

Yanks Invade 2 Philippines 'Stepping Stones'

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Ici On Parle Français
Je ne suis pas marié.
Juh nuh swee pah MahrYAY.
I am not married.

Nancy Falls to 3rd Army

Win A Grip On Palau, Halmahera

Covered by a terrific sea and air bombardment, American troops stormed ashore yesterday on two "stepping-stones" to the Philippines, invading the Halmahera Islands and the great Japanese naval base of Palau.

The Halmahera group lies 300 miles southeast of Mindanao, while Palau is less than 600 miles due east of the Philippines.

501 Planes Destroyed

Announcing the win invasions from his Pearl Harbor headquarters, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said that 501 Jap planes were blasted from the skies in battles preceding the initial landings and that 73 enemy ships, ranging from large cargo craft to destroyer escorts, were sunk. Scores of sampans also were destroyed.

Gen. MacArthur's headquarters announced that U.S. forces established a beachhead on Morotai Island, northernmost island of the Halmahera group, which lies northwest of New Guinea. Allied ground losses were light and few air and naval losses were suffered, the latest communiqué from Pearl Harbor disclosed. Presumably this covered the Palau landing as well. Jap troops were reported taken "completely by surprise" at the naval base there.

With the Halmahera landing, the Japanese grip in the South Pacific was gravely imperiled by threat of envelopment, and the long Jap sea communications with the southern outposts were further jeopardized.

Dispatches from the area declared the landings threatened nearly 200,000 Japanese comprising the 18th and 19th armies, as well as vital supplies of oil and other war essentials needed by the enemy.

Three-way Pincer

With American troops ashore on Palau and Halmahera, a triple pincer thus was created around the Philippines. The third arm already had been established with U.S. seizure of Guam, Saipan and Tivian in the Marianas to the northeast.

America's sea and air bombardment was directed not only against Morotai, where Pitoc airport was the initial objective of landing forces, but also on Halmahera proper in order to destroy installations from which the Japs may have attempted to reinforce Morotai.

While MacArthur watched operations from the bridge of a U.S. cruiser, the Japs were caught so completely by surprise they made no effort to return naval gunfire. The general later landed with the troops on Morotai.

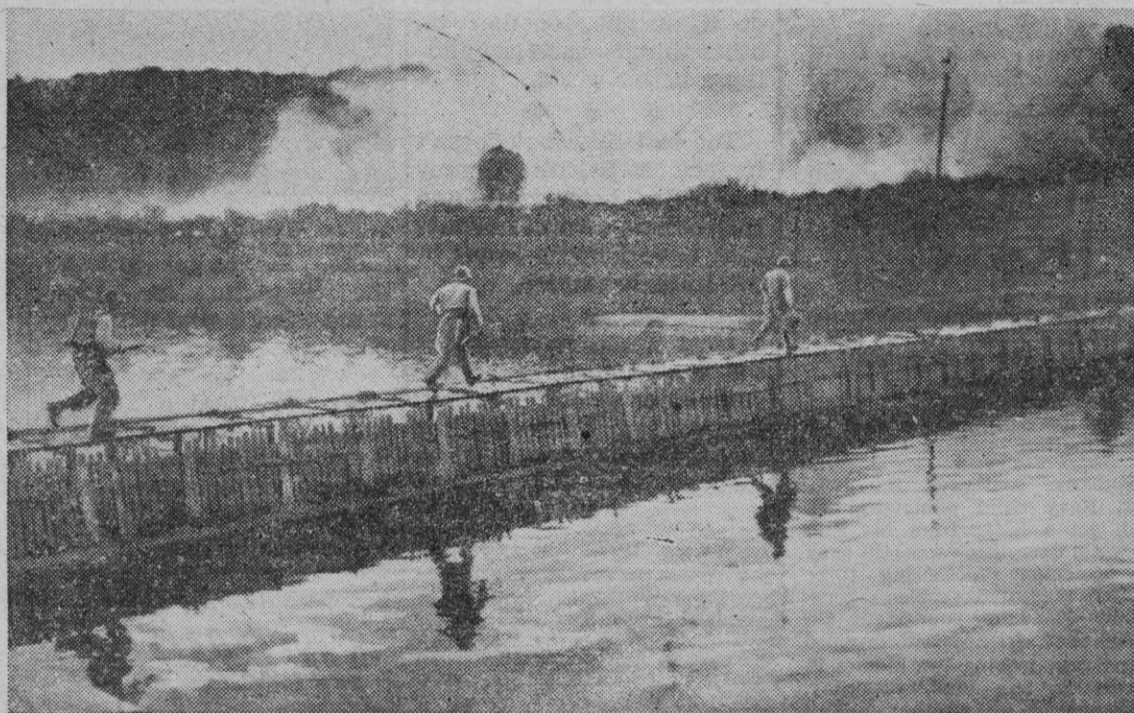
FDR Nominates Bradley For Permanent 2 Stars

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt today nominated Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley for promotion to the permanent rank of major general in recognition of his accomplishments on the battlefields of northern France.

BOEING PRESIDENT DIES

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Philip Johnson, who started life as a \$12-a-week draughtsman and became president of the Boeing Aircraft Co., died today at the age of 49.

