

Daily German Lesson
 Donnerstag, Freitag, Samstag
 Dawnersstahg, Freitag,
 Zamsstahg
 Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Daily French Lesson
 C'est trop cher
 Say tro shair
 It is too expensive

Soviet Forces Invade Northern Tip of Norway

Entire Jap Fleet in Giant Battle

Germans Strike Back In E. Prussia

Moscow last night announced that Soviet troops had invaded Norway and seized the first German-occupied town, the Arctic port of Kirkenes, even as the Red Army slowly rolled back four of the enemy's crack tank divisions in East Prussia and Marshal Stalin reported that the last Nazis had been cleared out of Transylvania with the capture of Satu Mare, a rail junction 60 miles east of Debreceen.

At the same time, Soviet reconnaissance planes reported that evacuation of Königsberg, capital of East Prussia, had been under way for several days and now was "in full swing," with the advancing Russians less than 60 miles to the east. "Crowds of refugees are moving toward the central regions of Germany," front-line dispatches said.

Loss of Kirkenes, 35 miles northwest of Petsamo and 120 miles northwest of Murmansk, was announced first by Col. Ernst von Hammer, German News Agency commentator, and confirmed three hours later in Stalin's order of the day. Von Hammer claimed all military installations had been destroyed before the port was evacuated.

Kirkenes, main supply port for the German Arctic army in northern Finland, has been an important U-boat and naval base since the German occupation in 1940.

Rail Link Seized

Earlier, Stalin announced that Marshal Malinovsky's troops had stormed Satu Mare "and have thus completed the liberation of Transylvania." Satu Mare is the meeting-place of the rail line crossing the Carpathians from southeast Poland with another main line running across northern Transylvania from Rumantia.

Fierce German counter-attacks against the Soviet wedge driven into East Prussia flared up in the Insterburg gap. Von Hammer reported house-to-house fighting in Stallupoenen, six miles inside the province on the Kaunas-Insterburg-Königsberg rail line.

He claimed the Russians had been forced to release their grip on Goldap, 30 miles southeast of Insterburg, and retire to its eastern outskirts. Soviet dive-bombing of Gumbinnen, 17 miles east of Insterburg on the line to Kaunas, indicated that town, too, had not been completely freed of Germans, in spite of Moscow's announcement it had been captured.

Aim For Danzig Base

South of East Prussia, in the Narew corridor between East Prussia and Warsaw, "ceaseless and bitter" fighting was reported by the Germans. Von Hammer said the Russians' new offensive here was "obviously aimed" at a linkup of the Red Army's bridgeheads beyond the Narew River to gain "an operational base for the planned offensive toward Danzig."

In the south, the Allied hold on the Danube was further strengthened by the Yugoslav Partisans' capture of Novi Sad, junction on the Belgrade-Budapest rail line 44 miles northwest of Belgrade.

'His Old Outfit' Bags a Nazi



Associated Press Photo
 He was an elderly, meek-looking Nazi. He said his name was Karl Young, that he used to live in Wayne, Pa., that he had two sons in the U.S., one of them in the U.S. Army.
 In fact, he used to be in the U.S. Army himself, he said, back in 1929. But the GI he told all this to was not impressed. It was Pvt. Mel... of Decatur, Ala., of the same battalion, same division, with which the captured Nazi had once served.

Subs Brought Aid to Guerrillas Before Philippines Invasion

NEW YORK, Oct. 25 (Reuter)—Supplies were landed in the Philippines before D-Day by American submarines, and radio contact was established with patriot leaders, Gen. Douglas MacArthur disclosed today in a special communique broadcast by the "Voice of Freedom Radio."

In the autumn of 1942 a weak radio signal instigated aid to anti-Japanese forces in the islands, MacArthur revealed, and four U.S. submarines were committed exclusively to transport of supplies to the guerrillas, incorporated "as units of our Army."

Through this Filipino guerrilla activity, the general disclosed, his command secured the secret defensive plans and instructions of the commander-in-chief of the combined Japanese fleet.

Indicating he might be considering use of paratroops in the Philippines, MacArthur said:

"We were materially aided by strong, battle-tested forces in nearly every Philippine community, on the alert to strike strong blows against the enemy's rear, and providing countless large areas adjacent to military objectives into which our airmen may drop with the assurance of immediate rescue and protection."

Those in Pants Also Serve

Luscious Stars Hiking Skirts To Give Vote Favorites a Lift

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 25—Glamor is clashing with glamor in Hollywood these days as Roosevelt and Dewey backers trot out their best gams, along with such minor movieland weapons as buttons, speeches, et al.

The Hollywood for Dewey's Committee's roster includes Ginger Rogers, Hilda Hopper, Jeannette MacDonald, Rosalind Russell, Anne Baxter and other screen cuties. The committee, headed by veteran Republican Lionel Barrymore, also includes Leo Carillo, Adolphe Menjou and Cecil B. De Mille.

FDR boosters include Lana Turner, Paulette Goddard, Rita Hayworth, Olivia de Havilland, Katharine Hepburn, Judy Garland, Orson Welles, Harpo Marx, Walter Huston, Danny Kaye and Eddie

Cantor, Jack L. Warner and Samuel Goldwyn head the committee.

Never has Hollywood been so divided on a political issue. Even families are reported to have been broken up by the argument. Humphrey Bogart's separation from wife Mayo Methot was attributed to Bogart's alleged inability to live with a Republican.

Some Hollywood figures are going in for political careers themselves. Albert Dekker and Lucille Gleason are Democratic candidates for the State Legislature. Helen Gahagan, Melvyn Douglas' wife, is a Democratic congressional nominee.

Republican rallies here were typical De Mille productions—lavishly done affairs with the latest studio techniques used to spotlight speakers, introduced by Ginger Rogers.

Not to be outdone, Democrats gave out with some of their best talent at a rally. Judy Garland, Gloria De Haven and Danny Kaye sang and Gene Kelly danced, while skits were given by Groucho Marx, Jimmy Durante, Lucille Ball and Robert Benchley.

