

Holland Invaded by Air; Siegfried Line Is Burst

20,000 Nazis in Mass Surrender to Yanks

By Bud Kane

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

BEAUCENCY, France, Sept. 17. — More than 20,000 German troops, including members of the Luftwaffe, Wehrmacht and Nazi marine units, were marched into U.S. Army prisoner of war camps today after their mass surrender had been effected principally by the reconnaissance work of one officer and 24 enlisted men of an 83rd Infantry Division platoon.

In a ceremony marking one of the strangest mass surrenders in this war, Maj. Gen. Erich Elster formally turned over his pistol to Maj. Gen. Robert C. Macon, 83rd Division commander, and then directed his troops as they, too, turned over their weapons and other tools of war—including 1,900 vehicles of all kinds—before crossing the Loire River to become prisoners.

The story behind the surrender goes back to September 8, when Lt. Samuel W. Magill, of Ashtabula, Ohio, leader of an intelligence

and reconnaissance patrol reaching across the Loire, learned that a large body of Germans coming up from the Spanish border was attempting to slip through the gap at Belfort, a gap already being closed by the Seventh Army from the south and the Third Army from the west and north.

Magill and his men, knowing that the Ninth Air Force and the Maquis were raising havoc with this army of men, slid into this open territory on September 8 and established patrols up and down the Loire. Pfc James Reilly, of Thomaston, Conn., and Pvt. James E. Townsend, of Petoskey, Mich., slipped over to the other side of the river to constitute the entire force of Americans on that side. The outfit ran patrols north and south for 40 miles and east and west for nearly 30 miles—all with 24 men.

Late in the day, Magill was approached by two members of the Maquis who stated there

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Yanks Through Gap; Giant Fleet Lands 'Chutists

Strong forces of the First Allied Airborne Army were landed in Holland yesterday by a huge fleet of gliders and transports, and last night were reported to have captured several cities behind the German lines.

Inside Germany, the First U.S. Army poured reinforcements through a gap torn in the Siegfried Line south of surrounded Aachen in preparation for a drive toward the Rhine. U.S. troops were less than 30 miles from Cologne.

U.S. Troops Mass Airborne Army For Rhine Drive Behind Nazi Lines

American troops are through the Siegfried Line, having smashed aside one of the last bulwarks Adolf Hitler counted upon to save his tottering régime.

Reinforcements of the First U.S. Army last night were pouring through a gap torn in the vaunted defense line south of Aachen, about 11 miles inside the Reich and less than 30 miles from Cologne, in preparation for Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges' next big push toward the Rhine.

British Smash Ahead

Meanwhile, strong armored spearheads of the British Second Army smashed out from the Beeringen bridgehead over the Escaut canal to drive two miles into Holland, and Canadian troops launched an all-out attack on the German garrison bottled up at Boulogne, key Channel port.

North of surrounded Aachen, strong American forces crossed the Meuse and were reported to be advancing toward the German frontier on a wide front east of liberated Maastricht. The Nazis launched a counter-attack east of Aachen early Sunday, but American planes, artillery and infantry repulsed it.

U.S. troops were said to have made another crossing of the German frontier, about 19 miles north-

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Transported in broad daylight by a gigantic fleet of more than 1,000 gliders, troop-carrying craft and towing planes, Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton's First Allied Airborne Army landed yesterday afternoon in Holland behind the German lines and by nightfall had liberated several Dutch towns.

In the words of Air Vice Marshal Longhurst, air officer commanding an airborne group, the vast operation transcended in importance even the airborne landings on D-Day. Success, he said, might mean all the difference between a rapid decision in the west and a protracted winter campaign.

Swooping down in parachutes and gliders, "strong forces" of American and British troops landed behind Nazi units fighting bitterly to liquidate British bridgeheads over the Escaut Canal. A linkup with the ground units by the airborne army would endanger the whole German position in Holland and possibly lead to a new offensive toward the Reich.