It Was No Pleasure Jaunt at the Meuse



Troops of an infantry division are shown crossing the Meuse River in Belgium near the town of Houx. Enemy shells aimed at the footbridge burst wide of the target as the men race across the steel plating.

Big Guns Duel For Warsaw

Warsaw was in flames last night and Russian and German artillery were locked in devastating duels as the Red Army continued what appeared to be an all-out drive to capture the Polish capital.

Batteries of Soviet guns were pouring tons of shells into Warsaw from newly-captured Praga on the east bank of the Vistula River, and infantry troops were reported massing before the capital.

Bridges spanning the Vistula will play an important role in the Soviet drive on Warsaw, with German demolition troops working under withering Russian fire to destroy all spans.

Northeast of Warsaw, the Red Army was reported to have taken Nowogrod, 24 miles from the southern frontier of East Prussia.

PUSH NAVY TRAINING

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—To prosecute the war against Japan successfully after Germany's collapse, the Navy will step up its training program until it reaches a strength of 3,890,000 by June 30, 1945, the Navy Department announced.

An S&S Reporter Tells How 3rd-7th Linkup Was Effected

By Ray Lee

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
WITH AN ADVANCED ARMORED UNIT, Sept. 15.—Two great bodies of troops became one giant army Monday when Capt. Carl Newman, of Brooklyn, reached from his light tank and shook hands with Driver Jean Quignon, of Montgeron, France, in the vicinity of Sombornon, a small town in central France. It was the first official linkup of the Third and Seventh U.S. Armies.

Liaison by telephone and plane had been established earlier in the week, but it was not until 9:50 AM Monday that the two made contact in force.

Newman, along with Sgt. Louis

Worst Hurricane in Years Batters, Floods Manhattan

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Roaring up the Atlantic Seaboard at 90 miles an hour, America's worst hurricane in recent years struck New York and New England yesterday in full fury, disrupting communications and leaving in its wake a trail of roofless houses, flooded streets and flattened trees.

At 10 p.m., the worst appeared to be over for New York and the storm was expected to subside by morning. At least 12 known deaths had been reported, but it was expected the toll would run much higher.

Many war plants were forced to close during the gale, which was accompanied by torrential rain which flooded streets.

New York subway traffic was completely disrupted, especially on Long Island. Signal systems were wrecked and water flooded entrances, forming "rivers" five feet deep in some places.

New York shipping was at a complete standstill as excessively high tides and raging seas lashed the coast. One 250-foot freighter was flung high and dry on the beach by waves.

Power lines and telephone and telegraph wires were down over a large area.

Street Fighting Rages in Brest

While American infantrymen fought their way through the battered Port of Brest, house by house and street by street, German News Agency last night admitted that "fighting for the ruins of Brest has entered its last round."

Huge fires were reported in the city, and Allied planes kept up a relentless attack, bombing and strafing German positions less than a mile from areas where snipers were being mopped up.

Jock Whitney Escapes Nazis

ALLIED MEDITERRANEAN HQ, Sept. 15.—Col. John Hay (Jock) Whitney, American millionaire now a staff officer with the Allied Air Forces here, jumped from a moving prisoner train and escaped while traveling between France and Germany.

Captured by the Germans Aug. 21, Whitney has rejoined his headquarters. He said the train took 11 days to travel 96 miles, with four different engines destroyed by Allied air attacks.

Nazi Laws Wiped Out By Occupying Armies

An official proclamation revoking many Nazi laws and dissolving all Nazi organizations has been published by the Allied Military Government in occupied areas of Germany, a CBS correspondent reported yesterday.

Aachen's Capture Is Seen Near

Third U.S. Army troops yesterday captured Nancy, after smashing the Moselle River line which the Germans had stubbornly defended for two weeks, while First Army units were reported to be within 35 miles of Cologne. The fall of surrounded Aachen appeared imminent.

The American troops were in the outer suburbs of Aachen, German communications center on the main road to Cologne, according to a Reuter report. Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges' units were said to be overlooking the city from hills to the northwest and south.

10 Miles East of Line

First Army columns, which crossed the German frontier south of Aachen, were reported to have pushed on to the vicinity of Stolberg, ten miles east of the frontier and about 70 miles from Cologne. North of Aachen, Gen. Hodges' men crossed the Dutch frontier into Maastricht, which the Germans said they had abandoned.

Progress by the Americans also was reported in the Eupen area, south of Aachen, and the town of Lammersdorf, ten miles to the east of Eupen, was captured. Lammersdorf is two miles southeast of Roetgen, the first German town to be seized by the U.S. troops.

Reuter correspondents reported that the First Army infantry and tankmen were equipped with special weapons to deal with the Siegfried Line defenses and that the Nazis were sending every available man into the battle to hold the line.

The troops which reached the vicinity of Stolberg were reported to have smashed their way through a chain of "dragon's teeth" anti-tank guns and minefields.

Patton Steps Up Attack

The fall of Nancy came after increasing pressure against the Nazi garrison in the strategic town had been applied by Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army troops, following the capture Sunday of Fort de Villey-le-Sec, which commands the approaches to the city east of the Toul bridgehead.

