

Reds Holding Against Mighty Offensive

U.S. Thwarts Rescue Foray By Jap Ships

Navy Smashes Attempt To Break Ring Closing On New Georgia

WASHINGTON, July 6—Heavy damage has been inflicted on a Japanese naval force which attempted to break the ring which the American forces are drawing around New Georgia Island, a Navy Department communique disclosed tonight.

The Japanese naval vessels drove down into Kula Gulf—the eight-mile-wide body of water separating the northern tip of New Georgia Island from Kolombangra Island in the Solomons—in an unsuccessful effort to relieve the pressure on the Jap forces in that area.

No details of the action were given but the communique said heavy damage was inflicted on the Japs. The American Navy did not suffer "to any considerable extent," the communique revealed.

Expect More Hit-Run Battles

A government spokesman said tonight the Kula Gulf battle could be considered finished, but that such hit-and-run engagements could be expected. Similar Jap forays had accompanied the battle for Guadalcanal last year.

Although only light forces of cruisers and destroyers were involved, the battle was regarded as of great significance in Washington, for it showed that the Japanese felt they were compelled to risk at least part of their fleet in an effort to check the American advance.

Meanwhile, the Navy Department announced that the United States destroyer Strong was torpedoed and sunk while engaged in a bombardment of Jap positions on New Georgia Island early yesterday morning.

The offensive against the Japanese positions, chiefly established in the Munda airfield area, on the west of New Georgia, was continuing today, and American air superiority established over the island the first day of the fighting has not been challenged seriously, reports from the southwest Pacific tonight indicated.

American planes yesterday fought 40 Zeros over Rendova and destroyed two, a communique from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters stated. Torpedo planes returned to the Japanese seaplane base at Reketa Bay, in Santa Isabel Island, north of New Guinea, and bombed the base again.

Several villages were raided by American bombers and fires started in Kela Point village in New Guinea. Other medium planes strafed and bombed the airfield in the area.

Approaching Munda Airfield

Reports from the battle area indicated that land fighting has become static on New Guinea. No news of the battles on New Georgia was revealed. On Rendova Jap resistance was reduced to occasional sniping.

American troops which occupied Viru Harbor, in the southern end of New Guinea, are moving out into the jungle and others are reported on the western end of the island at the back of Munda airfield, but no reports were issued of any land clashes.

Liberators flew across 150 miles of sea yesterday to attack the Jap base on Ballale Island, in the Shortland Islands area.

Glides 30 Miles From Boulogne

AN RCAF Spitfire pilot whose engine conked out some distance inland from Boulogne during fighter sweeps over France glided homeward 30 miles through German ack-ack yesterday and landed safely on an airfield in the south of England.

The Air Ministry identified him as S/Ldr. Arthur R. W. McNair, DFC, of North Battleford, Sask, commanding a Canadian fighter wing which, with a Polish wing, ranged over France from Dieppe to Dunkirk, shooting down seven enemy planes without loss to themselves. The Poles were credited with five, the Canadians two.

The Ministry also disclosed during the day that reconnaissance pictures of the two most recent RAF raids on Cologne—June 28 and July 3—showed far greater devastation than was caused by the 1,000 bomber raid 13 months ago. Particularly hard hit were two Humboldt-Deutz factories which make Diesel engines for U-boats.

Where The Germans Struck



Forts Down 30 in 15 Minutes Over Sicily; One Man Gets 7

Fiercest Aerial Battle Of Campaign Chases Fighters From Sky

ALLIED HQ., North Africa, July 6 (AP)—Spearheaded by Flying Fortresses which shot down 30 German fighters—seven of them by one staff-sergeant gunner—Allied air forces struck paralyzing blows at enemy resistance yesterday in a concerted drive for air supremacy over Sicily and Sardinia.

The crushing attack on enemy air defenses went through its third day with Allied bombers attacking Gerbini, Marsala, Licata, Sciazza, Villacidro and Catania. During a 24-hour period the enemy lost 43 aircraft for the loss of 12 Allied planes, it was stated officially.

What is considered probably the greatest single mission victory in the whole Mediterranean campaign was won by the Fortresses over Gerbini when a formation of some 30 B17s knocked out 30 of over 100 enemy fighters which intercepted them. Many were Messerschmitts, most of which were piloted by Germans.

'Greatest Single Victory'

From that battle emerged probably the greatest victory for an individual American gunner too, when S/Sgt. Benjamin F. Warner, of San Francisco, destroyed seven German planes.

Despite flak and seemingly suicidal tactics by the Germans the Flying Fortresses successfully reached and bombed Gerbini.

The 30 Fortresses were outnumbered practically 4 to 1 and shot down better than an average of one fighter each. They destroyed ten parked on the ground. Three Fortresses were lost. The effect of their savage mauling on the interceptors was felt almost immediately, for during the rest of the day only about ten enemy fighters rose to meet succeeding bomber formations. American Lightnings downed five of these.

Chiang Kai-Shek Sees Japs Beaten in 2 Years

CHUNGKING, July 6 (UP)—The utter defeat of Japan within two years was predicted here today by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek on the eve of the sixth anniversary of the Sino-Japanese war.

"Within the year offensives which will deal crushing blows to the enemy will be started in various theaters of the world, and there will be an unending stream of victories which will result in the utter defeat of the enemy within two years," the Chinese leader declared.

6-Foot-6 Waist Gunner, Ex-Morgenthau Guard, Bags Record Score

A NORTH AFRICAN AIR BASE, July 6 (UP)—S/Sgt. Benjamin Warner, former personal bodyguard of Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr., celebrated his seventh wedding anniversary yesterday by shooting down seven Axis fighter planes over Sicily from the waist gun of a Flying Fortress.

Tallest gunner in the U.S. Army Air Forces—he is six feet six inches tall and weighs 224 pounds—Warner told today about his feat in the raid on Gerbini Airfield.

"I saw a Messerschmitt 110 hanging out from a group of 24 others which were attacking a crippled Fortress. He came in off my right wing. I pumped away and saw him burst into flames.

"A Me109 came in just as far as the right wing and went into a banking turn. Then it started smoking and its pilot baled out.

"Another aircraft sheered off below and I pumped 25 rounds at him. He baled out, too.

"Another 109 was making a run on a crippled Fort. I fired all the way down under its tail. He stalled, turned downwards, and finally crashed.

"By this time I had run out of ammunition. I picked up two new belts, slung them over my shoulder, and started feeding.

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WAACs to Get GI Privileges When They Become WACs

By Cable to The Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON, July 6 (AP)—When the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps drops the "Auxiliary" and becomes an integral part of the U.S. Army sometime before Sept. 30, as approved by Congress and the President last week, approximately 65,000 women will become eligible for V-mail and franking privileges, dependency allowances, disability payments and insurance facilities established for members of the Army of the United States, the War Department said today.

Members of the new Women's Army Corps will be entitled to all the benefits and subject to the same regulations as the regular Army, including overseas and flying pay.

WACs will not be able to claim husbands as dependents, however, it was disclosed.

Sept. 30 is the date set for dissolution of the Auxiliary Corps, and at some time before that all WAACs signing Army enlistment papers will be transferred to

10,000 Nazis Killed, Hundreds of Tanks Lost, Moscow Says

Nazis Want Moscow At Any Cost, U.S. View

WASHINGTON, July 6—Diplomatic observers expressed the belief today that the new German drive into Russia is an attempt to capture Moscow, no matter what the cost.

A War Department spokesman advised caution in assuming that the attack was an all-out offensive, but said that he doubted that Germany had withdrawn any material number of troops from the front and stated that Germany is still capable of launching a heavy summer offensive.

William Downes, CBS commentator broadcasting from Moscow, declared the offensive had been met by the people with more confidence than ever. Hitler, he said, had struck when the Russian morale was at its height.

