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Sky Troops Take 13 Dutch Towns

Nazis Report Whole Baltic Line Aflame

50 Soviet Divisions Wage Massive Offensive On 170-Mile Front

One of the biggest battles yet fought on the Russian front—one that Berlin said "overshadows all other fighting in the east"—raged yesterday along a 170-mile stretch of the Baltic states where the Germans reported no less than 50 to 60 Soviet divisions on the offensive.

The massive operation was in its fourth day yesterday according to Berlin, but Moscow so far has said nothing about it—a silence that suggested the Soviet High Command was waiting for a sensational advance to announce.

One possibility that arose immediately, with the Germans themselves admitting the Russians were only 16 miles from Riga, was that Marshal Stalin might be holding off to announce the capture of that Latvian capital.

No substantial changes were reported in other sectors. An intense artillery duel went on between the Germans in Warsaw and the Russians across the Vistula in Praga, and Berlin reported Soviet units had already begun attempts to force the river.

The Polish underground army battling inside Warsaw reported it was "forcing the enemy to fight on two fronts" and had won some ground in the center of the city "thanks to support from Soviet artillery."

German accounts of the Baltic battle were studded with phrases like "deep breaches," "major breaches" and "gaps torn in the German front." Col. Alfred von Olberg, commentator for German Overseas News Agency, said fighting had "reached an unprecedented peak" on a front running from Lake Peipus, along the eastern edge of Estonia, to Bauske, 40 miles south of Riga.

The Russians widened their front another 50 miles, Col. Ernst von Hammer of German News Agency said, by launching a large-scale attack at Tartu, Estonian rail town midway down the west side of (Continued on page 4)

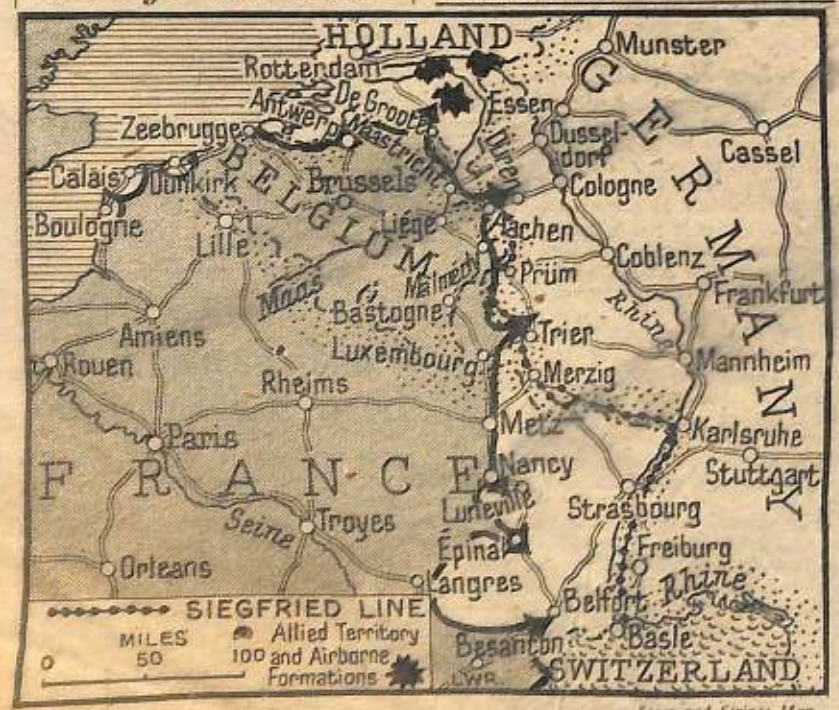
Lana's Ex Just Wags Finger, But Terrible Turk Wags His Fist

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 18 (ANS)—Stephen Crane, actor who recently was divorced by Lana Turner, tonight nursed a black eye given him, witnesses said, by Turkish actor Turhan Bey who squirmed Lana to a top-drawer film party.

Crane was at a fashionable party given at the home of the dark-eyed actress, Ann Rutherford and her husband, department store executive David May, when his ex-wife arrived with the husky Turk.

Other guests reported Crane objected to Miss Turner's keeping such company and invited Bey to the garden. They reportedly traded several blows before friends separated them. Crane got a swollen eye and Bey several scratches.

Drive for Junction



British armored columns in the north linked up with airborne troops who landed behind Nazi lines in Holland at the mouth of the Rhine.

Americans Meet Fire With Fire



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Artillery fire from Yank guns blasted Germans from positions they held in town of Wallendorf, Germany. Furniture has been removed from blazing homes, which were fired when snipers felled several Yank soldiers after white flags were hung from the windows.

8th Heavies Drop Supplies Into Holland and Warsaw

While nearly 250 Eighth Air Force Liberators, minus bomb loads, yesterday dropped supplies to Allied airborne forces in Holland. Fortresses in a shuttle mission carried supplies to the Polish forces in the city of Warsaw and continued on to bases in Russia.

Some of the escorting P51s also flew to Russia, while others turned back at the Polish border and returned to British bases.

Flak was moderate to intense, but no enemy fighters attacked the Forts. The Mustangs which returned to England encountered some German planes, shooting down four and destroying three more by strafing in Germany.

Up to 750 Eighth P38s, P47s and P51s

Suburban Rail Strike In Chicago Averted

CHICAGO, Sept. 18 (ANS)—The nation's strike picture was brightened today as a threatened Chicago transit stoppage was postponed and 3,500 workers returned to their jobs at closed plants in Kansas City and Pittsburgh.

The scheduled Chicago walkout involving operators on the city's two most important suburban lines would have affected service to Great Lakes and Fort Sheridan and also 100 factories in North Chicago, Waukegan and Milwaukee.

In Kansas City, 2,000 workers at the Oldsmobile Division plant of General Motors were ordered back to work by the UAW.

Over 1,000 shipyard employes of the Dravo Electrical Works in Pittsburgh also were back at work.

shepherded the Liberators, in addition to continuing their support of the airborne troops. The pursuits shot up and dive-bombed Nazi flak positions, meeting somewhat stiffer enemy fighter opposition than the previous day.

Although other fighter groups reported seeing no enemy aircraft, one group of Mustangs fought off 60 Me109s and FW190s in central Holland. Early reports said the P51s bagged 26 Nazi planes in the air. Two fighters were lost.

In addition to flying 500 sorties over Holland Sunday in support of the First Allied Airborne Army, Ninth fighter-bombers again attacked Brest, as well as German defenses in the Siegfried Line and road and rail communications between the line and the Rhine River. None of the fighter-bombers was lost.

