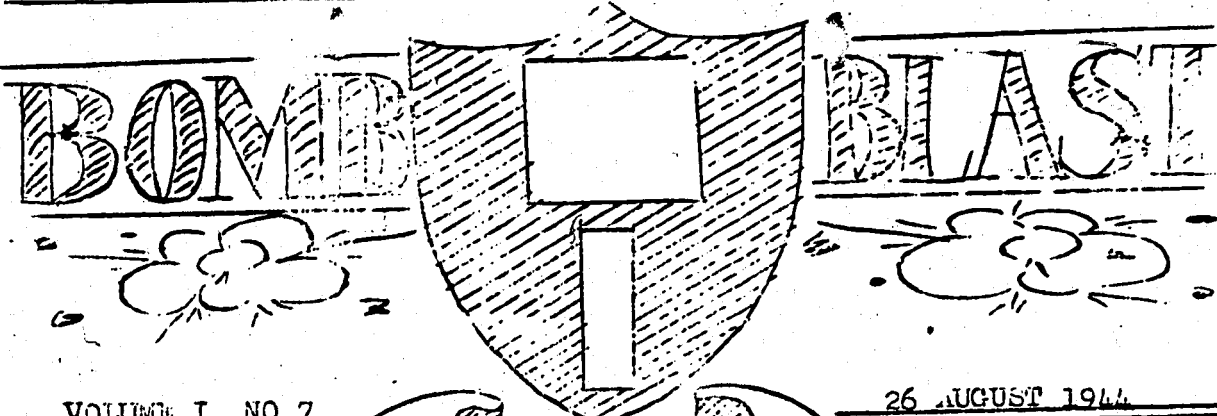


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ALLIES
SMASH
AHEAD!!

WHAT'S WRONG
WITH THE GERMANS?

The Allied War Machine continued to run on all cylinders as it smashed ahead in France. The Germans found themselves facing a blitzkrieg touched with lightning speed and power.

In a little more than a week after their landing in Southern France, Allied Forces have fanned out to control principal parts of the coast. Toulon, Marseilles and other ports fell before the advancing troops or were seized from within by the people themselves. Not content with this, fast moving armoured forces struck northward and were within sight of Lyons, Trojan-bursed by the French Forces of the Interior. Another steel claw reached out and clamped itself on the outlets of the Italian front which can now only be supplied through the mountain passes of Austria.

But the real weight fell from the North, as Patton's steel tracked patrols raced forwards, bypassed Paris and aimed for the German border a hundred miles away. Meanwhile the Canadians dashed through from Troarn and dashed the Germans back to the line, pocketing the battered remnants of the once proud German 7th Army.

Paris, declared liberated by the FFI, called for help three days later to prevent the city from coming under complete German control and French Armour led the dash to save the last bit of girl laughter of Gay Paree.

The Russians fought to a standstill by the Germans in the north, struck quickly and savagely to the south, taking Jassy and striking into Rumania. King Michael called for a break with Germany and to form a new government to fight on the side of the allies. While all this was going on the Red Tide was rough-

(Con't on Pg 8)

What's wrong with the Germans? Why do they persist in making war in spite of recurrent defeat? Are they different than other peoples? Do they enjoy death and destruction?

From the history of the German nation we can gather some inkling of their philosophy.

In 1869, the famous historian and political philosopher von Treitschke wrote: "That war should ever be banished from the world is a hope not only absurd, but profoundly immoral. It would involve the atrophy of many of the essential and sublime forces of the human soul and transform the globe into a vast temple of egoism."

The great von Bulow, Chancellor of the Kaiser's Reich, announced: "To the hypocritical French slogan of Liberty, Equality, Fraternity, we oppose our Prussian realities, of Infantry, Cavalry, Artillery."

Now any country in the world can develop and has developed men who can write in the same vein, but are there many people who would believe stuff like that? Do we believe that might makes right? Do we believe that minorities are of an inferior calibre? Of course not. Then why the difference? Are we different biologically? No! That is not the answer. The difference in philosophies between the German and any democratic people can in all cases be traced back to their teachings.

