

Nazis Race West to Escape Soviet Trap

Improperly Addressed Mail Is Out

Must Include Full Data, Or Will Be Returned; Gifts Unaffected

By Special Cable to The Stars and Stripes NEW YORK, Oct. 28 (AP)—Army and Navy postal officials said today that insufficiently addressed mail for overseas now is either returned to the sender or sent to the dead letter office.

They added, the addressee's unit and Army serial number henceforth must be included. The serviceman's Army post office number will be insufficient.

Officials said the new ruling would not apply to Christmas parcels. These, if insufficiently addressed, will be given "directory service" and sent on to the addressee instead of being returned to the sender.

Restrictions on parcels for overseas, which were lifted from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 to facilitate the handling of Christmas mail, are now in force again. These re-

Write Return Address, Or Mail Won't Be Sent

Mail bound for the States that does not bear the proper return address no longer will be sent by the Army Post Office, just as improperly addressed mail posted in the States will not be sent overseas, it became apparent yesterday.

APO officers here have repeatedly asked members of the services to write their rank, name, serial number, unit and APO number (care of postmaster, New York) in the upper left corner of each envelope or parcel. Mail not bearing such return address now is being returned to the sender for correction.

Men stationed in the ETO are urged to advise their families and friends in their next letters that addresses on mail must be complete, including the above information, or it will not reach its destination.

Restrictions remain the same as before Oct. 15, when the sender needed a written request from the serviceman overseas in order to send him a parcel weighing more than eight ounces. Parcels up to eight ounces can be sent without request by payment of first class postage.

Postal officials said parcels up to five pounds may be sent by parcel post if the serviceman requests them in a letter to the sender. They added that only one such parcel is permitted for each request, but otherwise there is no limit on the number of parcels except that parcels are not acceptable longer than 15 inches or measuring more than 36 inches in length and girth combined.

Flier Confesses Murder of Wife

NEW YORK, Oct. 28—After hours of grilling tonight, Wayne Lonergan confessed to the murder of his beautiful 22-year-old wife, Patricia. The admission by the Canadian airman, who was brought here from Toronto Tuesday, thus ended one of New York's most baffling murder cases.

The nude body of Mrs. Lonergan was found last Sunday in the bedroom of her fashionable Beckman Hill apartment. She had been bludgeoned to death, apparently with an antique bed lamp, after a desperate fight for her life.

Lonergan said that after the murder he threw his RCAF uniform in the river and returned to Toronto in civilian clothes. It was his appearance there out of uniform that first threw suspicion on him.

Lonergan returned to New York after he was warned that if he refused to waive extradition he would be charged with the murder.

'Sooner Than We Think' BARCELONA, Oct. 28 (AP)—Germany is now "extremely worn and used up" and "the war will be finished before most people think," Sir Samuel Hoare, British Ambassador in Madrid, told the British Chamber of Commerce here.

Nazis Gloomy, Returning Yanks Say

Civilian Attacks on Allied Airmen Described

A picture of growing German pessimism concerning the outcome of the war, of terrific damage inflicted on cities and industries by Allied bombers and of violent resentment by German civilians against Allied airmen was painted in the stories told by the 14 Americans who arrived in Britain this week, first to be released from German prison camps in this war.

Their stories, released yesterday after relaxation of censorship, gave a graphic description of conditions in Germany today. Germans with whom they had talked, they said unanimously, had given up all hope of winning the war, and the Nazi attitude has changed from arrogant confidence to pessimism and gloom. Some even believed the war would end within a few months.

Allied bombings, they reported, had not only levelled cities and completely destroyed aircraft factories, but had spread panic and terror among civilians as well as military personnel who live in fear of Russian vengeance. Civilians, they said, show little or no mercy toward Allied airmen, particularly Americans, and have stoned and even shot at fliers who have bailed out over Germany.

Mines, Crops, Railways Ruined The repatriates told of crippled coal-mining production, bad crops, disrupted communications and a severe shortage of rolling stock, living conditions low, attempts to turn American prisoners of war against the British through propaganda. There was a great deal of criticism against the Nazi regime, some said, although German people never said much against Hitler. German wounded back from Italy were said to believe the war would be over by February.

T/Sgt. Norman Goodwin, Eighth Air Force gunner, of Bradford, Mass., whose left leg was amputated below the knee, (Continued on page 4)

Japs at Rabaul Get It Again

58 Planes Bagged as Libs Return to Base For 3rd Straight Day

ALLIED HQ., Southwest Pacific, Oct. 28—Rabaul, New Britain—the Hamburg of the South Pacific—received another heavy pasting yesterday from Fifth Air Force bombers and fighters which destroyed 58 more Jap aircraft and boosted their three-day toll of enemy planes destroyed to 181.