The German garrison left at night to avoid encirclement by pincers thrown out from the bridgeheads established at Toul and in the area of liberated Charmes. Strongly-held positions in Forêt de Haye also were evacuated before dawn. When advanced American armor rolled

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Patch's Army Placed Under Eisenhower

Supreme Allied headquarters announced last night that all Allied forces in Western Europe, including Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh Army, had been placed under the command of Gen. Eisenhower.

A new Army Group—the Sixth—has been established in France and will be composed of American and French units. It also was announced. Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, former ETOUSA commander, will head the group.

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THE B BAG



Corrector Corrected

This is an answer to "A Former LCT Man's" letter published Sep. 6. This fellow says that Ensign Peterson pinched the name of an LCT "still in existence and last seen at Anzio" for the name of his craft.

Non-Delivery Dept.?

The last Stars and Stripes we've seen was dated Aug. 16. You fellows back there better get us a few papers up here. We've been up here on the line pushing day and night for quite some time now and we like to see how things are going on other fronts.

No Breakfast in Bed?

I have been reading the letters in The Stars and Stripes about the first doughnut baked here and other delicacies served GIs.

You see, we had hot meals to serve to the men of the Seabee Battalion, around 1,200 men or more, lots of survivors, too. Well, during the month of June we started feeding hot meals around D-plus-5, had biscuits hot, served one day, cake, pies and last but not least, ice cream, all flavors.

(You've got our K-ration-fed staff drooling all over the place and not one of them is in the mood to check our files on how much space the Navy gets in The Stars and Stripes. Confidentially, he boys here say that outfits that feed as well as yours do should not worry about space, publicity, etc.—Ed.)

Not Even a Butt

I agree with Smoky Joe. A steady supply of cigarettes—even Players—would be greatly appreciated. Matches would come in handy, too. The other night in a vain effort to smoke my last cigarette I sat up for three hours rubbing two sticks together.—Rien a Fumer.

Hash Marks

Moving into an evacuated German foxhole, Pfc Charles K. Derry, Second Division infantryman from Osage, Okla., found this note in English: "This is a hell of a hole. I will leave you a better one further on."

Thumbing through the pages of a 1937 New Yorker, G. K. Hodenfield (Iowa's pride and joy) came across this fascinating phrase: "It can now be assumed that all danger of a European war is past."

Some delightful versification by Scott Forbes, USATS: Patch and Patton, Patton and Patch.



There's a combo The Germans can't match. Patton and Patch, Patch and Patton. Soon it's Berlin, and then—Manhattan.

Expressive sentences, Harry L. Blair, Navy chief photographer's mate, got a letter from his wife last week. Everything was still okay but of course mothering three children presented problems occasionally—you know youngsters. On top of that, friends had dropped in and were leaving two kiddies in her hands, too. Well, yesterday, Blair opened up another V-Mail which tersely expressed Mrs. B's maternal weariness. All it said was,

"There was an old woman who Lived in a shoe. . ."

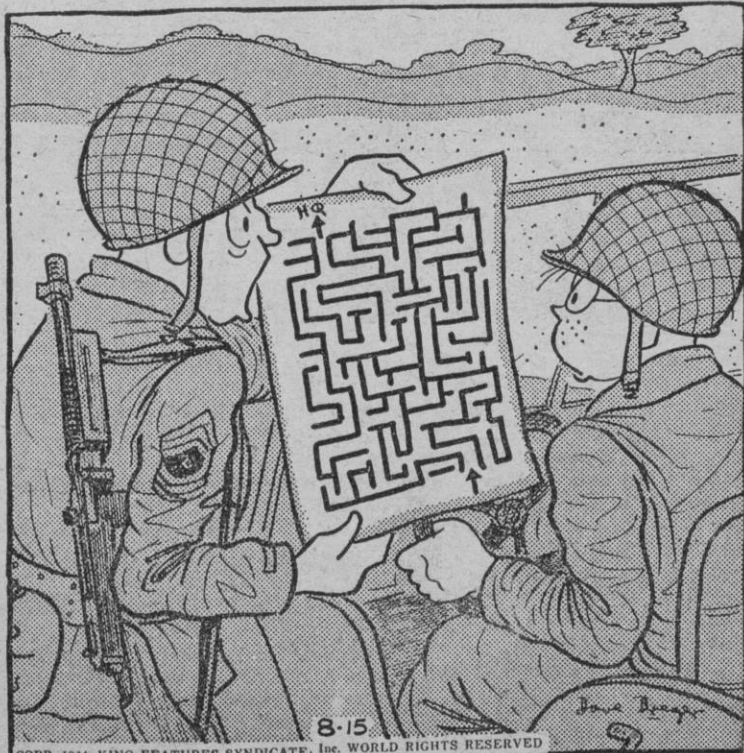
Sgt. John T. Riggs, Singport, Tenn., tried to lose his shirt—but couldn't. In July, 1943, Riggs salvaged a khaki shirt at the Salt Lake City air base. Last week the sergeant, now a B24 crew chief in Italy, drew a shirt from squadron supply, complete with serial number and the same spots which prompted him to turn it in more than a year ago.

This story has been going the rounds of units in a part of La Belle France:

A GI met a Frenchman on the street and asked him the time. Came this reply:

"If I told you the time, then I'd have to invite you home. . . At home, you'd have to be introduced to my family, which includes a charming young lady. . . then you'd fall in love with the young lady. . . later you'd want to get married. . . and, brother, I'll be damned if I want my daughter marrying somebody without a watch."

