

# NAZI WARNS OF DEFEAT

*Combat Engineers Advance Toward Brest*



Two U.S. combat engineers advance warily through ruins of bombed out buildings as they drive up peninsula toward port of Brest.

## Like Allies in 1940, Dittmar Says Flatly; Luxembourg Entered

With Allied troops mauling the German armies backward in France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—and possibly even in the Reich itself—the spokesman of the German High Command warned the nation in an amazingly frank radio address last night that the Wehrmacht was dangerously close to defeat.

The spokesman, Gen. Dittmar, likened the position of the Wehrmacht today to that of the defeated Allied armies after the smashing of the Maginot line in 1940 and quoted the Latin expression, "Res ad triarios venit," which means "All now depends on the last reserves."

"Our position in these past few days undoubtedly has become such that the decision is now necessarily in the hands of these last reserves," he said. "It is with grave anxieties that we look to the west where the British and Americans have taken advantage of their superiority in men and material... Four years ago we were the undisputed masters. Now we are beaten by the methods we forged."

As he spoke, American troops were sweeping across Luxembourg, still others were reported in Germany itself, Allied troops were pushing steadily on from liberated Antwerp and Brussels into Holland, and British and Canadian forces were closing in on Dunkirk, symbol of their own defeat four years ago.

Significantly, along the Pas-de-Calais coast, the Germans sought frantically to evacuate their troops—50,000 of whom were estimated to have been trapped by the swift British advance through Belgium—but they have not the boats that Britain had in 1940. And England's south coast rocked from the explosions of heavy guns blasting the evacuation attempts from across the channel.

*Inside Germany*

The mounting danger to the German army was emphasized by these developments yesterday.

1—Associated Press reports from the Franco-Swiss frontier said American troops had captured Aachen and Saarbrücken, inside Germany, and had occupied Pontarlier, on the western border of Switzerland, in a drive for the Belfort gap separating them from the armies in the south.

2—The Prime Minister of Luxembourg announced that Allied troops had marched into Luxembourg yesterday morning. He said troops of Luxembourg, already fighting in France, would undoubtedly participate in the liberation of their country.

*1st Takes Namur*

3—Supreme headquarters announced that the U.S. First Army had taken Namur and reached Charleroi, Dinant and Givet.

4—The British Second Army smashed beyond the most easterly point reached by British Expeditionary Force in 1940. Tank spearheads have captured Louvain, 18 miles east of Brussels, and are still sweeping beyond the River Dyle, where the British held their most advanced line when Hitler invaded the Low Countries.

Though success mounted on all  
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## Allied Planes Strike Brest and Le Havre

The Allied air forces pounded the German harbor strongholds along the Atlantic coast of France yesterday as ground troops tightened their noose around the ports.

While Flying Fortresses and RAF Lancasters attacked German gun emplacements at Brest, other Lancasters dropped more than 1,000 tons of bombs on enemy troop concentrations at Le Havre.

## North-South Link Imminent As Nazis Flee

### Mediterranean Forces Reported Nearing Belfort Gap

A linkup between Allied forces in northern and southern France appeared imminent last night as both Allied and German sources reported that fighting was approaching the famous Belfort Gap, a broad valley lying between the Swiss Alps and the Vosges heights leading into Germany.

German News Agency said a strong Allied armored column had been sighted south of Besançon, advancing northward. Besançon is 46 miles southwest of Belfort.

Gen. Koenig's communiqué said French Forces of the Interior had been particularly active in Doubs, a French province bordering the northwestern Swiss frontier and reaching almost to Belfort.

Meanwhile, French troops, racing up the Saône River valley north of Mâcon, reached a point within 18 miles of Chalons and only 55 miles from the great communication center of Dijon.

The German 15th Army continued its headlong retreat through its rapidly narrowing escape corridor. The enemy transport was exposed to heavy strafing and aerial bombardment, while members of the French maquis were harassing it from the flanks.

The Americans suffered casualties and lost some men as prisoners in a savage counter-attack at Montreuil, 15 miles northeast of Mâcon, by troops of the crack German 11th Panzer division, who turned on pursuing reconnaissance forces, apparently to screen the retreat of the main German body.

On the whole, however, the Allied advance in the south was reported to be meeting no serious opposition.

All resistance was said to have ceased in the area of liberated Lyons, the Germans having cleared out of the whole area.