Two lone Thunderbolts from the group commanded by Col. Harold W. McColpin, of Buffalo, N.Y., disabled four locomotives and shot up 20 flat-cars carrying armored vehicles southwest of Cologne.

60 U.S. Divisions Now In Combat, 8 Set to Go

CHICAGO, Sept. 18 (AP)—The United States Army has 60 divisions in combat with eight more sailing for overseas this month, Gen. George C. Marshall told the American Legion convention today.

Very Model of a Modern Major-General

Surrenders 20,000 Men With Arms

By Bud Kane

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BEAUGENCY, Sept. 18—One of the weirdest mass surrenders in military history occurred yesterday when 20,000 German air force men, marines and soldiers with more than 1,900 vehicles under the command of Maj. Gen. Erich Elster, former commandant at Biarritz, laid down their arms in a formal ceremony to Maj. Gen. Robert C. Macon, of the 83rd Infantry Division.

The story behind the surrender goes back to Sept. 8, when Lt. Samuel W. Magill, of Ashtabula, Ohio, leader of an intelligence and reconnaissance patrol reaching across the Loire River, learned that a large body of Germans coming up from the Spanish border were attempting to slip through a gap at Belfort already being closed by the Seventh Army from the south and the Third Army from the west. Magill and his men, knowing that the Ninth Air Force and the Maquis were raising havoc with the Germans, slid into this open territory Sept. 8 and established patrols up and down the Loire.

Magill was told by the Maquis that a German general was willing to discuss peace terms if there were Americans in

Germans Surrender, Then Fire, So Yanks Burn Down Town

American troops have burned down the German town of Wallendorf, northeast of Trier, because villagers hung out surrender flags and then sniped at the invading units, American radio in Europe announced yesterday.

The broadcast said that when the troops reached the village limits they saw the white surrender flags on every building and Allied flags displayed prominently. "The American soldiers entered the town, but suddenly shots were fired and several soldiers fell," the announcement said.

(The London Evening News reported yesterday that 24 American soldiers, including four medical corpsmen, were killed.)

"Sharp orders were issued by the commanding officer and rapidly carried out. The whole town was burned to the ground."

Ike Advises Legion Germany's End Near

CHICAGO, Sept. 18 (ANS)—Gen. Eisenhower told the American Legion Convention in a message today that the defeat of Germany is fast approaching.

Eisenhower's message was relayed by the War Department from his headquarters in France where 26 years ago today the veterans now gathered in Chicago Coliseum were breaking the Kaiser's back in the Battle of the Meuse-Argonne.

The Supreme Allied Commander sent his regrets for not being able to address the convention by radio.



German Maj. Gen. Erich Elster shakes hands with a cross-section of his 20,000 men before surrendering to Americans. Elster agreed to permit the shot to be taken by a U.S. Signal Corps photographer in return for two prints of the picture.

the vicinity. Magill met Elster and began negotiations.

To preserve his "honor," Elster requested that Magill deploy two battalions of Americans across the Loire and that

Link Made By Armored British Push

Third Army 18 Miles Past Nancy and Through Lorraine Gap

BULLETIN

BEHIND GERMAN LINES IN HOLLAND, Sept. 18 (Reuter)—Gliderborne reinforcements arrived today for the Allied airborne army as first advanced armored patrols of the British, driving north from the Belgian border, established contact.

(Third Army troops were 18 miles east of Nancy—an advance which meant Gen. Patton's men were through the Lorraine gap and little more than 50 miles from Strasbourg and the Rhine—a Reuter dispatch said).

At least 13 villages were liberated yesterday by the Allied airborne forces in Holland while sky trains flew in more men and supplies, and spearheads of the British Second Army stabbed seven miles across the Netherlands border.

Berlin said that the Tommies were driving for a link-up with the first airborne contingent, which it placed at Eindhoven.

Official word from SHAEF said only that the bold operation launched Sunday was going well and that losses were very light. But a United Press reporter with the airborne army told of 13 hamlets and villages evacuated by the Germans on the southern flank of the operation and indicated that more probably were occupied by the airborne troops to the north of that sector.

Unconfirmed reports by Paris Radio declared that Allied troops in Holland had captured all three towns where the Germans said the first landings took place—Tilburg, Eindhoven and Nijmegen.

Meanwhile the U.S. First Army's drive into Germany was within 20 miles of Cologne at some points. Yanks pushing eastward from Aachen, which was almost completely surrounded, gained steadily against bitter resistance.

Canadian First Army troops inside Boulogne were gradually wiping out (Continued on page 4)

Allied Assaults Halted in Italy

ROME, Sept. 18 (AP)—Massive assaults by both the Eighth and Fifth Armies against the heavily fortified Nazi lines in northern Italy made little progress and fierce fighting continued on a broad front today.

Canadian and Greek troops on the Adriatic coast fought hard to gain a few hundred yards and reach the northwestern corners of Rimini airfield.

A bloody battle is still being waged for surrounding high ground dominating the airfield from the west. German paratroopers, strongly supported by big Tiger tanks, fiercely contested every British attempt to advance.

a token battle be staged. Magill refused. Instead he requested the Ninth Air Force to have a large number of planes hovering in the vicinity while negotiations were (Continued on page 4)

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THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

NOTE: Lack of space forces us to limit all letters published to not more than 200 words.—Ed.

A New Job for Patton

Dear Stars and Stripes, Say, I just had an idea. With all the hullabaloo going on about what to do with Germany after the war—why not install General Patton as Governor-General?

It Cost Terry Dough

Reference Sept. 8, 1944, edition of The Stars and Stripes wherein was carried the comic serial "Terry and the Pirates" by Milton Caniff. Please be advised that Terry is under a misunderstanding as to his pay status upon promotion from flight officer to second lieutenant.

For Real Democracy

Congratulations for your editorial in The Stars and Stripes of Sept. 15 concerning the American Negro in the Army. Though the article did not go far enough it was at least a step in the right direction.

Round No. 2 on Salutes

In reply to Lt. Clarke's letter in the "B bag" regarding the unsoldierly appearance of many officers in London, I'd like to say a word or two. Since Air Corps officers predominate in the U.K., doubtless they make up the majority of the offenders.