Private Breger



"Here's the map for getting to Headquarters!"

An Editorial

This Picture Just Misses the Boat

THERE'S no such thing as the perfect picture. But this comes pretty close to it. It shows a French cop, a Yank, an FFI man and some Boche-baiting civilians—all busy goosing some Nazis up the street.

It's a picture of what happens when good fellows get together on something—such as smashing Hitler's Wehrmacht. It gives you an inkling of what we might do if we got together on other things—such as building a better world.

Too bad this shot doesn't include a British Tommy and a Red Army man—and the soldiers of other armies that have killed a kraut or two in their careers.

Most Yanks never get to see their Allies in action. And, since seeing is believing, we sometimes get the idea we're fighting this war alone.

We're not. We've got



great Allies—and lots of them. You've got to know the big picture to understand what a vital part they play.

We hope that a Yank, a Tommy, a Russian and a Frenchman will all bust into Hitler's boudoir and plug four slugs into the Fuhrer's bosom at one and the same

time. We wish a Stars and Stripes photographer were there to take the picture.

Then the boys could all go down to the nearest beer hall and sit down with the evidence—and really get down to a team play on figuring out a future without misery, without hatred and without war.



AFTER the battle had passed their farm, a Norman peasant and his two sons returned to look over their land. They ventured out into the wheat fields, ignoring land mines, for in their simple way they asked: Had not peace come at last?

Suddenly there was an explosion. They had stepped on a mine. The father and the elder son were killed, the younger wounded.

A crowd gathered. The mayor and an American Civil Affairs officer restrained the neighbors from going to the young son's aid. The officer sent for an engineer unit to clear a path through the mine field to reach the dying boy.

A Curé came along on a bicycle. He asked the officer if he might go out and administer the last rites of the church.

"Not until a path has been cleared," he replied.

But when the officer turned around, the priest was half way across the field, his cassock pulled up high, his eyes set on the boy who was waiting for him.

Then came another deafening

roar. . . and the Curé lay in death near the boy whose soul he came to save.

Pvt. Claude Griggs, an infantry rifleman from Gainesville, Ga., bagged eight Jerries with one rifle grenade.

Standing behind a hedgerow, he saw a German come through an opening in the hedge opposite him. He started to fire, then decided to wait. Another Nazi came through, followed by six more. Griggs held his fire until the Germans gathered in a group at one corner of the field. His grenade landed right in the middle of the Nazis and they all went down.

Griggs has seven more Germans to his credit, all picked off with his M1 rifle.

Pfc Edward Hansen, of Chicago, and a cow who in the midst of battle began to nibble at the leaves on the Yank's camouflaged helmet formed one of the most hazardous milk-delivery routes in history.

Hansen and other riflemen, dug in behind hedgerow in anticipation of a German counter-attack, were throwing everything they had at the enemy, only 150 yards away, when the cow appeared on the lookout for her dinner.

While the cow munched at Hansen's leaves, unmoved by the din of battle, Hansen, with his canteen cup in one hand, gently went to work. When the cup was half-filled with rich foamy milk, he arose, spotted a thirsty soldier about 20 yards away and dashed through heavy fire to his side.

"I delivered milk to seven or eight men," Hansen said, "before the cow moved on to another slit trench. She was getting pretty dry, anyway, and my grip was getting weak."

THERE are probably numerous candidates for the honor of firing the first shell into Germany, but the American public recognized Pfc Joseph P. Muckton, of Cartaret, N.J., as the man, on the strength of an eyewitness report by correspondent James Cassidy of NBC.

"The first shelling of Germany by U.S. forces in this war took

place Sunday, Aug. 10, when a projectile from a self-propelled 155mm. Long Tom was fired from Verviers, Belgium, 10 miles from the border," Cassidy told listeners. "The shell was set off by Pfc Joseph P. Muckton and went crashing into Bildchen, on the Siegfried Line just after 11:20 AM."

So near and yet so far. That's the story of two brothers who haven't seen each other for four years. Right now they're fighting on the Brest front with different units.

With one outfit is Pfc Eugene H. Crawford, of New Bethlehem, Pa., and with another, a relatively short distance away, is Pfc Clair B. Crawford. Because they have been moving around so much, they have been kept informed of their respective positions by their sister.

Here's another surrender story. Pfc Thomas W. Caldron, of Youngstown, O., was digging his foxhole when a German came up behind him, tapped him politely on the shoulder and surrendered.

The German, who had no arms, carried a white handkerchief on a stick and had a safe-conduct pass dropped by an American plane behind the German lines. Explaining his act, the Nazi said that Hitler was no good.

SURPRISED while bathing, cooking and shaving in a sunken road, about 30 Germans were killed by American infantrymen. Some of the Nazis were even sun bathing as the Yanks approached them from one side and opened fire.

Unaware that U.S. troops were in the vicinity, the Germans apparently hadn't posted guards, according to T/Sgt. Harmon Hall, of San Antonio, Tex.

Without a round of ammunition in his Browning Automatic, Pfc William Kelsoe, of Town Creek, Ala., captured two fully-armed Germans.

En route for some ammunition after his squad had knocked out a machine gun nest, Kelsoe ran into the pair and shouted: "Halt, you're my prisoners." The Nazis agreed.

