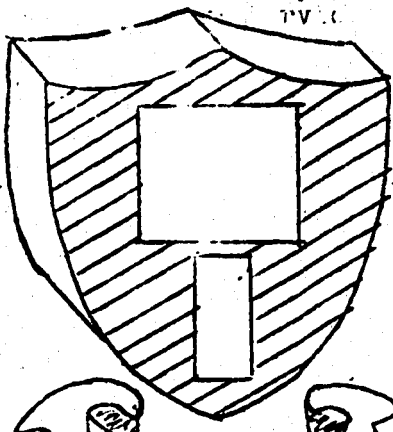
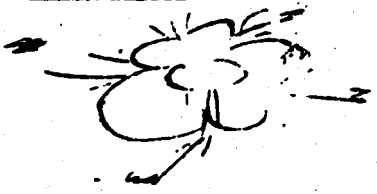


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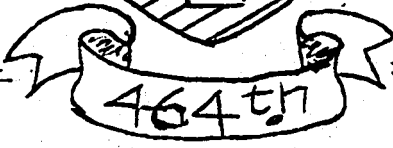


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ALLIES CONTINUE ADVANCE

On 15 D Day was the high spot of the week's war news. Launched on a great scale with more than 900 surface craft, hundreds of troop carrying planes, airborne infantry and paratroopers the show went off without a hitch. This group, together with the 55th Wing bombed bridges far to the north of the actual invasion and our crews saw little of the invasion. Since then the beachheads on two main points between Nice and Marseilles have been greatly strengthened and nourished by unfinished supplies. Great Nationalistic note struck by French line that it was first time since fall of France that French troops were fighting on their own soil against a common foe. We are reaching out towards the key harbor town of Toulon, just east of Marseilles, and have reached approaches directly to famed French city. Drive has now encircled Toulon from the east but further consolidation of noose expected as we move west and then tuck them in to coast. At any rate the south coast invasion being strengthened hourly and apparently meeting with surprisingly little assistance. Key to this encouraging picture was supplied largely by 15th AAF with 55th Wing playing vital part in knocking out major air installations overlooking beaches as well as interfering with bridges and supply roads focusing on central France and webbing to the south. Marseilles completely worked from outside. As first we drove directly against valuable harbor of Toulon we knocked out the claimed battleship Strassbourg, formerly of French Navy and scuttled by French in '42 when Germans took over major portion of their sea power. Strassbourg, raised and

Con't on Pg. 8

THE NATURE OF FREE MAN

The main question is why did world war recur so soon? Rather than take a firm stand with the aggressor nations the democracies sacrificed China, Ethiopia and Czechoslovakia. As late as 1936 the power of the now United Nations would have easily checked the Axis if they had acted together. The reoccupation of the Rhineland, and the advance of the Axis policy of piecemeal aggression strengthened the fascist nations until the large democracies were in serious peril.

If England had fallen in 1940, America would not have been able to face the Axis alone. We were unprepared. Our conduct between the two wars was folly. We took freedom for granted. When a nation relaxes, it begins to go backwards. Americans refused to believe in danger. Even when ten nations on the continent of Europe were killed, one by one, we refused to learn from their example. They had made the same mistakes we made after World War I. They paid a more terrible price for those mistakes simply because they lived closer to the aggressor nations.

Born in an age of constant and great mechanical progress we developed the delusion that the world automatically improves with the passage of time. We mistook mechanical triumphs for the essence of world progress. This conception was disastrous. True progress has very nearly been the tool for carrying out the destruction of civilization. We

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777th ...
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C O's COMMUNITY

The war news is good! There
no denying it! However this
we of precocious ...
over-running the ...
holding our tactical efforts
the least.

Perhaps the best method of
construction ...
today is to draw an analogy ...
such things ... and ...
catch. ... no doubt seen a
champion work on an adversary.
He sears, points, jabs, and
kosses when the opening oc-
curs, all with ... in view
he knock-out! ... takes him
now three to ... ends to
say his opponent out AND THEN
-----he doesn't count-----
RECOVER HIS EFFORTS for
the final push.

urge you to emulate the
... This is not the time
of relaxation. Increase your
efforts and ... the victory a
decisive one! We have pounded
the enemy to the point where he
is reeling. But he is a tough
guy! He still has plenty of
punch left! Let us keep pound-
ing him until he is ripe for
the knock-out blow and when
he lies prone we shall ...
it with such ...
fact that there will be no
doubt left in his mind about
the futility of continuing the
fight.

