

## New Landings Threaten Nazi Flank

### Reds Seize Major Baltic Rail Center

#### Moscow Breaks Silence To Announce Capture After 5 Days

After five days of no-quarter tank battles on the Baltic front, the Red Army reaped its first reward last night with the capture of the important rail junction of Valga on the border between Estonia and Latvia—where all major lines from Estonia bottleneck on their way south.

Marshal Stalin's announcement of the town's seizure was Moscow's first official acknowledgement of the offensive which the Germans reported was launched last Friday on a great arc stretching from south of Riga to the area of Lake Peipus, 170 miles to the northeast.

Soviet front line dispatches reported the Germans had thrown an entire regrouped panzer army into the fighting 25 miles south of Riga.

No significant changes were reported in other sectors, except for German reports that the Russians sent troops across the Vistula north of Warsaw where, according to German News Agency, they were later wiped out.

#### Fins Accept Terms

On the politico-diplomatic stage, there were developments at both ends of the eastern front. Stockholm heard apparently reliable reports that the Finnish Parliament had approved armistice terms with Russia, and in Moscow a communique announced the arrest of the former Rumanian dictator, Marshal Ion Antonescu, and chiefs of various German missions.

The Russo-Finnish terms were not announced but the Swedish press reported the chief one was a demand for a 50-year lease of the Porkkala naval base on the Finnish Gulf, 25 miles southwest of Helsinki and directly opposite Tallinn, capital of Estonia.

Besides Marshal Antonescu, the Russians also arrested former Foreign Minister Mihai Antonescu, Dr. Otto Clodius, German economic envoy to Bucharest, and the heads of the Nazi military and naval staffs in the Rumanian capital. All of them, said the Moscow communique, "may appear suitable candidates to be entered in the list of war criminals."

### I Outfit Loses No Men in Line

#### By Andy Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH A FIRST ARMY INFANTRY DIVISION, Sept. 19—After ten years of talk about the Siegfried Line, 21-year-old 1 Lt. Bob Kalb, of Paducah, Ky., took his company through it without a casualty. Since Kalb and his men forced the first opening, the armored unit working with this crack infantry division has been pouring through the gap.

The Siegfried Line splits and runs on both sides of the German border city of Aachen. The first and lighter section of the line was pierced early last week, but it was Lt. Kalb and his company who forced the final opening in the last German defense line in front of the Rhine River.

#### First Scout Through Line

It was Pfc Alvin O. Kenyon, of Seattle, Wash., who first got to and through the vaulted line. Kenyon was first scout for the company which followed him along.

The company went forward with tanks and M10 support. The Siegfried Line consisted of a series of strategically-placed pillboxes. In the hilly country of the border, roads run through the valley, and the Germans placed the fortified concrete igloos in positions which commanded the only possible entry for vehicles. On both sides of the roads, concrete "dragon's teeth" extend for miles, preventing tanks from rolling over the open country between the road networks.

"We knocked out about 15 or 20 pillboxes, I guess," Kalb said. "Our M10 fired at some of them from about 20 yards and blasted them wide open."

There was no artillery at all in any of the pillboxes Kalb's company encountered. Most of the outdated fortifications had gun positions built for nothing bigger than the old German 47-mm. anti-tank gun.

#### Dewey Safe in Train Wreck

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Sept. 19 (Reuter)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's special train crashed into a wrecked freight train today, but the Republican presidential nominee escaped with a shaking up.

### Carry Me Back to Ol' Vir-uh, Kentucky



Kentucky, home of fast horses and beautiful women (to reverse an old Blue Grass adage), produced the 1944 "Miss America," 19-year-old Venus Ramey, only red-haired girl in the history of the Atlantic City, N.J., pageant to win the title. Jean Bartel, of Los Angeles (an eye-ful herself), 1943 winner, crowns her successor.

### Maneuvers Paying Off

## Marshall Lays Allied Edge To the Brass and Equipment

CHICAGO, Sept. 19—The combination of better training, the abundance and excellence of equipment and the skill displayed by higher commanders and staffs have brought the Allies their great advantage over the Germans, Gen. George C. Marshall, U.S. Chief of Staff, told the American Legion convention.

"The fact that the now historic breakthrough to the south and east, and finally to the northeast, of Patton's Third Army, was carried out by three Army Corps which had never before engaged in battle is evidence of the quality of our leaders and the soundness of the training given the troops," Marshall said.

The General remarked that the large-scale maneuvers carried out in Louisiana and Southwestern California declared an amazing dividend in the dramatic liberation of France.

Marshall said it wasn't until May that the Air Force was deployed fully for the invasion. He revealed that the air missions called for 1,000,000 men and 1,000 squadrons overseas.

The Army recently informed field commanders, Marshall said, that they would be rationed with bombs and shells. However, production rates have finally risen somewhat and "we hope that the rationing of such items soon will be unnecessary."

Marshall hailed the organized cooperation of the British and American forces under a unity of command as making possible "our great successes."

### Germans Call Truce For Wounded Yanks, Then Battle Resumes

NEAR METZ, Sept. 19 (Reuter)—The battle in the woods had been in progress for three days and nights.

A U.S. infantry lieutenant and his men were up against crack German troops on the Moselle's west bank. Some of the Americans had been killed, others wounded.

Suddenly the German machine-gun fire ceased and a voice called out, in perfect English, "Get your wounded out and then we'll carry on with the fighting."

The wounded were removed. The battle went on.

### Nazis Police Copenhagen After 48-Hour Strike

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 19—Danish police in Copenhagen have been disarmed and German occupation authorities took over their functions at noon today, declaring a state of emergency throughout the country, Nazi-controlled Danish radio announced. The action came a day after the ending of a 48-hour general strike.

## Eindhoven Captured, British Push 37 Miles For Fresh Linkups

SHAEF, Sept. 19 (AP)—Gen. Brereton's First Allied Airborne Army today poured reinforcements and supplies for the third consecutive day into the hard-sung Holland haymaker which knocked out the lower Rhine as a German defense line and threatened to roll up Von Rundstedt's flank for the second time.

British armor which broke through the Dutch border to Eindhoven for a linkup with the southernmost airborne landing area was declared in battlefield reports tonight to have captured Eindhoven itself and bludgeoned its way at least 12 miles north of the town.

That would put the ground army 23 miles inside Holland—half the way to Nijmegen and Arnhem, where the northern landing forces blocked out Nazi reserves, virtually cut off Rotterdam, The Hague and Amsterdam, and more than held their own in the fight for the key roads and bridges on both sides of the Rhine.