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

Just when National Football League fathers had grown weary of reprimanding the recently-innovated American League on the Pacific Coast for either real or imaginary injuries to its prestige, a more serious intrusion has come along to disturb the oldest professional grid conference in the States.

Elmer Layden's well-established play-for-play National League does not particularly resent the west-coast venture, as many people are led to believe. Perhaps the Bears, Redskins and Co. are bitter because some of their talent from out west has chosen to remain there this fall, but the nation has an abundance of capable pigskin huskies and the squabble is nothing more than a matter of principle.

However, magnates in Layden's cozy circle are not joking when they express dismay at the news that "men of millionaire incomes" have founded an "All-American" League to make its debut in 1945. The National League is rightfully terrified at the prospect of big time competition in its own back yard, and assurances that players under contract will not be lured away by the \$\$\$\$ sign do not set it right.

Once before a similar situation existed when the "outlaw" American League nailed up its shingle in the east, offering fabulous salaries to name stars like Tommy Harmon and Johnny Kimbrough. The money angling that scheme soon disappeared, though, and the National League breathed a sigh of relief.

Arch Ward, the promotion-minded sports editor of the Chicago Tribune, reported this week that Don Ameche, Cmdr. Gene Tunney, the widow of the late Lou Gehrig and wealthy financiers in large cities were clamoring for franchises in the All-American League. Whether Arch is involved in the new venture was not revealed, but he long has been an "ex-officio advisor" for the National League, and he certainly wouldn't jeopardize that affiliation without confidence that the new loop will flourish.

Incidentally, Ward's support and that of his newspaper would be a shot in the arm for the All-American League. The Tribune sponsors the annual College All-Star game, and a Philadelphia lawyer mingling with the collegians during their training period could probably corral any and all players he might want. The National League realizes that, and it isn't a pleasant thought.

What's more, the warfare will spread to the American League, too, because Ameche plans to operate his franchise in Los Angeles, and other potential owners are flirting with San Francisco as a base. Both cities are in the west coast conference now and rights will not be relinquished, or even shared, without a bitter battle.

And whatever happened to the people who announced they would organize the Airborne League with a team or two from Hawaii? They shouldn't miss the fun.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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

APOs Wanted.

Pvt. John F. Bell, Inf.; Lt. Clarence Boretzky, Milwaukee; T/4 Bun B. Brusse, Houston, Tex.; WAC Evelyn Carter, Lawrenceburg; S/Sgt. Tom Cheatham, Haskell, Okla.; Lt. John J. Deedy, 0400637; Cpl. Gertrude Devito, 200089; L/Sgt. John L. Eubanks, AF; Cpl. Walter Fitz-Simons, Old Forge, Pa.; Lt. M. D. Fox, Amc, Va.; Conrad Geston Jr., Thief River Falls, Minn.; Lt. Clifford Gilbert, Chicago; S/Sgt. Peter Goding; Cpl. Lena Marcoux, Fall River, Mass.; Pfc. Thomas Silus; WAC Jane Lee Walford, Alexandria, Va.; Lt. Mary Ward, Ottumwa, Ia.; S/Sgt. Henry Wilson.

Camera Exchange.

WANTED, Leica, Contax, Rolleiflex or Super B. Sgt. Milton Atlas.

FOUND

Suitcase, belonging to Lt. Edward A. Rehberger Jr., 0-1060938. Lt. Col. C. M. Mount, Jr.

LOST

Photographic material: developer, hypo and cans of exposed film. Left in truck at Alençon headed for Tréviers. Lt. Hanna.

Crates, marked with number 33162. 1st Lt. Chris K. Hauan, postal officer.

Mills' Defeat Sends Mike to Wailing Wall

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Mike Jacobs, the cigar-chewing czar of boxing in the States, almost swallowed his stogie this morning when he thumbed through the sports pages of his favorite New York newspaper and discovered that Freddie Mills, Britain's fair-haired boy of the ring, had been soundly whipped last night by Jack London, a beefy British heavyweight.

Mike has had ideas about the drawing power of Mills ever since the RAF sergeant started beating his gums for a shot at Cpl. Elza Thompson, then in the ETO, or Joe Louis, the heavyweight ruler. Truthfully, Freddie wasn't overly enthusiastic about getting his ears pinned back by either of the U.S. glovers, but he reaped a bonanza crop in the publicity market and started Jacobs greasing the turnstiles for a gala postwar show.

When the Brown Bomber was exhibiting his wares in England, he graciously offered to spar three rounds with Mills before a GI audience. However, their schedules never sent them to the same camp simultaneously, thus permitting Freddie and his handlers to main-



Mike Jacobs

tain their howl for a "shot at Louis after the war." Now they'll have to start from scratch, a fact which doesn't please Czar Mike in the least.

Not only did London deflate the Mills bubble last night, he climbed onto the vacant British heavy-

weight throne and captured the British Empire title, the latter honor including Australia, Canada, India and all points north, east, south and west. Financially, they fought for the exercise over the 15-round route, but it was a costly venture for Mills and indirectly for Jacobs, too.

Mills who decisioned London in ten rounds last December, gave away more than 50 pounds last night. He started with a burst of speed, however, and seemed headed for a repeat victory, especially after he caught London with a sharp right in the fourth round that opened a nasty cut over London's left eye.

