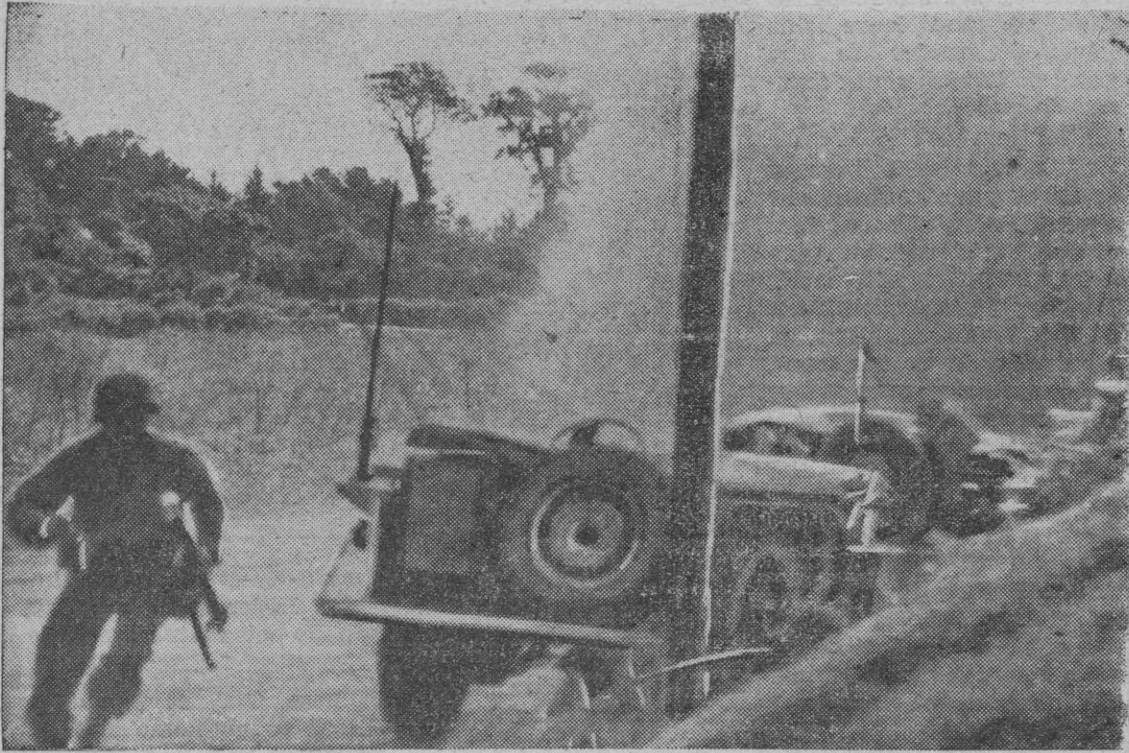


British 5 Mi. From Reich

German Guns Pound a Road Outside Brest



Infantryman seeks refuge as German artillery blasts a road outside Brest, which the Nazis last night admitted abandoning.

Advance 50 Miles In Holland; Yanks Seize Nazi Town

British Second Army tanks and infantry last night were five miles from the German border and were approaching the vast northern German plain leading toward Berlin after a 50-mile advance across Holland in 48 hours.

First Army troops made another crossing into Germany from northern Belgium, while Third Army troops turned back a bayonet counter-attack a few miles southeast of Nancy.

The Germans reported their garrison had abandoned the Brittany peninsula city of Brest, but there was no Allied confirmation.

Airborne Army In New Landings

For the third straight day, Allied airborne units landed in Holland yesterday, helping in a great British Second Army drive which in less than 48 hours advanced more than 50 miles almost to the banks of the Rhine.

Pushing five miles north of liberated Eindhoven, one of the most important communications centers in Holland, British spearheads stood athwart the Wilhelmina Canal.

At the same time, another Second Army force took Gelderof, four miles east of Eindhoven, after stiff fighting, while armored columns fought to within two miles of Nijmegen, on the banks of the Waal River, one of the lower stretches of the Rhine. On the Nijmegen front the British were only five miles from the German frontier.

The Germans were fighting desperately to stem the British offensive, made possible by the British and American airborne soldiers who seized bridges and road junctions.

Rail Yards in Germany Bombed by Fortresses

Supported by up to 750 American fighters, which also dive-bombed and strafed enemy ack-ack batteries in Holland, Flying Fortresses yesterday bombed German railyards at Hamm and Soest, north and east of the Rhine.

Germany Invaded At Another Point

First U.S. Army troops captured Sittard, about 20 miles northwest of Aachen, after effecting another crossing of the German border yesterday from northern Belgium as American Third Army elements routed a desperate bayonet counter-attack a few miles southeast of liberated Nancy.

About 20 miles northeast of the city of Luxembourg, U.S. infantrymen retook an important Moselle River bridge which had been captured by a strong Nazi patrol infiltration behind American armor. The bridge was near the base of U.S. spearheads which have cracked the first wall of the Siegfried Line in this sector.

Patton Building Up

Advanced Third Army units made additional gains beyond Mazerulle, 20 miles east of Nancy. Lt. Gen. George S. Patton was reported to be rapidly strengthening his forces in this area.

Meanwhile, another major crossing of the Moselle River was made north of Epinal by tanks and infantry which advanced 15 miles northeast of Charmes. Epinal is 40 miles south of Nancy.

