

Allies Mass for Final Drive on Reich

All in a Day's Work



In the smoke of battle, a Nazi officer emerges from window of house in Illy to surrender to a Yank, finger at the trigger of his automatic rifle.

Germans Report Yanks In Holland; First Army, British Link in Belgium

Allied troops massing for the final assault on Germany were within ten miles of the Reich frontiers at a dozen points yesterday, and troops of Gen. Hodges' U.S. First Army, after liberating the capital of Luxembourg, fanned out rapidly through that country.

German News Agency indicated that elements of the First Army had penetrated into Holland. It reported that Americans were massing "major forces" in the Maastricht appendix, the narrow section of Dutch territory between Maastricht and Aachen.

The First Army, now operating along a 100-mile front, was linked with the British Second Army on the Albert Canal in Belgium above Hasselt, was closing up on the Siegfried line through the Ardennes Forest, and was fighting ten miles north of the city of Luxembourg.

British troops from a bridgehead across the Albert Canal crossed the Dutch border, and the German military commentator, Sertorius, admitting that Allied forces were in Holland, indicated that the Germans might be preparing to withdraw.

German Radio said that strong American forces were concentrated around Limburg, 10 miles from Aachen on the German frontier, "apparently with orders to break through eastward toward Eupen and Aachen."

Seven Miles from Aachen

First Army troops were reported within seven miles of Aachen, and Paris Radio said American guns were continually shelling the town from Verviers.

Security silence was preserved on Third Army movements, but it was known that Gen. Patton's men strengthened their bridgeheads across the Moselle below Metz and at Toul, and were in the northern part of Liverdun, northwest of Nancy. Bitter fighting was reported just west of Nancy.

British troops steadily expanded their two bridgeheads across the Albert Canal and made a nine-mile advance from one bridgehead.

Grim fighting was going on in the northern outskirts of Le Havre, where British troops of the Canadian First Army opened an all-out assault on the port, already blasted by a tremendous air and sea bombardment.

Nazis Weaken In So. France

Seventh Army forces driving forward in southern France on a 100-mile front toward the German frontier met weakening resistance yesterday.

French troops occupied Dijon, large communications center, after attacking it from the south and west. Parts of the battered German 19th Army were trapped in the Dijon area, and between the Doubs and Ognon Rivers, where U.S. soldiers were pushing toward Belfort.

There was no further news of the drives on Belfort by one French and one American column, last reported respectively 18 and 24 miles from the town.

U.S. War Correspondent Killed in Marauder Crash

Harold W. Kulick, of New York, war correspondent and photographer representing the magazine Popular Science, was killed in the crash of a Marauder at an English base, the Ninth Air Force announced yesterday.

Kulick was returning from a mission over France in a plane which had been damaged over the target. The aircraft crashed at its home station.

Russian Tanks Cross Passes Into Hungary

A new and farflung Soviet campaign to knock Hungary out of the war began to take shape yesterday as Russian armor began flowing across the Carpathian passes into the Transylvanian plain leading to Budapest 250 miles away.

Berlin admitted last night that the Russians, moving north from Rumania, had succeeded in getting a whole tank army through one of the highest passes of the 9,000-foot Transylvanian Alps, and that the column now was threatening the rail junction of Sibiu, 75 miles southeast of the Transylvanian capital of Cluj.

The Russians also began to squeeze Transylvania from the north by taking the Polish town of Krosno, 85 miles east southeast of Cracow, on the road to the Beskids passes leading over the Carpathians into Slovakia and northeastern Hungary.

New Warsaw Attack

Still another arm of the pincers began to move forward beyond the eastern Carpathians where the Red Army took the railway town of Campulung, 55 miles south southwest of Cernauti, and the railway station of Vama, six miles to the northeast, on the line running into north-Transylvania toward Cluj.

The Rumanian communique said Russo-Rumanian troops were less than 25 miles south of the Transylvanian capital and gaining ground after heavy fighting.

Meanwhile Berlin reported the Russians began a new "concentrated attack" east of Warsaw and succeeded in reaching the main road from Minsk to Praga after being thrown back twice. Another German report said the Red Army had renewed its offensive at Ostroleka, northeast of Warsaw and 27 miles from the southeastern border of East Prussia.

Austria Urged: 'Rise on Nazis'

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (AP)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull warned the people of Austria today that the time to rise against the Germans and help to secure their own independence is almost here.

In a press conference statement, Hull advised the Austrians that their post-war destiny depends to a considerable extent on their following the example of Rumania and Bulgaria and coming over to the Allied side.

Mme. Chiang in New York

NEW YORK, Sept. 11 (UP)—Mme. Chiang Kai-shek arrived in New York today and entered the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center for treatment. She has been under the care of her doctor since July 13 in Rio de Janeiro.

FDR, Churchill in Quebec To Map Early End of War

QUEBEC, Sept. 11—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill arrived in Quebec within a few minutes of each other today for their tenth war conference since 1941. Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Churchill accompanied their husbands.

P47 Group Bags 700th Nazi Plane

The Thunderbolt group commanded by Lt. Col. David Schilling, of Traverse City, Mich., now tops the Eighth Fighter Command in enemy aircraft destroyed with a total bag of 700—540 in the air and 160 on the ground. The group formerly was commanded by Col. Hubert Zemke, of Missoula, Mont.

In two missions Sept. 5, the P47 pilots bagged 71 parked Nazi planes and shot down nine to establish an ETO record for one day's activity. The group was also the first to top the 100-mark in the ETO.

The Mustang group commanded by Col. Donald J. M. Blakeslee, of Fairport Harbor, Ohio, which was the top-scoring outfit since April 10, has destroyed 652, bagging 444 in aerial combat and 207 on the ground.

Gen. Ike Decorates Head of FFI With The Legion of Merit

SHAEF, Sept. 11 (Reuter)—Gen. Eisenhower, in a weekend of intense activity, conferred with Field Marshal Montgomery in Brussels and Maj. Gen. Troy Middleton, commanding general of the VIII U.S. Corps, at Brest and decorated Gen. Koenig with the Legion of Merit in Paris.

The presentation to Gen. Koenig was made on Friday in recognition of his leadership of the FFI. Eisenhower then saw Middleton on Saturday and Montgomery on Sunday.

House Group Urges Army Of 3,000,000 in Occupation

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (Reuter)—An increase in U.S. foreign trade and the maintenance of armed forces of upwards of 3,000,000 men until the task of occupation abroad is ended are among the recommendations contained in a report by the House Economic Planning Committee today.

The report urges a post-war program of lower taxes on business to encourage private enterprise and on individuals with low and middle incomes.

It also calls for tight credit controls to prevent inflation when the nation spends its war savings.

Speculation as to what the conference would cover included a wide range of topics. One general belief was that the main subject would be plans to bring about an early end to the fighting in Europe without departing too far from the "unconditional surrender" principle announced at Casablanca.

Plan Policing of Reich

There was also general agreement that the part to be played by the U.S. and Britain in policing Germany after the armistice would be discussed, as would the two nations' responsibilities in carrying the Pacific war to Japan. Some quarters said Mr. Churchill had suggested the meeting primarily to stress Britain's intention to fulfill her promises to aid in crushing Japan.

The two leaders, preceded 24 hours earlier by high British and U.S. military leaders, found Quebec ablaze with flags as they motored to the Citadel, where they will stay with Prime Minister Mackenzie King of Canada, their host.