For centuries the Prussians have been inciting the Germans to violence. The armies, Navies, and recently Air Forces have been glorified to such an extent that Germans who are extremely humane have found themselves with strong urges to join in the warmongering. The warrior is supreme! Those poor unfortunates who disapprove are disgraced! Pacifism is synonymous with cowardice! And once in the service a war must be had at all costs to prove the worth of this sabre-rattling. (Con't on Pg 8)

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s COMMENTARY

The lapses into irregularity of uniform has been too prevalent of late. Too many men have acquired the impression that being stationed overseas is justification for relaxation of military discipline. The following regulations will be observed:

1. Officers will be in Class A uniform at all times except when participating in recreation or athletics.
2. If a regulation shirt is worn, it is part of a Class A uniform, therefore such personnel will be in Class A uniform (including cap), sleeves rolled down and buttoned, shirt tucked inside of trousers and trouser leg unrolled.
3. Administration clerks will be in Class A uniform at all times during duty hours.
4. When on work detail, enlisted personnel may wear a "T" shirt in place of regulation shirt if they desire.
5. Athletic clothing may be worn by enlisted personnel when actively participating in sports. Any covering desired may be worn by personnel going to and from showers.

Colonel SCHROEDER
 Commanding.

It is easy enough to deal kindly with those who befriend us, but the test of a man is in his attitude toward his enemies. Do you hate your enemies even as they hate you? If you do, then are you not just as contemptible in the eyes of the All-seeing One as your enemies are? If you would do to the Japanese and Germans as they do unto you and more so; if you are willing to use their arms and equal their hatred; if the present conflict is one merely to determine which will rule and which be the conquered people; if you win and are willing to deal with them after the same manner that they would have dealt with you had the victory been theirs then it must follow according to the laws of logic that you are as low and mean and insufferably arrogant as they, for no human has yet been able to deny that things equal to the same thing are equal to one another. Humans equal to the same deeds and passions are equal to each other.

Forbid that our enemies should drag us down to their wretched level. If they could win they would talk of conquered people slaves, the superior race, the cogs of Christians. If victory is given into our hands let us rise above the expression of primitive instincts, above the level of those who would destroy us and deal with them even as we would have them deal with us.

It is better to build than destroy and more profitable to redeem than kill.

Chaplain Eastwood

BOOK REVIEW

Graham Greene, an Englishman, has been engaged since the outbreak of the war in several enterprises for his government. He does not tell the precise nature of those jobs, but it is known that he has worked for the Ministry of Information, and it is known that he has been in Sierra Leone, British West Africa. THE MINISTRY OF FEAR is what the author calls an "entertainment" and what his readers (see comments below) hail as something new in the literature of terror and suspense. An earlier novel in the same vein, THIS GUN FOR HIRE, was made into a movie for Alan Ladd, and was probably the most talked-of thriller of last year. THE MINISTRY OF FEAR has been purchased by Paramount.

COMMENTS:

"Graham Greene is the outstanding genius of the macabre"

DOROTHY HILLYER, Boston Globe.

"I am indebted to Mr. Greene for my new habit of shooting quick glances over my shoulder toward what may be stealing out of the shadows, slow, sure, smiling." DOROTHY PARKER.

"He is the finest English novelist of his generation...His narrative gift is as good as Somerset Maugham's and I can pay it no higher praise." SIR HUGH WALPOLE.

NEWS from HERE and THERE

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC-----Adm. Kiiichi Endo, commander of a Jap fleet routed recently at New Guinea, is believed to have fled his sinking ship and perished in the cyclops jungles.

An American staff officer with flair for signposts, erected one in Endo's memory at a plantation bordering the jungle where the Admiral died. It read: "Admiral Endo Slept Here." On Pin Beach near Hollandia is another sign: "Admiral Endo Fled Here." And deep in the jungle is the American officer's final tribute to the Jap: "Admiral Endo Dead Here--End o' Endo."

ATLANTA, GA. (CNS)-----this ad ran in a Sunday edition of the Atlanta Journal: **WANTED**---Typical, smart enough to be worth \$135 a month, but dumb enough to start for less!

D FLYER IS TOP ACE
RUSSIA (CNS)-----Undisputed Allied ace of aces in World War II is Lt. Col. Alexander Pokryshkin, of the Soviet Air Force, who has downed 59 enemy planes.

FLASH! NAZIS GIVE UP INVASION OF ENGLAND!!

FRANCE (CNS)-----The Germans no longer plan to invade England if that's news to anyone.