(A Reuter dispatch from the British Second Army front said that Gen. Dempsey's troops were three miles south of Nijmegen and five miles from the German frontier and that British armor advanced 37 miles during the day.)

#### Rest of Front Stiffens

That turning of the Rhine flank took on increasing importance as sopping rains and fanatical counter-attacks by the Germans—their backs to the Rhine from Cologne to the Belfort Gap—temporarily slowed, although they failed anywhere to stop, the eastward onslaught of three American armies.

In Holland it was cloudy, but not raining, but to the south along the Moselle

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and into the Saar Valley it poured, and tanks advanced through deepening mud.

Three fierce local battles swirled in an arc east of Nancy alone and the Germans counter-attacked everywhere they could.

But none of these counter-attacks was in really strong force. They were defensive, and local, and failed at any place to push the Americans back.

The Germans hurled in reserves drained from the Russian front, risked their dwindled Luftwaffe in local support operations, and opened up with heavy guns in the biggest barrages since Normandy.

First Army troops hammered away at Siegfried Line defenses after capturing at least four more border towns. Making another crossing of the German frontier in considerable strength east of Simpleveld, the Yanks fought their way into the main Siegfried zone in this area. The breach in the Siegfried Line originally made six miles southeast of Aachen near Stolberg extended, according to Berlin, 20 miles east of Aachen to

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## 8th, 9th Forces Blitz Nazi Rail Lines to Front

Up to 750 Fortresses of the Eighth Air Force yesterday attacked railway yards at Hamm and Soest in Germany, and north and east of the Rhine River, while British-based Marauders and Havocs of the Ninth Air Force pounded three key points on the Cologne-Aachen railway, one of the main supply lines for Nazi forces manning the Siegfried Line.

The B17s were escorted by more than 500 Thunderbolt, Mustang and Lightning fighters. The pursuits also continued their support of Allied airborne operations for the third straight day, dive-bombing and strafing Nazi anti-aircraft batteries in Holland.

No enemy fighters attacked the heavies, but they encountered intense flak at Hamm and some of the other targets. Early reports said ten Forts were lost.

The targets for the medium and light bombers, which only last week extended their range of operations into Germany, were railway yards at Eschweiler, Dueren and Merzenich in support of the advance into the Reich by the U.S. First Army.

Unopposed by enemy fighters or flak, the B26s and A20s dropped 200 tons of bombs on lines over which fuel, ammunition

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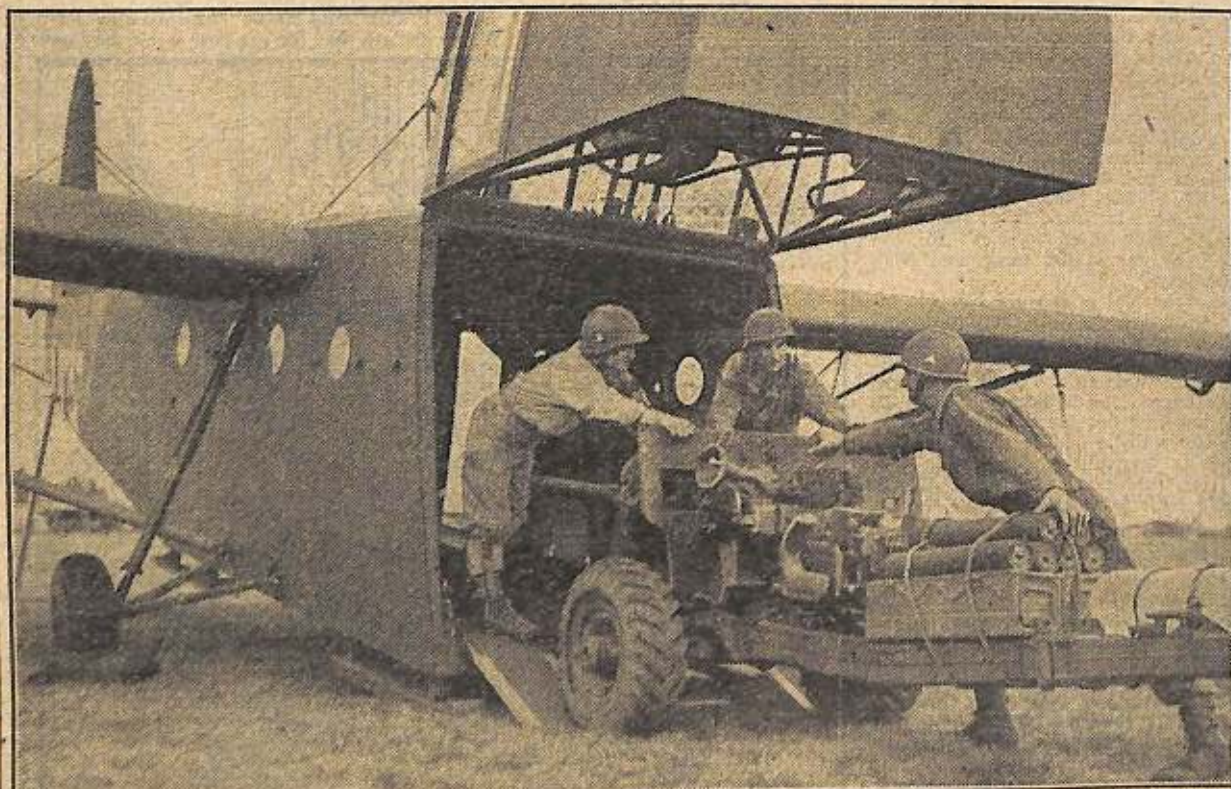
## RAF Drops Six-Tonnors On Tirpitz in Norway

Lancasters of RAF Bomber Command attacked the 35,000-ton German battleship Tirpitz in Norway with six-ton bombs shortly after noon last Friday, the Air Ministry announced late night.

Visibility was excellent but it was difficult to assess results because of a dense smoke screen, a communique said.

The Lancasters attacked without fighter cover but all returned safely.

## Another Kind of Flying Fortress



Modern armies have monster appetites for material, and this picture shows one of the gliders that fed the Allied airborne army that landed in Holland. Three members of the assaulting force load a 57-mm. gun into one of the sky freight cars which are still carrying reinforcements to the fighting men. Left to right, Pvt. Joseph Kurek, Chicago; Pvt. Peter Soldatt, Bend, Ill., and Cpl. William L. Leguire, Bryson City, N.C.