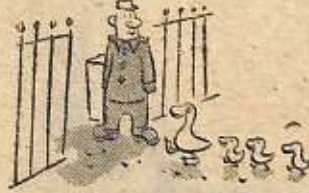
The Gals Gripe, Too

Rotation plan? What's that? In the ANC we don't know of any such thing! Then, too, we will be the last ones to set our feet on the good old U.S.A.

Hash Marks

And then there was the GI wolf who was so lazy he wouldn't even exercise a little discretion. Our idea of a masterful speech was the one delivered by a second lieutenant as his outfit crossed into Germany.

You can't beat nature for Novelty. A Mallard duck in the Philadelphia zoo stole away from her home, hatched



Overheard at the Front. "Aw, this Siegfried Line ain't so tough. You shoulda been with us one afternoon when we played the Chicago Bears—that was a line!"

Our spy on the Home Front reports hearing the following conversation via a Coast Guard telephone line: "Hey, bub, got any Spare-parts?"

WACTivities. At a certain base headquarters where saluting is a "must," even in the corridors of the buildings, a transportation corps officer passed two WACs and was surprised when one saluted and the other didn't.

Capt. John D. Brooks, intelligence officer of a port headquarters, is candid, to say the least. Needing plane reservations for himself and two paratroopers, he asked the clerk for "seats for two airborne troops and one chairborne officer."

Co-Operation. An officer, a suitcase in each hand, was walking along the street with an Army nurse. Loaded down as he was, he let the nurse do all the necessary

saluting—but he co-operated by tipping her off, by calling out air-corps-style signals such as "Major at 4 o'clock—two colonels at 2 o'clock," and the nurse would throw a snappy highball in the right direction.

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An Editorial American Graves Mined by Nazis

THE official caption on this picture reads this way: "MINED AMERICAN GRAVES IN NORMANDY"—An American soldier leaves a notice that these graves of U.S. soldiers on the road to La Haye du Puits, Normandy, were mined by the Germans after burial by the French.



Mining a grave is a dirty trick in any man's language.

The only excuse is that war is war—and anything goes. That's the simple, realistic slant the Germans have—and if that's a surprise to you, Joe, you're still wet behind the ears.

What's hard to figure out about the Kraut is that he keeps on fighting at all. You don't have to be a West Pointer to savvy the hopeless spot Germany is in. Hitler must know. So must the last dumkopf in the last wobbly rank of the Landwehr.

Yet the Nazis keep shooting and

being shot. Killing and being killed. Spilling blood and spreading misery in a hopeless, rotten cause they're the first to renounce the minute they're taken prisoner.

The Jap is that way too. Good partners—the Nazis and Nips. And a plague on both their houses.

Notes from the Air Force

WHEN the Liberator lurched while he was repairing broken fuel lines which were showering him with gasoline, 1/Lt. James W. Evans, bombardier from Corning, N.Y., fell through the open bomb bay doors without a parachute and was left dangling from the bomber at 20,000 feet on the end of a 12-foot rope.

The B24, piloted by 1/Lt. George P. Bradley, of Springfield, Mo., had been hit by flak, jamming the high explosives in the bomb bay so they could not be jettisoned. Evans, minus a chute because of the cramped quarters, stood on the narrow, slippery catwalk over the bomb bay and pried the bombs loose.

Then he tied the rope around his waist and stood astride the bomb bay in order to reach and repair the fuel lines. He lost his footing. The three gunners on the other end of the rope finally pulled Evans back into the plane.

The pilot brought the bomber back to base with the hydraulic system shut out and landed safely, using two parachutes released from the waist windows in lieu of brakes which would not function.

DINAH Shore and other USO entertainers joined with Maj. Glenn Miller's band in giving out with rhythm and jive at the Fortress station commanded by Col. Charles B. Dougher, of Fresno, Cal., where GIs and their guests celebrated the group's 200th combat mission.

The group holds the Presidential citation with cluster. Among the guests were the outfit's former COs—Col. Frederick W. Castle, of New York, and Col. John G. Moore, of Las Animus, Colo.

In 52,280 operational flying hours, the group has dropped 8,800 tons of bombs on Nazi military and industrial targets. The gunners destroyed 340 enemy aircraft, probably destroyed 87 and damaged 140.

It's a Thorough Business, Bidding the Army Goodbye

This is the second in a series of two articles by a Stars and Stripes staff writer, describing the model process by which an estimated million soldiers will be demobilized after Germany falls.

By Bud Hutton

FORT DIX, N.J., Sept. 18—Suppose the Army has said, "Okay, boys, we're going to demobilize a million men." Your service rating is tallied up and you are one of the million. They put you on a boat with your papers and you see the Statue of Liberty for the first time in years.

Now what? At the New York POE they check your home town against a list of areas around 18 separation centers, Army installations the exact opposite of reception centers which gave millions their O.Ds. The POE clerk looks at you and says: "Pvt. Blow, I see you're from Pipersville, Pa., so you will go to Fort Dix for your separation."

You go and you get off the train carrying your baggage as hand luggage, and it's hup-two-three-four. So what's different about this? Pvt. Walter Stewart, of Allentown, Pa., shows you what's different.

In 48 Hours—Out!

A veteran of Africa, a Soldier's Medal on his chest, Stewart knows the first question you're going to ask as you start the separation process at his desk: How long does it take? Stewart's answer comes from WD Cir. 292, which stipulates that separation be consummated within 48 hours of arrival at the center, and he takes a quick look at your papers to see if they're all there and puts your name, rank and serial number on the roster. As of now, you're really on the way out.

There will be officers and WACs going out as well, but they will be in separate lines to facilitate matters. Anyway, Pvt. Blow goes on a locator card because the separation setup comprises three-quarters of a division area. You get a quick medical inspection and initial clothing check and company assignment.

As you turn away from the first phase and head for an orientation lecture—because the officials figure that if you know what they are doing everything will be easier—your papers will start along a route which will check and recheck, file and crossfile, and come up with all the answers about you and then be waiting when you wind up day after tomorrow at the finance office drawing your millions.

Last Medical Exam

In a big room you will hear staff members, who have been as carefully trained for their job as Rangers for theirs, describe how the separation center works, your duties, rights and benefits, such as insurance and aid in getting jobs.

The next step in the process finds you with the medics for the last time in your Army career, and it's the most thorough checkup ever. You are given a statement to fill out and from it and the examination the medics compile data designed to safeguard you.

If you have been wounded, disabled or infected in the Army they check it, so that it can be remedied if possible, and if not, so you can get compensation.

You are X-rayed from skull to toes. Your teeth are checked and fixed if they need it.