Mr. Churchill, welcomed by the Earl of Athlone, governor general of Canada, smiled broadly upon the waiting crowd at Wolfe's Cove station and told them, with a V-sign, that "Victory is everywhere."

The Chateau Frontenac hotel, where the military talks presumably will be held, as they were 13 months ago, was closely guarded. A huge clerical staff including 300 American WACs was on hand.

One in 6 Unfit in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (ANS)—One in every six Americans is physically handicapped, a House Labor subcommittee has found after a survey designed to work out an aid program.

Where Allied Armies Mass



Stars and Stripes Map

Fighters Shoot Down Record 110 Nazi Planes

The Luftwaffe showed itself in strength yesterday and U.S. fighters giving battle had their biggest day in the ETO, destroying 110 enemy planes in the air. Thirty-nine Nazi craft were destroyed on the ground.

More than 1,000 Eighth Air Force heavy bombers, escorted by about 800 Thunderbolts, Lightnings and Mustangs, swept over Hanover and Leipzig in central Germany to hit at Hitler's dwindling oil resources and were attacked by Luftwaffe formations sometimes 100 strong. Some of the fighter groups reported meeting as many as 150 enemy planes in one area.

The last big day Eighth fighters had was March 8, when they shot down 80 in an escort mission to Berlin. British fighters' biggest day's bag was 185 during the Battle of Britain.

Heavies Get Theirs, Too

The heavies got their share of "kills," gunners destroying 17 Nazi planes. Forty-four bombers and 15 fighters were lost.

Up to a late hour last night, reports said Lt. Col. John C. Meyer, fighter pilot from Forest Hills, N.Y., bagged four Jerries in the air. 1/Lt. Cyril W. Jones, fighter pilot from Athens, Tenn., shot down 3 1/2 and destroyed 1 1/2 on the ground, while 1/Lt. Henry W. Brown, Mustang pilot from Arlington, Va., shot down three.

2/Lt. Wiley Smith, Fortress co-pilot from Liberty, Tex., reported: "A large formation of Focke-Wulfes and Messerschmitts concentrated on the group behind us and really hit it hard. Some of the Jerries, using desperate tactics, came right through the middle of our formation. Most of the planes that broke through went down in flames."

S/Sgt. John C. Offelt, B17 Silver Dollar waist gunner, said: "The way German fighters went through the group behind us was a terrible thing to see."

Continue Support Action

Nine waves of British-based Ninth Air Force Marauders and Havocs meanwhile continued their support of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army with heavy attacks on large-caliber guns and emplacements on the Moselle River and

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Million Trained In Year by Navy

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (Reuter)—James V. Forrestal, Secretary of the Navy, announced last night that the Navy trained 1,303,554 officers and enlisted personnel in the year ending June 30.

This, he said, represented the crews of 4,063 new Navy vessels of all types, plus more than 20,000 landing craft, and additions to the personnel of the rapidly expanding naval air service.

Of the 2,987,311 men in the Navy on June 30, 83 per cent had been added since Pearl Harbor. In the current fiscal year the Navy would be required to train 600,000 new personnel.

The war against Japan, Mr. Forrestal said, requires further expansion of the Navy until it reaches the strength of 3,389,000 by next June.

'Twas in Brooklyn, Remember

NEW YORK, Sept. 11 (ANS)—A subway train from Brooklyn headed for Manhattan ended up in the opposite direction. It crossed four lanes of track and pointed back to Brooklyn. The IRT trainmaster said signal trouble was to blame.

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It's a Global War

Sept. 9, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes, We are a bunch of beat up soldiers who were wounded in France. We have a gripe that we would like to get off our chests. We have read the Army curb plan and don't think it is a bit fair. We didn't complain or gripe when we went to fight the Germans in France, but don't like the idea of going to fight another war in the South Pacific.

We are out of the divisions which were among the first to land in France and were there until recently. We are wondering what the U.S.O. commandoes in the U.S. are doing. Why don't they send them to the SP? Some of the boys here were in Africa. The morale here in the ETO is lower than hell after they read the curb plan. After all why shouldn't it be? Wasn't they promised they wouldn't have to fight two wars?—A Bunch of Shot-up Vets in a Hospital in England.

[Stars and Stripes reminds all soldiers that this is a Global War—one war which won't be ended until we occupy Berlin and Tokyo. We've all signed up for the duration and six months and we've got to finish the job. Your hard-earned combat credit, of course, will give all of you added priority under the new demobilization plan.—Ed.]

Howls for 'Lone Wolf'

Sept. 6, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes, After reading what the "Lone Wolf" had to say about Gen. Hershey's idea of demobilization, I wish to express my thoughts.

If the "Lone Wolf" agrees that we should be kept in the Army until there is sufficient jobs for all of us, why not let him and the rest who feel that way stay in the Army? After all there will be an army of occupation needed after the war.

I do agree that America is well worth fighting for, but if we can't get out and see what we have won, what in the hell are we going to get out of it? I realize our people will get the benefit of it, and those 4-Fs back in the States can probably lay away a few more bucks.

I am not only speaking for myself, but for all the men in my platoon.—A Fire Fighting Platoon on a Liberator Base.

Sept. 4, 1944

The "Lone Wolf" sounds like a man who found a real home in this Army. I hardly think there is anyone of us who doesn't want to see this thing through to a decisive victory. When it comes to staying in this Army until somebody decides when the time is ripe is a horse of another color.

Reading between the lines of the plan submitted to General Hershey on demobilization anyone can see that the so-called essential job holders and the boys who had themselves classified in that category are making sure they have time to grab up the job after the reconversion period.

On the other hand, who wants some classification clerk to find us a job we don't want? Ninety per cent of the boys have plans of their own as to what they want to do. That is the very thing we are fighting for, I hope.

As an alternative plan, when our six months plus is up, why not draft one of these essential boys for each one discharged, to make up the army of occupation?—T/Sgt. Andrew C. Cummings.

Sept. 6, 1944

We read the item the "Lone Wolf" sent to the Stars and Stripes concerning demobilization. After reading it we would like to know if he is a combat soldier. If he is, he would think different. We agree with him that America is worth fighting for. But what the hell are we fighting for, if it isn't to go back to our loved ones. He may have found a home in the Army. But we didn't, we had one before we came in, and we sure as hell intend to go back to it. If he likes it so well, we will leave him here to police up after the fighting.—Ten GIs in ETO Hospital.

Sept. 4, 1944

We, here in hut 22, are very glad to hear that Hershey has got one supporter. Well maybe the "Lone Wolf" has found himself a home in the Army. If us boys now in the service will have to wait for a job before we get out I'm sure that we'll be 30-year men. Then we might as well as be pensioned and the hell with finding a job.

Yes, we know for a fact that the States are worth fighting for and I'm sure that we are going to fight all the harder to get out. The majority of us have tasted a bit of military life and want once again to live like civilians. Quote me if I'm wrong.—The Boys of Hut 22, Mustang Base.

[Stars and Stripes regrets that space limitations prohibit publication of a dozen other similar replies to "Lone Wolf's" letter.—Ed.]

Hash Marks

Bunch of WACs at an ASC camp in France were puh-lenty insulted the other day when they found this sign scrawled on their barracks by a GI vet of World War I (memories of 40 and 8): "Room for 40 WACs or 96 Horses!"