2,200 Heavies Batter Reich

After a two-day lull, more than 1,200 Fortresses and Liberators yesterday hammered the Reich's largest railroad yards, located at Hamm, and hit important oil-refining centers in the Hamburg-Harburg area, as well as other military targets in northwestern Germany.

The synthetic oil plants at Gelsenkirchen also were pounded.

Escorted by more than 500 Thunderbolt and Mustang fighters, the Eighth heavies bombed through cloud by means of instruments. Two bombers and one fighter were lost.

Also yesterday in daylight more than a thousand RAF bombers, escorted by Spitfires and Mustangs, attacked objectives in the Ruhr, with their main target the much-pounded armament and railway center of Essen. Another part of the force attacked a synthetic-oil plant at Homburg, 45 miles north of Frankfurt.

RAF bombers early Wednesday attacked objectives in Hanover and western Germany.

Japs Say They'll Pick Up Supplies for Prisoners

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (Reuter)—The State Department announced today that the Japanese Government had informed the U.S. that a Japanese ship, the Hakusan Maru, would leave Japan Oct. 28 and proceed to a Soviet port to pick up relief supplies sent from the U.S. and Canada.

The supplies are intended for distribution to British, Canadian, American, Dutch and other Allied prisoners of war and civilian internees held by Japan.

Fly-Bomb Inventor Escapes to Germany

WITH U.S. THIRD ARMY, Oct. 25 (Reuter)—Dr. Georges Claude, French scientist credited with a large part in the invention and development of the flying bomb, has escaped to Germany, according to French authorities in Nancy.

Big Carrier Sunk; 2 More, 5 Battleships Hit Off Philippines

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (AP)—Virtually the entire Japanese fleet is engaged in the battle now raging off the Philippines; it was announced here tonight by Adm. Ernest J. King, chief of naval operations. Later, King said "one of three enemy forces engaged had turned back," but "might return."

A mighty naval and air battle in Philippine waters—possibly the showdown fight against the Japanese fleet long desired by the U.S. Navy—has been raging for two days, and already one big enemy carrier has been sunk, 150 planes shot down and five or six battleships and two other carriers bombed or torpedoed, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced at Pearl Harbor.

While the Navy was at last getting its hooks into a foe which has hitherto ducked decisive action, Army B29 Superfortresses struck against the Japanese homeland, blasting strategic targets on Kyushu, southernmost of the island chain.

Three Japanese naval forces were operating in waters around the Philippines, apparently forced from their hiding places by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's successes on Leyte Island, where continued progress and capture of a third airfield were reported in his communique yesterday.

All forces were engaged by U.S. forces, resulting in three separate U.S. air actions against enemy surface craft.

As was to be expected, Tokyo broadcast its own extravagant versions of the engagements and the raid upon Kyushu.

Putting the scene of the sea battle as east of Samar, north of Leyte, the Japanese said their air and naval units had sunk four carriers, two heavy cruisers, a destroyer and four transports and had damaged two carriers, a battleship, two cruisers and ten transports.

Tokyo listed its own losses as two cruisers and one destroyer.

Converted Carrier Lost

The American fleet lost one warship, the light carrier Princeton, which was laid down in 1941 as a 10,000-ton cruiser but converted during construction into a carrier. The Princeton was one of a task group attacked on Monday (U.S. time) by a big force of shore-based enemy aircraft, 150 of which were shot down.

The Princeton was seriously damaged, the communique said, adding: "Subsequently, the Princeton's magazines exploded."

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'Little Boy Blue' Reaches His New Home in U.S.

GRAND RAPIDS, Oct. 25 (ANS)—Six-months-old Kenneth Barry Maloney, the "Little Boy Blue" orphaned in England by the war, received a big ovation today after a Presidential-authorized air journey to his new home.

He was accompanied from New York by his paternal grandmother, Mrs. William Maloney, whose lieutenant son lost his life in a plane crash over Europe. The infant's English mother died at his birth, and her parents later were killed by a buzz bomb.



Early enemy reports told yesterday of a naval battle east of Samar Island, but a U.S. Navy communique received later, making no mention of operations there, reported air and naval clashes against Japanese fleets in the Suluan Sea, the Sulu Sea and southeast of Formosa.

Nazis Pull Back On Dutch Front

German troops in southwestern Holland carried out a series of local withdrawals, covered by strong rearguard actions, in the face of co-ordinated drives by the British Second and Canadian First Armies yesterday.

The fall of Hertogenbosch, most of which the British held last night, was expected hourly. Germans in the area had already lost the main road and railway leading north from the communications center.

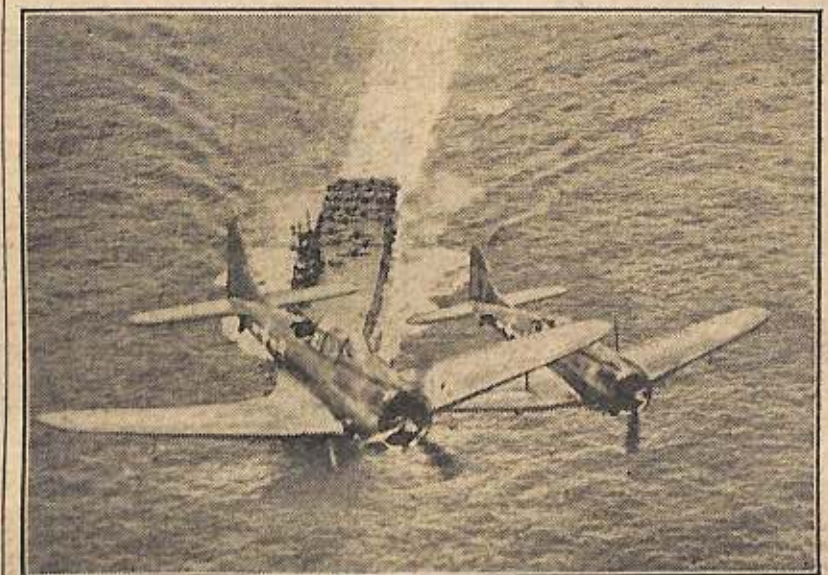
German News Agency admitted that Nazi forces withdrew in their salient south of Breda and Tilburg.

