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Daily French Lesson

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## Americans Enter Luxembourg

## Yanks in Action Along the Moselle



## Berlin Reports Push to Aegean

Reds Streaking Through **Bulgaria After Taking** Black Sea Ports

A security silence such as often pre-cedes new attacks veiled Red Army opera-tions in the Balkans yesterday but the Germans reported Soviet tanks streaking for the Aegean agost after capturing Bul-

for the Aegean agast after capturing Bulgaria's two main Black Sea ports, Burgas and Varna, and the inland rail junction of Shumen. 50 miles west of Varna.

Above the Carpathians, about 85 miles east south-east of Cracow in Poland, a new Soviet offensive apparently was under way near the town of Krosno. Berlin said the fighting here was reaching the proportions of a major battle.

Warsaw Plight Grave

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Inside Warsaw, the Polish underground army appeared on the point of defeat. The underground's daily com-munique from Gen. Bor said intensity of the fighting in the city's central district had "reached the limit of human endur-

The five-day-old war between Russia and Bulgaria ended Saturday night when the Soviet government granted Bulgaria an armistice. Marshal Stalin had announced capture of the two ports and rail junction just a few moments before.

## Allies 25 Miles From Belfort

American and French troops of the Seventh Army in southern France pushed north yesterday in two drives, each less than 25 miles from blocking the Belfort

Gap, last escape route into the Reich for the German 19th Army.

Germans southwest of Belfort in the Dijon area were already cut off by Allied positions as wide their main withdrawal route eastward.

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More than 70,000 prisoners have been taken since the Seventh Army landings in southern France, Gen. Patch's head-quarters announced.

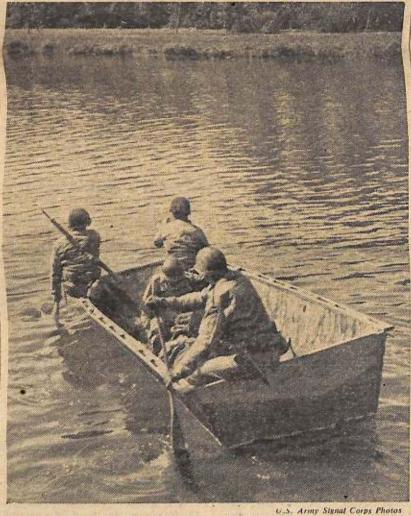
Guarters announced.

French troops were within 18 miles of the fortress city of Belfort at Pont de Roide, and only 40 railes from the southwestern German froatier, as U.S. forces surged through Baume les Dames and Clerval, 24 miles from Belfort.

The Yanks cleared Baume les Dames only after heavy fighting which began early last week.

carly last week.

Nazi Troop Ship Sunk STOCKHOLM, Sept. 10 (UP)—The German troop ship Westfalen with nearly 300 men on board has been sunk north of Gothenburg after striking a mine on the way from Norway to Germany. Sixty-five men were saved by two Swedish



In one of the war's most unusual pictures, smoke ring from a 155mm. Long Tom pounding German positions across Moselle River is caught by daylight. Usually these rings can be pictured only at night. In lower picture, U.S. infantrymen, with wounded comrade in bottom of boat, ferry across the Moselle. Map shows the general area.

## The War Today

... First Army troops only eight miles from German frontier. . . . Third Army locked in heavy fighting along Moselle River.

... British thrust across Albert Canal meets heavy opposition, . . . Break-out attempt by Germans, trapped along Channel coast, is thrown back. . . . Allies hold three Channel ports, Dieppe, Ostend, Antwerp. . . . American and French troops of Seventh Army in southern France drive within 25 miles of Belfort Gap. . . . Seventh Army has total haul of 70,000 prisoners since landings in southern France,

Bulgarian capitulation and seizure of two positions south of Rimini.

France—Americans cross Luxembourg border at two points. . . . New Soviet offensive to east of . . New Soviet offensive to east of Cracow reaching proportions of major battle, Berlin says.

Pacific-MacArthur declares Allied air forces "now dominate southern Philippines" as enemy reports new attacks on Mindanao and forecasts landings there soon. . . . Stilwell announces Japanese destroyer sunk by 14th Air Force heavies off Hong Kong.

Italy-Americans enter outskirts of Pistoia, 20 miles northwest of Florence, and reach outposts of Gothic line between Pistoia and Lucca, 21 miles Russia Germans report Russian through Bulgaria toward Aegean coast after Russian toward Aegean coast after

## Planes Support **Drive to Nancy**

#### Pound Nazis Ahead of 3rd Army; 1,100 Heavies Attack Germany

Bombing immediately ahead of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's southern wing to remove barriers in the path of the U.S. Third Army's advance toward Nancy, Ninth Air Force Marauders and Havocs from both French and British bases yesterday opened the tactical battle of the German frontier, while more than 1,160 Eighth Air Force Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by Lightnings, Thunderbolts and Mustangs, attacked targets in southern Germany.

While Ninth P47s flew top cover for the Marauders and Havocs, all of which returned safely and reported no fighter

returned safely and reported no fighter opposition, Eighth Thunderbolts strafed airdromes in southern and western Germany, destroying 42 aircraft on the ground, and escorting fighters knocked out 72 on the ground and six in the air. Twelve heavies and 15 fighters were lost.

Six Forces from Britain

Six separate forces of British-based medium and light bombers struck at tenminute intervals in a concentrated 50-minute offensive and three waves of French-based B26s scattered 3,000 demolition and fragmentation bombs on two bridges spanning the Moselle River at Pompey and Custines, about five miles north of Nancy, and the strongly-fortified Foret de Haye, just west of the city.

The B26 and A20 crews reported direct hits on the two bridges and a type-pattern of bomb bursts in the wooded area.

Destruction of the bridges—one a sevenlane span and the other a six-lane with a single rail line—would provide protection for Patton's forces already across the Moselle north of Pont-a-Mouson.

The crews were told at the briefing that the ground forces wanted the German (Continued on page 2) Six separate forces of British-based

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#### Hitler Courts Munich Gal, His Former Valet Says

BRUSSELS, Sept. 10 (AP)—A German prisoner who said he was Hitler's valet for three years declared today that the Fuehrer has maintained a romantic liaison with a Munich stenographer for the past

"The Fuehrer is a very difficult man to know," the prisoner said. "He is different every day. One day he is all fondness and the next day he is all brutish harshness."

#### Sweden Bars Nazi Goods

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 10 (UP)—The transit of German goods through Sweden to and from Norway has been stopped by the Swedish Government, it was authoritatively learned today. The only exception will be the transit of wounded and sick men.

## First Army **Eight Miles FromReich**

#### Nazis' Meuse River Line Crumbled; Liege and Sedan Captured

American troops have crossed the Luxembourg border at two points, 12th Army Group disclosed yester-

12th Army Group disclosed yester-day, and U.S. First Army troops advancing on a 75-mile front between Liege and Sedan reached a point eight miles from Germany.

The First Army, moving in some areas at the rate of 25 miles a day, virtually crumbled the whole Meuse River line of German defenses with the capture of Liege, Sedan and Dinant.

Armor and motorized infantry were reported to be at least halfway through the rugged Ardennes Forest. This is the last natural barrier before the great Ruhr industrial cities of the Reich, but the Siegfried Line also stands before them.

Resistance Stiffens

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German resistance stiffened along most of the 300-mile-long threshold to the Reich border. Berlin Radio declared that trainloads of Hitler youths, aged 15 and 16, were pouring to the frontier to build

The Third Army was still locked in heavy fighting with strong Nazi divisions along the Moselle River in France, and

along the Moselle River in France, and the British thrust across the Albert Canal in Belgium was fiercely contested. Third Army soldiers on the Moselle front were convinced that "the race" was over now, and that the road from there to Berlin was certain to be the toughest and bloodiest of all, according to a UP field dispatch

10 Miles from Aachen

Besides taking Sedan in a drive toward Luxembourg, First Army forces also made a 14-mile advance in Belgium to Limbourg, 10 miles from Aachen on the German frontier, and were last reported to be eight miles from Aachen.

A German broadest claimed that

to be eight miles from Aachen.

A German broadcast claimed that strong Luftwaffe formations attacked U.S. supply columns in Belgium.

Some of the bitterest fighting since St. Lo and La Haye du Puits was reported from the Third Army front, where German heavy artillery and mortar fire attempted to keep five bridgeheads across the Moselle River from extending any farther toward the Siegfried Line.

The Germans, with their best remaining divisions along the Moselle, were trying to hold the fortress towns of Metz, Toul and Nancy as an outer segment of the Siegfried Line, a UP dispatch said.

From Third Army headquarters, the AP reported that Gen. Patton had reinforced infantry and armor across the Moselle in

infantry and armor across the Moselle in the Toul area, and had sent supplies over to forces clinging to bridgeheads below Metz.

Two assaults by Third Army tanks and infantry on Fort du Ville Desec, built with concrete walls ten feet thick and

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Convincing Spokesman

## Wounded Vet Talks 600 Out Of B29 Strike

CHICAGO, Sept. 10 (ANS)—A wounded veteran of Cassino ended one of the nation's most damaging strikes yesterday when he convinced 600 workers to return to the manufacture of engines

for B29 Super-Fortresses.

Pvt. Melvin Biegel, 21, a patient at Gardiner General Hospital, told striking employes of the Chrysler Corporation's huge Dodge plant here that American airplanes proces then anything also caused. airplanes more than anything else caused the German defeat at Cassino.

The men returned to the assembly line, ending a strike that threatened to cut off all production by the largest producers of B29 engines.

A second major settlement came at the Ford Motor Company's Willow Run bomber plant near Detroit, where operabomber plant near Detroit, where opera-tions were resumed on a normal scale after a 12-hour shutdown caused by a walkout of 2,000 riveters and crane operators. The strikers contended that the company had made transfers without regard to seniority.

Meanwhile 14 West Virginia coal-mines were closed and 6,100 miners were idle in a dispute involving demands by

idle in a dispute involving demands by mine supervisors for company recognition of their union. In Pennsylvania no strikes were reported in the soft coalmines there for the first time in weeks,

## Tanks Sweep Down Opening To Gain Target

#### Desert Tactics Employed In Pulling off Unique Job of Fighting

HQ FOURTH ARMORED DIVI-SION, Sept. 10-A three-and-a-half mile charge by American tanks, half-tracks and jeeps down an open forward slopean attack believed unique in armored fighting in France—overwhelmed the German defenses at Troyes, on the Seine, killed 1,000 elite SS troops, and sent 400

more to prisotter cages.

While a tank column with armored artillery attacked across the river to take high ground fortheast of the city, a second column, led by a pair of Oklahomans, Majs. Arthur L. West, of Stillwater, and his executive officer, Leo O. Elwell, of Enid, smashed straight into Troyes from the commanding hill at Movement. Montgueux.

West had infantry in half-tracks, medium tanks and armored engineers supported by field artillery, but in front of the column lay three-and-a-half miles of open ground.

#### Use Desert Tactics

To get his men over this dangerous exposed area he ordered the armored vehicles to charge fast in spread "desert formation," and on a wide front they raced ahead, tanks first, as they had not done since maneuvers on the California desert.

Immediately enemy shells began drop-ping, but the Yanks had orders to keep fighting in their vehicles until they were shot out of them. Machine-gun and rifle fire increased as they approached the

fire increased as they approached the city.