Colonel A.L. Schroeder
Commanding

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BOOK REVIEW

ICE...By George R. Stewart

The real heroism of George R. Stewart's powerful new novel is a
great and devastating storm---a torrential downpour that sweeps a-
cross the Pacific, slashes down on San Francisco and the California
coast, and transformed into a blizzard when it beat against the
mountain ranges, buries mountain passes, power lines and railroad
tracks under twenty feet of snow.

A young meteorologist spotted the storm first, when it was just a
small disturbance off the coast of Asia. He whimsically named it
"Ice", and felt personally responsible for it when it roared over
the United States.

The feverish activities of the myriad people directly affected by
the downpour of this scene---the fight to keep the Donner Pass open to
traffic, the battle to bring the trains through on time, the struggle
to keep the trans-continental wires open and the effect of the storm
on the personal lives and loves of the individual characters of the
story are inter-related by the author into an important and memo-
rable novel.

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because your contribution
have been so generous (1900)
we may ... money to help
more than a chapel. A library
and reading room is to be con-
structed on the lower side of
the chapel building. It is to
be 18' x 35', have a fireplace
and, we hope, comfortable furni-
ture.

Although the chapel will not
be complete, we hope to hold
services in it on Sunday, 27th
August. It is your chapel! Do
not fail to attend!

Chaplain Eastwood

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... ONE CHAIR!

The Red Cross Field Director,
Mr. Lamb, is offering a chair
to be placed in every house built
in the camp.

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Sorry---it is prohibited to
mail copies of the boat blast
home.

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FRANCE UNDERGROUND FIGHTS
FOR SABOTAGE.....

FRANCE (CNS)--supreme head-
quarters, Allied Expeditionary
Force, has created the French
"Army of the interior" with de-
laying considerably the move-
ment of German reserves to the
Normandy combat zone
widespread sabotage.

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BOOPS & GEEK from SQUADROONS

AWARDINGS FROM THE 779TH

by.....S/Sgt. Joe Stewart

1st Lt. Robert E. Hughes and Sgt. Marshall F. Farrell made the Group stand up and take notice of the men in the 7th this week when they were decorated by Col. Anderson and Col. Crocker. Lt. Hughes was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action, plus the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement on aerial flights against the enemy. Sgt. Farrell also received the DFC for knocking down two German fighters, plus one probable on raid over Ploesti on June 6th.

Fifty missile-bits was pre-eminently among the 79's paragonizing the 70th's Service but the past week in search of bar to celebrate entering into the coveted Half-a-hundred. Some of those who finished are now sweating out the order to go home are 1/Sgt Norman, 2/Sgt, 3/Sgt, 4/Sgt, 5/Sgt, 6/Sgt, 7/Sgt, 8/Sgt, 9/Sgt, 10/Sgt, 11/Sgt, 12/Sgt, 13/Sgt, 14/Sgt, 15/Sgt, 16/Sgt, 17/Sgt, 18/Sgt, 19/Sgt, 20/Sgt, 21/Sgt, 22/Sgt, 23/Sgt, 24/Sgt, 25/Sgt, 26/Sgt, 27/Sgt, 28/Sgt, 29/Sgt, 30/Sgt, 31/Sgt, 32/Sgt, 33/Sgt, 34/Sgt, 35/Sgt, 36/Sgt, 37/Sgt, 38/Sgt, 39/Sgt, 40/Sgt, 41/Sgt, 42/Sgt, 43/Sgt, 44/Sgt, 45/Sgt, 46/Sgt, 47/Sgt, 48/Sgt, 49/Sgt, 50/Sgt. Congratulations and when they get back to the States I hope they can make a few of those potato salad salads for some of us still over here.

Gaston is back in the saddle again, determined more than ever to get in 50 missions on the order of the day despite numerous attempts (by the way no doubt) to lay him away. Stallings came back from home and rest camp looking worse than ever... rumor has it that he's applied for permanent party in Rome..He probably couldn't afford the life there...maybe had a merry some and get some sleep though! Women, Mialiore and Gigante... to be doing okay around the 7th service club playing African dominoes. Levitsky (from County Park) lost his shirt. Junior Wilkins is still walking around with the old "I want to go back to Rome" look..can't say that I care him. (cont p 8)

SHORTERS FROM HEADQUARTERS

by.....CPLM FSSOR

If we had our life to live over again we'd become a Red Cross field director-----so much opportunity to do so much good..... These are times to try the soul of a patient man--want to do-----listen to rumors, or build----- The unpopularity of the Special Service Dept due to the faulty movies is becoming quite interesting these days----if it's not one thing it's another. First the old speaker went dead. Then the generator didn't give enough for the new one. On top of which the first film shown on the new projector was so old that the sound was too faint for good volume. Put that all together and add the heckling from the audience and you have a projectionist's nightmare. Actually there are about three men on the base who know anything about a projector; but to listen to the advice from the impatient throatseach evening you'd swear this was an outfit made up exclusively of members in good standing of the Motion Picture Projector's Union. Should have seen the Chaplain, while catching, pull the ball ones over the plate. Very deceitful--tch-tch-tch! He's not kidding--about the hair on his chest either. FOUND-----one softball pitcher who will undoubtedly help in determining the best team on the base---Howie Walker---pitched a no-hit game on Friday!