Third Axis Campaign Finds Soviet Ready; One Small Gain

Germany's third great offensive against Russia raged in ever-growing fury along the 165-mile Orel-Kursk-Bielgorod front yesterday, but in spite of lavish expenditure of men and materials by the Nazi high command Russian appeared to be holding everywhere. Moscow said the drive already had cost the Nazis 10,000 lives.

Except for one sector, where Moscow conceded the Germans had

driven a half-mile wedge in the holly-disputed Orel-Kursk area, the attackers apparently had failed to gain any of the spectacular successes that marked their previous offensives.

Furious armored force battles—including one to which the Red Army applied the title "greatest tank battle in history"—after destroying nearly 600 Nazi tanks—have raged night and day on the dry, dusty plains since the offensive opened Monday. Altogether, at least 800 tanks were reported destroyed by the Russians.

Attack No Surprise

Hitler's third desperate attack to overwhelm the unyielding Russians began at 4.30 AM Monday with a smashing artillery barrage along the classic pattern and heavy bombing from dozens of low-flying planes. It was no surprise, for Red Army reconnaissance had shown that the bulk of Germany's panzer columns was concentrated in the Orel sector.

The Germans threw into the barrage everything they had—long-range batteries, medium-range cannon, howitzers and multiple-barreled mortars, but the Russian batteries far from being knocked out, duelled back at the attackers.

A blitzkrieg of tanks followed—many of them the newest 60-ton Tigers mounting 88-mm. cannon. The first attack was only a diversion, infantry behind a few tanks, and was quickly repulsed as the artillery smoke cleared away. Twenty minutes later came the real thrust, large infantry forces led by more than 200 tanks of all sizes and preceded by low-flying groups of 20 or 30 bombers.

Let Tanks Go Over Them

Red Army infantrymen, well trained in gruelling Russian maneuvers, lay in their slit trenches and let the tanks roll over them, then rose up to cut off the German infantry from its tanks and inflict huge losses.

The Nazi high command flung fresh reserves into the battle time after time in spite of tremendous losses described by the Russians, but after two days the battle was still undecided and the Red Army was fighting furiously to destroy the tanks wedging into its lines.

Reds Claim Huge Toll

The Russian claims of men and materials destroyed mounted so fast that they were difficult to keep track of. By noon yesterday they were set at 750 tanks, many scores of planes and about 10,000 men killed.

Much of the destruction was credited to the tactical arm of the Red Air Force, which blasted German rearward areas feeding men and supplies to the front while the rest of it was meeting the Luftwaffe over the battlefield.

Eight Jap Midget Subs Destroyed in S. Pacific

A SOUTH PACIFIC PORT, July 6 (UP)—Inside one of eight Jap midget subs destroyed in the South Pacific now being examined at Guadalcanal is the motto, in Japanese, "heaven helps those who help themselves."

The vessels are 76 feet long and only six feet wide. They carry two men, and are powered by a single electric motor housed amidships.

Two Spams in Every Garage

ENGLEWOOD, N.J., July 6 (AP)—The United States would double its food allotment to Britain under lease-lend in 1943, Francis Flood, assistant to the U.S. War Food Administrator, said at a preview of a British wartime nutrition exhibit at the Dwight Morrow High School in Englewood.

Nervous Axis Reinforces Its Invasion Posts

Von Richthofen Reported Placed in Command Of Italy Defenses

With Germany's eastern front again ablaze in a "great battle of extermination" and the Reich's Mediterranean invasion fears heightened by the first land attack on Crete—by British Commandos—Adolf Hitler's troops were reported yesterday to be feverishly rushing invasion defenses all the way from Norway to the Balkans. Berlin obviously feared an opening of a Second Front while Axis forces were busy in Russia.

In the Mediterranean, where Vichy radio said "every British port from Gibraltar to the Island of Cyprus is now full of naval craft," German Field-Marshal von Richthofen, air veteran of the Battles of Britain, Russia, the Balkans and Spain, was reported by the German News Agency to have set up headquarters in southern Italy, apparently in joint command with Field-Marshal Kesselring.

Von Richthofen's arrival coincided with London reports that the Germans have changed their mind about letting Italy defend itself and have reinforced the Luftwaffe in the Mediterranean in addition to transferring between five and eight divisions of ground troops.

These arrivals were intended undoubtedly to counter growing accumulations of Allied landing barges which Rome radio said are being "kept in readiness at Malta and Pantellaria."

Additional Axis reinforcements were described by Algiers radio, quoting Cairo reports that German troops have occupied

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the Women's Army Corps wherever they are stationed.

Most WAACs to Re-enlist

Because members of the WAACs volunteered for auxiliary service, the new Act making them part of the Army provides that they shall be free to refuse to enlist and can have automatic discharge with return transportation to the point where they entered the service.

Officers in Washington said "the great majority are eager to enlist" and there is no indication that the transfer will result in a drop from the corps' present strength, they declared.

Although the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps was limited to 150,000 members, the new law enables the President to extend the corps' size. Recently Secretary Stimson said that 500,000 women in khaki were needed and an intensified recruiting drive was getting under way.

Gen. George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, also indicated the WAC would

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Hash Marks

Shades of Sherman's Army! 'Tis reported that the Yanks around Rendova in the S.W. Pacific landed on the beaches of Jap-held territory singing "Marching Through New Georgia."

Fun on the home front: The little town of Alma, Colorado, lacked sirens; so town officials planned to ring bells during a recent state-wide test blackout. But to the good citizens of the town bells meant only one thing—FIRE. So when the bells rang, everyone left their homes, with the lights burning brightly, and raced up town to watch the fire. Word finally got around that it was a blackout; so they all rushed home and turned off their lights—just as the all-clear sounded.

This little story just arrived via carrier pigeon. During the action in N. Africa some GI's had to make their way over



what had once been a veddy swanky golf course. To their surprise and amusement they came across a gigantic shell crater. Beside it was a carefully painted notice: "Please replace divots."

Classic example of tactless head-writing: The news sheet at Stout Field, somewhere in the USA, announced the appearance of the first Waacs there thusly, "Stout Waacs Arrive."

To put it mildly, we'd say that living in bombed areas of Germany is like having to go to the dentist every day.

Kids of today know which side their bread is buttered on all right, all right. The other day a little boy over here looked up at his mother and asked, "What will I be when I grow up—a papa or a mama?" Told that he would be a father, the youngster beamed, "But I want to be a mummy—so I can have a shopping bag and ration books."

We've heard of large mosquitoes, small mosquitoes, wild mosquitoes, etc., but this is the first time we've heard of particular mosquitoes. GIs in Alaska report the mosquitoes there light on a guy and read his dog tags to see if he's the right blood type before they bite.

This couldn't happen now, but once upon a time there was the flustered plane spotter who rushed to the phone and



reported excitedly, "There are planes overhead but I can't make out if they are one hundred and nine FW190s or one hundred and ninety Me109s."

Cpl. Raymond N. Ellis, of a Hdqr. Sqdrn. service group, was the first to answer our plea for daffynitions. Nursery: A place to park last year's fun until it grows up a bit.

J. C. W.

Dog Is Eager Passenger on Raids

Bombsight Cover Is Flying Suit For 'Mister'

By Andrew A. Rooney Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, July 5—When Fortress crews start piling into their bombers here on raid days, the first one aboard is not a man at all—but a dog.

The dog is Sgt. Harold Rogers' "Mister," who attends briefings with the crew, rides to raids in the little bag that ordinarily covers the bomb sight, wears his own specially-designed oxygen mask at high altitudes, and so far has been on five trips across the Channel.

"Mister" has been over Huls in the Ruhr, northwest Germany, Bremen, St. Nazaire and a bad-weather raid over France. He missed the June 29 raid on Le Mans—and a good thing, too, because machine-gun bullets ringed the fuselage right where "Mister" usually rides.