## Reds Declare State of War With Bulgaria

### Sofia Surrender Party Awaits Allied Terms In Cairo

Russia declared war on the Balkan state of Bulgaria last night while a Bulgarian armistice delegation still waited in Cairo for the Allies to present their surrender terms.

Soviet Foreign Minister Maxim Molotov, announcing a state of war existed between the two nations, handed a note to the Bulgarian minister, Stamenov, explaining that "for more than three years Bulgaria has been actively assisting Germany in the war against the Soviet Union."

Russian troops, poised along the Bulgarian border following their dash through Rumania, were believed to have started crossing into Bulgaria coincident with the declaration of war.

The Soviet declaration came eight days after the Sofia government had announced Bulgaria would follow a policy of "strict neutrality" and order all German troops out of the country. A few hours before Russia declared war, the Bulgarian premier, Constantin Muraviev, reaffirmed this policy.

Bulgaria has been at war with all the Allies except Russia. Observers in Allied capitals last night saw Russia's declaration of war as a legal bid to get in on the surrender conference now pending in Cairo.

## Reds Seize 100 Towns In New Warsaw Drive

MOSCOW, Sept 5 (UP).—The Russians resumed their offensive northeast of Warsaw tonight, capturing 100 towns in a crashing new drive aimed at outflanking the Polish capital on the north.

In Rumania, other Russian troops smashed 24 miles across the Transylvania Alps to seize railroads and highway junctions of Brasov on the Bucharest-Budapest railroad.

## Pope Confers With Envoys; Peace Rumors Labeled False

VATICAN CITY, Sept. 5 (Reuter). — Pope Pius has granted audiences to diplomats from five nations, including the American Chargé d'Affaires Tittman and German Ambassador von Weizsaecker, which many observers believed may soon lead to peace negotiations.

## 1st Army Takes 120,324 Nazis

The First U.S. Army, operating in Northern France under the command of Maj. Gen. Courtney Hodges, has taken 120,324 prisoners, it was officially announced Monday. On Saturday alone they took 17,119. Robert Reuben, Reuter's special correspondent, in a cable from Belgium received early this morning, says that 45,000 prisoners had been taken in two days by one division alone.

The Pope, besides meeting with the Nazi and U.S. Ambassadors also spoke to the Ministers of Czechoslovakia, Poland and Rumania, but a veil of secrecy shrouded the subject of the talks.

Vatican circles reported that Catholic leaders from Belgium and Holland were told they will return to their posts shortly.

Meanwhile, rumors which later proved false, reported Germany had capitulated. The story, origin could not be traced, was flatly denied tonight by SHAEF in London where a high-ranking officer declared:—

"That is what we are fighting for, but as far as we know there is no truth to it."

## Ninth Fighter-Bombers Blast 1,750 German Horse Buggies

Ninth Tactical Air Command fighter-bombers have shot up 1,750 horse-drawn vehicles since August 23 when the first large concentrations of German horse-drawn vehicles put in their appearance.

This type of transportation now ranks second to trucks in importance as targets for Thunderbolts and Lightnings. Trucks destroyed during this period total 6,191.

Lightnings and Thunderbolts hit their peak from August 31 through September 3, when they destroyed 1,445 horse-drawn vehicles, including 129 artillery pieces and eight oil tanks. The highest score during the four-day period was recorded September 3, when 775 were knocked out.

According to Army sources horse-drawn vehicles have always been included as part of the Nazi war machine and have not been suddenly thrown into the breach to make up for large losses of motor transportation.

Although the retreating Germans have in many instances commandeered French horses to aid in their evacuation, they are using their own animals as they did extensively in the Balkan and Norwegian campaigns and the invasion of France in 1940. The trucks consist of all types, from artillery vehicles the size of the U.S. "Long Tom" 155mm. to supply wagons and oil tanks.

Fighter-bombers, unopposed by enemy aircraft, have created havoc among convoys, causing numerous road blocks made up of dying horses and overturned vehicles. Convoys in the rear are thus held up, and become future targets.

While 35 trucks were claimed destroyed up to late afternoon in yesterday's operations, the emphasis was shifted somewhat to railroads when pilots bombed and strafed trains inside Germany, destroying four locomotives and attacking 35 railroad cars. The action took place in the vicinity of Coblenz and near a marshalling yard at Ploch.

