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## Cid Apprehends Cable Thieves

August 7 — Approximately two months ago the Bari road became the scene of activity similar to the great gold rush of "49", only in this instance the prospectors were digging for copper and lead.

Another dissimilarity from the famous gold rush, one which brought the CID into the picture, was the fact that the copper and lead was not in its native state, having been laid in 1943 as an emergency communication cable by the U. S. Army.

The subterranean cable, valued at four hundred thousand dollars, was strung between Foggia and Bari, buried at a depth of 30 inches, adjacent to the road.

According to CID agents Gilbert Zitterbart and Walter Vickrey, the Italian pick and shovel prospectors conducted their illegal activities under cover of darkness and their discovery was due to the fact that they neglected to refill the ditches after removing the cable.

Approximately half of the cable has been stolen, the majority of it from the Foggia end of the line. Between Foggia and Cerignola the cable has been entirely removed except for isolated lengths laid beneath intersecting roads.

Agent Vickrey stated that, to date thirty-seven arrests have been made and approximately twenty miles of the cable has been recovered. Some of the thieves were apprehended while staking out a line in preparation for their night time activities. One brazen youth was piked up pedalling his bicycle along the Bari road with a length of the cable in his possession. Agent Vickrey continued, "The case is practically closed. We expect to complete our arrests and recover the remainder of the cable in the next day or so."

## Italians Request Derequisition

Aug. 7 — Foggia populace registered a protest to the local newspapers in the past few weeks strongly urging the derequisition of the Government Building (Palazzo del Governo) where at present FAAB Headquarters is located.

Until the occupation by the Allied troops in September 1943, the building housed the Civil Affairs and served also as the office of the Provincial Chief who is now residing at a private home requisitioned by the Italian Government.

The Italian newspapers went on to say that the Foggians requested the derequisition of the Flagella Theatre and City Hall.

## QM. Laundry And Dry Cleaning Establishment Swept By Fire, Destroys Plant And Equipment

### Late Bulletin

Aug. 10 — All Rest Camps and Tours that will take an officer or enlisted man away from their duties at the Foggia Army Air Base for a period of more than three days will not be approved by the Commanding Officer.

## Three GI, Two Civilian Fire Trucks Combat Blaze For Two Hours

## Foggia Army Air Base Will Be Inactivated September 15th

Aug. 10 Foggia Army Air Base will be inactivated September 15th according to a statement by Colonel Robert K. Martin, Commanding Officer.

There is no definite information as to the disposition of personnel at the present time but Colonel Martin stated that, subject to the approval of the War Department, he was making an effort to have the majority of the men attached to PBS, in which case they will remain in the Foggia area until

such time as they return to the States. Remainder of personnel will be transferred to the Ninth Air Force in Germany.

Men desiring to reenlist for service in Germany are advised to notify their Commanding Officer immediately, to insure their inclusion in the transfer orders.

Personnel will, in all probability, be informed in which category they will be included, by the First of September.

## CWO John McKenzie Men From 838th Eng Save Clothes

Aug. 8 A fire of undetermined origin swept the Quartermaster Laundry and Dry Cleaning establishment at ten o'clock this morning, completely destroying the plant and equipment. The office and ware-house however, were undamaged by the blaze and only the clothing which was in the plant was lost.

Three GI fire trucks and two civilian trucks were called to combat the blaze and they worked two hours to bring the fire under control.

Pfc. Paul M. Wood and Cpl Charles Calabrese who were working in the laundry at the time, stated that the fire started with an explosion at approximately ten AM, followed almost immediately by several more explosions. A quantity of gasoline used for cleaning purposes was ignited by the explosions and the entire plant was engulfed in a matter of minutes.

The quick thinking of Chief Warrant Officer John McKenzie and several of his men from 838th Engineers saved most of the clothes from the blaze. Aided by several enlisted men and civilian employees, they carried an estimated 95 per cent of the clothing out of the building before it could be damaged by fire or water.