Trained Together Rogers has owned "Mister" since he was a pup three years ago, and they went through their training together.

Back in the States, Rogers designed an oxygen mask for the dog. "Mister" flew many hours in the States, he flew across the Atlantic and he's flown many hours since he's been here.

On raid days the bombardier gets his super-secret Norden bombsight from the room where it is kept under lock and key with a double guard and goes to the plane with the bombsight carefully concealed in a cover. He takes the precision instrument out of the bag and "Mister" climbs in. The bombsight cover is all the flying clothes he wants.

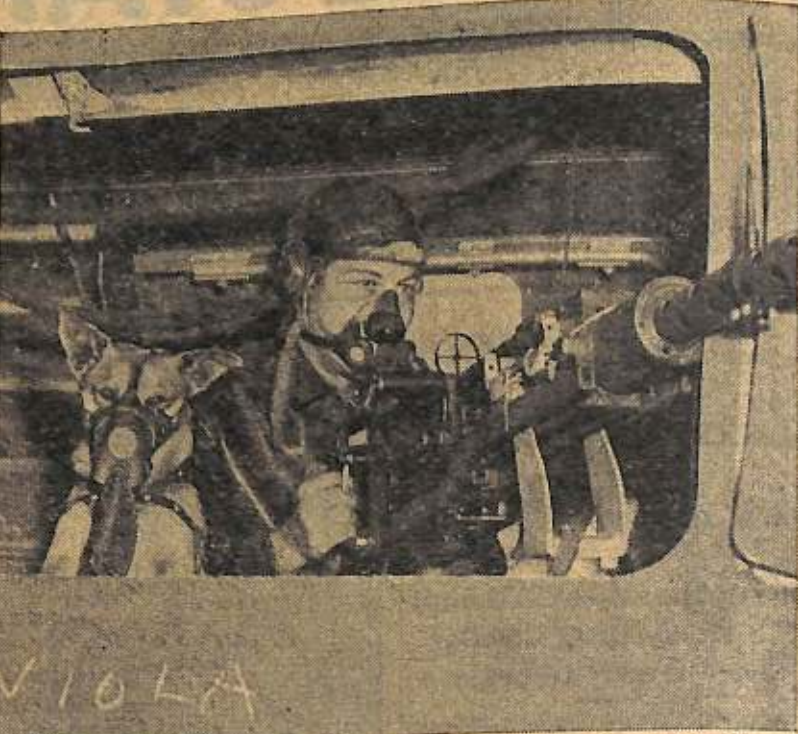
The dog sits behind Rogers with his mask on during the raid. He's so much at home in the plane there was even a rumor here for a while that "Mister" had shot down an enemy plane.

Guards Four Beds In the barracks where Rogers and "Mister" sleep there are four other members of the crew of 1/Lt. Fred P. Sherman's B17. "Mister" sleeps on the bed next to Rogers. If anyone enters the Nissen hut the dog watches him closely. Intruders can do anything they want with 14 of the beds in the hut, but there are four they can't touch—not while "Mister's" around.

Rogers comes from Miami, Okla., but for several years before he got in the Army he was a Hollywood stunt man. He was the guy who fell from those horses.

He thinks that "Mister" is about through with combat flying. Rogers may take him on some of the shorter raids, but he doesn't want to take him on the longer missions because it is too long for a dog to stay on oxygen.

15,000 Chewing Gum Casualties WASHINGTON, July 6 — Sgt. Milburn McCarty, Marine Corps correspondent, has advised the corps headquarters here that 25,000 sticks of chewing gum produced 15,000 casualties at his station in the South Pacific. McCarty explained that local kids were offered a stick of gum for every rat tail they produced and two sticks for every tail over 5,000. Youngsters, armed with sticks, went to work and soon turned in their 15,000 "scalps."



Stars and Stripes Photo by Richard Koenig "Mister" wearing his specially-fitted oxygen mask and his master, S/Sgt. Harold E. Rogers, of Hollywood, peer out of the waist gun position on the Flying Fortress. The dog has completed five missions over enemy territory.

Japs' Hatred of U.S. Evident Always at Prison Camp in West

CAMP MCCOY, Wis., July 6—The 62 Japanese prisoners of war on U.S. soil, who live behind barbed-wire barricades here, seem to be out of this world. You can't look at them or think of them in terms of American human beings.

Col. Horace I. Rogers, of Detroit, whose task of running the prison camp is one of the most delicate in the U.S. Army, said:

"They haven't the slightest curiosity to see Americans or have anything to do with American life. And, most of all, they don't want you to have any curiosity about them."

What are these Japanese prisoners like? From Col. Rogers, who was in charge of Japanese, German and Italian enemy aliens before the war prisoners arrived, the answer is this:

They average about 140 pounds and five feet six inches in height. They are tough, strong, in excellent physical condition.

Their discipline is superb. American soldiers on guard at the camp marvel at the speed and precision with which they execute orders by their own superior officers.

"Often," said Col. Rogers, "it isn't even necessary for one of their officers to give an order. A look is enough."

Won't Talk to Americans

Ten of the war prisoners can speak English, but they will not talk with American soldiers and officers. They will not answer questions. Soldiers guarding the Japanese have orders to talk to the Japanese "only in the line of duty." So time after time, day after day, Japs pass American soldiers without the slightest sign of recognition. They ask only to be left alone—"and they ask it often," said the colonel.

The Japanese hatred for the Americans is obvious and ever present. Colonel Rogers said, however, they always are extremely courteous and polite to American guards and officers.

"But make no mistake," Col. Rogers said, "the politeness is saturated with hate."

The Japanese prisoners here are treated well. They receive the same food the American soldiers do. They get it in bulk, cook it themselves and can serve it as they like. Rice, understandably, is what they like best, and Colonel Rogers "trades" other foods with them—so that they get more rice than they would ordinarily. They like beef, pork and other meats and most fresh vegetables. But they won't eat spinach. They like stewed apricots but not stewed prunes. They don't like pie.

A typical day for a prisoner is much the same for an American soldier here. He rises at 6 AM, has breakfast at 6.30, joins a work detail at 7.30 and works until 11.30 AM. He has from then until 1 PM for lunch and leisure and then works until 3.30 PM. Lights are out at 10 PM.

Japanese enlisted men receive an allowance of 10 cents a day. Officer pay ranges from \$15 to \$35 a month.

They can spend half at their Post Exchange. The rest is saved for them until after the war, although Col. Rogers is authorized to let them have more than half of their earnings if circumstances should warrant. This pay and allowance are in credit, never in cash.

amusement. In their recreation rooms (the officers and enlisted men have separate ones) they have juke boxes, pianos, radios and table tennis equipment. They play the piano constantly—but very badly.

With two exceptions, the Japanese have written no letters. None has been received for them. Two officers did request their families be notified of their capture and each has written one letter but that is contrary to the Japanese code, since capture for a Japanese is a disgrace.

Death is an honor, even if the Japanese won the war—and the prisoners here are extremely confident that they will—those captured by their enemies would be in disgrace when they returned home, and so would their families. News of their capture now would have the same effect.

Outdoors, the Japanese play baseball, softball, croquet and horseshoes. They have planted flower gardens outside their buildings.

Still Believe in Buddha

They maintain their religious ceremonies. They brought with them a beautifully carved Buddhist temple and also a carved figure of Buddha.

All of the prisoners' clothing is marked with the tell-tale "PW" for prisoners of war. The Japanese asked Col. Rogers if it was necessary to put this mark on their ceremonial garments. The colonel let it stay off.

The religious feeling of the Japanese is intense, Col. Rogers said. They believe implicitly that they are sons of heaven and destined to rule the world.