She barely made it! A gal pilot ferrying an army plane down in Texas got so warm that she stripped to the waist. Suddenly to her horror, wind blew the garments out of the cockpit. She radioed her sad plight ahead—was met at the field by a ground crew with averted eyes and a WAC bearing a shirt.



If you think life is rough in the ETO, listen to Sgt. Prescott W. Downer. He sez reports from friends in Alaska indicate that it has been necessary there to devise a Chaplain's Crying Cross—which is awarded after 50 missions with the TS card.

Latest report from our spy who takes care of matters like this says it's a fact that one Thunderbolt outfit, transferred to France, lugged its pet goat across the Channel in a belly tank. Yep, they punched holes all over the tank so the critter could breathe, and crammed the small goat inside. When they finally landed their mascot couldn't walk for two days after being so cramped. But everything's all right now—the goat walks—and smells!

Some sage remarked that "No man ever travelled to fame on a pass." But S/Sgt. A. C. La France points out that there's certainly a history to a soldier's 24-hour pass.

S/Sgt. W. K. Brandum says that the things that happen to bomb disposal units shouldn't happen to a gnat. On a hurry call, a unit headed by Lt. Krause discovered that the "object" which had landed on a French farm was a meteor weighing about 40 pounds. About a mile of sign language was used to explain to the farm owner that it was a meteor from the sky—not a bomb. He immediately brightened up and remarked, "My, what will those Germans think of next!"

Helpful Hints Dept. Sgt. Melvin Brown, of Mt. Vernon, Texas, is a mess sergeant who doesn't like bees in his soup. So he puts five pieces of cardboard outside of the mess tent and puts a dab of jam on each one. Now, says Brown, the bees eat the jam and leave the GIs alone. Not only that—they eat so much they can't fly away—they just flap their wings and die.

Afterthought. Those who think "evening" has the same meaning as "night" should note the effect it has on a gown. J. C. W.



Here's What We're Fighting For

An Editorial

THE French are nuts about the Yanks. This picture gives you the idea. Lots of GIs who never thought much about Freedom before are learning about it from the smiles and happy tears of folks who'd lost it for four black years.

Let's not kid ourselves. The honeymoon won't last for ever. Some franc-happy go-getters will start gypping GIs and some dumb Joes are going to do things to disgrace our Army and get the French sore.

But most of us will stay on the ball. If we fight as hard to keep the good will of liberated peoples as we did to win it—there's hope for happier days.

War has a long list of entries



on the debit side the ledger—lives, money, misery. On the credit side there's this—the love and gratitude of one people toward

another. It's the chance of a lifetime—and our kids' lifetime.

Let's not piddle it away.

Good News About RAF Pilot Sets Back Ernie Pyle's Vacation

By Ernie Pyle

We will have to call off this respite from columning for another couple of days in order that I can tell you some good news. It's about our British RAF pilot who was trapped in his plane for eight days.

The story has a happy ending. He is alive and doing nicely. And even though he has a long hospital ordeal ahead he is happy and grateful and the sun shines for him again.

When I returned to London on the way to America I began tracing the pilot's whereabouts. It took almost a week to find him. I finally located his hospital and traveled halfway across England to see him. My friend Bill Strand of the Chicago Tribune made the long trip with me just for company.

A RAF station wagon driven by a WAAF met us at the station and took us to the hospital out in the country. The lieutenant had been informed that we were coming.

We were ushered into a small sunny ward and the lieutenant began smiling as we walked through the door. He held out his left hand for the right one was still tender from bullet wounds . . . when we got him out of his plane that day almost a month ago we knew he would either be dead or be over the hump toward recovery in a very few days because his burned back was gangrenous and gangrene works fast.

Hears Lot of Nazis

Well, he was first taken to a clearing station of the American 30th Division. He was very drowsy from morphine. When he began to come to all he could hear was a lot of chatter in German with voices answering to Hans, Herman, etc.

The drowsy lieutenant figured, well that's finished it; he must be in German hands after all. But it turned out that he was hearing wounded German prisoners talking to each other.

The lieutenant's back did respond to

treatment, the gangrene was cut away and it was seen that he would pull through. He was moved the next day to another field hospital, then three days later evacuated to England by air.

You may remember that when we got him out of his wrecked plane he asked the date and said his wedding anniversary was only three days away and that he hoped to make it back to England for that.

He was nearer right than we thought. He arrived in England one day after the anniversary. After that he was in an American general hospital for 16 days where, as his wife says, he was treated like "my lord" and was their prize patient. And then he was removed to a RAF hospital, where he is now and will be for a long time to come. His wife and baby now come to see him twice a week.

He's Healing Excellently

His present condition is this—his back is still painful but healing excellently. Unfortunately he has to lie on it because of his shattered leg being in a rack. His right hand on which a bullet had cut his fingers to the bone is now out of the bandage but still very tender.

His right leg, which was not wounded at all, is giving him some trouble. Because of lying eight days in one position with one leg bent and the pressure on the nerves he has suffered loss of control of his foot. He can move his leg all right, but the foot just flops around. But the doctors think he will eventually be all right.

His left leg is worst. As you may recall, his left foot was pinned under the rudder bar all that time and the calf of his leg had a huge shell hole in it. We couldn't tell just how bad the wound was when we got him out.

Well, the wound was apparently from a 20-mm. shell which exploded inside his leg. It completely destroyed about an inch of both bones in the leg. There is simply a gap there with no bone whatever. He has already had three operations on it and will have many more. They'll have to graft in bone and then give it months to grow and strengthen. The doctors say it will be ten months to a year before he can walk, but that eventually he should have 90 per cent use of his leg.

Hence he will probably walk with a limp, but he will walk. As his wife wrote me in a beautiful letter, "We have our fingers crossed to get him home by Christmas. After that I guess he and Clare Margaret can teach each other to walk."

Clare Margaret is their little baby, now nine months old.

Rocket Powder Gets X-Ray Test to Keep All Imperfections Out

LAWRENCE, Kan., Sept. 11 (AP)—Women working round-the-clock shifts are X-raying separately each single grain of rocket powder made at the Sunflower Ordnance Works.

For rocket propulsion, every grain has to be perfect, otherwise there would be uneven burning of the powder and risk of premature explosions.

The women take each grain and place an identifying mark on it. Then the grain—its size is a military secret—is placed on a photographic film, and the film is put into a lead box in which X-rays shine through the film and powder grain. Any imperfections in the powder are revealed.

First Bus Route Established On Alcan Highway

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Sept. 11 (UP)—Mud as stiff as putty clung to the wheels of his 37-passenger bus as Kenneth O'Harra, of Anchorage, edged across a half washed out bridge on the first bus trip over the Alaska military highway, but despite hazardous driving conditions he believes that the road has great potential commercial value.

O'Harra, 34-year-old pioneer Alaska busline operator, and two mechanics, Donald Cross and Charles Porter, brought the big bus here from Columbus, O., a total of 4,743 miles, in ten and one-third days of driving time.

O'Harra will use the vehicle for the first scheduled busline operation between Anchorage and Fairbanks.

"I feel that a lot of motor freight could be moved over the road after the war if it is properly maintained," O'Harra stated. "Also the road offers an ideal vacation route because it passes through some of the most scenic sections of the continent."