Nazis Locate Landings

Supreme Allied headquarters did not disclose the site of the landings, but the German DNB agency said they took place at Tilsburg, about 40 miles southeast of Rotterdam; Eindhoven, 20 miles southeast of Tilsburg and about 30 miles west of the German frontier, and at Nijmegen, on the lower Rhine three miles from the German border.

A second DNB release claimed the landings were made "west of the Dutch-German frontier on the northern bank of the Rhine."

The Germans claimed that considerable contingents of Brereton's newly-formed army had been wiped out, but Stanley Woodward, representing the combined press, reported that by Sunday night several Dutch towns had been freed.

Preceding the airborne landings was an assault by up to 1,000 for-

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One Standard Gasoline Adopted for Army Use

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17. — The Army has adopted 80-octans gasoline, popularly known as "high-test quality," for standardized use in all Army land and amphibious vehicles. Maj. Gen. G. M. Barnes, chief of ordnance research, revealed.

The standard gas replaces seven different types used heretofore and has greatly simplified supply problems, he said.

Siegfried Line Is Rent Without Loss of a Man

By Andy Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

WITH A FIRST ARMY INFANTRY DIVISION, Sept. 17. — After ten years of talk about the Siegfried Line, 21-year-old 1/Lt. Bob Kalb, of Paducah, Ky., took his company through it without a casualty. Since Kalb and his men forced the first opening, the armored unit working with this crack infantry division has been pouring through the gap.

The Siegfried Line splits and runs on both sides of the German border city of Aachen. The first and lighter section of the line was pierced early last week, but it was Lt. Kalb and his company who forced the final opening in the last German defense line in front of the Rhine River.

It was Pfc Alvin O. Kenyon, of Seattle, Wash., who first got to and through the vaunted line. Kenyon was first scout for the company which followed him along.

The company went forward with tanks and M10 support. The Siegfried Line consisted of a series of strategically-placed pillboxes. In the hilly country of the border, roads run through the valley, and the Germans placed the fortified concrete igloos in positions which commanded the only possible entry for vehicles. On both sides of the roads, concrete "dragon's teeth" extend for miles, preventing tanks from rolling over the open country between the road networks.

"We knocked out about 15 or 20 pillboxes, I guess," Kalb said. "Our M-10 fired at some of them from about 20 yards and blasted them wide open."

Many of the pillboxes were cracked open with grenades tossed into small openings in the concrete walls.

There was no artillery at all in any of the pillboxes Kalb's company encountered. Most of the outdated fortifications had gun positions built for nothing bigger than the old German 47-mm. anti-tank gun.

"The line would have been tough to crack if the Germans had enough men to man it the way it should have been," Kalb declared.

MPs Round Up Americans Selling Supplies to Parisians

Cracking down on the sale of U.S. Army rations and gasoline, MPs in Paris have arrested a number of American soldiers and French civilians and apparently halted a black market that had turned the area around the Arc de Triomphe and the Eiffel Tower into a booming exchange center.

Yanks Invade 2nd Palau Isle

U.S. troops have made a third landing on strategic stepping stones to the Philippines, storming ashore against relatively light opposition on Anguar in the Palau group, 600 miles due east of the islands.

All initial objectives were secured, according to the Navy Department at Washington, which identified the assaulting force as the 81st Infantry Division, under Maj. Gen. Paul J. Mueller. The landings were made under heavy covering bombardment by warships and planes, and losses were believed to be comparatively small.

The assault followed an initial landing in the Palaus on the island of Peleliu, to the north of Anguar, which is the southernmost of the group.

Landing under conditions described in reports from Peleliu as almost identical with those at bloody Tarawa, U.S. Marines who assaulted Peleliu smashed inland with but a fraction of the losses incurred in the Gilberts invasion. Tracked landing vehicles were used in the Palau attack.

25 Veteran ETO Fliers Among Dead in Wreck

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Sept. 17. — The death toll in Thursday's head-on train collision near here has risen to 29, with 65 persons reported injured.

The dead include 25 veteran ETO airmen who had survived the Luftwaffe and were returning to duty after furloughs. A WAC sergeant and three trainmen also were killed.