Pfc Wood stated that the clothing had to be sorted out and it would be impossible to issue any laundry or cleaning at the present time. AES will announce the reopening date of the laundry.

## V.D. Questionnaires And Conducted Tours

### Newest development In The V. D. Campaign

Aug 5 — Newest development in the VD control campaign is a schedule of authorized daily visits to the civilian hospital, where prostitutes undergoing treatment are exposed to inspection by members of the conducted tour, for the purpose of showing FAAB personnel, at first hand, the horrible ravages of venereal disease. Approximately seventy-five per cent of the prostitutes picked up for inspection are infected.

The personal observance program, which has been in effect for the past several weeks in Germany with favorable results, was introduced to Foggia by Colonel Robert K. Martin on his return from a recent trip to Furstenfelbruck, Germany.

Medical Officer, Captain Diaz stated that ten or twelve men from the various squadrons will make the

daily inspection trip until the entire FAAB personnel has participated in the program.

Another step in the effort to wipe out VD will be the distribution of VD questionnaires in the near future. The questionnaires will be in the form of written examinations and any man failing to answer the required number of questions will be given additional information on the prevention of VD.

The regular Saturday morning I & E programs will include VD films and lectures in the future, to further aid in the campaign.

The VD rate in Foggia showed a decrease from 172 cases per thousand per annum in June to 62 cases per thousand per annum in July. Captain Diaz stated, "Although the decrease is a definite improvement there are still 62 cases more than there should be."

## Cigarette Ration Increase

Aug. 7 — Cigarette ration in the Foggia PX has been increased to 12 packs per week as of Aug. 7. The 12 pack ration will exclude the purchase of cigars or tobacco. Men desiring cigars or tobacco will be allowed only 8 packs of cigarettes but the tobacco ration will be increased accordingly.

## Rhythm Aces To Broadcast

Aug. 6 — Beginning Aug. 14 a new broadcast will hit the air waves from the Foggia AES. The Rhythm Aces, Sergeant Wayne Commodore's popular 838th swing band, formerly the Diavelleers, will broadcast weekly on Wednesday afternoons from one-thirty until two PM. Ken Eill will do the announcing.

## Rest Tours Limited

August. 7 — Due to the unsettled conditions resulting from orders to inactivate Foggia Army Air Base it will be impossible for personnel to attend Switzerland, Venice, and Paris Rest Camps, effective as of this date. Short trips to Capri and Rome will continue to be available as usual, stated Lieutenant Wesley R. Williams, Unit Personnel Officer,

# LOCAL ITEMS



## Theatre

Capitol Dora, the new German theatre, opened this week at the 6600 Engineers in the D Group area. To honor the occasion "Spiced Wine" a novel by Heinrich Sperl, adapted for stage by Hinz Biering, was presented by a cast of German POWs.

Capitol Dora was erected in its entirety by the Germans themselves with what ever material was available. Equipment permits not only the showing of movies but also the presentation of first rate stage shows, as has been demonstrated this week.

In the past, German POW entertainment was only for the prisoners themselves. "Spiced Wine" was the first German entertainment that most of the Americans here had ever seen. All who attended agree that theatre, play, and acting were of high standards.

The scenery of "Spiced Wine" was most realistic, showing a great amount of ingenuity. Of special note was the fountain in the town garden of act IV and the jeep driven out onto the stage made up as a taxi, act V.

Though there were a number of feminine characters in the show all parts were played by men. The quality of the impersonations impressed all.

Worthy of special praise is the young man who played the part of Pfeiffer. His acting and singing were among the high spots of the comedy play.

## Quotation

The most amusing quotation of the week was overheard at the Coffee Shop in the Headquarters Building. "When Army eggs are not scrambled they are fresh."

## Courtesy

We sweated out a ride to camp the other day and couldn't help but notice the lack of common courtesy displayed by some of the GI drivers. With a cloud of dust trailing, the driver passed us and cruised on with his head up in the air.

It would be a good idea if these gentlemen would realize that there is someone else in Foggia besides themselves.

