

Clark Gable Flies On Last Bomb Mission

**'Didn't Hit Damn Thing'
Ex-Movie Star Says
After Raid**

By COLLIE SMALL

A U. S. BOMBER STATION, Somewhere in England, Sept. 23. (Delayed) (P)—Capt. Clark Gable flew his fifth and final mission with the U. S. 8th air force today, manning a gun in the nose of the flying fortress Duchess but failing to hit "a damned thing."

Gable, a gunnery officer, has been here on special assignment making motion pictures of air battles to be used for instructing aerial gunners. His mission completed, he will return to the United States soon to assemble the film.

PEPPERED BY FLAK

The former Hollywood star rode in the leading fortress of the force which raided Gnslerman naval installations at Nantes, France, and the plane was peppered with anti-aircraft shell holes. Gable was not injured.

The fortresses met some of the most accurate flak ever encountered but came through with light losses. About 50 fighters intercepted them half an hour from the target and followed them all the way in.

Lieut. Col. Robert W. Burns, 26, Ecu, Miss., led the raid with Gable in his crew.

Gable made most of the trip in the waist section of Duchess, where he had his camera in action. While over the target, however, he was at the nose gun.

"Today wasn't quite as tough as when we raided the Ruhr," he said, "but it still was tough enough. We managed to get a good number of flak holes in the Duchess."

CELEBRATES

"I'm going to celebrate completion of my fifth mission—by eating lunch."

Although no German fighters got very close to the Duchess while Gable was in the nose, one did fly close while he was manning the camera in the waist.

"I could see the pilot's features," Gable said. "That guy won't be around very long if he keeps fooling around like that. I don't know how we missed him."

Dressed in green coveralls and wearing a "Mae West"—Gable said he fired the machine gun while re-lays of German fighters were attacking above Nantes but admitted that "I didn't hit a damned thing."

Burns said that although he was unable to see results of the raid "they should have been good. Visibility was excellent although we were forced to drop down to get under the cloud bank. The fighters were persistent as hell but coming out we feinted them into a fog bank and then beat it while they were scrambling around to look for us."



COMPLETES FIFTH MISSION

—Capt. Clark Gable, in Britain to compile a film for instructing army air gunners, has made his fifth and last flight into enemy territory, it was announced today.

Italian War Captives Want To Fight Nazis

**Very Few Likely To Be
Sent Back Home,
However**

By KINGSBURY SMITH

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25. (INS)—A large number of the Italian war prisoners in the United States today want to go back and help the allied armies drive the Germans out of their country.

Many of the Italian war prisoners, from generals down to the rank of privates, have expressed a desire to join the allied forces in Italy. They have made their views known to American government inspectors who have visited the Italian detention camps in this country recently.

60,000 HELD

It is estimated there are about 60,000 Italian war prisoners in camps scattered throughout the United States. Among them are several generals and a former Italian minister of war.

Most of the Italians were brought to this country from north Africa, where they were captured by the British and American forces. When they came to America they were happy to be out of the war and wanted no more fighting. Now they are eager to get back into the fight on the side of the Allies.

The change of mind appears to be due chiefly to their hatred of the Germans and an eagerness to help