Col. E. G. Buhmaster, Seine Base Section provost marshal, whose police force has been augmented by the arrival of London MP units, declared yesterday that "soldier black-market operators apprehended in Paris will be given the most extreme penalties within the limitations of the Articles of War."

American MPs, he said, have full authority to arrest both military and civilian parties to a sale involving gasoline, cigarettes, food or other U.S. Army supplies.

The roundup of GI profiteers followed reports in the French press that Yanks were selling Army property to Parisians. It was understood that the prompt action terminated the illicit busi-

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An Ex-Gentleman of No Gentleman

Orderly Whom Hitler Fired Is Captured by the First Army

WITH THE FIRST U.S. ARMY, near Aachen, Sept. 17. — A German soldier who was Adolf Hitler's dog-robbler for three years was among prisoners captured recently.

He was Der Fuehrer's orderly from 1937 to 1940, when he was bounced because of a beer-garden brawl in which he slapped an officer. Hitler now has a personal guard of 40 SS and four personal orderlies, the former batman said. The Reich's boss also has a main orderly who cleans his clothes.

"He was very difficult to work for," the prisoner said, "because he was different every day. Some days he was pleasant, on others he was vicious."

He said that Hitler went to bed at 3 a.m. and arose at 8:30 for a

breakfast of arrowroot and milk. The prisoner confirmed the report that Hitler was a teetotaler, vegetarian and non-smoker. The Fuehrer's only minor vice, he said, was women. With a leer, he denied the widespread impression that Hitler was impotent.

The orderly said he had been corresponding with one of Hitler's secretaries with whom he was friendly for the three years. He claimed that he was in the Fuehrer's room in 1939 when the phone rang. It was five nights before Germany entered Poland. The call was from Foreign Minister Ribbentrop telling Hitler of the Moscow alliance.

Hitler shouted, "I didn't think it would work—didn't think it would work," the prisoner said.

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'Hospital—No Noise'

I have a complaint. We have a great air force, but why do they continually race and dive their planes over our hospitals? Rumor has it they are showing off for a nurse they know.

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To the Home Front

Almost every day now we read of people at home leaving war jobs for something more secure, some job which will carry them through the post-war period.

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The Girls Are At It

Have been reading WAC comments on the subject of wearing leggings and buying perfume. To the Army Nurse Corps, which arrived in Paris only a few days after the Germans left, such things sound very childish.

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Comment on Bonus

In your issue of Aug. 28, Sgt. John H. Cox had his dander up on the subject of bonuses and thereby got into all the combat men's hair. Who ever told him front-line men had three square meals a day and a bed?

Hash Marks

Fun on the Home Front. Fleeing from police, a Massachusetts man ran past a fruit stand. Then he had a bright idea. He buried his head in a water-melon as the cops approached.

Two teen-age girls stepped out of a cinema showing one of the latest



Hollywood epics. Said one, "What was it this Dr. Wassel did—discover an antidote?" "No," said her friend, "I think it was a mairzy doat."

GI Philosophy. It doesn't take long before a ring on the table develops into a circle under the eye.

Back-seat drivers claim that the war has brought them to the fore. In Wichita, Kan., 67 women bus drivers have set a safety record 25 percent better than that of 157 men who operate buses for the Wichita Transportation Co.

ETO Incident. Informed that the Flight Surgeon wasn't in at so early an hour on Sunday morning, the voice on the telephone persisted: "Then where can I reach him?" "At



his quarters," replied the GI on duty, "but if you value your life, you had better not call him there." Thanking his informant, the voice thoughtfully added, "I think I will risk it." The "Voice" was Col. Eugene Snavelly, the group CO.

Pardon us for mentioning it, but Cpl. Joe Paulson wants to know if you've heard the song about the Scot truck driver who doesn't care what truck he drives—entitled "Annie Lorrie."

A GI seeing his blind-date in the light for the first time remarked, "I never forget a face—but this time I will make an exception."

Private Breger



"You say it keeps following you around since you re-turned from your furlough!"

