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Something new in the air war over Europe, and the story comes from the German radio. Uncle Sam's Eighth Air Force is now using Flying Fortresses <sup>that are</sup> larger than ever. <sup>These</sup> The Germans compare ~~them~~ to aerial battleships. <sup>y</sup> These are being used in order to clear the way for smaller Fortresses and Liberators <sup>that</sup> ~~which~~ carry bombs.

Our own Air Force Generals refused to either confirm or deny the story. But it <sup>is</sup> worth <sup>noting</sup> ~~remarking~~ that the London censor let it pass.

For some time it had been known, though it was not announced, that we were building super-fortresses. ~~The~~ Rumor had it that they were twice the size of the present B-Seventeen, as the flying forts are officially known. But none of our official communiques ever announced that they had gone into action.

According to the German <sup>s</sup> ~~docs~~ <sup>and they ought to know</sup> these super-fortresses do not carry bombs, but, are armed with an extraordinary number of guns <sup>and</sup> ~~they~~ are used as a sort of aerial battering ram. About a dozen of them fly ahead of the regular bombing formations and provide a screen.

Official advices from London bring word that the air attack on Fortress Europe has come to a lull, for the time being.

It had been going on for ten days, in which German cities were *quaking under a rain of* ~~showering~~ bombs dropped by British and American fliers coming from two directions, some from Britain, some from North Africa.

An aerial offensive like that resembles the advance of a land Army. After a time, air forces have to take a rest, make repairs, and reorganize.

In ~~these~~ <sup>the ten</sup> days, the British and Americans have dropped something like twenty thousand ~~tens~~ of bombs on Hitler's Reich. And in the last three days, they bagged three hundred German planes.

## TIRPITZ

Today all England is ringing with the exploit of a flotilla of British midget submarines. King George's Admiralty has been keeping these tiny undersea boats an official secret for quite a while. Their first published sortie was a dramatic affair. They cruised north to Norway, one thousand miles from the nearest British bases. Then they stole in through numerous islands off the Norwegian coast, islands heavily defended by Nazi fortifications, batteries, minefields, anti-submarine nets and booms. Their destination was Alten Fjord, way up on the Arctic Coast of Norway. There the Nazis have been hiding the cream of their Navy, the great super-battleship TIRPITZ, named after the ~~man~~ <sup>man</sup> who was Grand Admiral of the <sup>Kaiser's</sup> Imperial ~~German~~ Fleet in the last war. She is a monster battle wagon, and, until this happened, no British eye had ~~she~~ ever seen her. The TIRPITZ is listed as thirty-five thousand tons but naval experts believe she is closer to forty-one thousand.

*well,* The midgets landed their torpedoes smack on the target.

As they turned to leave, crews of a couple of those tiny subs had the nerve to rise to the surface <sup>for a look around and</sup> ~~at enormous risk,~~ as they did so, they heard a series of terrific explosions.

How many midgets there were in the raid was not told,

but the Admiralty admits that three of them were lost. So ~~that~~ there must have been quite a flotilla.

All this happened on September twenty-second, but the news was only released today because the British Navy officials wanted to prove it. The Germans admitted it two days after the raid, but claimed that they had repelled the attack and taken prisoner members of the crews of the British ships.

*midgets didn't*  
They ~~did not~~ sink the TIRPITZ, but, they inflicted serious damage. Six days after the raid, a flight of reconnaissance planes flew over Alten Fjord and photographed the stricken battleship. The pictures show a thick pool of oil that reached more than two miles away from the anchorage of ~~the great battleship~~ *Hitler's biggest battle*

*wagon.*

Around her were a depot ship, two destroyers, two tankers, a coastal defense ship and several small craft. In addition, there was a net-cage to protect all these vessels from another attack.