Two-thirds of the ground was covered when disaster threatened—the leading vehicles ran into an anti-tank ditch running right across the area. Tank drivers gunned their motors and the Shermans plunged across the gully, smashed through the deep shoulder and went on. Half-tracks following behind increased speed and the guard rollers on the front of the tracks hit the side of the ditch and threw the fronts of the vehicles high enough to clear the obstacle. clear the obstacle.

#### Jeeps Make It Too

Even the jeeps made it, but flanking anti-tank and machine-gun fire was so heavy that two tanks and an infantry platoon had to be diverted to clean out

the positions.

In fifteen minutes two anti-tank guns, four machine-guns and 50 Germans were wiped out. West, whose jeep was holed by shell fragments, killed two Germans with a submachine-gun as they were attempting to load and fire an anti-tank gun at him from 15 feet.

T/Sgt. Charles O. Graham, of Beckley, W. Va. knocked out a machine-gun nest

W. Va., knocked out a machine-gun nest when he took over his assault gun pla-toon when his platoon leader was wounded and his M-8 "tank" disabled

by machine-gun fire.

German artillery and mortar fire slackened as soon as the ditch was overrun, for most of the observers had been killed in dugouts there.

#### Nazi News Agency Chief In Turkey Deserts Hitler

ISTANBUL, Sept. (UP)—Fritz Fiala, chief of the German Transkontinent News Agency in Turkey and a brigadier general in the SS, has deserted the Nazi cause, along with his secretary, Wilhelmina Thomm.

carrying valuable cargoes to Germany.

## Seattle Plans World Fair

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 10 (ANS)-Plans for a great post-war world's fair are being made by the city, although it won't open until 18 months to two years after the materials are available. The fair will feature a Moscow-Seattle air race.

## Muffed Contact Lands Dancer Outside Hall

McCOOK, Neb., Sept. 10 (ANS)-Pfc Ernest Olivier, of Pittsburgh, Pa., completed a jitterbug spin, reached for the hand of his partner, missed it and toppled out of a second story

window of a dance hall.

He bounced off the roof of a low shed and landed unhurt.

Looking up at his dancing partner framed in the open window, he asked: "How about the next dance?"

## New Philippine BlowsReported

#### 300 Planes Hit Mindanao, Nazis Say; 14th USSAF Sinks Jap Destroyer

Emphasizing Gen. Douglas MacAr-thur's weekend announcement that "our air forces now dominate the southern Philippines," German Radio yesterday reported a number of heavy attacks on Mindanao and added that the growing air offensive indicated "that the Americans aim to land on the southern Philippines."

The enemy said more than 300 bombers and fighters attacked Mindanao Saturday, apparently operating from a naval formation around the Carolines 1,000 miles to the east. Supporting its contention that the bombings were pre-invasion prepara-tion, the radio asserted more than 1,000 U.S. planes attacked Palau and Yap Thursday and more than 700 were in the

Gen, Joseph W. Stilwell meanwhile reported 14th Air Force heavies sank a Japanese destroyer southeast of Hong Kong Friday.

In Washington, the War Department revealed that "a large force" of B29 Super-Fortresses which went to Manchuria for the second time on Friday attacked industrial targets at Anshan, a railway town 180 miles northeast of Port Arthur, on the line to Mukden. Results

were good.

The giant bombers shot down six Japanese fighters, probably destroyed another nine, and damaged eleven more.

Only one B29 was lost, Washington said. The Japanese High Command claimed six were downed over Manchuria and 28 more destroyed or damaged on the ground in an attack on the bombers. the ground in an attack on the bombers' airfield in China after their return.

## U.S. Gets Warning Nazis May Spread Surrender Rumors

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10 (ANS)— Military authorities and the Office of War Information, warning that Nazi propa-gandists may spread false rumors of German surrender, asked the nation today to accept no report of German capitula-tion unless it comes from Gen, Eisen-

"False rumors of German surrender or of negotiations looking toward surrender have already appeared and may be expected to be more frequent from now on," the War and Navy Departments said in a joint statement with the OWI.

"Some of these may be innocently spread but others may be inspired by enemy propagandists who hope to cause confusion among the peoples of the United Nations and induce us to relax

Fiala in a statement today said that Japan for a long time had been trying for an understanding between Germany and Russia and that giant submarines had been running the blockade from the Far been running the blockade from the Far carrying valuable carrees to disparent and surrender pieces to disparent and surrender pieces and surrender pieces. en masse, German armies "may gradually disintegrte and surrender piecemeal. If there should be a general surrender, head-quarters of the Allied Expeditionary Force will be the first to know of it."

> Tito Captures Chrome Mines Marshal Tito's Jugoslav Partisans have captured important chrome mines at Royane, essential to Hitler's military machine, his communique reported.

## Vignette of War



Nazi soldier, pain reflected on his face, has his arm bandaged by an American,

## U.S. Assigns **EnvoyStaffsto** Paris, Brussels

## Diplomats First Ordered To Liberated Capitals To Open Embassies

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10 (ANS)—American diplomatic and consular officials have been ordered to Brussels and Paris, the vanguards of full diplomatic representation later on in regions closed for four years by Nazi occupation.

The State Department announced it is sending a charge d'affaires to reopen the embassy in Brussels and disclosed it has

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Ernest Mayer, secretary of the embassy in London, was ordered to Brussels to reopen the embassy immediately and serve as charge d'affaires until an ambassador is appointed.

Gerald A. Drew, second secretary of the embassy in Guatemala, was designated American consul at Paris to serve as secretary of the American mission here and to be attached to the office of the U.S. representative to the French Committee of National Liberation.

En route to Paris is Seldon Chapin, who has been acting in Algiers as assistant to the American representative to the De Gaulle committee of National Chapin, who has been acting in Algiers as assistant to the American representative to the De Gaulle committee of Service of the Carolle committee of Service of the Carolle committee of Service of the De Gaulle committee of t

to the American representative to the De Gaulle committee.

It was emphasized at the State Department that sending these foreign service officers to Paris does not imply diplomatic recognition of De Gaulle's provisional government.

## Here and There— In the News

#### French Air Ace Arrested

PARIS, Sept. 10 (UP)-Rene Fonck the French air ace who was credited with bringing down 127 planes during the last war, has been arrested and charged with being a collaborator, according to reports

Ireland Phone Service Restored Phone service between Great-Britain and all parts of Ireland, which was suspended before D-Day for precautionary reasons, has been restored, the Post-master General announced yesterdays

#### ARC To Print GI Poelry

A book containing GI poetry and illustrations to be called "The Rainbow Corner Yanks in England Book of Verse" shortly will be published by the American Red Cross. Contributions should be sent to Eugene Bahn, Rainbow Corner, American Red Cross, APO 887, by Oct. 31.

#### No Haven in Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 10 (Reuter)—Gustaf Moeller, Swedish Minister for Social Affairs, announced that Sweden will refuse sanctuary to Axis war criminals and Quisling traitors.

#### Nelson Reaches Chungking

CHUNGKING, Sept.10 (AP)—Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, and Maj. Gen. Patrick Hurley, accompanied by Gen. Joseph Stilwell, arrived in Chungking.

#### Things Getting Too Hot

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 10 (UP)-German banks in Cologne, Aachen and Freiburg have been ordered to send their money deeper into Germany for safety, the Stockholm newspaper Morgontidningen,

#### Whitney Capture Confirmed

ROME, Sept. 10 (AP)—Col. John Hay (Jock) Whitney, millionaire sportsman, was captured by the Germans in southern France Aug. 21 after the jeep in which he was riding with four others was attacked by a tank, Allied Headquarters disclosed. His secretary in New York previously had made public unconfirmed reports of his capture.

## Deny Carrel's Arrest

PARIS, Sept.10 (AP)—The office of the famous scientist, Dr. Alexis Carrel, friend of Charles A. Lindbergh, denied a report issued Aug. 30 that he was arrested as a collaborator and said he was at liberty pursuing his research. Dr. Carrel himself could not be reached.

#### Yanks Freed in Bucharest

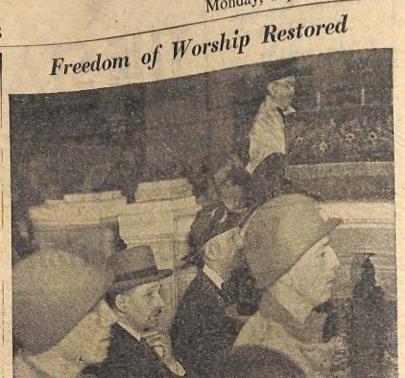
BUCHAREST, Sept. 10 (AP)—When the Russians entered Bucharest they found 1,100 American airmen in the city. They had been prisoners of war, but were liberated when King Michael's proclamation broke Rumania's ties with Germany.

### Carrier Planes Equipped With Cannons Now in Use

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10 (ANS)— Cannon-firing warplanes, the first ever built for operation from an aircraft car-

built for operation from an aircraft carrier, are in operation against the Japanese, the Navy disclosed today. They are Curtiss Hell-diver dive-bombers equipped with 20-mm, guns to blast enemy positions and equipment.

Cannons attached in fixed positions on leading edge of wing take the place formerly used for 50-caliber machine-guns. In addition the planes retain flexible machine-gun positions operated by the rear-seat gunner and radioman.



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

First Jewish service to be conducted openly in Paris since Nazi occupation finds GIs joining with French in worship at synagogue on Rue de la Victoire.

## Blasted Targets in France Show Success of Allied Fliers

## Heavies 'Pin Point' From 25,000 Feet

#### By Peter Lisagor Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

PARIS, Sept. 10-Gray-brown scars across the face of France represent to the average observer the enormity of bomb destruction, but to those men who planned and staged the operations—the men who gauge the damage in terms of enemy supplies wiped out and production reduced—those scars tell a different story.

Theirs is a story of how well their air-men learned the lessons of sand tables and contour maps, how precise their calcula-tions, how great or small the margin of error from 25,000 feet.

The Eighth Air Force has undertaken a preliminary survey of damage wrought by its heavies. Aerial photographs admittedly tell an incomplete story of the results of strategic bombing—a standing roof conceals damage beneath it. Now that former enemy territory is in friendly hands, the missing details can be obtained.

#### Best Crews Chosen

In the Paris area there were many vital targets—plants producing grease and ball bearings and storing oil for the Wehrmacht. Maj. Frank M. Jepson, of Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y., photo interpreter officer of the Eighth AF, told of the reluctance to bomb the Paris area, not along because Paris is one of the not alone because Paris is one of the world's great cities. In war one can't be too charitable. This area was one of the

most heavily defended in Europe, and the flak was terrific—it forced planes to bomb from a 25,000-foot altitude.

To restrict damage on Paris, Jepson revealed, the best bombardiers and crews were chosen for these missions. They had specific orders not to attack under clouded or have conditions and offer a clouded or hazy conditions, and often made two or three tries to be sure they could pinpoint their targets before un-

loading.

The Standard Oil Plant at Genne-villiers, just outside Paris, before June 22 was producing monthly 2,200 tons of oil. synthetic wax and grease, half of which went into Nazi tanks and motor vehicles. Daily, two trains of tankers brought fuel to be transferred into cans and stored for German use. The plant sprawled over 34,000 square meters, employed 250 workers, and in 1939 its estimated value of the process (\$3,200,000 at the case of the plant sprayer (\$3,200,000 at the case of the pla was 160 million francs (\$3,200,000 at the present exchange rate).

#### Attack in 3 Waves

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At 7 PM on June 22—the workers had gone home—Eighth heavies attacked in three waves. In 15 or 20 minutes, according to Georges Euclair, the plant manager, the plant was an inferno of burning oil—completely knocked out, with most of its oil stores being consumed by the fire. Today the plant is a rusting pyre of fwisted oil tanks, grease containers, rail cars and buildings, grotesque as all war damage is grotesque. Its main structure looks as if a petulant child kicked over his erector set and then set fire to the playroom.