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B—Bag

Blow It Out Here

'Son of a Beach'

Could you kindly relay this message to "LCT Son of a Beach" and inform Ensign R. B. Peterson that I suggest he change the name of his LCT. The first LCT to bear that name is still in existence and was last at Anzio, according to Time Magazine. I'm confident that its crew would disapprove of anyone swindling that name on them.

A FORMER LCT MAN.

'D-Day Daddy'

In the July 20 edition of The Stars and Stripes it was stated that Capt. Fred A. Biglow was believed to be the first and probably only man in the ETO to become a father on D-Day at almost H-Hour.

My husband, Lt. Keith H. Wolfe, now in France, was in England on D-Day. His daughter, Keithlene Mae, was born June 6 at 01.50 hours in Ellwood City, Pa. Lt. Wolfe is a liaison pilot assigned to an infantry division.

Mrs. KEITH H. WOLFE.

'Airborne Training'

About four months ago I passed the physical test for the paratroopers. My CO said he would not transfer me as we were moving overseas where he would approve my request.

Since arriving here I put in for a transfer which was OK'd by my CO. It went to Ninth Air Force Service Command where it was turned down because they "had no notice from higher headquarters about transfer to the paratroopers."

What I would like to know is why hasn't this HQ been notified when others have; and is there anything else I can do to rescue the transfer?

T/5 J.C.W.

Here's a tip: Apply again, addressing request for transfer for training with airborne unit to the Commanding General, ETOUSA. Your application should indicate that you meet the physical and medical requirements set forth in Change 6, AR 40-100. Many similar complaints have been received by us causing us to check the score with official sources. They tell us that the above is the correct procedure.—F71

Why We Fight

Even in the horrors of war and under the strain of 18 to 20 hours' work daily, the spirit of the American soldier carries on. Last night, just at dusk, the lilting strains of music reached my ears. Upon investigation I found a group of Aviation Engineers gathered in a room not-so-long-ago occupied by the Germans—with a small lamp shining like the Torch of Liberty, while the strains of music coming from an accordion played by a soldier, who had just come in from 18 hours of removing mines and bombs, filled the air.

The men sang songs popular to them upon embarkation overseas two years ago. Songs of the Army, the Navy and the Marines, while outside the wind howled and sheets of rain came down. Into the room came two French lads, who having caught the carefree spirit of our boys singing, soon joined in.

This goes to show that wherever the American soldier may be, the spirit of Old Glory dwells and only freedom-loving people will be drawn to them by their carefree American spirit.

PVT. JOE T. RUHLAND.

Hash Marks

By the manipulation of a few figures you can definitely prove that the war is going to end next Thursday at 2 p.m. Take the year of your birth, add your age, add the year you were inducted, add the number of years you've been in the Army. You'll get a total of 3888. Half of that is 1944. Half of 1944 is 9-7-2, or September 7, 2 p.m. Only trouble is that the Germans have probably never heard of it.

Lament of a WAC: "The men I am bored by are those I'm ignored by."

From W. F. Miksch, we steal the following: "I'd trade all those dreams of postwar plastic for one pair of shorts with a band of elastic."

There is one GI somewhere in France who, right at this moment, is probably off in a corner somewhere with a French phrase book. He's not very happy about his vocabulary. He came to France with



the idea that all he needed to know was "Comment allez-vous?" and "Combien?" It worked pretty well until he met a lovely girl and used the wrong phrase. Got his face slapped

Few things embarrass an American soldier, but have you ever seen one trying to look nonchalant while using this French outdoor plumbing?

Said the girl elevator operator, alone in the car with a sailor: "Going up, going up, anybody else going up? Please, will somebody else go up?"

The sergeant asked the WAC looey, standing at a bus stop in Alexandria, La., maybe she wouldn't like a ride back to camp. The WAC chilled the sarge with the remark, "Sergeant, don't you know officers don't associate with enlisted personnel?" The sarge drove off, burning. Twenty minutes later, and the looey was still there—but now it was raining cats and dogs. He stopped again, and this time he got a very sweet smile. The looey had laken about three steps toward the car when the sarge stuck his head out the window and said, "Wet, isn't it?" Then he drove off.

Private Breger



"You sure picked a fine way of hiding your cigars!"

There's Dynamite in That Smile

THIS picture ought to have a poison label on it—or a big red sign marked DANGER! It shows a Yank playing with dynamite.