A British push from the southeast reached within five miles of Tilburg, while other Allied forces to the south were two or three miles from this communications center.

Canadian troops captured Fort Frederik Hendrik, on the Scheldt Estuary, after a bitter struggle.

The Third Army front remained generally static. There were no reports on the First Army sector.

The Dauntless Has Proved It



Dauntless dive-bombers, shown taking off from a carrier in the Pacific, have left a trail of destruction from Wake to Saipan and today are hitting the Nips in the Philippines. Too, a new dive-bomber, faster and with longer range, soon will be in operation.

An Editorial

Muddy, Bloody Men of the Line

EVERY American ought to do at least one hour of combat duty — infantry style.

That's not a practical idea and we know it. But until a man has done a doggie's job he simply doesn't know the score.

He doesn't know how danger punishes the human nervous system. He can't imagine what it's like to creep down a street of empty houses wondering if they're really as empty as they look. Hearing window shades flap and doors creak and expecting the crack of a Karbiner or the burp of a Jerry MG—the last sound on earth.

He doesn't know how much guts it takes to move forward a yard, a foot, an inch. How a second can seem a year and a minute an eternity.

Until he's lived and fought in the mud and blood, he can't realize what an all-time miracle a dough-boy is. To stick in there day after day after day after night after night after night after night after night.



Until then, a worker can't understand what a crime it is to let production slow down.

Until then, a soldier can't understand what a murdering thing he does when he peddles supplies needed up front.

Until then, War Department officials can't attach enough importance to combat duty in

administering its demobilization plan. Nor can they know the inequality of the present system of special pay and privilege for some — with just a few extra dollars a month for the man in the mud.

Until then, the nation can't realize — as it cheers the greatest backfield of the greatest team in history — the job being done by the muddy, bloody men of the line.

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Visiting Stars Appreciated

Oct. 23, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,

I'm writing to point out a few things some of the boys here and in the CBI, where most of what I'm writing about originated, forget—i.e., when they have a good thing, don't spoil it for others. I refer to the scandal about Ann Sheridan not completing the number of shows which were on her schedule and also that of Joe E. Brown.

First, these stars don't have to come here. They aren't making money by their visit here. They could just as well stay in Hollywood and make pictures, etc. But they feel sorry for our boys here and decide to come over and entertain them, also standing the chance of being killed up at the fronts, where Dinah Shore and Bing Crosby have been so far.

Joe E. Brown lost his son in the Army and he still went on tour in the South Pacific. Put yourself in his boots. Would you go on tour after you lost a son? Think it over, wise guys, and maybe you'll realize what it means to have some class "A" entertainers come over here. My advice to you wise guys, who don't know when you have a good deal, is to keep your opinions to yourself, as there are a few GIs that appreciate what their favorite screen stars do for them when they visit the different war zones.—Pvt. Malcolm J. Hurwitz, Bomber Sq.

Buzz-Bombs on Hospitals

Oct. 20, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,

Buzz bombs have passed over several American hospitals which are located in Southern England.

That's bad enough, but the night-fighters have shot some of them up around these hospital areas.

Don't get us wrong, we have a lot of respect for the night-fighters and they deserve plenty of credit, but we sure wish they would let the robots go a few miles past the hospitals before shooting at them. This constitutes a real danger to a large number of patients and it seems to me that something could be done about it.—Capt. H. D. Covell, Station Hosp.

Too Much Sports News?

Oct. 10, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,

If I must read your newspaper for the next year or so in the ETO it may as well be interesting and entertaining rather than dull. I'm sure that I speak for many other GIs too. The thing that gripes me is this: I'm sports-minded myself but I'm interested just as much, if not more so, in science, literature, art, music, etc. (All GIs are not morons, you know.) Why do you devote a whole page every day to sports and hardly a column to mature subjects? In this war we need to encourage adult thinking and attitudes whereas you feed us a lot of infantile and trivial pap.

Also, Bill Mauldin is the war cartoonist today for my money! Breger and Wingert while amusing are not his equal. With a few changes such as these you will really have a newspaper that speaks to all and not just a certain section of the Army.—Pvt. Max Stein, OQM.

He'll Get By—In Paris

Oct. 23, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,

As an English girl I know I'm not eligible for a gripe in this column, but anyway here goes. Your daily French lesson is giving me gray hairs—I've never been able to inspire my special GI to say "vous etes tres belle" to me in English, so have a heart! My only consolation is that he probably can't get his Kentucky tongue around the phonetic spelling!—Margery Hodson, Shanklin, Isle of Wight.

A Gripe to End Gripes

Oct. 23, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,

I have watched you grow from infancy and think you do a swell job giving us the news plus lots of laughs. Enough is enough, I can't keep quiet any longer. Why waste so much valuable space printing silly letters from some guy who thinks the world is against him? I refer to "Home Before We Win" in the "B-Bag," Oct. 23, 1944, and any other griping letters you might print.

I'm proud of the Editor's notation to that letter, and am ashamed to think my buddies and yours, who are out there fighting to make it possible for us all to go home, have to read such tripe. It's my belief that if we stop wasting our time and energy trying to find some reason to gripe and use them to finish off this war, maybe we'll then all pack our bags and go home.—M/Sgt. Edward E. Fooley, F.D.

Hash Marks

According to Cpl. Cleo Hux, engine mechanic at an Air Service Command Depot, a new Jap security slogan, "Iki, Waki, Kowki, Sookeki," translates as follows:

"Slip of lip,
Sink 'em ship,
End of Nip."

"What picture is playing tonight?" asked Cpl. Eugene C. deGroff of Lt. Vernon Hanson, special service officer at an Eighth Air Force fighter station.



"Mr. Winkle Goes to War," said Hanson.

"Mr. Winkle Goes to War" played here before, lieutenant," deGroff remarked.

"Yes, but as you know," the lieutenant explained, "this is a long war."

Then there was the girl who went out with a soldier and found out he was A-W-O-L-F.

Inquired a Private: "Have you heard the rumor about the demob plan?" To which the blase Pfc replied: "Heard it? Hell, man, I started it."

