

Fort's Blast Bremen, RAF Hits Stuttgart

Capua, Key Rail Center, Falls to 5th

Allies Face Heavy Going In Muddy Terrain; Air Forays Maintained

By the United Press

Strong Allied forces last night were preparing to assault the German line along the Volturno River in Italy, the last natural defense line south of Rome on whose banks battles have decided the fate of the capital since the days of Hannibal.

Fifth Army units already had captured Capua, road and rail center on the river 17 miles inland, and Castel Volturno, where the river joins the Tyrrhenian Sea, and were standing on the river on the entire stretch between the two towns.

On the Adriatic coast, where the Eighth Army was still involved in heavy fighting, ground had been regained after savage German counter-attacks had driven almost into the center of Termoli.

Fifth Consolidating

In the center of the Italian boot the Fifth Army was consolidating its positions and pushing steadily ahead.

The 10-mile Fifth Army advance which brought it to the banks of the Volturno was made through heavily water-logged country, getting worse each day with the autumn rains.

Nearly four days' hard fighting was necessary against stiffening German resistance before the Fifth could mop up the ground lying between Aversa and the Volturno. But it was the ground, as much as the enemy, that made the job so difficult. The whole of the country lying along this stretch of Italian coast is low-lying, with many little streams and rivers all swollen to the bursting point.

Through this quagmire, churned into a paste in places by movement of jeeps, tanks and supply vehicles forced off the roads by enemy demolitions, the Fifth had been fighting its way.

Other Towns Seized

Meanwhile, the Fifth was strengthening its positions after capture of Capua, a city of about 10,000 lying a few miles to the west of 2,000-foot Mt. Tifata. In addition to seizing Capua and Castel Volturno at the river's mouth, Santa Maria Capua Vetere, a little town four miles south of Capua, was taken.

With heavy and medium bombers bogged down by bad weather, both armies were relying more and more on ground- strafing fighters. British and Australian formations of Kittybombers and U.S. Warhawks yesterday blasted German transport on roads leading to the Termoli front. Spitfires destroyed four Me109s and a Ju88 in the Foggia area.

On the extreme right of the battlefront, the Eighth was having heavy going. Strengthened German forces counter-attacked fiercely, but after a number of bayonet charges lost ground was regained and the Eighth's positions restored.

Mine Planted by Nazis Kills Scores in Naples

NAPLES, Oct. 8—One of the war's greatest atrocities was perpetrated in Naples yesterday when a delayed-action mine containing several hundred tons of high explosives was exploded in the basement of a post office.

The mine, planted by the Nazis before the withdrawal, exploded when hundreds of citizens were visiting the post office. Scores were blown to pieces and many people more than a block away died from the concussion.

Swiss Say Nazis Plan To Move Pope to North

German troops are planning to remove the Pope to a northern Italian town, "offering greater security should Rome be in danger of capture by the Allies," reports from Switzerland said yesterday.

This reported decision was taken on grounds that the Germans had taken responsibility for protecting the Holy Father.

Gen. Somervell in India

NEW DELHI, Oct. 9 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stillwell, commanding general of the U.S. forces in China, Burma and India, and Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell, chief of the Army Service forces, arrived here this afternoon.

Brigadier Now



Edward J. Timberlake Jr.

5 Colonels Get Brig. Gen. Rank, 3 in Air Force

Eaker Named Temporary Lt. Gen.; AG Chief Is Promoted

Five ETO colonels—including three Air Force officers—were promoted to the temporary rank of brigadier general yesterday, and Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, commander of the Eighth Air Force, was named a lieutenant general, temporary.

Promoted to one-star generalcies were Col. Malcolm C. Grow, Curtis E. LeMay and Edward J. Timberlake Jr., all of the Air Force, and two ETO staff officers, Col. Ralph Pulsifer and Edward C. Betts.

Grow, Eighth Air Force surgeon, collaborated with London's Scotland Yard and British manufacturers in developing the "flak suit," which is reported to have saved the lives of many combat crewmen. LeMay succeeded Brig. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, now ETO bomber command chief, as head of an Eighth Air Force division.

Heads 'Flying Circus'

Timberlake heads the famed "Ted's Flying Circus," which has become one of the U.S. Army's most widely known Liberator groups, shuttling between this theater and Africa. His circus took part in the raid on the Rumanian oilfields at Ploesti.

Gen. Eaker was informed of his promotion by a War Department cable which stated that his rank of lieutenant general dated from Sept. 18. President Roosevelt last week sent to the Senate a nomination that Eaker be appointed a permanent brigadier general.

Lt. Gen. J. L. Devers, ETO commander, pinned the silver stars denoting their new rank on Pulsifer, theater adjutant general, and Betts, his staff judge advocate general.

An alumnus of West Point, Pulsifer rose to the rank of major in the regular Army in 1941 and to colonel, temporary, in July, 1942. His home is at San Francisco.

Betts, whose wife and two daughters live at Washington, D.C., became a professor of law at West Point in 1938 after practicing in Alabama. He holds the permanent rank of lieutenant colonel.

Lodge Asks Red Air Bases

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8 (UP)—One million American war casualties could be avoided if the United States could obtain bases in Russia from which to bomb Japan, Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., (R.-Mass.), is reported to have told a secret session of the Senate yesterday.

