

AXIS PRISONERS GUARDED WELL ON NATION'S TRAINS

Italians More Appreciative
of Treatment Than Ger-
mans—All Well Fed.

Baltimore, Md. (U.P.)—A soldier guarding Italian prisoners of war in a railway coach was hurled out the open door when the train jerked to a stop.

Three Italian soldiers jumped from their seats, leaped out of the train and ran to the unconscious soldier's side. They lifted his head and, unscrewing his canteen, gave him water. One picked up his rifle and held it. When the soldier regained consciousness the three assisted him back aboard the coach, handed him his gun and returned to their seats.

While this incident, described by Margaret Talbot Stevens in the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad's magazine, isn't repeated often, it does typify, she said, the attitude of Italian prisoners toward their captors.

Miss Stevens, whose story was approved by the War Department, visited a prison train as it prepared to leave for an undisclosed camp.

Italians Appreciative
She wrote that the Italian, more docile than the German prisoner, shows more clearly, too, his appreciation of the stern but just manner in which he is treated while en route by train to his prison camp from the ship that brought him from Sicily or North Africa.

He beams at the occasional sight of butter with his meal, frequently spreading it as thinly as possible on his bread. Or he may spear his pad of butter with a toothpick and lay it aside for dessert.

The German prisoner, on the average, is young, many appearing to be only 14 or 16. Not so gentle in manner as the Italians, the Germans, nevertheless, grinned so beguilingly at on-lookers as the train slowly chugged out of a station that, according to Miss Stevens, it was difficult for her to hold back an answering smile. But an American army officer said curtly: "Remember, these are prisoners of war, your enemy and mine. Regardless of the apparently friendly smile, they are still belligerents."

Ride 50 in Coach
This attitude of sternness underneath civil treatment pervades the guarding of the train on which the captives travel, 500 at a time.

It takes a 16-car train to carry 10 carloads of prisoners riding 50 to a coach. Immediately behind the locomotive is the tourist car, affording practically the same accommodations as a standard open section pullman sleeping car, which is used by some of the military police as a barracks and off-duty car. Five prisoners' coaches are next, then another tourist car for the MPs, two baggage cars used for kitchens and, in order, five more prisoners' coaches and a headquarters car for the commanding officer of the train and the railroad representative.

Each prisoner is assigned a single seat and may not leave it without permission from a guard. Not more than a single prisoner in a coach is up at one time. Windows can't be raised more than three inches. Guards sit at both ends of the car.

The prisoners eat the same fare supplied to American enlisted men. Efficient refrigerators in the baggage-car kitchens keep meats fresh and modern equipment enables the speedy preparing of solid meals for the train's entire company.

Hersholt To Work For Native Land

Hollywood, Calif., Oct. 5.—(U.P.)—Danish-born Movie Actor Jean Hersholt today was through with commercial motion picture acting for the duration of the war to devote himself to advancing the welfare of his native land, even though his sister is still in Denmark and may suffer from Nazi reprisals.

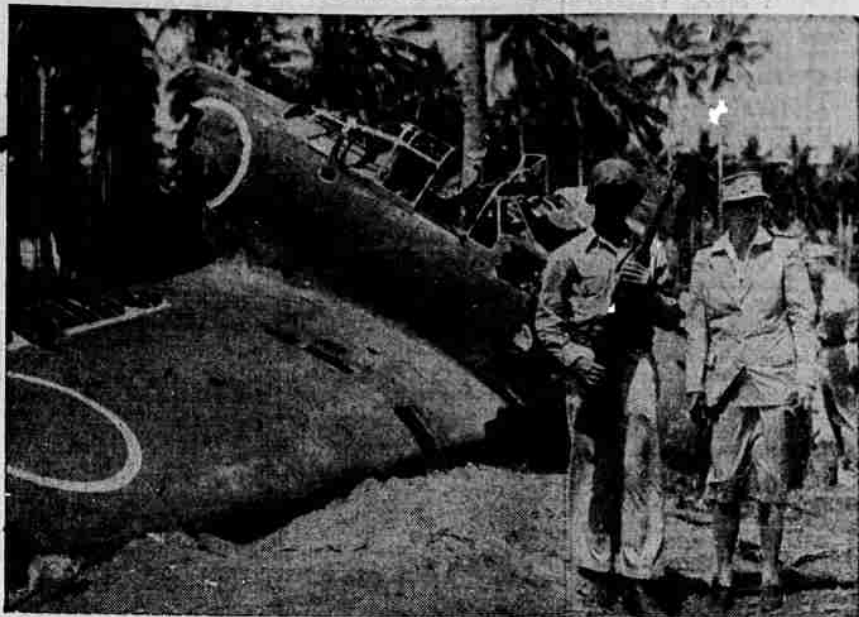
Hersholt, announcing his temporary retirement, described activities of the National Denmark-America association, of which he is president.

S. F. DAIRY PRICES
San Francisco, Oct. 5.—(U.P.)—Dairy market:
Butter: 93 score 43, 92 score 42½, 90 score 42¼, 89 score 41¾.
Cheese: Wholesale prices, loaf 27½, triplets 27.
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Mrs. Roosevelt Sees Guadalcanal



Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt inspects a bit of evidence of prowess of American airmen in the South Pacific as she looks over wreckage of a Japanese Zero fighter plane shot down over Guadalcanal. Pvt. Clarence D. Robertson, of Tulsa, Okla., a sentry, is shown with the First Lady. Official U. S. Army Signal Corps photo.