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They Still Shoot At Us

Dear Stars and Stripes, You will find enclosed some photos clipped from today's newspapers and one from The Stars and Stripes this date. They show Yanks (?) sympathetically fraternizing with Germans just across the border. Isn't there an article of war making this a crime? What are these three GIs fighting, anyhow? It can't be war. Maybe it's a new kind of picnic. We furnish the rations, German civilians eat 'em and graciously thank us. I am in a general hospital now, because I was shot by a German soldier, backed up by these people in the enclosed photo eating GI rations. There are 25 other men in this ward who are as angry at this as I am. We're too soft-hearted yet toward the Nazis—and they're all Nazis whether they say so or not. Maybe we need a Pole or FFI man in each outfit to remind us what kind of people we're fighting. For America's sake, and to stop a 1970 war, let's not coddle the enemy. They're still shooting at us.—S/Sgt. E. Brinkman.

Credit for 'Old Foggies'

Dear Stars and Stripes, A complete analysis and discussion of the Demobilization Plan published by the War Department would take a great deal of time and space. However, the enlisted personnel should make known their dissatisfaction with the plan in view of the fact that it was stated that the men in the service were interviewed prior to the promulgation of the plan. It would be enlightening to know who these men were. Policy should be based on common sense and logic. I fail to find any common sense or logic in keeping men over 38 years of age in the Army when officers of like age are being released. Furthermore men over 38 have not been drafted since the latter part of 1942 and many of that age have since been released. So far as I know the policy of the War Department was to get younger men, and it has given these younger men greater opportunity than the men in the higher age brackets. I cannot be convinced that to release men over 38 would in any way endanger our war effort. At least the age factor should be given greater consideration when large scale demobilization begins. The method of drafting men was severely criticized because of the lack of coordination—young men were still in civvies when older men were being drafted. The same weakness is apparent in the Demobilization Plan—younger men will be out much sooner than the old foggies.—S/Sgt. Hyman H. Hammer, AAF Sta.

A Cheer for 4-Fs

Dear Stars and Stripes, A guy has a right to moan about the demobilization plan or soldier's bonus, or what some jerk says about it's cheaper to keep Joe in the Army until he has a job, but I dislike seeing everyone casting envy on the 4-Fs at home. The saddest faces at the induction centers (remember them?) were those same 4-Fs, who just weren't physically good enough to be able to make the grade. Some of us may feel differently now, but I know most of us wanted to get in, and would have felt mighty low if we were turned down. I'm proud to call as friends several 4-Fs back in the States (you know, the United States) who'd give a helluva lot to be here, and would willingly trade their "civvies" for our "GIs" any day in the week, and twice on Sundays. We moan and gripe, and I've got my job and dependents back there too, but I know darn well that I wouldn't make the trade. How's about it, buddy, would you? Lots of us are fed up, ETO happy, doodle-bugged and without any more TS slips, but let's not blame the 4-F boys. They are really a sad and unhappy lot, so give a cheer and shed a tear in your beer, for those poor 4-Fs who'd like to be here.—Pfc Milton Jacobs.

We Don't Have Space

Dear Stars and Stripes, It seems that there is resentment among many men because civilians are earning more money than they ever did. Does a soldier resent any member of his family earning "war-pay"? Why don't you print the actual wages earned? This will destroy many false illusions about civilian pay.—Pvt. Ralph Dubin.

[Stars and Stripes appreciates reminders from Cpl. Dayton L. Murphy, T/5 Bernard M. Stutman, and T/5 Joe Zarcone that Belgium was mis-labeled France on the map appearing on page 4 in our Sept. 15 issue.—Ed.]

Hash Marks

Post-War Project Department: A sharpie we know named Lefton plans to make his peace-time living selling imitation fire insurance policies to people who own imitation fire-places.

It could happen only in England. While cycling through a village one cool evening, Capt. L. M. Henderson overheard this little drama. A lady came to the door of a pub and called to her husband: "George, why don't you come in and drink your beer—it's getting cold!"

And then there is the chairborne commando who is all for winning the war—but bemoans the fact that it must be done in triplicate.

A cocky corporal swaggered into a London bank and said with a flourish, "Cash this check for two-and-six, will ya?" "Yes," smirked the clerk politely, "and how will you have it, sir—heads or tails?"

About 50 artillerymen in France own an interest in one of the most cherished "Pin-Ups" in Europe. And it's not a gal—it's a large picture of Times Square during the rush hour.

M/Sgt. Ross Cutrera reminds us that way back in October, 1941, some of the boys used to chant "O-H-I-O" (Over the Hill in October). Today they still chant "O-H-I-O" but it means "Over Hitler in October."

A kind word for the wolves has finally been spoken. Cpl. Leo Rio of an Air Service Command Depot thinks the wolves aren't so bad after all. In a pub the other night he heard one say, "Let us prey."

The Innocent Home Front. S/Sgt. Aubrey Snipes wrote his girl that he landed with the first waves in France. She wrote back: "I bet you had a lot of fun with those WAVES that landed in France. I wish I were in the services, but we are 'frozen' to our war jobs."

Yanks are ingenious. After testing their ability at building tank-traps on the battlefield, a bunch of Engineers on leave used their knowledge to build a "taxi-trap" on a big city thoroughfare and snare an elusive cab.

Flash from the Home Front. A California guy who was 100 years old died recently after seeing an automobile for the first time. He didn't see it soon enough.

Brightest Quip of the Week was made by Pfc Tinker Hall, an air service engine mechanic. He calls those gold stripes denoting six months' overseas service "Hershey Bars."

Leave it to the medics to get technical. A medical officer we know was heard humming, "When your heart goes bumpity-bump—it's endocarditis!"

Afterthought. The Nazis are still suffering from D-Daze.

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The extraordinary German resistance began when advance elements of this division entered the region west of Metz after driving across the rolling country east from Verdun. After nearly two days of bloody attacks and counter-attacks, information was received that the German force facing them consisted of the personnel of a German Army officers' training school—Fahenjunktorschule No. 6.

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By one of those twists of fate which the historians are fond of calling "the fortunes of war," scores of field problems had been worked out at the school which have been almost identical with situations occurring during the present action.

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These candidates have fought like men possessed, as indeed they were, with a fanaticism bred in the Hitler Jugend, the Nazi Party and the SS. Qualifications for admission to the school included at least one year of combat experience, age, qualities of leadership and courage, and unquestioning loyalty to the Nazi regime.