WACs Face Polishing Chores: Brass Replaces Plastic Buttons

When WACs were WAACs, they had neat little plastic buttons requiring, occasionally, merely a little dusting. But now that the WAACs are WACs, they are to be issued with real brass buttons, just like Joe's, needing polishing and all. War Department Circular No. 216 dated Sept. 17 says so.

All insignia are being changed to conform with Army issue. Already the officer's hat insignia has been withdrawn, and WACs with bars are wearing the official officer's eagle.

Reds Cross Dnieper in Great Push

Smash Nazi Hopes of Rest For Winter in Attack On Six Fronts

The Russian Army yesterday smashed all German hopes for a breathing spell on the Dnieper this winter by launching a six-front offensive more powerful than any drive in the summer campaign.

Pouring across the middle Dnieper last night, great tanks leading swarms of infantry were smashing north and south of Kiev, and southeast of Kremenchug (100 miles south of Kiev).

On the far north the Red Army was driving for Kirishi. On the opposite end, the Taman Peninsula, the Soviets captured the Taman harbor after smashing the Nazi defenses.

The attack began when the Russians crossed the Dnieper in a night attack in a hell of shellfire that turned the darkness into day.

The Red Army's forces crossed the river north of Kiev in huge convoys of boats and rafts covered by the fire of their own big guns massed on the eastern bank.

Kiev is now threatened in the rear by the strong Russian forces which have crossed the Dnieper north and south of the great city and are now closing in on it by the light of blazing villages.

A great victory was also claimed in the Taman peninsula, the port of Taman was captured and mopping up of the last remnants of the Germans on the peninsula was now going on.

Thus the road to the Crimea is opened.

Equipment Captured

The Germans launched fierce counter-attacks on the Russian troops who crossed the river. But these counter-attacks have been repelled with heavy losses to the Germans.

Pouring through the widening breaches in the crumbling German defense lines on the Kalinin front, the Russians captured a great quantity of German military equipment abandoned by the enemy in the retreat from Nevel.

Russian forces pressing on from Kirishi, in the far north, compelled the Germans to withdraw from one defense position after another after a terrific onslaught by the Red Army's artillery had shattered the German fortifications.

The new Russian attacks in the Nevel and Kirishi areas provide unpleasant surprises for the Germans who are now faced with formidable Russian onslaughts in vital northern areas which have previously remained quiet throughout the great summer offensive.

The Germans can no longer switch their reserves easily between the Leningrad and the central fronts. With the fall of Nevel, the Germans have lost control of main-line railway communications which have served them for two years.

Income Tax Boost Fought; House Favors Sales Levy

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8—Amid increasing hostility toward the Treasury's \$10,560,000,000 tax program, House sentiment appeared to be leaning toward a Federal sales tax to raise necessary war revenue.

A wave of protest against Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau Jr.'s plans for a sharp boost in corporate and income taxes and levies on everyday luxuries was welling up among congressmen openly fearful of the effect such a program would have on their chances for reelection.

They favored an over-all sales tax and a stiff economy program to raise about \$5,000,000,000.

USAAF Strikes Home Of Big FW Factories And Submarine Pens

German Paper Tells Of Hamburg Holocaust

BERNE, Oct. 8 (AP)—The terrific Allied bombing of Hamburg early in August was described today by the newspaper Allgemeine Volkszeitung as a holocaust in which men, women and children fought against flames which soared to a height of three and three-quarter miles.

The newspaper said that hardly anyone escaped in the heavily populated area, where hundreds of thousands of explosives and incendiaries fell.

Fire drew oxygen from the surrounding air, creating an air chimney in which the flames mounted higher and higher with increasing violence, forming a virtual roof of fire, the newspaper said.

The fire, it continued, consumed the last oxygen in cellars and shelters and forced people into the streets even during the bombing. At least 20,000 perished in shelters alone, it was said.

Japs Quit Vila After Supplies Are Shut Off

Many Barges With Troops Sunk by U.S. Craft Off Kolombangara

ALLIED HQ., Southwest Pacific, Oct. 8—The Japanese have "apparently" fled from Vila, the vital air base on Kolombangara island, despite their desperate attempts to reinforce their hungry garrisons on the island, Gen. Mac Arthur's communique said today.

Moving toward the northern shores of the island, the Japs are still trying to sneak out troops to Choiseul by barges and light naval craft. Many barges have been sunk with great loss of life, today's communique said.

With these new developments, it appears the Japs may give up another of their Solomon bases without a fight to move back to Choiseul, 40 miles northwest of Kolombangara and Vella LaVella, an island already in Allied hands.

Light U.S. Naval craft and fighter planes continue to harass Jap supply lanes in this area. Last night fighters destroyed or damaged 18 barges along the Choiseul coast, while the Navy sank a small enemy gunboat.

On Bougainville, largest and northernmost Solomon island, Allied heavy bombers destroyed a number of Jap planes on the ground at Kahili airdrome. Nine Jap Zeros also were destroyed in the air.

Big Developments Seen On Portugal's Position

LISBON, Oct. 8 (UP)—Important developments concerning Portugal's position among the nations at war are expected in Lisbon tonight.

Amid intense excitement today the Portuguese National Assembly was meeting, according to reliable reports, to hear an extremely important statement by the government.