Maps of England have been found in German Command posts here. On the backs of the maps are printed fresh maps of the territory the Germans are now trying to defend France.

15 WEEK'S FUNNY BROADCASTS

DON'DOM (CNS) -----Adolph Hitler, Berlin radio said, told a recent meeting of Nazi party leaders that what Germany needed was a leader who would "under no circumstances capitulate" and that he is that man,

JAPAN WINNING WAR-----

JAP SOLDIER SAYS.....
GUAM (CNS) -----Civilian residents of Guam got a peculiar picture of the war from the Japs during the Japanese occupation of this island.

One liberated Guam Civilian told Marines that the Japs said they had captured the Hawaiian islands, sailed through the Panama Canal, destroyed the U.S. Fleet and billeted in Washington.

LOS ANGELES (CNS)-----When her husband brought 14 of his relatives home to live with them, Mrs. Carnelia O'Day cried "enough!" She sued for divorce.

LAREL PASS. (CNS)-----Fleeing from police, William Usrey ran past a fruit stand. Then he had a bright idea. He buried his head in a watermelon as the police approached. The cops weren't fooled however. They nabbed him anyway.

SPRINGFIELD ILL. (CNS)-----When his landlord threatened to evict him for snoring, a troubled tenant complained to the OPA, which ruled "no grounds for eviction."



QUESTION OF THE WEEK.....What's happened to Pete "Ribbons" Ceccato's swagger stick?

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Building of the "Dark Room" Club is under way. The site of the building is behind the Special Service tent and the size 10 feet by 20 feet. It will be fitted with the necessities for developing films with the exception of printing paper. All members are urged to send home as much paper as they can possibly get. Membership can be acquired by paying an initiation fee of \$1.00 at the Special Service tent.

The WAIBIN' WALL

776th NEWS

by S/Sgt John F. Kennedy

HALF HUNDRED CLUB: The following officers and enlisted men in this squadron have completed fifty missions.

Captains Drake, Gerlock; First Lieutenants Bailey, Nott, Stallings, Huggins, Huff, Johnson, R. Pawlowski, Ralph, Tarver, Sgt. Wintermoyer, T/Sgts, Eddy, Gray, Owen, Bartrug, Bennett, Brown, Partridge, Pass, Tate, Warren; S/Sgts, Tuer, Tava, Barszczowski, Bennear, Crandall, Borland, DeNicola.

P.O.W. News has been received that Flight Officer Jesse Rowlett and Second Lieutenant Leonard are Prisoners of war. Both officers went down during a mission over Ferrara June 5.

ALL PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR: are the remaining members of Captain Cator's crew. Back to the fold came 1st Lt. Robert Rector, T/Sgt. Russell Kynoch, S/Sgt. Robert Blazek, S/Sgt Francis Ramsey, and S/Sgt Richard Wolfe. Went down over a place called Plocsti. Missing 39 days. Kynoch in hospital with brain concussion, will recover.

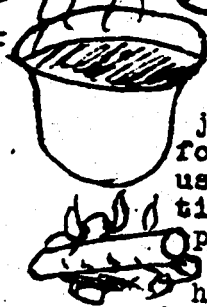
FREEMAN, famous member of the four horseman team called femine, rides again. Cooks complain, "He's always first in line, and when he eats first, there isn't enough for all."

LITTLE GISHO'S CREW IN TENT 42, sweating out last member of crew, Gregory, to finish 50. Service club is also sweating him out.

MORTALITY HIGH IN TENT 54. Sgt. Fred H Cook, down over Budapest. S/Sgt. James H Wright and T/Sgt John W Lynch, killed in action over target, Perdubiec, Czechoslovakia. Remaining three members on edge. Even drinking doesn't help much.

MORGUE: The boys that brought their pet fire flies to the 76th Service Club, when they wrote their nightly letters are missing. The bibulous multitude no longer harmonize as they slop their drinks down each others necks. Missing too are the few that think it's good fun to break the glasses, and wreck the club in general. **FINISH**

What's Cookin'



MOVIES:

Sun & Mon, 27 & 28 August
CIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK
 with
 Donald O'Connor

Tues & Wed, 29 & 30 August
LET'S FACE IT
 with
 Bob Hope & Betty Hutton

Thurs & Fri, 31 Aug & 1 Sept
THE MAN FROM DOWN UNDER
 with
 Charles Laughton

Sat & Sun 2 & 3 Sept
LADIES COURAGEOUS
 with
GUESS WHO?