Certainly, the colonel said, the Japanese would escape if the chance presented itself and they'd be bold about it, too.

If the men in his charge are a sample, Col. Rogers is satisfied we are dealing with a mighty tough enemy in Japan. He is convinced any attempt to "sell" them on the American way of life or deceptions is out of the question.

Nothing, he said, will change their hatred for us.



To Jeanne—Ireland—1943

Up where the Time-worn hills of Donegal Stand lonely in the after-glow of day... I dream of you when twilight shadows fall— Remembering when life was bright and gay. For I recall our own beloved hills, Not green like Donegal's, but azure blue And reverie brings memory that fills My aching heart with hungry want of you. All of my life is you, dear Jeanne, I know— You and our tiny son beside you there. Dear God, bring peace where bugles never blow... Until we meet again—this is my prayer. Dan Arthur Dugan, USNR.

In the Springtime

In the spring a young man's fancy, Oft times turns to thoughts of love, Quotes the poet as he gazes On his cooing turtle dove, And he saw 'neath her false eyebrows, Cheeks of gay vermilion hue, Lips he loved with youthful fervor, And the lips were painted, too, So, in an ethereal spirit, There he kissed her. Playful frolic! In a week or so they played...

The Common Cold

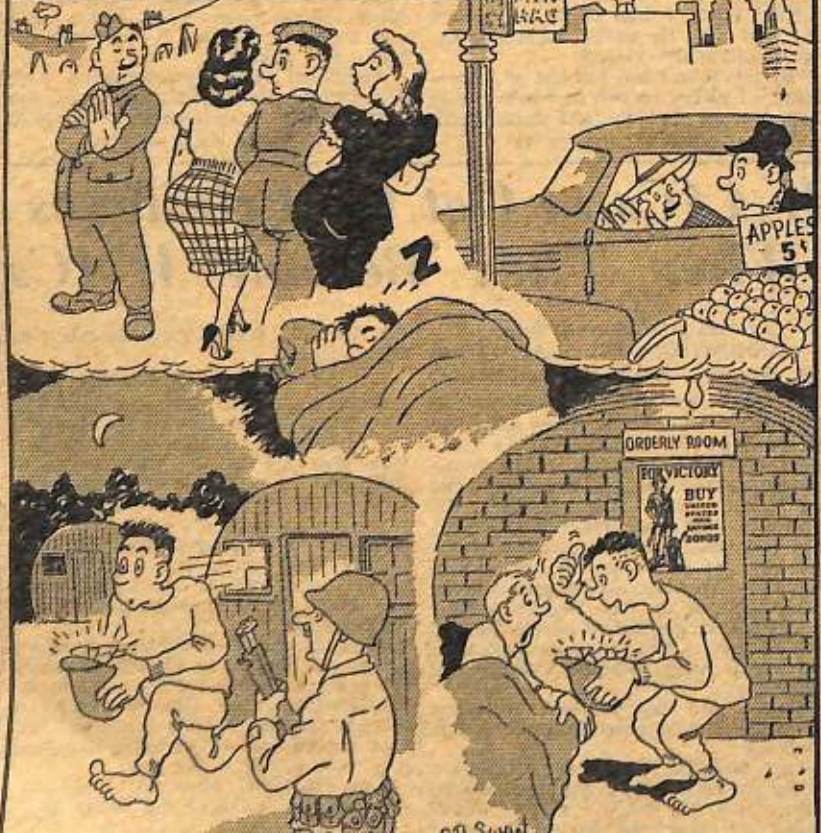
The world's most costly disease is the common cold. Doctors and scientists have both struggled to discover a sure cure, or some method of sure prevention.

Recent experiments at the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation's great plant in Burbank, California, are now advanced as substantial proof of the efficacy of a new preventive for the common cold through the agency of sulfa drugs. In the Lockheed chemical division, where a thorough check was possible, only five man-days were lost from colds during a period when the average expectation was a loss of 126 man-days, or a reduction of nearly 96 per cent. So effective was the new treatment that the application of it in every plant where weapons for victory are being made is expected to add millions of man-hours to our war effort.

Those who after two years of research devised the treatment have found it most efficacious in checking a cold at the start and materially shortening its duration. Not infrequently, they say, it has prevented the incidence of a cold altogether. The sulfa drugs employed are sulfanilamide, sulfathiazole and sulfadiazine. These are combined with ephedrin, "a chemical constricting the small blood vessels," glycerine and other ingredients to make them suitable for use as a nasal spray.

Modern medicine is playing its part by

PRIVATE O'SHAUGHNESSY



Tops Wembley Double-Header

Air Force Nine to Play Ground Force Stars On Aug. 7

The first all-professional diamond game to be played in London since the New York Yankees and the Chicago White Sox played here during the last war will form part of double-header program at Wembley Stadium on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 7.

The opener of the bill will be a challenge contest between the General Base Section Clowns, top U.S. nine in the London area, and a squad of Canadian All-Stars. This game will start at 2.30 PM.

The pro contest also will be an All-Star affair, with picked players from the ground forces in the ETO taking on the former cash players from the Eighth Air Force. Both teams will field players who have had either major or minor league experience since 1939. The squads, with their professional backgrounds, will be printed in future editions of The Stars and Stripes.

Wembley Stadium, one of the biggest parks in the British Isles, seats about 100,000, putting in the shade most of the major league stands in the States. Seats for the twin bill, which is being played for the benefit of the British Red Cross, will be sold at 5s. and 2s. 6d. There will be standing room for 50,000 spectators at 1s.

Before the first ball is thrown out, and during the first and second game intermission, there will be special displays by the pipe bands of the Canadian Army and American Army bands.

Rebels Triumph Over Yanks, 3-2

WORCESTER, July 6—Baseball was played for the first time here with 7,000 persons turning out to see the Rebels nip the Yanks, 3-2. The game was part of the "Holidays at Home" celebration.

The first four innings were scoreless, with Pitchers T/5 Earl Philpot, of Birmingham, Ala., the winner, and Lt. Jack Claywell, of Charlotte, N.C., taking the limelight.

The Rebels pushed across two runs in the fifth with the Yanks tallying once in their half of the stanza. The Yanks got another tally in the sixth to even the count.

The winners scored the deciding marker in the final stanza, as Pvt. Gerald Anthony, of Sparrows Point, Md., walked, advanced to third, and came in on a long fly to deep right. Philpot gave up eight hits to Lt. Claywell's six. The latter struck out eight.

Market Wise Comes Up To Annex Mass. Handicap

BOSTON, July 6—Market Wise, the Cinderella horse, won the \$50,000 Massachusetts Handicap to become the third favorite to win since the start of the classic in 1935. The 6-5 shot, carrying top weight of 126 pounds, covered the nine furlongs in one minute, 52 seconds, clipping three and three-fifths seconds off the track and event record set last year by Whirlaway.

Trailing a 24-1 entry in a six-horse field most of the way, Lou Tufano's entry forged home nearly a length in front of Unsung Salto. Bing Crosby's Don Bingo came in third.

Greg Rice Won't Race Gunder Haegg July 17

NEW YORK, July 6—Greg Rice will not race against Gunder Haegg, the Swedish track star, at San Francisco, July 17, it was announced.

Rice, who is a chief specialist in the U.S. Maratime Service, has gone to sea and will not be ashore again for some time—and will be in no condition for running upon his return. America's best says he won't run again this summer.

Clowns Out to Stop Bombers

The CBS Clowns will be out for their 11th straight tonight when they meet the Bomber nine at Paddington Recreation Ground at 7 PM. Lt. Chuck Eisenmann, of Superior, Wis., will be seeking his 22nd victory of the season.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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

Lost and Found
CAMERA—Lost, Roliflex, twin lens.—Cpl. Jack Leber, Hq.—Win. APO 634.