Yesterday the Portuguese Premier saw the Japanese minister and discussed the position of Timor. This strategically important island, north of Australia, is partly Portuguese, but was occupied by the Japs without authority from Portugal.

Some reports state the Premier demanded that Japan withdraw her troops from the island. Japan is hardly expected to agree to such a demand.

Luftwaffe's Successes

Field Marshal Milch claimed yesterday over Berlin radio the German air force had dropped more than 35,000,000 bombs and shot down more than 61,000 enemy planes in the past few years. He spoke of the building of a "new bomber."

British Raid Starts During Weak Nazi Raid on London

Flying Fortresses of the Eighth Air Force struck in force yesterday at Bremen, great North Sea port which harbors Germany's long-range U-boats and industrial center which includes the biggest of the Focke-Wulf assembling plants.

The bombers, escorted part of the way by Thunderbolts, delivered the third American daylight blow at the port this year.

At a late hour last night no further details of the mission had been announced by Eighth Air Force headquarters. German news agency said: "In the center of Bremen there was large-scale destruction in residential quarters and damage was done to public buildings and cultural monuments."

The raid followed by less than 12 hours an RAF night assault on Stuttgart, in southern Germany, whose big manufacturing plants specialize in aircraft and tank engines and electrical and precision machinery.

The RAF bombers roared away from England on their mission even while German bombers were delivering a weak retaliatory attack on southeast England and London. An estimated 15 raiders reached London, and residents of the city, as well as American soldiers there, witnessed a thundering demonstration of the capital's anti-aircraft defenses.

In addition to Stuttgart, the RAF bomber fleets hit Friedrichshafen and Munich on a smaller scale. From all operations seven RAF planes were missing.

Friedrichshafen, hit by Lancasters, is the site of Germany's big radiolocation plant and situated on Lake Constance, across from Switzerland. It was last bombed by the RAF on the famous shuttle raid to Africa May 29.

The Air Ministry reported that cloud prevented full observation of results in the attack on Stuttgart.

It was the RAF's fifth major raid on German cities since the start of the month.

In the American raid, though no details were available officially last night, it was reported that the Fortresses and P47 escorts shot down a large number of enemy interceptors.

Returning crewmen said the flak encountered over Bremen was some of the heaviest yet experienced.

Berlin radio last night admitted that considerable damage was caused in the Fortress raid on Bremen.

"Strong forces of enemy bombers carried out a terror attack on another northern German coastal area this afternoon," said the radio. "Considerable destruction was caused, particularly in the town of Bremen."

"Damage was done to residential quarters as well as to public buildings and cultural monuments. The population suffered casualties."

Five of the German fighters destroyed by the supporting Thunderbolts were bagged by the group commanded by Col. Hubert Zemke. The outfit was led by Maj. David C. Schilling, of Travers City, (Continued on page 4)

Hitler Uses 'If' In Latest Talk

Hitler used the word "if" for the first time when he spoke of the morale of the German people yesterday. With the war rapidly reaching the stage where the German home front in the last war suddenly collapsed and gave the Allies victory, Hitler summoned his party leaders and gave them a pep talk, Berlin radio revealed yesterday.

"The war can never be lost if the German people maintain their spirit, which is shown on the battlefields as well as on the home front, but it must and will bring a great Germany victory."

"We will strike everywhere and never flag until our aim has been reached. Take with you, unshakably and firmly in your hearts, the belief that if our morale does not shake, this war will end with a great German victory," the German leader said.

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To a Finish

We wish to quote from an editorial in the London Daily Express which touches the heartfelt determination of every American.

"For Americans war against Japan is 'a fight to a finish.'" It is difficult sometimes for the rest of the Allies to appreciate why.

The execution of the American airmen who bombed Tokyo helped the world to understand the length of the American score against Japan. Now comes another hideous addition to that score—the deliberate murder of an American flying officer in a jungle clearing in New Guinea.

The diary of a Japanese soldier is the record of this latest inhumanity. It also sets on record the bravery with which this American faced the premeditated horror of his execution.

Even to the eyes of the Japanese soldier brought out to exult in the spectacle of the beheading of a white man "he is more composed than I thought he would be."

The American does not flinch as the Japanese officer tells him he is to die, as the sword first touches lightly on his neck, or as it descends with all the strength of the executioner behind it.

Later the body was mutilated by a Japanese seaman before burial.

In that lonely death in a New Guinea jungle an incident occurred that did honor to the whole white race, a story of bravery that will be told even when the larger events of this war are a confused jumble in the memories of men.

But the story is not ended. The future will ask: "Was he avenged?" And America means the answer to be: "Yes! That murdered soldier was mightily avenged on the whole blood-stained Empire of Japan."

Corsica Free

Corsica is now securely held by French troops and the Germans lose one more valuable foothold in the south of Europe. In Nazi hands Corsica and Sardinia seriously limited Allied naval and air operations in Mediterranean waters west of Italy. In the hands of the Free French, Sardinian airdromes can be most valuable for Allied bombers, and the smaller airfields of Corsica will enable the Allies to give fighter cover over the coast from north of Rome to beyond Nice.

Moreover, this result has been achieved without lavish use of shipping or military resources. The patriotism of the Corsicans has been the chief factor, and reflects the support we shall receive from freedom-loving Frenchmen when the continent of Europe is invaded from the West.