Heavy fighting still was going on near Metz with one American force slowly driving up from the south. Another was reported battling for heights northwest of the city. Across the river to the west, the Germans were putting up stiff resistance. The Nazis also were clinging to a small section on the east bank of the Moselle at Thionville.

In the Sixth Army group sector on the southern flank, the Germans were heavily defending the approaches to Belfort as Allied troops advanced more than five miles eastward from Saint-Loup-sur-Se-mouse to enter the town of Fougères.

The Canadian First Army artillery continued to pound the re-

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3 U.S. Correspondents Captured; One Freed

U.S. THIRD ARMY HQ., France, Sept. 19.—Three American war correspondents attached to the Third Army were captured by the Germans near Chaumont, it was disclosed today. One of them, Edward Beattie, of the United Press, is reported to have been taken to Germany and another to be wounded and still in German hands. A third correspondent has been released by the Nazis and has arrived back here.

Copenhagen In Open Revolt Against Nazis

Open rebellion against German rule broke out yesterday in Copenhagen and fighting raged in other Danish cities after the Nazis dissolved the nation's police force as part of their anti-invasion preparations, according to reports reaching Stockholm.

A general strike was slated to begin today in Copenhagen, where bodies were said to be littering the streets, and all ferry and air connections with Sweden have been broken.

A struggle between Germans trying to storm the castle of Amalienborg, where the Danish royal family resides, and Danish police was still going on yesterday afternoon, Nazi-controlled Danish radio reported.

Dispatches to Stockholm said the Germans occupied all public buildings, including those housing the Danish Parliament, after staging a fake air-raid alarm all over the country. Aided by civilians, police resisted Nazi troops sent to disarm them.

White Flag, Then Shots, So Yanks Fire Nazi Village

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

The broadcast said that when the troops reached the village limits they saw the white surrender flags on every building and Allied flags displayed prominently.

"The American soldiers entered the town, but suddenly shots were fired and several soldiers fell," the announcement said.

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

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

Nazis Say Garrison Has Quit Brest for Adjacent Peninsula

The surviving German garrison at Brest has retired south from the city to the Crozon Peninsula across the harbor, German radio said last night.

Gen. Hermann Ramcke, commander of the German garrison, led the remnants of his force from the smoldering ruins of the ancient French port to the peninsula under cover of night, the German report said.

U.S. infantry and artillery have been hammering at the city for four weeks and four days, and, according to both German and American sources, the city has been reduced to rubble.

A Stars and Stripes reporter with the attacking force said the initial jump-off into the outskirts of the city was slow work, infantrymen having to battle from strongpoint to strongpoint. The bitter hedge-row-type warfare continued for two weeks.

The German defenses, originally planned to protect the submarine base from the sea, were turned to defend it from land and the heavy flak batteries which had been used hundreds of times against raiding Allied bombers were leveled against the attacking ground force.

In the last week there has been house-to-house fighting in Brest, and U.S. troops learned it was safer to blast through the walls of the houses than chance the streets.

Say Hitler Promised New 'V' Weapon Soon

NANCY, Sept. 19 (A.P.).—German prisoners have reported that Hitler five days ago promised that a new secret "V" weapon would make its appearance within 10 days. He made the promise when demanding that the garrison hold out for a minimum of 10 days.

We Have No Mats, You Have No Abner

We admit that no newspaper is much good without Li'l Abner, but you'll have to read the rest of the paper for a few days.

The comic mats, like cigarettes, haven't arrived yet. As soon as they arrive we'll pass them on—the comics, not the smokes.

Finland, Soviet Sign Armistice

Finland and Russia have signed an armistice, the Soviet Information Bureau announced officially in Moscow last night. British and Russian representatives acted in the negotiations on behalf of all the United Nations at war with Finland.

Although neither the Finns nor the Russians revealed terms of the armistice, reports from Stockholm said they were more severe than the Finns had anticipated. They were said to include Russian control of Finnish railways, roads, waterways and airfields in southern Finland until the war's end.

Army Blocking France Junket, 8 Congressmen Tell Gen. 'Ike'

LONDON, Sept. 19.—Eight U.S. congressmen, critical of what they termed the Army's stalling tactics, have appealed directly to Gen. Eisenhower for permission to visit France. If refused, they say they will ask why visiting labor leaders have been given preferred treatment.

The congressmen went into a huddle to plan their strategy for getting quick action after some of them were informed that the trip upon which they had been counting for getting a first-hand view of the American war effort in the field had been called off, at least for the moment.

Several expressed resentment that they should be blocked from going to France only a few weeks after a group of American labor leaders in uniform made the trip under Army auspices.

The representatives said they

resented any intimation they were on a junket joyride or a sight-seeing tour. They emphasized they had no intention of talking politics, and some were concerned about returning home soon for the last weeks of the campaign.

"We understand the Army wanted the labor men to see the battlefields so they could go home and tell workers of the need for continued production," said one lawmaker. "We think the House will be just as good a place to tell the country of that need as any other place."

Congressmen in England now include Reps. Harris Ellsworth (R.-Ore.); Walter H. Judd (R.-Minn.); Karl E. Mundt (R.-S.D.); John Phillips (R.-Cal.); W. R. Poage and O. C. Fisher (D.-Tex.); Brooks Hays (D.-Ark.); Edith Nourse Rogers (R.-Mass.) and Frances P. Bolton (R.-Ohio).



Doesn't Like Hubert's Critic

In regards to T/5 William E. Roder's letter complaining about the cartoon showing Hubert using the French open air plumbing system, we offer our deepest sympathy. If "little Willie" will draw up a petition and submit it to our Chaplain, through channels, I'm sure we will be only too glad to affix our signatures.

