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1st Closes Aachen Gap

Civil Revolt Flaring Up In Hungary

Hungary appeared to be on the verge of civil war last night following Sunday's peace bid. The German's swooped down on all public buildings in Budapest, threw out regent Nicholas Horthy and installed a new puppet government under Prince Francis Szalasi, trying desperately to hold their last Balkan satellite together in the face of an open revolt.

Meanwhile, reports by Marshal Tito and Berlin both said a tank battle was raging in Belgrade, capital of Yugoslavia, and Tito said the German garrison there had been "annihilated."

Details of the Hungarian situation were not clear, but German and neutral reports indicated Hungarian railroad workers had gone on strike, while some units of the puppet army had mutinied against the Germans.

Horthy and members of his government, who Sunday broadcast a peace plea to the Allies, were reported either hiding or fleeing.

There was still no announcement

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Formosa Hit As Japs Claim Naval Victory

While Tokyo made repeated announcements of a showdown air and naval battle north of the Philippines, the Battle of the Western Pacific raged into its seventh day yesterday with another American Super-Fortress raid against the island stronghold of Formosa.

The War Department revealed that China-based B29s of the 20th (Super-Fort) Air Force had hammered Okayama and Heito on Formosa Saturday and yesterday, with the loss of only one of the giant bombers. There was no announcement on the number of B29s involved in the missions.

Washington and Pearl Harbor remained completely silent on Jap reports of an all-out naval battle against Adm. William F. Halsey's Third Fleet, but United Press said from Hawaii there were some indications that the enemy reports might be true. UP said powerful Jap aerial formations were known to have hit units of the Third Fleet—from which carrier-based U.S. planes last week struck the Ryukyu Islands and Formosa.

Germans Yield Grecian Fort

CAIRO, Oct. 16.—The island of Naxos, less than 100 miles from Greece's capital of Athens, surrendered today after Allied land and sea forces signalled for RAF bombing raids upon the besieged German fortress.

Meanwhile, Allied headquarters in Rome announced a strong British naval force had arrived at the port of Piraeus. Among the troop-carrying ships which docked at the Greek port was HMS Ajax, which took part in the sinking of the German Graf Spee early in the war.



SIEGE OF AACHEN



Ninth A.F. Photos
In the battle for the first big city in Germany, a U.S. tank destroyer (above) fires at an enemy strongpoint in Aachen, while a Sherman smashes its way through a railroad station adjacent to a viaduct, demolished by the Nazis.



Planet News photo.

Under a flag of truce, this trio delivered to the Aachen Nazis the "surrender or perish" ultimatum sent by First Army troops surrounding the battered city. Marching through the rubble on the outskirts are (L. to R.): 1/Lt. William Bohene, of New York City, interpreter; Pvt. Kenneth Kadin, of LaGrange, Ill., flagbearer, and 1/Lt. Cedric A. Lafley, of Enosburg Falls, Vt., who carried the message.

3 Assaults Smashed By Hodges

Smashing three determined German counter-attacks in 24 hours, the First U.S. Army shut the trap-door on Aachen's remaining defenders yesterday when infantry sealed the escape gap north of the city, while Lt. Gen. Patton's Third Army, which had been pounding at the steel and stone Metz gateway to the Reich, announced the withdrawal of troops attacking Fort Driant.

To the south, meanwhile, Lt. Gen. Patch's Seventh Army and the French struck out on a wide front to outflank the Belfort Gap, southeastern portal into Germany.

In the Netherlands, British patrols crossed the lower Rhine as Canadian infantry, repelling vicious counter-attacks, gained in the Scheldt pocket and fought in the ruins of Woensdrecht.

The United Press analysis of the entire Allied front pictured seven Allied armies probing for weak points in the German wall and likened the mounting Allied pressure to the build-up before St. Lo and the Normandy break-through.

Nazis Lose 50 Tanks

The First U.S. Army closed the Aachen Gap at 4 PM yesterday and continued the mop-up in Aachen with savage house-to-house fighting. Earlier in the day, German Radio reported that a German Home Guard division had engaged U.S. troops in a struggle to keep the escape corridor open.

The Germans said that U.S. artillery fire yesterday morning was the worst the defenders had experienced since the Aachen attack began. German troops counter-attacked at dawn and throughout the morning, suffering heavy losses, including an estimated 50 to 60 tanks.

Gains Made in Two Sectors

Attacking on a 60-mile front to outflank the Belfort Gap, the Franco-American 6th Army Group drove within two miles of the Schlect Pass. More than a dozen towns and villages were captured.