The separation center does not issue medical discharges. If a soldier fails to meet the Army's minimum physical qualifications, he is sent to a hospital for a CDD in the regular manner.

With the physical examination comes a similarly thorough psychiatric examination by experts. The psychiatrist will want to know how long you have been overseas—the average today is 17 months—and he will talk to you as one citizen to another for a while and pretty soon you discover he has found out whether

you are happy to be home, what you expect from civilian life, whether you are going back to your old job or seeking a new one, and whether combat or anything else has put you in a neurotic condition.

Assigned to Counselor

Thus far you have been treated with individual care, but it has not been too different from any well-intentioned outfit. But the next step is like nothing you ever knew in the Army, including the chaplain. You are assigned to a counselor; officers for officers, EMs for EMs.

You and the counselor get together on your civilian and Army background, and he applies the information to a conversion table which will show along what general lines you are best fitted to work in civilian life. You are not bound by it, of course, but it helps, and your counselor will add to it some shrewd advice.

One of your big problems, according to precedent, is going to be insurance. Your counselor will explain the whole setup, and will probably urge you to make no effort at conversion until you find out what sort of job you have and what you will be able to carry. If you are like most GIs—including your beat up old Uncle Bud—you don't understand insurance. Forget it. Your counselor will explain everything.

The separation centers are also working on a plan of advising your former employer of your separation from the service, which will help you and your economic situation.

The Payoff

Your counselor will also show you how to take tests for high school accreditation if you want to go to college, and if you wish he'll help you register with the War Manpower Commission as well as with the Veterans Administration representative at the center.

You still have a final showdown inspection and a happy session with the finance officer. If you are an average private you'll draw about \$150, including the \$100 first instalment on your mustering out pay. While you are here you can draw whatever money you have in soldier deposits, as well as the four per cent interest. You will also get five cents a mile travel fare to your home (or place of enlistment, depending upon the case).

New Armored Car With Punch of Tank Disclosed by Army

DETROIT, Sept. 18 (ANS)—Production of a new weapon—a high-speed armored car called the "Staghound"—by General Motors Corp.

Because of its speed and firepower the vehicle combines the features of a tank and reconnaissance car, an official of the company revealed. It already has been proved in combat in Italy and France where it has been "particularly successful as a menace to enemy supply lines and in eliminating machine-gun nests and light weapon emplacements," the official said.

Weighing 14 tons, the car is about 17 feet long and carries a crew of five.



"It's all very nice, Chester—but it won't burn coal!"

Tigers Oust Browns From Lead; Yanks Fall to 3rd

Packers Clip Tigers, 14-7, In Pro Season Opener

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 18—The National Football League season got under way here yesterday with the Green Bay Packers defeating the Brooklyn Tigers, 14-7, in a rough game that saw Brooklyn write two new records into the book for penalties. The officials called 21 penalties totaling 165 yards for a new high for one game in each department.

The game was closely contested all the way and the break didn't come until late in the third period when a blocked punt paved the way for the winning score.

The Packers notched their first touchdown in the closing minutes of the first period when, after a 63-yard march, Irving Comp tossed 24 yards into the end zone to Don Hutson. Hutson, playing his tenth season with the Packers, ran his streak of scoring games to 36 straight.

The Tigers tied it up in the third frame after a 43-yard advance featured by Pug Manders' line smashing and Ken Fryer's passing. Manders finally went over from the one-yard marker and Bruiser Kinard booted the tying point.

Later in the same period, Packer Tackle Buford Ray blocked Fryer's attempted punt and Charlie Brock recovered on the 20 and went three yards before being nailed. Lou Brock then skirted left end and Hutson added the point.

While all this was going on, of course, the enemy in Detroit was scalping, hanging and quartering Indians, with Stubby Overmire and Ruffus the Goofus Gentry wielding the hatchets. All of which means we can expect Newhouser and Trout to toss a couple of no-hitters against the wilting warriors of the Bronx, unless McCarthy's carpenters plug the holes in Yankee bats and use them instead of admiring the scenery as the strikes whiz by.

A more pleasant subject today concerns Pete Gray, one-armed Memphis Chick outfielder, just named the Southern Association's most valuable player for 1944. Pete was not only one of the circuit's best defensive gardeners, with an amazingly accurate throwing arm and speed that made him a demon on the base paths, but he batted .320, leading the Chicks into the post-season playoffs. A self-made man who picked baseball as a career despite his physical handicap, Gray is easily the most courageous of the nation's athletes.



Pete Gray

Whenever Hammerin' Henry Armstrong needs a fall guy he always can count on Aldo Spoldi, who has been campaigning in the ring since John L's grandfather was running snakes out of Erin. The beautiful friendship between Henry and Aldo began in 1937, when Henry whipped the Italian. Three years later Henry the Hammer kayoed his pal in seven rounds and has belted him out twice this year.

The tipoff on the Packers' close shave with Brooklyn's football Tigers is that Curly Lambeau's Green Bay roughnecks are confidently conceding themselves the National Football League crown and Curly is worried.

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Minor League Playoffs Bears Take Second in a Row From Leafs; Orioles Beaten

NEW YORK, Sept. 18—The Newark Bears pushed over a run in the 11th inning yesterday to defeat the Toronto Maple Leafs, 3-2, and take a 2-0 lead in the International League's semi-final in the playoffs, while Buffalo beat the Baltimore Orioles, 9-4, in the first game of their oft-postponed series.

Forrest Orrell was credited with the Buffalo victory, although Henry Oana was needed for relief. A five run rally in the eighth broke a 4-4 deadlock and the Johnny Podgajny was charged with the defeat.

Newark's winning run came on a single by Billy Rabe after Steve Kuk walked and advanced on a sacrifice by Joe Page Page, who took the mound in the tenth with the score tied, was the mound winner, while Al Jarlet went the route for the Leafs in losing.

The Memphis Chicks drew nearer to the Southern Association championship by defeating Nashville Vols, 4-2, in ten innings to gain a 3-1 lead in their best four-of-seven series. The Chicks slapped four Nashville pitchers for two markers in the top of the tenth, while Eli Kinder held the Volunteers to five blows and got the nod over Russ Meyer.

Other playoff games saw St. Paul defeat Toledo, 12-7, and Louisville top Milwaukee, 8-6, in the American Association. In the Eastern League Binghamton stopped Albany, 10-0, and Utica beat Hartford, 5-4.