If Willie, the protector of the fair sex, wishes, we would gladly send him a subscription to the "Women's Home Companion."—Mal and The Boys.

The Nine Old Men

We have read articles and articles on the subject of discharging men, but we have as yet to hear or read anything concerning the discharge of men in their middle and late 30s. Just how much longer are we supposed to keep up with the boys in their 20s? We have repeatedly read that men over 28 do not make good soldiers. After arriving overseas we read that no men over 30 would be sent across. Here we are, and how come? Already we have spent practically one year overseas, doing our part in the invasion, plus about two years' service in the States.

We married men want to see our wives and children; those of us who are single want to marry, have families, and plan for the finer things in life. The way we see it, there aren't too many good years left for us.

When do we get some consideration?—S/Sgt. John E. Mucker, T/3 Harold M. Baker, T/3 Frank W. Rocob, T/3 Casper E. Overson, T/5 Lloyd C. Carish, T/5 Leroy J. Dopp, T/5 Paul O. Jackson, T/5 Frederick B. Lau, Pvt. John F. Copey.

Medals and Headlines

In the Sept. 7 B-Bag, there is a gripe from a group of hospitalized front-line men about non-combatant soldiers receiving the Legion of Merit for outstanding performance of duty. They seem to speak of the awarding of these medals as something to be ashamed of, as though the Army might be making a great mistake.

Remember, you men who took chances at every step, that your part in the ceremony of launching this invasion is not forgotten by any who partook in the activities. Medals mean a lot to every soldier's morale regardless of who gets them.

In our case, there is a group of lowly truck drivers who worked 24 hours straight, unloading our hospital from a ship, driving the trucks to the assigned hospital area, helping setting up tents. And after the hospital was operating and receiving patients, they carried litters all night long so that you wounded front-line men might be as comfortable as possible, and as many of your lives saved as possible. None of these men received medals, but they do not complain, nor do they begrudge deserved awards to anyone else. Neither did they flinch under constant artillery fire while unloading the ship, nor were they stopped by constant enemy air activity in those first few days. Remember, too, that the Red Cross is very little protection at night.

I wonder if the whole point of this thing isn't the fact that when we return home we will have a feeling way down deep of having done our part, regardless of medals and headlines.

Good luck to everyone, front line or rear echelon, from a member of the masses, doing the job.—1/Lt. John J. Flynn, MAC.

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Hash Marks

With your kind permission, we repeat some good advice: "A pinch of salt is vastly improved by dropping it into a glass of beer."

Life in the Solomon Islands. Comdr. Myron Graybill asked a native chief if he had seen any women at Japanese installations near his village. Yes, the chief



replied, he had seen at least one Jap woman at the camp. "How can you be so sure?" Comdr. Graybill asked. "I ate her," said the chief nonchalantly.

The French have certainly maintained their sense of humor. Until new French stamps are printed old ones showing Pétain will still be valid—but Frenchmen are told to stick them upside down on envelopes.

And then we have the doleful observation of a Jap marine in the South Pacific: "The Jap fights for Emperor and Dai Nippon; the Englishman for King and Country; the German for Hitler and Fatherland; the Russian for Stalin and Mother Russia—but the American fights for souvenirs and the hell of it!"

Remember when the Army "stormed" Montgomery Ward and Co. Well, a letter from Maj. Mark Finley reminds us of the cleverness of Montgomery Ward's publicity department.



They plan to run the widely publicized picture of their president, Sewell Avery, being given a piggy-back ride by a couple of GIs on the front of their next catalogue—with the caption, "We Take Orders From Anybody."

The manpower shortage must be terrific back home. Hard-pressed for manpower, a Biloxi (Miss.) baseball team has a 12-year-old shortstop in its lineup.

Private Breger



"If you don't make less noise, I'll blacken your other one!"

An Editorial

So You Wanna Go Home, Eh?

AS long as The Stars and Stripes is a GI journal there will be no stops on letters to the editor. But if you believe all the guff some guys give out on the I-want-to-go-home theme, you'd think this was one panty-waist army. It looks like our great big American supermen are all ready to pack up and leave this legalized murder to the nurses, WACs and club-mobile girls.

This war won't be won by bathing the Boche's brow or snapping girdles at him or stuffing him with doughnuts. It's man's work. Whether it's lifting stuff out of the holds of ships, or highballing it to the front, or slamming it at the Heinie with an MI or a Long Tom—it takes a hairy chest and a strong back.

We wish the homesick boys would lift their heads from their tear-stained pillows and take a look at the wreckage and misery of war around them and thank God their own homes don't look like that.

They're away from home to save themselves a home to go back to. If it takes two years or 10 years to save it, it's worth it. If it isn't worth it, then why all the hurry to get back?



It's plenty tough to be away from the home folks year after year. Everyone in this man's army knows that. But that's war, brother, and it's not pretty.

Maybe all this bitching about going home is just another symptom of good morale. If so, fine.

But maybe it's the first sign of the let's-stay-home-and-let-the-rest-of-the-

world-fly-a-kite spirit that gave Hitler and his gypsy-Jappy pals their big chance.

Sure, Joe, it would be swell to go home and get married and have yourself a son. Then in 20 years, as he leaves for the wars, you can settle down to read his letters.

"Dear Pop," he'll write, "I wanna go home."