But London discarded his defensive tactics in the eighth round and battered Freddie with a cluster of lefts in the eighth, tenth and 11th, taking most of the sting out of Mills' punches thereafter. A powerful right cross jarred Mills in the 14th and almost sent him to the canvas, but he pluckily staved off the knockout bid and was still standing at the final bell.

Incidentally, Mills' physical pain is mild compared to the mental anguish being suffered by Mr. Mike Jacobs today.

Banner Year in Big Ten

'43 Stars Among the Missing, But Coaches Praise Rookies

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Last year's big names—Elroy Hirsch, Otto Graham, Bill Daley and Tony Butkovich—aren't returning to their familiar places, but Big Ten coaches are optimistic when they discuss the prospects for good football this season.

Unlike the three-way scramble among Purdue, Michigan and Northwestern which highlighted the '43 campaign, several teams are conceded a chance to waltz off with the conference championship this year. And when any collegiate mentors are enthusiastic about the outlook, the batch of newcomers must be A-1 in quality.

Purdue welcomed back 13 lettermen. But not included in this coterie were Quarterback Sam Vacanti, a talented passer; Butkovich, All-American fullback who set a conference scoring record with 78 points last year, and two great guards, Capt. Dick Barwegen and Alex Agase, the latter another All-American selection in most of the nation's precincts.

At Northwestern, Coach Lynn Waldorf is gleeful when he dis-

cusses the freshmen on his roster, while Slip Madigan, holding down the fort at Iowa, is busy combing through the candidates in hopes of locating a formidable line. Minnesota's power is in the backfield with three holdovers, Red Williams, Johnny Lundquist and Tom Gates, bearing the brunt of the attack.

The arrival of 30 Naval trainees has lifted title dreams at Wisconsin.

World Series Movies To Be Shown in ETO

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Lou Fonseca, director of the American League's Promotional Bureau, announced today that sound movies of the forthcoming World Series would be shipped to servicemen all over the world. A crew of 15 technicians will shoot thousands of feet of the series, which starts in St. Louis October 4. The film will be edited to two reels.

The films will be shipped abroad immediately after the series.

Minor League Standings

Pacific Coast League

W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
Los Angeles 93 68 .578	Oakland . 80 81 .497
Portland .. 85 76 .528	Hollywood .. 79 83 .488
S. Frisco. 82 79 .509	Sacram'to 73 89 .451
Seattle .. 82 79 .509	San Diego 71 90 .441

Li'l Abner



Terry And The Pirates



West Preps For Assault By Yankees

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—After single games with the lowly Athletics tomorrow and Sunday, Marse Joe McCarthy's Yankees take their slim American League lead for a prolonged train ride which will make or break the Bombers. After Sunday's game, the Yanks will lock the Yankee Stadium doors for the season, or at least until the World Series.

First destination of the barn-storming New Yorkers will be Detroit, where Steve O'Neill's Tigers are sharpening their claws in anticipation of smashing McCarthy's athletes into oblivion. For the occasion, the Bengals will have their mound ace, Paul "Dizzy" Trout and Hal Newhouser, fully rested, which means the Gotham crew can expect a rough reception.

In addition to his pair of 20-plus winners O'Neill is depending on the hitting of Rudy York, the club's long distance slugger, and Dick Wakefield, the expensive outfielder who has been jeopardizing the safety of rival pitchers since the Navy gave him his walking papers about a month ago. Wakefield cost the Tigers \$52,000 but if he can provide the impetus to carry his team to the pennant, the expenditure will have been more than justified.

The Yankees, who will play single games in Detroit next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, are at full strength for the first time in several weeks. Although there are no outstanding winners like Trout and Newhouser, Marse Joe has a dependable pitching staff that includes Ernie Bonham, Walt Dubiel, Hank Borowy, Floyd Bevens, Johnny Johnson and Mel Queen.

With Bill Dickey and Rollie Hemlecy among the missing, the catching chores have been invested in Mike Garbark, a former Cubs chatter who has been knocking around the minors for several semesters. But the Yanks pack a wallop with George Stinweis, Nick Etten and Johnny Lindell in the lineup, and an oldster, Paul Waner, still is able to deliver in a pinch.



Dick Wakefield

Major League Standings

American League

W. L. Pct. G.B.
New York..... 76 61 .555
Detroit .. 75 61 .551 1/2
St. Louis..... 75 62 .547 1
Boston .. 73 64 .533 3
Cleveland .. 65 72 .478 11
Philadelphia... 64 75 .460 13
Chicago .. 63 74 .460 13
Washington..... 58 80 .420 18 1/2

National League

W. L. Pct. G.B.
St. Louis..... 95 39 .709
Pittsburgh .. 79 54 .594 15 1/2
Cincinnati .. 73 57 .562 20
Chicago .. 60 70 .462 33
New York..... 61 72 .459 33 1/2
Boston .. 55 79 .410 40
Brooklyn .. 55 80 .407 40 1/2
Philadelphia... 52 79 .397 41 1/2

Leading Hitters

American League

G AB R H Pct.
Fox, Boston..... 111 456 67 149 .327
Doerr, Boston .. 125 468 93 152 .325
Johnson, Boston ... 127 456 100 148 .325
Stirnweis, New York 137 575 114 183 .318
Boudreau, Cleveland... 132 515 83 163 .317

Home Run Hitters

American.—Etten, New York, 19; Stephens, St. Louis, and Johnson, Boston, 17.