A smiling, hand-shaking, cigarette-mooching, baby-faced Kraut prisoner is as dangerous, in a way, as a hard-pan, sneering, death-dealing SS man or Panzer trooper. An hour ago, maybe, he was planting a teller mine or squeezing the trigger of a Kar 98. He's the same guy—with a different weapon.

He's lost the fighting part of the war. Now he's out to make friends and influence people. He's all set to wheedle, whine and whitewash his way into our good graces—and convince us that Germans are just a pack of kindly kinfolk who are really democrats at heart.

The Yank looks undecided.



Maybe he's going to fall for the toothpaste smile. Or maybe he remembers that these Nazis are the original hate-boys—the lads who, when they were top dog, didn't look so friendly and peaceful as they do now.

may be able to prove they really think a man matters—that we're all members of the same human race—that they're not out to run the world.

Until then, the handshakes and palsy-walsy stuff are out.



A PROPHECY written 300 years ago and discovered in the Capetown Public Library has been received by 1/Sgt. Carl H. Reed, of the 90th Infantry Division. It concerns times of the 20th century and predicts that: "A bad man by the name of Hisler (almost correctly spelled) would cause all the world to be upset." It tells now he takes other nations' land by force, even France. But it adds that Britain will conquer everything from this man and his ally and will give back to France her freedom.

"This man called Hisler will die in 1944, quite mad. No one will help him and he will die alone. His nation will be split into 22 small states and they will not be given power again. All nations will, after the war, live in peace and contentment, each one as it will."

A popular anecdote among the French at the moment concerns a Paris beggar who was observed parading around the streets with a placard bearing the legend, "RAF." When a furious SS man ordered him to remove the letters, the beggar protested they merely stood for "Rien A Fumer" (Nothing to Smoke).

Next day the SS man was beside himself with rage when the same beggar appeared carrying the same placard. "But, monsieur," protested the beggar, "this stands for 'Re-merciements Au Fuehrer'" (Thanks to the Fuehrer).

After buzzing a German motor column from headlight level, 1/Lt. Melvin Carlson, Ninth Air Force Thunderbolt pilot from Rapid City, Mich., returned to his advanced landing field with his air scoop jammed with parts of seven German trucks he had machine-gunned in the Villers-Cotteret area.

Ground crewmen of Col. Ray J. Stecker's group said Carlson's plane was carrying almost a complete German spare parts list—nuts, bolts, wire and bits of metal.

REGARDLESS of where trouble breaks out, Cpl. Leander Lenau, of Union, Mo., is always on hand and always comes out with flying colors.

Lenau was working with a group of GIs extricating two tanks outside Vire, using three unarmed retrievers when they were attacked by German tanks which opened fire at point blank range. All were killed or wounded except Lenau, who leaped a hedgerow and escaped in the darkness.

Making his way back to his outfit, Lenau came across a German artillery observer whom he politely disarmed and took prisoner after breaking the telephone and radio equipment.

Cap. L. E. Eshbach, Quartermaster Officer with the 4th Infantry Division, got an added thrill out of the flag-raising ceremonies when Vincennes was liberated two weeks ago. Eshbach is a native of Vincennes, Ind., personally brought greetings to the French mayor from the chief executive of the American city.

Donald J. and Kenneth E. Hall, Beaumont, Texas, twins, are frustrated mess sergeants who decided to stick to K rations and forget the French pastry angle. Donald baked a

chocolate pie and set it outside a tent to cool. Down plopped a hunk of dirt, smack in the center of the pie. Kenneth said never mind, I'll whip up another pie. An hour later, as Ken walked outside to get it, another chunk of good earth fell down. The GIs opened a tin of egg yolks.

MEMBERS of the Ninth Division's "Raider Regiment Orchestra" recently greeted a German infiltration attempt with beaucoup sour notes—and wound up killing four Germans, wounding three others and taking 28 prisoners.

The noisy symphony began at 3 a.m., when two enemy rifle companies and one tank company penetrated a field adjoining the regimental CP.

Led by Lt. Alfred P. Curty, members of the orchestra, who are used in combat principally to guard prisoners and the CP, were hastily posted at a road junction which the Germans had passed in their infiltration.

After receiving reinforcements, led by Lt. Col. John B. Shinberger and leaving sufficient men to guard the road junction, the musicians gave chase to the enemy with rifles, two machine-guns and hand grenades. The early morning concert ended at a farmhouse, where, after stiff fighting, the Germans surrendered.

A Parisian has asked The Stars and Stripes to send his thanks to an unknown American outfit which freed him, his son and 30 French civilians who were German hostages.