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JOE LOUIS

Last time I saw Joe Louis at the Polo Grounds in August '42...He'd been in uniform nearly a year...It was Sunday....a war bond jamboree with baseball, jimie walker, billy rose overtones plus an overall backdrop of parading menagerie of the sports and entertainment world. Louis' part consisted of three shuffling rounds with his massive sparring mate, George Nicholson, with Louis for years and, until two weeks ago, indestructible as ebony. For his last title bout Louis weighed 206.....yesterday he weighed 216 but it seemed the type of suet he could burn off in three weeks of hard work.

A lot of guys wonder about how Louis adds up in this war picture. Until recently Louis has also been trying to figure that riddle. But this is cert-

ain. He didn't ask for the job that Uncle Sam designed for him, any more than most of us in this group. It was a long time before he could sell his part in the war to Joe as anything but short. One look at him and you know he doesn't relish the idea of trying to be a trained barking seal.

England and his pre-invasion barnstorming convinced him he's playing a part - a solid part.

"For two weeks before the invasion I worked eight shows a day for the invasion boys. They seemed to eat it up...same with the hospitals.....men and boys what is wounded seem to like to talk with somebody what dont talk too much...that's me."

Apparently, these soldiers that he's tried to entertain have shown Louis what a tonic he represents.....a tonic where a guy can look him over, talk with him and say to himself, "Man for man - that guy is honest murder."

Louis' troupe has been on the road since Aug. 30, 1943.... covered 48 states, the British Isles, North Africa and now finishing up on Italy before heading into the far East.

Louis says the best heavy-weight prospect he's seen is a youngster Billy Conn has in England.

Louis is as tired as the rest of us concerning overseas as against home.

He'll fight until his legs tell him he can't..but the pins feel good. "Folks all the time tellin' or writin' that I'll be too old when this war is over," he mused. "I'm 30... I say it's not how old a man is it's how he lives."

MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

TERRAIN TERRIFIC



YOU, MAN. YOU WANT A GAG, TOO?

5300023 and 00003 from SQUAD

777TH UNDERGROUND REPORT

A hearty welcome to all the new combat crews that have just come into this squadron....it is hoped that they will find the spirit of friendliness and helpfulness that has been and is the aim of the 777th.....There are probably a few things that might be criticized, such as the terribly dim lights in the enlisted tents for formal dressing for dinner, and no Scotch at the Service Club, but the war can't last forever. The long hoped for, patiently awaited day finally came....Patrick Joseph O'Feill was promoted to Cpl.....but never for a moment during those long, dark days as a Pfc did he neglect his duties, his work was never found wanting, and he was always eager to be of assistance. It is with a great deal of pleasure that his friends watch him quietly sew on his new stripes. Note: Watkins made Cpl too!

The stories coming back from Rome are making those who haven't been there sit around and drool. They are anxious for their chance to get up there and see how much dissipation they can crowd into these awfully short days. But Leonard Weiss brought back more than a story--no---it's not that, it's an accordion! His friends don't mind, however, Leonard can really get solid with it.

The building bug has finally bit the 777, the fellows in the Medics are the first to have their houses finished, and foundation for more houses are being dug all over the place. Nobody can be blamed for wanting a warmer place when the cold weather sets in, the memories of the miserable days spent when the squadron first got here still are very vivid.

DISCUSSION GROUP MEETS

For the first time since arriving overseas, the Discussion Group held a meeting. Led by Cpl Blair of the 779 the pros and cons of the Achievements accomplished by Allies in the administration of Italy were discussed.