Lt. Gen. Alexander Patch's Seventh Army gained up to five miles in the drive along a front stretching north from Lethillot, about 30 miles above Belfort, to the Marne-Rhine canal near Lunerville.

The British Second Army patrol thrust across the lower Rhine in the Netherlands was made under cover of darkness. Patrols forged into the industrial town of Renkum, eight miles west of Arnhem, without opposition. It was the first crossing in this area since the abortive

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Marshall Tells FDR Of Western Front Visit

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Gen. George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, just back from a tour of European war fronts, today conferred with President Roosevelt and gave him a first-hand report on the fighting. Before Marshall called, the President spent part of the morning with Adm. William D. Leahy, his personal chief of staff, and Adm. Wilson Brown, his naval aide, going over the general war situation.

Yanks Quit Driant After 10-Day Battle

By Earl Mazo

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

WITH U.S. THIRD ARMY BEFORE METZ, Oct. 16.—Fort Driant, historic bastion at the gates of Metz, was evacuated Friday under cover of night by doughboys, who had been fighting in and around the ancient strong point for three weeks, Third Army headquarters announced today.

The withdrawal was made at 2 AM on orders, and it climaxed a ten-day battle at close quarters, during which the Yanks penetrated only 100 yards of underground passages in the bristling fortress, honeycombed by myriads of tunnels and deep shelters.

In the weeks of battle for the bell-shaped fort, the opposing Americans and Germans fought with rifles, artillery and fire. They even ricocheted bazooka charges and grenades around stone tunnel corners at each other.

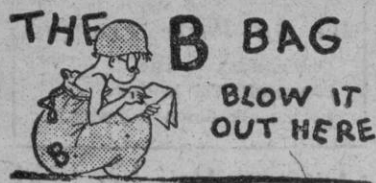
Early in the attack the Amer-

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2,500,000 Men Put Ashore in 109 Days

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Nearly 2,500,000 men were put ashore during the first 109 days of the invasion, Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell, commander of the Army Service Forces, said today at the annual New York Herald Tribune forum.

In the same period, Gen. Somervell disclosed, more than twice the tonnage of supplies delivered to Gen. John J. Pershing during the 19-month U.S. participation in the first World War were brought into western Europe by the Allies. He also said that "already more than 50,000 wounded men have been flown to hospitals in England and 12,000 across the Atlantic to hospitals at home."



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BLOW IT OUT HERE

For Texans & Prof. Einstein

Your reply to the Texas voter in Monday's paper is incomplete. The Texas voter in the ETC, whose poll tax is unpaid, may vote a Federal War Ballot IF he submitted an application prior to Sept. 1, 1944, for a Texas State Absentee Ballot and that ballot was not received by him by Oct. 1. On that event his Soldier Voting Officer will, upon request, furnish him with the Federal War Ballot, which is used to vote for federal officials only. This ballot must be in the hands of the Texas authorities by Nov. 3. Texans are not eligible for their state absentee ballot unless they or some of their friends or family paid their poll tax before Jan., 1944.—Col. T. R. Kerschner, Theater Voting Officer.

USO Wins by KO

I consider the letter by S/Sgt. Peter Upstage, Inf. the lowest, un-fairest insulting thing which S & S has ever printed.

Recently I had the good fortune of seeing one of those shows which Peter labeled third-rate burlesque. I saw four people whom I'd never seen or heard of before. I don't even remember their names now. Out there in the rain which raised heck with their makeup, and the wind that kept their hair in their eyes and everywhere else but where it belonged, they put on a show that will never hit Broadway or Hollywood.

There are a few stars in the theaters of war who can put on a classier show perhaps, but there is none who can do more to make the boys forget the war, the cold, the rain and the letters from home which haven't arrived, than that little troupe did.

It may be third-rate burlesque to Upton, but to me it's true, fine, first-class American showmanship.—Cpl. Geo. G. Calistro, Eng. Co.

Roughly 50 percent of the USO Camp Shows are at present assigned to combat armies.—Will Roland, Field Director, USO.

So they don't come up close enough for you? Why don't you wise up, sergeant? Where I saw "Bumpy Daisy" they missed an air raid by only 30 minutes. Where I saw another show, the artillery was throwing lead over our heads into German lines. No, sergeant, they don't mount 75s on their microphone and they don't dance on the tubes of 240s, but they do come damn close to the front.—Sgt. Gaylord M. Ream and 12 Others, Ord.