Last week, local FFI groups were mopping up Nazi pockets when they ran into a well-organized German company. The Nazis grabbed the Parisian, his son and 30 other Frenchmen and held them as hostages. Just then the Americans arrived and captured the Nazis and freed the prisoners.

T/Sgt. Edward F. Wnek, of Lorain, Ohio, has reason to believe that the APO guarantees safe delivery of V-Mail. He received a V-Mail letter from his sister, Mrs. Lottie Cherney, of Lorain, and the next day received three more copies of the same letter. The only explanation the sergeant had was that the APO wanted him to be sure to get the letter.



Iowa University got the news recently that their last season freshman whiz, Dick Ives, had been classified 4-F in the draft and would be back in school to power the Hawkeyes basketball team this winter.

When Henry Thomas drove Yankee Maid to victory in the Hambletonian, owner A. L. Derby handed him a check for \$3,500 and Henry Knight, who bred the filly, added another \$1,000.

The new west coast professional football league added another coach recently when the San Francisco Clippers signed Mike Pecanich, former Loyola and Gonzaga mentor, to a one-year contract.

Football player coming in so bad in the South that one Southeastern coach reports that his first task every morning is to "check the hotels to see who is in town, then keep his players away from them."

Walter M. Jefford's unbeaten two-year-old speedster Pavot, has earned \$73,500 in his six winning starts and has yet to be forced to an all-out effort. Eastern railbirds say that he is the fastest and best two-year-old in ten years, better even than Count Fleet who went on to become the three-year-old champ.

There is a report going around that Fritz Crisler has picked Lt. Commander Tony Hinkle, of Great Lakes, as the man to bring Michigan a winning basketball team after the war.

Help Wanted - AND GIVEN

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

FOUND

Personal articles belonging to 2/Lts. Don L. Hine, 1,110,000, and Bert H. Berry, 1,638,373. 1st Lt. J. O. Spitznogle.

CAMERA EXCHANGE

Wanted: 620 or 120 roll films camera. Bellows, Eastman or foreign substitute preferred. Opl. R. W. Rediske. Wanted: Zeiss-Ikon or similar with 3.5 lens. Capt. I. Schechner. 120 camera wanted. Opl. J. Cahanna

LOST

Painter's canvas. On Aug. 5, in weapons carrier (I think) which gave me a lift between Periers and La. Haye-du-Puits. This art canvas is very scarce and I would appreciate its return. Capt. Herman Hirsh.

Zeller Pulls Boner, Metro Goes to A's

DETROIT, Sept. 5.—Charlie Metro, after warming the b for the Tigers most of the season, went to general manager Jack Zeller and asked for his unconditional release.

Zeller, thinking Metro was joking, said okay but Metro wasn't fooling and went immediately to the front office and got his release slip.

A short time later he came back and informed Zeller he had sold himself to the Philadelphia Athletics for \$8,000.

Infielders Rate Player Awards

When they get around to naming the most valuable player in each major league this winter there is a strong possibility that the winner in each league will have earned the duke on the same patch of real estate—between second and third base at Sportsman's Park in St. Louis.

There is no doubt that Marty Marion of the Cardinals is the best shortstop in the business today, and some persons are starting to compare him with Honus Wagner. Even Billy Southworth, the Cards' manager, calls him the best shortstop he ever saw. Vern Stephens, who shortstops for the Brownies, is nothing like Marion afield, but he's far better at the plate. He leads the American league in runs batted in and is tied for the homer lead.

You don't need to look farther than shortstop to find the spark plug of the Brownies' pennant drive.

Only three shortstops have received the most valuable award—Roger Peckinpaugh, of the 1925 Senators, Joe Cronin, of the 1930 Senators, and Arky Vaughn, of the 1935 Pirates.

Ken Washington Signs With 'Frisco Clippers

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 5.—Bill Frelove, owner of the Los Angeles Mustangs in the newly-formed American Football League on the Pacific Coast, announced that he would lodge a protest with league president Jerry Geisler over the San Francisco Clippers' action in signing Kenny Washington, former University of California Negro star.

Frelove said Washington was assigned to the Mustangs in a recent player allotment.

"I thought he was my player," Frelove said, "and I gave up two players to get him."

Washington resigned from the Los Angeles police force recently and says he will play for the Clippers against Hollywood when the season opens on Sunday. He has been working out with the Mustangs.