~~These British submarine sailors did more than punch a hole in the side of the most powerful fighting ship in the~~

~~world.~~ Naval experts ~~declare that it~~ *say this* alters the entire naval picture in the far northern Atlantic. <sup>For</sup> Although holed up in that fjord, the TIRPITZ was a constant and ~~deadly~~ *serious* menace to the allied

naval forces. <sup>For</sup> It was ~~xxxx~~ necessary for the Admiralty to detach  
a strong squadron from the British home fleet to watch her.

So powerful was the TIRPITZ that naval men say the only  
ships on our side capable of matching her in single combat would  
be our own new ~~battle wagons of the U.S.S.~~ <sup>east sea-giants of the</sup> IOWA class.

## BALKANS

And here's the story of a really spectacular success on the part of the Yugoslav partisan Army. It has captured the island of Cherso, lying off the coast of Dalmatia, an island a hundred and twenty-five miles square. If you ~~will~~ look at your map you will see ~~that it is right smack in the middle of the Gulf of Quarnero and~~ only eleven miles to the south of Fiume. This gives the Yugoslavs command of the harbors of ~~Fiume~~ Fiume and enables them to seal it up as a seaport. <sup>and</sup> They have cleared the <sup>last</sup> ~~Austrian~~ <sup>German</sup> from the ~~islands~~ <sup>islands</sup> off the coast. <sup>which =</sup> this ~~is~~ also puts this Army only twenty-two miles east of another great naval base occupied by the Nazis, the Italian seaport of Pola, on the Peninsula of Istria.

Early today, the advance guard of Uncle Sam's Fifth Army was pouring into the passes of the Appennine Mountains. Those passes are the gateways to Rome. They crashed through the German defense line on the Calore River and captured Pontelandolfo, after advancing five miles and a half. Pontelandolfo is one hundred and twenty-two miles to the southeast of Rome. <sup>TP</sup> Having captured it, they pushed ahead fifteen miles north of Benevento and started rolling <sup>past the foothills of the Appennines. The capture of</sup> ~~the first division of the Fifth Army north of Benevento~~ Pontelandolfo meant that the American divisions had accomplished the first crossing of the Calore River in force.

Along the Volturno River, the heavy artillery of the Fifth Army opened up a terrific barrage against the Germans dug in on the opposite bank. The Fifth Army is getting ready to force the passage of the Volturno. Our patrols are already on the north bank and they are being constantly reinforced.

One story tells of another Allied leap-frogging operation, this time on the western shore of Italy. The Paris radio broadcast a report that troops had been landed from the sea North of the mouth of the Volturno River. And there appears to be good foundation for that story even if it did come from the Paris radio.

For the Berlin radio talked about an attack delivered by the Allies on the rear of the German lines in the Volturno sector. The Nazis claim the attack was repulsed.

General Clark's Fifth Army has the most difficult job it has encountered since the fight on the beach-head of Salerno. The rain has been pouring down for a week ~~and~~ and the Volturno

front front is nothing but mud, mud *the old timers say is as* ~~as bad as any that the British~~

*bad as* ~~had~~ in Flanders in the last war. Though feet deep in mire, *Gen.*

*Clark's* ~~our~~ field artillery *men* dragged their heavy cannon up to the south bank and are keeping the Nazi positions under fire day and night.

The rains have swollen the Volturno River so badly that at some points it is two hundred yards wide. Furthermore, the banks are steep and at places ten to fifteen feet high. Our engineers have to string their pontoon bridges across under heavy fire from German batteries. All these things considered, it is the more remarkable that the spearheads of General Clark's divisions have got as far as the passes of the Appenines.

By their advance north of Pontelandolfo, the Fifth Army has shortened the Allied line across Italy to less than

a hundred miles. It now reaches from the mouth of the Volturno fifty-five miles east to San Marco in the center of the Peninsula, and from there north to the Adriatic just north of Termoli. What is more, the Fifth Army has created a salient inland which exposes the left flank of the Nazi Army and threatens to entrap the forces of General Von Kesselring. If that is accomplished, General Clark will be able to avoid forcing the passage of the Volturno, which would cost ~~an~~ many lives.