It just so happens that we are some of the boys on the beach. We were among the first assault troops to hit the beach on D-Day. While every one was in a hurry to get off the beach we stood there to complete our mission. Don't get us wrong. We aren't asking for any credit. We have had but one USO show and this Joe says that we have it all!

We have a job to do here on the beach and do it without a gripe. If necessary we don't have any enjoyment at all. We give the boys up at the front all the credit in the world, because we had a taste of what they go through. We hate to gripe, but when we are accused of taking the shows away from the front line, that's just too much!—Besco Hul, Eng. Bn.

The men in the so-called "rear units" and "on the beaches" haven't seen them, only when they landed and probably we'll only see them again when they leave.—T/Sgt. H. Matthews.

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Hash Marks

A supply sergeant we know got quite a jolt the other day. He thought he had a rough-tough outfit—but he spied a bunch of diapers arriving in the company laundry. A check-up showed that one of his ingenious boys used the three-cornered pants to clean his rifle, polish his shoes and mess kit and pad his helmet.

Due to the manpower shortage they have had to use girls as ushers at many weddings back in the



States. We are pleased to report, however, that they have found no suitable substitute for the bridegroom.

A convention of furniture manufacturers reached the amazing conclusion that GIs, used to sleeping alone, will prefer twin beds when they return to civilian life. Naive little characters, these furniture men.

Add Signs of the Times: A night-shift warworker, continually bothered by peddlers when he tried to sleep in the daytime, finally gained sleep by tacking a sign on his door reading, "Small Pox—Walk In."

Shades of the Sad Sack! One night two GIs walked across about 30 feet of freshly-laid concrete trying to find a short-cut to an air



force mess hall. Reaching solid ground again, one of the puffing airmen observed: "Damn, that's a muddy stretch!"

We see by the papers that German beer production will be further reduced. A bitter blow, no doubt.

A guy in the Coast Guard just dropped by the office and said that back in the States he had a date with a gal that was so homely that when she passed the Navy Yard even the tugs quit whistling.

Yanks Forge On at Metz Gateway

Hand-to-Hand Battle Rages Near City

By Bob Cromie
Chicago Tribune Correspondent.

WITH THE THIRD ARMY AT MEZIERES-LES-METZ, Oct. 16.—This small, steel mill town astride the main road into Metz from the north probably isn't even on your maps of France. But plenty of American doughboys will remember it as long as they live.

Infantrymen led by Capt. Charles B. Smith Jr. of Nome came swarming down into Mezieres at dawn last Saturday from positions on a slagpile which dominates the town from the north. For a little while, it looked as though it might not be too tough a proposition.

Then the Germans rallied, rushed in reinforcements and began pounding the Americans with mortar and artillery. Now—four days later—we hold the northern third of Mezieres and are slowly cleaning out the lower two thirds in house-to-house fighting, using bazookas, flame-throwers, grenades, mortars, artillery, tanks and plenty of guts.

We visited Mezieres in a jeep driven by Pvt. Harry Wellman, of Chicago, who held the accelerator down until we gained the comparative safety of the town.

Artillery Prestidigitation

Lt. Col. Jack Ward, of Moscow, Ida., commander of one of the units fighting in the town and the man who personally led the attack which took the slag heap, asked Capt. Carl Weinrich, of Evanston, Ill., artillery liaison officer, to show us "the sights."

Capt. Weinrich took us to an OP where Lt. John Ewing, of Brownstown, Ill., was directing fire. We watched our shells whistle overhead and burst in plain view on a house perhaps 150 yards down the street.

Capt. Isadore Hoffman, of Atlanta, Ga., explained that the house was so situated that it commanded the block. There was a final burst. Lt. Ewing grinned and said to Capt. Hoffman: "Your building isn't there any more."

"Good," said Capt. Hoffman. "Now bring your fire a little this way on the other side of the street."

Lt. Ewing agreeably called for further fire.

We could see a barricade down the street and, perhaps a hundred feet beyond where we were watching, we saw a dead German lying in the road.

We asked how close the Germans



U.S. soldiers cautiously dig out Nazi snipers in the final mop-up of a captured city.

were. Capt. Hoffman pointed out a house a half block away and said he had just seen Germans race across the street and duck into it.

"That close?" we asked, surprised.

"Hell, yes," he said. "They are so close at night they come in and try to play cards with us."

Bazooka Exchanges

By now, the flame-throwers had the blaze in the next street going so well that smoke was coming from the chimney—the only chimney smoking in the village. The peacetime population had deserted the town whose only remaining residents were a few chickens and rabbits running around unhappily.