A FORMER squirrel hunter from West Virginia, who once was regarded as physically unfit for combat duty because he had been weakened by an attack of pneumonia, has earned himself a reputation as the "eyes" of a reconnaissance unit—which itself is regarded as the "eyes and ears" of an infantry division.

"Ol' Eagle Eyes" is Pvt. Forrest St. Clair, of Pipestem, W. Va. According to his platoon sergeant, he once spotted a Jerry 600 yards away, a Jerry that the sergeant couldn't even see with binoculars

until they had moved closer. On more than one occasion his sharp eyes have detected Germans and traps in time to avert trouble.

St. Clair is short and thin, and doesn't look at all like the type to withstand the physical exertions of a scout, but, according to his comrades, he is always out in front when the patrols go into action.

Attention Texans: A lone jeep in the Third Armored Division has been flying the flag of the state of Texas.

The jeep belongs to Lt. Col. Samuel M. Hogan, of Pharr, Tex. Every time the colonel and his Lone Star jeep pull into a French town, the natives' first questions are about the flag. In his Pharr French, Hogan tries to explain.

In one town, the Texan was trying to explain the flag to a young boy. The lad's grandfather understood a little tourist English and translated for the boy.

"That is the flag of one of the American resistance organizations," the old man explained.

Civilians in a French town near a Ninth AF Thunderbolt landing strip are currently chuckling at the expense of the Americans. "Yanks built the railroad here in 1918," they say. "Then your planes tore it up a few weeks ago. Now you are building it again."

S/SGT. Charles J. Regno, of Springfield, Mass., and a group of Germans played catch with a hand grenade when the American forgot to pull the pin on the missile.

Regno had two grenades in his hands and had just pulled the pin on one when the Germans on the

other side of the hedgerow lobbed a "potato-masher" near him. Regno threw both his grenades.

In a moment, one of the grenades came sailing back. The American grabbed it and frantically heaved it toward the enemy again. Once more it came back, like a bouncing ball.

Finally, realizing the pin hadn't been pulled, Regno yanked it out and sent the explosive on its third trip toward the enemy. An explosion and yell followed, and the sergeant was satisfied.

Take it from Sgt. Charles Felix, of Lafayette, Ind., you can't always believe what you hear.

While his outfit was attacking a strong German position, Felix was sent out on patrol with three other men. While advancing cautiously along a road which was supposed to be in his own company area, he heard a noise in the hedgerow to his left. Felix took cover and inquired: "Is that you, Lt. Daye?"

A voice with a perfect American accent—but definitely not the voice of Lt. Daye—replied: "Yes, it's me. Come on over."

Felix grabbed his BAR and sprayed the hedgerow and in the ensuing battle he and his men killed four Germans.

Fifth Infantry Division men are constantly running into civilians who knew the Red Diamond warriors of World War I. It was no surprise, therefore, when the mayor of a freshly-liberated town exhibited photographs of Fifth members whom he had met in 1918, according to Capt. Robert H. Williams, company commander from Henderson, Ky.

Once Over Lightly

By Charlie Kiley

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—There's another Paul Robeson running around the football field these days to remind World War I vets of the ebony giant end who gained All-American fame with Rutgers' 1917 team before he became an internationally acclaimed singer-actor.

The new Robeson is Paul Jr., who is bidding for a regular berth with Cornell. Coach Carl Snavely says young Robeson is a carbon copy of his old man, spreading 190 pounds over his six-foot frame, plus a nonchalant manner, quick reflexes, good humor and a keen sense for leather. If Robeson emulates his father, another great Negro end will be no novelty at Ithaca, where Brud Holland starred in 1936 and 1937.

In fact, Negro gridmen have long been standouts and it would be difficult to pick a crack all-time team of them. A backfield of Fritz Pollard (Brown), Ozzie Simmons (Iowa), Kenny Washington (UCLA) and Bill West (Washington and Jefferson) would be hard to beat.

Pollard and Simmons had few superiors in broken-field running. West quarterbacked the unheralded Presidents who tied California in the Rose Bowl 20 years ago, and fans of today are quite familiar with Washington as a one-man-gang for the Uclans.

Inasmuch as everything is supposed to happen at Brooklyn—where even three-legged cats have kittens with two tails, as discovered yesterday—it shouldn't be unusual for the Dodgers to have a lineup which even their manager, Leo "The Lip" Durocher, has difficulty recognizing.

You guys who last saw the Bums a year or two ago wouldn't know employes like Miksis, Aderhold, Durrett, Schultz, Andrews, Brown, Basiski and Bolling. But they are the workers now drawing pay checks at Ebbets Field. Oh yes, there's one major leaguer, too—Dixie Walker, whose .360 hitting pace is almost certain to give him the league title.

Pete Gray, one-armed Memphis Chicks outfielder, has been named the most valuable player of the Southern Association for 1944. Pete not only is one of the loop's best defensive gardeners with an amazingly accurate throwing arm, and a speed demon on base, but he batted .320 to lead the Chicks into the playoffs.

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

They haven't revealed their plans for '45 as yet.

LAW GRABS OLD PETE
EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Sept. 19.—Grover Cleveland Alexander, pitching hero for the Cardinals in the 1926 World Series, was taken into custody by police here when he was found wandering aimlessly through the streets dressed only in pajamas. Old Pete admitted he was penniless and said he had walked away from a hospital where he had been sent for treatment.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, The Stars and Stripes Paris, France.