In addition to 1,500 enlisted OCS there was at the school a large class of commissioned junior officers receiving special infantry and artillery training. These offices have fought as line troops,

Equipped with the latest and finest German infantry weapons and anti-tank guns and 150mm. artillery pieces, the school force was assigned to a front some two miles long and held it against fierce U.S. infantry pressure exerted by a regiment on the west side of the Moselle.

It required six days to push these lads back five miles to hill positions on the east side of the river. From these positions the school detachments carried to the extreme the classic German staff school theory of maintaining high ground. Astounding accuracy featured their anti-tank and medium artillery fire, and it was assumed by the number of direct hits on American vehicles that the guns were being operated by the schools gunnery instructors.

Another feature of the fighting was the use of small, highly aggressive and daring "fighting patrols" which infiltrated into the American lines and fought to the death in the manner of suicide squads.

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It is now estimated that less than one-third of the original school roster remains alive and fighting. Several fell into the hands of the Yanks only after suffering serious wounds, but none surrendered. "How many German counter-attacks were there?" an infantry officer was asked. "How many mornings were there?" was his reply. "This bunch is easily the toughest unit we've met so far," said 1/Lt. William Carey, of Homer, Neb., a division staff officer. "They were worse than the crack Third German Parachute Division we fought against near Caumont in July. They make the SS look like Boy Scouts."

An Editorial This Picture Just Misses the Boat

THERE'S no such thing as the perfect picture. But this comes pretty close to it. It shows a French cop, a Yank, an FFI man and some Boche-baiting civilians—all busy goosing some Nazis up the street.

It's a picture of what happens when good fellows get together on something—such as smashing Hitler's Wehrmacht. It gives you an inkling of what we might do if we got together on other things—such as building a better world.

Too bad this shot doesn't include a British Tommy and a Red Army man—and the soldiers of other armies that have killed a kraut or two in their careers.

Most Yanks never get to see their Allies in action. And, since seeing is believing, we sometimes get the idea we're fighting this war alone.

We're not. We've got great Allies—and lots of them. You've got to know the big picture to understand what a vital part they play.

We hope that a Yank, a Tommy,



a Russian and a Frenchman will all bust into Hitler's boudoir and plug four slugs into the Fuehrer's bosom at one and the same time. We wish a Stars and Stripes photographer could be there to take the picture.

Then the boys could all go down to the nearest beer hall and sit down with the evidence—and really get down to a team play on figuring out a future without misery, without hatred and without war.

Notes from the Air Force

LT. Ray Lacombe, former national intercollegiate diving champion who is now a fighter pilot in the ETO, took part in the Victory Aquacade program in London recently.

He joined the RAF Eagle Squadron in 1940 and transferred to the USAAF in 1942.

1/Lt. Thomas Guerrero Jr., of Los Angeles, former member of an armored tank force, is now a Thunderbolt fighter pilot in the ETO.

LINK trainer and automatic-pilot procedure operators at the Fortress base commanded by Col. George L. Robinson, of Los Angeles, have given 7,706 hours of instrument training to 1,120 combat pilots and navigators. The instructors include S/Sgt. Beryl Harris, of Colfax, Ill.; Milton Novinsky, of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Harry Zafuta, of Arma, Kan., and Sgts. Norman A. Davis, of Lowell, Mass., and Sgt. Forrest F. Egbert, of Windsor, Mo.

2/Lt. Arthur F. Lind, Mustang pilot from Worcester, Mass., is the brother of Geoffrey Lynn, the movie star.

MAJ. Joseph L. Myers, of Brooklyn, N.Y., hangar maintenance chief at an Air Service Command depot in the ETO, has completed his third major aircraft maintenance invention in six months.

He recently devised a hydraulically-operated "wheel-puller" which takes off 639-pound bomber wheels in less than two minutes.

The Lineup for the Allies



GIs Solve Nazi OCS Problem in Blood Win Terrain the Germans Practiced to Defend

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"I wonder if it's safe for me to smoke"

# Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

PARIS, Sept. 19—Having smashed through the Piccadilly Commando line to the Rue de la Paix, that 3,000 miles Onkle Charles Kiley referred to recently is now some 3,275 miles—but the Tigers still look like the class of the American League. Between suggestive winks at les mademoiselles, we've studied the remaining AL schedule, and the Gotham faithful had better start campaigning for a city series.

New York's only chance to see the World Series will be if the ODT relents and permits travel to Detroit. Unless, of course, Brother Kiley and other refugees from the Spam Circuit are willing to brave the Times Square Rangers until newsreels of the baseball classic are flown to Paramount, Radio City, etc. That should give the boys at least three more shots of Scotch and another dish of ice cream, and rumor has it that Detroit is overcrowded these days without catering to more tourists.

Offhand, we'd suggest that when our self-appointed eastern emissary of good will sprinkles salt and pepper on his OD bonnet before gulping down same, he makes arrangements for a screen test. Not even the old Mack Sennett comedies could compare with Monsieur Kiley eating his hat. With a little persuasion, perhaps Charlie can induce the Yankees to buy him a new hat—with their SECOND place checks.

It must be common gossip, even in New York, that the Cardinals have just about won the National League flag. St. Louis, plus Detroit, means that, at least this year, east is east, west is west and never the twain shall meet in the World Series.

P.S.—We'd gladly eat our chapeau, Charlie, but the cigarette situation in gay Paree is so bad, it was bartered for a package of Woodbines. Give our regards to ol' Broadway.

**DID YOU KNOW**—That sports programs at West Point and Annapolis do not cost the taxpayers a flat franc or a plugged sixpence? They are financed solely through civilian organizations known as the Army Athletic Association and the Navy Athletic Association.

These groups pay the expenses for 17 sports, of which football alone contributes any cabbage to the financial garden. A field house, hockey rink, stadium and polo hall have been erected at the Point by Army Athletic Association funds. The association also pays for equipment, traveling expenses, hotels and all. The only donation from the taxpayer is his purchase of a ticket. Washington may be accused of doing strange things, but the cost of Army-Navy athletic programs is not one of them.

## Jos Aguirre's Boot Gives Redskins Nod Over Steeler-Cards

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 19—A 15-yard field goal in the third period by Joe Aguirre, 234-pound left end, gave the Washington Redskins a 3-0 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers-Chicago Cardinals in an exhibition game before 20,000 at Forbes Field last night.