Behind us, sounded a loud bang which Capt. Hoffman assured us was a German bazooka. A slightly

quieter bang followed. This, he said, was our bazooka.

We ran a few yards because Capt. Weinrich ran. Then we walked past a dead German officer whose face was covered by a cloth and whose right hand was flung above his head pointing back the way we had come.

The Germans were placing men in choice spots from which we had to dig them out. In some cases, it was necessary to "mousehole" from one building to the next. This means blowing a hole through the wall and entering that way instead of attempting to take the building from the street where our men would be exposed to fire from many quarters.

When we finally returned to our jeep, we found a brand new shrapnel hole through the windshield.



Germans in America

AMERICAN troops on the British front were only five miles from America last night.

The little village of America in Holland lies about six miles south of Venraij on the Meuse River where the British Second Army is slowly driving the Germans back to the German border.

"When we first arrived in this sector we got quite a scare," Capt. Morris Sorenson, of Ephraim, Utah, told an AP reporter. "The Dutch civilians told us German troops were arriving in America. We didn't believe it but they kept waving their arms and pointing in the direction of the States. Finally someone looked at a small-scale map, and sure enough there it was. America, Holland."

Fall in the Air

Fall is in the air where the Third Armored Division is operating. A tanker in the division was seen by a ranking division officer firing his rifle into the air. The fellow wasn't mad at anyone and random firing like that is strictly against the book.

"I saw the whole thing," the officer said. "A whole flock of geese V'd up overhead just like they used to back home. I knew it was against the rules for the kid to fire into the air, but hell, here it is October, and look where we are! I'd like to go hunting again myself."

Snappy Trader

Pvt. Junior C. Tignor, 995th Signal Port Service Co., traded some cheming gum to a friend in England for a snappy, wire-haired fox terrier. The dog's name? Naturally—"Gum-

Chum." Except for several strains on their friendship during the Channel crossing from England, "Gum-Chum" has been Tignor's constant companion during travels in France.

Good Friend

IT'S good to work with an outfit everyone respects. A Stars and Stripes reporter near Aachen yesterday was jeeping down a road when he was stopped by a tank destroyer coming in the opposite direction.

"Wouldn't go down there in a jeep alone if I were you," a tank destroyer sergeant told him. Then he saw the Stars and Stripes sign on the jeep.

"Oh, you're from The Stars and Stripes, huh? I been looking for one of you guys."

With that the fellow dug into his combat jacket and came up with a piece of shell fragment.

"Here, take this and bring it to the guy who wrote that 'So ya wanna go home' editorial, and tell him to jam it down his throat—and go ahead down that road if you want."

Joe Tells General

Pvt. Oscar Cannon, a QM truck driver, was helping unload a ship at a small French canal the other night.

Cannon started to back his truck, and, turning, saw a group of men standing behind him.

"Get the hell out of the way!" Cannon yelled. The group responded slowly and one of the men walked to Cannon's cab. The driver swallowed hard. The figure standing next to him wore two stars on his shoulder.

HUBERT

by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"Aw, let's just ignore the bassard and maybe he'll go away."

Once Over Lightly

By Charlie Kiley

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—There's a heavyweight named St. Thomas who is due to get the seat of his boxing trunks dusted with resin when he flaps his wings against Melio Bettina tonight in Philadelphia. This St. Thomas, who answered to Thomas Reed before he was sanctified and admitted into Father Divine's heaven, is one of those characters New York's boxing beat never seems to be without.

Until a year ago he wore his halo well, but after reports reached the good Father that one of his brethren had submitted to the temptation of sex and gin, St. Thomas was promptly ordered to turn in his wings prior to getting bounced out of heaven on his cauliflower ear. From then on, St. Thomas couldn't lick a lightweight.

HIS penitent pleas for forgiveness fell on deaf ears until last week when Father Divine decided his wayward angel had suffered enough. A big banquet was staged to make an occasion of the Saint's re-entry into heaven. The Golden Throne on Philadelphia's Broad Street was the scene of the jubilation and Father Divine himself was there.

Waiting hand and foot on the prodigal son was Sister Heavenly Day and John the Confessor, who denied any kinship to that legendary gambler, John the Barber. Platters of food were thrust before St. Thomas, including fried chicken, pork chops with golden gravy, baked ham, creamed potatoes and corn on the cob.

With a napkin tucked in his collar, the reincarnated pug dived in, gurgling, "Peace, it's wonderful."