An Editorial

Cheesecake, Watermelon and Corn

CHEESECAKE is newspaper lingo for pictures like this—gals, legs and corny stuff like the watermelon and the ice.

We don't know whether or not we could have won this war without cheesecake, watermelon and corn. We don't know whether cheesecake shortened the war by as much as a single day.

All we know is that pictures like this—of gals with flirty-flirty eyes, toothpaste smiles, snazzy gams and all the trimmings have given us a lift in some pretty grim times.

We don't know who this particular piece of cheesecake is. But she and a lot of gals like her have adorned the insides of tanks, the cabs of trucks, the dashboards of jeeps, the cockpits of planes. Amid the smoke and stink and dead seriousness of war, she's linked us with the country we love—the goofy, funny, wise-cracking, happy country that can produce the world's best tanks, the best planes—the best cheesecake.

When the history of this war is written, the infantry, the cavalry, the Engineers and all the rest will come in for their full share of well-earned glory. There



will be statues to the heroes and Memorial Day parades. But the record won't be complete unless somehow, some way, we acknowledge the rôle of cheesecake in winning the war.

History may forget. The

War Department may never award a citation. Congress may never confer honors.

Only the guy who has lived on Spam knows how much he owes to cheesecake, watermelon and corn.



PFC PHILIP WEINTRAUB, Brooklyn regimental aid man, who died in a fruitless attempt to save the life of a general, has been awarded the Silver Star posthumously. On the night of July 9, the general was critically wounded by German machine-gun fire while leading an infantry company in an assault on a strongly-held enemy position concealed in a hedge-row. Weintraub ran across the field of fire to the wounded general,

shielding him with his own body and applying first aid. A moment later he, too, was struck by a bullet, but he continued his efforts until other medics arrived. Weintraub died in a few hours; the general succumbed the next day.

For leading an ammunition train to the front in time to repulse a German counter-attack, Col. James S. Luckett, commanding the 12th Regiment of the Fourth Infantry Division, has been awarded the DSC. Luckett is from Asheville, N. C.

CHAPLAIN ERNEST SINFIELD, of Flushing, N.Y., 2nd Infantry Division chaplain, passes on this "Praise the Lord and Keep Your Shovel Diggin'" story about a group of doughboys under mortar fire a few days ago. "How far have you dug?" one GI asked another. "So far seven prayers and I'm still at it," was the fox-hole maker's reply.

The world's champion tank buster, according to his comrades in the 83rd Division, is Pvt. Francis C. Mackay, of Los Angeles, who has five enemy tanks to his credit. For destroying three in one day he was awarded the Silver Star.

THE boys who fly the putt-putts, as artillery observation Piper Cubs have been dubbed, are never pictured in quite as spectacular a setting as the boys piloting the more glamorous craft, but they put the same amount of courage and savvy into their flying. That's one reason they're giving an Air Medal to 1/Lt. Walter B. Helms, Philadelphia pilot assigned to the Eighth Infantry Division. Although severely wounded, Helms flew himself out of a nasty situa-

tion in Normandy's La Haye-du-Puits sector. At the time, Helms and his observer, 2/Lt. Charles Urbanski, of Chicago, were on one of those missions that make the infantry love the Cubs—ferreting out deeply-trenched Jerry gun positions. Suddenly four Me109s swept out of a cloud bank, shot off a portion of the Cub's left wing and wounded Helms twice. Despite considerable loss of blood Helms pulled the Cub out of a spin, slithered it out of reach of the Germans and landed the damaged ship.

Front-line action for chaplains is routine these days, but when they go into no-man's-land, that's another story. Saying, "OK, boys, let's go," Chaplain John J. Mullins, of Christ the King Catholic Church, Tampa, Fla., jumped over hedgerows with a group of medics and collected nine casualties despite constant small-arms fire.

HERE'S a new angle for making the wounded soldier from the front a comfortable patient on his way to a clearing station. 1/Lt. John S. Calhoun, of Jacksonville, Fla., said he saw an ambulance recently with a dozen pictures of pin-up gals tacked on the vehicles inside walls. The drivers swear they never failed to produce a whistle or comment from the injured Joes.