National.—Nicholson, Chicago, 32; Ott, New York, 26; Northey, Philadelphia, 17.

Runs Batted In

American.—Stephens, St. Louis, 95; Johnson, Boston, 93; Lindell, New York, 90

National.—Nicholson, Chicago, 106; Sanders, St. Louis, 98; Elliott, Pittsburgh, 92.

By Al Capp



By Milton Caniff



Pipelines Push 50 Miles a Day Toward Front

Pipelines for the world's largest petrolec distributing system, operated in France by U.S. Army Engineers, are being pushed forward to the front at a pace which has reached the 50-mile-a-day mark.

This was disclosed yesterday by ETO Engineers under Maj. Gen. C. R. Moore as the race to keep American armored units supplied with petroleum for the dash into Germany gained momentum.

Millions of gallons of gasoline and oil, the Engineers said, are being pumped from the pipeline terminus on the docks of a Normandy harbor, where convoys of tankers rushed from England and the U.S. are being drained.

First tested in the African campaign, the pipelines are constructed of a special light alloy which permits bending to suit terrain. A series of pumping stations scattered along the route to the front speeds the petroleum flow.

The pipeline at times has come within five miles of the front. In the early stages of construction in Normandy, surveyors plotting the pipeline course often were reported several miles into enemy territory. One Engineer unit on pipeline construction brought back 35 Nazi prisoners on such an excursion.

Construction of the pipeline and operation of the pumping stations along the route are being done by newly-activated Engineer Petroleum Distributing Groups recruited especially for the project from among oil men in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and California.

Trapped G-5 Unit Hides From Foe 2 Days in Town

WITH U.S. FORCES IN FRANCE, Sept. 15.—For 48 hours a Civil Affairs team of six enlisted men and four officers remained hidden behind heavily-shuttered windows of a town house they had come to take over as their headquarters.

When they moved in, the town was in Allied hands, but soon it was retaken by the Germans and the Civil Affairs team found itself trapped in the building.

The streets were swarming with Nazis, and for two days the Americans lived on emergency rations. On the third day, the Yanks came through again and the Nazis were driven out—permanently.

"That's 48 hours I'll never forget," said one of the trapped soldiers, "especially when someone tried the door."

Spellman to Celebrate Mass at Notre Dame

Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York, military ordinariate of the armed forces of the U.S., will celebrate a mass of thanksgiving for the liberation of France at 10 a. m. tomorrow in Paris' famed Notre-Dame Cathedral.

The archbishop will deliver a sermon and will hold a formal reception in the cathedral's courtyard for American troops.

Cardinal Suhard, Archbishop of Paris, and other French church dignitaries will attend. The Notre-Dame choir will sing at the mass.

In the afternoon, the archbishop will visit the American Red Cross Rainbow Corner, in the Hotel de Paris.

British Writers Going Into Germany Armed

WITH THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY, Sept. 15 (Reuter).—British war correspondents, at their own request, will be armed with tommy-guns and sten guns before entering Germany.

This precaution is considered necessary, as the reception which is to be expected from the German population generally is an unknown factor. Preliminary reports indicate that German civilians on the whole are hostile to Allied troops.

Crossing Last River Barrier



American infantrymen paddle their combat boats across the Moselle, last river barrier before Germany, in their advance to the Reich.

FDR, Churchill to Conclude Quebec Conference Today

QUEBEC, Sept. 15.—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill will end their four-day conference tomorrow, but British and American military leaders will continue their talks after the two statesmen leave, Stephen Early, the President's secretary, announced today.

Speculation that the conference would result in a modification of the "unconditional surrender" demand to Germany received a cool reception in official circles this afternoon.

According to Robert Vivian, Reuter correspondent, two main points made in the argument against such a possibility were that Allied prestige would be weakened severely if less were accepted, and that the war in Europe now was in the "victory state" anyway.

Persons close to the Prime Minister said Churchill reiterated his conviction that Germany must surrender with "no strings attached."

Discussions tomorrow probably will center around: Re-statement of circumstances under which either Germany or Japan may ask for an armistice; consideration of diplomatic problems created by the Soviet attitude toward Poland, and possible creation of a new League of Nations.

GIs Now Snore In One of Nazis' Baby Factories

WITH U.S. FORCES, Sept. 15 (UP).—American troops have captured the first of Himmler's "baby factories" and are sleeping in it on the road into Germany.

It is a multi-roomed Belgian chateau to which unmarried German and Belgian mothers came to give birth to the children of German SS men. No questions were asked except whether the father was an enlisted man or an officer.

There is room for 200 mothers and their babies in the chateau. It is equipped with modern maternity wards with the finest equipment.

Better Canned Chow Promised by a General

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau OAKLAND, Cal., Sept. 15.—Tastier and more varied rations are in store for combat soldiers, Brig. Gen. Milton Boone, commander of the California Quartermaster Depot, said today, revealing that C-rations had been improved by an increase in variety of meats and several other changes.