~~was~~ Along the Adriatic ~~side~~, the British Eighth Army advanced two or three miles from Termoli along a front fifty miles long. ~~It~~ <sup>It</sup> got as far as San Marco in spite of the withering rear guard fire of the eighty-eight millimeter batteries of the retreating Germans.

The Red Army is on the march  
~~was news from Russia again. The Red Army has forged~~  
 again. At any rate it seems to have  
~~speed once more and obliged me to leave to pronounce some~~  
~~new names, if I can.~~ It burst <sup>exploded</sup> through the German lines on the  
 Gomel sector, drove <sup>ing</sup> ahead <sup>for</sup> ten miles, and captured <sup>ing</sup> Novobelista,  
 that is on the ~~the~~ River Zsoch, ~~right~~ <sup>which has been</sup> across from Gomel, ~~that strong~~  
 an important Nazi center  
 Nazi base in white Russia.

So tonight the Red Army has its heavy guns emplaced along  
 the River, battering away at the German defenses on the waterfront  
 of Gomel, ~~not even~~ two miles ~~distant.~~

And, The Soviet armies ~~now~~ have Gomel outflanked, ~~and if~~  
 the Germans ~~do not~~ <sup>fail to</sup> withdraw <sup>in a hurry they'll</sup> quickly, ~~they will~~ be taken prisoner.

Red Army forces have already crossed the river in small boats  
 and on pontoon bridges.

~~Which~~ is the most spectacular news from Russia today.  
 For the rest of the line, the Red Army has ~~its~~ <sup>established</sup> its positions  
 along the Dnieper ~~river~~, to the South, widening <sup>its</sup> its bridgeheads on  
~~the East bank.~~ <sup>now</sup> The Germans are  
 counter-attacking <sup>in what may turn into</sup> ~~and it looks as though that would become~~  
 one of the most savage battles of the war.

From several sources come ~~more and more~~ <sup>re</sup> reports that

the Germans are already evacuating Kiev. But there is nothing official about that from either side. The Germans offer the usual explanation for their retreats, by saying that they have withdrawn to better positions and shorter lines.

## RUMANIA

For several days there has been a mystery about a group of high staff officers of the Rumanian Army who disappeared. They took off in a plane from a field somewhere in Rumania on what was expected to be a test flight. The plane carried secret weapons and a new type of oxygen tank for flying in the stratosphere. But the plane never came back.

Today the mystery was ~~xxx~~ solved. Those high Rumanian officers landed on the territory of Soviet Russia, beyond the Black Sea. The only remaining mystery about them ~~is~~ is that nobody knows whether they did it accidentally or accidentally on purpose.

BURMA

The British appear to have started something in Burma. *Not*

~~The news~~ <sup>this news</sup> does ~~not~~ come from the Allied side, but from the Axis.

The United Press office in San Francisco overheard the Tokyo radio broadcasting that ~~some two hundred and fifty~~ <sup>a commando force of</sup> British and

Indian soldiers landed on the west coast of Burma. The landing

point, as reported by the Japs, was fifty-eight miles northwest

<sup>nearest Burmese port to India,</sup> of Akyab, which the Japanese have fortified into a very strong

naval and air base. The British and Indians landed at dawn last

Friday, having crossed the Naf River in barges, ~~and~~ at its mouth,

where that stream is a mile wide. ~~and~~ According to the Berlin

radio, the Japs immediately surrounded the British and Indians

and wiped out two hundred of them, taking the rest prisoners.

The Tokyo Radio claimed that only sixty British officers and

men had been killed.

~~According to other reports, this operation, if it really happened, was merely that of a patrolling force. Patrols have~~

been increasingly active in northern Burma during the last couple of months.

ATROCITIES

Last week we hear that the Japanese on New Guinea had beheaded a flier whom they captured. The Australian Prime Minister today disclosed the fact that this flier was an Australian.

Evidently the news of this put Hitler's Gestapo to shame. They thought they had to out-do the Japs. So they've now shot all Americans of Jewish descent in <sup>- the city</sup> Kracow, ~~which~~ they made the capital of occupied Poland.