FOUND

BARRACKS BAG belonging to Lt. Hoffman, Aug. 20. Maj. Louis S. Sohn Jr.

LOST

WILL Signals captain who gave me a lift on the Buc-Versailles road Sept. 8 please return the Contax camera which I left in his command car. Palmer Dixon.

APOs WANTED

PVT. James L. Forster, Pvt. Arnold Buchner, Greenville, S.C.; Lt. Col. Parks Hunt, Atlanta, Ga.; Maj. Peter J. Rooney, Carbanale, Pa.; Lt. Joseph E. Bellanca, Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Pfc. William C. Carroll, Milwaukee, Wis.; Cpl. Donald Knorr, Pfc. Tom Teresinski, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Sgt. Jack Kroenlein, Maj. Terrence C. Fitzgerald, Torrington, Wyo.; Rarvel T. Fuzman, George Edward Fisher, Newcastle, Del.; Sgt. Keith M. Griffith, Pvt. Harry Kazuzne.

Series Fever Meets Yanks in Detroit

DETROIT, Sept. 19.—World Series fever was evident throughout the town that Ford built today as Joe McCarthy's Yankees invaded Briggs Stadium for a three-game series with the American League leading Tigers. Steve O'Neill's athletes open their important home stay half a game ahead of the Browns and two full games in front of the Bombers.

The disillusioned New Yorkers staggered into town after a woe-filled weekend against the Athletics. Their boss, genial Connie Mack, had predicted that the Tigers would win the torrid race so the A's cooperated by pinning back the Yankees' ears in a single test Saturday and twice Sunday.

Rested for the occasion are Paul "Dizzy" Trout, Hal Newhouser and Stubby Overmire, Detroit's dependable mound trio. Newhouser, winner of 25 decisions, was slated to oppose Hank Borowy today, with Trout, having won 24, going tomorrow against Mel Queen and Overmire confronting either Walt Dubiel or Ernie Bonham, Thursday.

Trout and Newhouser each have brought down the Bombers, five times this year, while Borowy has subdued the Tigers nine times in 11 tries over three years. Two of Borowy's decisions were turned in this season, but the Bengals whipped him the last time they visited Gotham.

While the Tigers and Yanks claw each other, Luke Sewell's



'Dizzy' Trout

The Chips Are Down



Joe McCarthy

Two reasons for Joe's plight



Hal Newhouser

Browns, still very much in the pennant picture, entertain the cellar-dwelling Senators in a nocturnal affair. A triumph for St. Louis, plus a New York win, would hurdle the Browns into the lead.

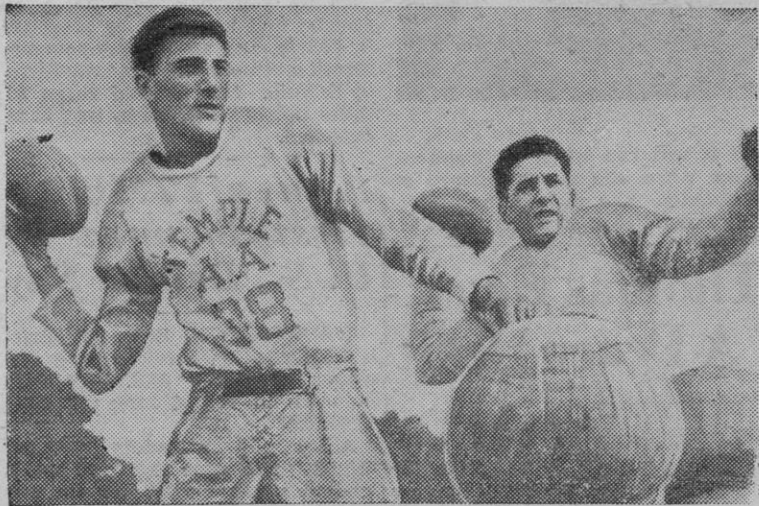
In the only game on yesterday's major league docket, the Braves victimized the Dodgers, 6-5, in ten innings, and shunted Lippy Durocher's Bums into the National

League basement. Ben Chapman was tagged with the defeat when he yielded a single to Phil Masi and a double to Tommy Holmes in the tenth. Nate Andrews won his 14th verdict.

Seven errors marred the game with Town Brown, Brooklyn's 16-year-old shortstop, the worst offender with three. The Braves outthit the Bums, 13-6.

A glance at the National League standings reveals that one more victory for the Cardinals or one defeat for the Pirates will clinch St. Louis' third straight flag. The Redbirds, 13 1/2 games ahead of Pittsburgh, have 13 games to play, while the Bucs have 14. The best the Pirates can get is a tie—if they sweep their remaining games and the Cards drop 13 in a row.

From Foxholes to Gridiron



Two veterans of the Solomon campaign, Jack Sugarman (left), of Media, Pa., and George Waltzer, Scranton, Pa., try out for football team at Temple University. Sugarman won the Navy Cross for killing 132 Japs. Both were Marine privates.

Fitz to Stay As Phils Boss

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 19.—Herb Pennock, general manager of the Phillies, today spiked rumors that Manager Freddie Fitzsimmons was to get the axe by announcing that Fat Freddie has signed a contract for the 1945 season.

Nemo Leibold, Louisville field boss, and Bucky Harris, Buffalo pilot who was bounced at Philadelphia to make room for Fitzsimmons, had been mentioned prominently for the job. Bucky was fired in 1943 by "remote control" by Owner Bill Cox, who later was barred from organized baseball by Judge Kenesaw M. Landis for gambling.