Notes from the Air Force

THE Fortress Vot 69 has completed 43 consecutive bombing flights without once turning back because of mechanical trouble. The B17's four original engines have put in 540 flying hours and are still on the job.

The ground crew includes S/Sgt. Kearon D. Kirby, of Hyde Park, N.Y.; Sgt. Herman Snetledge, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Sgt. Phillip Galletto, of Rochester, N.Y., and Cpl. Edward Dietrich, of Long Island City, N.Y.

1/Lt. Joe R. Holloway, of Shreveport, La., P47 fighter-bomber pilot in France, dive-bombed Nazi fortifications at Brest, and relates:

"I made a dive and pulled out so fast my watch stopped. Then I made a second dive at a target and when I pulled out darned if my watch didn't start again. Guess I'm the first pilot to make two bomb runs in nothing flat."

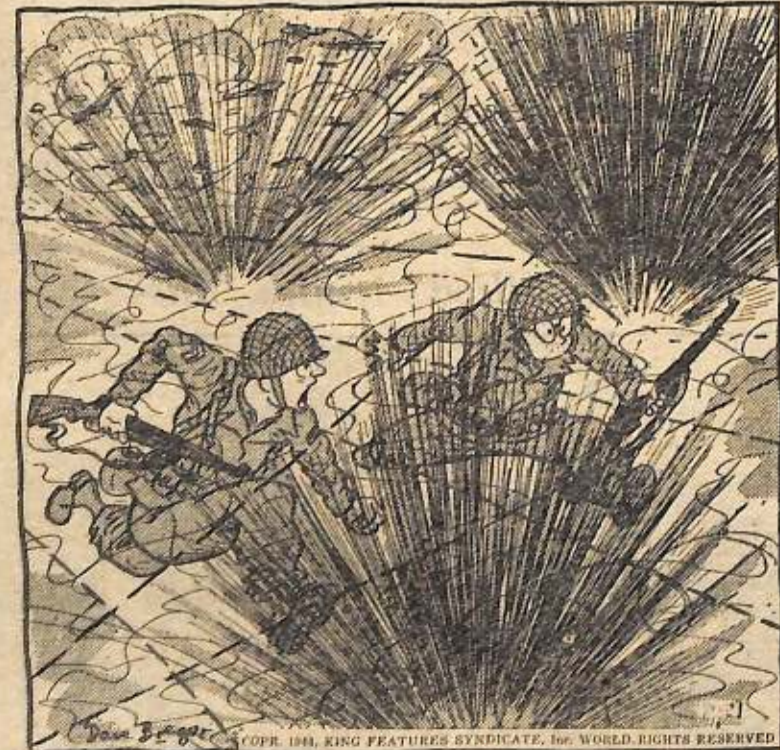
COL. George Van Horn Moseley, of Lynchburg, Va., still limping from a leg injury sustained when he landed by parachute in Normandy on D-Day, recently received the Legion of Merit "for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as commanding officer, 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment, from June 10, 1942, to June 8, 1944."

Silver Stars were presented to Capt. Robert L. Clements, Selma, Okla.; George H. Lage, Portland, Ore.; Wallace Evans C. Thornton, Hollywood, Cal.; 1/Lt. Robert F. Banker, Middletown, N.Y., and Pfc Francis V. Grosvenor, Brush, Col.

Recipients of Bronze Stars were Maj. John D. Hanlon, Winchester, Mass.; M/Sgt. David M. Taylor, Johnson City, Tenn.; Sgt. Douglas A. Tait, Philadelphia; T/5 Robert E. Doran, Waterbury, Conn.; Pfc Emil F. Surace, Mayfield, Pa., and Pvt. Hugh T. Smith, Grand Coulee, Wash.

S/Sgt. Carlyle W. Smith, of Minneapolis, foreman of the signal maintenance repair depot in the ETO, Service Command an electronic device for testing dynamo motors, the power generators for airborne radio transmitters. The machine produces a variable dynamic load which simulates actual operation conditions. Current output, pletely checked in five minutes. Former testing methods took almost an hour.

PRIVATE BREGER



"You and your short cuts!"

Orioles Shade Newark For International Flag

JERSEY CITY, Sept. 11—The tightest race in International League history ended yesterday with the Baltimore Orioles winning the flag by 1.3 percentage points over the runner-up Newark Bears. While the Orioles were splitting a double bill at Jersey City, winning the opener, 5-0, and losing the nightcap, 6-2, the Bears collapsed under a twin loss to the last place Syracuse Chiefs, 4-1 and 4-3. The Bears held a one-game lead going into the final day's campaign.

Once Over Lightly

By Charlie Kiley

NEW YORK, Sept. 11—The greatest sports dynasty in history was almost born when the Madison Square Garden Corporation decided after much deliberation not to purchase the New York Yankees and all holdings, which, added to the Garden syndicate, would have constituted a 20-million-dollar empire.

The possibilities of a merger were blanketed in secrecy until now, when sources high in councils of the Garden and Yankees admitted that on at least two recent occasions the indoor athletic group contemplated buying baseball's wealthiest club. The stumbling blocks to the purchase, according to the Garden and Yankee people, were the Garden's failure financially in practically all outdoor adventures in New York and Florida, plus the erection of the white elephant Long Island Bowl and the absence at present of Brig. Gen. John Reed Kilpatrick, Garden president, on active duty in the Army.

If the deal went through—it may when the aggressive Kilpatrick returns to the scene—the Garden would have a year-round strangle-hold on the New York sports picture. The Garden, with its indoor arena, has a grip on hockey, basketball, boxing and track, plus a variety of shows, rodeos, ice carnivals and roller-skating. Only fights now fail to pack the house, and even the Rangers draw like flies, win or lose, during the hockey season. Throw in the Yankees with their farm clubs and the Stadium and you have a sports syndicate which could hardly be touched. A post-war sports boom also would probably bring a football club under the combine, and the well-organized Garden corps would make the Stadium available for more collegiate grid games.

The Garden seats 19,000 for a fight and is assessed at \$1,400,000, which is way under the figure anyone could buy it for, while the Stadium seats 68,386 for baseball, 2,000 more for football and is assessed at \$2,250,000. With properties like that available, one company's prospects in the post-war boom would be unlimited.

You would have to see it to believe that a team of totally blind people could play baseball and thoroughly enjoy it. At the New York Institute for the Education of the Blind yesterday a team of blind students played against a team of women, all but one of whom could see and are employed at the school.

Using an inflated ball on the style of a beach ball, the blind did everything expected on a baseball field. Except for a guide round the bases from first, they did everything without aid. They batted, ran, fielded and otherwise conducted themselves alone. Two blind players were Marines who had lost their sight in combat. One of them, Cpl. Tom Kennedy, played left field faultlessly and hit a home run, while Pfc Jack Corrie played right field and hit two singles and a home run. Corrie lost his sight at Bougainville last Thanksgiving Day.

For the Orioles, piloted by Tommy Thomas, the pennant was the first since 1925, when Jack Dunn's great clubs won six straight championships. By getting second money the Bears maintained their record of never finishing out of the first division since the Yanks made them a farm club in 1932.

The post-season playoffs begin Tuesday, the Orioles facing the fourth-place Buffalo Bisons in Baltimore, while the Bears oppose the third-place Toronto Maple Leafs in Newark. All playoff series are four out of seven.