Eagles Topple Detroit, 27-7

DETROIT, Sept. 18—The Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League unearthed a rookie sensation in Melvin Bleeker, ex-Southern California halfback, here yesterday as they defeated the Detroit Lions in an exhibition game, 27-7. Bleeker gained 67 yards in 12 tries and tallied two touchdowns. He plunged two yards in the first period for a score and ran 15 in the third for another.

Jack Banta, also from Southern Cal, raced 34 yards to set up a second period touchdown and tallied on a lateral pass from Roy Zimmerman on the one-yard line. Quarterback Al Sherman sliced through from the two for the Eagles' final score in the last stanza.

The Detroit Lions scored in the last period when Frankie Sinkwich passed 28 yards to Al Van Tone on the 15 and Van Tone went the rest of the way.

Bears Humble Giants, 20-10

BUFFALO, N.Y., Sept. 18—The Chicago Bears came from behind to defeat the New York Giants, 20-10, here yesterday in an exhibition game before 21,000 shirt-sleeved fans. The Bears were trailing, 10-6, in the last period when Gen Ronzani and Quarterback Johnny Long passed the Bears to victory.

The Bears traveled from midfield to the two-yard line on two passes from Long to Abe Croft and Connie Mack Berry and then Gary Famiglietti bulled over for the score. Later in the quarter, with Famiglietti, Al Grygo and Bob Margarita running through quick openings from the T, the Bears went from their own 39 to the Giants' 24, when Ronzani flipped to Berry for a touchdown.

Rams Stop Sampson, 26-12 SAMPSON, N.Y., Sept. 18—The Cleveland Rams struck for two touchdowns in the first period and went on to defeat the Sampson Naval Training Station gridders, 26-12, here yesterday.

Busy Backstop



Paul Richards

Cubs Humble Cards Twice; Pirates and Redlegs Divide

NEW YORK, Sept. 18—The league-leading St. Louis Cardinals continued to draw raised eyebrows from their followers yesterday as they dropped two more games to Charlie Grimm's Chicago Cubs, both by 2-1 scores.

Hank Wyse bested Max Lanier to give the Bruins the nod in the first game and Claude Passeau outpitched Harry Brecheen in the nightcap. The Bruins pushed over single runs in the fifth and third innings of the opener, while Emil Verban's single and Johnny Hopp's double brought in the Cards' lone tally in the fifth. Andy Paiko's circuit clout in the seventh with a mate aboard broke up the nightcap after the Redbirds had taken a 1-0 lead on Hopp's single and Ray Sanders' double in the first.

Rip Sewell spread ten hits in copping his 18th victory as the Pirates downed the Reds, 7-1, in the first game at Pittsburgh, but Cincinnati evened it up in the second, 2-1. Babe Dahlgren knocked in three runs with three singles and Bob Elliott brought two more home with a double and two singles. Clyde Shoun lasted six innings and suffered the defeat.

A tenth-inning double by Frank McCormick after Woody Williams had walked and advanced on a sacrifice broke up the nightcap. The blow broke up a pitching duel between Harry Gumbert and Fritz Ostermuller in which the Redlegs scored first in the fourth on singles by McCormick, Ray Mueller and Eric Tipton, and the Corsairs tied it in the fifth.

The Phillies made it five straight over the Giants yesterday by defeating the Ottum in both ends of their twin feature, 7-0 and 5-4. Bill Lee gave up just two hits in the opener as Tony Lupien had a perfect day at the plate to lead the Phils' attack on Cliff Melton, Harry Feldman and Rookie Miller. Ron Northey's 19th homer with the bases clear in the sixth inning of the second game broke a 4-4 tie and gave reliever Andy Karl the victory over Jack Biefer. Vern Kennedy started for the Phils.

Jim Tobin hurled a 3-0 whitewash job at the Dodgers in the first game at Boston yesterday, but the Bums came back to cop the nightcap, 3-2. Frank Drews drove in two Boston runs in the first game with a single and double and Tobin accounted for the other when Outfielder Morris Aderholt and 16-year-old Shortstop Tom Brown collided chasing his fly in the seventh. Curt Davis was the loser. In the nightcap Dixie Walker paced the Dodgers to victory with a double, two singles and a walk as Rube Melton bested Al Javery.

Blak Undecided on Linemen WEST POINT, N.Y., Sept. 18—Army's football squad had a long workout on the tackling dummies as Lt. Col. Earl "Red" Blak continued his search for line talent.



HOW THEY STAND

American League

Detroit 7, Cleveland 2 (first game)					
Detroit 3, Cleveland 0 (second game)					
St. Louis 5, Chicago 1 (first game)					
Chicago 8, St. Louis 2 (second game)					
Philadelphia 5, New York 4 (first game)					
Philadelphia 2, New York 1 (second game)					
Washington 7, Boston 6					
W L Pct.					
Detroit .. 78 62 .557	Cleveland .. 66 75 .468				
St. Louis .. 78 63 .553	Philadelphia .. 67 75 .472				
New York .. 76 64 .543	Chicago .. 64 77 .452				
Boston .. 74 66 .529	Washington 60 81 .426				
No games scheduled.					

National League

Chicago 2, St. Louis 1 (first game)					
Chicago 2, St. Louis 1 (second game)					
Pittsburgh 7, Cincinnati 1 (first game)					
Cincinnati 2, Pittsburgh 1 (second game, 10 innings)					
Philadelphia 7, New York 0 (first game)					
Philadelphia 5, New York 4 (second game)					
Boston 3, Brooklyn 0 (first game)					
Brooklyn 3, Boston 2 (second game)					
W L Pct.					
St. Louis .. 96 45 .681	New York 63 77 .450				
Pittsburgh .. 82 58 .586	Brooklyn .. 58 82 .414				
Cincinnati .. 79 60 .568	Philadelphia 57 81 .413				
Chicago .. 66 73 .475	Boston .. 57 82 .410				
Brooklyn at Boston.					
Other teams not scheduled.					

Leading Hitters

American League					
	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Johnson, Boston	130	469	101	153	.326
Fox, Boston	112	457	67	149	.326
Doer, Boston	125	468	93	152	.325
Boudreau, Cleveland	136	528	86	168	.318
Stirnweiss, New York	140	585	114	185	.316
National League					
	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Walker, Brooklyn	133	485	75	175	.361
Musil, St. Louis	135	520	104	181	.348
Medwick, New York	123	477	63	162	.340
Hopp, St. Louis	128	487	104	162	.333
W. Cooper, St. Louis	102	359	51	115	.320
Weintraub, New York	100	341	52	109	.320
Home Run Hitters					
American League—Eiten, New York, 20;					
Stevens, St. Louis, 19; Johnson, Boston, 17.					
National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 32;					
New York, 26; Northey, Philadelphia, 19.					