The meat and vegetable hash unit has been dropped and five new units have been created, Boone said. Three kinds of biscuits have been added, with a 1-1/2 ounce can of jam. Another feature is a compressed disc of cereal, pre-mixed with sugar and dried milk.

Yanks Reach Britain In Prisoner Exchange

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 15.— Amid waving Allied flags and cheering welcomers, 2,633 American, British, Canadian and other Allied exchanged prisoners of war reached Liverpool at 5PM today.

'Ghost Gas Fiend' Just a Lot of Hot Air

MATTOON, Ill., Sept. 15.—The elusive, gas-spraying "Madman of Mattoon" was nothing but fumes from a war plant, State and city police announced today. They said the odor, which excited residents branded a "ghost gas", was carbon tetrachloride fumes.

Capture Nancy; Aachen Circled

(Continued from Page 1) into the city, little opposition was encountered.

The Third Army's attacks in the Metz area were reported to be continuing and the threat to the enemy units there were said to be increasing hourly.

On the southern flank of the American front, the capture of Epinal, 69 miles southeast of Nancy, was reported by Reuter.

Canadian patrols went back over the Leopold Canal near the Dutch border last night, crossing the waterway at six different points after strong German resistance had forced them to give up previously-won bridgeheads near Moerkerke.

Polish troops were said to be on the Dutch border north of St. Nicolas, but no reports were received of them crossing the border.

375,000 Nazis Taken Prisoner in France

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.— Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said yesterday that more than 375,000 prisoners had been taken in north and south France.

Meanwhile, OWI announced that American casualties from the outbreak of the war included 86,008 killed, 195,106 wounded, 54,565 missing and 62,647 prisoners.

Warns London Is Still in Peril

Lord Woolton, British minister of reconstruction, warned Londoners yesterday that "it would be extremely foolish to conclude that German destruction had completely stopped or that they had exhausted their capacity for inventing devilish instruments of destruction."

He revealed figures on the tremendous flying-bomb toll in London, disclosing that 1,104,000 houses and flats were damaged and 23,000 destroyed by robots.

A Nazi Weapon Boomerangs



These doughboys turned this captured Nazi equipment upon its former owners and pulled a German plane from the skies near Avranches. (L. to R.): Sgt. Travis Vance, Yazoo City, Miss.; Pvt. Elmer Eddy, of Peoria, Ill.; Sgt. Clarence Schmidler, Port Washington, Miss., and Pvt. Glenn Lee, of Atlanta, Ga.

EMs Over 38 Can't Get Out, Army Explains

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Friends of GIs over 38 years old, hearing talk about demobilization plans, are inquiring about their chances of getting back into civilian life now if they desire.

The War Department replies that there is no change in regulations and policy and they can't get out merely because they have passed their 38th birthday.

Back in 1942 the Army decided that men over 38 in general were not physically fitted for combat duty and drafting of that age group was halted. This was followed by an Army decision to allow over-age soldiers to apply for discharge providing they could show that employment in essential industry was awaiting them.

In the spring of 1943, with about 200,000 men given discharges, the Army set a deadline on the time for application—May 1 for troops in this country and Aug. 1 for those overseas.

Enlisted men who had not applied by the deadline remained in service, with discharge for physical reasons the only remaining general reason for dropping them from active duty.

The Army does, however, accept applications from officers who become surplus, meaning those who have no jobs to do in the service.

ICKES SEIZES COAL MINES WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Interior Secretary Harold L. Ickes has taken over 19 coal mines in West Virginia and Kentucky, "as a result of existing and threatened strikes and other labor disturbances," the White House announced today.

UMW AGAINST ROOSEVELT CINCINNATI, Sept. 15.—The United Mine Workers convention today condemned President Roosevelt for "attempting to destroy miners' organization." The resolution praised Dewey, but did not formally endorse him.

As Simple as That Why Polygamy? Not Enough Men, A Defender Says

SALT LAKE CITY, Sept. 15.— Suggesting that polygamy may be the answer to the world's male-shortage problem, attorneys for 15 fundamentalists convicted of unlawful cohabitation with 55 plural wives today argued their first polygamy case before the Utah State Supreme Court.

The defendants are appealing district court convictions. The court took their appeals under advisement. The trial of each defendant had been based on a stipulation of facts merely reciting cohabitation with more than one person of the opposite sex.

The prosecution claimed that in Utah courts cohabitation had always meant living together as man and wife. A defense attorney quoted Defoe, Milton and Thoreau to prove that cohabitation meant only to "dwell together, as with relatives and friendly animals."

S & S Reporter Tells Of 3rd, 7th Linkup

(Continued from Page 1) Third Army flew to a unit of the Seventh. Later other planes and jeeps made the trip.

Another linkup was made at 11:50PM Tuesday when patrols commanded by Capt. André Renot, of the Seventh Army, met a patrol commanded by Capt. Pierre Troquereaux, of the Third Army, north of recently-liberated Dijon.

The commanding general of a division of Seventh Army said in an interview: "Now, due to preparations dated a long way back, we are ready to march shoulder to shoulder to deliver the final blow to the Boche and push them right out of the gates of France together."

SWISS TO LIGHT UP BERNE, Switzerland, Sept. 15.— A complete lifting of the blackout in Switzerland has been approved.