AFTER two hours, Father Divine, who sat at the left of St. Thomas, called for his fourth helping. The Saint was right behind him, but off in the corner, where sat Fred Irvin and Muggsy Taylor, Thomas' manager and promoter of tonight's fight, respectively, acute indigestion pains were setting in. They voted for adjournment after thanking Father Divine for accepting their boy back into the fold, and, incidentally, for helping to ballyhoo the fight.

But the main event of the evening had not yet arrived. After flicking stray kernels of sweet corn from his lily-white shirt and blotting rivulets of gravy from his chin, Father Divine arose to officially proclaim that St. Thomas was saved.

"Is there anything you would like to say before you is incarnated, reincarnated and preincarnated into the kingdom?" asked Father Divine of the Saint.

"Yeah, man," beamed St. Thomas. "Could I jes have one more slice offa that cow?"

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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

LOST

CLAIRETTE LEROY, who was left with an American medical captain for treatment Aug 8 near Mayenne. Will the captain please notify Abbé Andrew Briard, rue Victor-Lépine, Caen, of the whereabouts of this little refugee?

DAISY MAE, our five-month-old pure black Scottie bitch. Collar tag with name "Pamary." Opl. Thomas Des Jardins.

FOUND

WALLET, brown leather, in vicinity of Periers, France, containing money and pictures, belonging to Clyde I. Prestly. Lt. Robert V. Coughenour.

GAS MASK. I picked up wrong one in place of mine Sept. 24. Mine has records and other papers in the case. Lt. Edwin B. Cottrell.

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Pvt. Mike R. Aguilar, 39140498; Pvt. Leonard A. Baer, 34088129; Lt. Mary Berger; Pfc Bertice Barnett, Hico; Roy Berts, Dennison; Harold Boyajian; Lt. Darrell S. Cromer, Ogden; Lt. J. G. Rudyard M. Colter, South Orange, N.J.; Sam Licas, Ensign, USNR; Pfc William B. Courtney, Fairfield, Iowa; Capt Clayton E. Davis, Brookfield; Francis E. Donegan; Lt. Robert E. Edmonson; Opl. Thomas E. Farrell, 32720348; Lt. Col. Donald Frazier, Hensville; P/O Lyle Hooper.

'Hustling Hoosier'

By Pap



Cadets, Irish Head Nation After Saturday's Grid Tests

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Army's fearsome Cadets and the mighty Fighting Irish of Notre Dame just about clinched their places atop the collegiate football heap Saturday by running up murderous scores against their respective opponents. Their meeting Nov. 11 in New York might very well decide the mythical national championship.

Sailors Rout Jersey Pros

BAINBRIDGE, Md., Oct. 16.—The formidable Bainbridge Naval Training Station football team cruised to an easy 47-7 victory over the Camden, N.J., Blue Devils of the Eastern (pro) Football League here today.

Charlie Justice, youthful North Carolinian, stole the thunder for Bainbridge by scoring twice. He crashed over from the three in the second quarter and made a 36-yard off-tackle slant in the final period as the sailors scored twice in each of the last three frames.

Holy Cross Sinks Villanova, 26-0

WORCESTER, Mass., Oct. 16.—Holy Cross showed unexpected power on the ground and in the air yesterday to whitewash Villanova, 26-0, before 20,000 fans.

Halfback Ted Morasky, of Scranton, Pa., headed the Crusader attack, scoring twice himself and passing 25 yards to Leroy Troy for another. Halfback Jose Nester tallied the final touchdown.

Major League Teams Eye Baltimore Stars

BALTIMORE, Oct. 16.—Major league scouts have been trailing Kenny Braun, kid shortstop, and Howie Moss, Baltimore right fielder, ever since the Orioles won the "Little World Series" from Louisville. Moss was named the most valuable player in the International League this year.

The Irish really unwound themselves at Boston and belted Dartmouth, 64-0, giving the Indians their most humiliating thumping in 60 years of football competition. Army bowled over Pittsburgh's de-fanged Panthers, 69-7, and they could have added a few more points if they had not taken pity on Clark Shaughnessy's athletes.

There is little to choose from between the Irish and Cadets on comparative scores against their common opponent, Pitt. Notre Dame previously spanked the Panthers, 58-0, so there is only a four-point difference on that count, which means absolutely nothing.

Saturday's crop of upsets was not so large as the previous weekends produced. In the east, the only real form reversal was Colgate's 14-7 victory over favored Cornell team. Probably the outstanding upset of the whole nation was Virginia's 13-13 tie with North Carolina Pre-Flight after the Cloudbursters had dumped supposedly power-laden Navy.