An interesting article published in Reader's Digest was read which presented subject for healthy debate. The article---"Starvation in Italy" was written, obviously, with the intention of smearing the Allied Military Government. The conclusion reached by the group was that much of its contents was true, with the reservation, however, that the prosecution of the war,

SHORTERS FROM HEAD QUARTERS

So many strange faces in the mess hall...are we getting so many replacements? Used to be you'd go in to eat and throw greetings left and right.....now you feel like an intruder. Worried looks on the faces of the BUILDERS.....the war news looks too good.....I should worry. The architecture of the chapel is a tribute to S/Sgt. Gilfillen....the one really attractive addition to the base.. Thing that shouldn't happen to a dug...the Major catching all the staid S-1 boys and your correspondent singing at the top of our voices after curfew.....most of us blanched, ours got red. We're through! The doctor ordered us to give up wine women and songs we're giving up singing. Those post-war national conventions of veterans are really gonna have a fine collection of warblers--such harmony--such rhythm!..such arrangements!.. PERSISTENCY: the officers insisted the reason they lost the last softball game to us was due to a devastating first inning and poor (F)fielding, so they were given another chance. They did a little better this time....lost 6 - 4. Lt. Col. McKenna on first base did an excellent job in keeping the score as close as it was....pardon us while we scrape the peanut butter off. COOPERATION: some of the boys in one of the alleged buildings are each building a window it seems an argument arose about the style and they decided that each man will build the one nearest his bunk. Boy! will that be a cocktail outlook!!

by....CPLMFBSOA

demanding all our efforts, hindered the AMG, short on personnel, from alleviating the plight of the Italian to its fullest capability. The attitude of the American Servicemen towards the Italian civilian was also discussed and summed up by asserting that the much-needed postwar friendliness of the Italian Government could be more readily acquired by assuming an appropriate attitude towards the civilian now. It was pointed out that the American Government expected every GI to act as a missionary and to promote good will among the Italians. That this would go a long way in erecting a vehicle whereby the recurrence of war would be definitely eliminated.

WTS

and

by



ERRORS

S/Sgt Hoover

BOXING TO BE INAUGURATED IN BOMB GROUP

Friday afternoon's boxing exhibition marked the opening of the intended boxing season to be sponsored by the Special Service officers of the 464th and 465th Bomb Groups.

In the non-decision bouts held Friday, Massar, 776th, looked pretty good in his bout with Pvt James of the Guard Squadron, while Pfc Gleason, 778th and Cpl Earnest sparred with each other. Gleason showed a willingness to mix, while Earnest showed a willing right hand.

Those interested in participating, report to the Special Service tent. In matching the men, we intend to match them according to weight and experience. So get into condition and let's show the other bomb groups up. Come on you heavyweights!

BASEBALL TOURNAMENT TO BE PLAYED

By the end of next week, this area will have found out where the best team is. A double elimination tournament is being played, consisting of the 464th, 387th Scr. Sq., 565th Scr Sq., and our Guard Sq.

Each team will have to be beaten twice before eliminated. The 464th looks good, and have a better than even chance to win the tournament.

Games will be played on the 565th area, and you who desire to see a good game, look at the Special Service tent bulletin board and find out when your team is playing. We will get you the ride to the ball field. We guarantee good baseball.

HDQ OFFICERS STILL UNBEATEN IN VOLLEYBALL

Headquarters Officers remained unbeaten in their conquest of all the volleyball teams in the group. After a lay off of two weeks, they soundly trounced Doc Goodfrid's team three games to one.

Seeking revenge, after having been beaten by the Hq EM in softball, the unbeatable came thru to swamp the EM by a score of 4 to 1.

Since no teams are offering to challenge this champion team, they in turn extend a challenge to any team in the Bomb Gp, especially the 779th Officers and enlisted men's teams.

CHATTER ON THIS AND THAT

When Tony Cuccinello was playing second base for the Dodgers, he was champion cigar smoker of the Nat'l League. In fact, his fondness for "Philly" two-fers finally cost him his job with the bums.

It happened one day when Tony tried to go from first to third on a single to right. He was tagged out standing up. "Why didn't you slide?" "What!" bellowed Tony, "and break my cigars?" That winter Tony was sold down the river to Boston.

Ernesto Natali Lombardi, the nose that walks like a man snored with such fervor that no one would room with the fellow, despite the fact that he was the most popular player on the New York Giants. All's well with Ernesto now, however. He finally has a room-mate - Pitcher Bill Voiselle, who's so deaf he has been classified 4-F by his draft board.

Tommy Loughran, 41 year old former Philadelphia "dancing master" and ex-light-heavyweight king of the world, is expecting a discharge from the Marines as per age.

GET INTO SHAPE!!!

We have for your convenience a heavy punching bag for developing power in your wrists; a light bag for speed and precision; and all the accessories for the boxer, such as head guards, teeth protectors and athletic supporters.