Cpl. Bill Rowe, who writes more of these hash marks than we are prepared to admit, says that when a nervous second lieutenant protested about a jeep cowboy's reckless driving, the cowboy blithely answered: "Do as I do, lieutenant. Just shut your eyes when we come to corners."

Mess Sgt. Jack Brewster recently got fed up at the beefing about his chow, which was good and he knew it. When one too many GIs voiced a squawk, he blew his top and snarled, "So you think the meat is as tough as boiled owl? Well, what in 'ell do you think it is?"

A rookie sky pilot joined a Ninth Air Force squadron as a replacement and happened to ask an old ace why the fliers no longer called "Contact" before starting their plane engines. The veteran replied, "Well, you see, son, they've switched to Culbertson."

A bivouac has its points, according to a homesick Joe who says he likes to sit by a camp fire and remember old flames.

Economy: Then there was the Scotch gal who powdered her nose with a marshmallow before she ate the marshmallow.

GI Philosophy: When a guy says "It



isn't the stripes I want, it's the money"—it's the stripes.

T/5 Ray Osterkamp sleepily stated that it is hard to get up with the roosters if you were out with a chick the night before.

J. C. W.

Disabled Vets Are Trained For Jobs They Can Do

Government and Industry Co-operate To Make Them Self-Supporting

(This is the third in a series of articles on post-war employment for discharged veterans.)

By William E. Taylor
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Great strides have already been made in the employment field back home to insure that disabilities suffered by service men will not be a handicap when they return to civilian life.

Public and private authorities, already beyond the blueprint stage in establishing the post-war set-up, aim at guaranteeing that disabled soldiers or sailors will be able to achieve on their own hook the economic independence that is sought by every veteran.

"The day is gone when it was thought that every job required two hands, two feet and two eyes. The day is gone also when employers need to hesitate about employing a rehabilitated veteran."

That's how the situation is sized up by Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, whose Retraining and Re-employment Administration is the chief government agency concerned with the post-war well-being of veterans.

Disabled Get Pensions

Every disabled veteran receives a pension, ranging from \$11.50 monthly for 10 per cent disability to \$115 monthly for total disability. Service men who have suffered crippling limb injuries or have been rendered helpless or blind may be granted special pensions.

But it has been recognized that injured veterans need more than sympathy to back up their pensions. They want jobs, because jobs mean self-support.

More and more employers are finding that such workers, given jobs fitted to their individual qualifications, put out as



Post-war job blueprints are designed to help disabled veterans like these find employment to achieve an economic independence in their own right.

well as, and sometimes better than, employees who have no disabilities.

Backing this up is the report of a recent survey of firms employing disabled workers: "In nearly 66 per cent of the concerns employing them they were considered to be as efficient as physically normal workers, and in 24 per cent of these concerns they were considered better than the average."

Industrial concerns, large and small, are taking advantage of the Army and Navy classification systems, now working in reverse to place service men in civilian jobs they are qualified to hold.

Own Grading Systems

At the same time, some corporations have their own grading systems. At the Henry J. Kaiser enterprises, the physical requirements of every job are listed so that a veteran, fit or disabled, will be assigned to the task he does best.

On the Ford pay roll are 11,000 veterans, 1,000 of whom are blind. The Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, which has made detailed studies of jobs for handicapped persons and already employs 1,800 veterans, reports that 83 per cent of the tasks in certain departments can be done by disabled persons.

Deafness, a missing limb or spinal or eye injuries will not bar employment in the plant of one large aircraft company, where 2,000 jobs are held by workers with just such disabilities.

Officials at California's Lido Beach center, through which pass most of the Navy disability cases from nearby hospitals, report that 75 per cent of the men so far discharged there were placed in the type of work they wanted. The remainder received further vocational or scholastic training before re-entering civilian life.

Will Provide Training

Where a veteran's injuries handicap him in returning to his former work, the Veterans' Administration will provide vocational training to fit him for suitable employment.

During this training period the veteran's monthly pension, when less than \$80, will be raised to that amount if he is single and to \$90 if he is married, with \$5 for each child and \$10 for each dependent parent. This increased pension will be paid for two months following the completion of training.

Examples of injured service men receiving vocational training include a soldier studying aeronautical drafting; another, his knees torn by shrapnel, taking a ten-month business course; and a sailor, severely burned when his ship was torpedoed, training at a Diesel engineering school.

Vocational training will grow in importance once war production shuts down, the Veterans' Administration says. For that reason the courses, for which the government pays the expenses of tuition, books and equipment, will not cease until six years after the end of the war. No course exceeding four years will be authorized, however.

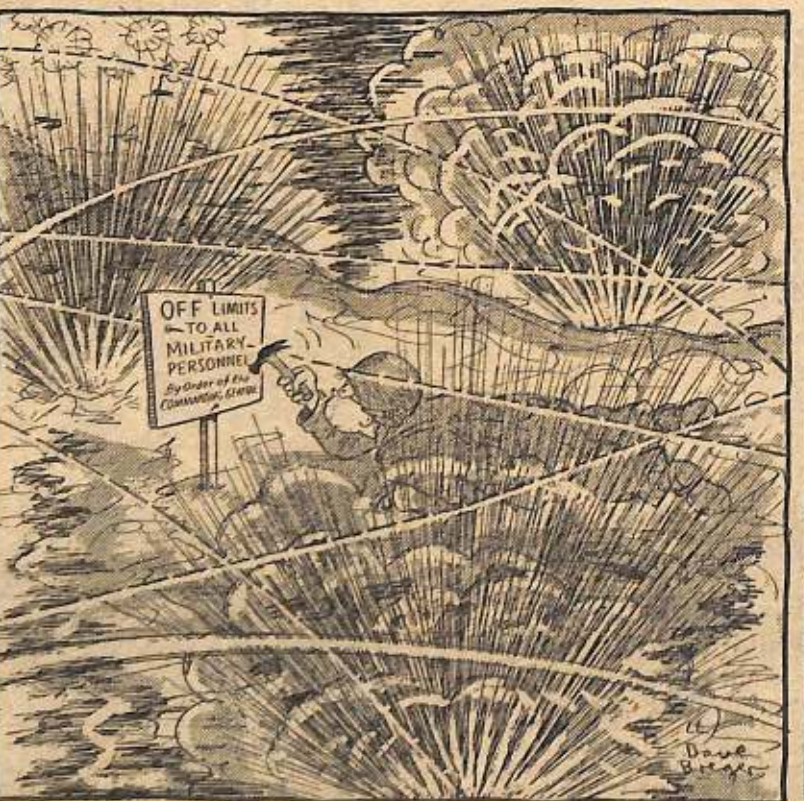
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WAVEs Replace Coeds as All-American Girl