Old Enough to Vote

Georgia is pledged to extend the vote to 18-year-olds in the army, because, claim the Georgia crackers, if 18-year-olds are old enough to fight they are old enough to vote on the policies and for the officials who direct them.

The Georgia viewpoint is not universally held. Already objections are heard and those who object argue that boys of 18 are not well enough versed in national affairs to vote intelligently.

Frankly we feel the citizens of Georgia have the best side of the argument, for certainly men old enough to fight for the principles of Democracy on the field of battle, using bullets and weapons of war, are old enough and intelligent enough to fight for principles of good government on the home front, using the ballot as their weapon.

Hash Marks

Oddities in the news. Reports that cab drivers were making a little extra money around Seattle by selling bootleg whiskey led Police Sergeant R. A. Richardson to go out in plain clothes and find out if the rumor were true. He hailed a passing cab, but before he could ask for a snifter, the cab driver leaned out and said, "Where to, Sarge?" It was another plain clothes policeman—making a little extra money driving a cab during his time off.

The Los Angeles Red Cross has made a new addition to its public instruction program—a class for prospective fathers



only. The pops will be taught bathe baby, change diapers and walk the floor with their offspring if and when the stork shows up. Where's Mom?—on the swing shift, of course.

Whenever the WACs at the Third Training Center back in the States have a disagreement over any subject at all, they run to Pvt. Louise Kable for a decision. Louise gained quite a reputation as a woman of wisdom when the report got out that before enrolling she had a job rewriting an encyclopedia. But Louise modestly confesses that she is an expert only on jobs beginning with the letter "A"—she left after finishing the first volume.

Maybe a cat has nine lives—maybe more, maybe less—but O. J. West, of Suffolk, Va., thinks he may find the answer. West started to drive his car away from his home and had driven about 50 yards when he heard the anguished cries of a cat amid the noise of his fan belt rattling and his engine banging. He stopped the car, opened the hood and out jumped kitty, unscratched—but the fan was broken, the radiator was ruined and the car wouldn't run.

It's big news when somebody saws their way out of jail, BUT it's sensational when they saw their way IN. And that's just



what happened in Boston last week. The city's ration board decided a vacant cell was the safest place to put their ration coupons. Burglars broke into the cell and took coupons worth one million gallons of fuel oil, 216,000 gallons of gasoline and undisclosed amounts of sugar, food and shoes.

Conversation on the Home Front: "Guess what we've got for dessert—meat!"

PRIVATE BREGER



"There's a rumor this inspection's for the King and Queen!"

Welsh Town Goes All Out for GIs

Townfolk Establish 'Friendship House' For Americans

By Richard Wilbur Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A TOWN IN WALES, Oct. 8—Citizens of this town, who live in one of the most poverty-stricken districts in Great Britain, have just contributed £700 to support an association intended mainly to make American soldiers feel at home. They call it Friendship House.

No American soldiers had been seen in this town until about two months ago, when an engineer force fresh from the States moved in nearby. A Special Service officer was appointed liaison man between the engineers and the town. He happened to be 1/Lt. Wayne D. Phillips, of Oklahoma City, whose grandfather was born 20 miles from the town.

"When we first arrived, these townspeople used to gather at the camp gate—sometimes 30 at once—all of them with invitations for soldiers to come to their homes for dinner," Lt. Phillips says.

"They kept coming, and there didn't seem to be any way to handle them. I'd go down to the gate, and fill my pockets with their invitations, and then—we were pretty busy getting settled—I'd forget them.

"One day I heard that a local family was very offended—they'd prepared dinner for two of our soldiers, and the soldiers never appeared. I found their invitation still in my pocket.

"So I knew some plan had to be worked out right away, and got Ted Williams, member of Parliament for this district, on my team."

Under the guidance of Lt. Phillips and Ted Williams, the townspeople formed Friendship House.

Program Worked Out

Forty civic, social and religious groups wanted to do their share, and they made up a board of directors. A supervisory committee of 15 was selected, and sub-committees were organized to provide soldiers with indoor sports, outdoor sports, domestic entertainment, hikes, dances and other functions, and canteen service.

Friendship House has a two-story headquarters, provided by Christmas Evans, manager of Dunraven Estates. He spends an afternoon daily acting as a one-man reception bureau for invitations, and telephoning them to the regiment, where Lt. Phillips makes out a weekly hospitality schedule.

An average of 125 invitations a week are extended to American soldiers by the Welsh people around here. Families as far away as 16 miles offer their hospitality. One village 12 miles away sent two buses for 40 soldiers, dined them at separate houses, and gave them an assembly dance.

The triumph of Friendship House, which aims to make life brighter for all Allied troops, was the opening of the 120-year-old Town Hall as a recreation center for American, British, and Canadian soldiers. During the four years Britain has been at war, the hall has been



Kind Welsh women gather outside Friendship House to invite American soldiers to their homes. T/5 Wilson H. Freeland, of Brownwood, Tex., and S/Sgt. Milton Goldberg, of Peabody, Mass., talk with Mrs. Louisa Hinton, T. J. Williams and E. Whittington about arrangements for a future visit.

closed, set up as an emergency hospital. Lt. Phillips persuaded the town council that it could be used for a more useful purpose now.