There was no one killed in the set.

fire to the playroom.

There was no one killed in the plant itself. Of the 30 to 35 estimated dead as a result of the raid, the majority were killed in the streets. But the French were not resentful, the manager said, and a woman said tearfully that "ye wanted you to come."

The Wehrmacht got no more grease for its tank treads and no more oil from Standard at Gennevilliers after June 22 and precision bombing had more evidence for its files.

## No Time To Die

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NEW YORK, Sept. 10 (UP)—Americans are now too busy and too prosperous to commit suicide, according to an insurance company's report. Only 13,000 took their lives last year, compared with an average of 19,000 a year before the

## 8th AF Survey Shows U.S. Force Now In Luxembourg

(Continued from page 1) surrounded by a dry moat 15 feet deep, were thrown back, said a UP dispatch from the Moselle, which quoted Capt. Manson Hatch, liaison officer between infantry and artillery, as saying:

"Our guns hurled shell after shell into the fort. And so did the tanks. And what happened? All the shells bounced off. It is one of those things you dream about but never expect in your lap."

A late Reuter dispatch last night, how-ever, reported that the Maginot line fort had been captured by the infantry with bayonets and hand grenades, opening the road to Nancy.

Some of the 120,000 German soldiers trapped along the Channel coast, in an area from five to 25 miles wide and about 75 miles long, attempted a major break-out through the British lines between Lille and Ghent, but reports from SHAEF said they were thrown back.

## Planes Support Drive to Nancy

(Continued from page 1) troop concentrations, light guns and pillboxes carefully hidden in the wooded area knocked out.

The heavies fanned out to attack targets The heavies fanned out to attack targets over a wide area covering the Stuttgart-Nurnberg-Ulm sectors, striking at two military truck factories, a tank factory, two aero engine plants and Messerschmitt 110 components and assembly plants.

Upwards of 500 Liberators and Fortresses of the 15 th Air Force blasted the Lobau and Nova oil refineries and other unannounced targets in the Vienna area. There was no enemy fighter opposition.

There was no enemy fig. but intense flak was met. lighter opposition.

The B24s also bombed Trieste harbor, while escorting Mustangs swung across Hungary to strafe an airfield, destroying several enemy craft on the ground.

## 1,000 Heavies Hit Ruhr

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Twenty-three bombers and four fighters
were lost Saturday when more than 1,000
B17s and B24s, escorted by medium
forces of P51s, bombed rail and industrial targets at Mannheim, Ludwigshafen, Mainz, Dusseldorf and elsewhere
in the Ruhr. Although there was no
enemy fighter opposition the heavies enconnected intense flak and unfavorable countered intense flak and unfavorable

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Eighth Thunderbolts and Mustangs, meanwhile, took an additional toll of enemy transport by dive-bombing and strafing in Holland and western Germany, as well as bagging 14 Nazi planes, nine in the air and five on the ground. Ten fighters failed to return.

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The Thunderbolt group led by Capt. Richard E. Conner, of Vicksburg, Miss., jumped 12 FW190s near Giessen, north of Frankfurt, destroying eight and damaging three. The group also destroyed between Giessen and Hersfeld.

Ninth P38s and P47s attacked enemy transport in Belgium and western Germany smashing more than 250 vehicles in sweeps east of Liege and in the Aachen, FW190 and two Ju88s were destroyed and No fighter-bombers were lost.

Despite bad weather Saturday morning. Thunderbolts kept up the aerial pressure ory the Brest defeaders, dive-bombing gun emplacements. Ninth Mustangs and Thunderbolts flew more than 2,200 sorties against the harbor from Aug. 25 through Sept. 8. against the harbor from Aug. 25 through

## Byrnes Wants General Return To 40-hr. Week

Spreading of Jobs Called Vital in Report on Reconversion Plans

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau
WASHINGTON, Sept. 10—War
Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes
reporting plans are well advanced for a
vast industrial reconversion after the defeat of Germany, recommended over the weekend that it be accompanied by a general return to a 40-hour week and the

lifting or easing of many existing economic controls.

In a 7,000-word report to President Roosevelt Byrnes reviewed plans made for a 40 per cent cutback in war production after victory in Europe and a swift shift of released workers and machines to put

out goods for the homefront.
"It is necessary that the government plan now to spread work," he said, but declared that fears of prolonged unemployment following V-Day are "exaggerated."

"We will speedily return to civilian pro-duction," he declared. "The pentup de-mand for goods will come from people who have the money with which to buy

Would Slash Extra Pay Among Byrne's recommendations or

1-Return to a 40-hour week, except to take care of production necessary to the war effort and some specially tight labor areas. This would mean a sharp reduc-tion in "take home" pay for thousands of workers now getting pay at the rate of time and a half for war work over 40

hours.

2—The abandonment of manpower controls to facilitate the transfer of workers from curtailed war programs to indicate production.

3—The retention of existing price ceilings on civilian goods which have been produced throughout the war.

4—The removal of additional foods from the ration list as soon as supplies instife.

5—Increase of gasoline allowances for civilians in certain areas as victory in Europe will reduce war needs, but continuation of rationing.

#### Support for Farmers

6—Congress appropriate up to \$2,000,000,000 to carry out farm support price commitment. Byrnes said that victory in Europe would release approxi-mately 8,000,000 tons of food from the war-time reserve for other uses and the teduced demand might bring market prices below support prices, forcing the government to "buy the surplus if it is going to support the prices."

7—Congress announce its intention to drop the excess profit ax after the defeat of Janan and consider the advice hills of

of Japan and consider the advisability of allowing manufacturers to depreciate new machinery substantially in the years in which such machinery is purchased. Byrnes said the excess profits levy cannot be lifted after victory in Europe because "we will still have war production and war profits until the Pacific war is over." The deriveciation clause would except a profit of the profits until the Pacific war is over."

depreciation clause would encourage new industry and reconversion, he said.

8—The release of many government workers as Federal control machinery is reduced.

\$20 Unemployment Pay

9—Reconsideration by Congress of Byrne's proposal for a minimum weekly unemployment compensation of \$20 for as long as 26 weeks. He said state unemployment systems have accumulated reserves of \$5,500,000,000 and they should now act to liberalize benefits and make state systems serve their true purpose.

In discussing employment prospects Byrnes observed that the prosecution of the war against Japan would demand a continued production of great quantities of war materials and said the basic in-dustries such as steel and textiles would not be affected by the end of the Euro-

## Gas Lunatic Still on Prowl

MATOON, Ill., Sept. 10—A madman of Matoon increased his list of victims to 31 as police sought in vain for an elusive figure who prowls at night in a skull cap armed with vials of weird conconction to which 'he apparently is immune. immune,

immune.

Thirteen more citizens in the last 48 hours whiffed the nauseating odor of the crank anesthetist's brew which leaves victims ill and temporarily paralyzed.

Authorities were as far as ever from a solution. They received a setback when an analysis of a salt sack—a whiff of which overcame Mrs. Carl Cordes early this week—failed to reveal any trace of chemical.

Chemical.

Richard T. Piper superintendent of the State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, found nothing lingering on the bag except salt.

#### Sunday Movies Ban Voted

CHARLESTOWN, West Va., Sept. 10
(ANS)—The City Council has voted to
ban Sunday movies after a theater announced it would show on the Sabbath.
Mayor G. P. Monson, who has referred
the matter to the Sate Attorney General's
office for an opinion, said a recent unofficial poll taken among churches showed
a "heavy resentment against Sunday "heavy resentment against Sunday

## Singing Did It



Not long ago Janis Paige was a stenographer in Tacoma, Wash. Then she sang for servicemen at the Hollywood Canteen, a movie scout saw her—and you know the rest.

## 17 Food Items Off Ration List

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10 (ANS)-The first break in homefront rationing restrictions came last week as War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes announced that 17 food items will be permanently removed from the ration list

Food Administrator Marvin Jones told Byrges that the action was taken to avoid waste of perishable foods of which the Government has vast stores. He added that the need for this supply will be diminished when Germany surrenders.

Housewives will be able to buy rationfree all varieties of jam, jelly, asparagus, and the following canned items: peas, corn, baked beans, fresh lima beans, tomato paste, tomato pulp, tomato puree, pumpkin, squash and baby food.

Principal foods which still require points are creamery butter, margarine, cheese, canned fruit, canned tomatoes, canned milk, ketchup, hams, pork, loin and better grades of steaks and roasts.

## B25s Now Provided With a New Sting-An Eight-Gun Nose

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 10. (AP)—Already the most heavily armed airplane in existence, the B25 Mitchell bomber, has a new sting—an eight-gun nose which boosts its firepower to 18 .50 machine-

In production at the company's plant are two versions of the Mitchell plane—an attack version model and convention bomber with transparent nose.

The attack version now has 14 forward firing machine-guns, eight in the nose, four on the blisters on either side of the fuselage and two in the top power turret

Chip Splinters the Old Block HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 10 (ANS)— Work was suspended for three days on James Craig's current film when the actor showed up with an unglamorously swollen jaw. He explained he was teaching his five-year-old son, James Jr., to box. Told to hit hard, Junior landed a Sunday punch on Pop's impacted wisdom tooth.

## Sees 3 Million Vets in Private Jobs After War

#### Army to Issue Textbooks On Business for Study On Voluntary Basis

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10 (ANS)-A Commerce Department specialist predicted today a high percentage of men and women in the armed forces-possibly 3,000,000 out of 11,000,000-may seek to enter business for themselves after their return to civil life.

The prediction, by Quincy Adams, chief of the Small Business Division, was accompanied by a caution that returning veterans who want to become business-men must learn everything possible about their chosen lines.

To help veterans prepare themselves for such a step, the Department is pre-paring a series of textbooks on establishing and operating small businesses in a variety of fields. They will be used in the Army education program and other branches of the armed services for volun-tary study and informational reading.

Plans are being perfected, Adams said to put into operation a provision of the GI Bill of Rights calling for specific aids to veterans who want to enter business.



#### New Deal Politics Scored

FRENCH LICK, Ind., Sept. 10 (ANS)-Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio contended last night new deal has "achieved a new low in American politics" and Jeclared the Republican party would re-establish liberty while providing opportunity and security.

Formally accepting the GOP Vice-Presidential nomination, the candidate opened his speaking campaign with an attack on the Roosevelt Administration and its adherents "in its alliances with Hague and Kelly and Hannigan and Hillman and Browder the New Deal has reached a new low in American politics."

Bricker said that before the Democratic convention, President Roosevelt had instructed Robert E. Hannigan that the party's national chairman should clear everything with Sidney Hillman, head of the CIO Political Action Committee.

It is time, continued Bricker, "to elect a president who will clear everything not only with Sidney but with Congress and American people."

### Ballot Censoring Charged

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10 (ANS)— Rep. Fred Normand (R.-Wash.) said that the War Department will make immediate investigation of charges that servicemen's ballots in the Washington state primary election had been inspected by military censors and added he expected similar action by the Navy.

Norman called to the attention of two Norman called to the attention of two departments charges by the Republican party and county election officials in Gray's Harbor County, Wash., that servicemen's ballots mailed for the states July 11 primary bore stamp of Army and Navy censors despite being clearly marked as containing only soldier and sailor votes. He said that Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said that the censorship of soldiers' ballots violated the standing orders of the Army and orders to pre-

orders of the Army and orders to pre-serve the secrecy of them issued last December.