Back in the days before the war a beautiful coed and a football player always made a good picture. Now things are a bit different as the above photo indicates. At the N. Carolina Pre-Flight school the football players are future fliers in Uncle Sam's Navy, and the coeds have turned into WAVEs. Left to right are Warren Anderson, Brooklyn, who was captain-elect at Colgate this year; Ens. Maxine Neitz, USNR, Seattle, Wash.; Otto Graham, Waukegan, Ill., who was All-American football and basketball star at Northwestern last year; Ens. Betty Crawford, USNR, Salina, Kan.; Melbourne Sheehan, St. Louis; Lt. (jg) Zora Cornich, USNR, also of St. Louis, and Buell St. John, Aliceville, Ala.

O'Connor's Bid to Succeed Landis Opposed by Moguls

NEW YORK, Oct. 25—One subject that is sure to come up for discussion and may be decided when the major league magnates meet in December is the matter of a successor to Judge Landis. The aged jurist has a contract that runs until January, 1946, and although there is more than a full year remaining on it, the judge's illness, which has kept him in a hospital since just before the World Series, has brought the matter into sharp focus.

There are plenty of angles and plenty of politics involved in the unique arrangement whereby baseball officials turned their business over to one man to direct as he wished. In the first place it is generally acknowledged that Landis himself would like nothing better than to have his secretary, Leslie O'Connor, succeed him, and that baseball club owners can envisage nothing worse than O'Connor in the commissioner's chair.

A Good Mouser

Their beef at O'Connor stems from the popular idea that whenever the judge lowers the boom on a club owner for a rules infraction it has been O'Connor's snooping that did it. Leslie's ability to smell a rat through the legal double-talk of a contract between a player and owner has resulted in many valuable ball-players being turned loose from their employers after years on the payroll in the minors and sometimes the majors.

Tommy Henrich was turned loose from Cleveland in '37 after the commissioner's office found everything not quite as it should be between Henrich and the Indians, and Tom promptly signed for \$25,000 with the Yankees.

The Landis office descended on the Tiger farm system in '39 and almost 100 players were turned loose. Among those freed and who later sold themselves for a tidy sum were Roy Cullenbine and Benny McCoy.



ROY CULLENBINE

Dizzy Trout almost got away during the purge, and it all has been laid to O'Connor.

The situation likely will be greatly clarified at the meetings when the committee designated to draw up a new major league agreement makes the reports.

If politics among club owners prevents the selection of a successor after the Landis contract expires one of the most interesting aspects of baseball's complicated law will come into effect. The agreement which set up the commissioner's office says in part, "In the event of failure to elect a successor within three months either major league may request the President of the United States to designate a commissioner."

McKeever Sees Strong Threat From Illinois

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Oct. 25—Ed McKeever, Notre Dame football coach, revealed today that war and a heavy schedule have forced the abandonment of the school's traditional two-team system practice instituted by the late Knute Rockne which gave Notre Dame two powerful teams taking turns in hammering down the opposition.

The impending transfer of Chick Maggioni, first-string halfback, Arthur Statuto, second-string center, and George Terlep, reserve halfback, plus the fact that the Irish meet Illinois, Navy and Army in the next three weeks forced his action, McKeever said.

Maggioni is a marine and the other two are sailors, and all are leaving after the Illinois game next Saturday. Halfback Bob Kelly is also expected to leave within a short time for naval duty elsewhere.

The loss of Maggioni and Terlep will be tough enough, but the departure of



Bob Kelly

Kelly, who has scored 54 of Notre Dame's 176 points, will be even tougher.

McKeever first started to sour on unit substitution when Wisconsin scored two touchdowns Saturday. Previously the plan had worked well against Pittsburgh, Tulane and Dartmouth.

In spite of all his talent, McKeever is worried plenty about the Illinois game. That stopwatch backfield of Buddy Young, Don Greenwood and Paul Patterson will be hard to stop, and the Rambler mentor hasn't too much confidence in the defense he is planning against the trio. Just what the defense is McKeever doesn't say.

"Illinois is sure to score on us," McKeever wailed today. "But we will have to try to outscore them somehow."

Once Over Lightly

By Charlie Kiley

NEW YORK, Oct. 25—Mention of Claude "Buddy" Young, Negro NCAA sprint champion from Illinois, as the fastest man ever to tread a football field, is bound to incite college alumni from Notre Dame to Oskosh Teachers who have their own candidates for the gridiron's "fastest human."

Your fathers, of course, would come up with Fritz Pollard, another Negro flash whose track and football records hang high in Brown's hall of fame. The Orangemen from Syracuse have Olympians Ray Barbuti and Marty Glickman among track stars who contributed sheer speed in gridiron squads. Then there were Notre Dame's



Buddy Young

Jack Elder, Princeton's Jack White, North Carolina's George Struweiss and more recently Colgate's Indian Bill Geyer, who whizzed both on the cinder paths and the football fields.

Elder practically made himself a Notre Dame immortal with his speed on one play. That was in the 1929 game against heavily favored Army. Elder intercepted a Chris Cagle pass and ran almost the length of a frozen field for the touchdown that whipped the Cadets. This year Navy has a couple of speed merchants in trackmen Jim Pettit and Ralph Ellsworth which it undoubtedly would like to match against Master Young of Illinois.

