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Death of a City Nazis Chose to Defend



American bombers and artillery, enforcing Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' demand for the unconditional surrender of Aachen, left its buildings roofless, hollow shells when the Nazis chose to defend it.

Want to Shop In Paris?—Just Send a Letter

By Charles W. White
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

The Stars and Stripes, as of today, goes into the shopping and personal service business for U.S. "Combat Troops" stationed anywhere in Europe.

A soldier at the front can shop in Paris and send the stuff home simply by writing a letter. If he visits Paris, Shopping Service, at 21 rue de Berri, will consult with him and show him complete files of stores and items.

In addition, the Service sees about packaging, wrapping, stamping, insurance and duties on goods sent home.

Mail Orders Taken

A number of WACs of the Paris contingent have volunteered to assist during free time. Pfc Mariam Jean Brody, WAC staff member, will be in charge of the new military mail order house.

Since servicemen can't get to town whenever they wish, the Shopping Service has been set up mainly for emergency orders by mail. The whole thing is intended for those in combat areas, because the American Red Cross already is helping those located in Paris. However, soldiers in hospitals or those who for other valid reasons need assistance may also use the Service.

Here's how it works, in detail: First, write a letter to Shopping Service, Stars and Stripes, Paris, APO 887, stating what you want to buy. The Service sends you details and an order form. Then you send a money order with your completed (Continued on Page 4)

Reds Storming Budapest Gates

Soviet ground troops, shouting "On to Berlin!" stormed the suburbs of Budapest yesterday with the support of tanks and planes.

Fierce fighting raged for the Hungarian capital as the Germans threw their panzer reserves into the battle at the city gates. A Bucharest radio report, unconfirmed by Moscow or Berlin, said that the Soviet tanks had entered the streets of Budapest itself.

Marshal Stalin, speaking in connection with the anniversary of the Red revolution, said that the Red Army had destroyed 120 German divisions in this year's operations. He added that the Reich was "on the verge of catastrophe."

Allies Open Marseilles Port; Antwerp Battle Near End

Allied war supplies are pouring into the great Mediterranean port of Marseilles whose docks, destroyed by Germans two months ago, have been repaired, Rome Radio announced last night. Meanwhile, the battle which opened Antwerp, big North Sea port for the Allies, was ending on the Dutch Island of Walcheren.

Non-Combat Smokes Cut

Communications Zone troops and soldiers in the UK took a bust on cigarettes and candy yesterday so that combat men can continue to get their full ration. But officials said it was only temporary.

Signs at Paris PXs informed Com Z troops that beginning yesterday their weekly tobacco ration would be five packs of cigarettes or ten cigars or four packages of pipe tobacco. The candy ration was reduced to two.

A PX official explained that in order to provide combat men with a full ration it was necessary for others to take a reduction at present. He added, "When the supply level has been built up to a sufficient point to ensure soldiers in combat with a full ration then the Com Z ration will be brought back up." He said a similar reduction started simultaneously in the UK.

Southeast of Aachen, German tank counter-attacks wiped out half of the First U.S. Army's gains in Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' new assault in that sector. Panzers drove halfway into the town of Vossenach, which U.S. troops had captured Friday, and a point-blank tank battle developed in the town's main street.

Hold 45-Mile Front

In Western Holland, British, American, Canadian and Polish forces established a 45-mile front along the south bank of the River Maas, over which the German 15th Army escaped last week.

On the south side of the river, the Germans held two narrow bridgeheads at Willemstadt and Moerdijk. German demolition troops were reported to have blown the highway and rail bridges across the Holland Deep at Moerdijk, two of the longest spans in Europe, to cut Allied pursuit toward Rotterdam.

First U.S. Army tanks and infantry halted the German thrust short of the road between Vossenach and Schmidt, another German town, two miles southeast of Vossenach.

50 Million Voters Head for Polls; FDR Ceded Edge

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—Amid forecasts of generally fair weather, nearly 50,000,000 Americans tomorrow will exercise one of the rights their fighting men are defending overseas to choose between Franklin D. Roosevelt and Thomas E. Dewey as the man better fitted to lead the nation to victory, to full employment and to enduring peace in the four crucial years ahead.

They also will elect, from among 1,114 candidates, 35 senators, 432 representatives and 31 governors along with thousands of state officeholders.

Women will play a larger rôle in tomorrow's voting than they ever have before since they won suffrage. Some estimates say they will cast more than 60 percent of the vote. There are 35 women among the 919 candidates for the House.