Embree Hurts Baltimore to Flag
Red Embree, 19-game winner for the Orioles, pitched his club to the flag-winning \$5,000 reward, blanking the Giants with three hits in the first game. Felix Maciewicz, center fielder, swung the big bat with a pair of triples that pushed over two runs. The Orioles were behind, 5-1, at the end of five innings of the afterpiece when word was received that the Bears had lost their second game, thereby relieving the tension on the Baltimore bench.

Needing only a single victory to win the pennant, in view of the Oriole split, and thereby climax a drive from last place on July 26, the Bears missed the goal by the narrowest margin after bowing to veteran Hod Lisenbee in the opener and to the combination of Jim Woodend and Al Malloy in the nightcap. Lefty Joe Page yielded four runs in the first inning of the second game to the Chiefs, and that was all the tailenders needed.

Redskins Stop Bears, 21-7
BALTIMORE, Sept. 11—The Washington Redskins walloped the champion Chicago Bears, 21-7, here yesterday in a game that was billed as an exhibition but played like a championship scrap. It was a rough battle all the way through, and on several occasions players were ready to exchange punches. The battle was witnessed by more than 30,000, including a group of war veterans who made the trip as guests of both clubs.

The Redskins beat the Bears at their own game—the T-formation. Two Skin touchdowns came on passes by Sammy Baugh.

Packers Rout Yankees, 28-0
BUFFALO, N.Y., Sept. 11—The veteran Green Bay Packers capitalized on the errors of the Boston Yankees here yesterday for a 28-0 victory in an exhibition affair. Blocked kicks set up two touchdowns for the Packers and they got another as a result of recovering a fumble deep in Boston territory.

Tigers Clipped by Broncos
FORT WARREN, Wyo., Sept. 11—The Fort Warren Broncos galloped over for three touchdowns in the last period here yesterday to eke out a 21-20 victory over the Brooklyn Tigers.

Yankees Retain Slim Margin

Talented Tiger



By Pap

AL Contenders Split Twin Bills In Torrid Race

Tigers Take Opener, Move Into First, Then Slide With Loss in Nightcap

NEW YORK, Sept. 11—For a little more than two hours yesterday, as a result of Hal Newhouse's 5-0 victory over the Cleveland Indians, the Tigers held first place in the American League. But the in-again-out-again-race for the top spot between the Tigers, Yanks and Browns saw the Detroiters drop back into second when the Indians came back to win the nightcap, 7-4.

The Yanks earned a split with the Red Sox by taking the nightcap, 4-3, after Joe Cronin's men had won the opener, 3-2, while the Browns muffed their chance to tie for the circuit lead by dropping their clincher with the White Sox, 3-2, in 11 innings, after annexing the opener, 6-2.

No. 25 for Newhouse
A crowd of 52,691 saw Newhouse allow only four hits in notching his 25th victory and fifth shutout. In the second game Steve Gromek was too tough for the Motor City sluggers. He blanked them until the seventh and coasted in on a six-run lead. Four of these runs came off Dizzy Trout in the first frame. Diz, also seeking his 25th win, lacked his usual stuff and retired in the fourth.

A four-run rally in the sixth frame gave the Yanks their 4-3 nightcap nod over the Sox. Oscar Grimes' double with the sacks loaded being the telling blow and handing Mel Queen the mound nod. Emmett O'Neil was the victim. A double by George Metkovich, scoring pitcher Clem Dreisewerd, gave the Red Sox a 3-2 edge in the opener, which saw Dreisewerd win at the expense of Walt Dubiel. Metkovich hit safely in both battles, running his streak to 25 games.



Geo. Metkovich

Grove's Triple Decides
Reliever Orval Grove, who replaced Joe Haynes in the tenth for the White Sox, came through with a triple in the eleventh off Sig Jakucki, scoring Skeeter Webb to give the Chicks an even break with the Browns. In the opener, Nelson Potter out-lasted Johnny Humphries in a hurling duel. The Sox scored twice off Potter in the first, but were helpless thereafter.

The Senators opened a belated September rush to escape the American League cellar yesterday by downing the Athletics, 2-1 and 8-2. The Griffs racked up two runs off Jess Flores in the first inning of the opener and, with Dutch Leonard in top form, they proved enough. Alex Carrasquel had easy going in the second game, being handed a six-run lead in the first three innings. Don Black started for the A's but gave way to Luke Hamlin in the fourth. George Case stole three bases and Stan Spence made six hits during the twin bill.

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Bucs Stymie Reds' Bid for 2nd As They Divide Twin Feature

NEW YORK, Sept. 11—The drive of the Reds to overtake the Pirates for second place in the National League was stymied at Cincinnati yesterday as the clubs split a twin bill, the Pirates taking the opener, 7-5, while the Reds grabbed the second game, 2-0.

Home runs by Hank Caelli and Frank Gustine cost Bucky Walters the opening game. He was hit freely, but poor support brought about his downfall. Nick Strincevich went the distance for the winners, though rapped for a dozen blows. In the nightcap, Arnold Carter was effective with men on bases and was never in serious trouble as he hung up his shutout. Max Butcher was the loser, the game marking the eighth straight time in the past two years that he has started against the Reds and saw the game end in a shutout for one side or the other.

Ewald Pyle had the Braves eating out of his hand as he hung up a 10-4 win for the Giants at the Polo Grounds. The Giants pasted four Boston fingers for 17 safeties, with Johnny Rucker and Buddy Kerr each getting four.

The Dodgers rapped Bill Lee for five runs in the first innings of their opener with the Phillies, but Leo Durocher was forced to use three pitchers as the Bums took an 8-4 nod. Tom Sunkel was credited with the win. Dick Barrett of the Phils was clouted for 13 hits in the nightcap, as against eight man, but the Dodgers could only score in the fourth as the Phils triumphed, 3-2. An error by Bobby Bragan in the sixth gave the Phils their margin.

Three-hit pitching by Cub Paul Erickson blanked the Cardinals, 9-0, but Mort Cooper put the cellar-dwellers in their place in their nightcap, notching his 21st decision, 4-2. The Cardinal ace had a three-hit shutout until the ninth, when Bill Nicholson opened with his 32nd homer. Paul Derringer was the loser.

Army Gives Up Santa Anita
LOS ANGELES, Sept. 11—The War Production Board has informed the Los Angeles Turf Club that the Army will return the Santa Anita track at Arcadia, Cal., next Monday, and the club has already started proceedings to get permission from the California Racing Board to run winter meetings. If approved, this will mean the first racing at Santa Anita since Pearl Harbor.

Leading Hitters
Walker, Brooklyn .. 129 472 72 167 354
Musial, St. Louis .. 135 520 104 181 348
Medwick, New York .. 117 452 63 155 343
Hopp, St. Louis .. 119 450 97 150 333
W. Cooper, St. Louis .. 93 333 50 108 324

Runs Batted In
Nicholson, Chicago, 106; Sanders, St. Louis, 97; Elliott, Pittsburgh, 92.

Home Run Hitters
Nicholson, Chicago, 32; Ott, New York, 26; Northey, Philadelphia, 17.

