

Man Spricht Deutsch

Kein Zigaretten.
Kine tsig-ah-RET-en.
No cigarettes.

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Mon père est en bas.
Mown pair ay ten BAH.
My father is downstairs.

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Battle in Dutch Corridor

Peace Early In '45 Seen By Premier

LONDON, Sept. 28. — Splashing cold water on optimistic talk of an immediate victory in Europe, Prime Minister Winston Churchill today stated that the war against Germany might continue into the first months of 1945, despite the fact that Hitler has already lost more than a million men in the West.

Opening a two-day war and peace debate in the House of Commons, Churchill said that "many persons with technical attainments and knowledge and responsibility have good hopes that it will all be over by the end of 1944. On the other hand, I certainly cannot guarantee that several months of 1945 may not be required."

Noting the possibility of a piecemeal collapse of the Reich, with the final months of fighting reduced to a state of guerrilla warfare, the Prime Minister said:

Guilty May Fight On

"There is also a possibility that even after organized resistance in the German State is completely broken, fierce warfare may be maintained in the forests and mountains of Germany by numbers of desperate men, conscious of their own guilt and impending doom. It may be necessary for the Allies to declare at a certain date that the actual war against the German State has come to an end and that the period of mopping up of bandits and war criminals has begun."

Churchill revealed that 120 days after D-day the Allies had between two and three million soldiers in France, and said that at present the American numerical superiority was 3-2 in personnel and 5 1/2 to 4 in fighting divisions in the field.

He said the Americans had suffered 145,000 casualties while the British had lost 90,000. He officially listed German losses since D-Day as follows: 400,000 killed or wounded, 500,000 captured and 200,000 trapped in Holland. In Italy, he said, 27 German divisions were tied up with little hope of returning to the Reich.

Talks With Stalin Coming

Churchill said that before any final announcement could be made on plans for peace terms and post-war problems, it would be "necessary that Stalin, who of course has been kept informed, should join with us in a tripartite conference as soon as the military situation renders this possible."

He added he hoped such a conference would be possible before the end of the year.

The Prime Minister said that the Polish question was one of the things which would have to be discussed with Stalin, and declared that England would support Russia in demanding territorial changes in the Polish frontier to give Russia "the security she is entitled to."

Ford Sees Auto Output 90 Days After the War

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 28.—Henry Ford II, grandson of the founder of the Ford Motor Co., said today that production of cars could be started within 90 days after the government OK'd the ending of war orders.

3rd Army Troops Advance to the Moselle



American soldiers in jeeps and on foot ford the Madon River south of liberated Nancy in eastern France as they move up to the western bank of the Moselle River, along which the Germans held strongly fortified positions.

New Drive Launched By British

Striking swiftly after the collapse of the first Allied offensive across the Lek River in Holland, British troops and armor, driving north through the five-mile Netherlands corridor linking the upper and lower Rhine estuaries, yesterday were locked in a fierce struggle with Nazi elite guards bent on protecting the northern flank of the threatened Siegfried Line.

As sharp fighting blazed along both flanks of the corridor, other units of the British Second Army in their push eastward toward the Meuse were meeting bitter opposition from rear guards falling back toward the Reich.

On the U.S. Third Army front in France, meanwhile, the Germans reported that a major battle was in progress between Metz and Gravelotte. Lending credence to this claim was an Associated Press front-line dispatch which said American troops had been driven back to their original positions after reaching a bridge leading into moated Fort Driant, on the west side of the Moselle before Metz.

In Germany, where reports from First Army headquarters quoted prisoners as saying the Nazis were making preparations to spend the winter between the Allied front and the Rhine, doughboys fought enemy troops on the outskirts of U.S.-occupied Stolberg while other Americans probed into pillboxes and blockhouses of the Siegfried Line near Hurtgen, eight miles southeast of Stolberg.

Fall of Germany's isolated garrison at Calais was declared imminent last night with the capture of the citadel guarding the Channel port.

Supporting the drive toward the Lek, the RAF yesterday attacked Emmerich, German supply center east of Arnhem.

The British, thrusting toward the Lek from northeast of Nijmegen, were meeting heavy opposition north and northeast of the village of Bommel.

The German Overseas News Agency last night reported new Allied airborne landings on the Nijmegen-Bois le Duc highway. There was no confirmation of this report.

Meanwhile, on the west flank of the corridor, the British liberated the villages of Heesch and Nistelrode. Half-way between Arnhem and Nijmegen, the Germans were driven from Elst.

In an attempt to blast the British spearhead in the Nijmegen-Arnhem area, more than 200 German fighter-bombers took the air. Forty-seven enemy craft were shot down and 17 damaged for the loss of eight Allied planes.

GIs 'Living Like Kings' In Brest Dock Building

BREST, Sept. 28 (AP).—GIs, in their own words, are "living like kings" in a shell-torn, four-story building near practically bomb-proof concrete and steel submarine pens in which the Nazis docked two U-boat flotillas.

The building was a modernistic French hospital until the Germans took it over. They installed bars, lavish supplies of wines, cognac, liquors, game rooms and even a

OWI Sees Jap War Lasting 18 Mos. After Reich's Defeat

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28. — The Office of War Information estimated today that it will take at least 1 1/2 to 2 years to beat Japan after the defeat of Germany.