Narrow Margin Seen

Most responsible election eve forecasts agreed that President Roosevelt had an edge over Gov. Dewey but many predicted that the President's margin would be the smallest of his four campaigns. Newsweek magazine's final survey gave Roosevelt 249 electoral votes and Dewey 247, with the other 35 in doubt. The last Gallup poll listed 179 votes definitely for Roosevelt and 66 definitely for Dewey, with the other 286 "pivotal."

Sixty-six political writers for newspapers in 48 states, polled by the New York Times, predicted Roosevelt's re-election with 332 electoral votes, 66 more than a majority. This poll gave the President 170 certain electors, including 116 from the "solid South," and 156 probable, against 147 certain and 52 probable for the New York governor.

Predictions by States

By states, the breakdown was: Certain for Roosevelt—Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Washington.

Probably for Roosevelt—California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Certain for Dewey—Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Vermont and Wisconsin.

Probably for Dewey—Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey and Oregon.

Despite the predictions of a close race, observers thought it likely that a definite trend, if not a conclusive result, could be established.

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Allies Rock 24 Nazi Cities In 48 Hours

Allied bombs hailed down on 24 German cities in the past two days—one every two hours—hammering at the heart of Germany's war production centers.

More than 1,100 Eighth Air Force Flying Fortresses and "very strong forces" of RAF heavy bombers smashed at Hamburg, Harburg, and Gelsenkirchen.

On Saturday, 1,100 Eighth heavies attacked oil refineries at Hamburg and Harburg. Yesterday, the same number, escorted by 700 fighters, swarmed over western Germany, attacking oil refineries, and industrial and rail targets in the Ruhr valley, while RAF Lancasters and Halifaxes bombed Gelsenkirchen.

Ten enemy jet-propelled planes were among a total of 28 destroyed and 17 damaged on Nazi airdromes Sunday by Ninth Air Force Mustangs. After shooting down two of 11 Me110s protecting a hydro-electric dam at Ederstau lake, 16 miles southeast of Kassel, Lightnings scored ten hits on the dam and powerhouse without loss.

Ninth Air Force Thunderbolts yesterday started fires in the town of Julich, 20 miles northeast of Aachen, while about 100 fighter-bombers hit tank and troop concentrations in a woods near Schmidt.

Nazi Freight Cars Yield Wealth of Plane Parts

New Luftwaffe engines, guns, cameras and essential airplane parts have been found in derailed or tied up freight cars throughout France, USSTAF Air Service command has revealed.

Satan's Lady Has Devil of a Time

By Herb Palmer
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

92ND BOMB GROUP, Nov. 6. -- The Devil stalked the Flying Fortress Satan's Lady II as she roared

over Germany for a slap at the Reich, and when she crashlanded at an RAF base this afternoon three of the specially-selected crew were missing and four wounded.

I made my first mission and flew to attack a German oil refinery at Luna, three miles south of Merzburg. In the crew were three men who had completed their tour of missions and had volunteered for one final

"milk run" before going home. One of the three—Capt. Erro A. Michelson, bombardier from DeKalb, Ill.—is with us still, but one of the others is somewhere in Germany, while the third is in a hospital.

Over the target, just as the bombardier shouted "Bombs Away!" a burst of flak caught Satan's Lady. Three men, the pilot, navigator and engineer, were wounded. A piece of flak grazed my left knee, making me a fourth casualty.

Then flak caught our No. 3 and 4 engines, knocking them out completely. We dropped out of formation and prayed that no fighters would come up.

As we limped back toward England, ice began to freeze the controls.

At 2:30 the ship went into a spin, and the bail-out order sounded. Three men, including the wounded navigator, jumped. Before the rest

of us could leave the pilot righted the ship and we continued.

Another of the men who jumped—the assistant navigator—was making his last mission. If he had come home he would have been slated to return to the U.S.

At 3:45 we crashlanded at an RAF base in England.

The target? Our bombs hit the refinery right on the nose.

Some of the members of the crew were:

Lt. Col. James W. Wilson, of Bowling Green, Ohio, command pilot sitting in the co-pilot's place; Lt. Vernon E. Koch, of Dearborn, Mich., waist gunner; S/Sgt. Monroe I. Goldstein, of Cleveland, radio operator; Capt. Michelson, bombardier; 1/Lt. Frank L. Fabec, of Pittsburgh, co-navigator; S/Sgt. Robert L. Davidson, of Simms, Mont., waist gunner, and this writer, who served as a waist gunner.