1944 Hockey Season To Commence Oct. 28

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—Teams in the National Hockey League will play a 50-game schedule this season, starting October 28 and ending March 18, 1945, Les Patrick, acting president, announced tonight.

Six teams again will comprise the circuit, Patrick said. Each club will play 25 games at home and 25 on the road.

It's That Time Again

Trojans Open Against U.C.L.A. Indiana Faces Illini in Midwest

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—Although the bulk of the nation's college football teams will not inaugurate their season until Sept. 30, a fair sample of what grid fans can expect in 1944 will be offered come Saturday.

The Pacific Coast will share the spotlight with the midwest Saturday. The feature attraction on the coast pits Southern Cal against UCLA at Los Angeles, while Washington opposes Willamette, Pop Stagg's College of Pacific faces St. Mary's Pre-Flight and California tackles St. Mary's at Berkeley.

In the midwest, four Big Ten teams will unveil their 1944 performers. Indiana plays Illinois in the inaugural conference game, Michigan ventures to Marquette and Minnesota trades touchdowns with Iowa Pre-Flight.

Cornell meets Syracuse in the top eastern game. Other tussles in the east pit Colgate against Sampson Naval, West Virginia against Pittsburgh, Villanova against Scranton and Bucknell against Muhlenberg.

The southwest and Big Six are scheduled to cross swords when Texas Christian plays Kansas and Arkansas visits Missouri. In the Rocky Mountain sector, Second AAF opens against Whitman and Washburn struggles with Colorado College.

TWO PITCHERS CALLED
SARASOTA, Fla., Sept. 19.—Cub Pitcher Paul Derringer and Denny Galehouse, Browns twirler, have been ordered to report here tomorrow for pre-induction exams.

Minor League Standings

Pacific Coast League		
Final Standings		
W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
Los Angeles 93 71 .569	Seattle 85 84 .503	
Portland 87 82 .515	Hollywood 83 86 .491	
S. Francisco 86 83 .509	Sacramento 76 93 .450	
Oakland 86 83 .509	San Diego 75 94 .447	

Playoffs		
International League		
Newark 5, Toronto 4.	(Newark leads, 3-0.)	
American Association		
Toledo 7, St. Paul 4.	(Toledo, Louisville lead, 3-2.)	
Southern Association		
Nashville 3, Memphis 2.	(Memphis leads, 3-2.)	
Eastern League		
Hartford 5, Utica 3.	(Utica leads, 2-1; winner to play Birmingham, which defeated Albany, 3-0.)	

CARDS PURCHASE TROTTER
ST. LOUIS, Sept. 19.—Bill Trotter, former Browns and White Sox pitcher, has been purchased by the Cardinals from their Rochester farm of the International League.

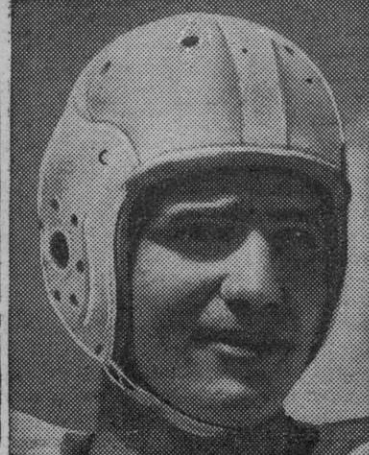
Wide Open Grid Race Looms in Southwest

DALLAS, Sept. 19.—Unlike last year when Texas breezed through with only a minimum of trouble, the 1944 Southwest Conference football campaign is expected to develop into a knock-down-drag-'em-out scramble.

That doesn't mean, however, that opponents should become careless against Coach D. X. Bible's Texas eleven, because the Longhorns will field a fearsome team once again. The powerful forward wall has been bolstered considerably by the return of Center Jack Sachse and Guard Harold Fisher, who were on the '42 Texas team, but served at Southwestern in the Marine training program last year. Discharged by the leathernecks, Sachse and Fisher are coming back to complete their collegiate gridiron education under Bible.

The chief threat to Bible's bid for a third straight championship looms in the Rice Owls, a versatile

cast with plenty of experience as wartime college teams go. The Owls will unveil one of the bright-



Harold Fisher Returns to Longhorn line.

est youngsters in years in George Walmsley, a snake-hipped quarterback who starred at Goose Creek high school for four seasons.

Rated high, but not quite on a par with Texas and Rice, is Arkansas, which last year broke a prolonged streak of conference defeats. Coach Glen Rose has ten lettermen returning and the Razorbacks say this will be their year to howl. Coach Homer Norton greeted nine holdovers when his Texas A & M squad reported for duty, much better than last year when he started from scratch without a veteran and lost only to Texas. Southern Methodist and Texas Christian report slight improvement, but neither is expected to cause much rumpus in the title chase.

Baylor, the seventh member of the circuit, still is out of action, but the Golden Bears will be back in 1945.

60 Front-Line Divisions Now, 8 More to Sail

CHICAGO, Sept. 19.—The U.S. Army has 60 divisions in combat, with eight more sailing for overseas this month, Gen. George C. Marshall told the American Legion's 26th annual convention today.

Disclosing that more than 3,055,000 troops were now on the world's battlefronts, the Army's chief of staff said that 1,000,000 men and 1,000 squadrons had been sent overseas by the Air Forces alone.