The first time S/Sgt. Gilbert E. Young, of Kings Mills, Ohio, and Sgt. Austin D. Andrews, of Youngstown, Ohio, fired a bazooka in combat, they knocked out a Mark V tank—and they waited patiently until the German tank was just 35 yards away before opening fire.

Once Over Lightly

By Charles Kiley

(An intra-office "feud" was ignited two weeks ago when a sports column in the London edition of *The Stars and Stripes* named the Detroit Tigers to win the American League pennant. Charles Kiley, a staunch eastern booster now fighting the Battle of Times Square for S&S after two years in England and France, has jumped aboard the Yankee bandwagon. "The Tigers," Kiley says, "are a bunch of bums; the Yanks can't miss." The following is Kiley's latest contribution to the battle of words.)

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—It's too bad that Connie Mack has reached the end of baseball's line. He was a grand old man while he had it, but when he picks the Tigers



Connie Mack

to finish on top of the American League scramble, it proves only one thing—he's as addled as Brother Gene Graff.

This column always had great respect for the opinion of Mr. McGillicuddy, but it appears as though his task of holding up the Athletics so long has taken its toll. His selection of the Bengals over the Yanks was a kiss of death for Steve O'Neill's stumblebums in view of Dizzy Trout losing two straight since Connie went out on a limb for Detroit. And when the Bronx Bombers get finished with Trout this week, he'll be dizzyier than a drunken sailor on shore leave.

If Trout's collapse is keeping Brother Graff awake nights in Gay Paree, here's more black coffee for him. Going into their weekend series with the futile athletes of aforementioned Mr. Mack, the Yanks were breezing on the following streaks:

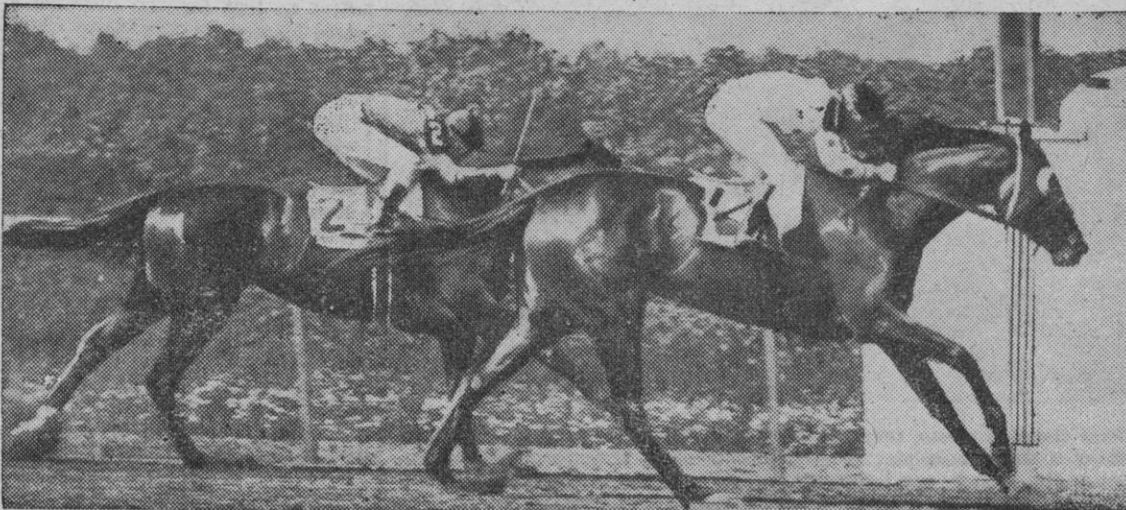
Ossie Grimes had hit safely in ten straight games, George "Snuffy" Stirweiss in nine and Mike Garbark in seven. Garbark also has caught the last 26 to boost the Gotham stock. Mel Queen had pitched four consecutive triumphs, Hank Borowy had fashioned three and Floyd Bevens two since coming from Newark with a string of 11 in a row.

With a spurt like that, who can beat "us"? Certainly not the Tigers.