The Texas Aggies' 14-0 victory over Louisiana State in a night affair and Iowa Pre-Flight's 13-6 triumph over Purdue might be classed as mild upsets.

There'll be a better indication next weekend on the various conference races, particularly in the Big Six and Southwest. The Big Six, whose teams have strayed far from home to get badly whacked, will have a strictly family affair this week with Missouri playing Iowa State, Oklahoma bumping into Kansas State and Kansas meeting Nebraska.

In the southwest, Rice, Texas and Southern Methodist have all felt the wrath of mighty Randolph Field—and are glad they won't have to do it again. Come Saturday, Rice plays SMU, Texas faces Arkansas and the Texas Aggies tackle Texas Christian.

Lil' Abner

By Courtesy of United Features



Rams Beat Lions, 20-17, With Second Half Rally

DETROIT, Oct. 16.—The Cleveland Rams spotted the Detroit Lions a 17-0 lead in the first 18 minutes of play, then rallied sharply to turn back the Lions, 20-17, for their third straight National Football League victory here yesterday before 21,000 shivering fans.

Redskins Top Boston, 21-14, For 1st Win

BOSTON, Oct. 16.—Frank Filchock gave promise of becoming an adequate replacement for Slingin' Sammy Baugh here yesterday when he put on a one-man passing show to spark the Washington Redskins to a 21-14 triumph over the Boston Yankees before 17,000 customers at Fenway Park.

The former Indiana University backfield star completed ten of 18 passes for 145 yards and wound up his day's work with a 30-yard toss to Right End Ted Lapka for the fourth period touchdown that clinched the verdict.

Fullback B. Seymour tallied the Redskins' first two touchdowns, one on a one-yard line buck and the other on a seven-yard jaunt around end.

The Yanks tied the score twice before Filchock sent them behind to stay. In the second quarter they made it 7-7 when George Cafego scooted across from the two, and in the third period Scotty Gudmundson's 25-yard pass found Right End Joe Crowley in the end zone. Augie Lio kicked both placements, while Joe Aguirre booted the three Redskin conversions.

Bears Notch First Victory

CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—The Champion Chicago Bears ended their victory famine by thumping the combined Pittsburgh and Chicago Pitt-Cards, 34-7, here yesterday. Mixing a strong running game with effective passing, the Bears scored in every period except the third.

The Pitt-Cards' only touchdown came on a 25-yard gallop off-tackle gallop in the fourth quarter by Bob Thurdon as the merged team succumbed for the third straight time.

Ray "Scooter" McLean marked his return to action by scoring the first Bear touchdown on an eight-yard skip. Connie Mack Berry tallied twice, once on a pass from Johnny Long and again on a throw by Gene Ronzani, while other six pointers were contributed by Jim Fordham and Al Grygo.

Statistics:

	P-C	BEARS
First Downs.....	4	13
Yards Gained, rushing.....	89	131
Passes Attempted.....	18	19
Passes Completed.....	3	10
Yards Gained, passing.....	26	154
Punt Average.....	35.5	35.6
Yards Penalized.....	109	100

FOOTBALL SCORES

SATURDAY NIGHT GAMES
Texas Aggies 14, LSU 0.
Marquette 45, Lawrence 0.
Tulsa 34, Texas Tech 0.

Fireball Frankie Sinkwich paraded the Lions to their early lead, passing for the first touchdown, scoring the second personally and booting a field goal and two extra points. Art VanTone caught a 34-yard heave from Sinkwich and ran the remaining ten yards to tally, while Sinkwich plunged five yards to cross the goal line a few minutes later.

A 17-yard field goal by Sinkwich with three minutes gone in the second period ended Detroit scoring for the afternoon.

Albie Reisz broke away for a 26-yard touchdown junket midway through the second quarter for the Rams after setting up the play with a 20-yard pass to Steve Pritko. Wait West's conversion try was wide and the Lions were ahead, 17-6, at the intermission.

Pritko, who played a great game at end for the Rams, made both Cleveland touchdowns in the second half. With ten minutes to go in the third period, he sneaked into the end zone and snagged a 15-yard pitch from Tom Colella. Then he pocketed a 40-yard aerial from Reisz on the ten and went over standing up.

Grid Giants Defeat Brooklyn Tigers, 14-7

BROOKLYN, Oct. 16.—New York's football Giants took up where their baseball brethren left off last month to belt the Brooklyn Tigers (nee Dodgers), 14-7, at Ebbets Field yesterday on the strength of two long passes by Hank Soar.