The attack, directed chiefly at an air-drome north of Rabaul, left many fires burning and shattered planes and equipment everywhere. The Libs flew through one of the heaviest anti-aircraft barrages yet offered over the great New Britain base to drop 150 tons of bombs.

The B24s accounted for the wrecking of 21 parked planes and the damaging of 23 more. Of the 70 fighters that tried to intercept, P38s shot down 37 and damaged 20.

Fortress Gunner Battles Pal In Clouds to Save His Life

AN EIGHTH BOMBER C STATION, Oct. 28—A mid-air struggle between two American gunners in the tail of the Flying Fortress Winsome Winn, in which one forcibly saved the other's life, was described here today.

The fight between the two men happened during a recent attack on Germany when S/Sgt. Boyner Spillman, of Vickery, Tex., discovered that the oxygen mask of the tail gunner, S/Sgt. Richard Evans, of Auburn, Me., had frozen and that Evans was only half-conscious. Spillman attempted to remove the mask and replace it with a spare mask from his kit, but Evans, so dazed he didn't recognize the other gunner, resisted.

"He thought I was taking his oxygen mask away and he fought to keep it on," Spillman related.

Anoxia, or the effect of lack of oxygen, sometimes produces an irrational belligerency like the effect of intoxication, flight surgeons say.

"It started after we'd been under attack for nearly an hour," Spillman said.



S/Sgt. Bennie Spring, wounded USAF gunner who was captured after bailing out near Hamburg when his B17 was shot up, reads a copy of Yank on his arrival in England after being repatriated from a German prison camp with 13 other Americans.

Liberated Gunner Tells Story Of Fort Crew's Imprisonment

A HOSPITAL IN CHESHIRE, Oct. 28 (AP)—Bennie Spring, 22, Denver, Col., pint-sized former jockey who once studied for the priesthood, told the first full story today of the end of the Flying Fortress Butch, minutes after it had unloaded bombs on smoking Hamburg.

Convalescing from compound skull fractures and shoulder and leg wounds after figuring in the first Allied prisoner exchange with Germany, Spring reported that four of the crew were missing in action. He was saved by the medical skill of a British war prisoner. He said only the intervention of Nazi soldiers saved him from manhandling by angered German civilians near Hamburg.

Butch had fallen a mile behind formation with two engines knocked out by German fighters, but it still made the bomb run. Minutes after "bombs away," Spring lay unconscious beside his waist gun; S/Sgt. Eugene Morten, of El Dorado, Tex., ball turret gunner, was stretched beside Spring and the wounded right waist gunner with a machine-gun wound in his stomach and tail gunner Robert Bridges, of Deerfield, Mass., wounded in both hands and with a broken wrist, was trying without success to drag his comrades to the escape-hatch of the flaming riddled Fortress.

"Bridges couldn't move any of us because of his shattered hands and he said he'd sit down and die with us," said Spring, who once rode under the name of Johnnie Davis at Agua Caliente and Hollywood tracks.

"But finally he decided to bail out. How we did it I don't know, but the three of us finally managed to climb out the waist gun windows. The right waist gunner, whose name I don't remember better, (Continued on page 4)

Allied Advances Menace Isernia

Troopships Reported Off Italy's West Coast For New Landings

Allied forces in Italy scored a general advance of three to four miles yesterday as Britain's Eighth Army drove a wedge into the German positions in the central sector, captured the hill town of Torella and increased the threat to the big Nazi base of Isernia 14 miles away.

While Fifth Army patrols felt out enemy strength along the Massico line 40 miles westward, Eighth Army troops along the extreme right flank pushed further north up the Adriatic coast road, took over high ground overlooking the Trigno and enlarged their bridgehead over the river.

Although the Allied columns were meeting increasingly tough German resistance from artillery and mortars, a Berne dispatch to the Stockholm Svenska Dagbladet said, nevertheless, that the Nazis were preparing to evacuate southern Italy under Rommel's new supreme command.

Buttressing earlier neutral reports that the Germans feared a new Allied landing, Swiss dispatches said a large concentration of Allied transports, supply ships and warships was forming off Italy's west coast and troops were massing in Corsica for a new attack. Gaeta and Leghorn were mentioned as possible attack zones.

The fighting in the mountainous center (Continued on page 4)

Dad Draft Delay Voted by House

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28—The House passed by voice vote a bill providing for induction of all non-fathers on a national basis before fathers are drafted. The bill also would transfer final Selective Service authority from War Manpower Chairman Paul V. McNutt to Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of Selective Service.

The measure was described in some circles as an "almost completely emasculated" version of a Senate-approved bill to tighten draft deferments and authorize inquiry into the possible lowering of military physical standards.