## Hail of a Time in Denver



It looks like winter, but it was a summer hailstorm in Denver recently that brought Mrs. Marie Osberg out in galoshes to shovel her doorstep clear. Storm ruined Mrs. Marie Osberg out in galoshes to shovel her doorstep clear, trees and gardens and caused heavy damage.

## Capitol Praises Discharge Plan

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau WASHINGTON, Sept. 10—The War Department's four-point priority plan for demobilizing soldiers whose further ser-

demobilizing soldiers whose further service becomes unessential after Germany's defeat won widespread approval on Capitol Hill.

Both Republican and Democratic Congressional leaders said it was so comprehensive and satisfactory that no legislation on the subject appeared necessary.

Maj. Gen. William Tompkins, director of demobilization plans, declined to disclose at present how many soldiers would be discharged when hostilities end in

be discharged when hostilities end in Europe. Maj Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director who is a member of Tompkins' board, recently estimated the number at between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000.

## WomanDescendant Of Two Presidents Jailed for Stealing

WESTHAMPTON BEACH, N.Y., Sept. 10 (ANS)—Mrs. Job Taylor, 24, prominent society figure, descendant of two presidents and daughter of a bishop, has been arrested on a charge of stealing jewelry from the homes of wealthy friends. She is held in Suffolk County jail for allegedly taking \$37,000 worth of jewelry.

of jewelry.

Mrs. Taylor is a descendant of Presidents William Henry Harrison and Benjamin Harrison. Her father was the late Rev. Frederick Lincoln Flinchbaugh, an Episcopal bishop. Her husband is in the

Army overseas.

Justice of the Peace William H. Strong held her without bail. Police said she admitted stealing the jewelry and selling it when her income from trust funds totalling nearly \$400,000 was curtailed.

## 65,000 Ships Built by U.S.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10 (AP)—The U.S. has built 65,000 vessels of all types in the last five years, James V. Forrestal, Navy Secretary, said, adding that the U.S. was the "greatest naval power on earth."

## Briefs From Home

#### **Munitions Output Soars**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10 (AP)— Although some programs are still lagging, War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes disclosed that production of heavy guns, tanks, ammunition and other munitions critically needed for the defeat of Germany increased from 6-19 per cent during August.

#### Bazooka Pops, Youths Hurt

NEW YORK, Sept. 10 (ANS)—Six boys were hjured, three of them critically, when the bazooka shell with which they were playing exploded. The shell, brought back from Africa as a souvenir by a soldier friend, tore 100 holes in the walls and ceiling of the apartment house, ripped up floorboards, shot both legs off an 11-year-old youth.

#### The Army All Over Again

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 10 (ANS)— After seeing action in some of the hardest battles in the North African campaign, Peter William Holly Jr, was discharged last October when the Army learned he had enlisted at the age of 16. Now 18, his draft board called him Friday—to take basic all over again.

Finally—A Redhead
ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Sept. 10
(ANS)—For the first time in the history
of the pageant the title of Miss America was won by a redhead, 19-year-old Venus Ramey, of Ashland, Ky., entered as Miss Washington, D.C. She is five feet seven, weighs 125 pounds, wears a size 34 bath-ing suit and size 12 dress, and has blue eyes.

Lifer Sues for Film Damages CHICAGO, Sept. 10 (UP)—Roger Touly, the former Chicago gangster, who is serving a term of 99 years for kidnapping, is seeking \$1,000,000 damages from the producers and distributors of the film "Roger Touly, gangster." The film induces the public to believe the scenes were actual incidents in his life, he claims. Lifer Sues for Film Damages

Wonder What Date Is

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10 (UP)— President Roosevelt and Lord Halifax have a bet on the date the war will end, the British Ambassador disclosed yester-day. But he refused to say who bet what and how much.

## 'Hup, Tup, Hip, Ho'

OMAHA, Sept. 10 (ANS)—Military training will commence at Boys' Town next week, Msgr. E. J. Flanagan, head of the famed home for boys, has announced. Father Flanagan said the training would be helpful both physically and mentally for boys and "should be especially beneficial in teaching of discipline."

## Boardwalk, Pier Scorched

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Sept. 10 (ANS)—Fire fed by bursting gas mains consumed an entire block of boardwalk stores and burned out five floors of the eight-story Hotel Knickerbocker before it was brought under control. Damage was placed at \$200,000. The front of the central pier was twisted and scorched by heat.

Now Comes the Fuzzless Peach LOS ANGELES, Sept. 10 (ANS)-A

Los Angeles company has turned out a machine to take fuzz off peaches. The defuzzer, whimsical as it sounds, promises to be a boon to peach growers, since the peaches without whiskers will command any arrangement of the peaches. mand premium prices in eastern markets.

#### War Literature

CHICAGO, Sept. 10 (UP)—As a relief from the war, more people are reading mystery stories than ever before, says a Chicago librarian "Who-done-it" stories now number one-third of all fiction published in the U.S.

## A Jeep in Civvies



Yes, it's a jeep, as you can see if you look at it instead of at the radiator adornment (which is Miss Helen Watkins, of Muskogee, Okla.). They fixed it up this way for advertising purposes, but after the war who knows. . . .

## THE STARS AND STRIPES

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#### An American Mother

S OMETIMES we Americans serving in the Army and N inclined to get browned-off at the folks back home. We don't like the strikes. We disagree with the labor policies of some employers. We read about peak holiday travel and from a chilly pup tent in France or a hospital cot in England we think our folks may be letting us down. But are they?

If you think so, read this letter from "An American Mother" and remember that the 130 million Americans back home, while they may not all be as articulate, are proud of us and grateful for the job we're doing over here.

This letter, dated June 16, 1944, is addressed to: "Any U.S. Soldiers in Any Hospital in England:

"Dear Boys: I'm just a farmer's wife, gray-haired, fat and forty. I live on the West Coast of the U.S.A. On Invesion Day I sat rocking my baby boy to sleep. I looked out across the Valley, peaceful

"Food, health, happiness, security for these two children of mine. No fear of the planes overhead or the Army on the highway. No terror in the eyes of my 10-year-old girl. No hungry, crying baby. And my heart filled with thanks to all of you who make happy childhood possible for our little ones over here.

"I am an old nurse. I know the nights and days of pain—that fight against the darkness when pain drives sleep eway.

"At such times, remember all our happy children are sleeping peacefully only because of what you and the rest are doing. May God bless you and bring you home soon."

The writer is Mrs. Watt Squier, of Solvang, Santa Barbara county, Calif. Stars and Stripes thinks Mrs. Squier has written us the best editorial of the war.

#### Bonds for Victory

MERICANS on the home-front are not only producing the arms we need for victory but they are backing up the fighting forces with their money, as indicated by Washington reports that the Treasury raised 20.6 billion dollars during the fifth war loan drive.

This is 29 per cent in excess of the over all goal of 16 billion dollars and is a larger sum than was obtained in any preceding drive.

Included in this total, of course, is the high percentage of bond purchases, in proportion to income, made by all runks of men and women in the armed services. It is a record of which we all can be proud.

He Got There First

readers of Stars and Stripes and look

forward to the time we can read it with

pleasurable anticipation. Inasmuch as

our outfit is so far ahead of anything in

the nature of front lines we are at a loss for those pleasant morale-building factors

such as Red Cross coffee and doughnuts

Special Service shows, etc., that we hear and read about but never experience. So you see that your paper is grabbed

and gleaned more avariciously than nor mally would be the case by those who have access to other forms of diversion. To say that we were dismayed when

we read the account in your periodical of Aug. 19 concerning the attack on Orleans

is putting it mildly. I refer specifically to the article which read that the march into the city was handicapped by "Maids of Orleans" and that flowers were flung to the soldiers, and GIs were kissed along

Let me assure you, Mr. Editor, that the — Armored Infantry Battalion that moved into Orleans over a precarious route that was fraught with destruction

and death by ever-present mines on the morning of Aug. 16 found our "Maids of Orleans" dressed in German uniforms,

the only bouquets thrown to them were shaped like potato musher hand grenades and the GIs were only kissed by bullets.

And further, no French, male or female, made their appearance until our boys had traded bullet for bullet with the Jerries and literally kicked the "panzers" off of

had your correspondent made his appearance with us, instead of the belated one he did, he would have been considerably annoyed by the hail of lead that flew thick

and fast on the streets of that city. Late in the afternoon when our boys, after spending a night trying to sleep in a muddy field northeast of the city, were

Let me further assure you that

Aug. 25, 1944.

Our entire battalion are constant more power to them,

Blow It-

Dear Stars and Stripes,

the route.

## Hash Marks

Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never turned his head and said: "Not bad!"

It took a Chicago draft board a few minutes to think up the answer to this one. A dishwasher, picked up for being



without a draft card, explained that he used to be a trapper, had caught a skunk in one of his traps and had to burn his draft card as well as his clothes.

Miss Lee Carson is a war correspond-ent, and a very nice looking one, too. One day she was passing a convoy and a GI yelled at her, "Bon jour, mademoiselle!"
Quoth Miss Carson. "But I am an American." Said the GI, "You are?—Well, Hiya, babe!"

Tis being rumored that there's a frontline ambulance which has 12 luscious lovelies, in pin-up form, pasted on the "ceiling"—to boost the morale of hospital-bound patients.'

From W. F. Miksch comes this pertinent observation:
"I'd trade all those dreams of post-war

plastic For one pair of shorts with a band of elastic."

Signs of the Times. This advertisement appeared in an Army camp paper: "Girl wants work in mess. Has been in one before."

Confusion on the Home Front. Oddest job undertaken by Oregon police was



search for Harry Reed-who goes by the name of "Seldom Seen."

Oh, oh, people are leaving unsigned notes in our typewriter again! The thought-provoking squib reads:

Ours is not to reason why.

Ours is just to be GI.

withdrawn, tired, dirty, bleeding but over-whelmingly victorious, we did see the — Infantry Division occupy the city. If they received flowers, wine and kisses,

Our big job is Kraut hunting and we

seek to excel at it, we're not looking for

praise, we're not seeking credit, we are

not glory hunters, we are not asking any

paper to publish our exploits, but when you are part of an outfit that has waded

through fire and destruction, witnessed the dead and the dying of your own com-

A modest man does not seek to have

when those achievements are paid for in blood, sweat and tears and are at death's

doorway every step of the way.
You and your paper have a definite relationship to our morale, as they have

to every other soldier serving his country over here, and that responsibility, which by no means is a small one, can only be

discharged by a more accurate reporting of the facts than was evidenced by that diminutive little article.

If any of your correspondents care to come with us on any more of our "picnics" he will be most cordially received, but as a word of caution, let him supplement his pencil with an armful of grenades,

four tommy guns and a suit of armor.

An Armored Infantry Lieutenant.

[All credit to the lieutenant and his hard-fighting outfit. The story was from a United Press correspondent who evidently came in later with an infantry company. Stars and Stripes is glad to print the true story of the original entry into Orleans.—Ed.]

need I say more?

hell, shell and smell, plunged

The B-Bag

-Out Here\_

## 'Master Race' Idea Looks a Little Cockeyed



Pfc Herbert Witherspoon, of Fort Worth, Tex., and Pfc Jesse Collier, of Atlanta, guard some of the "Herrenvolk" at a prisoners' camp in France.

## -Notes from the-Air Force

1/LT. Warren S. Patterson, of Jarrettown, Pa., Thunderbolt pilot in the group commanded by Lt. Col. David C. Schilling, shot up a box car during a strafing affair in Germany. A large piece of GI (German issued) underwear came

of Greenman issued) underwear came up with the debris in the explosion and stuck in the wing rack of his P47.