Minor League Results

Pacific Coast League							
Oakland 5, Portland 4 (first game)							
Oakland 1, Portland 0 (second game)							
Seattle 6, Los Angeles 2 (first game)							
Seattle 4, Los Angeles 3 (second game, 10 innings)							
Sacramento 6, Hollywood 3 (first game)							
Hollywood 6, Sacramento 4 (second game)							
San Diego 4, San Francisco 1 (first game)							
San Diego 2, San Francisco 0 (second game)							
Final Standings							
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Los Angeles	98	71	.580	Seattle	85	84	.503
Portland	87	82	.515	Hollywood	83	86	.491
San Francisco	86	83	.509	Sacramento	76	93	.450
Oakland	86	83	.509	San Diego	75	94	.446

Bengals Subdue Tribe as Chisox, St. Louis Split

Macks Annex Twin Feature From McCarthymen; Nats Stop Bosox

NEW YORK, Sept. 18—It was the Detroit Tigers' turn again yesterday, and they stepped back into the top spot in the American League, replacing the Browns, who had held the lead for just 24 hours, by virtue of a double triumph over the Cleveland Indians. The Browns ended up in second after splitting with the White Sox, while the Yankees are down in third after being dumped twice by the Athletics.

Six-hit twirling by Stubby Overmire and lusty swatting by Rudy York gave the Tigers a 7-2 nod over the Tribe in the first game yesterday. The Bengals rapped Al Smith, Ray Poat and Joe Heving for 11 hits, including three singles by York that knocked over three runs.

Overmire had a shutout until the ninth, when the Indians scored both their runs on two doubles and a single. Smith, who lasted until the seventh, was charged with his tenth defeat. In the nightcap, Rufe Gentry, rookie right-hander, pitched his best game of the year in limiting the Tribe to two bingles in winning, 3-0. Until the ninth, when Lou Boudreau hit a single off his glove, Gentry had a no-hitter. Ed Klieman, who gave way in the final frame to Joe Heving, was the loser.

A home run by Vern Stephens with a man aboard in the first gave Nelson Potter enough margin for his 16th victory, and he proceeded to limit the White Sox to six hits as the Browns took their opener at St. Louis, 5-1. Bill Dietrich lasted six innings for Hose in losing. The Sox spoiled what started out to be a perfect day for the Brownies in the seventh inning of the nightcap, however, when they broke a 1-1 deadlock with three runs to go on to an 8-2 victory. Joe Haynes doled out ten hits while the Sox made but eight off Bob Muncrief, Sam Zoldak and Sid Jakucki, Muncrief being charged with the loss after eight frames.

Castoff Topples Yanks A lad named Larry Rosenthal, who was traded to the Athletics by the Yankees when he refused to report to Newark early in the season, gave the Mackmen their first victory, 5-4, over the Yanks yesterday when he homered in the ninth with a mate on. Errors by George Stirnweiss and Nick Eiten paved the way for two Philadelphia runs and Frankie Hayes' seven-inning homer tallied the other. Ernie Bonham went all the way for the Bombers, allowing eight hits while Luke Hamlin and Russ Christopher spaced 11. Christopher, who took over in the seventh, was the winner.

The A's got a 2-1 triumph in the second battle on singles by Dick Siebert and George Kells in the fifth, and a pass to Irving Hall, a sacrifice by Ford Garrison and a single by Hayes in the sixth. The lone Yankee tally came in the seventh, when Johnny Lindell, Nick Eiten and Frankie Crosetti bingled. Winner Don Black lasted until the seventh, when he was relieved by Joe Berry, while Walt Dubiel was the loser. The Yanks outbit their rivals, 6-4.

Six runs in the second inning told the story as the Senators defeated the Red Sox, 7-6, in a single game at Washington. The Bosox came back in the third to drive Dutch Leonard off the mound, but a double by George Myatt and a single by Joe Kuhel in the seventh gave the Senators their one-run edge. Alex Carrasquel took over from Leonard in the third and was the winner, Joe Bowman the loser.

Bauman to Captain Purdue LAFAYETTE, Ind., Sept. 18—Coach Cecil Isbell has announced that Frank Bauman, veteran end from Harvey, Ill., will serve as acting captain of the Purdue football team in the Boiler-makers' opening game at Great Lakes, Sept. 23.

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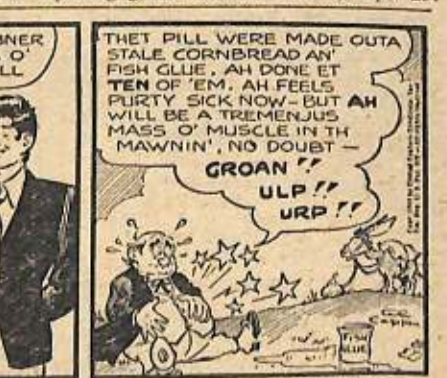
Found WILL the soldiers who picked up a serviceman in a 6 by 6 truck on the way to Newbury on Sunday, Aug. 27, please return the A630 Alfa Pioneer camera left behind.—Pfc. Gilmur Dehn.



LIL ABNER



LATER: DOGPATCH



LOOK SAM!! LIL ABNER IS A TREMENSUS MASS O' MUSCLE AGIN!!

In Those United States

Nephew Joe Has His Fun, Uncle Sam Gets the Dun

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (ANS)—Bill collectors in 40 countries have sent Uncle Sam 29,000 claims for damages in the past two and a half years and he's paid most of them.

Since American soldiers first set foot in Allied countries they've been knocking dents in fenders, running down donkeys, climbing over roofs and occasionally bashing people in the head. Uncle Sam has reached down in his pockets and paid \$2,588,000 for damages.

But he doesn't pay without putting up a fight. The Army has 100 men overseas investigating claims for the Judge Advocate General's office.

Commissioners With Armies
At least one commissioner accompanies every army in the wake of the trucks, jeeps and motorcycles to pay for roadside damages. GIs are all good drivers but they aren't used to Arabs sleeping in streets and narrow roads clogged with geese, hens and carts.

Seventy-five per cent of the claims are for motor vehicle accidents.