Bouncing Back



BEN CHAPMAN - THE 'FIREBRAND' IS BACK IN THE BIG SHOW AGAIN AT 35 THIS TIME AS A PITCHER WITH BROOKLYN

AS PITCHER - PILOT OF THE RICHMOND COLTS, HE HAD 13 VICTORIES TO HIS CREDIT WHEN PURCHASED TO HIS CREDIT WHEN PURCHASED BY THE DODGERS

By Pap



BEN'S HEFTIC AMERICAN LEAGUE CAREER STARTED WITH THE YANKEES AND INCLUDED STAYS WITH BOSTON CLEVELAND AND WASHINGTON

I USE STRONG ARM METHODS

Yankees Sign Paul Waner For Drive Down A. L. Stretch

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—The New York Yankees, fighting an uphill battle to overtake the St. Louis Browns in the hottest American League pennant chase in years, have added Paul Waner to their roster for the drive down the stretch.

Waner, who was given his unconditional release by the Brooklyn Dodgers a few days ago, has a .287 batting average

for the season with the Bums out as a pinchhitter he clouted the ball to the tune of .366. Big Poison probably will fill a pinchhitter role for the Ruppert Rifles, who steadily are whittling down the lead built up by Luke Sewell's Browns from St. Louis. Waner would be eligible for the World Series if the Yanks take the junior league flag.

Now in his nineteenth season in the majors, Waner has the most impressive batting record since the days of Honus Wagner. He has made 3,151 hits during his 19 seasons and has averaged .333 over the period. It generally is regarded a noteworthy accomplishment to hit .333 for one year but Big Poison has done it over a 19-year stretch.

Three times he led the majors in batting when such hitters as Bill Terry, Chick Hafey and Rogers Hornsby were in their best form.

His success was attributed to natural ability but he also was a student of batting and knew the fine points of hitting. He was never a long hitter and in his best year hit only 15 homers, but his line drives went for enough doubles and triples to lead the league twice.

Minor League Results

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Includes International League and American Association results.

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Includes Eastern League results.

CLAIR BEE GETS NEW JOB

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—Lt. Cmdr. Clair Bee, outstanding basketball coach at Long Island U., has been named administration officer of the Maritime Service Training Station at Sheepshead Bay, N.Y.

Dobbs Selected Most Valuable In All-Star Tilt

Lou Saban Rated 2nd For Work in Annual Grid Classic

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.—Football writers who last week watched the Chicago Bears defeat the college All-Stars, 24-21, at Dycbe Stadium in Evanston, have named Glenn Dobbs, former Tulsa U. star now stationed with the Second Air Force at Colorado Springs, as the most valuable player in the annual classic.

Second place in the poll went to quarterback Lou Saban, former Indiana star, who kicked three points after touchdown and continually backed up the All-Star line with vicious tackling. Coach Lynn Waldorf rated Saban's generalship as one of the game's outstanding features. Saban is an infantry lieutenant stationed at Fort Benning.

Dobbs was the key to the stars' attack from start to finish and he sparked the drive which went right through the Bears to build up a 14-0 lead in the first quarter. He passed for one touchdown and fumbled on the goal line when just about to make another after a 30-yard run. The touchdown was scored by John Tavener of Indiana, who scooped up the ball and went over for six points.

Dobbs was a constant threat throughout the final period, but rain hobbled his passing and perhaps even prevented him from ringing the bell with the winning score. The same rain, however, bothered the Bears' passing ace Sid Luckman and may have prevented him from making the Bears' margin even larger.

Dobbs wrote his name in the record books in the first period when he sent a booming 85-yard quick kick down the field to set up the first score. The best previous boot was 71 yards in the 1942 game by Lt. Bob Moser, of Texas A. & M.

Frisch to Lead Pirates in '45

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 5.—Frankie Frisch has signed his sixth consecutive one-year contract to manage the Pittsburgh Pirates, it was announced by Bill Benswanger, president of the club.

Benswanger refused to divulge the terms of the pact but said "we are entirely satisfied with his work this year, which promises to be the best of the past five."

Frisch has piloted the Pirates into the first division three times since taking over the helm and this year's club looks like a cinch to clinch second place behind the red hot St. Louis Cardinals.

A short time before signing his new contract, Frisch was notified that he had been fined \$75 by Ford Frick, National League president, for arguing with umpire Dusty Boggess in Chicago last week.