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T/Sgt. Albert J. Maass, a Ninth AFSC crew chief from Yale, S.D., claims "we have been changing P47 engines in eight hours all along."

At one time five Thunderbolts had

At one time, five Thunderbolts had been grounded with battle-damaged engines while the fighting was going on in the St. Lo sector in France. The mechanics worked from daylight to deallobe as the the silected for daylight so that the pilots could fly uninterrupted missions.

uninterrupted missions.

Other members of the crew are:
S/Sgt. Edward P. Pacilio, Brooklyn,
N.Y., assistant crew chief; Sgt.
Ulysses G. Bell, Westbrook, Ky., and
Cpl. LaVerne K. Olson, Wyndmer,
N.D., engine mechanics; Sgt. Fred C.
Engl, New York, propellors; Sgt.
Arthur Savitz, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., electrician; Sgt. Oscar D. Jackson, welder;
S/Sgt. John H. Imhof, of Brooklyn;
Sgt. Joseph L. Pusillo, Carteret, N.J.,
and Sgt. S. Kuziel, Harrison, N.J.,
sheet metal workers.

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LT. Gerald E. Hansen, Fortress navigator from West Bend, Wis., has been commended by Brig. Gen. J. K. Lacey, of Knoxville, Tenn., for the safe return of his wing during the mission to Merseberg, Germany, July 29.

After the lead aircraft was forced to leave the formation Lt. Hansen took

leave the formation, Lt. Hansen took over the lead "to safely navigate the formation around flak installations, and by his outstanding navigational abilities contributed to the safe return of the wing," Gen. Lacey said.

IN an air battle south of Dreux, France, triple kills were scored by Ninth P51 pilots 1/Lts. Charles W. Koenig, of Oakland, Cal., and John Bakalar, of Hammond, Ind.

Two 1,000-pound bombs broke loose and crashed through the Liberator's bomb bay doors over the Channel heading for an attack on marshalling yards in Karlsruhe, Germany.

T/Sgt. Harold K. Hardy, engineer-gunner from Kinston, N.C., crawled from his top turret and, without parachute to give himself room suspended

chute to give himself room, suspended himself in the bomb bay at 20,000 feet to knock loose the doors with a bomb

rades, ploughed through mud and blood and then stormed Orleans and conquered it by sheer aggressive fury and to read an account of it later as a flower throwing, maid kissing picnic; well, Mr. Editor, need I say more? GIs at the Mustang fighter station com-manded by Col. Thomas J. J. Christian Jr., of Sulphur Springs, Tex., helped local farmers with their August his achievements elaborated on, nor does a modest outfit, but both do suffer, and seriously so, a definite deflation of morale when their achievements are minimized to an extent almost negligible, particularly to the seriously so, a definite deflation of morale when their achievements are minimized to an extent almost negligible, particularly these achievements are paid for in

Cpl. Robert E. Shafer, a QM supply clerk from Pittsburgh; T/Sgt. Oval Cathey, an armament inspector from Burns, Tenn., and S/Sgt. Otis L. Meeks, and ordnance worker from Princeton, Ind., pitched in during their spare time.

LT. Eckerman Sannes, of New York, serving with the maintenance section of Air Service Command in the ETO, has written a book on the structural repair of aircraft which has been adapted by the Army as a standard textbook. He is a graduate of the Guggenheim School for Aircraft Engineering.

Two officers and an enlisted man each were awarded the Soldier's Medal for disposing of five unexploded frag-mentation hombs from a crashed plane.

mentation bombs from a crashed plane.

1/Lts. Warren L. Fell, of Buffalo,
N.Y., and Charles W. Young, of
Gainesville, Ga., and S/Sgt. Glenwood
F. Moon, of East St. Louis, III., all
in Col. Carroll W. McColpin's Thunderbolt fighter group in France, removed the unsafe bombs and transported them in a jeep more than a
half mile to a firing-in butt for
detonating. detonating.

## Nazis Aroused by FFI Attack Murder Innocent Town of 250

By Earl Mazo Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

MARTINCOURT, Sept. 10-This sleepy French town near Moselle was murdered by a German panzer unit. This is no atrocity story pulled from thin air. It happened, and witnesses who told the story were survivors of 250 of the population of the town plus an American reconnaissance patrol which entered almost on the heels of the murdering Germans.

The charred body of a 72-year-old grandfather in a field near a smoldering home, a youngster minus most of his head lying in the aisle of the remains of the church, slaughtered chickens, cows, and pigs all over the place added to the bare burned walls of stone houses are glaring evidence of what happened.

A reconnasisance unit under Lt. Phil Wagner, of Cincinnati, reported the

#### Two Dazed Civilians

Other than a few grimfaced GI outposts, there were only two dazed civilians in the place-one old woman wandered about, aimlessly poking the burning rubble, and a stooped old man whose son was the half-faced corpse in the church.

Some Germans had been attacked by a small FFI group near the town. In re-prisal, the Germans called up tanks and laid the town flat. There were no questions asked on the morning following the FFI attack. German tanks with guns blazing dashed through the town's two streets killing everything. German foot soldiers followed the tanks, throwing incendiary greendes into house and are cendiary grenades into houses not yet ablaze, rounding up all,

ablaze, rounding up all.

The half-faced boy in the church had been in bed suffering a broken leg. A German officer finished him off with his revolver. The old grandfather was picking apples in a yard when a tank shell blew away half his back. A German incendiary grenade burned what was left of his body. A man who had been sleeping when his house caught fire dashed out, his nightgown ablaze. The Germans killed him in his tracks.

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As the town burned the Germans rounded up all the men they could find

and took them to a spot five kilometers away to shoot them in mass.

The pleas of the women saved them from death, but not from a terrific beating which the Germans administered with rifle butts, fists, and everything else they could think of.

Wagner said he had trouble believing what he saw. Pfc Robert Clemmons, of Hopkinsville, Ky., machine-gunner, said the sight so gripped him that "now I'll just kill those Heinie — that much more."

#### Same Thing Elsewhere

Reports from this town brought stories similar actions in other places in the vicinity. The Germans apparently were all members of a panzer grenadier division. Their path of retreat through France is a field of wanton ruin and murder. At Mamey village, not far from Martincourt, every house was fired. Looting and shopping on a grand scale were ing and shooting on a grand scale were reported, with numerous civilian dead, Farther back at Roberts Espagne all homes were burned, and 52 men were reported killed with all the savagery of the

last war.
"We had nothing like this," Maj.
Edmond Ball, Muncie, Ind., said. He
fought with the 42nd Division over those battlegrounds in the last war,

battlegrounds in the last war,
Gis passing through the burning villages
and hamlets are in grim, fighting mood.
Sgt. Robert Matteson said, "I thought I
could never hate Germans like I do now."
"It's a rotten, dirty thing," is all Sgt.
Herbert Flick, of Chicago, could say.
Cpl. Robert Marks, Bladensburg, Md.,
one of the first Americans in Martincourt,
stroked his bearded chin and said, "We'll
get those rotten —."

get those rotten -

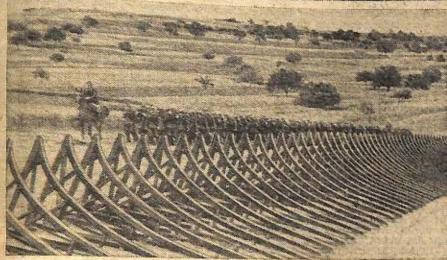
## Navy Men Return To U.S. With Wives

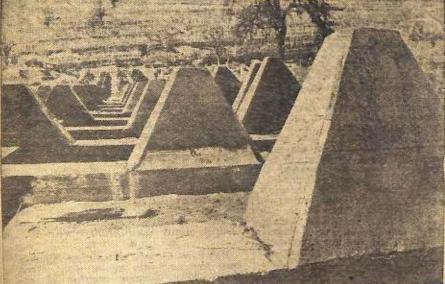
## PRIVATE BREGER



## Yanks Soon to Test Siegfried Line Some Folks Don't Care When Money's in I







Maritime Slash

Urged by Land

Associated Press Photos

A heavy anti-aircraft gun (top) protects part of the Siegfried Line. Although the
main defenses are underground the surface pillboxes are unherable to air attack.

Other pictures show a German detachment exercising in front of iron tank traps,
designed to hold up attacks at a known range (center), and a row of concrete antitank blocks.

## Help Wanted -AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, 37, Upper Brook St., London, W.1, or APO 887, U.S. Army, Telephone, ETOUSA, Ext. 2131.

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#### Hitler Dictated Details, Including Placing of Blocks, Armament

American soldiers may soon have the answer to a question the world has been asking for five years: "How strong is the Siegfried line?"

Germany's vaunted western bulwark, constructed by the Todt organization that constructed by the Todt organization that built the Reich motor roads, runs from Basle, on the Swiss frontier, northward to the neighborhood of Karlsruhe. It crosses the Rhine a few miles west of Karlsruhe and follows the German bor-der to Saarbrucken. Here it again turns northward and extends on the German side of the Luxembourg frontier through Aachen. The Germans have probably

side of the Luxembourg frontier through Aachen. The Germans have probably extended the line along the Belgian border and on into Holland.

Although Dr. Todt supervised the building of the line, he said, in a speech in Berlin in March, 1939, that Hitler directed the work in all details including the placing and design of the blockhouses, the exits and loopholes, and strength of the concrete and armament.

500,000 Worked on It

500,000 Worked on It Todt then said that the number of men employed was more than 500,000, and German reports during the first two years

German reports during the first two years of the war stated that work had been going on continuously.

The German press and radio have issued innumerable claims about the impregnability of the defenses, but few went into detail. Russian reports last year said that heavy guns from the Siegfried line, as well as the Maginot line, had been captured in Russia, and suggested that the Germans, trying to stave off their attacks, were denuding the fortifications in the west.

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The modern Siegfried line was con-ceived by Col. Fritz von Lossberg 27 years ago during the battles of Arras in years ago during the battles of Arras in France. He was appointed chief of staff of the German Sixth Army on Apr. 10, 1917, the day after it had been struck a terrific blow by the British. He improvized a system of mobile, elastic, zonal defense in depth, the general theory, copied in the present-day line, being delaying-action by the outposts, ever stronger resistance on successive lines of defense, between which the ground is checkered with forts, machine-gun nests and strongpoints, and finally heavy counter-attacks by mobile divisions earmarked for the purpose.

15 Miles Deep in Spots

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15 Miles Deep in Spots
In the Siegfried line modern weapons have forced a big increase in the depth of the successive zones of defense, and in some parts, according to German propaganda, it is 15 miles deep.

A Belgian journalist in 1939 called the line a fleet moored along the frontier. The fleet had flotilla craft to scout for it—blockhouses garrisoned by 20 or 30 men assigned to hold up the advance to enable the German command to gauge the main point of attack. As cruisers it had main point of attack. As cruisers it had a line of artillery in revolving gun-turrets, and its capital ships were underground

He described the big forts as buried barracks with miles of passages lit by electricity and provided with metalled tracks, hot water, electric ventilators and cookhouses. Whole hills were hollowed out and concreted, and the approaches blankeds with minefelds and covered blanketed with minefields and covered

Gen. Eisenhower gave his opinion of it recently—he said no line was any better than the men holding it.