The psychological effect of the end of the European war is apt to favor the Japanese rather than the Allies, OWI

Greek Partisan Forces Join Up

ROME, Sept. 28. — Allied headquarters announced today that leaders of the rival Greek guerrilla forces had agreed to place all their forces under the Supreme Allied Command after Allied invasion forces had struck across the Adriatic by sea and air into the coastal islands of Jugoslavia and the mainland of Albania.

Reports from inside Greece stated that Drama and Serres, in the country's northern sector, had been liberated by patriots, bringing the region from the Turkish frontier to the River Struma in Greek hands.

1,000 U.S. Heavies Strike Again at Reich Industry

More than 1,000 escorted U.S. heavy bombers attacked German war industries at Magdeburg, Kassel and Merseburg and the railroad marshalling yard at Magdeburg yesterday after RAF heavies had carried on a non-stop aerial offensive against transport targets with a raid on Kaiserslautern, important industrial city in the Saar.

U.S. Tactics Praised As Military 'Model'

LONDON, Sept. 28.—Praising the accomplishments of American soldiers fighting in Europe, Prime Minister Churchill told the House of Commons today: "The vast and brilliant encircling movements of the American armies will ever be a model of military art and an example of the propriety of running risks, not only in fighting—because most armies are ready to do that—but even more on the 'logistics' side, as the Americans put it."

Reds 100 Miles From Budapest

The Red Army is fighting on Hungarian soil along a 50-mile front and at one point is 100 miles from Budapest, an official Hungarian statement said last night. There was no confirmation from Moscow.

In the Baltics, the Russians were reported within sight of Riga, capital of Latvia, which was being hammered relentlessly by the Red Air Force, and a linkup was announced between the Russian army in Estonia and the Third Baltic Army on the Gulf of Riga, 20 miles north of the capital.

German News Agency said that a systematic withdrawal in Latvia "has begun."

Ban Purchase of Dollars With Francs by Troops

PARIS, Sept. 28 (UP).—The sale of dollar money orders bought with francs at U.S. Army post offices in the Paris area by U.S. troops has been stopped.

This development apparently was the result of a report, since denied, that the dollar value in francs was going to be increased above the present rate of 50 francs to the dollar.

U.S. 'Atrocity Story' a Phoney; Artillery Destroyed Wallendorf

By Andy Rooney
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.
WITH FIRST U.S. ARMY, Luxembourg, Sept. 25 (Delayed).—The first American "atrocity story" was a phoney. The German town of Wallendorf was not deliberately burned to the ground by U.S. troops who occupied it.

Wallendorf, a town with an estimated population of 500, and 60 buildings, was reported to have been razed by American forces last Saturday on the command of a colonel when snipers fired at them from buildings in the town.

According to a high officer in a unit that was in the area when the action took place, the story was a "figment of a newsman's imagination." There was no sniping in the town itself and no order was given to burn the town to the ground.

The little village was in the path of the battle just across the Our River in Germany southwest of Trier. An American armored column was battling across the river and was supported by a heavy artillery

barrage from the Luxemburg side.

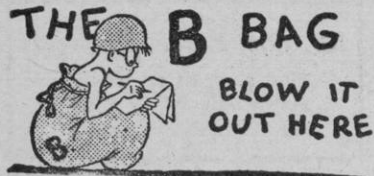
The artillery consisted mainly of .105 howitzers and by the time American troops entered many buildings had been destroyed or were burning.

When U.S. units entered the town German artillery batteries on the other side of Wallendorf opened up and destroyed more buildings.

"The town was in the path of the armored column," the ranking officer said, "and it was badly damaged, just as many towns in Normandy and Brittany were damaged. It was done completely by artillery fire and the sole purpose was to rout the German troops before we entered."

The story of the deliberate destruction of the German town originated from a correspondent assigned to cover the Third U.S. Army. The story was given a wide distribution in England and America. No official denial of the story, which has caused much controversy among American troops, has yet been issued.

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Brass, Gas and Gall

The Army tells us to save gasoline. Directives by the score are issued. But here is what I saw the other day.

An NBS jeep passed us going like a bat out o' hell, a Lt. Col. behind the wheel and a S/Sgt. alongside. And dressed in Class A uniform!

Two miles farther along we came across this pair, and what do you think all the rush was about? Just a rendezvous with two French mademoiselles, who were just getting into the jeep.—2/Lt. L. C., Eng.

Aw Nuts!

We claim that we were the first to turn off mimeographed poop sheets in France. On D-plus-12 we were grinding out poop sheets, subject: Hedgerow Fighting, on our mimeograph machine under artillery fire in our shell-tattered CP tent.—T/Sgt. Guiliano & Crew, Inf.

The New Battle of Paris

... We passed by the Arc de Triomphe at 5:20 p.m., Aug. 25. ... —Albert H. Weber.

... The Hqs. of our unit entered Paris over the Sevres Bridge at 22:05, Aug. 24. ... —Capt. Charles H. Petersen, Cav.

... Pvt. Russel Hutzel, of McKeesport, Pa., entered Paris at 8:15, Aug. 25, with Second Armored Division. ... —Maj. Stanley Bach, First Army.