Neck of Sack Is Tightened By Russians

Germans Battle Fiercely At Krivoi Rog to Slow Arm of Pincers

While German troops fought desperately last night at Krivoi Rog to hold off the northern arm of a vast developing pincers, others in the south raced pell mell west to get out of a sack whose neck was being tightened by the great Russian breakthrough in the Melitopol sector.

The Red Army which smashed through Melitopol was advancing west and northwest on the Nogaisk steppe at the rate of sometimes as much as 18 miles a day. Columns striking upward from Melitopol were but 30 miles from the Lower Dnieper.

Last night it had developed into a race between Germans within the Dnieper Bend and Russians on the south side of the river. Soviet forces already were due south of Nikopol, on the Dnieper, and any German escape must be made southward down the railway from Apolovo to Kherson at the Dnieper mouth.

Key Rail Point is Goal Kherson itself was a prime goal for both. Through it lies the last remaining escape rail line from the Crimea, whose peril grows hourly with the Russian breakthrough.

Meanwhile the Germans were taking a terrible beating in the center of the Dnieper Bend as they fell back from Dnepropetrovsk. In addition to heavy



losses in men and material, they were forced to give up two key rail centers and 30 populated points.

Violent fighting raged at Krivoi Rog. The Germans threw in everything in a fanatical attempt to stop the Russian wedge from smashing down and behind Nazi forces retreating westward in the Bend. Great aerial battles continued, with the Germans using fleets of transport planes to drop supplies to the besieged defenders.

Russian bombers were pounding ground forces and hammering rail junctions and other key points in the area.

A significant admission relative to the gravity of the situation generally in the south came from Berlin, which announced that the Germans had been forced to bring up motorized reserves in the area west of Melitopol.

New WACs Get Another Ribbon

They won't get new hats, but the latest contingent of WACs to arrive in the ETO will brighten up their fall ensembles with a little dash of color which their sisters in arms don't have.

In addition to the moss green and gold WAC service ribbon and the multi-colored ETO ribbon, the new arrivals—176 enlisted women and ten officers—will wear on their olive drab blouses the red, white and blue American Theater service ribbon, headquarters announced yesterday.

Their duty in the American Theater—outside the continental limits of the United States—was provided by the exigencies of ocean travel. The group started for Britain but the crossing developed into an extended cruise and included a period of service in the American Theater.



SPORTS SIDELIGHTS

Shove Upstairs Seen for Dykes In Sox Shuffle

Brooklyn Players Paying Out of Own Pockets If Injured

NEW YORK, Oct. 28—The fourth finishing Portland Beavers of the Pacific Coast League fired player-manager Mervyn Shea, but did not announce a successor...

Osmanski Keeps Under 200 Artillery, one of the early Derby favorites, is owned by Charley Jones, Sammy Angott's manager...

Talkative Joe McCarthy When TCU and LSU meet this year it will be the fourth time that the teams have met and each school is still looking for its first touchdown...

Brooklyn to Play Eagles BOSTON, Oct. 28—A phone call Tuesday night sealed the game next Sunday between Boston College and Brooklyn College here...

Help Wanted AND GIVEN Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, Printing House Sq., London, E.C.4.

Will exchange five rolls of 6 1/2 and three of 1 1/2 for the same number of rolls of 120 film...

Found RING, Washington High School, Class 1940, Oct. 13—Miss Wilma Clizbe, American Red Cross...

Lost CAMERA: Will the B26 sergeant-radio operator who was on furlough at Edinburgh Oct. 15 please get in touch with me as I forgot to collect my camera from his kit bag...

Freshman Star By Jack Sords



DEAN SENSANBAUGH FRESHMAN FULLBACK STAR OF OHIO STATE

ONE OF HIS FEATS WAS A 98-YARD RETURN OF A KICK-OFF AGAINST GREAT LAKES

Army, Notre Dame Chosen To Get By Quakers, Navy

NEW YORK, Oct. 28—Four undefeated titans of the gridiron clash Saturday when the Army battles Penn at Philadelphia and the Navy takes on Notre Dame at Cleveland...

This may sound a little previous to the 70,000 who will lay their cash on the barrelhead to see the Middies and the Gaels go at each other in Municipal Stadium and the 80,000 who will jam Franklin Field to see the Penns and the soldiers come to grips...

Considering the Penn-Army bout first, we find that both sides have highpowered offenses while the Cadets have displayed the better defense. The Cadets have rolled up 214 points in beating Villanova, Colgate Temple, Columbia and Yale...

Notre Dame's line averages 203 against 190 for the Navy and Notre Dame's backs outweigh Navy's, 183-172. As a team, the Irish outweigh Navy 196-184.

That's the setup and from this corner it looks like Army and Notre Dame. But remember, I am the guy who gave you Wisconsin to beat Indiana last week. Final score, Indiana 34, Wisconsin 0.