## Request

It has come to our attention that Dave Fenton's radio program "Grab Bag" has received favorable mention from many sources and we believe that credit should be given where credit is due.

The program, coming over the air waves nightly, is versatile in the type of recordings put on and we believe that this studio production merits our gratitude.

In the past few weeks, however, we have noticed that the particular announcer is rather partial to the requests received. We think that some have been neglected.

## Sex

Listed under "sex" in the Reader's Digest Index, printed in the December issue, is the item "Small Business, If I Were Starting."

## Farewell

Miss Peggy Staring of the American Red Cross left Foggia this week for Rome. Peggy covered the first leg of her trip by air, hoping to catch a transatlantic hop from the eternal city to Middleville, N.Y.

A recent telegram from home hastened Miss Staring's departure. It was learned that her mother was critically ill and Peggy decided on air travel for the quickest form of transportation to return to her home as soon as possible.

It was a year ago this week that Peggy left the states for overseas duty. During her stay in Foggia, Miss Staring operated the Red Cross Clubmobile until it folded up a couple of months ago. She then joined the forces at the ARC club as Staff assistant.

Before her voluntary services with the American Red Cross, Miss Staring, a graduate of Oneota State Teachers College, taught elementary school pupils.

## Rest

Our man about town correspondent was nursing a beer at a local bar yesterday afternoon. A chipper and natty little GI came in and our correspondent said, "Hi-ya Charlie, how come you're looking so sharp?" The newcomer shrugged. "I got a good nights sleep last night is how," he said, "they threw me out of here nice and early."



## Love

In pursuit of our belief that as much happens at the Ripple Lounge Roof Garden as anywhere else, we can report that a dreamy eyed youth, sipping a concoction there the other day, told the waitress who asked for his order, "May I have my pass please." When the waitress said, "I beg your pardon," the young man repeated sharply, "May I have my pass." Then he got up and started for the door. "Oh, I'm sorry," he said. "I thought this was the orderly room."

## Confused

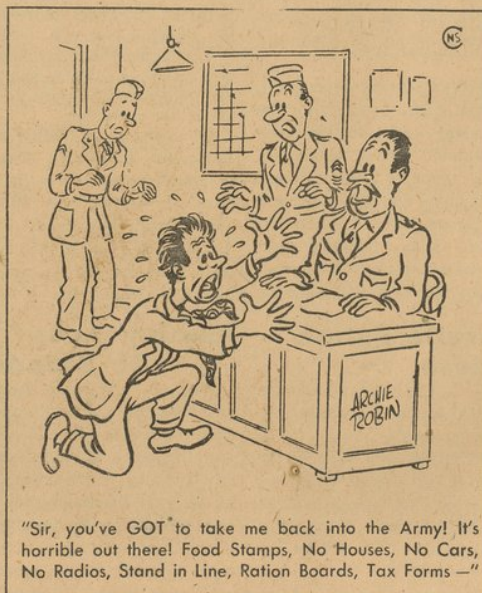
Waiting for the traffic sign to change at a particular Foggia street corner the other day, we stood beside a couple of executive-looking Pfc's in khaki trousers and khaki ties. We like to think of such fellows as having minds like pin—striped steel stripes, our faith was definitely shaken by what we heard. "I know," one of them was saying. "I am trying to understand the problem. But what I have to do is put myself in my own shoes."

## Lost

On the evening of August 9th, it is reported to us, the driver of a jeep finally and heroically stemmed a mob of GI's trying to squeeze into his jam-packed vehicle, and then turned and, in a voice of panic, demanded, "Will somebody please tell me—was I going into town or back to camp?"

## Connoisseur

We were looking through the Information and Education Library the other day, and as we passed the book counter on our way out, we heard a GI demand of the Sergeant in charge, "Are these all best-sellers, or just books?"



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## A Lire For Your Thoughts

**Pfc. Tilden H. Sowers**, Siponto Beach Club -- "According to a recent digest of the Italian Peace Treaty, it looks as if Italy is not getting credit for her eleventh hour alliance with the United Nations."