THE WOLF

by Sansone



The MAILIN' WAZZ...

by.....Sgt J. Kennedy

OUGH...Lt. Seavy, 76th navigator, was killed when hit by flak flying over Yugoslavia on way to target.

What were Powell, Hepner, and Clopton celebrating at the Red Cross Lingo party? What happened to the M shower project?

The 76th Antenna Water Works, E.P. Pillow proprietor says, "If there wasn't so much drinking in the service club, there wouldn't be so much water consumed the next day. Save water and win the war."

The medics say they're neutral. Won't say who they're neutral against.

Sgt Samell of the Engineers, wants to buy a harmonica...any offers?

The Officer's club was formally opened Wednesday. A good time was had by all. Huge quantities of lemonade were consumed.

THEY DOOD IT. (50 mission Officer, Capts Drake and Garlock, Lts. Higgins, Johnson, Tarver and Bailey. Latter won on a recount. Though

only had 49, but recapitulation of returns elected him. All members express their appreciation of the work Schilling, Stenevik,

Entire and Spiece, are doing. Club's murals are beginning to shape up. Oh that Pistol Pimpin' Mama! Officers feel they should be awarded some sort of ribbon for the battle they participated in on club's opening night.

Captain Cator back from sojourn in foreign clime....Ditto Lts Hartter and Ferris, also T/Sgt Peterson and S/Sgt Blackburn.

Lt "Philanthropist" McWeeney donated 10,000 to the 77th service club...don't worry, 'twas just lire.

Cpl Ralph Newberry finds that fox holes make good swimming pools. "Comando" Martin, the only man that likes KP, now officiating as life guard.

The cooks are happy again now that they are getting days off. Bruno wants to go back to the states...claims it was all a horrible mistake. Cooks want to get rid of Italian KP's and get the linemen in their place. KP's claim Kaminsky is lineal descendant of Mr. Tree.

How did Cpl Powell get back to the supply tent that night?

COMPLETE LIST OF CASUALTIES: Lozott in Bari Hospital for observation due to bomb falling on his head some time ago...release indefinite. Cpl J. Scott in Bari Hosp. Bomb hoist fell on his foot....wound has set in... stay indefinite. S/Sgt LeBrenz, Bari Hosp Laryngitis...doctor said it was physical breakdown due to overwork. Sgt Joe Howard in base hosp with G.I.'s. May take him to Bari Hosp for observation...bad cough. Goldstein from Engineering sec. in Bari Hosp for minor operation. T/Sgt D. Morrison, combat man, in Bari Hosp. Crushed by 20 mm shell, doing swell. If we've overlooked anybody, it wasn't intentional.

HOW ABOUT COPIES OF THE LAST FOR THE BOYS IN THE HOSPE?

ENT 17---Pin up girl tent...no admission charge...one look and you get a pass to town.

Understand our first soldier and chief clerk were trying to promote a romance with Red Cross girls...no ivory.

ENT 37---Combat tent---wants some rank---and plenty of it. Three boys in that tent from Connecticut...Want to meet some other NUT-meggers. Three mission "Private" Carberry says he's doing it for love. Boys want lister bugs down in that section. Say they're eating better here than in Charleston, S.C. Quote---"anybody that leaves Charleston to come overseas is a coward."

ENT 60 wants a shower. PERIOD.

ENT 41 wants lower liquor prices.

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NOTES and ERRORS

S/Sgt H. Hoover

A million dollar project by which war league games were to be filmed in color for showing to servicemen, both in the states and abroad, appears to have hit a snag. Oh well, it probably wouldn't have worked on our projector anyway."

FAMOUS LAST WORDS :

"If you don't like the way the movies are being run, take it out on me."