Many Battle-Tested

"More than 60 divisions have reached the fronts thoroughly trained and equipped and many of them are already battle-tested," he said. "Combat troops, as well as service units, totaling more than

Gen. 'Ike' Tells Legion Nazi Defeat Is Near

CHICAGO, Sept. 19.—Gen. Eisenhower in a message to the American Legion convention today said Germany's defeat was fast approaching.

Sending his regrets to World War I veterans, the supreme Allied commander said he was sorry he could not address the convention by radio because his "travels about France" kept him too busy.

2,155,000 officers and men, accompanied these divisions abroad," he added.

Asserting the work of American bombers and fighters had made the role of the ground soldier easier, Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of the Army Air Forces, gave legionnaires an example of the planes' successes, describing how vehicles were destroyed by strafing and left burning along roads north of Toulon, France.

The Democratic and Republican vice-presidential candidates—both here as delegates—addressed the 1,780 delegates.

Demands Job Priority

Ohio's Gov. John W. Bricker, GOP vice-presidential nominee, recommended that absolute job priority be given American soldiers when they return, even if it means displacing civilians. Bricker said the solution to the re-employment of from ten to twelve million men and women lay in "freeing business and industry from their shackles and releasing productive forces of the country."

Sen. Harry Truman, of Missouri, Democratic candidate for vice president, said the GI Bill of Rights would "prevent a repetition of the tragic mistakes under which World War I veterans suffered."

5,495 Japanese Dead in Palaus

U.S. Marines have killed 5,495 Japanese on the island of Peleliu, in the Palau group, east of the Philippines, while further gains have been made by troops who landed on Anguar, also in the Palaus, and on Morotai, in the Halmahera Islands, northwest of New Guinea.

The northern half of Peleliu is now under Allied control, and good progress has been made on Anguar, despite Japanese counter-attacks. Weak enemy air attacks have failed to prevent American forces from strengthening their positions on Morotai, Gen. MacArthur's communiqué said.

In the Palau fighting, dispatches from the front said the Japs were chaining observers in small caves to prevent them from retreating.

Hills North of Florence Seized by Americans

Climaxing a week's hard fighting, American troops yesterday captured three heavily-fortified hills 21 miles north of Florence.

In the Adriatic sector, British and Canadian troops of the Eighth Army enlarged their bridgehead across the Marano River and seized the villages of Corasola and Facitano.

The Buss That Backfired



Acme Photo.

Cpl. William Lay, of Chicago, thought it was fun when he liberated Paris, but his little woman didn't agree when she saw a picture of hubby being kissed by a Parisian mademoiselle. She got out the rolling pin to show how she felt—but she really doesn't look so angry, at that.

Treasury Dept. Maps New Plan

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—The Treasury is working on new tax recommendations for presentation to Congress after Germany surrenders, but details are being carefully guarded.

In the words of Under-Secretary of the Treasury Daniel W. Bell:—"This is no time to discuss taxes. We have a war to win first." He has instructed his aides to follow that policy.

Treasury deliberations, however, are being complicated because the President's January budget will hinge on the capitulation of Germany. Financial planners must know, for example, the approximate size of the armed forces and of the national income in relation to anticipated revenues.

One certain thing is that there will be no more new taxes this year. Congress issued an edict to that effect earlier this year when it enacted tax simplification laws.

Thomas Raps A Peace Draft

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—Norman Thomas, Socialist Party presidential candidate, in a speech for rebroadcast to American troops overseas, asserted that peace-time conscription in the U.S. would threaten to bring future wars.

Assailing the policy of unconditional surrender, he charged that it had delayed a popular revolution in Germany and possibly delayed victory.

Thomas said that everything known about President Roosevelt's agreement with the Allies "indicates that tacitly if not openly he has agreed to use American men and money to win back Indo-China for the French, the East Indies for the Dutch and Burma and Malaya for the British."

"I assume," he said, "that sooner or later, American capitalists will become partners in the business of imperial exploitation."

2 Flying Bombs Hit Yanks at Reich's Edge

Two flying bombs caused a number of casualties when they landed in U.S. lines in the vicinity of the German frontier recently, Henry Gorrell, United Press correspondent, reported yesterday.

"Accuracy and control of the bombs are doubtful, Gorrell said, and its effect on the Allied advance will probably be negligible. The report pointed out that had the flying bombs been used against the Allies in the Normandy beachhead areas it might have had a devastating effect. "Our troops are so well dispersed at present, however, that it can do little damage," he added.

Soviets Drive To Cut Off 20 Nazi Divisions

While official silence still screened the Russian drive for Warsaw yesterday, attention on the Eastern Front shifted to a five-day-old Soviet offensive in Estonia and Latvia, where the Red Army apparently was trying to cut off an estimated 20 German divisions and strike East Prussia from the north.

The Russians were attempting to pinch off a 20-mile coastal corridor which was the only link for German forces from Riga to the Finnish Gulf with those in western Lithuania. One German report said the Russians had thrown 63 divisions into the assault, characterized by big tank battles.

The Baltic front is about 200 miles long, and principal points of pressure yesterday were north of Bauska and northeast of Madona, in Latvia, and around the communication centers of Valga and Tartu in Estonia. Moscow said Valga, 80 miles northeast of Riga, had been captured.

Army of 17 Million First Planned by U. S., British Say

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—British information services have disclosed that the U.S. originally planned an armed force of some 17,000,000.