Pacific Back Clipped Trojan, Movies Show

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 28—Motion pictures of the Southern California College of the Pacific game last Saturday show clearly that John Hurley, Pacific back, clipped Trojan safetyman Mickey McArdle to allow Joe Ferem to cross the goal line with a pass from Johnny Podesto.

Tornados Meet Skytrain Squad

Sunday Contest at Reading Will Feature Former College Stars

READING, Oct. 28—The Red Tornado football team will seek its second victory of the season Sunday when it goes against the Skytrain eleven at Reading Football Stadium at 2.30 PM.

M/Sgt. Barto joined the team this season with nine years of football experience. He started his career at Edwardsville High School, where he played for four years.

The Skytrain eleven will feature some outstanding talent in their initial contest. They boast of two men who have received All-American mention.

The Skytrains boast a lieutenant colonel who has seen plenty of grid action. Lt. Col. Robert L. Wolverton, of Elkins, W. Va., played at Davis Elkins.

Both teams have been going through stiff practice sessions all week in preparation for the contest Sunday. The initial game here drew a crowd of 6,000.

Tommy Byrne in Navy; Chandler Reclassified I-A

NEW YORK, Oct. 28—The New York Yankee pitching staff has lost one hurler to the armed services since the World Series and stands a good chance of losing another.

Southpaw Tommy Byrne has been commissioned an ensign in the Navy. He attended Wake Forest, then played in the Yankee farm system, going up to Newark in 1942.

Meanwhile, from St. Petersburg, Spud Chandler, right-hander and winner of two games in the Series, notified the Yankee front office that he has been reclassified I-A by his draft board.

Barons Trip Pittsburgh, 6-3

CLEVELAND, Oct. 28—Cleveland defeated Pittsburgh, 6-3, in an American League hockey game played here.

Pro Grid Loop Place-Kickers Led by Hutson

Green Bay Packer End Has Perfect Record For Conversions

NEW YORK, Oct. 28—Next to death and taxes, about the surest thing in the world is the successful conversion after touchdown in professional football.

The Green Bay Packers, Philadelphia-Pittsburgh Steagles, Brooklyn Dodgers and Chicago Cardinals all have perfect records. The Packers have converted 16 times, the Steagles 11, the Cards four and the Dodgers three.

Don Hutson, the lanky end, is responsible for the Packers' perfect mark, while three players have collaborated for the Steagles—Roy Zimmerman with eight, Ted Laux with two and Gordon Paschka with one.

Hutson is taking rank as the best point kicker in the League since the days of Jack Manders of the Bears. Manders holds the League record for the most consecutive conversions with 72, beginning at the start of the 1933 season and extending through the third game of 1937.

The Bears are the first team to gain over 1,000 yards this season with 1,009 through the air and 774 on the ground. The Packers are ahead on the ground with 828 and the Bears are second.

The National League games this season have speeded up to a point where the average playing time is two hours, 23 minutes against last year's average of two hours, 29 minutes.

Lip May Drop Mickey Owen

NEW YORK, Oct. 28—Leo Durocher, after signing to manage the Dodgers again next year, said: "There is only one player on the team with whom I contemplate any real trouble."

Durocher said no when the reporters asked if it was Arkie Vaughan. Vaughan was the only man who refused to play last summer after Bobo Newsome's suspension caused a general strike in the Dodger clubhouse.

Mickey Owen and Dixie Walker both had trouble with Durocher toward the season's end. Owen was especially bitter against the boss and Durocher probably referred to him.

Angott Outpoints White, Keeps NBA Championship

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 28—Sammy Angott, who holds the lightweight championship of the world according to the National Boxing Association, successfully defended his title here last night by soundly trouncing Luther "Sluggo" White, Baltimore Negro.

Although White went the full 15-round distance, Angott almost put him away in both the 14th and the 15th stanzas. The fight was delayed for a full hour when, after the third round, the lighting equipment broke down and the customers had to sit in darkness before the scrap could be resumed.

Alsab to Try Comeback At Current Pimlico Meet

BALTIMORE, Oct. 28—Alsab will make a comeback at the current Pimlico meet. The four-year-old is far from the peak this year, having started twice and finished three both times.

Flier Irish Win, 19-12 FIGHTER STATION, Oct. 28—The Fighting Irish gained a 19-12 victory over the Crimson Tide on a muddy gridiron here today.

Comic strip panel showing a character talking about a 'Greatest Physio-Chemist' and a 'Thermometer'.

Comic strip panel showing a character saying 'MY CHILD, YOUR STORY LEADS ME TO SUSPECT THAT YOU ARE DER INNOZENT VICTIM OF A FRIGHTFUL PHYSIO-CHEMICAL CONDITION!'.

Comic strip panel showing a character saying 'QUICK! DER THERMOMETER! QUD THER DER MOUT' TAKE IT!'.

Comic strip panel showing a character saying 'BANG!' with an explosion.