CHINESE

President Roosevelt today went on record officially to demand the ending of all discrimination against the Chinese. He sent a message to Congress asking the lawmakers to repeal that section of the immigration laws which excludes the people of that race.

Actually, there is a bill now pending before ~~the national~~ <sup>Congress</sup> legislature ~~that~~ would allow Chinese to immigrate into America on the same basis as any other nationals. That measure has already been approved by the foreign Affairs Committee of the House. It would allow a quota of a hundred and five Chinese to enter the country every year.

Mr. Roosevelt made it emphatic that he regarded this legislation as important to the winning of the war and the establishing of a secure peace. (Then he used these words:-

"Nations <sup>do</sup> make mistakes just as individuals do." To which he added: "We must be big enough to acknowledge our mistakes of the past and to correct them". If we do this, he continued, it will furnish proof that we regard China not only as a partner in the war but also as a partner in the peace.) Such a small quota, he pointed out, would cause no <sup>problem for anyone and</sup> unemployment ~~and provide no~~ competition for jobs.

*cause no*

BASEBALL

In the world of sport tonight, one name looms so large that it overshadows every other. The name is William Dickey, Bill to you. He is thirty-six years old, and they call that old in baseball. What's more, he is the last surviving ~~member of~~ <sup>member of</sup> what used to be known as "murderers' row" on the Yankee team, the ~~group of sluggers~~ <sup>group of sluggers</sup> that included Babe Ruth, and Lou Gehrig.

Bill Dickey is tops tonight not merely because he broke a record held by Babe Ruth. He has played in more World Series

~~games than the~~ <sup>Sultan of Swat.</sup> ~~Big Bang~~ But what makes him an ace is the ball he hit this afternoon at Sportsman's Park, St. Louis. It went over the grandstand and rattled over the roof. ~~was~~ <sup>Q</sup> home-run ~~will~~ and Keller ~~was~~ on base ahead of him. <sup>And</sup> That mighty slam scored two runs, the only score <sup>ing</sup> in the game that gave the New York Yankees another ~~the~~ World's Championship.

Every fan at Sportsman's Park, thirty-three thousand, eight hundred and seventy-two of them, stood up and cheered, and when the St. Louis fans cheer a player on the opposing team, that's ~~is~~ something. It happened in the Yankees <sup>half of the</sup> ~~sixth~~ <sup>sixth</sup> ~~inning~~ <sup>inning</sup> which ~~meant~~ <sup>meant</sup> the Cardinals ~~had~~ had four innings to catch up, ~~and pass it.~~ But,

that's just what they didn't do. So old Bill  
~~But they did not, and the fans at St. Louis apparently realized~~  
Dickey's homer meant  
~~that they wouldn't. They realized that Bill's home run meant~~

the ball game, and the championship.

~~Thus the World Series for Nineteen Forty-three is over,  
and many women radio listeners will be glad of it. The little  
woman doesn't mind the old man being a ball fan, but she objects  
when he sits glued to the radio for a whole afternoon so that  
she can't hear her favorite soap operas.~~

Though Bill Dickey was the man they cheered most,  
the pitchers in today's game deserved a hand. ~~When the~~  
~~score is two to nothing, it means close, clever throwing~~  
~~by the man on the mound.~~ The Yankee <sup>To</sup> Spud Chandler <sup>does</sup> has the  
~~honor~~ honor of pitching a shut-out, which does not happen  
often in a World Series. <sup>He did</sup> The Cardinal pitchers ~~did not~~ do  
so badly. <sup>With that</sup> ~~themselves~~ a score of two against them ~~is not much,~~  
~~and~~ after that sixth ~~inning~~ the Yankees never threatened again.

Thus the bombers from the Bronx have won ten World  
Series in twenty years, seven ~~of them~~ under Manager Joe McCarthy.  
And Bill Dickey broke a Babe Ruth  
record — and he's Hugh  
with tonight's final pitch for Blue  
Jackets.