APOs Wanted
LEO is Blanchi, S/Sgt. Tom McGiffin, Lt. Louis Newman, ANC, Balfour, N.C., Sgt. Hugo Weinstall and Sgt. Howard F. Cross.

BILLY McNally, Lt. Forrest M. Fisher, Lt. Col. C. H. Spillville, Iowa; Lt. Jacob C. Rimer, Valliant, Okla.; S/Sgt. Kenneth Millo Wood-Ernest, Miles City, Mont.; Thomas Wood-Ernest, St. Paul, Minn.; Billy Hazelton, Calmar, Iowa; Pvt. Morris G. Greenman, New York; Pfc. Vic Berger, Forest Lake, Minn.; Oliver Hazard, Baltimore; Pvt. Philip Etzen, Mobile, Ala., and Doris A. Smith, Stocktop, Ala.

Wanted
ORCHESTRA—Four-piece GI orchestra wanted to play at private GI affair July 22, 6 PM to 11 PM. Will pay fair price. Lt. J. C.



Willie Pep (left), Hartford, recognized by the N.Y. Boxing Commission as world's featherweight champion, is sworn into the Navy by Lt. (jg) Paul W. Bridwell at Hartford, Conn. The 20-year-old fighter, who has lost only one of 70 fights, reported to the Navy recruiting station in New Haven last week.

HOW THEY STAND.

American League

Monday's Games

New York 3, St. Louis 2 (first game, 11 innings)
New York 8, St. Louis 5 (second game)
Detroit 10, Washington 3 (first game)
Washington 6, Detroit 4 (second game)
Chicago 4, Boston 2 (first game)
Boston 6, Chicago 1 (second game)
Philadelphia 2, Cleveland 1 (first game)
Philadelphia 7, Cleveland 0 (second game)

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
New York	37	29	.561	Boston	34	34	.500
Washington	37	33	.529	Cleveland	32	35	.478
Detroit	33	32	.508	St. Louis	31	34	.477
Chicago	33	32	.508	Philadelphia	32	40	.444

Yesterday's Schedule

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

National League

Monday's Games

Philadelphia 15, St. Louis 2 (first game)
St. Louis 4, Philadelphia 3 (second game)
Brooklyn 6, Chicago 3 (first game)
Brooklyn 8, Chicago 2 (second game)
Pittsburgh 8, New York 4 (first game)
New York 9, Pittsburgh 0 (second game)
Boston at Cincinnati double-header postponed.

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
St. Louis	43	24	.642	Philadelphia	33	36	.476
Brooklyn	44	31	.587	Boston	30	35	.426
Pittsburgh	36	32	.529	Chicago	29	41	.414
Cincinnati	33	34	.493	New York	28	43	.394

Yesterday's Schedule

Pittsburgh at New York
Cincinnati at Boston
Chicago at Brooklyn (twilight game)
St. Louis at Philadelphia

Leading Batters

American League

G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Curtright, Chicago	55	172	29	.58
Stephens, St. Louis	57	213	31	.53
Hackett, Cleveland	58	248	35	.51
Wakefield, Detroit	66	286	35	.52
Cramer, Detroit	57	243	31	.520

National League

G	AB	R	H	Pct.
McCormick, Cincinnati	68	265	32	.57
Dahlgren, Philadelphia	69	259	25	.55
Herman, Brooklyn	75	275	39	.524
Musial, St. Louis	70	272	45	.58
Hack, Chicago	70	266	33	.55

Home Run Hitters

American League—Keller, New York, and York, Detroit, and Stephens, St. Louis, 10.
National League—Ott, New York, 12.

Runs Batted In

American League—Eiten, New York, 49; Stephens, St. Louis, 48.
National League—Herman, Brooklyn, 55; Nicholson, Chicago, 46; DiMaggio, Pittsburgh, 45.

Hans Crescent Golfers Lose After Previous Ties

After two previous ties with the Scotland Yard team, the Hans Crescent Red Cross club golfers lost, 2-1, on the Pinner Hill course. In the top match, Cpl. Stan Remsen, of Long Island, N.Y., and Cpl. Don Pene, of Springfield, Ill., lost, two and one, to Hue Williams and Henry.

Others on the ARC team were: Cpl. Rick Famlin, Delaware, Pa.; Sgt. Walter Kupiec, S/Sgt. John Vensberg, Chicago; Sgt. John Anderson, Beverley Hills, Cal.; Cpl. Dick Austen, Lynn, Mass.; Pfc. Hal Easton, Detroit; Sgt. Eli Thomas, Pittsburgh; Cpl. Ed Sullivan, Hartford, Conn.; Sgt. Bill Smith, Rochester, N.Y., and S/Sgt. Walter Hyduk, South Bend, Ind.

Air Force Signal Squad Jolts QMs for Ninth in Row

EIGHTH BOMBER COMMAND HQ., July 6—The Signal Company won its ninth consecutive baseball game here yesterday by trouncing the QMs, 14-3. S/Sgt. Louis Konezal, of Detroit, winning hurler, gave up five hits. The victors collected 14 safeties with Sgt. Frank Freitas, of Tulare, Cal., getting two for three at the plate.

Rounders First At Arlington

CHICAGO, July 6—Rounders, Val-dina Farm's entry, whipped a field of the best handicappers in winning the \$50,000 Stars and Stripes Handicap at Arlington. The Greentree stable's two-to-one favorite, Devil Diver, finished fifth.

Thumbs Up Coward and Marriage were second and third in a photo finish. The winner, an imported Irish horse, was listed in the bettor's book to finish third, but came in by three-quarters of a length in covering the mile and one-eighth in one minute 53 and three-fifths seconds.

Before the race a plaque was presented to the owner of Whirlaway, all-time money-winner of turfdom—with lifetime earnings of \$561,161—by the Arlington and Washington Park Jockey Clubs. "Mister Longtail" has been retired and will rest at Calumet Farm, Lexington, Ky.

Nile Kinnick Crashed 300 Yards From Carrier

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, July 6—Nile Kinnick, former University of Iowa All-American, who was killed in action when his plane crashed into the ocean, was only 300 yards away from his aircraft carrier, a shipmate disclosed.

Aviation Chief Machinist's Mate Leo Hendrickson, on leave here, said Kinnick had a narrow escape two days before the fatal crash when his plane overskidded the side of carrier in landing. At that time Kinnick leaped free and was hoisted aboard.

Five Teams Tied for First In London Baseball Loop

Five of the eight teams in the London International Baseball League are now tied for first place.

The — Signals, Headquarters, — MPs — Engineers and Canadian Headquarters have won and lost one game. The three remaining teams are the De Havilland Comets, Canadians and Saskatchewan.

Pvt. James Wright, of Los Angeles, and Sgt. Hunter Thompson, of Richmond, Va., will be the Headquarters Company battery against the Saskatchewan on Friday.

Fighter Station EMs Top Officers' Softball Squad

— FIGHTER STATION, July 6—A hard-hitting enlisted men's All-Star softball team defeated an officers' All-Star team, 10-5, climaxing an Independence Day sports show.

Cpl. Carl Wenell, of Minneapolis, Minn., smacked two homers, one of which came in the opening frame with the bases full. Winning pitcher, T/Sgt. Ed Ginnity, of Manchester, N.H., was relieved in the fourth by Pfc Jim Scoles, of Columbus, Ohio, after giving up three runs.

The winners collected nine hits off Lt. Dick Jerik, of Cicero, Ill. The officers reached Ginnity for three and Scoles for two safeties.

Segura Keeps N.J. Title

ELIZABETH, N.J., July 6—Francisco Segura, of Ecuador and the University of Miami, successfully defended the New Jersey men's singles tennis championship in defeating Bob Dodom, of the University of Washington, 6-2, 7-5, 6-1.