The first break in the game came on the opening play of the second period when the Brooklyn line broke through to block a punt by Len Younce. Rocky Ugocioni, 185-pounder from Murray (Ky.) State Teachers, pounced on the ball and ran 15 yards to score. Bruiser Kinard converted.

Before the half ended, Soar fired a pass to Fra. Liebel, who was downed on Brooklyn's 26. Soar hit the line for four more, then pitched a strike to Liebel in the end zone. After a scoreless third quarter, Soar completed a 27-yard, overhead to O'Neal Adams on the Tiger 36 and covered the remaining distance with another pass to Adams.

Statistics:

	BKN	NY
First Downs.....	8	4
Yards Gained, rushing.....	86	73
Passes Attempted.....	16	14
Passes Completed.....	4	6
Yards Gained, passing.....	89	123
Punt Average.....	40.2	39.9
Yards Penalized.....	85	35

Grid Standings

	W	L	T	Pts.	OP
Green Bay.....	4	0	0	117	48
Cleveland.....	3	0	0	69	52
Detroit.....	1	2	0	42	61
Chicago Bears 1.....	2	0	0	69	68
Pitt-Cards.....	0	3	0	42	98

	W	L	T	Pts.	OP
New York.....	2	0	0	36	17
Philadelphia.....	1	0	1	59	38
Washington.....	1	0	1	52	45
Boston.....	0	3	0	31	71
Brooklyn.....	0	3	0	28	47

By Al Capp

Army Sending 30,000 to U.S. Every Month

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—The War Department, in a report to the House Military Affairs Committee, revealed it was now returning approximately 30,000 men to the U.S. every month, and said it could not substantially increase the number and continue to press the war "vigorously to an early conclusion."

The report, prepared as a result of increasing requests for furloughs for men serving abroad, said that to return even 30,000 men monthly, "we must immobilize four to seven times this number, or the equivalent of eight to 14 divisions."

Overseas commanders are assigned quotas for returning men to the States, the report explained, and noted that specific selection of individuals is "the sole responsibility of the authorities in the theater."

The War Department said no man could be promised a trip home after serving a certain period overseas, and added that men are generally returned under three different situations:

- 1) Reduction in size of U.S. forces in areas where further threats from the enemy are not anticipated has resulted in some men being returned to the U.S. on temporary duty, after which they go back to their old stations.
- 2) Rotation has returned others. These men are assigned new jobs when they reach the U.S.
- 3) Soldiers capable of further useful service abroad are returned "only if trained replacements are available."

1st Army Shuts Gap at Aachen

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paratroop attack on Arnhem three weeks ago.

There was no indication, however, that the patrol activity was likely to develop into an attack or that the Nazis were evacuating the north bank of the Rhine, which is known to be heavily defended.

Canadian infantry in persistent attacks yesterday followed up weekend gains in the Scheldt pocket by jabbing westward from the Savoy Inlet and rolling Germans back through the dykeland.

In a tank counter-attack, the Germans overran some Canadian forward positions north of Woensdrecht, but these were recaptured.

Meantime, formations of fighter-bombers struck at German communications deep in Moiland, north and east of Arnhem, where railroad tracks were cut at several points and one railway bridge was hit.

Fort Driant....

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icans poured burning fuel oil into the fort's ventilation system, but the Germans simply shut off the affected chambers and continued to hold out in sections of the great medieval bastion that Americans never knew existed.

For hundreds of years Driant has been a portion of the Metz defenses, and has never been taken by storming. When World War I ended, the Americans were at the gateway to Metz—as they are today.

After the Germans took over the whole Metz defense system in 1940 they constructed countless additions to the forts, and dug tunnels so deep that no known blasts could affect men sheltered in them. Artillery shells and bombs bounced off Driant almost like beebees shots. With disappearing machine guns and artillery, and secret nooks hiding German bazooka gunners, Fort Driant is in many ways a grim version of Rube Goldberg cartoon inventions. Frequently Americans creeping forward in sections of the fort heard guttural German commands under and around them—but there were thick stone walls between the sounds and the Americans.

Although evacuated by American infantrymen, American artillery today continued to hammer Driant.

Services' Roll Call Now at 11 Million

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Today, exactly four years after 16,000,000 men began to register for the nation's first peacetime service draft, almost 11,000,000 men and women wear the uniform of the greatest military machine in all history.

The U.S. Army has reached its peak of 7,700,000 and already has discharged 1,300,000. Only combat replacements now are being drafted. The Navy, which is taking selectees for the first time, is more than 3,700,000 strong and still expanding. Its schedule calls for 30,000 inductions per month through next June. Since July, most of the naval draftees have been under 26, and the current emphasis is on men just turned 18.