DATA ON THIS AND DATA

Reports come from the South Pacific that Joe Dillaggio still has his slugging eye, with an average of one homer per game. Aubrey ceps, ex Pitt Pirate catcher now in the Marines, is stationed in the Marshall Islands. The NY Giants have signed Jim Wallaca, 17 year old shortstop of the Easton, Pa High School, to a contract with the Ohio Springfield, C., club of the Ohio State League. The youngster will report to Springfield June 29. He is a younger brother of Jack Wallaca, former Athletic infielder who is now stationed somewhere in Italy....The Texas League will operate next year, Pres J. Alvin Gardner announced here last week. Pointing out that the invasion of Europe meant that there will be more man power for sports, "The country is going to be in such good shape in this war by next season that there will be no reason for staying out."

THE MANLY ART

All men interested in boxing may start getting in shape. Working in coordination with the 465th Bomb Gp boxing ring is being erected. The place; same spot we hold our USO shows.

Joe Louis will be down to see us around the 25th or 26th of this month. We want some boys to box in the preliminaries. You don't necessarily have to be a professional. A willingness to box is all that is necessary.

A light and heavy bag is being set up outside the Special Service tent. Get in shape and make a showing.

We plan to box with other groups, so let's get all of you men who are boxers and those who would like to learn.

Hq OFFICERS TAKE DRIB

A breath-taking game featured by lapses of memory, booted balls, and unusually spectacular sprinting by the outfield took place Thursday night between the Hq Officers and Hq III. For 5 exciting innings the game saw-sawed back and forth finally ending in a 13 to 4 victory for the III. The fact that the game ended in the 5th inning because of darkness will give you an idea of the tightness of the game.


SOFTBALL STANDINGS:

- 777th Engineering
- 778th Engineering
- Headquarters
- 777th Communications
- 779th Engineering
- 779th Squadron

RULES FOR SOFTBALL GAMES

All games played will be no longer than 7 innings. Stealing bases will be permitted, so long as the lead rule is applied (no lead until the ball leaves the pitcher's hand).

MORNING REPORT




FIRST WOMAN TO WIN SOLDIER'S MEDAL FOR HEROISM

WAC PVT. MARGARET Malone

"I DON'T WANT TO BE A HERO. I JUST WANT TO STEP IT UP, REE!"

... IN ALGIERS, SHE SAVED THE LIFE OF A SOLDIER WHO FELL INTO A POOL OF BLAZING GASOLINE! SHE WAS SEVERELY BURNED.



MARGARET IS 4ft 11in TALL - HER NICKNAME IS (GUESS!) "PEEWEE"

HOME - ROCHESTER

What's Cooking?



MOVIES---
Mon & Tues, 21 & 22 August
CITY WITHOUT MEN

Wed & Thurs, 23 & 24 August
GOVERNMENT GIRL
.....with.....
Olivia Dehaviland

Fri & Sat, 25 & 26 August
GAS LIGHT
...with...
Charles Boyer, Ingrid Bergman

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CHURCH SERVICES:

Protestant-- 1100 and 2000 Sunday

Catholic--1830 Sunday; 1800 Tues.
Confessions 1800 Sunday

Wish--Friday 1800

WGL Meeting--1700 on the evening of the first day on which there is no mission.

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Joe Louis and his entourage will make a personal appearance at this base on or about 26th August. Watch the bulletin board outside the Special Service tent for further notices.

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CONSPICUOUS LACK OF FAB!!

Lots of softball games are being played every day, but no spectators. Where's the pride in your sections????? Where's that old fighting spirit? Maybe it's just as well---the games are played with such enthusiasm that we'd probably have to search all spectators for hidden weapons before entering. Who knows---we might even get teachers if warranted.

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HOUSTON, TEX (CNS)--D.D.Hobbs city dog catcher, picked up a stray poodle on a downtown street. As he was loading the pooch into his wagon, he was bitten on the leg. But it was not the poodle that had bitten Hobbs, it was the woman who owned it.

NEW YORK (CNS)--While hundreds of men, women and children looked on, two men battled with knives over the affections of a girl on an East Side street one evening recently. One of the men, Solly Ricaboni, 63, was stabbed in the chest. The other Patsy Lanino, 39, was stabbed in the back. While they were fighting, the girl they both loved disappeared in the crowd---with another man.

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HOLLYWOOD (CNS)-----Mrs. Norma J. Cathcart has sued a local hospital for \$10,000. She claims that the hospital made a public show of the birth of her baby and even permitted insulting remarks about her exposed leg.

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DENVER (CNS)---- "I'm sorry," a stranger told Mrs. Martha Martin after he had batted her in the eye on a Denver street. "I thought you were my mother-in-law."