## AFN Radio Program

On Your Dial 1402 kc, 1411 kc, 1420 kc, 1447 kc, 213.9m, 212.6m, 211.3m, 207.3m,

NEW YORK, Sept 6 (ANS)—A post-war cut of more than one half of the present American merchant marine ton-Monday, September 11

Sign On New Bandwagon Les Brown.\*

Mariza Players (BBC),

Headlines Showtime. nage was recommended by Vice-Adm. Emory S. Land, chairman of the Mari-time Commission.

0900—Headlines—Showtime. 0920—Combat Diary. 0935—Music from America. 1000—Headlines—Victory "Measured by weight, we will probably come out of this war with a cargo fleet of about 50,000,000 deadweight tons," he said. "It will amount to perhaps two-thirds of all shipping afloat in the world. We cannot maintain a fleet of this size in peace time, but I am of the opinion that we can and should operate 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 tons deadweight."

Senate Votes to Promote

Jap-Held GIs Yearly

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10 (Reuter)
Over the opposition of the War and Navy Departments, the Senate last week passed by voice vote a bill providing for blanket promotions for American prisoners captured by the Japanese on the Philippines, Guam and Wake. The measure now goes to the House.

The bill affects men below the rank of lieutenant colonel. It would advance prisoners one rank as of Dec. 8, 1942, from that held on Dec. 8, 1941, and one rank on each following Dec. 8 as long as they are prisoners. "Measured by weight, we will probably come out of this war with a cargo fleet Parade, with - Russ

## When Money's in It

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 10 (UP)-What some people will do for money! Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy, entering their 18th year as a comedy team, figured out today that they have been hit by 125 buckets of water, fallen off 61 ladders, been kicked in the pants 537 times and elsewhere 298, lost 52 shirts, destroyed 1,074 suits of clothes, smashed 47 cars and squashed nearly 3,500 pies.

#### Squandering of a GI's Pay On Captain Brings Divorce

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 10 (ANS)—A GI fighting in France whose bride allegedly squandered his military pay on a captain now in the Southwest Pacific was granted a divorce with neither hus-

was granted a divorce with neither hus-band, wife nor co-respondent present.

Mrs. Bessie Selsor was there as the only witness to present for her son, Pvt. James O. Bryant, the story of his mar-riage and some love letters from the cap-tain to the private's bride which were described as unprintable and on the basis of which Judge Paul Buzard, world war I veteran, granted the divorce on grounds of adultery.

#### Robot Hits Paris

A flying bomb landed in the Paris Bassin area over the weekend, killing at least four persons and injuring 12, the Associated Press said.

## 30th Division Draws Praise

The 30th Infantry Division-which in five days of bloody fighting helped to stop the last major German counter-attack in the vicinity of Avranches—has been given a special commendation by Maj. Gen. Lawton J. Collins, Seventh Corps commander.

commander.

In a letter to the commander of the Division, Collins said:

"Your division, with the aid of the Third Armored Division and an infanty regiment of the Fourth Division, bore the brunt of the desperate attack of the German Seventh Army... With the assistance of the artillery of the Fourth Division and the Third Armored, the 30th Infantry Division checked this penetration and then destroyed the German force which made the advance."

which made the advance."

Collins paid special tribute to "the tenacity of the Second Battalion of the 120th Infantry which, when isolated on a hill east of Mortain, held out for five consecutive days against determined efforts of the Germans to annihilate it."

#### Quebec Making Ready To Greet FDR, Churchill

QUEBEC, Sept. 10 (UP)—American, British and Canadian officials are laying the groundwork in Quebec for the impending meeting between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill.

The Chateau Frontenac and several other hotels are being prepared and linesmen are fitting telephones. It is not expected that the Russians will take part in the meeting.

## Greetings From Burma

TERRY, STEP UP HERE AND SAY HELLO TO YOUR FRIENDS IN THE E.T.O. G'WAN, BURMA, I KNOW WHAT THOSE JOKERS WANT TO SEE ... AND IT'S NOT ANOTHER 2ND LOO-TENANT FOR STARS AND STRIPES and the GEES in the EUROPEAN THEATRE from Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.; Copyright, 1944, by News Syndicate Co. Inc.









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## The Sports

LEXINGTON, Ky.—Kentucky University has announced the addition of Michigan State to its grid schedule to replace Carnegie Tech, which recently cancelled its entire schedule. The game will be played Oct. 7. ... DETROIT—War plant work brought about the deal which saw the Detroit Lions acquire Bill Rodgers, 250-pound Villanova tackle, from the Chicago Bears, and sent Augie Lio, All-League guard in '42, to the Boston Yankees. Rodgers works in Detroit and would have been unavailable to the Bears except on Sundays, while Lio works in the east and would not have been able to play for the Lions,

veteran Halfback Les Horvath, the only member still around of the '42 Big Ten championship team, will do the pitching for the Buckeyes this year according to head coach, Carrol Widdoes. Widdoes is sending his Ohio State team into the air to compensate for lack of heavy, lines mashing backe smashing backs.

EVANSTON, Ill.—Richard Erdlitz, for EVANSTON, III.—Richard Erdlitz, for 14 years football and basketball coach at Oshkosh, Wis., has been 'appointed assistant coach at Northwestern to succeed Ade Schumacher, who resigned. . . ST. LOUIS—Pepper Martin has sold his Oklahoma farm and bought a thousand acres in Texas, explaining, "I raise a meadow. The grass grows and the stock eafs it. No work, no worry. That's real farming."

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles
Angels are tops in the Pacific Coast
League, but easy going for an Army
nine to play an exhibition game for the
Pacific Coast recreation fund and the
Gls battered the Angels and Hollywood
Stars, 16—6. The Angels played the
first four innings and were walloped,
11—5. Then the Stars took over and
nuffered a 5—1 beating. The soldier
team included Gerry Priddy, Max West,
Joe Marty, Harry Danning, Birdie Tebbetts, Alex Kampouris and Johnny
Berardino. betts, Berardino.

DENVER — Cliff Rock, basketball coach at Kansas State College, has signed as head basketball coach and assistant representation. Ben, who starred at Tulsa before his younger brother Glenn put Tulsa and the Dobbs family on the football map, will handle the far west; Glenn, with the Second Air Force, will handle the central assignment, and youngest brother, Bobby, will play with West Point

## Zurita, Recovered From Pistol Injury, Returning to Ring

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 10—Physicians have pronounced Juan Zurita, NBA lightweight champion, completely cured of injuries received when a pistol went off accidentally last May, hitting his band

His manager said the fighter would begin punching a heavy bag today to strengthen his hands again and within a week would start sparring in preparation for his return to U.S. ring wars.

Zurita was packing his bags last May for a trip to New York to defend his for some reason included the aforemen-tioned heater in his luggage. The gun went off and almost took one of Zurita's

#### Elis Lose Quarterback

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 10-Warren Hall, long groomed for the first string quarterback berth on Yale's football team, suffered a broken ankle in a scrimmage yesterday against a tough New London submarine base squad.

#### Hutson Coming Out Of Retirement Again

CHICAGO, Sept. 10-The man who long was noted for having the stickiest fingers in the business of snatching footballs from thin air will again tormenting opponents of the Green Bay Packers in the National Football League this fall.

For the third straight year Packer officials have induced Don Hutson, who was named on the all-league team seven of the nine years he played end for Green Bay, to forget about retiring. Last year he scored 117 points and ran his total of league records to 19.

## Hartford Wins Eastern Flag

Sports Aid Normandy Wounded

SPORTS



Southern Association

Friday's Games
New Orleans 2, Chattanooga 1 (first game)
New Orleans 2, Chattanooga 1 (second game)
Nashville 4, Memphis 3 (first game)
Nashville 5, Memphis 4 (second game)
Mobile 6, Little Rock 2
Atlanta 9, Birmingham 0

Saturday's Games
Little Rock 1, Mobile 0 (first game)
Mobile 8, Little Rock 1 (second game)
Memphis 5, Nashyille 4
Other teams not scheduled,

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Nashville . 45 24 .652 Mobile . . 32 38
Atlanta . . 44 25 .633 Little Rock 26 40
Memphis . 42 28 .600 Birmingham 27 43
New Orleans 38 37 .507 Chattanooga 28 47

Pacific Coast League

Friday's Games
San Francisco 4, Oakland 3 (first game)
Oakland 4, San Francisco 2 (second game)
Los Angeles 3, Hollywood 1
Seattle 5, San Diego 3
Sacramento 2, Portland 0 (first game)
Portland 5, Sacramento 4 (second game, 10 innings)

Sports play a big part in the Army's program to heal the wounded. Here men who were injured in Normandy—two of whom still have their arms in slings—are playing touch football at a rehabilitation center "Somewhere in England."

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International League Friday's Games
Jersey City 4, Baltimore 3
Syracuse 4, Newark 3
Toronto 5, Buffalo 2
Montreal 3, Rochester 2

Saturday's Games
Toronto 1, Buffalo 0
Montreal 5, Rochester 4
Jersey City 7, Baltimore 2
Newark 5, Syracuse 3

Newark . 85 67 .569 Jersey City. 73 78 .483
Baltimore . 83 67 .553 Montreal . 72 79 .477
Toronto . 78 73 .526 Rochester .69 82 .437
Buffalo . 78 74 .513 Syracuse . 66 84 .440

Eastern League

Eastern League
Friday's Games
Williamsport 9, Binghamton 7
Albany 11, Scranton 9
Hartford 13, Wilkes-Barre 1
Elmira at Utica postponed,
Saturday's Games
Utica 7, Williamsport 3 (first game)
Utica 7, Williamsport 0 (second pame)
Albany 4, Wilkes-Barre 3
Elmira 7, Binghamton 5 (first game)
Binghamton 7, Elmira 3 (second game)
Scranton 9, Hartford 4

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Columbus 1, Louisville 0

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St. Paul 6, Kansas City 2 (second game)
Minneapolis 7, Milwaukee 4

McDaniels Outpoints Zanelli NEW YORK, Sept. 10 — Jimmy McDaniels, Los Angeles welterweight, scored a ten-round decision over Ralph

Portland S. Sacramento S. Gecond. game, solinnings)

Saturday's Games

Seattle 7, San Diego 0 (second game)

Hollywood 12, Los Angeles 7 (first game)

Los Angeles 7, Hollywood 3 (second game)

Oakland 11, San Francisco 4

Portland 6, Sacramento 2 (first game)

Portland 9, Sacramento 6 (second game)

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S. Francisco 81 78 .509 Sacramento 73 87 .456

Seattle ... 81 78 .509 San Diego 70 89 .440 Yankee Eleven Buys Laux

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 10—The Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League have sold Quarterback Ted Laux to the Boston Yankees, newest Zanelli of Providence, R.I. Friday night before 7,500 at Madison Square Garden. team in the league.

Albany Hurling SPORTS MIRROR AfterTight Race

Victors, Runners-Up Set New Marks for Games Won

By Charles Young

Knickerbocker News Sports Writer
ALBANY, N.Y., Sept. 10—In one of
the most unusual seasons in the history
of the 22-year-old Eastern Baseball
League, formerly the New York-Penn
loop, Hartford has clinched the pennant
with an all-time record for games won,
and Albany which finished second, won, and Albany, which finished second, won more games than any pennant-winning club in the first 21 races.

Looking back over the regular season which ends today, you find that just about everything that could happen on a baseball field occurred in the Eastern

a baseball field occurred in the Eastern League in its third war year. There grand-slam homers, triple plays, unusually heavy scoring games, outstanding pitching and batting performances and keen battles for individual titles.

With most clubs' presenting new faces in virtually all positions, the team race developed into a fight early in the season between Hartford and Albany, and at season's end they will be the only clubs with better than .500 records.