The Best in the House

When our finance section was ordered to locate in a town in France, the first problem was to find proper office and billeting space. There being no town major available, we went to the mayor of the city, stated our problem, and before you could say: "Parlez-vous français" we were set up in the City Council chamber!

That wasn't all. They fixed us up with beds and mattresses, and our 19 enlisted men had their housing problem solved.—Maj. Robert Bruno, Finance.

Very Sensible

Please tell "Army Nurse" that the WACs are not responsible for PROs and war correspondents making us sound like a bunch of chorus girls on vacation.

We take our hats off to the ANC. We have talked to the front-line soldiers who can't say enough for the nurses. That's the praise that really counts.

And WACs are doing a darn good job as cooks, truck drivers, file clerks, secretaries, etc.

Don't we have enough to contend with in this war without quibbling about who gets the publicity?—T/4 E. C. S., Wac.

False Hope

When I came overseas I wasn't told how long I was to serve over there before getting a furlough. Of late, newspaper headlines have made much of rotation of furloughs for men overseas.

The result—smiles and happiness for our folks back home who are expecting to see us return on the next boat. We know these furloughs are not presently available; that we are here until victory comes.

All I ask is that the papers find news on subjects other than rotation until we can actually go home.—T/5 Marvin J. Pedrick, Medics.

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Hash Marks

Confusion on the Home Front. Oddest job undertaken by Oregon police was a search for Harry Reed—who goes by the name of "Seldom Seen."

Fortunes of War: Lt. Herb Palmer made a successful parachute jump



over Holland; came back to London and sprained his ankle when he slipped off a curb while hailing a taxi.

It took a Chicago draft board a few minutes to think up the answer to this one. A dishwasher, picked up for being without a draft card, explained that he used to be a trapper, had caught a skunk in one of his traps and had to burn his draft card as well as his clothes.

Signs of the Times. This advertisement appeared in an Army camp paper: "Girl wants work in mess. Has been in one before."

Oh, oh, people are leaving unsigned notes in our typewriter again! The latest thought-provoking squib reads:

Ours is not to reason why Ours is just to be GI.

Cause for Divorce: A henpecked Baltimore man won a divorce after testifying that his 200-pound wife beat him with a hammer, threaten-



ed to poison him, chased him from their home with a pan of hot bacon grease and then threw stones at his car, breaking the headlights.

The Innocent Home Front. S/Sgt. Aubrey Snipes wrote his girl that he landed with the first waves in France. She wrote back: "I bet you had a lot of fun with those WAVES that landed in France. I wish I were in the services, but we are 'frozen' to our war jobs."

Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never turned his head and said: "Not bad!"

An Editorial She Is Our Favorite Pinup Girl

SHE'S no cutie, we'll admit. She's sort of plump for one thing, and for a sweater girl she doesn't have much allure.

But she's our favorite pin-up all the same.

When we wonder what we're fighting for, she tells us the answer. When they boost the price of cognac, she renews that good feeling we had when the drinks were on the house. When we wonder whether it's all worth while, we look at her and she says, "Mais oui."

She didn't pose for this picture. She wasn't out to stir some lonely GI's pulse. There's nothing sexy or saucy about her.

She's just a gal who's glad to be free—caught at the



moment of her greatest ecstasy.

They probably won't have

pinup girls in the place where the peace is planned. Too bad. Because when the nights drag on and cigarette butts litter the table and tempers are short and the air is thick with smoke and suspicion, we think it would be good if the peacemakers could look up and see our pinup girl stuck on the wall.

Some of her ecstasy might steal into their hearts.

Some of her sincerity might be written into their sentences.

Some of her hope and youth and love might lend warmth to their labors.

She might remind them of that great, wonderful, shining moment when humanity realized it again was free.



PVT. Theodore Bachenheimer, of Fullerton, Cal., became a general overnight—leader of an army of 300 Dutch partisans.

Bachenheimer speaks German. Parachuted into Holland, he wandered into a town on private reconnaissance.

The Nazis held the town when he entered and for most of the next day, but Bachenheimer made friends with the Dutch and organized his army, armed with captured Nazi weapons. The "Free Netherlands Army" insisted on dubbing Bachenheimer "kommandant." He established his headquarters in a steel factory, patrolled by sentries.

In one glassed-in room pretty girls of school age type posters. There is a recruiting office for volunteers and a large room where quislings and other doubtful characters are held under guard.

The floors are spotless, records neatly filed, there is an air of efficiency in "Kommandant" Bachenheimer's headquarters. On the wall a map shows where Patriot bands are engaging the enemy.

"Kommandant" Bachenheimer's girls also care for the wounded, prepare meals and, under his supervision, distribute new German bicycles to citizens needing transport.

So important is his work that another paratrooper has been detailed to maintain communications between the "kommandant and the

U.S. regimental command post. High British and American officers seeking information or guides are frequent callers.

"Kommandant" Bachenheimer was born in Germany 21 years ago, naturalized ten years ago and has lately been killing Germans in Sicily and Italy.

All pilots like to buzz their home towns, but Lt. William Chickering Jr., a Lightning pilot and son of Brig. Gen. William Chickering, got an extra thrill. He dropped a 500-pound bomb on his. He was born at Coblenz, Germany.

The bomb destroyed three locomotives in the Coblenz railway yard. Chickering got two others by strafing.