Herb Palmer

Paris Invites FDR and Hull

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6 (ANS).—President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull have been invited by the French provisional government to visit Paris so the French nation can express appreciation for the "outstanding contribution" by the U.S. in liberating France, it was announced last night.

It was assumed that the President would accept because the State Department usually withholds publication of such notes until acceptance is assured. Hull's acceptance is more doubtful for he has spent the last two weeks in the Naval hospital.

Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Minister Anthony Eden have accepted a similar invitation.

New Congress Will Be Split, Experts Claim

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6 (AP).—Political writers predict that the next Congress may consist of a Democratic Senate and a Republican House.

Former 4F Wins Medal of Honor

FORT MEADE, Fla., Nov. 6.—A soldier who once was classified 4F and who as a boy was "so afraid of the dark it was pitiful," now wears the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism in Italy.

Will Rogers Jr. Rides Herd On Nazis for Tank Busters

WITH THE SEVENTH ARMORED DIVISION, Nov. 6.—2/Lt. Will Rogers Jr., who resigned his seat in the House of Representatives to accept a presidential commission, now is reconnaissance platoon leader of a tank-destroyer battalion attached to this division.

Span Blown Up By Shavetail, Movie Fashion

WITH AMERICAN TROOPS IN HOLLAND, Nov. 6 (AP).—A real-life version of Gary Cooper's bridge-blowing feat in "For Whom the Bell Tolls" was enacted by Lt. Ira L. Peak of an engineer unit.



Will Rogers Jr.

Mad Colonel's Brother Seized

WITH THE THIRD ARMORED DIVISION, Nov. 6.—Gen. Maj. von Aulock, brother of the mad colonel of Saint Malo, was captured more than two months ago in the Second Battle of Mons by an armored infantry platoon, it was revealed today.

Scoffs at Quick Fall

Hopes of an early German collapse, he held, are ridiculous. "From now on out," he said "it's going to be tougher than ever.

Centenarian for FDR

BENNINGTON, Vt., Nov. 6 (AP).—Thomas Fraser celebrated his 100th birthday today waving a congratulatory message from President Roosevelt and announcing, "I'm going to vote for Franklin."

Shopping....

order. (If you can't manage a money order, French currency will do and change will be refunded, but the post office money order is better.)

AFN-RADIO-AEF Program

- Time WEDNESDAY
0600-Headlines-Rise and Shine.
0800-News, Program summary, dict. speed.
0825-Music by Ray Heatherdon (AFN).

Two Voluntary MPs Win DFCs in London

LONDON, Nov. 6 (AP).—Distinguished Flying Crosses were pinned on a couple of MPs in Green Park last week, but there is more to the story than that.

200,000th PW Taken by 1st

By G. K. Hodenfield
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.
WITH THE FIRST ARMY IN GERMANY, Nov. 6.—The First Army prisoner of war camp today greeted the 200,000th Jerry to give up the fight for the fatherland since D-day.

334,000 PWs in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6 (ANS).—There were 334,000 war prisoners in this country as of Nov. 1, the War Department announced yesterday.

Auto Crash Injures Joe Brown's Daughters

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Nov. 6.—Joe E. Brown's daughter, Mary, 14, was critically injured and a second daughter, Cathryn, 11, slightly injured yesterday when their car collided with a second car driven by Freddie Bartholomew, 20, former boy actor.

That's Me and My Cousin Ike

A couple of cousins—Gen. Ike and Sgt. George Etherington—look over the news of a home town paper and swap comments on the folks back home.



French Fliers Join U.S. Unit

Formation of a new tactical Air Force, composed of U.S. and French units, to support Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers' Sixth Army Group, was announced yesterday by SHAEF.

50,000,000 Vote Expected

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lished by the returns up to midnight (6 AM Thursday ETO time).
An estimated 2,500,000 ballots of servicemen, some of which will not be counted until as late as Dec. 16, conceivably could hold the fate of the presidential rivals in a close contest.

U.S. Court Convicts Woman in Germany

WITH THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY, GERMANY, Nov. 6.—An intermediate military government court at Kornelmunster, Germany, has convicted a former official of a Nazi party organization for women of destroying party records.

Terry And The Pirates



French Fliers Join U.S. Unit



Pilot to Crew...



Lieutenant Lee...