Victory Over Scranton Decided Race Hartford clinched the pennant a week ago with a victory over Scranton, the

43 pennant winner.

The new champions, under the able leadership of Del Bissonnette, old-time Dodger first-sacker, went into first place May 19 for the first time, but were displaced by Albany May 30, when they dropped a twin bill to the Senators. Hartford, however, regained the leadership next day, lost it June 1 to Albany, regained it June 7, lost it June 8 and regained it once more June 11, and from then on never relinquished it. From June 11 until July 15, Hartford's advantage over Albany was never more than four and a half games, but by July 22 it four and a half games, but by July 22 it

was increased to eight games.

A 15-game win streak by Albany, the longest of the league season, cut Hart-ford's lead to 2½ games Aug. 6, but the Senators' pitching cracked after getting within striking distance of the pace-setters and Hartford forged ahead until

September 1, when they enjoyed the biggest margin of the year—91 games.

The runners-up Albany Senators, managed by Rip Collins, ex-Cardinal and Cub, had the distinction of being the only club to win season's series from all clubs They even won 11 of 20 from Hartford.

Attendance exceeded the expectations of the club owners, with Albany and Hartford pulling more than 120,000 fans, and Utica just missing the 100,000 mark. Collins, besides piloting the runners-up, won the batting title with a sensational average slightly under .400 (.396 as this

average slightly under .400 (.396 as this is written).

Lack of long range hitters was one of the season's mysteries, Stan Wetzel leading in homers with only eight.

The league's leading pitcher was Pete Naktenis, of Hartford, with 17 and three. He also worked in a war plant and hurled only one game on the road. Albany's right-handed ace, Leonard Gilmore, had 21 and five.

M/Sgt. Fred Axner, of West Barbarant, Ohio, pitched three-hit ball to give the Unknowns a 5—3 victory over the Gremlins in the First Bombardment Division's softball tourney. The victory put the Unknowns in the quarter-finals of the Eighth Air Force softball championship. . . . Hell's Angels, winners of the ETO baseball championship iast year, defeated the Bombers by scores of 6—3 and 6—2 in the division tourney and will represent the division in the and will represent the division in the Eighth Air Force baseball tourney to get under way soon.

After scoring the game's only run in the top of the seventh, the softball team from the Flying Fortress base commanded by Col. Frederick W. Ott, of Cleveland, squelched a rally to clinch the Third Bombardment Division championship. 1—0. Though relieved in the tense ship, 1—0. Though relieved in the tense last inning by T/Sgt, Robert Miner, of Kenosha, Wis., S/Sgt, James Roberts, of Los Angeles, was the winning pitcher.

He was at his best as a swimmer back in 1912, when he finished second to Japan's Duke Kahanamoku in the 50-meter free style event at the olympics in Stockholm, but whenever he can get away to a pool, Maj. Joseph Hickey, from Boston, a member of the Air Transport Command, gives the GI's plenty to shout about. . . . Another Air Force officer who has been bringing exclamations at the pools is Maj. F. D. Endress, of Tennessee, also of the Air Force. He is a former collegiate high-diving champ and performed at the New-York and Cleveperformed at the New-York and Cleve-land Acquacades.

Just a week after their station soft-ball squad won the Eighth Air Force Ser-vice Command softball title the base-ball Mustangs of the depot commanded by Lt. Col. Howard A. Moody, of Quincy, Cal., walked off with the base-ball crown by winning a 3—2 thriller in 12 innings. With the Mustangs on the short end of a 2—0 count in the last of the night and two men down Put Henry know the ninth and two men down Pvt. Henry Krey, of St. Louis, punched a double to score Cpl. Ed. Anuswith, of Rochester, N.Y., and T/Sgt. Leo Liddy, of Elmira, N.Y., to knot the count. In the last of the 12th, T/Sgt. Elwood Heinsz, of New Orleans, La., slammed a triple, scoring Cpl. Tony Shuper, of San Francisco, and clinching the game and tifle.

The British Navy finished way out in front in an Anglo-American swimming meet at a British naval base. The Tars came up with a score of 46 points, the USAAF was second with 28 points, and a British Army team trailed with 19.

Rainbow Corner's training gym is open for workouts again with rotund Wally May, former mentor of ex-British heavy king Len Harvey, presiding over the muscle emporium for his third straight season. . . Lt. Norman H. Forsyth, of Quincy, Ill., and Sgt. David J. Peterson, of Freeport, N.Y., walked off with the honors in a golf tourney staged by the First Bombardment Division of the Eighth Air Force. Forsyth, who was given a handicap of eight, won the medal play with a handicap score of 71, while Peterson, with a handicap of 20, won the handicap play with a score of 69.

































By Courtesy of King Features

# Double Loss Drops Browns to Third; Yanks Split

Once Over Lightly By Charlie Kiley.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10—Latest inside dope is that Freddy Fitzsimmons will be retained as manager of the Phillies despite strong rumors that Bucky Harris is to be brought back from Buffalo to take over the managerial reins he dropped last year, when he was fired by owner Bill Cox.

Cox.

The Phils' position at the bottom of the National League ladder makes it look bad for Fitz, especially since the club was showing improvement in the field and at the box office under Harris. Fitz-simmons, however, according to a poll of opinion in Philadelphia, is said to be the favorite of Herb Pennock, general manager, who will confer with Owner Pvt. Bob Carpenter when the latter comes home on furlough next week.

Aside from the Phils' occupancy of last place, which isn't unusual, the only difficulty Fitz has had all season was the clubhouse blowoff precipitated when Ron Northey, Jim Wasdell and Charlie Letchas wound up in court after an auto accident and strong words with a cop. There was talk of Wasdell and Fitzsimmons coming to blows in the clubhouse as a result of the affair.

Fitz and Lippy Durocher are the only National League managers whose 1945 positions are questionable. Southworth, Frisch, McKechnie, Grimm, Ott and Bob Coleman already have signed for next season.

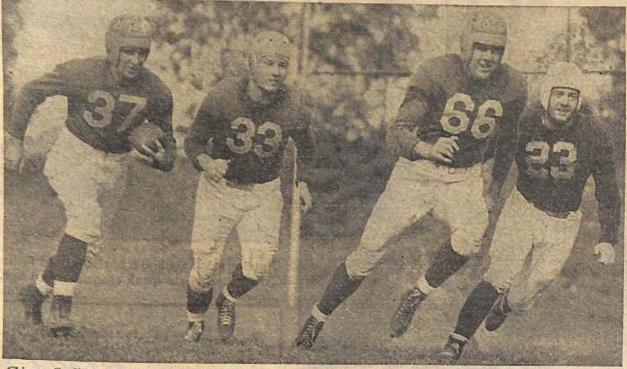
There's an indication that the Yanks in Russia may introduce baseball to the citizens of Joe Stalin's territory the way the GI's in the ETO put it over in the British Isles. A letter from a Yank in Russia tells of crowds, including Russian wounded back from Rumanian and Polish fronts, turning out to see the Yanks play organized league games and showing anxiety to learn the game. Jim Yanks play organized league games and showing anxiety to learn the game. Jim Ryan, former Scranton Red Sox ace in the Eastern League, fanned 17 in hurling a Base nine to a win over the USSTAF Eastern Command Headquarters team, 11—7. If the Russians take up the game the score-keepers will have a helluva time with names like Timoshenko, Voroshinevski, &c.

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American League fans haven't enough to talk about with the scorching pennant.

to talk about with the scorching pennant race producing more excitement on the home baseball front than it's had in years, the Belmont Park race track and burned action by the Belmont and other nearby fire departments brought the blaze under control. so they're knocking themselves loose trying to figure and indicates among sports writers are the Yanks' Snuffy Sternweiss, the Browns' Vern Stephens, and Boston's Bob Johnson. Detroit's enthusiasts, lathered up by the sensational mound records of Hal Newhouser and Dizzy Trout, are wondering when their favorites will be mentioned in the running for the award when it comes up after the world series.

Card-Pitt Backfield Set for Action



Chicago Cardinals—Pittsburgh Steelers' training gets under way at Carroll College as the probable starting backfield scampers downfield in a trial run. The huskies are (left to right): John McCarthy, Berne Senes, John Grigas and John Butler.

## Cubs Clip Cards, 6-1; Flock Edges Phils

NEW YORK, Sept. 10-Leo Durocher's Flatbushers, like all the rest of the National League clubs except the Cards, will have to wait for at least another year before realizing any pennant dreams, but they still stay in there and keep banging away. The Dodgers came from behind twice Friday and pushed the winning run across in the ninth as they defeated the Phillies, 4—3, under lights. In yesterday's National League battles the Reds edged the Pirates, 3—2, the Cubs showed that they may be down but never out by slapping the Cards, 6—1, in a night game, and the Boston Braves poured it on the Giants, 6—1.

In Belmont Fire

6—1.
The Dodgers took the only National League game Friday on Howie Schultz's infield single, Tom Brown's walk, Les Webber's single to right and Frenchy Bordagaray's fly to right. Webber, who relieved Curt Davis, was credited with the victory, while Ken Raffensberger went about the right.

Penis 4 bouthit's and Bums, 13 to 10.
One bad pitch spoiled Rip Sewell's six-hit pitching job at Cincinnati yester-

day, when he threw a home run ball at Gerald Walker with two men on in the sixth. Walker's

drive, a tremendous blow, cleared the left field wall at Crosley Field, about 385 feet from the plate, after Clyde Shoun had singled and Woody Williams walked. The surprising (once in a while) Cubs upset the Cardinal apple cart yesterday by scoring five runs off Ted Wilks in the eighth inning. Clyde Passeau and Hy Vandenberg gave six hits, and Passeau, who departed for a pinch-hitter in the big eighth, was the winner.

winner.

The big bat of Jim Tobin played an important part in Boston's 6—4 win over the Giants here yesterday. In hanging up his first win of the season at the Polo Grounds, Tobin drove one run home in the fourth with a long fly and singled home

Jim Tobin fly and singled home Jim Tobia two more in the fifth, when the Braves kayoed Harry Feldman with five runs.



BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Sept. 10-The return of John Tavener, captain and center of last year's team, brightened the Indiana University football picture considerably. Tavener, who had been ap-pointed assistant coach at Denison University, decided at the last minute to continue his education rather than enter

The husky Granville, Ohio, native scored a touchdown at Evanston for the All-Stars against the Bears.

4-Stroke Lead

DALLAS, Sept. 10—Byron Nelson shot a 70 yesterday, his third straight subpar round, to retain his lead in the Texas Victory open golf tournament. But Harold "Jung" Margador of are of 200 is four strokes better than McSpaden's. Nobody else is even close to Nelson. Nearest are Sgt. Dutch Harrison and Lt. Ben Hogan in third with 217.

Relating the Hogan in third with 217.

Nelson's first round was, featured by great putting, his second by great woods and irons, and yesterday's round was marked by great recoveries after he had repeatedly driven and pitched into traps and bunkers. His second shot on the 17th hole caught a trap and he banged out to within three feet of the cup, only to miss the putt for a bogie.

Most speciacular shot of the tourna-

Most spectacular shot of the tourna-ment to date came on the 208-yard sixth hole yesterday, when McSpaden missed an ace by an inch, his drive rolling three feet past the pin. He holed out for a birdie on his putt.