Nelson on Top As Jug Falters

DALLAS, Sept. 11—Byron Nelson fired another par-smashing round in the finale of the Texas Victory Open links tourney here yesterday to wind up with a winning score of 276. The big Toledo fellow carded seven birdies, five on the last nine holes, for a 68, which put him ten strokes ahead of his perennial runner-up, Jug McSpaden. The latter faltered badly, closing with a 74.

Nelson received \$2,000 for winning, bringing his total in war bonds won this summer to \$39,334. McSpaden, who received \$1,400 in bonds yesterday, has garnered \$25,200 in bonds.

Cpl. Earl Stewark, of the Fort Worth Army airfield, was low amateur and also finished fifth, with a score of 290.

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Major League Results

National League			
Chicago 9, St. Louis 0 (first game)	St. Louis 4, Chicago 2 (second game)	Pittsburgh 7, Cincinnati 5 (first game)	Cincinnati 2, Pittsburgh 0 (second game)
Brooklyn 8, Philadelphia 4 (first game)	Philadelphia 3, Brooklyn 2 (second game)	New York 10, Boston 4	St. Louis .. 95 37 720 New York .. 61 72 459
Pittsburgh .. 77 54 538 Boston .. 55 79 410	Cincinnati .. 72 57 558 Brooklyn .. 55 80 407	Chicago .. 60 69 465 Philadelphia 52 79 397	Pittsburgh at St. Louis (2)
Cincinnati at Chicago	Other teams not scheduled.	Leading Hitters	
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American League			
Boston 3, New York 2 (first game)	New York 4, Boston 3 (second game)	Detroit 5, Cleveland 0 (first game)	Cleveland 7, Detroit 4 (second game)
Washington 2, Philadelphia 1 (first game)	Washington 8, Philadelphia 2 (second game)	St. Louis 6, Chicago 2 (first game)	Chicago 3, St. Louis 2 (second game, 11 innings)
New York .. 76 61 555 Cleveland .. 65 72 478	Detroit .. 78 61 551 Philadelphia 64 75 460	St. Louis .. 75 62 547 Chicago .. 63 74 460	Boston .. 73 64 533 Washington 58 80 420
No games scheduled.			
Leading Hitters			
Fox, Boston .. 111 456 67 149 327	Doerr, Boston .. 125 468 93 152 325	Johnson, Boston .. 127 456 100 148 325	Stirnweiss, New York .. 137 575 114 183 318
Boudreau, Cleveland .. 132 515 83 163 317	Runs Batted In		
Stephens, St. Louis, 95; Johnson, Boston, 93; Lindell, New York, 90.	Home Run Hitters		
Eiten, New York, 19; Stephens, St. Louis, and Johnson, Boston, 17.			

Minor League Results

International League			
Baltimore 5, Jersey City 0 (first game)	Jersey City 6, Baltimore 2 (second game)	Syracuse 4, Newark 1 (first game)	Syracuse 4, Newark 3 (second game)
Rochester 3, Buffalo 2 (first game)	Rochester 4, Buffalo 2 (second game)	Montreal 8, Toronto 1 (first game)	Toronto 12, Montreal 1 (second game)
Final Standings	W L Pct.	Jersey City 74 79 .484	Baltimore .. 84 68 .553
Newark .. 85 69 .552	Montreal .. 73 80 .477	Toronto .. 79 74 .516	Rochester .. 71 82 .464
Buffalo .. 78 76 .506	Syracuse .. 68 84 .447	Eastern League	
Binghamton 6, Elmira 5 (first game)	Binghamton 6, Elmira 3 (second game)	Utica 10, Williamsport 0 (second game)	Utica 7, Williamsport 6 (first game)
Wilkes-Barre 8, Albany 0 (second game)	Albany 7, Wilkes-Barre 5 (first game)	Hartford 7, Scranton 0 (second game)	Hartford 9, Scranton 0 (second game)
Final Standings	W L Pct.	Williamsport 64 75 .460	Hartford .. 99 33 .723
Albany .. 91 47 .659	Elmira .. 58 80 .420	Utica .. 69 69 .500	Scranton .. 56 83 .403
Utica .. 69 69 .500	Scranton .. 51 89 .364	Binghamton 64 71 .474	Wilkes-Barre 51 89 .364
American Association			
Columbus 13, Indianapolis 5 (first game)	Columbus 4, Indianapolis 2 (second game)	Milwaukee 17, Minneapolis 2 (first game)	Milwaukee 7, Minneapolis 5 (second game)
St. Paul 7, Kansas City 0 (first game)	St. Paul 10, St. Paul 1 (second game)	Kansas City 10, Louisville 6 (first game)	Toledo 10, Louisville 6 (second game)
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LIL ABNER

BREAK MY ENGAGEMENT TO YOU? OH, HEATHCLIFFE, DON'T BE ABSURD! WHERE COULD I FIND ANOTHER MAN LIKE YOU - YOU GORGEOUS MASS OF MUSCLE!!

E-BUT HOW ABOUT ME, MONEY? I WAS PICKED AS "MR. AMERICA" AT ATLANTIC CITY LAST YEAR - REMEMBER?

I FIND THE PRESENCE OF THAT MIS-SHAPEN WEAKLING OFFENSIVE, MY DEAR! PARDON ME WHILE I EJECT HIM!!

I TOSSED HIM INTO THE ASH-CAN. HE WILL BE COLLECTED IN A DAY OR SO!!

OH, HEATHCLIFFE!! YOU ALWAYS HAD THE FINEST BRAIN ON EARTH! - NOW YOU HAVE THE FINEST PHYSIQUE! YOU'RE MY IDEAL!!

I LOVE YOU MADLY! - I'LL MARRY YOU TOMORROW!!

OH - VERY WELL.

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Senate Debates On High-Speed Roads to Begin

System Costing 3 Billions Would Serve Around 40 Million Autos

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (ANS)—A high-speed post-war highway system adequate to serve 40,000,000 motor vehicles was envisioned today by sponsors of road-construction legislation ready for Senate consideration this week.

Despairing of immediate agreement by joint-conference committees seeking to work out Senate and House differences over reconversion and surplus property disposal bills, party leaders summoned absent Senators back to consider other major legislation.

Sen. Carl Hayden (D-Ariz.) said he would move to take up the pending \$3,000,000,000 road-construction proposal tomorrow if there is a large enough attendance, and if not, then "the first time I sight enough members on the floor to give it proper consideration."

He made the statement after Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley, of Kentucky revealed that steps have been taken to recall Senators who were not included in the bare quorum available last week.

Hitler's 'Killer' To Face Noose

Former Mayor Karl Goerdeler of Leipzig, described as "the leader and center of the conspiracy" to assassinate Adolf Hitler last July 20, has been sentenced to death by hanging, along with six other "politicians," German Overseas News Agency reported yesterday.

A Reich government statement, asserting the conspiracy dated back to 1942, said Goerdeler "prepared the details of the plot and the assassination" and as "liaison between the military and political factions" negotiated with the enemy "and from him received directions and also the means with which to carry out the assassination."

"Goerdeler was planning to establish a military dictatorship (with himself as chancellor) immediately after Hitler had been murdered," the statement added, "and then surrender to the Allies."

Four of the other defendants, and the posts the news agency said they were to have held in Goerdeler's government, were listed as: former Hessian Minister of the Interior Wilhelm Leuchner (vice-chancellor), former Ambassador to Italy Ulrich von Hassell (foreign minister), Attorney Joseph Wirth (minister of justice), and former Reichstag Deputy Paul Lejeune-Jung (minister of national economy).