**Pfc. William Bell**, 529th A.S.G. -- "I'm glad to see that some thing is being done about the Army vehicles that were ambushed in the Trieste area."

**Pfc. Mas Tirashita**, 442nd Eng. -- "I just got back from Leghorn where I saw men with twenty-one months going home."

**Pfc. Audie Dwyer**, 779th A.M.S. -- "If the baseball league ends August 15th, it looks as if the 955th will come off in first place."

**Lt. Elvin Gipson**, Base Finance Officer -- "Enlisted men who re-enlisted in the Zone of the Interior will receive overseas bonus upon discharge if not included in prior mustering out pay."

### STATESIDE

**Washington:** Edwin C. Johnson (D., Colo.) asserted last week that estimated Army enlistments of 40,000 during July have "sounded the death knell of the draft."

The Colorado senator, member of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, told a reporter he was satisfied the Army will not take advantage of a requisition it made for 25,000 selectees from the nation's draftboards in September.

*Rome American*

**Science:** A three-ounce radio pen, the size of the average fountain pen, has been developed, capable of receiving broadcasts on all wave lengths. Men can carry it in a vest pocket, women in a purse. To operate, pull out the six-inch aerial, press a button, place the small speaker at the bottom of the instrument to your ear, and tune in. *ANS*

**Infantile Paralysis** continued on the increase in both Minneapolis and throughout the state of Minnesota, with 529 cases having developed since July 1st, 290 of them in Minneapolis alone. There have been forty-seven deaths.

*Rome American*

**Mail:** Legislation reducing the domestic rate on Air Mail from eight to five cents an ounce was passed by the House and sent to President Truman this week.

*Rome American*

**United States Army** Chief of Staff General Eisenhower, in a statement this week before the Advisory Board to the Director of War Mobilization and Reconversion said the Army will have a minimum strength of 1,070,000 men on July 1, 1947, in order to meet the United States' internal obligations. Eisenhower made the statement before leaving on a South American Tour.

*United States Embassy*

### ITALY

**The Italian Foreign Ministry**, reacting to floods of applications to emigrate to the United States, reported yesterday that of the 5,800 Italians admitted annually by the U. S. under a 1924 law, only 280 can be selected by the Italian Government, the remainder being made up of relatives of American citizens or Italian citizens already in America.

**Italian smokers** learned the good news last week that two domestic brands of cigarettes, "Macedonia Extras" and "Serraglios," would be sold without ration cards until September 30th.

**Answering a question** put by a journalist, De Gasperi declared yesterday that he could not make any formal statement concerning the draft treaty. "The treaty is hard beyond any exception," he said, "and I share with all the citizens the sorrow and hope of these very serious circumstances, having no doubt that the Delegation will be able to voice completely the feelings and will of the Italian people."

**It is to be confirmed** that Fiorello La Guardia, who arrived in Paris from Rome last week by air, is in full support of the campaign now being carried on by the Italo-Americans in the U. S.

**Maj. George Woods**, U. S. Army officer, and his wife and seven year old son, held by Yugoslav authorities since Sunday, were released unharmed into the custody of Allied authorities.

The three Americans were stopped while touring an area where two Yugoslavs had been killed in a recent skirmish with U. S. 88th Division patrols.

**UNRRA began distribution** of food rations to the poor children and pregnant women in the Foggia area. It has also organized summer resorts on the beaches of Manfredonia, San Menaio and Cerignola for the welfare of the children.

## ANN GIRL ABOUT TOWN

Okay, here's the gab--you oughta know it by now with your eyes shut. Latest war story involves Jo Balliano, Tommy Blanchard and yours truly whose jeep ran out of gas on the lonely road to Manfredonia the other nite. Strazullo and Troop of 80th QM Depot Company and Lt. Harper came to the rescue but while the latter introduced himself to the girls (?) the others siphoned gas...drop by drop...from one jeep to the other by means of an envelope which was the only available container. No sooner were we on our merry way than the jeep ran dry for the second time--one time for each girl...right Tommy? But Sergeant of the guard, Espinosa, was our hero that time.