Van Buren Signs Pact To Play With Pro Eagles

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.—Steven Van Buren, Louisiana State halfback, has signed a contract to play with the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Professional Football League, according to general manager Harry Thayer.

Van Buren led all college ball carriers last year with 847 yards gained in 150 attempts, more than 200 yards ahead of his nearest rival.

The Louisiana star came here to play with the college All-Stars against the Chicago Bears but was knocked out of the game by appendicitis and is recuperating from the operation now.

PHIL MARCHILDON MISSING

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 5.—Phil Marchildon, officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force and star right-hander for the Athletics, is missing in action, it was announced by F. Mack, vice-president of the A.

Terry And The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff



Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp



# Smiling and Happy, They're Glad the War's Over for Them...



The war for these five German prisoners is over—and they're happy. Like thousands of others, the contented captives make themselves at home, ask for American cigarettes and tell U.S. Army interrogators the war will be over in two to five weeks. They're glad that for the first time since the Normandy breakthrough they are secure. Many of the prisoners are Russians and Poles taken by S.S.

## Severe Quake Rocks Atlantic Coast in U.S.

### Dishes Broken in N.Y.; Tremors Felt As Far West As Wisconsin

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—The most severe earthquake in the United States and Canada since November, 1935, shook the Atlantic seaboard early today and extended as far west as Wisconsin.

The tremors were most severe in eastern Ontario. In Cornwall, many walls collapsed and cracks appeared in others, while thousands of excited residents fled from houses and office buildings.

The quake was not felt in Manhattan, but in nearby Astoria, windows and dishes were broken and residents rushed into the streets, carrying their babies, thinking the houses were going to collapse.

Fordham University's seismograph officials said the earthquake was "very severe."

### POLL FAVORS FDR

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—The latest Fortune Magazine political poll indicated President Roosevelt's chances of re-election increased in August. The magazine reported that 54.6 per cent of the voters favored Mr. Roosevelt's return to the White House on August 19, against 52.5 per cent August 5.

### TRIES TO CUT OFF COUNT

BOSTON, Sept. 5.—Legal representatives of Barbara Hutton, wife of film actor Cary Grant, announced they are filing a suit in her name in federal court at Wilmington, Del., seeking to stop payment on the income of a \$1,500,000 trust fund to her former husband. Court: Reventlow

### SEATTLE TRANSPORT TIE-UP

SEATTLE, Sept. 5.—Transportation to and from Seattle war plants is suffering with 60 city buses being laid up for lack of tires. Local Navy officials said they would appeal to the Navy Department in Washington for aid in obtaining release of 400 tires.

### 243,848 PWs IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5 (Reuter).—The War Department announced today that 243,848 prisoners of war were being held within the continental limits of the United States. Of the total, 192,846 are Germans, 50,272 are Italians and 730 Japanese.

## Thanksgiving Turkey For All, QM Promises

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—Every American soldier will eat turkey on Thanksgiving Day if the Army Quartermaster's plans go according to schedule. Plans to distribute turkey to all Army units began last June, and prospects of the biggest turkey crop in history look like assurance that everyone will get plenty, the Quartermaster announced.

## Nazi Panzer Troops Murder A French Town in Retreat

By Earl Mazo

MARTINCOURT, France, Sept. 5.—This sleepy little French town near the Moselle was murdered by a German Panzer unit this week.

Witnesses who told the story were the survivors of this 250-population town, plus an American recon patrol which entered almost on the heels of the murdering Germans.

The charred body of a 72-year-old grandfather in a field near his smoldering home, a youngster minus most of his head lying in the aisle of what remains of the town's church, slaughtered chickens, cows and pigs and the bare, burned walls of stone houses were grim evidence.

A recon unit under Lt. Phil Wagner, of Cincinnati, reported the atrocity and yesterday morning W-s Gallagher, of the Associated Press, and I went to the town.

They are sickening. Other than a few grim-faced GI outposts, there were only two dazed civilians in the place—an old woman who wandered about aimlessly poking burning rubble, and a stooped old man, whose son was the half-faced corpse in the church.

Some Germans had been attacked by a small FFI group near the town. In reprisal, German tanks came in next day, guns blazing, through the town's two streets. Germans afoot followed.

The boy in the church had been in bed with a broken leg. A German officer finished him off with a revolver.

The old grandfather was picking apples in his yard. A tank shell blew away half his back; an incendiary grenade burned what was left.