A son of an American general has been recommended for decoration as a result of almost singlehandedly keeping aloft a glider which made a landing in Holland in the recent Allied airborne attack. He is Pvt. Donald Bowen, of Sycamore, Ill., whose father is a brigadier general. Flak shot away the rudder cable as the glider reached the Dutch coast. For 45 minutes Bowen held a steel pencil in his hands and steered the rudder as the pilot directed the ship.

Pets: "Agnes," a crow of undetermined sex, is mascot of the ordnance section of a Ninth Air Force Marauder squadron commanded by Col. Wilson E. Wood. The bird has accompanied the men to every new station since they left England.

THERE'S more to running a quartermaster laundry unit in France than simply cleaning GI's clothes.

The laundry platoon commanded by Lt. John Nujent, of Louisville, Ky., learned that the hard way in its drive across France with one of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's infantry divisions.

In one town the platoon of Negro soldiers passed on ahead of the doughboys who were cleaning up snipers. At another place, the laundry trucks found themselves setting up on a river bank in midst of a battle between American tanks and German foot soldiers. Here the QM laundrymen, under their ranking non-com, T/Sgt. Rufus Pressley, joined in the fight, captured eight Germans, killed a few, and chased off the remainder. This platoon—perhaps typical of

all in the U.S. Army—is made up of men from every civilian job. Sgt. Samuel McElroy was a pre-m student at the University of Illinois; Pressley had a dry cleaning establishment in Columbia, S.C.; T/5 Toby Gadson was a machinist in Charleston, S.C.; T/4 John Fields worked in Washington, D.C.

Operating within artillery range of the enemy, and sometimes in the front lines, this platoon, working up to 24 hours a day has always exceeded its 50,000-pound maximum weekly quota of cleaning. Often it has doubled that quota.

The Stars and Stripes yesterday received the first request of its kind—one asking for some "dope" on the Army of Occupation.

The writer said he wanted to know (1) about the application for service therein, (2) period of service, and (3) probable duties.

"I'm not a 'Section 8,' either," the writer added.

The Help Wanted Department suggested the man seek a transfer to the MPs, the logical branch to serve after the fall of Germany.

Exhume Remains Of U.S. Aviators Buried in France

WITH THIRD U.S. ARMY, Sept. 28.—The bodies of American and British airmen, buried by Frenchmen where they had been shot down in the last few years, are being exhumed for reburial in regular military cemeteries.

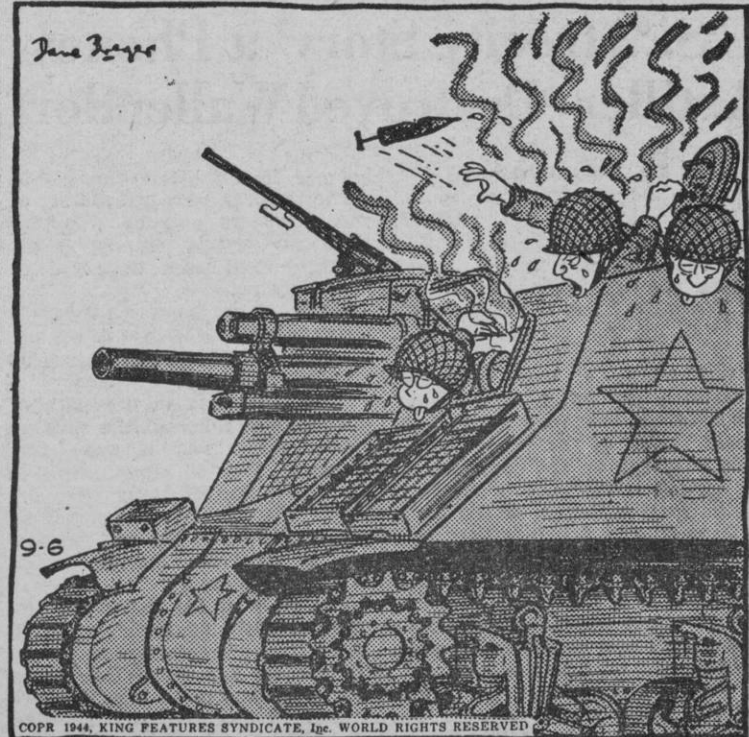
Lt. Col. Jack B. Baker, of Portland, Ore., a quartermaster officer, said units under his command had been finding fliers' graves wherever they went in France.

Near Verdun, the graves of six Americans shot down in October, 1943, were kept perfectly, and the mayor of a near-by town had the effects of the dead airmen carefully wrapped ready to turn over to Americans, who, he said, "would certainly come sooner or later."

Many of the graves are simply marked "an unknown American," but a big percentage of the bodies, even of these unknowns, have been identified, many by nameplates on the leather flying jackets.

HEINIE GIVES AN ASSIST Pfc Clarence Huckaby, of Battle Creek, Mich., was in the process of camouflaging his foxhole when blasts from a German machine gun sent a pile of hedgerow brush all over his hole. That completed the job.

Private Breger



"Hereafter SWAT flies in here an' not squirt this stuff around!"

Once Over Lightly

By Charlie Kiley

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—This has been Luke Sewell's greatest season in his 23-year diamond career but, ironically, it has cost him the friendship of his closest pal in baseball.