Uncle Sam isn't paying for bombed-out villages, ruined fields and orchards and houses in combat areas. All destruction caused directly by war will be taken care of in post-war settlements, but every accident caused by negligence of soldiers outside of combat has to be paid for by the Army if the claimant can prove his case.

In England, American paratroopers crashed into a hotel roof. The Army had to pay for 100 slates and three square feet of glass because it was not part of paratroopers' combat procedure. They had been caught climbing out of a window onto the roof.

Cop Plays Stork

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 18 (ANS)—Patrolman Samuel Van Gilder, police department specialist in emergency births, supervised at childbirth for the 22nd time in his career today.

Unable to reach a physician, friends of

Forces From China And Stilwell Troops Link After 30 Months

KANDY, Ceylon, Sept. 18—After a 30-month campaign, Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's troops, pushing east from Myitkyina, in north Burma, have contacted Chinese forces probing west from



Tengchung in a mountain pass along the Sino-Burmese border, Allied Headquarters announced today.

Meantime, another Chinese contingent occupied Lungling, a former garrison town of Japanese troops, 25 miles west of the Salween River and last link in the drive to re-open the land route from India to China.

AFN Radio Program

- "AFN"—Your American Radio on the Road to Berlin
- On Your Dial
- 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc. 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 19
- 0755—Sign On—Program Resume.
- 0800—World News.
- 0810—Songs by Connie Boswell.
- 0830—Music in the Manner of Lionel Hampton.
- 0900—Headlines—Combat Diary.
- 0915—Personal Album with Martha Meares.
- 0930—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street.
- 1000—Headlines—Morning After (Command Performance).
- 1030—Strike up the Band.
- 1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
- 1105—Duffie Bag.
- 1300—Headlines—American Sports News.
- 1305—Corporal Saddlebags.
- 1330—All Time Hit Parade.
- 1400—Headlines—Visiting Hour.
- 1500—Headlines—Strike up the Band.
- 1530—Combat Diary.
- 1545—On the Record.
- 1630—Dumpling the Mental Marvel.
- 1700—Headlines—Victory Parade.
- 1715—John Charles Thomas with Victor Young's Orchestra.
- 1745—Mark up the Map.
- 1755—American Sports News.
- 1800—World News—Program Resume.
- 1805—GI Supper Club.
- 1900—World News.
- 1905—At Ease.
- 1915—GI Journal.
- 1945—Swing Sextet.
- 2000—Headlines—News from Home.
- 2005—Report from the Western Front.
- 2015—Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians.
- 2030—Eddie Condon's Jazz Session.
- 2100—World News.
- 2105—Mail Call.
- 2135—Dinah Shore Show.
- 2200—Headlines—Ten O'Clock Special.
- 2300—Final Edition.
- 2305—Sign Off.
- On the Continent listen to your favorite AFN programs over the
- Allied Expeditionary Forces Program: 583 kc. 514m.

Mrs. Joseph Conroy, 26, summoned him and soon after his arrival, Mrs. Conroy gave birth to a 6½-pound girl. Both mother and child are doing well.

Sea-Going Pigeon Safe

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 18 (ANS)—Lee Dungan's homing pigeon released at Bakersfield, 105 miles north of here, finally has flown home. Attached to his leg was a note signed by Jack W. Anderson, Navy seaman second class:

"To Whom It May Concern—This bird landed on our ship last Sunday. He was all tired out so we cared for him and are releasing him today, a week later, and hope he arrives safely. Would you please let us know what happened? We are at sea."

Surrender - -

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resumed. Further, he arranged with the air force to display a white panel on his vehicle in case the surrender terms were agreed to and yellow if the Germans were not impressed by the display of air power.

Elster agreed to the surrender terms but requested that American representatives attend the conference, on conditions, in civilian clothes. This too was refused, and on Sept. 10 Magill with a driver, Pfc Ralph E. Anderson, of Lancaster, Ohio, accompanied by a Belgian officer, Gen. Elster and his aide, drove through Chateaufort-Sur-Cher, still under German control, with an American flag on the car.

Germans gaped at the sight but, noticing the German general, saluted smartly. Civilians, long accustomed to German occupation, saw the American flag, gazed apprehensively until Magill, not wishing to be discourteous to the general, raised his hand slightly in a gesture of friendliness. Instantly the people broke into cheers and cried, "Vive les Americains!" before remembering they still were under German domination.

"What a helluva situation that was," said Anderson. "Here we were—the only Americans within miles in a town held by Germans, being cheered on all sides. Boy! I've seen everything now."

They drove to Issoudun, and there an agreement was reached whereby Lt. Col. Jules K. French, of the 83rd Division, went to the German camp and conducted operations while the Germans moved forward to the Loire for formal surrender. Elster was told to bring his army in three columns to the river banks and there to lay down their arms in mass formal surrender. This procedure would take several days, so the Germans were allowed to retain their weapons to protect themselves from wandering bands of Maquis unaware of the agreement.

Nazis Report Baltics Aflame

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Lake Peipus. They made a deep breach here, he said; a "major breach" north of Valga, on the Estonia-Latvia border 90 miles northeast of Riga, and tore a gap in the German front north of Bauske.

The Germans claimed one success. Von Hammer said they broke into enemy positions to a depth of six miles southwest of Mitau, the Latvian rail hub 25 miles southwest of Riga.