Holly Headliner



Cary Grant as a happy go lucky gambler comes to the Holly tonight in "Mr. Lucky," with Laraine Day. Partner feature on the same bill is the Ritz Brothers latest comedy, "Hi Ya Chum."

Rialto Badman



Leo Carrillo stars in tomorrow's Rialto film, "Frontier Badman"—paired with "Mexican Spitfire's Blessed Event" on a two-feature program.

BUCHANAN HEADS TOASTMASTERS

George Buchanan will serve as president of the Medford Toastmasters for the ensuing term, to be assisted by Eldon Drysdale, vice president; secretary-treasurer, Ray Pence; and deputy district governor, Carlos Morris, who is also the retiring president. The officers were elected yesterday at the regular weekly dinner-meeting at Ehrheart's.

ELAINE MUST RETURN BARRYMORE PANELS

Hollywood, Oct. 5.—(U.P.)—Elaine Barrymore must return to the late John Barrymore's Bel-Air home two panels containing the carved figures of clothed church dignitaries even though Mrs. Samuel O. Sprager testified those in the house when she bought it last October 16 contained nudes, Judge Stanley Mosk ruled today.

If she doesn't return the panels, she must pay \$1,500, reputed value of the carvings, which belonged to a cardinal before Barrymore bought them in Italy.

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HEADACHE PILLS CRACK GASOLINE

Los Angeles, Oct. 5.—(U.P.)—"Headache" pills are making 100-octane gasoline and synthetic rubber, the process' discoverers disclosed here today.

In a Beaumont, Tex., refinery, tiny clay pellets looking like those in your medicine cabinet are being used to crack gasoline "well over" 100 octane to power new super-engines coming off production lines.

The Beaumont plant is the first of 28 units to get into production within the next few months using the "pills," made of a mineral found in volcanic ash after another clay deposit petered out.

The pellets break down petroleum molecules and carbon.

OPA REGULATION UPHELD BY JUDGE

Newark, N. J., Oct. 5.—(U.P.)—The federal price control act, attacked as unconstitutional by 40 wholesale meat dealers indicted on charges of conspiracy to violate OPA regulations, was upheld yesterday in a ruling by Federal Judge Thomas F. Meaney.

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EIGHTH AIR FORCE STILL FAR FROM ULTIMATE POWER

U. S. Organization Gains
450 Per Cent Since May
1—Little Change in Types

By Walter Cronkite
(United Press Correspondent)

London, Oct. 5.—(U.P.)—The American Eighth Air force has grown by 450 per cent since May 1, but still is less than two-thirds of the way toward the ultimate goal set for it, it can be revealed today.

Going into its second winter of air war against Germany—this time as a full partner of the Royal Air force instead of as a weak sister—the Eighth has four times as many heavy bombers as it had last spring, six times the number of fighters, and four times the number of medium bombers.

Plan Big Expansion
Present plans are believed to call for further expansion of the heavy bomber force by at least 30 per cent and the medium, fighter and reconnaissance forces by more than 100 per cent in each division.

How soon that "table of organization" will change from

paper files to combat aircraft on British airdromes is uncertain. It depends on many factors—maintenance of production rates at home, completion of new fields on which to base the planes and men, continuance of the European theatre as the No. 1 priority zone for deliveries of new aircraft.

The expansion, which has been meteoric this summer was expected to level off, and arrivals of new ships and crews will slow to a trickle, compared to the flood of recent months.

Few Changes
One reason is the weather, which during winter will force diversion of ferried planes from the northern to the longer southern route.

It is unlikely that there is to be any change in the next several months in the types of aircraft employed against Hitler from the west. Liberators and Fortresses will continue to carry the heavy bombing task. Marauders will do the medium bombing. Thunderbolts will furnish the fighter escort.

Commanders of the Eighth have used the summer months to experiment, modify and regroup. They have added even more guns to the Liberators and Fortresses, already the most heavily armed bombers in the world.

They have increased the range of both fighters and bombers. They have experimented in low-level Marauder bombing and virtually abandoned it for medium-level operations, where the ship is at its peak of effectiveness. They have sent the Fortresses out at dusk and brought them home long after dark.

These are the things which can be discussed. There are other tricks in the hat of Major Gen. Ira C. Eaker that can't be talked of now. They will surprise the folks back home—and they will shock Hitler.

Coast Guard Uses Girl Office Help

Washington, Oct. 5.—(U.P.)—The Coast Guard is training SPARS (women reservists) to replace most of the male pay and supply officers at shore stations. Rear Admiral F. J. Gorman, chief finance and supply officer, said today that the Coast Guard already has closed its pay and supply school for male personnel at Curtis Bay, Md., and opened one for women in Palm Beach, Fla.

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UAL Head Offers Traffic Division

San Francisco, Oct. 5.—(U.P.)—W. A. Patterson, president of United Air Lines, has recommended to the Civil Aeronautics board division among world powers of post war global air traffic rather than adoption of a free trade policy, it was learned today.

He said under a free trade policy his company would apply for both Pacific and Atlantic franchises, but he urged amalgamation of American air travel resources for attainment of American preeminence in trans-ocean air travel.

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