The long-time affection, born when both were roommates with the Senators, blew up between Luke and Ossie Bluege during the last Browns-Senators series in St. Louis when mild-mannered Ossie got fed up with the Browns riding his Cuban players and challenged Sewell to have it out under the stands.

No one was more startled than Sewell, whose first reaction was that Ossie was joking. But Bluege, who in 24 years in the game never has been known to make enough noise to awaken a baby, wasn't fooling one bit. The Senator pilot had shrugged off acid cracks about his Cubans from other clubs all season, but he apparently felt the Browns had gone too far.

He accused Sewell of approving the remarks and of sending bench-warmer Tom Turner out of the dugout to answer a challenge by Roberto Ortiz after the barbed



Luke Sewell

verbal exchange had started trouble. Ortiz dislocated a finger in the ensuing brawl on the field, after which Bluege stormed out of the dugout and might have climbed all over Sewell's frame if the umpires hadn't stepped in.

Luke didn't pick up Ossie's offer to settle their differences under the stands. But the pals, who never passed up a chance to boost each other, lost their friendship in the heat of the argument.

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SHORT SHOTS: The Boston Yankees, recent addition to the National Football League, wheeled out a stableful of old trial horses when they opened their season the other night against the Washington Redskins. One was Ed Franco, Fordham's block of granite of 'way-back-when, who previously turned down pro offers of a small fortune to coach high schools and teach... The biggest collapse in the minor league playoffs was that of Red Embree, Baltimore pitcher who won 19 games during the season in leading the Orioles to their first International League flag in 19 years. He dropped three straight in the playoffs with Buffalo... The Toronto Maple Leafs showed "gratitude" for the club's release of Manager Burleigh Grimes by losing four in a row to Newark in the playoffs.

DEMPSEY IN LONDON

LONDON, Sept. 28.—Lt. Cmdr. Jack Dempsey, former world's heavyweight boxing king, has arrived in London to serve in the Coast Guard's physical fitness program, it was announced today.

Tigers Defeat A's; Browns Lose

Jubilant Cardinals Celebrate Pennant



This exclusive radio photo sent from the New York bureau of The Stars and Stripes shows the St. Louis Cardinals whooping it up in their dressing room after defeating the Braves, 5-4, last Thursday to clinch their third National League title in a row. Manager Billy Southworth is in the center of the front group.

Detroit Takes 1-Game Lead In AL Race

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 28.—Luke Sewell's Browns, currently as close as they've ever been to the American League title, welcomed the Yankees to town today for the last four obligations on their 154-game schedule. But players on both teams are keeping their eyes trained on the scoreboard to see how the Tigers are doing in Detroit.

For unless Steve O'Neill's Motor City club suddenly crumbles before the Senators, those four contests in St. Louis will merely decide which team can spend second place money this winter. Last night's 4-1 setback at the hands of the Red Sox was an expensive one for the Browns because the Tigers vanquished the Athletics, 4-0, to assume a one-game lead.

Rain Bothers Browns

Mud and rain marred the St. Louis-Boston tilt, forcing the starting time back from 2:30 to 9:05 PM, but since the game would have been redlined if not completed yesterday, officials decided to get it off the calendar. Pinky Woods won over Denny Galehouse, who preceded George Caster and Tex Shirley to the hill.

Hal Newhouser fanned nine Mackmen and yielded only five hits as he moved the Tigers to the front with his 28th victory of the year. Dick Wakefield slapped out three hits to feature the 11-hit assault on Bobo Newsum, who hurled these same Tigers to the pennant in 1940.

A triple and homer by Johnny Lindell sparked the Yankees to victory over the White Sox, 7-2. Jake Wade and Bill Dietrich allowed 13 hits, including six for extra bases, while Floyd Bevens spaced ten along the route to win.

The Indians stopped the Senators, 6-4, with Earl Henry, making his first start in the big top, drawing the decision over Olivric Ortiz.

Bums Trim Cards

Eldred Byerly bowed to Clyde King as the Dodgers photo-finished the Cardinals, 3-2, and Bucky Walters registered his 23rd hit success by hurling the Reds to an 8-1 romp over the Giants.

A long three-bagger by Dom Dallessandro drove in Bill Nicholson with the winning run as the Cubs outlasted the Phillies, 5-3, in 11 innings. Dallessandro also scored before the frame was over to pin the loss on Bill Lee, an ex-Bruin. Japhet Lynn was the winner.

Although outhit, 12-7, the Braves downed the Pirates, 4-3. The Beantowners tallied all their runs in the first four innings off Nick Strincevich to assure Al Javery of the triumph.