Football reindeer whose main forte is swiftness belong by themselves among the backs, who could be divided into several categories. Climax runners like Red Grange, March Schwartz, Albie Booth, Chris Cagle and Tom Harmon may be slower afoot but they are the type that shake loose at any time, from any point through a broken field for more spectacular runs. Then there are the powerhouse pile-drivers like Ernie Nevers, Bronko Nagurski, Herb Joesting, John Kimbrough and Andy Farkas who could do many things once they got their hands on the ball, but mainly used their power to crush the opposition.

Outstanding examples of players whose pitching arms led them to football fame could include Benny Friedman, Sammy Baugh, Davey O'Brien, Sid Luckman, Frankie Sinkwich and Paul Governali, while others served their coaches and more sensational backfield brethren through their blocking qualities. Like Earl Britton, who cleared the path for Grange, Johnny Murrell, who mowed 'em down for Cagle, and Forest Evashevski, who ran in front of Harmon. Names listed here do not include all gridiron greats who belong on the all-star lists, because it would take an armful of record books plus ten pages to cover all of them.

But this isn't saying much about Buddy Young being the "fastest man in football history," which we started out to talk about. The fact is, however, that the fleet Illinois freshman has been zipping past the wing guardians so fast he doesn't even draw a "Who goes there?" challenge and has racked up ten touchdowns in six games with four to play.

Cadets Nudge Irish for Lead

NEW YORK, Oct. 25—Notre Dame managed to hold its place atop the weekly Associated Press poll as the top football team of the nation this week, but the Irish would have been toppled by the Army had it received one less first-place vote.

This is the 11th straight week over a two-year period that the Ramblers have been the top team, but they hold their lead by the narrow margin of eight points, with first place vote counting ten points, second place nine, third place eight, etc.

The South Benders received 40 first place votes this week for a total of 917 votes. Here are the top leaders: Notre Dame—917; Army—899; Randolph Field—853; Ohio—790; Georgia Tech—589; Iowa Pre-Flight—347; Tulsa and Pennsylvania—269; Purdue—153.

Ned Irish Terms Allen's Charges 'Baseless Hearsay'

NEW YORK, Oct. 25—Ned Irish got his Irish up today, but definitely. Apparently fed up to the gills with the charges made by Kansas University basketball coach Phog Allen concerning gamblers and basketball players, the acting president of Madison Square Garden said that the charges are "nothing but baseless repetition of allegations which he has picked up by hearsay."

Allen charged last week that basketball games had actually been thrown by college boys in the Garden. When Irish asked him for specific information, Allen sent him a telegram naming a player who had allegedly sold out to professional gamblers.

"Allen has been doing that sort of thing for years now," Irish said. "And the mystery to me is that people take him seriously in the light of his previous false prophecies."

Ring Judges Sought For Rainbow Contests

Qualified judges with past ring experience are needed for the coming Rainbow Corner boxing season which opens Tuesday night.

Army and Navy enlisted men and officers who wish to act as judges at these contests should get in touch with Hank Lacy of the American Red Cross Athletic Dept., Rainbow Corner, Shaftesbury Ave., London.

DePaolo, Ex Speedway King, Predicts Oval's Sale to Legion

By Tony Cordaro
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

GI Joe may have no knowledge of it, but he's to be a member of an important racing family—that is, if he's contemplating wearing an American Legion button after the war.

The announcement of the acquisition of the famous Indianapolis speedway by the service organization is forthcoming. The Legionnaires will squander a small

fortune on improvements and the installation of a midget auto racing track inside the main speedway.

We procured these facts from Maj. Pete DePaolo, fabulous racing figure of the Golden 20's, who is now stationed here with the 8th AF Service Command.

"What major post-war improvements are anticipated in the auto racing field?" we asked the major.

"Fuel, super-charged cars and possibly jet-propelled machines," he replied. "We've learned plenty about fuel in this war. Also from the war will come a wealth of material. Your Lib, Marauder and Fort pilots are prospective Indianapolis winners. Many pilots turned to auto racing following World War I."

DePaolo, in the 15-year span from 1920-35, won the '25 Indianapolis 500-mile race, the AAA national title twice, and numerous laurels in Spain, France, Italy and Germany. He set the first 100 mph average at Indianapolis in '25 with a time of 101.13. The record stood for seven years.

DePaolo's experience in the Grand Prix, Berlin, is worth reviewing. The American achieved the speed of 196 mph, but the Germans, driving their Mercedes-Benz racers powered with the same type of engine as is now used in Messerschmitt planes, tore past him at 220 mph.

It's DePaolo's belief that the Nazis, at that time stripped of their war industries, were using auto racing as an experimental laboratory in which they developed their war plane engines.



PETE DEPAOLO

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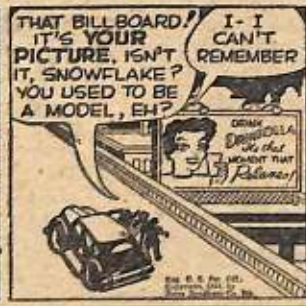
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Waivers Sought on Masters

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 25—The combined Chicago Cardinals-Pittsburgh-Steelers eleven has asked for waivers on Quarterback Walter Masters.

Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune



APOs Wanted
JOSEPH Bureleigh ANDERSON, Richmond, Va.; Lt. Ralph A. BARRETT, Galway, N.Y.; Lt. Mary Jane BEGER, Salt Lake City; Pfc James BAGWELL, Eastey, S.C.; Lt. William BUDGE, Columbus, Ohio; WAC Alma W. COATS; Car. man A. CAROSSELLI; M/Sgt. Joshua ESTES, Hopeville, Ga.; George MAYSON and Alwin E. EATHERIDGE, Saluda, N.Y.; Lt. Richard J. FARDEN, Edgemoor, Mass.; Major Cere E. GOOD, Framingham, Mass.; Lt. A. J. GINTER, Alfred B. HENRY, Chicago, Ill.; Lt. Col. Cecil D. HABDEY, Goddard, Idaho; Lt. Col. HALLORAN; T/5 William A. HUBER; Lt. Col. Bruce JOHNSON, New London, Texas; Pfc Andrew K. JOHNSTON, Texarkana, Texas; Sgt. Lee R. JOHNSON, Richmond, Va.; WAC Sgt. Lois KIRBY; John S. KRYSINSKI; Lt. Edward KOBYLZAK, Saginaw, Mich.; S/Sgt. Norman



By Courtesy of United Features

Life in Those United States

U.S. Denies Plan to Shut Many War Plants Soon

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (ANS)—Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson today denied reports that government plants "no longer needed" for war work soon would be closed down.