"I expected to have a long, tough session with the council members," Lt. Phillips says, "but all I had to do was tell them that my grandfather used to live near here, and explain that I'm here now with a job to do."

In less than 10 minutes, the council members were eager to cooperate, Lt. Phillips says. The only tough part was clearing the hospital equipment out of the way, and still keeping it on hand—arranging the beds backstage, and piling mattresses in the balcony, where they could be thrown down in a hurry if needed.

U.S. Army special service has supplied benches, a loudspeaker, a victrola for nightly dancing, and a game room, which includes a notable contribution to Anglo-American relations—a game called Dart-Bowling. From their £700 fund, the Welsh people supply an orchestra once a week, heating, lighting, a secretary, a janitor and a janitress.

Allied troops have the run of the Town Hall from 4 to 11 PM every day; subject only to regulation by three American MPs and one British MP.

Soldiers located nearby seem to like this Welsh town. After being stationed at camps in Louisiana and Arkansas, T/5 Wilson Freeland, of Brownwood, Tex., says: "This is the best place we've hit yet. I hope we can stay here a while."

Pvt. Alfred McBride, of Marshall, Tex., who has spent four days in London, says: "There's a lot of spectacles to see in London, but you don't get to know anyone there. I like it better here. People are friendly."

Ted Williams, before he became a member of Parliament, was agent for the South Wales Miners' Federation for 12 years. He estimates that more than 50 per cent of the miners in this district were idle during most of the period between the last war and this war.

"The reason for Friendship House is simple," he says. "People here have experienced what it means to be in want."

Lt. Phillips says he's proud of his Welsh blood.

Wartime Rail Travel in Texas Is a Dusty Page Out of the Past

This is another in a series of stories by Tom Bernard, Stars and Stripes staff writer now in the United States.

By Tom Bernard Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., Oct. 8—War, hurricanes and schedules be damned—the Texas and New Orleans railroad isn't going to let anything interfere with the indolent operation of its whistle-stop special plying between here and San Antonio.

Unceremoniously dumped at the half-finished San Antonio municipal airport when plane service to all Gulf ports was grounded by a small hurricane twirling 180 miles off the coast, a half-dozen priority passengers from Wichita boarded the five-car train at 10:10 PM expecting it to pull out in ten minutes. Forty-five minutes later it departed.

We had been led to believe that American railroads were doing everything possible to speed the delivery of war materials, but the T. & N.O. set about immediately to change that impression.

Parcels Come First

Of the five cars, the first three were express, packed with parcels marked "urgent." The two end ones were partitioned "Jim Crows" carrying a varied collection of servicemen, women en route to Corpus to visit their husbands and boy friends in training, and Mexicans and Negroes.

A grizzled old Texan, complete with tobacco-stained white moustache, boots, a tall-crowned Stetson, was bound for Kennedy. An aged Mexican and his wife, their lined leather faces without expression, were to disembark at Beville. A young man in a brown suit who looked like a travelling salesman would get off at Skidmore. Others were going to other towns, but most would continue to Corpus.

The four-wheel locomotive which seemed to have been converted from a Civil War troop transport had no pity on its passengers and no compunctions about dallying. Each halt was preceded by a series of grinding jolts which were repeated on departure from every water tank along the line.

A candy butcher staggered regularly down the rocking aisles, peddling the usual assortment of pressed-ham sandwiches, apples, soda pop and pillows. A

few sturdier souls managed to squirm into unconsciousness between stations. Others organized a blackjack game, some played gin rummy.

High points of the 125-mile trip were Beville—a 30-minute wait—and Skidmore, which was good for more than an hour. A dozen frame stores illuminated by a single overhead light comprised Beville's business district. Through the dusty streets we could make out a gang of truck drivers drinking coffee in an all-night cafe.

Skidmore was much more interesting. The conductor advised a walk to the main drag, which consisted of a gas station and a restaurant huddling together on the state highway. It was only a mile from the station and the coffee resembled Missouri River mud.

A talk with the fireman, who insisted he was the engineer's "he per," disclosed that the train had rocketed the 16 miles from Beville in 12 minutes—"75 miles an hour." The passengers were elated. Perhaps they'd arrive at Corpus on time. "But we ain't in no hurry—jes' wanted to see what she'd do," the fireman added.

He wasn't kidding. Shortly before 7 AM the red-eyed, weary passengers straggled out of Corpus Christi station, only a little less than two hours late and wondering if there was such a thing as a vacant hotel room.

Such is train travel in wartime Texas.



Advice

My friend, there is some compensation in using your imagination; But even mirrors fail to show A trace of what you think you know.

Yes, friend, why not put thoughts to action; Or, words, that signed, bear no retraction And rise or fall on what you do, And let mistakes be traced to you.

For, friend, there is no real perfection. We all are subject to correction. And if you're made of what it takes, You'll get to work on your mistakes. Captain Tedd

Czechs Landed In Yugoslavia To Aid Patriots

Reports Say Allies on Isle In Aegean, Rail Lines To Italy Severed

Allied invasion forces moving upon the Balkans from the south were reported yesterday to have made new landings in the Cyclades Islands, lying in the entrance to the Aegean Sea, while Czechoslovakian troops were said to have landed in Yugoslavia to join guerrillas fighting German occupation troops.