The Steeler-Cards completely outplayed the Redskins in the first half, registering ten first downs to six for the Skins and rolling up a yardage bulge of 109 to 30.

Sammy Baugh, however, got his trusty right arm working in the third period after receiving the kickoff, and his passes to Aguirre, Wilbur Moore and Ted Lapka sparked a Redskin march which was finally stalled on the enemy 15-yard line. At this point Aguirre pulled out of the line and decided the ball game.

## Newark Gains 3-0 Margin In International Playoffs

NEW YORK, Sept. 19—The Newark Bears and the Nashville Vols came through with victories in playoff series games in the International League and Southern Association respectively yesterday, the Bears stopping the Toronto Maple Leafs, 5-4, to take a 3-0 edge in games, and the Vols stopping Memphis, 3-2. The Chicks now lead, 3-2.

In the American Association League, Toledo defeated St. Paul, 7-4, to take a 3-2 lead in games, and Louisville stopped Milwaukee, 4-2, to gain the same edge.

An Eastern League playoff battle saw Hartford gain its first triumph over Utica in three starts, 5-3.

## Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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

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IDENTIFICATION bracelet belonging to John B. WOLF, 13332337.—American Red Cross Club, Cromwell St., Swindon, is keeping this for you.

### Chicago Club

A Party for members of the Chicago Club will be held at 8 PM Oct. 4 at 37 Cadogan Place, London, SW1. Dancing partners and refreshments provided.—Those interested should contact Special Service Section, Hospitality, APO 413.

### Film Mix-up

I HAVE received 1 roll of 35 mm. Kodachrome—main identifying shot is sign "Bethold Forest." Winter Sports Area—Arapaho National Forest.—Will exchange for mine taken in Edinburgh—views of castle and streets.—Sgt. E. J. Karches.

## Pigskin Preview

# Tulsa Is Set for All Challengers

By Waldo Wiese

Associated Press Sports Writer

DES MOINES, Sept. 19—It looks like Tulsa's Golden Hurricane will roar again in the Missouri Valley conference, which actually isn't much of a loop as far as competition goes this season.

The only other teams will be Oklahoma A and M and Drake, and Drake doesn't play the other contenders. Creighton, Washington and St. Louis dropped football for the duration. There won't be a title race. Tulsa and the Aggies will play and the winner will be voted the championship, as was the case last year. None of the three squads has service personnel.

But the power of the Hurricane has spread outside the conference and, taking the Missouri Valley region as a whole (which embraces the Big Six), Tulsa appears powerful enough to withstand any challenge to the supremacy it has enjoyed for two seasons.

### May Be Nation's Top Team

There are some who believe Coach Henry Frnka will have one of the top teams in the nation and many predict it will be the greatest Hurricane of all time. And that's saying a lot because Tulsa has played in three bowl games in as many years—Sun Bowl in 1941, Sugar Bowl in 1942 and 1943.

From the amazing 4-F club (all Tulsa's top players are 4-F) that went through last season's schedule undefeated—only to lose a bowl thriller, 20-18, to Georgia Tech—Frnka has 22 veterans returning.

Outstanding among the newcomers is Bobby Jack Stuart, the most highly-publicized prep school star in Oklahoma last year, whose blazing speed may win him a starting assignment at tailback.



Coach Henry Frnka of Tulsa talks over the coming grid campaign with Bobby Jack Stuart, sensational prep star of 1943 who is seeking a starting berth in the Hurricane backfield.

At Oklahoma A and M Coach Jim Lookabaugh will have a squad of 40. The two Aggie aces, Bob Fenimore, back, and Neill Armstrong, end, will be back, along with three other lettermen, Nate Wilson, back, and J. C. Colhouer and Ross Duckett, tackles.

Aggie hopes are pinned to an unusually promising incoming crop of 17-year-old freshmen. Armstrong is the nation's leading pass receiver with 39 completions last year and Fenimore, a three-way back, is considered the best thrower the Aggies have developed in the last decade.

At Drake Coach Vee Green expects to

have seven veterans and almost 20 freshmen. He isn't very happy about the prospects of facing nine teams, all but one of which have service personnel.

The conference will not join the revolt of some colleges against the established collegiate football rules, but the coaches have these comments:

Lookabaugh says the Aggies will agree with all rivals on the kickoff change to eliminate out of bounds kickoffs. Green declares the rules revolt was "the height of the ridiculous" and Frnka announces Tulsa will play any way the other conference members desire.

## Mills Made Same Mistake As Conn Did Against Louis

By Tony Cordaro

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

They took down RAF Sgt. Freddie Mills' number from the field of contenders for Joe Louis' heavyweight title last Friday night at Manchester, following his unexpected 15-round defeat to ponderous Jack London for the undisputed British Empire championship.

It also appears to the writer that the new champion, London, would be a soft touch for most of our U.S. topnotchers, and we doubt if he'd risk the Empire prestige by fighting any of them.

This opinion was formed mainly on the fact that London, who weighed 213 pounds to Mills' mere 173, permitted the loser to force the fighting in 11 of the 15 rounds.

Mills may no longer be a heavy-weight menace, but he's still in the picture as a ranking light-heavyweight.

Cpl. Billy Conn, who watched the fight from the ring-side, said of Mills: "He's as game a fighter as I've seen at his weight. But he paid the same penalty as I did for taking liberties with a dangerous puncher."



Freddie Mills

Conn, naturally, was referring to his fight with Louis when, after outpointing the champion for 12 rounds, he was clipped for the count in the 13th. Mills "blew" his match by trying to kayo London instead of settling for a decision, Conn asserted.

"He made the same mistake as I did against Joe," Conn said. "He was out in front at the start of the 11th, but he made the fatal error of attempting to swap punches at close quarters instead of just keeping his left in London's face and moving to the right to evade London's time-table rights, a long, sweeping overhand punch. London, with all that weight advantage, found out early he could weather any punch Mills pitched at him. In the latter part of the fight London battered through Mills' weakening defense at will."

## Wave the Boys Goodbye



Keystone Photo

Along with relieving Navy men for sea duty, these WAVES at Miami also seem to have muscled in on one of the gobs' favorite shore pastimes. At bat is Yeoman Helen Chicas, of Westville, Ill., with Yeoman Helen Thompson, of Malver, Ohio, behind the plate.