### New Fathers

Next news, and it's more than just a bit, comes from Foggia's Fire Station where two new fathers were born on Monday, August 5th-- namely, Tex Vandenburg and Bob Hoffman, the only married men at said organization and both became papas to bouncing boys on the very same day. Those 33 cent cigars were yummy smoking, too.

While we're on the subject of the fire fighters, Howard Wolf has it all figured out down to the minute that he's worked 96 hours this week already -- this being only Tuesday. Not to mention any names, but a certain Angel Face really tied one on and ended up in the bathtub during the wee small hours of Friday last. And Dear George McClain is already showing signs of rebound as indicated by his theft of a Red Cross pin.

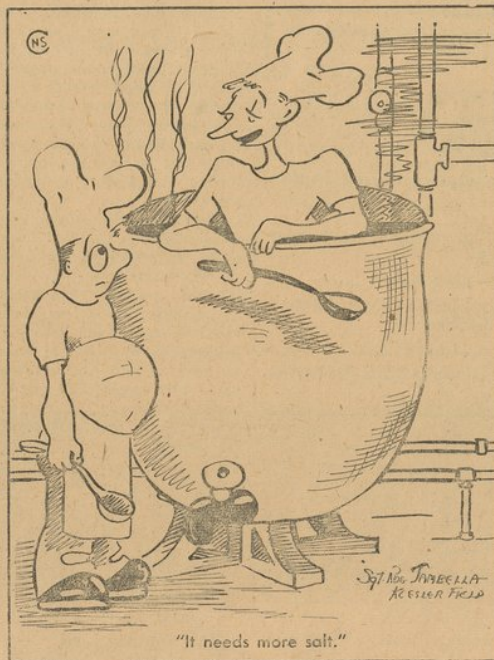
Ciaciu, Rapid Robert Cooke was caught working in a T-shirt, but deal of all deals was that the location of his restriction was the Red Cross

selling tickets for the boxing matches. By the way, special commendation goes to Captain Hagar who is the only man in Foggia with his own built-in P.A. system. Hear that Major Bowman's surprise party was an awful big surprise to him. Third best papa of the week is Troop, mentioned above who bought cokes for each and every one of the singing orphans who were at the Club Sunday nite.

New outfit in town is the 6692 Petroleum Division attached to 1898th. Jim Fasaci and Valio are just imagining trying to dance the waltz or the jitterbug out in all that dust. One more mentionable, and that is Tomski Szyukski is wishingski to revisitski Switzerlandski whereski the beautiful mountainski are so roundski, so fullski, and so firmly packedski -- rightski, Tomski?

Reports from the Ripple are that the joint was really jumpin' to the music of the "Diavelleers," Saturday nite. Bouquets to Arnie's Jive Bombers who play a "mean" combination made up of Henry Tarleton on the drums, Don Kaye on tenor sax, Al Brown on alto sax, Tommy Mangooso ("Goose") on the trumpet, and Joe (12cups-of-coffee-a day) Fisher on the big bass. And posies to the Hospital's "Penicillin Park" which serves good medicine midst plenty of atmosphere, even to the park benches under trees -- dances, Thurs, and Sunday nites.

Now I can say for all of us, fond farewells and the best ever of everything to Peg Staring who goes home on emergency leave, taking with her the memories of many, many, many friends and good times, and leaving with us a very clear memory of her smiling, chuckling, peppy, sweet self.



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## She's Lovely She's Engaged



**Blonde Vivacious Laverne Mc Lellan.** You can look but mustn't touch. The twenty year old Laverne belongs to Pfc. Dick Harris and he stated, "she likes to play tennis." Vital Statistics: Height, five feet three inches. Weight, One hundred and seven pounds. Place, Wayne Michigan.

### FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.	*GBL
1898th Bulldozers	11	5	.667	
955 Sparkplugs	9	6	.600	1 1/2
779 Rebels	8	8	.500	3
529 Yankees	5	11	.213	6
Special Service	3	12	.200	7 1/2

\*Games behind leader

### LEADING HITTERS

Player	G	AB	H	BA
Schaber, Yankees 3B	13	45	19	.422
Damato, Specials P-SS	15	51	21	.411
Ingenito, Sparkplugs 3B	15	48	18	.375
Enright, Rebels 3B	11	40	15	.375

(Includes players in 10 games or more)

#### Home Runs

Damato, Specials 3; Ingenito, Sparkplugs 3.

#### Runs Batted In

Janovick, Rebels 16; Damato, Specials; Childs, Specials 15.

#### Runs Scored

Damato, Specials 23; Thompson, Sparkplugs 21.

898TH	AB	R	H	955 th	AB	R	H
Bentley SS	4	1	3	Levick SS	2	1	1
Hutley 3B	4	1	0	Palmer 1B	3	1	2
Jennings RF-1B	3	1	1	Owen LF	3	0	1
Agnew 2B	3	1	0	Ingenito 3B	3	0	1
McLeod LF	4	0	0	Flower 2B	1	1	0
Stokes C	3	2	2	Varga CF-P	3	1	0
Girlieath 1B-P	3	2	3	Reigel C	1	0	0
Thompson LF	3	1	1	Rees P-C	4	0	1
William P	0	0	0	Cestowski RF	3	1	0
Mosely P	2	0	0	Kline P-CF	3	1	0
Geto P	0	0	0				
Clark RF	1	0	0				

#### R H E

955 Sparkplugs	2	0	2	2	0	0	6	6	8
838 Bulldozers	7	0	0	3	0	x	10	9	2

## 1898th, 838th Take Opening Games Of Championship Play-Offs

August 8 — It was a great day for Bulldozer teams as the 1898th Bulldozers and the 838th Bulldozers trimmed the Special Service Specials and the 955 Sparkplugs respectively in a double header at the Foggia Stadium this afternoon.

The 1898th and Special Service game proved to be the most thrilling game of the afternoon, even though a total of twelve errors were made during the course of the tilt. Ed Greiner and Joker Shimizu teamed up to hold the Specials to a paltry three hits as their teamblasted Red Cooke and Mike Damato for eleven safeties.

The 838th Bulldozers piled up a 7-2 lead in the first frame and went on to take the night cap from the 955 Sparkplugs 10-6. The Sparkies kept pecking away at the five run deficit and made it 7-6 in the top half of the fifth inning but the Bulldozers were not to be denied as three straight hits in the bottom half of the same frame clinched the contest. Tommy Thompson's long home run to deep left highlighted the inning.

1898th	AB	R	H	Specials	AB	R	H
Omiya SS	3	1	1	Walker 3B-2B	3	2	1
Fitzpatrick CF	4	1	1	Ruzich LF	3B	4	0
Mineville 3B	5	1	1	Cooke P-SS	3	1	0
Johnson 1B	4	1	2	Damato SS-P	3	1	0
Sakonashi C	4	0	1	Childs 2B-C	3	0	0
Shimizu RF-P	4	1	1	Boyle 1B	2	1	0
Suetsugu 2B	3	0	1	Elliott RF	4	0	0
Taniguchi LF	4	1	1	Clark CF	4	1	1
Greiner P-AF	4	1	2	Whitlock C	1	0	0
				Boelyn LF	1	0	0
				Buras LF	1	1	0

#### R H E

1898th Bulldozers	2	1	0	2	1	1	0	7	11	7
Special Service	1	0	0	0	5	0	6	3	5	

## Foggia's Injury Ridden Swim Team Places Third In MTO Championships

Despite the fact that but four of the eight members of the Faab swimming team were able to participate, the squad managed to place third in the MTO Swimming Championships at the Rome Rest Center, on August the 2nd and 3rd, due to the valiant efforts of 19 year old Stewart Evans. Evans, Bulldog Drummond, Tadao Imai, and Bill Doney made up the swimming team while Evans, Drummond and Bill Crowder did the diving.

