville, Mich.; Albert V. Donnelly, Clairton, Pa.; Pittman LeGate, Sturris, Ky.; John Scott, Ranger, Tex.; William Steele, Mt. Kisco, N.Y.; William Huttlinger, Los Altos, Cal.; Dewey R. Miller, Louisville, Ky.; Steve A. Bassett, St. Petersburg, Fla.; S. W. Packer, Farmington, Mich.; Robert R. Robertson, Beverly Hills, Cal.; W. L. O'Brien, Seaside, Ore.; Walter Frederick, Plymouth Meeting, Pa.; Charles Griffin, Seattle, Wash.; Howard Lewis, Houston, Tex.; and Ralph Krysler, Altoona, Pa.

## FDR Says Ploesti Raid Damage Exceeded Plans

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP)—The American bombing of the Nazi-used oil refineries in Rumania did greater damage than was originally anticipated, President Roosevelt said yesterday in a message to King George VI.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said recently that about 175 big bombers took part in the long-distance raid, and that about 20 per cent of them were missing.

### Danish Strike Wins

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 17 (UP)—The Germans have lifted a state of emergency in the Danish town of Ebsjerg after a four-day general strike because of an 8 PM curfew.

## Terry and the Pirates



## By Milton Caniff