This was the third title Segura has won since last month. He has yet to lose a set.

Yanks Rap Browns Twice; Bums Take 2, Cards Split

Real One-Man Team Shows Sailors How

SYDNEY, Australia, July 6—Meet Maj. Norman Duncan—a one-man football team.

The former University of California grid star put versatility to work when a U.S. Army team downed a U.S. Navy eleven, 14-0, in a Fourth of July celebration game here.

Maj. Duncan coached the winning team, played fullback, threw both touchdown passes and kicked over the points after touchdown.

Your move, Ripley!

Tigers Set Down Nats, 10-3, Then Lose, 6-4; Chisox Divide

NEW YORK, July 6—The New York Yankees protected their American League at St. Louis yesterday by capturing a double-header from the Browns, while the trailing Washington Senators were doing a split act at Detroit with the Tigers.

The Brooklyn Dodgers, ended their five-game losing streak with a brace of victories over the Chicago Cubs. Adding to their hope was the fact that the Cardinals could do nothing better than go 50-50 with the Phillies, putting the Dodgers three games behind.

Joe Gordon was the prime factor in the Yankees' 3-2 opening triumph over the Browns. Joe blasted out his ninth homer of the season in the 11th off George Caster, relief hurler. Charley Wensloff and Bob Muncief had duled until the seventh, when Chet Laabs poled a four-master to give St. Louis a 1-0 lead. The Bombers forged ahead, 2-1, in the same frame, and St. Louis tied it up in the ninth.

York Collects Tenth

In the nightcap, the Yanks' steady attack on Johnny Niggeling sent him to showers in the seventh, when the Browns' defense collapsed, yielding three unearned runs. Jim Turner, who relieved Bill Zuber in the fifth, gained credit for the 8-5 victory.

Dizzy Trout limited Washington to six hits as the Bengals rapped the Nats, 10-3, in the morning game of their twin bill at Detroit. The Griffs battled back to a 6-4 win in a twilight game.

The Tigers sewed up the first game in the fifth inning as they chased Dutch Leonard with five runs. The big blow was Rudy York's tenth homer with two aboard. Dizzy Trout retired the first 16 men in order, but weakened in the seventh when Stan Spence hit his fourth home run in three days and the Nats scored all their runs. In the nightcap, Early Wynn outlasted Hal White and Roy Henshaw to turn back the Bengals. Bob Johnson's home run with one on in the fourth gave the margin of victory.



Bob Johnson

The Chicago White Sox and the Boston Red Sox split their pair of games at Chicago, the Chicagoans winning the opener, 4-2, then taking the count, 6-1. Tex Hughson had a 2-0 lead in the first game until the third, but the Chisox tallied twice in that stanza and two more in the sixth. Joe Haynes, who relieved Bill Dietrich, was the winning hurler.

A's Smack Indians

In the second tilt, the Bosox capitalized on four errors to triumph. Yank Terry went the distance for the victors, while Ed Smith was the victim of his team mates' miscues.

The Athletics rose from the depths of the cellar to smack the Cleveland Indians twice at Cleveland, 2-1 and 7-0. Rookie Don Black bested Jim Bagby in the opener, both hurlers giving up four hits apiece, one of Bagby's being a round-tripper by Pete Suder. Luman Harris twirled a four-hit shutout in the nightcap for his fourth straight as the Mackins were collecting eight hits off four Tribe fingers. Al Milnar, who bore the brunt of a big, seventh-inning uprising, was charged with the loss.

In the National League, the Phillies amassed 16 hits as they rocked the Cardinals, 15-2, in their first game. However, the champions rebounded for a 4-3 triumph in the tailpiece. The Quakers put the first game on ice with seven runs in the second inning. Coaker Triplett led the attack with two successive home runs, one with one aboard, the other with two on the bags. Al Gerheuser gained his fifth triumph.

Stan Musial's home run in the seventh inning broke a 3-3 tie to give Howie Krist the victory in the nightcap, Schoolboy Rowe taking the loss.

Galan Triples, Homers

The Dodgers' double win over the Cubs came with 6-3 and 8-2 scores. After a shaky start, Bobo Newsom settled down to hurl the victory in the opener. Bill Nicholson's two-run homer in the first gave the Cubs a temporary lead, but the Flock blasted Paul Derringer from the mound with a four-run rally in the sixth. Augie Galan tripled with the bases loaded in that stanza.

Adding insult to injury, Galan came up in the eighth of the nightcap with the bags filled and hit his fourth homer of the year. Kirby Higbe held the Cubs in check until the eighth when Ed Head relieved him, but Higbe gained credit for the win.

In the last games in the majors, the Pirates and the Giants split, the Bucs winning out 8-4, then being blanked, 9-0. The Bucs scored six runs in the first of the opener off Cliff Melton and Hugh East. Max Butcher was the winner and Melton the loser. Ken Chase pitched six-hit ball in the second game to give the Giants an even break. The Giants collected 12 hits off three Pirate hurlers, routing their jinx, Bob Klinger.

The Chalk Stops Kid Nacional

HAVANA, Cuba, July 6—Chalky Wright got off the floor in the third round to beat Kid Nacional by a TKO in the eighth stanza of a scheduled ten-round here.

4 Million Sports Order for Army

Baseball, Softball Head List of Equipment Ordered

WASHINGTON, July 6—Baseball and softball are the favorite sports of American soldiers, but Army men engage in every pastime from boxing to bingo. The War Department disclosed in announcing the placement of new contracts for \$4,000,000 worth of additional athletic and other recreational equipment to meet the needs of service men in coming months.

Contracts were placed by the Army Service Forces through the Quartermaster Corps for use by the Special Service Division.

Equipment for baseball and softball leads the list, but there are plenty of boxing gloves, footballs, basketballs, volley balls and handballs. For those who prefer less strenuous sports there are sets of horseshoes, quoits, archery and fishing tackle. For quiet moments such games as chess, checkers, parchesi, backgammon, Chinese checkers, cribbage, dominoes and bingo are provided.

Minor League Results

International League

Monday's Games

Jersey City 5, Newark 2 (first game)
Newark 3, Jersey City 2 (second game)
Syracuse 7, Baltimore 4 (first game)
Syracuse 4, Baltimore 2 (second game)
Buffalo 5, Montreal 2 (first game)
Buffalo 3, Montreal 0 (second game)
Toronto 9, Rochester 3 (first game, twilight game)
Toronto 5, Rochester 2 (second game, night game)

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Toronto	48	32	.600	Rochester	35	37	.486
Newark	40	35	.533	Syracuse	34	36	.486
Montreal	38	36	.514	Buffalo	34	38	.472
Baltimore	35	34	.507	Jersey City	30	47	.390

Eastern League

Monday's Games

Albany 6, Utica 1 (first game, second game postponed)
Hartford 6, Springfield 4 (first game)
Hartford 9, Springfield 6 (second game)
Elmira 3, Binghamton 1 (first game)
Binghamton 7, Elmira 5 (second game)
Other games postponed.