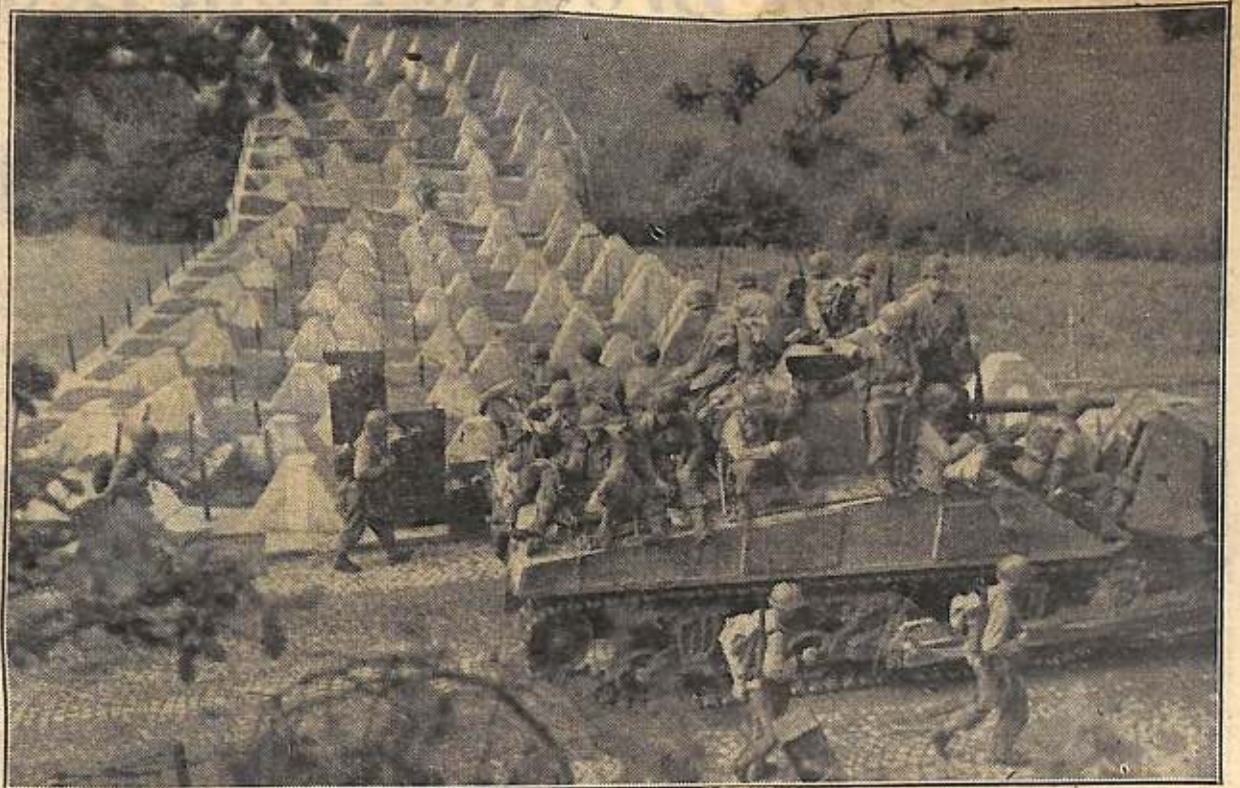
There was little fresh news of Transylvania except von Hammer's report that Russo-Rumanian forces there had been reinforced and had resumed their attacks. Latest accounts placed the Russians less than 50 miles from the Transylvanian capital of Cluj, entering on flat country spreading westward to Hungary.

Son-in-Law of Kennedy Killed Fighting in France

The British War Office announced yesterday that the Marquis of Harrington, who married Miss Kathleen Kennedy, second daughter of former Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy, in London last May, has been killed in France.

The marquis, a captain in the Brigade of Guards, was heir to the Duke of Devonshire. His wife is now in Boston.

Siegfried Should See It Now



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos

Yank infantry, afoot and riding the back of a bulldozer tank (upper), pass with ease through a break in the Siegfried Line. Keeping an Allied promise to hang washing on the line, Pfc Anthony Mesinko, of Cleveland (center), uses barbed wire for the purpose. Two dead Germans, lower, lie in front of their pillbox in the first line of forts which the Yanks took during a fog. Many of the pillboxes were found without large guns.

U.S. Sank 1,789 Jap Warships

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (AP)—American forces steadily whittling at Japanese sea power have sunk or damaged 1,789 enemy warships and merchant craft since the war started, an unofficial recapitulation showed tonight.

The figures, based upon Army and Navy communiques and information received from the various military field headquarters, included 406 combatant vessels and 1,383 merchant craft. Of the total, 1,134 definitely have been sent to the bottom.

A breakdown of the combat class listed two battleships, seven aircraft carriers, 31 cruisers, 81 destroyers, ten destroyer escorts and six submarines among the destroyed.

Meantime, the Navy reported that American Marines, who last week invaded the Palau group 600 miles east of the Philippines, have pushed forward a third of a mile to the north on Peleliu Island, while Army troops under Adm. Chester W. Nimitz's direction occupied the northeast curve of Angaur Island.

Nimitz said the Marines were encountering heavy Japanese resistance, with the enemy employing artillery and mortars in considerable numbers.

Jennifer Bruce Weds

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Sept. 18 (ANS)—Jennifer Bruce, 19-year-old daughter of British actor Nigel Bruce, became the bride of Air Force's Lt. Jay Gould, third, 24-year-old grandson of the late New York railway magnate.

Airborne Men Take 13 Towns

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German strongpoints to complete the capture of the Channel port.

German reports said the Allies were making a triple drive to break down the German defenses in Holland, and identified the thrusts as the airborne operations, the British land drive, and a new First Army offensive in the Maastricht area of Holland.

More than 3,000 planes of all types took part in the landings Sunday. The task force in Holland was commanded by Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton's deputy, Lt. Gen. Frederick Browning, who landed by glider with the first airborne contingent.

Some First Army troops crossed the Dutch-German frontier—from the Maastricht "appendix" of Holland—and other units advanced across the Luxembourg-German frontier. Field dispatches indicated that the German High Command was throwing in everything possible to seal off at least three complete breaches in the Siegfried Line.

Crack German reserve divisions, with strong air support, counter-attacked near Stolberg, five miles southeast of Aachen. One report told of fanatical Nazi soldiers rushing forward shoulder-to-shoulder, and falling in unbroken rows before American tanks and guns.

Prisoners were being taken by the First Army at the rate of 1,000 a day—one report put the First Army total since D-Day at 176,512.

Third Near Saarbrucken

Strong units of Third Army armor and infantry were across the Moselle River, no longer a major obstacle on this part of the front, and were less than 40 miles from Saarbrucken.

Bitter struggles were still going on at Brest, according to German reports, which said that American troops were trying to smoke out German nests of resistance with phosphorus shells.

Allied forces closed in on the Belfort Gap—guarded by two rows of forts and natural barriers north and south—against tough resistance. American troops to the west, and French troops to the south, were both about 20 miles from Belfort at last report.

Nazis Render Girls Deaf For Tuning In Allied Radio

MAASTRICHT, Holland, Sept. 18 (UP)—A girl who lived in Maastricht throughout the German occupation told today about two friends who were caught listening to Allied broadcasts.

The girls were taken to Gestapo headquarters, she said, where their eardrums were punctured, making them deaf.

Tornado Hits Clovis

CLOVIS, N.M., Sept. 18 (ANS)—A small tornado struck here last night but there were no reports of loss of life or extensive damage.

Ed Scarritt, editor of the Clovis News Journal, reported the twister travelled in a northwesterly direction. It hit first into the residential section on the east side of Clovis and then into the downtown district.