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TERRE HAUTE, IND (CNS)----her husband's extreme informality eventually led Mrs. Minnie Malone to the divorce courts. "When we had guests he would sit around in a red undershirt," she testified in winning a divorce. "And once, when I was giving a dinner party, he left his teeth on the table."



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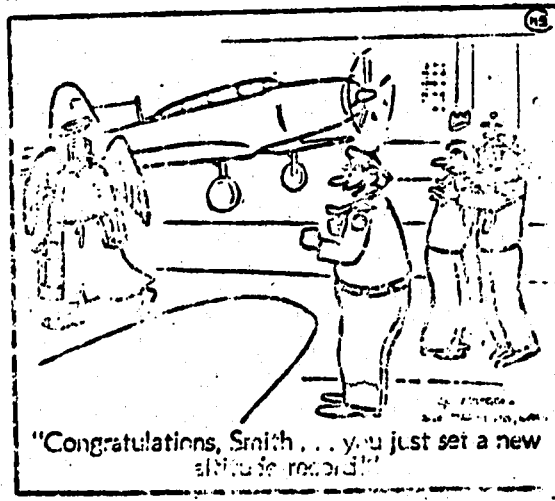
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By Milton Caniff

WHAT YOU HEAR IS A ROOMER



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... ship knocked
... on Friday. Toulon harbor
... will be mined.

... point of ... campaign
... reached ... allied
... force, infantry and air
... the ... a mighty
... road. The ... Fal-
... rocket, ... 12 miles
... between Tolouse and Armentau
... of Paris, ... was
... in a ... stage in a ra-
... attempt to extir-
... the remnants of his ... 7th
... from ... butchering. The
... role is ... a shrewd
... of getting out much of his
... and equipment. ... today, how-
... tried to ... a mass plan
... while all roads outward were
... blocked with German troops, ...
... plan inaugurated ... the
... on ... front roads. ...
... of total damage inflicted
... this sector as well as ... road
... Chartres to Rambouillet
... (from Paris) is ...
... best but count about 10
... trucks and 70 tanks destroyed
... in last
... hours. ... retreat has
... turned into ... in last two
... and allied commanders fig-
... every ... of meddling
... into complete annihila-
... Paris ... taken on all
... of ... town
... it should ... shortly
... All communications and major
... transportation lines have shut
... down and Nazi attempt to keep
... in check seen to be fail-

... front
... been far less spectacular
... work but Soviets have been
... up supplies and strength-
... on all vital parts of
... front. Much heavy fight-
... work in Estonia where
... force and infantry
... driving to cut the state
... off, complete ...
... of Nazi bulk in that
... and do considerable liquid-
... ing. Just to south the big
... concerns Russian troops and
... which has crossed into
... and now Germans are doing
... on their own and beginning
... to ... to ...
... drive. Further to south
... troops have been fighting on east
... of Vistula river where cross-
... are being launched. Entire
... gives impression of great
... line moving into second gear
... towards a history ending late
... and September.

THE NATURE OF FREE MAN (cont from

excused our aloofness from the war before Pearl Harbor with the phrase, "War settles nothing." In reality, war settles which side shall have a chance to get its own way. We missed the opportunity to use victory in 1919 for world good.

Armistice day will bring the desire to forget and to relax. Yet we must be prepared to continue the struggle to preserve freedom and peace, a struggle which has no end. The moral of the past twenty-five years is clear. We must not repeat the mistake of believing that the mere winning of the war finishes our job. Our immediate task in America after the war is to adhere to the democratic principle of open-mindedness, and to exercise the democratic rights. We must fear false leadership and false ideas.

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RAMBLINGS FROM THE 779th

.....S /Sgt A Alfred Carey Jr. seems to be on the ball...recently was commended by the wing inspector... Welsh says the hell with commendations...he's ... repp ing up on 38 and is home-sick... He and Vigil... Decease-charge!

SCENES THAT NEVER SAW..... or...WALKING AROUND THE AREA!!!!

Smoky Halonen willing to pose for holy pictures. Maki and his new house...like a little girl with her first doll. Ted Marton with watermelon seeds in each ear...Rigney putting a "private" sign on his night latrine... Wilnot and White making their tenth trip down with the G.I.'s...Shuffy Miller with a hat on....Woodcroft late for chow...Joe Richards ---- going to town (2nd time in six months)...Willi Wolf without a SEE-gar.

Little has come out of the South Pacific except that the B-29 missions are becoming more common all the time. Liberators continue to carry the big load. Paillipping may be next major move. Lt. Gen. Ben Lear's announcement that much Man power in Mediterranean theatre will go home via Tokio met with mingled emotions by the patriots on this hill.

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