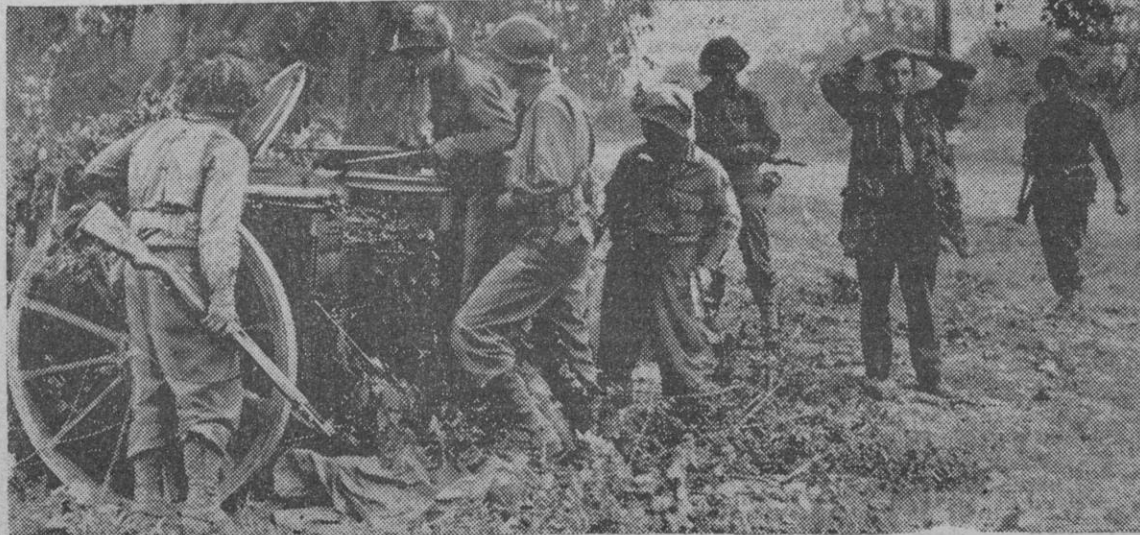
Allied military leaders later cut this down to some 12,000,000 it was said in a war survey, when it was decided that Britain's military force should be greater in proportion to its population than that of the United States.

"There were several reasons for this decision," the report said. Among them was the fact it was a plainly more economical use of resources to employ a relatively larger proportion of British manpower for fighting in the European theater because it was there, right on Europe's doorstep, without having to be shipped across the Atlantic.

PARIS-CHERBOURG TRAINS

The Paris-Cherbourg railway is open to traffic again and the first train from the coast has reached Paris, said Paris Radio, quoted by the United Press.

Surprised Nazis Provide 'Chow' for Yanks



American doughboys sample the "hot chow" found in a German field kitchen captured in the advance toward Germany. An infantryman guards the mess sergeant, a Nazi in this case.

Dewey Unhurt In Train Wreck On West Coast

CASTELROCK, Wash., Sept. 19.—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey escaped injury but was severely shaken up today when the special train in which he was traveling crashed into the wreckage of a freight near here.

First reports of the accident said no one had been killed but that the train had been halted indefinitely. The locomotive of Dewey's train buried itself halfway into the wreckage of the freight, which was derailed last night.

The accident occurred while the GOP Presidential candidate was en route from Seattle to Portland, where he was to have delivered an address tonight. Mrs. Dewey, traveling with her husband, also was severely shaken up.

In Seattle, Dewey charged that President Roosevelt's "bungling, incompetent" labor policy had made wage-hour questions a political football. He reiterated that "a change in the national administration next January will involve no change in the military leadership of the war."

LEWIS BLOCKS A RIVAL

CINCINNATI, Sept. 19.—Ray Edmundson, of Springfield, Ill., leader of the defeated autonomy movement in the United Mine Workers, was ruled off the union's ballot yesterday as a candidate for President John L. Lewis' job. Lewis himself made the ruling and he was sustained without dissent by the assembled delegates.

AIR HEARING OPENS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—The largest hearing in the Civil Aeronautics Board's history got underway today as 21 airline and steamship companies started testimony supporting applications to furnish air services between the U.S. and Latin-America.

RECOGNIZES SYRIA, LEBANON

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—The U.S. has recognized the independence of Syria and Lebanon, Secretary of State Cordell Hull said today.

Yanks Capture German Town

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maining 3,000 members of the German garrison at the Channel port of Boulogne, after pushing into the city's harbor and downtown areas.

Reach Edge of Stolberg

WITH THE FIRST U.S. ARMY, Germany, Sept. 19.—Advancing in the face of a heavy German artillery barrage, tanks and infantrymen of Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges' forces reached the outskirts of Stolberg today.

American bombers have been plastering German positions in a wide semi-circle around surrounded Aachen. Army officials estimated there were fewer than 20,000 people left in the city, whose normal population is about 160,000.

Advancing U.S. troops have been slowed by intensive German artillery fire and stiffening enemy resistance in many sectors, but today's gains included the occupation of the German town of Sittart by troops which advanced from Maas-tricht.

In the vicinity of Trier, farther south, where the Germans had obtained some successes with a counter-attack, the Nazis were driven back. In the counter-attack in the Wollendorf area north of Echternach, local gains had been scored by the enemy.

Evacuation of Cologne has started, according to reports from inside Germany. Cologne, one of the great industrial cities of the Reich, has a normal population of 700,000.

Train Takes Churchill To Secret Destination

QUEBEC, Sept. 19.—Prime Minister Churchill left here by train for an undisclosed destination Sunday after the completion of his second conference in Quebec with President Roosevelt, it was revealed yesterday.