Dewey Blasts FDR Regime

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Governor Dewey told a welcoming crowd at St. Louis today that the Roosevelt administration is the most "incompetent government in our lives," while other campaign maneuvering found both Vice-Presidential candidates busy in California.

Sen. Truman, President Roosevelt's running mate, was at Los Angeles. Gov. Bricker, running with Dewey, arranged California speeches at Santa Barbara, Ventura, Glendale and San Bernardino.

Speaking from his special train in the East St. Louis station, Dewey asserted the New Deal failed during the years preceding the war to solve the problem of unemployment.

With little more than three weeks to go before election, the Associated Press reported these other campaign highlights.

The New York Times, saying editorially that on the issue of foreign policy "we believe scales tip heavily in favor of the Democratic party," announced its support of Roosevelt's re-election. The newspaper supported him in 1932 and in 1936, but was for Wendell L. Willkie in 1940.

Voting Deadline Near, So Post All Ballots Now

There is nothing deadlier than a late ballot. Eligible soldiers who have not yet voted still have sufficient time to step into the booth, make their choice and post their ballots in time for the counting, according to Col. T. R. Kerschner, theater co-ordinator for soldier voting.

While the law stipulates that eligible GIs may vote up until Nov. 7, the majority of states count their ballots on or about that day.

However, a voter from California, Colorado, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Nebraska or Washington will have his vote count, even if he waits until the last day—Nov. 7.

Nine supply jumps in France and Belgium stand ready to re-issue voting equipment to units which have lost their posters and ballots, according to Col. Kerschner.

SHIPBUILDERS PREPARE

SEATTLE, Oct. 16.—Shipbuilding companies in the Seattle area are already planning post-war work in the field of repair to the Puget Sound bridge and the dredging of the harbor. Contracts have also been drawn up for shipbuilders to build fishing vessels after the war.

How European Battleground Shapes Up



Sudden Aachen Collapse Doubled by Men at Front

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INSIDE AACHEN, Oct. 16.—Though this German city of 165,000 is dying of slow strangulation today, the American soldiers fighting in the streets foresee no sudden collapse of the garrison.

These front-line soldiers are completely confident of their ability to take the city. But they are convinced that Hitler's order to hold at all costs, German counter-attacks from the east and the fact that the defenders are in small groups, not susceptible to a mass disintegration of morale, all add up to a prolonged struggle—from house to house, street to street.

Aachen, once the seat of government of the Holy Roman Empire, is a shambles. From an observation post only the more obvious damage shows, but close inspection reveals that no house, no shop and no office has escaped aerial and artillery bombardment and the tortuous house-to-house fighting which followed.

Nothing has escaped, that is, except one building, which serves as a German stronghold. However, according to S/Sgt. Paul W. Direly, of Wawa, Pa., American infantry is "so close to that building that we can look down their throats." The doughboys are keeping a close watch, and no Germans can enter or leave the building during daylight.

Many of the civilians in Aachen have managed to escape the watchful eyes of the Wehrmacht and SS, and have come through the American lines, where they are screened for spies and saboteurs and turned over to Civil Affairs. All these people have denounced the Nazis and expressed joy over the arrival of the Americans.

Claim Hitler's Home Area Hit

The Berlin radio reported yesterday that American planes, operating over southeastern Germany, bombed Salzburg, located 25 miles northeast of Berchtesgaden, Hitler's mountain retreat.

No confirmation of this attack was made at a late hour last night by U.S. staff headquarters.

The German radio claimed that the city's cathedral was hit and Mozart's house destroyed. Stating that the weather was clear for the noon attack, the agency said, "The excuse that other targets were aimed at is not acceptable," indicated that an attempt might have been made to bomb Hitler's mountain-top retreat.

Drive Into Po Valley Next on Yank Agenda

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Oct. 16—U.S. tanks crowned a bitter four-day battle against savage German defenses when they roared into Livergnano, a key city which straddles the Florence highway 10 miles south of Bologna.

Nazi troops, who fought fiercely before yielding the town to American tanks and guns, were reported in full retreat, while Lt. Gen. Mark Clark prepared to drive toward the Po plains.

MORE ZIP TO WORRY NIP

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—A super aviation fuel which will give greater range and increased performance to B-29 Super-Fortresses and carrier-based fighter planes in the coming battle of Japan has been developed and is ready for immediate production, Deputy Petroleum Administrator Ralph K. Davies said today.

Terry And The Pirates

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