Partisan armies in Slovenia, in a series of daring attacks, have cut nearly all the key railway lines between Austria and Italy, completely isolating the German forces on the Istrian coast, according to reliable reports in Cairo.

Turkish reports of the Cyclades failed to say upon which of the small islands the Allies had landed but a foothold on any of them would offer a serious out-flanking threat to Crete and a menace to the entire Nazi communication system in that part of the Mediterranean. The Allies also would be in position for a short invasion thrust against the Greek mainland. Keos, closest island to the Greek mainland, is only 40 miles from Athens.

The island group is believed to have numerous air bases which would be of inestimable value in an invasion of either Crete or Greece, and is believed to be the home base for small German U-boats.

To Aid Guerrilla Chief

The Allied force which reportedly landed in Yugoslavia to aid guerrilla chief Gen. Mihalilovic, were believed to number about 1,000 Czech soldiers who were transferred from the British Middle East command.

Throughout northern Yugoslavia, partisan forces continued to attack the Germans on half a dozen scattered fronts. Yugoslav radio reported that artillery and tanks were being used to support these attacks.

Cairo radio meanwhile reported that the Germans suffered a sharp setback in the struggle for island approaches to the Balkans, when they were repulsed in attempts to land on Simi, of the Dodecanese group occupied by the British. This is the first indication that the British has seized Simi, although there had been unofficial information that they had occupied all the Dodecanese group except Rhodes last month. There was no report on the situation at Cos.

Rankin in House Opposes Citizenships With Britain

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8 (AP)—Quoting former War Minister Leslie Hore Belisha's speech advocating making every U.S. citizen also a citizen of the British Empire, and vice versa—a suggestion which also was put forward by Prime Minister Churchill in his recent Harvard speech—Rep. John E. Rankin (D-Miss.) told the House it was time "somebody in Congress told those British leaders that they were not doing the Allied cause any good by advocating a plan which would abolish the Declaration of Independence."

Halifax Strike Ends

HALIFAX, N.S., Oct. 8 (AP)—More than 1,200 striking stevedores were scheduled to return to work Wednesday, ending a walkout in sympathy with railway porters, out since Friday.

Raids - - - -

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British and Canadian bombers teamed up for the Stuttgart raid, which followed two nights of inactivity following the bombing of Frankfurt the night of Oct. 4, when they struck 12 hours after the Forts had hit the same city.

In London's raid, the booming of anti-aircraft defenses made a great din at intervals for more than two hours as searchlights picked up occasional lone raiders and thousands of persons on streets and rooftops ducked for shelter to escape falling shrapnel.

Many American soldiers witnessing their first heavy raid stayed in the streets and in the shelter of doorways to watch the show. They saw one Nazi, caught in the cones of a dozen beams and a barrage of shells, explode with a brilliant crimson flash.

Toys for Xmas, Yanks Ask-for British Kids

American soldiers in the ETO are asking their parents to send them toys for Christmas.

The idea originated with Cpl. George W. Brown II, of Dallas, Tex., and other men in his Services of Supply unit are following his lead.

"Send me some toys—old or new—as often as the post office regulations allow," Cpl. Brown wrote his parents, "and I'll see that they get to mothers and fathers here who are finding it difficult to buy Christmas toys for their children."

The Bride Wore an Ensemble of OD'



A guard of honor presents arms as newly-weds Sgt. Wallace R. Best, of Raleigh, N.C., and Pvt. Mary Elizabeth Elliott, of Kingston, N.C., leave a chapel in England after the first soldier-WAC wedding in the ETO. The two have known each other for four years back in North Carolina and were reunited recently in a replacement center.

U.S. Forces Radio Will Give Play-by-Play Series Account

A play-by-play description of the remaining games of the 1942 World Series will be broadcast over the American Forces Network when play is resumed Sunday in St. Louis, provided that atmospheric conditions permit reception. The games will start at 7.30 PM, British time, and will be broadcast direct from Sportsman's Park in St. Louis by Red Barber and Bob Elson.

If short wave reception is as good as it was Thursday night, when the third game was broadcast in its entirety, the complete nine innings will be aired. If, however, atmospheric conditions are bad, the regular scheduled programs listed below will be heard, with bulletins on the Series given as frequently as possible. A 15-minute summary will be given by Don Dunphy at 10.15 nightly.

Should the New York Yankees win the first two games played in St. Louis and end the series Monday, the AFN will begin a weekly series of broadcasts of the fights at Rainbow Corner Tuesday night.

American Forces Network

Operated by Radio Branch, Special Service Division, SOS, ETO

- 1402 kc. On Your Dial 1420 kc.
213.9m. Saturday, Oct. 9 211.3m.
- AM
 - 11.00—GI Jive.
 - 11.15—Great Music.
 - 11.45—Show Time.
 - 12.00—Return Engagement—Sammy Kaye.
 - PM
 - 12.30—Happy Norman's Ranch House.
 - 1.00—News (BBC).
 - 1.10—Barracks Bop.
 - 2.00—Star off until 5.45.
 - 5.45—Spotlight on Buddy Franklin.
 - 6.00—News (BBC).
 - 6.10—Personal Album—Pinky Tomlin.
 - 6.25—GI Supper Club.
 - 7.00—Sports—Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
 - 7.05—The Fanny Brice Show.
 - 7.30—Your Hit Parade.
 - 8.00—News From Home—Stars and Stripes Roundup.
 - 8.10—Harry James and his Orchestra.