American League

Boston 4, St. Louis 1 (night).
Detroit 4, Philadelphia 0.
New York 7, Chicago 2.
Cleveland 6, Washington 4.
W. L. Pct. G.B.
Detroit 86 64 .573 ...
St. Louis 85 65 .567 1
New York 83 67 .553 3
Boston 76 74 .507 10
Cleveland 72 78 .480 14
Chicago 69 81 .460 17
Philadelphia ... 68 82 .453 18
Washington ... 62 88 .413 24

National League

Chicago 5, Philadelphia 3 (11 innings).
Brooklyn 3, St. Louis 2.
Cincinnati 8, New York 1.
Boston 4, Pittsburgh 3.
W. L. Pct. G.B.
St. Louis 103 47 .687 ...
Pittsburgh 89 61 .593 14
Cincinnati 87 63 .580 16
Chicago 74 76 .493 29
New York 65 85 .433 38
Boston 62 88 .413 41
Brooklyn 61 89 .407 42
Philadelphia ... 59 91 .393 44

Leading Hitters

G. A. B. R. H. Pct.
Boudreau, Cleveland... 145 567 92 186 .328
Johnson, Boston..... 140 507 107 166 .328
Doerr, Boston..... 125 468 93 152 .325
Stirnweiss, New York 150 628 124 200 .318
Fox, Boston..... 121 496 62 156 .315
National League
Walker, Brooklyn..... 143 521 77 188 .361
Musial, St. Louis..... 144 559 109 191 .342
Medwick, New York... 126 489 65 165 .337
Hopp, St. Louis..... 135 517 105 173 .335
Cavarretta, Chicago... 152 522 107 195 .316

Pep Rules 2-1 Choice to Whip Wright in Title Bout Tonight

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—Willie Pep, veteran puncher from Hartford, Conn., has been established as 2-1 favorite to retain his world's featherweight diadem tomorrow night when he risks it against Chalky Wright in a 15-round title bout at Madison Square Garden.

When informed of the gamblers' choice, the ancient and honorable Chalky said, "I'll knock him out if he'll stand up and fight instead of running like a scared rabbit the way he did the last time we fought."

Word from their respective training camps today indicated they will each weigh in at 127. Wright worked four fast rounds this afternoon, while Pep was "lightning fast," according to reports from his headquarters at Hartford.

BIERMAN IN NAVY

SAMPSON, N.Y., Sept. 28.—Among the latest recruits to start Navy training here is Jockey Carroll Bierman, who rode the outsider Gallahadion to victory in the 1940 Kentucky Derby. In addition to his Derby triumph Bierman won aboard Alsab in the big match race with Whirlaway in 1942 at Narragansett.

How the AL Race Shapes Up Today

The Tigers are within grasp of the American League pennant today, barring a total collapse in their final four-game series against the lowly Senators.

While the Browns and Yankees are bumping into each other at St. Louis, the Tigers have only to match victories and defeats with the Browns to capture the flag. If the Tigers sweep their remaining games, nothing can keep them from the title.

If the Tigers win three of their four games and the Browns take four from the Yanks—not too likely to happen—the best the Browns can get is a tie.

The Pittsburgh Kid Donelli Forsakes Smoky City for Cleveland

By Paul S. Underwood

Associated Press Sports Writer.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 28.—The Moses of Cleveland professional football is trim, curly-haired Aldo "Buff" Donelli, master of business administration, late of Duquesne University and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Donelli, 37, newly-appointed coach of the Cleveland Rams, is expected to lead the team to a lofty position in the National Football League standings after a year's layoff.

A native of Morgan, Pa., a mining community some 20 miles from the Golden Triangle, Buff has been a figure in Pittsburgh sports circles so long the city fathers were about to name a street for him. He confesses, in fact, that the three months he spent in Brooklyn last fall helping Pete Cawthorn tutor the Flatbush pro eleven was his longest single stay away from the Smoky City.

A star fullback in his student

days at Duquesne, Donelli received his sheepskin in 1930 and immediately was hired as freshman coach. He served as assistant coach from 1936 to 1939 and as head coach from 1939 to 1943. In his



'Buff' Donelli

four years as head mentor, Duquesne teams won 29 games, lost four and tied two. His '39 and '41 squads were unbeaten.

An exponent of the T-formation (with Donelli variations), Buff specializes in man-in-motion plays, spinners and reverses developing from that basic formation. He is a disciple of the doctrine that the best way to weaken a defense is to force it to spread.

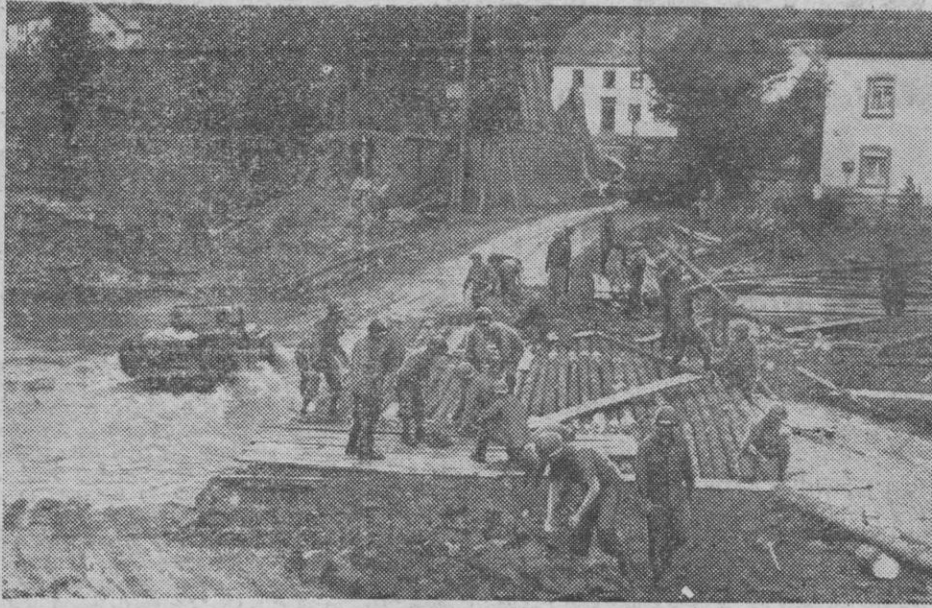
His '44 debut—the Rams came from behind to beat the combined Pittsburgh Steelers and Chicago Cardinals, 30-28, last Sunday—indicates that Buff's team is going to be an important factor in the league race. Nobody is expected to stop the Green Bay Packers, but that's something Buff hopes to prove can be done.