## Bengals Take Second, Trail By Half-Game

WhiteSoxSlapSewellmen, 9-5, 2-1; Griffs, A's Divide

NEW YORK, Sept. 10—The top spot in the American League was still in possession of the hustling Yankees today, following torrid Friday and Saturday battles which saw the Bombers stop the Red Sox, 7—6, in 12 innings, and then suffer a 7—1 defeat by the same team yesterday. The Tigers grabbed an undisputed grip on second place—a halfgame out—as the result of a 15—6 bombardment of the Indians yesterday, while the Browns were a full game off the pace after bowing to the White Sox, 9—5, Friday, and dropping a 2—1 decision in 14 innings under the lights last night. Joe McCarthy's men had to go all out to annex their extra-inhing skirmish Friday. With the clubs tied up, 5—5, going into the 12th, Herschel Martin reached first when Jimmy Bucher fumbled his grounder. Johnny Lindell beat out an infield hit, and Nick Etten was safe when nobody covered first on his roller to Lou Finney. Frankie Crosetti's long fly scored

nobody covered first on his roller to Lou Finney. Frankie Crosetti's long fly scored Martin, and Lindell came home on Oscar Grimes' double. And though the Sox threatened in their half Jim Turner stopped them one run short. Turner was the winner after relieving Hank Borowy in the tenth, and Frank Barrett the loser.

Rookie Holds Yanks

The Red Sox had their batting eyes with them in the Saturday battle, which saw George Metkovitch touch off a 12-hit attack on Ernie Bonham and Bill

hit attack on Ernie Bonham and Bill Zuber with a homer which stretched his hitting streak to 23 straight games. Rookie Rex Cecil went the route for the winners, scattering five blows.

Rudy York was the big noise for the Tigers in their 15—6 trouncing of the Indians. The big fellow got four of 18 Tiger hits, including a double and triple, against four hurlers. Ed Klieman, the mound victim, lasted five frames, while Rufe Gentry, who took over from Johnny Gorsica in the fifth, got credit for the decision. decision.

Pitching department trouble was the worth relieved Bob Muncrief at this point and was battered for two runs in each of the next two frames. Dietrich, who went all the way for Pab Hose, helped his own cause with a homer and allowed only seven hits. The 14-inning Saturday battle saw Ed Lopat and Jack Kramer hook up in a mound duel which was decided when Thurman Tucker singled with two out, scoring Ray Schalk.

The Senators and Athletics took turns winning at Chicago, the Griffs handing the Mackmen their third straight shutout, 4—0, under lights Friday, and the A's coming back yesterday to win, 3—1. Mickey Haefner doled out five hits in winning Friday, besting Russ Christopher, who gave eight blows, while old Bobo Newsom won yesterday while Roger Wolff was the loser. Pitching department trouble was the

## Baugh's Mastery of 'T' System Is Key to Redskins' Pro Bid

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10—Dudley DeGroot, head coach of the Washington Redskins, who won the Eastern title in the National Football League

last fall, says that the team's fortunes this year depend on how quickly his charges can assimilate the T-formation.

"The success of the T-formation depends mostly on the quarterback, and Sammy Baugh has been playing other systems seven or eight years," DeGroot said. "So he's been a little slow catching on "

But DeGroot added that he was sure Baugh had it in him to master the T's finer points before the season started. He wouldn't make any predictions because he is "new at the pro game." DeGroot feels that the Brooklyn Tigers are the team to beat in the Eastern Division and the Bears again in the west.

"I am encouraged at the showing so

again in the west.

"I am encouraged at the showing so far, and you can bet that they'll all know we are in the league," DeGroot said.

The Redskins seem to lack capable reserves, the same malady that bothered them last year. They look to have a good backfield, two deep, with Baugh, Wilbur Moore, Frank Seno and Bob Seymour in the first quartet, and Andy Farkas, Frank Akins, Mickey Micka, Scott Gudmundsen and Larry Fuller ready to fill in.

Turk Edwards said he'd field probably the lightest line since the Redskins came here from Boston seven years ago, with all the linemen except the ends freshmen.

Baugh, who makes no bones about his Baugh, who makes no bones about his

Baugh, who makes no bones about his desire to become a coach himself, helps DeGroot in tutoring, and Clark Shaughnessy, despite denials on all hands, is

## Alexander, Now Penniless, Taken Into Police Custody

EAST ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 10-Grover Cleveland Alexander pitching hero for the Cardinals in the 1926 World Series, was taken into custody by police

Series, was taken into custody by police here yesterday after he was found wandering aimlessly through the streets dressed only pyjamas.

"Old Pete" admitted he was penniless and said he'd walked away from a hospital, where he had been sent for treatment. hTe police and the American Legion were trying to raise funds for the Legion were trying to raise funds for the old-time speedballer, who is said to have made as high as \$15,000 a year as a major leaguer. leaguer.



NEW YORK, Sept. 10-Thirteen

horses, all owned or trained by veteran Max Hirsch and valued at \$75,000, were

burned to death here Friday night when

fire of undetermined origin broke out at

Among the horses lost were Dit, Arnold Mason's Faro Queen, R. E. Telford's Quo Hera, and Roxbury, a two-year-old of the River-Edge farm.

The horses had been stationed at the track since Sept. 2, the close of the Saratoga meeting, because of travel stringencies.

Sammy Baugh

also lending assistance in the "T" installa-

DeGroot ays his 15 freshmen are "intelligent boys who'll learn," and is particularly gratified at their showing in exhibition games so far,



Cincinnati 3, Pittsburgh 2 Chicago 6, St. Louis 1 (night) Boston 6, New York 4 Philadelphia and Brooklyn not scheduled. St. Louis W. L. Pet.
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Pittsburgh at Cincinnati (2) Chicago at St. Louis (2) Boston at New York

### Leading Hitters

AB R 463 71 517 103 447 63 444 97 329 49 Walker, Brooklyn Musial, St. Louis Medwick, New York Hopp, St. Louis W. Cooper, St. Louis W. Cooper, St. Louis . 92 329 49 107 325
Runs Batted In
Nicholson, Chicago, 105; Sanders, St. Louis,
94; Eliott, Pittsburgh, 92
Home Run Hitters
Nicholson, Chicago, 31; Ott, New York, 26;
Northey, Philadelphia, 17.

Stolen Bases Pittsburgh, 23; Lupica, Philadelphia, es, Chicago 13.

Wilks, St. Louis, 15-3; Brecheen, St. Louis, 13-3; Cooper, St. Louis, 26-7; Walters, Cincinnati, 20-7; Ostermueller, Phusburgh, 12-5.

## Major League Results American League

Friday's Games Friday's Games
Chicago 9, St. Louis 5
New York 7, Boston 6 (12 innings)
Washington 4, Philadelphia 0 (night)
Detroit and Cleveland not scheduled,
Saturday's Games
Boston 7, New York 1
Philadelphia 3, Washington 1 (night)
Chicago 2, St. Louis 1 (night, 14 innings)
Detroit 15, Cleveland 6
W. I. Pet W. L.

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New York 75 60 .556 Cleveland 64 71
Detroit . 74 60 .552 Philadelphia 64 73
St. Louis . 74 61 .548 Chicago . 62 73
Boston . 72 63 .533 Washington 56 80
New York at Boston (2)
Philadelphia at Washington (2)
Cleveland at Detroit (2)
St. Louis at Chicago (2)

Leading Hitters

Fox. Boston . . . . . 109 448 65 146 .326
Doerr. Boston . . . 125 468 93 152 .325
Johnson, Boston . . . 125 449 98 145 .325
Stirnweiss, New York . . 135 566 112 180 .314
Boudreau, Cleveland . . 130 508 81 161 .317

Runs Batted In
Stephens, St. Louis, 94; Johnson, Boston, 91;
Lindell, New York, 89.

Home Run Uiter

Home Ron Hitters Etten, New York, 19; Stephens, St. Louis, and shason, Boston, 17. Stolen Bases
1. New York, 51; Case, Washington, Washington, 23.

Leading Pitchers

Hughson, Boston, 18-5; Newhouser, Detroit, 24-8; Trout, Detroit, 24-10; Potter, St. Louis, 14-7; Borowy, New York, 17-9.







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U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo An excitable mademoiselle raises her hands high to form the victory sign. Her audience

U.S. soldiers marching
through the village en route to Germany.



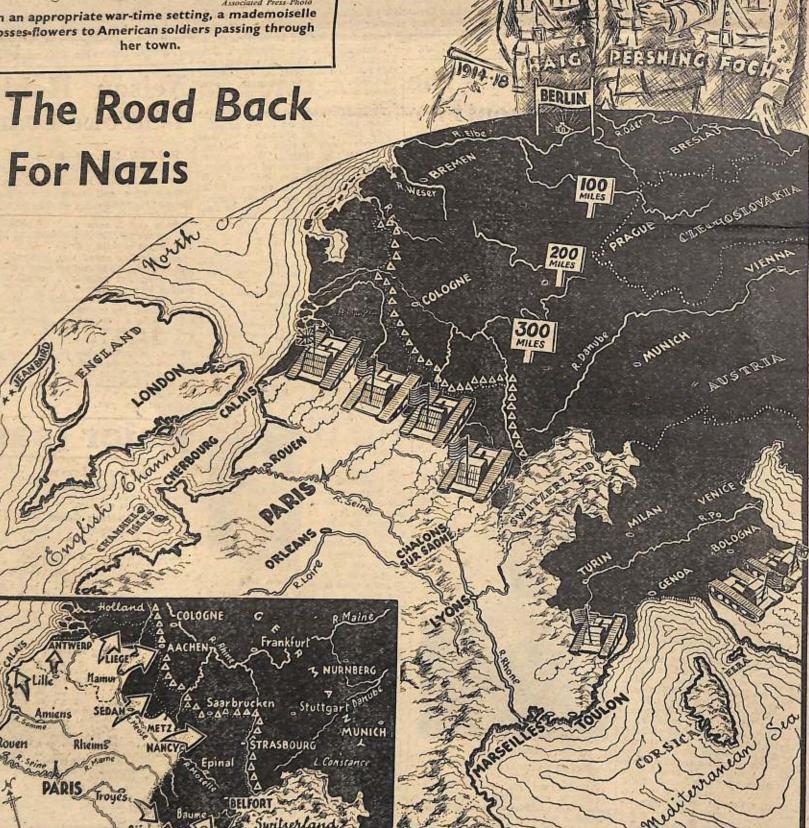
Associated Press Photo In an appropriate war-time setting, a mademoiselle tosses-flowers to American soldiers passing through



Rotting sandbags and a battered old French helmet found on an Argonne Forest battlefield speak eloquently to Sgt. Fred Owens, of Los Angeles, of World War I.



A rough and ready member of the FFI, gun over his shoulder, out for his daily bag of Nazis.





A tattered and bleeding collaborator, on his way to prison, just finished an engagement with the FFI.

WITH the greater part of France virtually cleared of the north to the Nancy area of France in the east are beginning to enemy 14 weeks after the invasion of Normandy, the curtain was obviously rising this week on what seemed likely to be the last act of the five-year-old European drama-the Battle of Germany.

After 26 years the world again was seeing a repetition of the Western Front hammer blows by which Haig, Pershing and Foch brought the Reich to its knees in November of 1918.

Berlin still is a long way off, and the Germans now being

fight back bitterly. -

For some days to come, at least, the lightning tank thrusts that liberated France in little more than a month from the day the Allies broke out of the Cherbourg peninsula appear unlikely to be repeated.

As if to point up the changed character of the fighting now that the Allies are approaching the Siegfried line, a Shaef weekend communique reported that Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's army "is pressed back against their own frontier from Holland in the having to fight for every hundred yards west of Nancy."