- 8.25—Miniature.
- 8.30—Paul Whiteman Program.
- 9.00—News (BBC).
- 9.10—Remember?
- 9.20—American News Commentary.
- 9.35—Jubilee.
- 10.00—"Saturday night Varieties."
- 10.45—Final Edition—Stars and Stripes news and latest football scores.

Sunday, Oct. 10

- AM
- 8.00—Program Résumé—Organ Recital.
- 8.15—Melody Roundup.
- 8.30—Major Bowes.
- 9.00—News (BBC).
- 9.10—Music for Sunday.
- 9.30—Sunday Serenade—BBC Scottish Variety Orchestra.
- 10.15—Your Town—Radio news-letters from Birmingham, Montgomery and Troy, Alabama.
- 10.30—Music While You Work (BBC).
- 11.00—Weekly News Roundup—Presented by The Stars and Stripes.
- 11.10—A to Z in Novelty—Hi-Lo-Jack and the Dame.
- 11.30—Guy Lombardo and his Orchestra.
- 12.00—Music From America.
- PM
- 12.35—Return Engagement—Fibber McGee and Molly.
- 1.00—News (BBC).
- 1.10—Football Scores.
- 1.15—Sound Off.
- 1.30—Sports Interview—Jimmy Hines and Ed Dudley on golf.
- 1.45—Nova Time—Ted Steele and his Novatones.
- 2.00—The National Barn Dance.
- 2.30—John Charles Thomas.
- 3.00—Take Your Choice—AFN gremlin as guest.
- 3.30—We Who Fight.
- 4.00—World News Flashes—Stars and Stripes Roundup.
- 4.05—Radio Chapel.
- 4.30—Sammy Kaye.
- 5.00—Andre Kostelanetz and his Orchestra.
- 5.30—Central Base Section Presents—
- 6.00—News (BBC).
- 6.10—Dinah Shore.
- 6.25—Football Roundup From America.
- 7.05—The Great Gildersleeve.
- 7.30—China Day (BBC).
- 8.00—News From Home—Stars and Stripes Roundup.
- 8.10—Great Music—Walter Huston.
- 8.25—Miniature.
- 8.30—Duffy's Taverna.
- 9.00—News (BBC).
- 9.15—Yarns for Yanks.
- 9.30—Hour of Charm.
- 10.00—Glen Grey and his Orchestra.
- 10.15—World Series Summary by Don Dunphy.

Hempstead, Eng., Greets Namesake on Long Island

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, England, Oct. 8—Sgt. William R. Ziminski, of the American namesake of this village, Hempstead, L.I., N.Y., was guest of honor Wednesday at a meeting of the Town Council here at which greetings were sent to the American town on its 300th anniversary.

Sgt. Ziminski and Col. Harold D. Smith, of Eighth Bomber Command, heard a recorded message made by Mayor Horace Dive, of this city. In the greeting, Mayor Dive thanked the residents of Hempstead, L.I., for a mobile canteen presented his town earlier in the war.

Committee Approves Harriman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8 (AP)—The Senate Foreign Relations committee has approved the nomination of W. Averell Harriman to be ambassador to Russia.

Coast Guard Boat Lost

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8 (AP)—The U.S. Coast Guard patrol boat Wilcox, formerly a fishing vessel, foundered in a storm off the Atlantic coast Sept. 30 and was lost, a Navy communique announced. One of the crew was lost.

Nazi Peace Overtures Played in 3 Capitals

NEW YORK, Oct. 8 (UP)—The Germans have made peace feelers to London, Washington and Moscow and have been flatly turned down in all three capitals, according to Morgan Beatty, National Broadcasting Company's commentator, broadcasting last night.

"It can be stated with finality that the enemy have been turned down flat in all three capitals."

692 Planes Seized in Italy

A total of 692 planes has so far been found either destroyed or abandoned on the Italian mainland. Of these, 190 were found on the two big airfields outside Naples, a radio announcement from Algiers said last night.

Donald Nelson Visited Teheran

TEHERAN, Oct. 9—War Production Chief Donald Nelson left here today by air for an unknown destination after conferring with United States and Russian officials.

Yank Plants Bombs, Uncle Reaps Bonds

A 25-year-old Yank, who navigates Fortresses over Germany, and his uncle, who heads the War Bond Drive in Queens, N.Y., have teamed up on a "You buy 'em, we'll drop 'em" campaign to stimulate bond sales back home.

2/Lt. Charles A. Blumenfeld, of Jamaica, N.Y., has chalked the names of hundreds of Jamaica citizens on bombs his ship has dropped over Germany in 17 missions.

Now flooded with requests, he has decided he will no longer do it for nothing. Consequently, he has requested his uncle, Harry Bunderoff, also of Jamaica, chairman of the Queens War Bond drive, to send lists of individuals who buy bonds, and only their names and greetings will be chalked on the missiles that Blumenfeld's ship, the Black Hawk, carries.