Patterson reveals that such rumors had caused considerable unrest among war workers and that production had been affected adversely. The rumors sprang from published reports that government plants would be sold when their productive capacity no longer was required.

"No consideration has been given to the sale of these plants at this time or any time in the near future," Patterson said. "They are needed and will continue to be needed for war."

Patterson later announced 6,000,000 members of the armed forces now were overseas.

CAPITAL RAMBLINGS: All evidence on facts surrounding the Pearl Harbor disaster was reported today but its classification by Army and Navy boards as "a top secret" made it doubtful when, or ever, the information would be made public. . . . Russia has accepted an invitation to attend the International Business Conference next month, it was announced.

The Maritime Commission announced that ideas and suggestions submitted by employes had saved shipyards more than \$25,000,000 in man hours and materials in the last two years. . . . OPA revealed that East Coast and Midwest household consumers who converted from oil to coal heat to save on fuel again would be allowed oil rations after Nov. 1 if they desired to change back.

Authorizations for the manufacture of \$152,000,000 in civilian goods have been granted since Sept. 2, WPB revealed. Among the approved items are vacuum cleaners, bed springs, lamps and clocks.

Don't Get in a Stew, Edith; We'll Like It, if It's Home

CHICAGO, Oct. 25 (ANS)—GIs who have picked up an aversion toward stew will like it if they're told they're eating "Boeuf en Daube" or "Blanquette de Veau," Edith Barber, food editor of the New York Sun, advised servicemen's wives today.

"Just give stew a fancy name and they'll love it," she said. "That's the way they often choose their meals in a restaurant. It works on other things, too. If a man insists he doesn't like pot roast, just call it Boeuf a la Mode and he'll eat it."

Enforced eating of K and C rations, she pointed out, has accented men's yearning for "the home touch." "There isn't a soldier who would like to stay on K rations, even though he knows they nourish his body. The psychological touch of sitting around a table filled with regular food just isn't there."



RBT. P. PATTERSON

Auld Lang Syne



After two years of playing host to the U.S. Navy while it struck at U-boat packs in the Battle of the Atlantic and later cleared the Channel lanes from D-Day on, several small English coastal villages last week saw sailors weigh anchor for the last time as they moved their bases of operations to France. Here, a group of gobs in one of the towns hit it up on their last night ashore, drinking a final toast with some of the local townsfolk.

Dewey Charges FD Can't Work With Congress

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 25 (AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey last night declared it is time to install a new chief executive who will work with Congress in solving "the mighty problems of peace."

Dewey declared that President Roosevelt "has already demonstrated he cannot work with a Congress of his own party. Our future demands a new chief executive who can and will work with a new Republican Congress beginning next Jan. 20."

The GOP nominee declared that American participation in a world peace organization must not "require our representative to return to Congress for authority every time he has to make a decision."

But, he added, "only Congress has the power to determine what quota of power and what discretion it will give our representative."

Dewey accused the President of permitting shipment to Japan of "as much as 3,000,000 barrels of oil for use against China and for storage against America" until four months before Pearl Harbor.

Mr. Roosevelt was accused by Dewey of "the most completely isolationist action ever taken by an American President in scuttling the 1933 London economic conference. "The move," Dewey said, contributed "to a breakdown in international co-operation."

Razzle Dazzle

A searchlight crew 12 miles southeast of Dunkirk has been credited with destruction of a Heinkel 111 attempting to reach Dunkirk with mail, small arms and bazookas, according to Reuter. The Heinkel crashed when the searchlight dazzled the pilot.

Bombers' Pick



Pfc Stephanie Abbott's WAC mates at a First Bomb Division insist The Stars and Stripes need look no further for the prettiest WAC in the U.K. They submit these vital statistics: She's five feet tall, her eyes and hair are dark brown, she weighs 108 pounds. Deadline for photo entries is next Monday.

Floodlit Ruhr May Be Sign Nazis Are Pulling Out Plants

PARIS, Oct. 25 (AP)—The floodlighting of Germany's once blacked-out Ruhr Valley cities, observed every night in the last three weeks by Allied pilots, is seen here as a strong indication that Hitler has thrown aside all security measures in order to obtain the last ounce of war output in these final days of German production there.

Pilots said the floodlighting was around whole factory belts and along the main traffic arteries leading to and from them.

Hectic day and night activity in these areas suggests also that the Germans are preparing to move away as much as possible of the manufacturing equipment to zones less imminently threatened by the Allied eastward drive.

One American pilot returning from a flight over the Ruhr said he saw a whole mile stretch of the Ruhr floodlit.

The Allies appear to be in no hurry to take advantage of this illumination by directing mass bombing raids on these targets.

That is probably because the present development of night and blind-bombing technique is so advanced that we are able to bomb just as well that way as if the zone were illuminated.

If this be true, it would suggest that the continued blackout in England, one of the war's principal hardships for Britons throughout the country, is probably of little or no real value.

Cherbourg Lit By U.S. Ship

CHERBOURG, Oct. 22 (delayed) (Reuter)—The lights are on again in Cherbourg.

When the Germans quit this port city 11 weeks ago, they made a good job of destroying the electric light and power plant. Storm lanterns, candles and even flashlights were pressed into service by the Americans, and that was all the lighting they had.

Then someone had a bright idea. In the harbor was a smashed U.S. destroyer escort, but her engines were workable. The Americans joined up a couple of dynamos to the ship's Diesels—and the lights came on.

Today the whole of the town and dozens of villages down the Cherbourg peninsula are using electricity supplied by the battered American ship, and French civilians, gradually flocking back to remake their homes here, are grateful.

Belmonte Falls To Fifth in Italy

ROME, Oct. 25 (AP)—American Fifth Army troops have captured Monte Belmonte, one of the obstacles blocking the advance on Bologna.