The Rams will get their chance against the Packers on Oct. 22. However, more pressing business pits Cleveland against the Brooklyn Tigers, Chicago Bears and Detroit Lions before they tackle the swashbucklin' Packers.

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Inside Reich—U.S. Engineers Build Bridges, Doughboys March to Front



American engineers (above) build a corduroy bridge across a river inside Germany while infantrymen (right) of Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges' First U.S. Army advance into



Germany past a road break in the Siegfried Line after cracking the line's outer fortifications in the Roetgen area, near the Belgian border.

Allies in Italy Advance Anew

Substantial gains were reported yesterday from almost every sector of the Italian front as Eighth Army troops expanded their Rubicon bridgehead to a depth of two miles and Fifth Army men advanced down the road to Imola to within 14 miles of the vital Rimini-Bologna road.

The mountain line the Germans were holding south of Bologna was roughly 23 miles from the city. British troops moving northwest were closing in on the final half-mile below Savignano on the Rimini-Bologna highway at a point where it crosses the Fiumicino River, nine miles from Rimini.

On the direct Florence-Bologna road American troops beyond the Futa Pass have overcome strong resistance and were firmly established on Monte Beni and Monte Freddi.

New VFW Chief Wants All Axis Peoples Punished

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—A complete "blackout" of immigration into the U.S. for 10 years after the war was demanded yesterday by Jean A. Brunner, newly-elected commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Brunner also called for economic and social punishment for the entire population of the Axis countries.

"Sob sisters are already at work telling us we should hang Tojo, Hitler and perhaps a few other officials, but that we should spare the good people who were unwilling victims," Brunner stated. "The German people accepted Hitler and his gang, and they should be made to pay through the nose, through imposition and enforcement of economic and social controls."

"Sentimentalists may say it is brutal to deny the war-ravaged Europeans a chance to start life in a new world, but it would be more brutal for us to do anything to increase job competition for our own boys."

Hoping to Win Seats In Congress—Browder

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Earl Browder, president of the Communist Political Association, told Congress today that his organization had members not only in the AFL and CIO but also in Republican, Democratic and Farmer Labor Parties, the Elks, Kiwanis and local chambers of commerce and even in ministerial positions, and some day hoped to have members in Congress.

PROUD RECORD

SAN DIEGO, Sept. 28.—Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp. delivered 29.5 percent of all heavy bombers in this country in a six-month period ending June 30, Harry Woodhead, president, reported today.

Japan Far from Short Of Army Manpower

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Here are the figures the OWI used to buttress its findings that it would take 18 months to crush Japan after Germany falls; Japan has 4,000,000 men in the army, 2,000,000 more physically fit, who have not been called up, and an undrafted 1,500,000 in the 17-20 age group. Japan is turning out an estimated 1,400 to 1,500 planes monthly "as rapidly as we can destroy them and can probably maintain or even increase production."

See Prolonged Japanese War

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ability of Japan to increase her production of "almost every category of war equipment and military supply." On the other hand, OWI stated, Japan has "failed to capitalize" thus far on her conquests since Pearl Harbor and her war production capacity is limited to her pre-war output.

Geography Favors Japs

Geography is another factor on the side of Tokyo, OWI said, adding that before Allied might can be brought to bear it must be based within striking distance of Japan's homeland.

To this end, Super-Fortress raids, while possible now only at periods of ten days or more, were called a "definite advance."

The agency pointed out that tremendous shipping problems must be solved before a major invasion can be launched against Japan and that it may be several months before shipping to be transferred from the Atlantic can be made effective in the Pacific.

Allied strategy calls for the opening of safe ocean routes to China, OWI said. "At present the course of the war in China is all in Japan's favor. Instead of securing additional advance bases from which to strike at Japan by air, the Allies have lost several in recent months."

Even though the number of Japanese planes destroyed is high compared with our own losses, Japanese plants are turning them out "as rapidly as we destroy them and probably can maintain or even increase this production slightly," OWI stated.

Foe Now Can Mass Power

It added that the Japanese now can mass their air power in a narrowing theater of war. This also was said to be true on the shipping side, where sinkings of enemy ships are estimated at 1,500,000 tons a year against an output which it is calculated has not yet reached 1,000,000 tons.

Pacific commanders, it was said, assert that Japan has lost the power "for a strategic offensive beyond the range of her land-based planes."

The agency added, however, that the possibility of sporadic raids on the U.S. west coast has not been eliminated.

Wallace Woos Shipyard Votes

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 28 (AP).—Vice-President Henry A. Wallace today told thousands of shipyard workers that they would be "more likely" to get jobs under a Democratic, than under a Republican, administration.