## Lowly Macks May Aid Yanks In AL Chase

### Athletics Have Been Tough Opponents for All Contenders

NEW YORK, Sept. 19—Connie Mack may not be headed for the 1944 American League flag, but he has been making it plenty warm for four clubs that think they are. The Athletics are playing slightly under .500 ball against the contenders, and they'll have a chance to get even during their current western trip. A glance at the figures reveals that this canny old gentleman can take a major share of credit for the present muddle called the American League flag race.



Connie Mack

The Athletics have concluded their season's series with the eastern clubs. And it must cause the four leaders considerable embarrassment to see what this team, lucky to be in fifth place, has done to them.

Mack's misfits have broken even with the Red Sox in 22 games. Their record against the Yankees is nine victories and 13 defeats, and what the A's did to them Saturday and Sunday shouldn't happen even to the Dodgers. Three straight victories dumped the champs into third place.

### Rubbed It In

Connie rubbed it in a bit during the first game Sunday. The Macks were a run behind with a man on in the ninth and he lifted George Kell, whom he himself termed "the best rookie in baseball," and sent Larry Rosenthal up to hit. Rosenthal, who wasn't good enough for the Yanks when they had him early in the season, promptly knocked the pill and the ball game into the right field stands.

Against Detroit, the lowly A's have taken nine victories against ten defeats. While the Yanks and Red Sox both will be entertained at Briggs Stadium in the next two weeks, don't be surprised if Steve O'Neill finds a spot for Hal Newhouser or Dizzy Trout against the Quaker City boys.

Connie has beaten the Browns ten times and they've beaten him nine, so Luke Sewell's men also can look with trepidation on the Athletics' forthcoming three-game series.

It's a good thing for all first division clubs that Connie doesn't hang around for second games of double-headers, because he sure raises plenty of hell in the first games.

## Fitz to Remain At Phils' Helm

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 19—Rumors circulated last week that Freddie Fitzsimmons would not return as manager of the Phillies next year were spiked here today by General Manager H e r b



Fred Fitzsimmons

Pennock, who announced that Fitzsimmons definitely will be on hand in the spring. Nemo Liebold, Louisville manager, and Bucky Harris, pilot of the Buffalo Bisons, had been mentioned prominently for the job.

Fitzsimmons succeeded Harris at the Phillies' helm in mid-season of '43 when Bill Cox, then owner, fired Harris by remote control. Heated words followed that particular piece of ousting, but Bucky got in the last word when he dubbed Cox the "All-American Jerk."

Fitzsimmons finished out the season and this year has had the Phillies constantly in the second division and currently in seventh place.

## Smythe's Acceptance of Bid Will Depend on Condition

HALIFAX, Sept. 19—Maj. Connie Smythe, former manager of the Toronto Maple Leafs, has arrived here aboard a hospital ship and said he wasn't sure when he could take over the presidency of the National Hockey League.

Smythe, wounded in Normandy, has a gash at the base of his spine and said it might be two months or it might be six before he could get back to work.

## Flock in Cellar After 6-5 Loss

BOSTON, Sept. 19—There was cause for moaning along the banks of the Gowanus yesterday as Brooklyn's Bums suffered the indignity of being edged by the Braves 6-5 in ten innings, and consequently falling into the cellar of the National League. Seven errors were committed in the game, with three of Brooklyn's four charged against Tom Brown, Lippy Durocher's 16-year-old shortstop.

Johnny Hutchings started on the mound for the Braves, but weakened in the ninth when the Dodgers scored twice to tie the count, 5-5, and Nate Andrews came in to get credit for his 14th victory. Ben Chapman, who was socked with the setback, hurled until the tenth, when Phil Masi singled and Tommy Holmes doubled. Tom Sunkel then relieved Chapman, but Butch Nieman promptly singled to right, scoring Masi and settling the ball game.



### American League

No games scheduled.							
	W	L	Pct.		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

New York at Detroit; Washington at St. Louis (night); Boston at Cleveland; Philadelphia and Chicago not scheduled.

### National League

Boston 6, Brooklyn 5 (10 innings)							
Other teams not scheduled.							
	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	96	45	.681	New York	63	77	.450
Pittsburgh	82	58	.586	Boston	58	82	.414
Cincinnati	79	60	.568	Philadelphia	57	81	.413
Chicago	66	73	.475	Brooklyn	58	83	.411

Cincinnati at Philadelphia (2); Pittsburgh at Brooklyn; 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
Doerr, Boston	125	468	93	152	.325
Boudreau, Cleveland	136	528	86	168	.318
Sturnweiss, New York	140	585	114	185	.316

National League					
	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Walker, Brooklyn	134	486	75	175	.360
Musial, 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—Ettan, New York, 20;					
Stephens, St. Louis, 19; Johnson, Boston, 17;					
National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 32; Ott, New York, 26; Northey, Philadelphia, 19.					

Runs Batted In					
American League—Stephens, St. Louis, 101;					
Johnson, Boston, 95; Lindell, New York, 91.					
National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 109;					
Sanders, St. Louis, 101; Elliott, Pittsburgh, and McCormick, Cincinnati, 94.					



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# Lay Plans Now To Retrench, Agencies Told

## FDR Orders U.S. Offices To Get Ready For Peacetime Setup

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19—President Roosevelt in a letter to Harold D. Smith, Budget Director, today directed that government agencies prepare now for their own peace-time demobilizations.



Pres. Roosevelt

The President said that some of the steps in liquidating the various war-time branches "may be taken when the fighting ends in Europe." However, he avoided predicting any date for the war's end.

Ordering an immediate re-examination of the staffing and duties of all agencies, the President said he wanted as soon as possible plans for:

- 1—Liquidation of war agencies and re-assignment of such permanent or continuing functions as they possess.
- 2—Reduction of government personnel to peace footing.
- 3—Simplification and adaptation of an administrative structure to peace-time requirements.

Meantime, the Civil Service Commission reported that Federal payrolls stood at 2,936,000 employees at the start of this month—270,000 of them in Washington—but the Byrd committee on government spending estimated the number of U.S. employes on Sept. 13 at 3,112,000.



### Dewey Blames FDR for Strikes

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 19 (ANS)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey last night placed "exclusive responsibility" for war-time strikes on the doorstep of the White House and charged that President Roosevelt's labor policies have "bred class division, hate and insecurity."

In a bid for the nation's powerful labor vote, Dewey told a Republican rally here that the Roosevelt administration's labor policy has been one "of delay, bungling and incompetence" and that the workman's problems have become "a football of politics."