Eighth Army troops on the Adriatic front have reached the Savio River, four miles north of Verai. Weaker opposition on this front indicates the enemy is withdrawing to a new defense line.

More, Bigger Crops

CHICAGO, Oct. 25—Howard R. Tolley, chief of the bureau of agricultural economics, said yesterday there was "no likelihood" the U.S. would return to pre-war levels of agricultural production. New markets must be developed to absorb the inevitable increased turnout, he said.

Cincinnati Fire Kills 7

CINCINNATI, Oct. 25 (ANS)—Seven persons died in a fire which yesterday swept the Cincinnati Pencil Co. plant in the heart of the downtown section. Eleven persons were injured, three critically. Damage was estimated at \$40,000.

Gives Life for Parrot

MIAMI, Oct. 25 (ANS)—Mrs. Ruth Robbins, 24, lost her life when she jumped into a water-filled rock pit in an attempt to rescue her pet parrot. She either drowned or suffered a heart attack, police said.

Centsless

MIAMI, Oct. 25 (ANS)—A minor financial "mystery" confronted Mrs. Elizabeth Beth Kay today. For some unfathomable reason, she received a U.S. government check for one cent. The amount will be included in her next income-tax report, she said.

Solomon

CHICAGO, Oct. 25 (ANS)—A cocker spaniel today decided his own fate in Judge Jacob M. Brande's court room. Originally the dog had belonged to Miss Elaine Kline, who told the court she lent him to Mrs. Maude Foraker. Mrs. Foraker contended the dog had been given her as a gift. Separating the two women, the judge allowed the dog to take his choice. He went straight to Miss Kline.

Those Lucky Dogs Are Shedding Their Tags

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25—The Army today announced it would dish out several hundred discharges shortly after Jan. 1—the lucky GIs being members of the K9 Corps who have been declared surplus personnel by the Quartermaster.

The dogs—collies, dobermanns, pinschers and boxers—will be sold at \$1 a head. Treasury officials who'll supervise the sale disclosed. A QM officer said "our prime objective is to find good homes for the dogs" and added former owners would be given a chance to reclaim their dogs. "They'll make good pets," he said. "In the first place they have learned discipline and buyers won't have to worry. Dogs trained for attack purposes will be 'deprocessed.'"

Siamese Twins Die

PAINTSVILLE, Ky., Oct. 25—Siamese twin girls who lived a half-hour were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dora McKenzie, of Elna, on Oct. 13, it was revealed today. The babies weighed five pounds each and were joined at the chest, Dr. James W. Archer said. They were perfectly formed, except for a single liver and intestinal tract.

2 Money Sacks, 1 Sad Sack

DENVER, Oct. 25—Mrs. Callie Smith told police how she tried to retrieve two money sacks containing \$270 which had fallen out of an armored car. But she wasn't quick enough. A man picked them up and said he would return them. Instead, he drove off.

A Born Leader Is Killed—Leading Won Bars the Hard Way, He Dies Re-Proving Self Worthy

WITH AN AMERICAN UNIT, Holland, Oct. 25 (UP)—The two gold bars were only borrowed, but the stocky, grinning little second lieutenant was as proud of them as if he had fashioned them with his own hands.

They were borrowed because he was the first enlisted man to be promoted to officer rank on a battlefield in this large unit's long World War II history.

The general himself had pinned them on in a pouring rain in front of the whole unit because T/Sgt. Grady Blazier had proved himself a born leader and had proved it under fire.

It was several weeks ago when Blazier climbed out of a foxhole during a heavy German counter-attack to rescue an injured crew from a burning half-track hit by an 88. Blazier went on to reorganize the platoon and lead his own counter-attack under fire, returning with several prisoners.

Life Begins at 61

CARMI, Ill., Oct. 25 (ANS)—A 61-year-old grandmother, who recently entered high school as a freshman, has flung herself into extra-curricular activities with ungrannylike abandon. Mrs. Effie E. Owen, who returned to her studies after 47 years, participated in the regular freshman initiation by walking through a cemetery at night while upperclassmen hovered about in white sheets.



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Whole Jap Fleet Lured to Battle

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ploded and the ship, badly crippled, was sunk. Her crew numbered 133 officers and 1,227 enlisted men, 140 were killed. Casualties among personnel were light. The complement aboard a ship of this type usually numbers about 1,500.

Declaring that the enemy was "brought to action" on the following day, the communique said incomplete reports showed "that severe damage has been inflicted on the enemy, that at least one of the large carriers had been sunk and that two others have been severely damaged."

The battleships and the cruiser were hit in air operations Monday, the communique said.

Planes of the Third Fleet sighted two enemy forces. The first consisted of three or four battleships, ten cruisers and about 13 destroyers, headed east in the Sibuyan Sea, in the central Philippines. The second, made of two battleships, a cruiser and four destroyers, was spotted in the Sulu Sea southwest of Negros Island.

It was thought that the two forces were attempting to push through to the waters off Leyte Island so as to bombard MacArthur's troops.

All of the battleships sustained bomb hits and one battleship and one cruiser in the first group were torpedoed. The light units in the second force "were severely strafed," the communique said.

The third enemy force was raised late Monday afternoon southeast of Formosa, approaching from Japanese home waters. Formosa is off the Chinese coast and northwest of the Philippines.

Associated Press dispatches from Pearl Harbor said that it was from this force that the enemy carrier was sunk and the two others damaged.

The official communique concluded by saying: "The general action is continuing." However, a late dispatch last night said the second force had been "completely routed," indicating the action in this battle had been broken off.

Washington said details of the B29 raid would be issued later, but Tokyo said 100 planes raided that island and Saishu (Queipart) Island, off southern Korea.

There was no Allied announcement of naval and air engagements east of Samar, as reported by Tokyo.

Ahead of Pacific Schedule

WORCESTER, Mass., Oct. 25 (ANS)—The war in the Pacific "is ahead of schedule," Vice-Adm. Randall Jacobs, chief of naval personnel, said today. "We have progressed by slow, bitterly-fought stages to a point where we can attack the enemy in the Pacific at places of our own choosing," he asserted.

Terry and the Pirates



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By Milton Caniff