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Scranton	42	15	.737	Elmira	31	28	.525
Wilkes-Barre	36	23	.610	Hartford	29	30	.492
Albany	32	27	.542	Springfield	22	37	.373
Binghamton	32	28	.533	Utica	12	48	.200

American Association

Monday's Games

St. Paul 15, Minneapolis 3 (first game)
St. Paul 6, Minneapolis 2 (second game)
Milwaukee 4, Kansas City 2 (first game)
Milwaukee 6, Kansas City 1 (second game)
Toledo 3, Columbus 1 (first game)
Columbus 7, Toledo 0 (second game)
Indianapolis 3, Louisville 2 (first game, twilight)
Indianapolis 3, Louisville 2 (second game, night)

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Indianapolis	39	24	.613	St. Paul	32	32	.500
Milwaukee	39	25	.603	Toledo	32	33	.492
Columbus	33	30	.524	Louisville	26	40	.394
Minneapolis	33	32	.508	Kansas City	23	38	.377

Southern Association

Monday's Games

Little Rock 6, Chattanooga 5 (first game, 10 innings)
Chattanooga 8, Little Rock 0 (second game)
Knoxville 2, Birmingham 1 (first game)
Knoxville 8, Birmingham 1 (second game)
Atlanta 3, Memphis 2

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Nashville	49	26	.653	Chattanooga	34	34	.500
Little Rock	38	34	.528	Birmingham	39	40	.494
N. Orleans	38	36	.514	Knoxville	30	39	.435
Atlanta	31	40	.436	Memphis	24	25	.488

Pacific Coast League

Monday's Games

Sacramento 3, Hollywood 0 (first game)
Sacramento 3, Hollywood 2 (second game)
San Francisco 3, Portland 2 (first game)
San Francisco 2, Portland 1 (second game)
San Diego 10, Oakland 1 (first game)
San Diego 4, Oakland 2 (second game)
Los Angeles 16, Seattle 2 (first game)
Seattle 2, Los Angeles 1 (second game)

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Los Angeles	57	23	.713	Hollywood	37	44	.457
San Francisco	47	32	.595	Oakland	36	44	.450
San Diego	41	40	.506	Seattle	35	44	.443
Portland	36	40	.474	Sacramento	27	49	.355

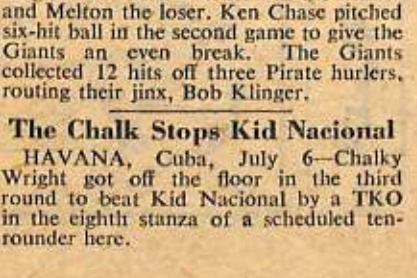
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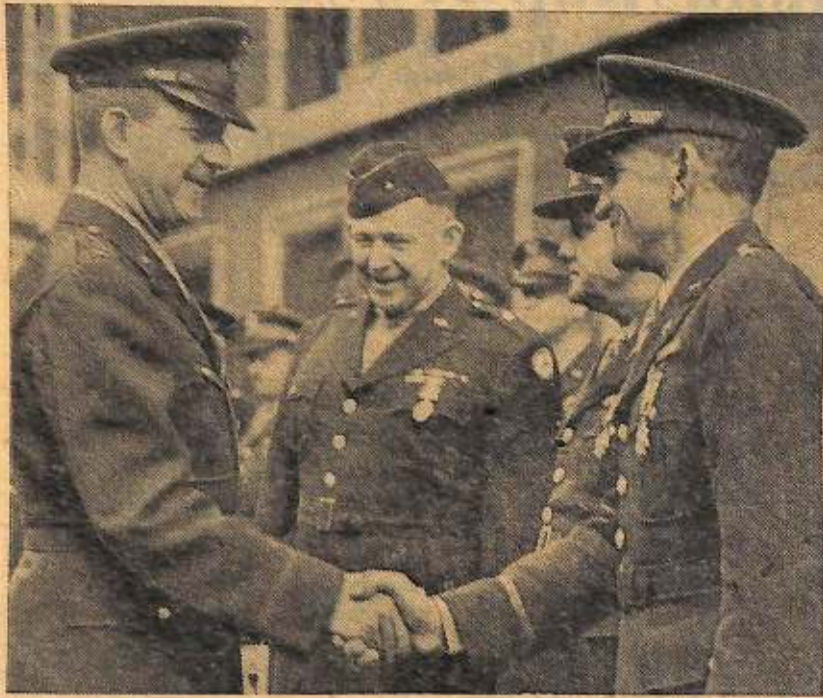
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After Decorations by ETO Chief



Planet Photo
Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers congratulates Brig. Gen. Oscar B. Abbott as Brig. Gen. Robert H. Littlejohn (left) and Brig. Gen. Paul R. Hawley watch. The three one-star generals were given high awards yesterday in London by the ETO commander.

Three Generals Cited by Devers

Littlejohn, Chief QM, Gets DSM; Hawley, Abbott Legion of Merit

Brig. Gen. M. Littlejohn, Chief Quartermaster, ETO, was given the DSM and Brig. Gens. Paul R. Hawley, Chief Surgeon, ETO, and Oscar B. Abbott, headquarters staff, ETO, were given the Legion of Merit yesterday morning by Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETO commanding general.

Flanked by officers and men of CBS as well as Maj. Gens. John C. H. Lee, commander, SOS; Alvin C. Gillem, commander, U.S. armored forces, and Idwar Edwards, chief of staff, ETO, and Brig. Gen. Daniel Noce, G3, ETO, Gen. Devers made the awards for the "meritorious conduct" in performing outstanding service.

The Distinguished Service Medal is the third highest of all American decorations and the highest that may be earned in non-combatant service. The Legion of Merit was created by President Roosevelt in 1942 for meritorious service to the nation.

Gen. Littlejohn's citation commended him for his part in the organization of the Services of Supply in the ETO and for contributing markedly to the success of the North African landings.

Gen. Hawley, who, as surgeon for the Special Army Observation Group in 1941 and chief surgeon, ETO, organized hospitalization and evacuation facilities in the British Isles, was cited for "marked professional ability, keen judgment and devotion to duty."

Gen. Abbott was cited for his work as a member of the personnel division of the War Department when he initiated and processed legislation that contributed directly to the successful development and expansion of the Army of the United States.

ETO Transportation Head Named Brigadier General

Col. Frank S. Ross, of El Paso, Tex., chief of transportation, SOS ETO, and organizer of transportation facilities for the U.S. Army in the African invasion, has been promoted to brigadier general, Headquarters, ETOUSA, announced yesterday.

Rising from the rank of private in the Texas National Guard in 1916, Gen. Ross was a lieutenant colonel in the General Staff Corps, Washington, when war was declared in 1941. In May, 1942, he arrived in Great Britain as transportation chief to arrange for receiving and moving the shipments of supplies and men from the United States.

Will Stump For World Council

WASHINGTON, July 6—Sixteen Senators and Representatives who are among those advocating post-war international collaboration will explain their views to the American people this summer in speaking tours which will carry them throughout the nation.

NEWS FROM HOME War Production Reaching Peak Nelson Indicates

May WPB Report Shows No Increased Output Over April Totals

WASHINGTON, July 6 (UP)—American war production is approaching its peak, the May report of the War Production Board issued today by Chairman Donald Nelson reveals.

Announcing that there was no increase in total production in May as compared with April, Nelson declared that further gains would be won only through "thoughtful and determined effort on the part of all concerned." To meet production programs for the rest of the year it would be necessary, he said, to draw upon accumulated stocks of steel, copper, aluminum and other materials.

Nelson disclosed that in certain essential war units gains had been made. Aircraft production increased five per cent and production of naval vessels was up two per cent.

He warned that the munition output must continue to increase at the average rate achieved during the past months.

"A slackening of the pace such as occurred in May is a serious matter," he explained, "since it places upon the remaining months of the year additional strain in a period when production difficulties multiply because the industrial machine is running so close to current capacity."

Corn Ceiling Boost Asked

WASHINGTON, July 6 (AP)—The Senate Agricultural Committee yesterday unanimously recommended the passage of legislation designed to set aside the OPA's price ceilings on corn and allow it to sell as high as 140 cents a bushel. The present ceiling limit is 107 cents a bushel.

Berlin's Army Show Coming

WASHINGTON, July 6—Irving Berlin's "This Is The Army," with its all-soldier cast, is going to tour overseas installations, the War Department has announced.