"The policy," Dewey said, "has put untold obstacles in the way of labor's effort to avoid strikes. It has fostered strife between one labor group and another, between labor and business and between both and government."

Dewey prefaced his remarks on labor with praise for the country's military command and promised, if elected, there would be no change in the armed forces' leadership.

He added that he already had worked out a five-point program to wipe out some of the confusion and overlapping activities of numerous U.S. bureaus and agencies.

### Says GOP Has Program

ERIE, Pa., Sept. 19 (ANS)—Gov. John W. Bricker, the Republicans' vice-presidential nominee, last night said that party had mapped out a definite program for the rehabilitation of business and the conversion of industry to peace-time high production.

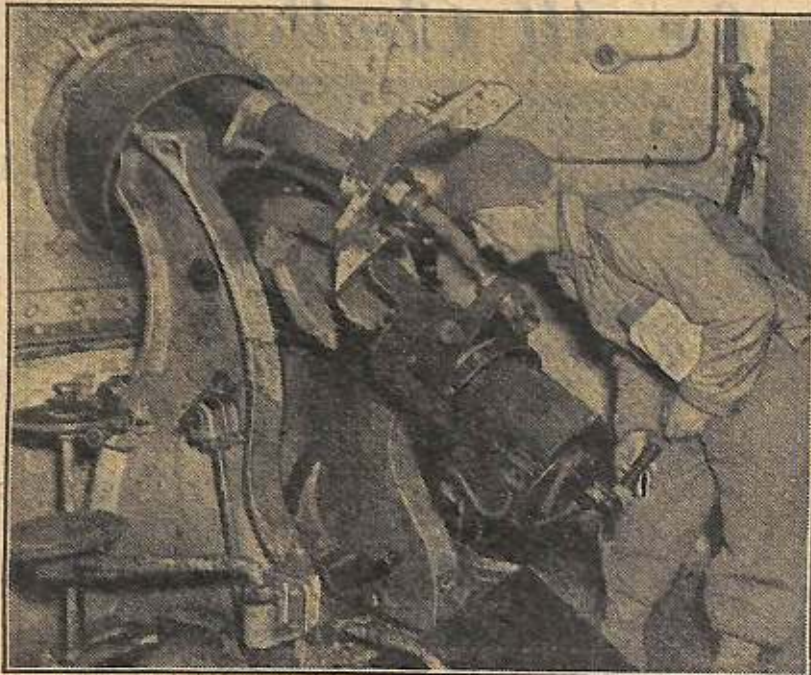
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- 0915—Personal Album, with Anita.
- 0930—Music from Canada.
- 1000—Headlines—Morning After (Mail Call).
- 1030—Strike up the Band.
- 1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
- 1105—Duffie Bag.
- 1300—Headlines—American Sports News.
- 1305—Saludos Amigos.
- 1330—Music from America.
- 1400—Headlines—Visiting Hour.
- 1500—Headlines—Strike up the Band.
- 1530—Combat Diary.
- 1545—On the Record.
- 1630—Great Moments in Music.
- 1700—Headlines—Melody Roundup.
- 1715—Music by Freddie Martin.
- 1745—Mark up the Map.
- 1755—American Sports News.
- 1800—World News—Program Resume.
- 1805—GI Supper Club.
- 1900—World News.
- 1915—Chaudi Memorial Concert.
- 1950—AI and Lee Reiser.
- 2000—Headlines—News from Home.
- 2005—Report from the Western Front.
- 2015—Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians.
- 2030—British Band of the AEF.
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# All Aboard—for Nowhere



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos

(Above) Capt. M. H. Henry inspects the wreckage of a French 75mm. gun which the Germans ruined before abandoning the Maginot bastion. Yank curiosity led these soldiers (left) to pile into a trolley inside the Maginot line and imagine themselves riding to war on a subway, despite the fact that there was no power in the fortress.



# Plans All Made For Philippines Drive—Nimitz

Plans are now ready for the reconquest of the Philippines by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Southwest Pacific Command, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz told the American Legion in Chicago yesterday.

Almost at the moment Nimitz spoke, his Pearl Harbor headquarters announced that U.S. Marines wiped out 5,495 Japanese troops in a single day's fighting last Sunday on southerly Peleliu, in the Palau Islands, where U.S. forces last week began carving a base for the drive to the Philippines 500 miles westward.

"When Palau falls," Nimitz told the Legion's national convention, "a formidable obstacle to our eventual return to the Philippines will be swept away and we will have a base from which to cover and support Gen. MacArthur's Philippines campaign."

### Tokyo Sees Hour at Hand

(Tokyo Radio asserted that the hour for invasion of the Philippines was at hand and added that the population and government of the Philippines were "alert to the peril and braced for any event.")

Nimitz said capture of the Palau group would isolate the Japanese in the Carolines, make their formerly important base at Truk next to useless and place American forces in an improved position "from which to strangle communications between Japan proper and Japan's conquered territories in New Guinea and the Dutch East Indies."

The communique asserted the northern half of Peleliu was under Allied control, except for some strong points, and on Anguar, southernmost of the islands, the 81st Infantry Division had made good progress. Ngarmok Island, off Peleliu's southern tip, has been seized.

MacArthur reported punishing raids against Japanese-held islands in the Halmaheras.

### 'The Schnozzle' Sings Cologne's Theme Song

Germans in Cologne have discovered they have something in common with Jimmy "Schnozzle" Durante.

A Reuter dispatch from Stockholm said yesterday: "Hundreds of thousands of Germans in western Germany are wondering whether to stay where they are or to go, according to Koelnische Zeitung, published in Cologne, now less than 30 miles away from the advancing American First Army."

It was what Jimmy Durante has been singing for years: "Did you ever have the feeling that you wanted to go, and still have the feeling that you wanted to stay?"

# 8th, 9th Blitz Nazi Rail Lines

tion and other supplies were being moved to the front.

The Eighth Air Force Fortresses which dropped scores of tons of arms, ammunition, food and medical supplies to the Polish patriots in Warsaw Monday constituted one of the largest forces of shuttle bombers to fly from Britain to Russia, a USSTAF Eastern Command communique said yesterday.

Two bombers and two escorting Mustang fighters were lost.

A Reuter dispatch said the Fortresses landed in Italy from Russia yesterday afternoon to complete the second leg of their fourth triangle-shuttle, bombing Hungarian targets on the way.