DID YOU KNOW?—That sports programs at West Point and Annapolis do not cost taxpayers a flat franc or plugged sixpence? They are financed solely through civilian organizations known as the Army Athletic Association and the Navy Athletic Association.

Browns Clip Chisox; Tie for 2nd

Shed a Tear for Turfdom's Dethroned Queen



Horse bettors who depend on winning romps by favorites for their livelihood, went on the dole recently when Warren Wright's Twilight Tear trailed Vienna of Belair Stable under the wire in the 65th running of the Alabama Stakes at Saratoga's meeting at Belmont Park, New York. It was the first defeat in 12 starts for the three-year-old miss, who went to the post a 1-20 choice. Vienna, ridden by Jimmy Stout, paid \$18.20. Leon Haas was aboard Twilight Tear.

Tigers Divide To Share Spot With St. Louis

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Luke Sewell's Browns climbed back into a second place tie with the Tigers, half a game behind the front-running Yankees, in the torrid American League stretch duel by trouncing the White Sox, 5-1, last night, while the Bengals halved a twin-feature with the Indians, taking the windup, 9-1, after the Tribe won the opener, 4-3, in 12 innings.

The Yankees, who were idle yesterday, face the Athletics twice today, then move westward to finish their season on the road. Single games at Detroit Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday open the barnstorming junket, after which the Bombers will venture to Cleveland, Chicago and St. Louis.

Seven-hit pitching by Mickey Haefner at Washington last night carried the Senators to a 5-2 verdict over the Red Sox and virtually eliminated Boston from the flag chase. Clem Dreisewerd was the victim as the Bosox plunged three and a half games in arrears of the Yanks.

Myril Hoag's 12th inning two-bagger gave Steve Gromek the nod over Dizzy Trout in the early affair at Cleveland, but Hal Newhouser saved the day by cruising to his 25th triumph in the finale. The Tigers belted Mel Harder, Ray Poat, Joe Heving and Paul Calvert for 19 safe blows, including five by Roger Cramer, in the second game.

A triple by Mike Kreevich in the first inning ignited a four-run splurge and the Browns had little trouble staying ahead of the Chisox the rest of the way. Denny Galehouse was the victor over Orval Grove, who suffered his 13th reversal.

Cards Shake Slump
In the National League, the Cardinals snapped their losing streak at five straight by capitalizing on three unearned runs to victimize the Cubs, 3-2, after the Bruins captured the early test, 2-1. Errors by Stan Hack and Hy Vandenberg and a two-base hit on a misjudged fly enabled Ted Wilks to register his 16th victory in the nightcap, while Bob Chipman out-pitched Mort Cooper in the opener.

Two runs in the tenth by the Reds produced a 5-3 decision over the Pirates last night and presented Bucky Walters with his 21st success of the year. Xavier Rescigno, replacing Nick Strineevich in the tenth, was the victim. Jim Russell homered for the Redlegs in the sixth.

The Giants played one inning to rack up an 8-3 victory over the Phillies in completing their suspended game of July 16, but dropped the regularly-scheduled tilt, 7-3, as Ken Raffensberger spun a five-hitter. A homer by Buster Adams led Philadelphia's assault on Harry Feldman.

Hurricane to Whirl Again

22 Veterans Establish Tulsa As Nation's No. 1 Grid Team

TULSA, Sept. 17.—Observers already have begun to acclaim Coach Henry Frnka's Tulsa eleven as the greatest in the school's history. And that's saying a lot because the Golden Hurricane has played in three bowl games in as many years—Sun Bowl in 1941, Sugar Bowl in '42 and '43.

From the amazing 4-F club (all Tulsa's key men are 4-F) that went through last year's schedule undefeated, only to lose a 20-18 bowl thriller to Georgia Tech, Frnka has 22 veterans returning.

The holdovers are headed by Felto Prewitt, a rugged, wily center who is expected to put Tulsa on the All-American grid map this season. What's more, Tulsa corraled Bobby Jack Stuart, Oklahoma's brilliant prep triple-threat of 1943, and great things are expected of the youngster even though he'll be traveling in faster company.