300 Fourth Traffic Deaths

NEW YORK, July 6—Almost 300 persons died in automobile accidents over the Fourth of July weekend despite the greatly decreased traffic. Although the fatalities were the smallest number in recent years it was expected that the deaths on America's first gasolineless Fourth would be almost negligible. No fatalities resulted from fireworks.

Axis Nervous-

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the coastal zone of Thrace in Greece and towns on the Turkish border. Algiers said also that the Germans have relieved Bulgarian garrisons and occupied the Bulgarian ports of Varna and Burgas.

Two reports which persisted in Stockholm indicated trouble for the Nazi high command. One said Field Marshal von Brauchitsch, former German Army commander-in-chief, and his son had been arrested by the Gestapo after seizure of letters from the father to his son sharply criticizing the high command's planning of the war.

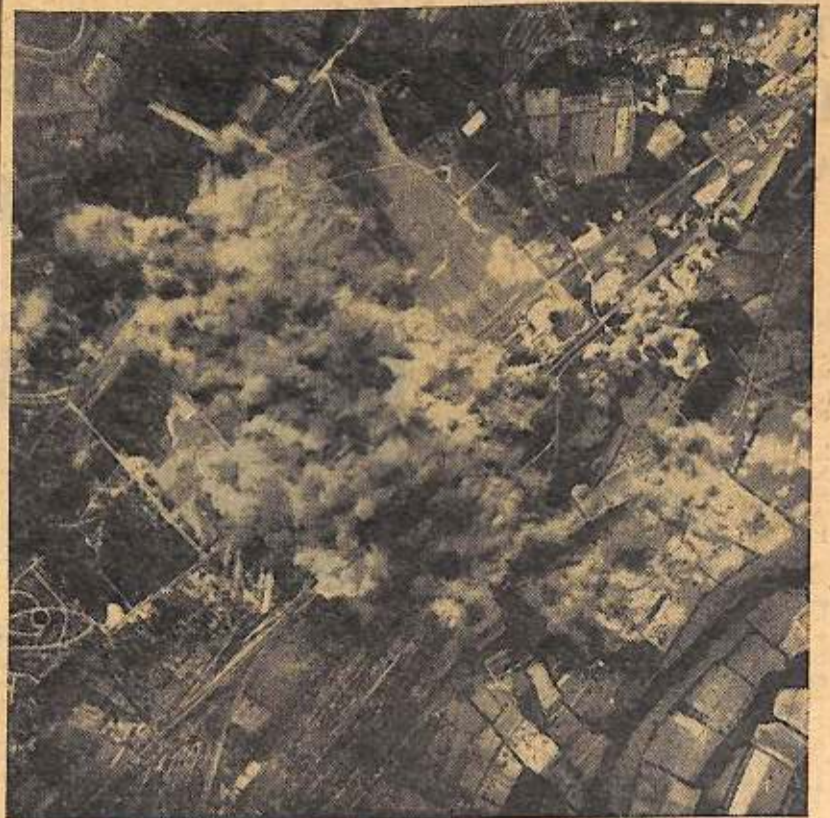
The other said that Gen. von Falkenhorst, commanding the German occupation forces in Norway, had published to army garrisons a proclamation bemoaning "the shameful increase" in the number of Germans, "even officers," who are deserting and crossing into Sweden.

Wavell, Eden, ETO Chiefs At 'Magic Carpet' Benefit

Lt. Gen. Jacob S. Devers, ETO Commander, Adm. Harold R. Stark, U.S. Naval Chief in Europe, and dozens of American soldiers were among guests at a performance yesterday of the "Magic Carpet," presented at the Princes Theater, London, for the forces of the United Nations by the All-Services Canteen club.

King Peter of Yugoslavia, Field-Marshal Wavell, Mrs. Littlejohn Cook, secretary of the All-Services club, and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Mrs. Eden, patron and president, also were among the large audience which included a small party of British wounded from North Africa.

What Forts Did on Independence Day



U.S. Army Air Force Photo
The Gnome and Rhone aircraft factories—repair plants for FW109s—shudder under the explosions of bombs from Eighth Air Force Flying Fortresses which attacked the German-occupied base at Le Mans, France, on the Fourth of July. Hits can be seen on the airfields and railway sidings adjacent to the factories.

Gunner Flies Bomber Home, Coached by Wounded Pilot

A USAAF BOMBER STATION, July 6—The hands of top turret gunner Clifford Erickson, of Fond du Lac, Wis., brought the Flying Fortress Dangerous Dan back from a raid on Wilhelmshaven, but the flying skill was that of the pilot, 1/Lt. William T. Jones, of North Middletown, Ky.

Dangerous Dan, on its first raid, was approaching the target when it was caught by enemy fire, knocking out one engine, destroying the hydraulic system and riddling the wings. Co-pilot 2/Lt. W. Bersinger, of Los Angeles, and Jones were both badly wounded as a 20mm. shell exploded in their compartment.

Jones, with his jaw shattered, the right side of his face shot away, a six-inch wound in his shoulder, and his sight blinded by oil spraying from the damaged engine, fought the controls as the stricken bomber plunged downward. He managed to pull into another formation 700 feet below.

Navigator 2/Lt. Leonard B. Baxter, of Walton, N.Y., dragged Bersinger down the catwalk to the bomber nose where he and 2/Lt. Albert C. Johnson, of Bainbridge, Ga., the bombardier, administered first aid. Meanwhile a mumbled order over the intercom from Jones had brought S/Sgt. Erickson down to the vacant co-pilot's seat where he took over the controls under the guidance of Lt. Jones.

Enemy fighters kept boring in at the limping plane, keeping the gunners busy and occasionally forcing Baxter and Johnson to man their guns too as Johnson, losing altitude and speed, dropped the plane from formation to formation as the bombers passed on their way home.

Barely conscious, Jones took over the controls as the plane neared the home field and landed safely, then was lifted fainting from his seat and rushed to the hospital.

"It took plenty of guts to do what Jones did," other fliers here commented. "He knew that with Bersinger out he had to remain conscious and land that plane. No one else could do it."

Both Jones and Bersinger, recovering from their wounds, expressed eagerness to get back with their crew so that they could "get the so-and-so that got us."

Jones has been recommended for the DSM and Erickson for the DFC.

Other members of the crew, none of whom was injured, are Sgts. Donald B. Armstrong, Excello, Ohio, radio operator-gunner; Charles T. Gray, Hotchkiss, Col., ball turret gunner; James P. Keid, Bristol, Conn., left waist gunner; Charles R. Halsey, Germantown, Pa., right waist gunner, and Leonard D. Winter, Humble, Tex., tail gunner.

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Wednesday, July 7

- 5.45—Program resume.
- 5.50—Dance Music—Joe Loss Orchestra.
- 6.00—News (BBC).
- 6.15—Personal Album—Dale Evans with your favorite songs.
- 6.30—U.S. Army Concert—The BBC brings its listeners a sample of our Army music.
- 7.00—Sports news presented by The Stars and Stripes radio reporters.
- 7.05—Command Performance—Dinah Shore, Glenn Gray and the Casa Loma Orchestra, Pied Pipers.
- 7.35—Symphonetta—Classical music, featuring the Boston Promenade Orchestra.
- 8.00—News from home presented by The Stars and Stripes radio reporters.
- 8.15—Fred Waring Show.
- 8.30—Jubilee—Noble Sissie Orchestra, Lena Horne and Mills Bros.
- 9.00—News (BBC).
- 9.10—Musical Miniature—Albert Sandler Orchestra.
- 9.25—China—Salute to our Ally (a BBC feature).
- 9.55—Interlude.
- 10.00—Final Edition—Late world, sports, U.K. American troops news presented by The Stars and Stripes radio reporters.
- 10.15—Carroll Gibbons Orchestra.
- 10.30—Sign Off till Thursday, 5.45 PM.