Italy-based Liberators bombed bridges at Kraljevo and Mitrovica in Yugoslavia. The B17s, which carried no bomb loads, were escorted by P51s for the first part of the trip and Soviet fighters took over in the Warsaw area and over Russian territory. When releasing the supplies, the heavies flew thousands of feet below their usual altitude.

Before the mission was carried out, "dry runs" were made over England.

# Changes Announced In Locator Service

Locator service furnished by the Central Machine Records Unit in London for military personnel in the ETO has been discontinued, it was announced yesterday.

Effective Oct. 1 locator service on personnel located in the U.K. will be available at the 91st MRU, APO 871, U.S. Army, and effective Oct. 5 locator service on personnel located in the ETO will be available at the Central MRU on the Continent.

# In Those United States

# Air Chief Urges Bases, Research for Post-War

CHICAGO, Sept. 19 (ANS)—Gen. Henry L. Arnold, head of the USAAF, addressing the American Legion convention yesterday called air power the key to America's future safety and universal training the key to military preparedness in the post-war world.

Arnold said that "inevitable destruction faces nations that do not have adequate air power" in asserting that air power was "much more than just numbers of planes."

"We must have and utilize to their full value research laboratories which keep us at the head of the parade of new developments in aeronautics," Arnold said.

"We must have a progressive aviation industry capable of great expansion. We must have air bases under our control, spread far out beyond our shores, where they are needed. There must be no strings tied to them."



Gen. Arnold

Arnold stressed the importance of

"never again being caught without parallel airways to our farthest possessions." He added that a ground and air training system capable of immediate expansion also was necessary for the future.

Before the speech, Arnold was presented with the Legion's Distinguished Service Medal.

### She Don't Wanna

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 19 (ANS)—Actress Diana Barrymore, a temporary blonde for her role in Daphne du Maurier's "Rebecca," said today that working in Hollywood is like working in a factory. She doesn't like it and will have no more of it.

Miss Barrymore added that her husband didn't go for her new hairdo, but there wasn't anything she could do. The Rebecca role calls for light hair.

# Plural Marriage 'Revealed by Lord,' Says Cultist

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Sept. 19 (ANS)—Thirty-four persons, ranging from girls in their twenties to men in their seventies were summoned to trial today in defense of what their leader called "a revealed principle of the Lord"—a belief in plural marriage.

### Clare Coins Another

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 (ANS)—Rep. Clare Booth Luce (R.-Conn.) today called the "talk about women of 40 being glamorous the bunk." As for herself, she said she felt "more glamorous than glamorous."

### They'll Be Sorry

NEW YORK, Sept. 19 (ANS)—The GI Bill of Rights may be influencing

many men over 30 with deferments to waive them, Col. Arthur V. McDermott, city director of Selective Service, said.

They are charged with advocating and promoting polygamy as part of their activities in the Fundamentalist cult. "They may throw some of us in jail, but the movement will go right on," John Yates Barrow, 70, the Fundamentalist president, said.

### 90 Days to Ask for Job

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 (ANS)—The House today approved and sent to the Senate legislation giving discharged servicemen 90 days in which to apply for civilian jobs without being subject to government manpower controls. The period is now 40 days.

# Hubby Laughed, So Sue Hayward Takes Powder

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 19 (ANS)—Another reverberation echoed today from the Beverly Hills house party at which Turhan Bey and Stephen Crane were reported to have scuffled over Lana Turner—Actor Jess Barker announced he and his bride Actress Susan Hayward separated after the gathering.

"We were just leaving," Barker said, "and I had difficulty opening the door. I thought it was a joke, but Susan didn't think so."

Barker said he waited around for a while, then went home figuring his wife would come home with friends. But, she never showed. Miss Hayward could not be reached for a statement today.

### Meet CFCUPFSWBTCCLBWPB

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 (ANS)—Robert W. Neall, of Bronxville, N.Y., today acquired a new title: Chief of the Floor Covering and Upholstery and Pile Fabric Section of the Wool Branch of the Textile Clothing and Leather Bureau of the War Production Board.

### Sees Huge Armed Force Needed

NEW YORK, Sept. 19 (Reuter)—Sen. Elmer Thomas (D.-Okla.) predicted the U.S. will need 3,000,000 or 4,000,000 men for the armed forces immediately after

the war. Thomas said he saw no hope of a force less than 2,000,000 strong for five, eight or ten years.

### Prince Mdivani Marries

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Sept. 19 (ANS)—Prince David Mdivani, of Los Angeles, and Virginia Sinclair, of Great Neck, Long Island, N.Y., daughter of Harry Sinclair, oil man, were married here yesterday. Mdivani, native of Georgia in old Russia where he was a member of the royal family, formerly was the husband of Actress Mae Murray.

# RAF Plasters Italy Defenses

ROME, Sept. 19 (Reuter)—In a five-minute blitz last night, RAF planes dropped more than 300 tons of bombs into an area three miles long and one mile wide just northwest of Rimini, where German troops and supplies are concentrated.

Rimini defenses already had received more than 1,000 tons of bombs in 24 hours.

The Eighth Army made new advances along the whole Adriatic front, gaining the northern edge of Rimini airfield and reaching the Ausa River three miles southwest of Rimini. American Fifth Army troops, in bitter fighting, captured 3,300-foot Monte Pratone and two other heights 20 miles northeast of Florence.

# U.S. Now May Resume Relations With Finland

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 (AP)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull indicated today that the U.S. was ready to consider re-establishing friendly relations with Finland now that the Finns have made peace with Russia and Britain.

# France - - -

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Kreuzau, where heavy fighting was reported.

Third Army troops threw back a desperate bayonet counter-attack which the Germans launched a few miles southeast of Nancy, while advanced units through the Lorraine Gap were more than 20 miles east of Nancy.

The battle in thick woods near Metz, which Algiers Radio declared was completely surrounded and cut off from communications, was worse than fighting in the Normandy hedgerows, according to an American infantry lieutenant, whose men fought for three days and nights without a halt to win their objectives in the woods.

U.S. infantry, with a spearhead of French armor, crossed the Moselle River in a northward drive above Epinal that pushed 15 miles to Charmes.

Reports from the Sixth Army Group in southern France indicated that the Germans were putting up fierce resistance along a line covering approaches to the Belfort Gap.

Dover guns from the English coast joined in the battle for Boulogne, and knocked out two German guns at Calais which were hampering Canadian operations at Boulogne. The Canadians captured port facilities in the northern part of the town, and met heavy opposition as they pushed into the southern sector.



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