Evans was practically the whole show for the Foggians as he took four seconds and two thirds to total 13 of the 16 points. Stew missed placing first in the 100-meter free style finals by one stroke in the most thrilling race of the evening. Trailing by a good four yards at the half way point, Evans turned on the steam and finished second by a hair to Pct. Geary of the 88th. The Newton, Massachusetts lad not only made a good showing in the swimming events but proved to be the outstanding diver from Foggia as well. After making a mediocre start in the 3-meter event he finished strong and was barely nosed out for second place in the event. Bulldog Drummond and Bill Crowder also made nice showings in the diving events.

The PBS swim team won the meet going away by amassing 54 points, while the Blue Devils of the 88th Division were runners up with a total of 34. Foggia garnered 16 points in taking the third slot. Paul Miyaki of the PBS squad proved to be the outstanding swimmer in the meet by taking three individual first places and leading his team to a first and second in two relay events.

## Welterweight Champs Draw At Flagella

August 5 — Salvatore Tiberi, welterweight champion of Europe, and "Bruiser" DeGiovanni, former title holder fought to a ten round draw at the Flagella Theater in the main attraction of tonights gala

boxing show before a huge crowd of close to a thousand fans. It was a bout of skillful boxing which proved unpopular to the fans who crave plenty of action and blood. It was a non-title match between Pescaran Tibera and the lad from Chiesta.

In other bouts of the evening, Buonarota decisioned Venturini, Gatto lost to Tenence, Santarelli was outfought in a thriller by Galle, Scarano beat Pandolfi, and Tamalio I and II decisioned D'Amato and Cinesi respectively.

## Foggia Baseball Teams To Participate In Zone Championships

August 8 — It was announced yesterday that the Foggia Baseball League will hold a play-off to determine which two teams shall represent Foggia in the Zone Championship tournament to be held in Naples, Italy. The play-offs must be concluded by the 15th of August therefore it was necessary to stop the present league in order to make open dates for the elimination tournament. The winner and runner up will compete against teams from the Naples area to determine the Zone Championship. The winners of the Zone Championship will play in the Theatre Baseball Championships.

The six teams that are entered in the Foggia League tourney are the 1898th Bulldozers, 955 Sparkplugs, 779th Rebels, 838th Bulldozers, 529 Yankees, and the Specials. An All Star team shall be chosen from teams other than the winners and will be submitted to the Theater Athletic Officer for possible use on the All-Star team representing the Foggia-Bari-Naples Area.

## Sport Shots

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By Jim Boyle

Fast becoming one of FAABs favorite athletes is the 6:02, 170 pound pugilist and Foggia swimming champ, Stew "Stella Dolce" Evans. With three of the eight swimmers on the sick list and under doctors orders not to do any swimming or diving in the MTO Swimming Championships at the Rome Rest Center last Friday and Saturday, August 2nd and 3rd, the brunt of the racing had to be done by Evans, Bulldog Drummond, Tadao Imai, Bill Crowder and Bill Dandy. Drummond specialized in the back stroke and the diving and Crowder solo'd in the diving events. This left but three free style swimmers.

Faabs fairhaired boy made the fans sit up and take notice as he participated in over half of the events during the two night meet and further amazed them with his splendid endurance as he placed second four times and third twice. His accomplishments won him six medals, four fountain pens and two cigarette lighters plus the respect

of every man woman and child that witnessed the meet.

When asked to whom or what contributed his success, he blushed modestly and mysteriously murmured "Olga".

No kabish!

Well! The Foggia American League finally had to be concluded as of August 6th, due to the play-offs for the championship of the Foggia-Bari-Naples-area. The undisputed pennant winners are the 1898th Bulldozers who won the last eight out of nine games to finish a game and a half ahead of the runner up 955 Sparkplugs.

The league nearly folded several times during the past three months because of the redeployment of many of the outfits and lack of players. Somehow the league continued to function despite player troubles, umpire troubles, heat, wind, dust, and lack of support. Those teams that were able to keep going deserve all the credit we can bestow upon their noble brows.