Speaking from a platform in Cramp's shipyards, he said:

"Now is the time for those in shipyards and aircraft factories in particular to think about political matters."

"If you really think deep down in your hearts that the Republicans can reconvert the shipyards, be sure you vote Republican, but if you think the Democrats can better reconvert the shipyards and shipyard skills, be sure you vote Democrat. With Roosevelt imagination and Roosevelt heart you are more likely to get jobs under a Democratic administration than under a Republican administration."

Martin Says the GOP Will Win the House

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—House Minority Leader Joseph W. Martin Jr., of Massachusetts, said today the people regarded the war in Europe as nearly over and would elect a Republican House in November "to direct the return to peace-time economy."

He predicted the GOP would win control of the chamber by a minimum of ten seats. At present there are 216 Democrats and 212 Re-

A SMART IDEA

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 28.—Andrew F. Howe has organized a company to manufacture smokeless fuel which would be made from waste products of Southern Illinois coal.

Scrapbook, General's Mail Keep Mrs. Bradley Occupied

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, commander of the 12th U.S. Army Group, takes time out from wrecking the Wehrmacht, his wife said today, to write her frequently telling her what the weather is like and whether he's put on heavier underwear.

Mary Elizabeth Quayle Bradley, friendly, pretty and girlish-looking, sat in the apartment she shares with another army wife, pasting up a scrapbook she keeps about her husband. Keeping the bulky book up to date, answering fan mail and writing the general every other day occupy most of her time.

"The weather in France has been so cold," Mrs. Bradley said, "the general wrote that he had to wear his winter woollies until a few weeks ago. He writes little homely things about the out-of-doors 'where he can see a rabbit a mile away.'"

His letters have inspired in her a desire to travel in foreign lands where he has fought, especially Bizerta, where Bradley bagged 25,000 Germans in the spring of 1943.

'Chutist 'Drops In' On Former Captors

WITH U.S. AIRBORNE TROOPS AT NIJMEGEN, Sept. 28.—It was sweet revenge for Maj. Augustin Hart, of Lake Forest, Ill., when he parachuted into Holland with the American airborne forces. He was trapped at The Hague four years ago by the German parachute drop, and they refused to let him leave for two months on the ground that he was an eyewitness of the operation. Later, he lectured for the War Department.

To Help Vets In Business

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28 (AP).—Special help for veterans who want to set up small businesses was provided today by the War Production Board for thousands of men who ran their own businesses before the war and therefore lack reemployment preference.

The order not only gives preference to veterans in setting-up and equipping businesses but accords special consideration to their applications to enter civilian goods production.

NO NEW AUTO TAGS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Auto license plates which have been in use in the District of Columbia since the beginning of 1943 will get another year of service. Traffic Director W. A. Van Duzer ordered the extra year in order to conserve metal. However, commercial vehicles will get new tags because most of them are in poor condition and numbers have become illegible.

Plan Farm Aid For Veterans

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Budget Director Harold D. Smith set machinery in motion today to convert the government itself back to a peace-time footing.

Four days after President Roosevelt instructed him to prepare government reconversion recommendations, Smith asked heads of executive agencies to submit plans within a month outlining adjustments that could be made immediately and after the war in Europe.

Another demobilization move was disclosed in a White House announcement that President Roosevelt had asked Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard and Veterans Administrator Frank T. Hines to begin work immediately on a program to supply extensive government aid to an estimated 1,000,000 servicemen who want to return to civilian life as farmers or ranchers.

BANS 'LADY' RASSLERS

HAVERHILL, Mass., Sept. 28.—The City Council realizes there's a manpower shortage, but it's still cognizant of the dignity of the weaker sex. The council therefore has banned female wrestling matches. Mayor Albert W. Glynn said, "The dignity of womanhood is way above wrestling—or it should be."

AIMEE McPHERSON DIES

OAKLAND, Cal., Sept. 28.—Aimee Semple McPherson, exponent of the "four-square gospel," died yesterday. She had been suffering from a tropical disease since May. Born near Ingersoll, Ont., Aimee's real name was Kennedy.

MANY CLOTHES FOR MILDRED

CHULA VISTA, Cal., Sept. 28.—Mrs. Mildred Little inherited from a relative: 160 nylon stockings, 540 dresses, 277 blouses, 53 nightgowns and slips, and 280 sweaters. She also got \$2,500, which she will probably spend for closets to hold the apparel.

THEY'LL BEG FOR SPAM

CHICAGO, Sept. 28.—Here are a few post-war menu suggestions offered by the National Dietary Food Association at its annual convention here: Meatless hamburgers, cookies made of grass, candy made from goat's milk, whey, celery, alfalfa and tomatoes.

U. S. Merchant Marine Now Totals 3,400 Ships

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Adm. Emory S. Land, war shipping administrator, revealed in his first formal report to President Roosevelt that shipments from American ports in the last year totaled 46,970,000 tons, 42 percent more than in 1942. U.S. ships carried 80 percent of the total.

Adm. Land also reported that the U.S. merchant marine had grown from 1,340 ships totaling 11,850,000 tons at the start of the war to 3,400 ships aggregating more than 35,000,000 tons today.