A man ran from a burning house, his clothes ablaze. The Germans killed him.

As the town burned the Germans rounded up all the men they could find, took them to a spot outside the town and prepared to shoot them en masse. The pleas of women saved

them from death, but they received a terrific beating with rifle butts, fists and sticks.

When the American recon patrol arrived, Lt. Wagner said he had trouble believing what he saw.

Pfc Robert Clemmons, of Hopkinsville, Ky., a machine-gunner, said the sight so appalled him that "now I'll just kill these Heinie bastards that much more."

"With all the savagery of the last war we had nothing like this," Maj. Edmond Ball, of Muncie, Ind., said. He had fought with the 42nd Division over these battlegrounds in the last war.

The GIs passing through burning villages and hamlets are in a grim fighting mood.

Sgt. Robert Matteson said: "I thought I could never hate Germans like I do now."

"It's a rotten, dirty thing," said Sgt. Herbert Flick, of Chicago.

Cpl. Robert Marks, of Bladenburg, Md., one of the first Americans in Martincourt, stroked a bearded chin and said, "We'll get those rotten bastards."

## Germany Is Warned Army in Grave Peril

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fronts, there was increasing resistance on the part of the Germans, both in the Pas-de-Calais where they were pocketed and in the regions closest to German territory.

The Third Army was meeting more and more resistance as it approached German soil. Patrols operating in the vicinity of the Moselle River and around Nancy and Metz encountered heavy opposition, and civilians were noticeably cooler toward Allied troops. General attitude of the doughboys was that "every male civilian is a German soldier unless proved otherwise."

## Three Neutral Nations Deny Asylum to Nazis

Three neutral nations—Sweden, Argentina and Spain—have announced they will refuse asylum to Nazi leaders should they seek sanctuary there following Germany's collapse.

The Argentine embassy in Washington denied reports that the Argentine would become a refuge for Nazi leaders, while the Swedish minister for social affairs made a similar statement in Stockholm.

## Yanks Destroy 85 Jap Planes

PEARL HARBOR, Sept. 5 (AP).—United States naval and air forces poured a torrent of shells, bombs and rockets into Japanese bases across the entire central Pacific front today in the heaviest series of attacks since the Marianas invasion.

At least 21 enemy ships and 85 Jap planes were destroyed, Gen. MacArthur's communiqué reported.

A few hours after the Japanese cabinet proclaimed: "Our predominance in the Pacific is firmly insured by our glorious victories" American air patrols sank a 3,000-ton transport and a 1,000-ton freighter off the Jap-held island of Mindanao.

## Eighth Nears Rimini In Adriatic Campaign

As the British Eighth Army drove along the eastern coast of Italy to within six miles of the port of Rimini, Field Marshal Kesselring last night was reported to be switching his troops from central Italy to the Adriatic sector in an attempt to seal up the great breaches torn in the eastern end of the Gothic Line.

## Marshall Sees Need of Large Post-War Army

### Chief of Staff Backs Universal Military Training Plan

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—An American army of wartime strength may be needed long after the defeat of Germany and Japan, Gen. Marshall believes, but he feels that the armed forces in peace years should consist of "the smallest possible number of professional soldiers."

Gen. Marshall has issued a directive to all officers concerned with post-war military organization that a large standing army "has no place among the institutions of a modern democratic state."

The Army's chief of staff said that he assumed that Congressmen would approve the policy of universal military training for all youths under which "every able-bodied young American shall be trained to defend his country."

Such reserves after their discharge from training, Gen. Marshall said, should form a citizens' reserve of the standing army. He added that nations which choose a large standing army for a protecting force automatically concentrate their control of military policy "in a special class or caste of professional soldiers."

"This is the system of Germany and Japan and it produces highly efficient armies, but it is open to serious political objections."

### FINNS TO KEEP BORDER

MOSCOW, Sept. 5 (UP).—Finland tonight accepted Russia's preliminary peace treaty conditions to break off diplomatic relations with Germany by September 15. Finnish peace commission observers anticipated little difficulty with the satisfactory settlement of the treaty which will leave Finland's 1941 borders intact.

## ...But These Are Still Arrogant and Sullen



Not all prisoners are glad the war is finished for them. These German soldiers, still arrogant and sullen, continue to boast to doughboys that Germany will never be defeated. The ones at the left were taken in the Paris area. The others were captured south of capital.