The other two were Count Helldorf, Berlin police head, and former Counselor Trott zu Solz of the Foreign Ministry.

Allied Injured Evacuated From Airfield at Paris

NINTH AIR FORCE HQ, France, Sept. 11 (AP)—A Paris airfield is serving as an evacuation base for wounded. Battle casualties are rushed here by ambulance and flown directly to Britain in a matter of hours.

The same airfield also is serving as a base for transport planes flying food to Paris.

Engineers are still working on other airfields. Altogether there are ten good bases around Paris which the Germans used as fighter-bomber bases. All were heavily bombed by the Allies.

AFN Radio Program

- On Your Dial**
- 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.
 - 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.
- Tuesday, September 12**
- 0800—Sign On—News—Program resume.
 - 0815—Songs by Jimmy Cash.
 - 0830—Music in the Modern Manner.
 - 0900—Headlines—Melody Roundup.
 - 0920—Combat Diary.
 - 0935—Music We Love.
 - 1000—Headlines—Victory Parade (Mal Hallet).
 - 1015—Personal Album (Joan Barton).
 - 1030—Strike Up the Band.
 - 1055—Home News from the U.S.A.
 - 1100—Headlines—Morning After (Command Performance).
 - 1130—Duffie Bag.
 - 1300—News.
 - 1310—Sports Flashes.
 - 1345—Bandwagon.
 - 1400—Headlines—Visiting Hour.
 - 1500—Headlines—Strike Up the Band.
 - 1530—Combat Diary.
 - 1545—On the Record.
 - 1630—Canadian Military Band.
 - 1700—Headlines—Grand Old Opry.
 - 1730—Raymond Scott.
 - 1745—Mark Up the Map.
 - 1755—American Sports Roundup.
 - 1800—World News—Program Resume.
 - 1805—GI Supper Club.
 - 1900—World News.
 - 1905—California Melodies.
 - 1935—Take the Air.
 - 2020—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
 - 2005—American Dance Band.
 - 2030—Blonde and Dagwood.
 - 2100—World News.
 - 2105—Report from the Western Front.
 - 2115—Anne Shelton.
 - 2145—Hame and Gilbert.
 - 2200—Headlines—Ten O'Clock Special.
 - 2300—Final Edition—Sign off until 0800 hours, Wednesday, Sept. 13.
- On the Continent listen to your favorite AFN programs over the Allied Expeditionary Forces Program: 583 kc. 514m.

Harry, Look!



Oh for the life of a sailor. This one, just home from a stretch at Saipan, goes right into a clinch with Betty Grable (Mrs. Harry James). Of course it may have helped matters some that he is Cesar Romero, the actor, now a second class bosun's mate in the Coast Guard.

5th Army Clears Two Key Cities

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Sept. 11 (Reuter)—Gen. Mark Clark's Fifth Army troops yesterday drove back the Germans into the Gothic line fortifications north and west of Florence and have cleared the important cities of Prato and Pistoia on the western flank.

Pistoia, an important communications center 20 miles northwest of Florence, commands railway lines to Bologna and the northeast and to Pisa and the coast. Prato is approximately halfway between Pistoia and Florence.

On the Adriatic sector the battle of the ridges below Rimini continued with full ferocity, with the Eighth Army beating back savage German counter-attacks. Casualties have been heavy on both sides.

Air - - - -

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a Nazi headquarters building and signal center in Metz. One Havoc is missing.

Later in the day six waves of B26s and A20s, numbering about 130 planes, hit enemy strongpoints on the enemy line between Metz and Thionville.

In addition a small force of medium bombers blasted an enemy airfield at Leeuwarden.

Railway yards, tanks and motor transport just ahead of American fighting lines in an area from the Netherlands border to Metz were under almost constant attack Sunday by hundreds of Ninth P38s and P47s. No fighter-bombers were lost.

14 GAR Vets Show Up For Annual Encampment

DES MOINES, Ia., Sept. 11 (ANS)—Fourteen Union veterans of the Civil War arrived for the opening of the 78th national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. George A. Gay, 95, of Nashua, N.H., took the place of Commander-in-Chief George H. Jones, 95, of Oxford, Me., who was in a hospital here recovering from a cold.

Duchess Leaves Hospital

NEW YORK, Sept. 11 (Reuter)—The Duchess of Windsor left Roosevelt Hospital today where she was operated upon 11 days ago for appendicitis.

Renault Works Wrecked by 8th Pinpoint Raids

Manager Tells How Bombs Crippled War Output For Germans

By Peter Lisagor

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

PARIS, Sept. 11—The Eighth Air Force came back to the Renault Works on a friendly mission—to inspect one of its juiciest targets in France during two years of strategic bombing. And the Renault people produced documented evidence of the monkey wrench thrown into Nazi war production by Allied air raids, evidence more eloquent than the picture of smoking wreckage carried back by the raiders.

It was at Billancourt, a few miles outside Paris, where the Renault plant spreads over 500 acres of an island washed by the Seine, that precision bombing got one of its first real tests. The Henry Ford of Europe, Renault owned the largest motor plant in Europe, turning out more than 1,000 motor transports a month, as well as training aircraft, aero and marine engines, guns and tanks—a critical point in the German industrial system.

On April 4, 1943, 85 bombers of the old First Wing, commanded by Col. Curtis E. Lemay, and led by Capt. Allen V. Martini, of San Francisco, and his "Cocktail Kids," went out under ideal conditions, unescorted, fought their way in, dropped their load, and fought their way home again. Martini accounted for 10 enemy ships, a record at the time. But more important to the officials was the damage done to Renault.

Rebuilt in Four Months

Renault, they knew, had been knocked out by 222 RAF night bombers in March, 1942, and had been rebuilt within four months to a point where production returned to pre-raid levels. They knew that the April 4 raid had pin-pointed the target, and that a later raid on Sept. 15 had crippled the works again, forcing it to close down for three weeks after the April attack and for a month following the Sept. 15 bombardment.

But only now could the Eighth officials get at first hand the whole picture of their operations.

Jean Renault, youthful son of Renault's founder, and Marcel Guillemon, one of the managers, told the story. After the RAF raid in March, 1942, a low altitude attack lasting two hours (300 bombs were dropped, about 10 per cent of the buildings were completely destroyed, 500 machines irreparably damaged, another 1,000 badly damaged, four people killed in the plant, nearly 500 in neighboring Ballincourt), the management debated whether to rebuild, Renault said. To avoid having their 12,000 or more workers transported to Germany, they decided to repair the damage with their own men. "We took our time, worked very slowly and used many pretexts not to keep to the quotas set by the Germans," Guillemon explained.

Show Took Four Minutes

When the first Eighth raiders came on Apr. 4, 1943, Guillemon said, it was a Sunday and many people were in the streets, and at a nearby race track. Because the Germans alone gave the alarm—and usually too late to permit Renault workers to rush to their vast underground shelter which accommodates 20,000 people—the alert was not sounded until 2.15 p.m. The first bomb dropped at 2.16. In four minutes the raid was over. About 157 1,000-pound bombs fell inside the plant, only 13 of which were duds. An estimated 480 bombs fell altogether.

The Renault statistics of that raid were that only one-fifth of the plant was left undamaged. It took three months to restore the plant.