One-Hour News Sessions to Begin

Weekly Current Affairs Talks in ETO Based On New Booklet

Soldiers in the ETO, starting Monday, will devote one hour a week to a series of informal discussions on the progress of the war, the United Nations' war aims, and military and current affairs in general, under a new program called "Army Talks."

"Army Talks" is the title of a weekly pamphlet, published on instructions from Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETO commander, by the Education Branch of the Special Service Division, SOS, with the cooperation of The Stars and Stripes. Discussions among officers and men will be based on the material contained in these books.

Officers and non-coms will direct these discussions, which are designed to provide additional information to that carried in daily newspapers.

The first of these booklets, entitled "War on the Supply Lines," has already been published and will serve as the text for the first discussions next week. It deals with Germany's creation of a secret submarine fleet, the development of the "wolf pack" technique, and the Allied battle against the under-sea raiders in the Atlantic and Pacific. The value of air raids against shipbuilding and industrial centers in Germany is emphasized and the success of the convoy system is established. Another section deals with the shipbuilding program in the United States and in Great Britain.

Other subjects scheduled for discussion in later editions include: "Problems of the Pacific," a history of Japan's rise to power as an Eastern aggressor; "War in the Mediterranean," dealing with the significance of the North African and Italian campaigns, and "Lend-Lease in Operation," a study of the mechanics by which the U.S. and her Allies exchange goods and services for the benefit of all concerned.

Army Fetes ATS Girls, British Workers at Party

EIGHTH AIR FORCE HQ, Oct. 8—U.S. soldiers here ran a truck shuttle service for 80 members of the ATS and 40 young British aircraft mechanics who were entertained at dinner and a show as part of a program fostered by Special Service to strengthen relations with the British services and war workers.

The ATS girls were from veteran London AA batteries; the mechanics work in a London factory. Elderly Chelsea pensioners, veterans of previous wars, RAF men, WAAFs and youths in the Air Cadet Corps have been among those previously entertained.

Japs Admit Wake Island Raid

NEW YORK, Oct. 9 (AP)—According to a Japanese communique, issued from Japanese Imperial Headquarters, and broadcast by Tokyo radio, a powerful United States task force has attacked the Japanese-held Wake Island with "aerial and ship bombardments." The message was recorded by the office of war information here.

NEWS FROM HOME U.S. Airplane Accident Rate Is Declining

1943 Figure Falls Below Mishap Average for Peace-Time

CHICAGO, Oct. 8—The rate of aircraft accidents in the United States per 1,000 hours flown decreased in the fiscal year ending 1943, despite a 190 per cent increase in flying, Assistant Secretary of War for Air Robert A. Lovett announced yesterday.

In a speech before the 32nd national congress of the National Safety Council here, Lovett said that the 1943 accident rate was lower than that of peace-time years.

In America alone, Lovett said, more than 1,500,000,000 miles was flown, a figure "unequaled by any air force in the world," and representing an increase of 190 per cent of the amount of flying done the year before.

Telegraph Merger Effective

NEW YORK, Oct. 8 (AP)—The merger of Western Union and Postal Telegraph became effective today. Shortly after the Public Service Commission had approved the move, William J. Deegan, president of Postal Telegraph, gave a bill of sale to A. N. Williams, president of Western Union, in return for 308,124 shares in the company.

Envoy to Return to Argentina

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8 (AP)—The State Department announced today that Norman Armour, Ambassador to the Argentine, plans to return to Buenos Aires in the near future. Armour has completed a consultation concerning Argentina-American relations with President Roosevelt and Cordell Hull, Secretary of State.

Name Stassen For Presidency

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 8 (UP)—Harold Stassen, former Governor of Minnesota, who resigned his post early this year for a naval commission, was nominated yesterday in the Republican Presidential primary in Nebraska. If Stassen defeats other candidates, his name will be forwarded to compete with successful candidates in other states at the GOP convention.

Senate Approves Harriman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8 (AP)—The Senate yesterday unanimously confirmed without discussion the appointment of Averell Harriman, former Lend-Lease administrator, as Ambassador to Russia.

British to Supply More Oil

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8 (UP)—Improvement in the tanker situation as a result of Allied successes against U-boats and in the Mediterranean makes it possible to make greater use of British oil supplies in the Middle East, President Roosevelt told his press conference in Washington. Transport, he said, was the only reason why American oil mainly had been used for military purposes so far.

Victory 'A Long Way Off'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8—Ultimate victory is certain, but "it is still a long way off," President Roosevelt said Tuesday in a nation-wide radio address on behalf of the National War Fund. "Our men and our allies know that they have the backing of all the resources and spirit of the American people themselves," the President said.

Selfridge Non-Com Convicted

SELFRIDGE FIELD, Mich., Oct. 8—M/Sgt. Myron B. Collins, former sergeant major of Selfridge Field and a soldier for 19 years, was sentenced to 18 months at hard labor and given a dishonorable discharge from the Army for fixing transfers and enlistments. The court martial had previously convicted Col. William T. Colman, former commander of Selfridge Field, two other officers and a warrant officer.

Milkmen Back to Work

NEW YORK, Oct. 8 (AP)—New York milk wagon drivers began returning to work Wednesday after a two-day strike which left 416,000 families without milk. Although the men resumed work in response to an ultimatum from the War Labor Board, a milk shortage prevented deliveries by one of the two companies affected.

Terry and the Pirates



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