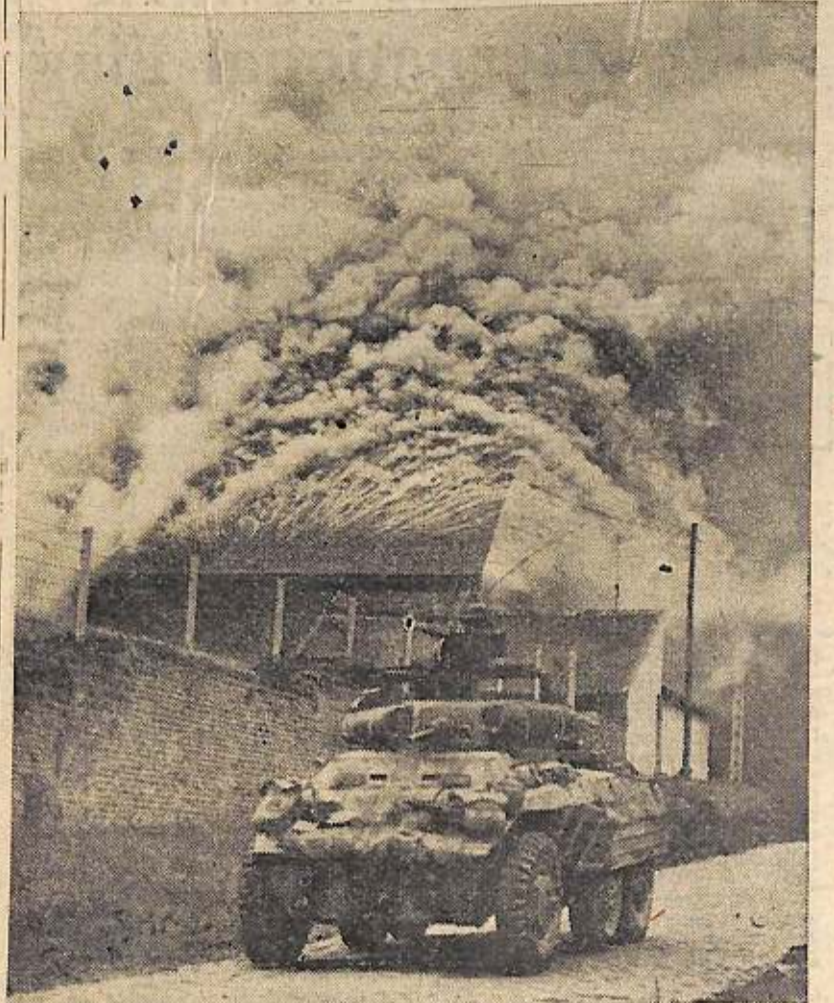
On Sept. 3, 1943, 37 planes dropped 40 tons on Caudron, the aircraft subsidiary of Renault, which repaired Messerschmitt fighter wings and fuselage, built trainer planes and tanks, but the raid was only partially successful. But on Sept. 15, 40 planes of the Third Division returned to knock the whole works out of action for a month. Renault described the attack as "a good concentration of bombs. The plant burned for three days. Bombs also fell on the main plant on a critical point."

After the Sept. 15 raid, the Germans moved part of the assembly plant to Belfort, 300 miles east. Bombardment of railways made the transportation there stopped in April of this year.

Allied Flags Fly in Vichy

French and Allied flags are flying in the main streets of Vichy and at the Hotel des Ambassadeurs, seat of the Diplomatic Corps, said Algiers Radio, quoted by Reuter.

Mopping Up in Belgium



Against the background of a barn still smoking from German shellfire, a U.S. armored car moves through a Belgian town to mop up the last resistance.

Gals (No Dummies) To Yield to Beaus And Let Hair Down

CHICAGO, Sept. 11 (UP)—Men like it down. But women like it up. So there must be a compromise on hair styles when GIs come back from the wars, says Miss Edna L. Emme, president of the National Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association.

"Men want curls. They want their wife or sweetheart to look soft and feminine. They do not want her to look intellectual," Miss Emme said.

Most women prefer to look smart. They like the smooth sleek upsweep hairdress that gives them a more intellectual look. But they are smart enough to dress for men as well as for women. So when they go to meet Johnnie coming home they probably will let it down.

Planes Fly Atlantic Every 22 Minutes

NEW YORK, Sept. 11—Col. Luther Harris, commander of maintenance and engineering for the Army Air Transport Command, said yesterday that ATC planes are crossing the Atlantic at the rate of one every 22 minutes and the Pacific every hour and 42 minutes, and are scaling the Himalayas into China every 10 minutes.

He revealed that in one recent month ATC delivered more than 65,000,000 pounds of vital cargo to the various fronts. He said returning planes brought back more than 10,000 wounded during the first half of 1944.

Harris said thousands of pints of whole blood were being carried to the LTO each month. In addition 9,000,000 pounds of letter mail were delivered during the first seven months of this year.

New Seaplane Developed By French Despite Nazis

PARIS, Sept. 11 (AP)—The underground airplane industry flourished in France during the German occupation and produced a new six-engine seaplane which is potential competitor for the American Mars, the French Air Ministry announced today.

In secret laboratories in the Alps foothills and forest-shrouded workshops in southern France French technicians, under the noses of the Germans, designed the new model and by the time of the liberation had its principal parts ready for assembly.

Briefs From Home

Beau Geste

NEW YORK, Sept. 11 (ANS)—The War Department has sanctioned a voluntary fund originated to pay for telephone calls home by newly-arrived wounded soldiers, officials at Mitchell Field announced. Over \$3,000, enough for 1,500 calls, already has been subscribed.

Some Gals Are Never Happy

TIFFIN, Ohio, Sept. 11 (ANS)—Penny Little's husband Glen entered the Navy and she decided life would be dull so she became a steeplejack. A mother of three children she considered housework alone wasn't enough to keep her busy. Friends wonder if she actually shouldn't be called a "steeplejill."

U.S. Sub Presumed Lost

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (AP)—The American submarine Robalo, commanded by Lt. Cmdr. Manning M. Kimmel, son of Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel, is overdue and presumed lost, a Navy announcement said.

Record Mitchell Turnout

KANSAS CITY, Kan., Sept. 11 (AP)—Three hundred B25 Mitchells were completed during August at the North American Aviation plant here, which is now the sole producer of Mitchells, company officials announced. The production was the largest for one month in the plant's history.

Scratch Off Whole Thing

YONKERS, N.Y., Sept. 11 (ANS)—A 17-year-old girl is itching but not for revenge. She asked a municipal judge to dismiss a third degree assault charge against a suitor who allegedly massaged her with poison ivy when she jilted him.

Hospital for Nazi Prisoners

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (AP)—The Army announced that a civilian hospital at Okmulgee, Okla., had been converted into a hospital for German prisoners—the first in the U.S. for the exclusive use of prisoners and staffed, except for chiefs, by German doctors.

A Hole in the Planning

SALT LAKE CITY, Sept. 11 (ANS)—Four-year-old Leonard Earl Radford, playing commando with two other boys, four and ten, was ordered to advance across an open field. Leonard started, but stepped into a booby-trap—an eight-foot hole 16 inches across which had been covered with paper and camouflaged. Firemen rescued him.



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