With a prospective powerhouse like that, it's little wonder Frnka is not pessimistic about the 1944 football campaign. However, other clubs in the sector, including the Bix-Six teams, don't share Frnka's elation—they'll have to trade touchdowns with the Hurricane.

SONNENBERG DIES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Gus Sonnenberg, former All-American tackle at Dartmouth and later world's heavyweight wrestling champion, died at the Bethesda (Md.) Naval Hospital of leukemia. "Sonny" was credited with introducing the flying tackle.

Haegg Romps To Easy Win

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 17.—Gunder "The Wonder" Haegg, Sweden's fleet fireman, outfooted Viljo Heind of Finland by 200 yards at Malmoe, Sweden, last night in a 3,000-meter grind, but failed to approach record time.

Haegg was clocked in the slow time of 8:09.8. His effort was 8.6 seconds slower than Gunder's listed world record, established during the summer when he showed his heels to Arne Anderson, his perennial running opponent. Andersson did not compete in last night's event.

It was Haegg's first appearance on the cinders since a brief vacation had been ordered by his physician.



Mickey Haefner

Major League Standings

American League

Cleveland 4-1; Detroit 3-9 (first game, 12 innings).
St. Louis 5; Chicago 1 (night).
Washington 5; Boston 2 (night).
New York-Philadelphia, not scheduled.

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
New York.....	76	61	.555	...
Detroit.....	76	62	.551	1/2
St. Louis.....	76	62	.551	1/2
Boston.....	73	65	.529	3 1/2
Cleveland.....	66	73	.475	11
Philadelphia.....	64	75	.460	13
Chicago.....	63	75	.457	13 1/2
Washington.....	59	80	.424	18

National League

New York 8-3; Philadelphia 3-7 (first game, completion of July 16 game).
Cincinnati 5; Pittsburgh 3 (night, 10 innings).
Chicago 2-2; St. Louis 1-3.
Brooklyn-Boston, postponed.

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
St. Louis.....	96	42	.696	...
Pittsburgh.....	81	55	.596	14
Cincinnati.....	76	59	.563	18 1/2
Chicago.....	63	73	.463	32
New York.....	63	73	.463	32
Brooklyn.....	56	80	.412	39
Boston.....	55	80	.407	39 1/2
Philadelphia.....	53	81	.396	41

Minor League Standings

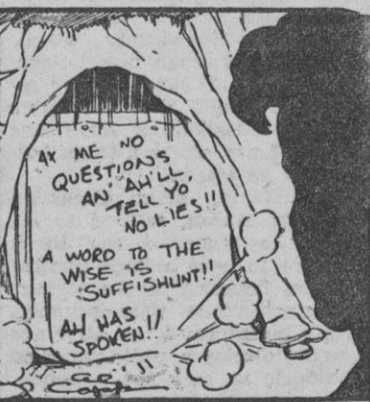
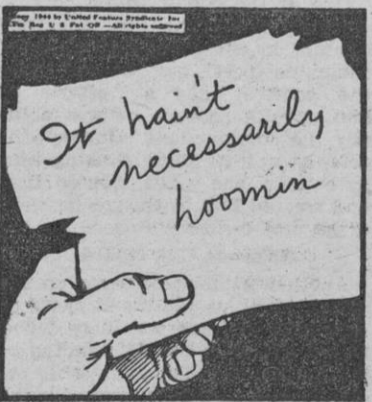
Playoffs

American Association	
Louisville 4, Milwaukee 2.	Milwaukee 5, Louisville 0.
(Series tied, 1-1.)	
Toledo 7, St. Paul 3.	Toledo 10, St. Paul 7.
(Toledo leads series, 2-0.)	
International League	
Toronto at Newark and Buffalo at Baltimore, postponed.	
Southern Association	
Memphis 9, Nashville 2.	Memphis 5, Nashville 4.
(Memphis leads series, 2-0.)	
Eastern League	
Utica at Hartford and Albany at Birmingham, postponed.	

Li'l Abner

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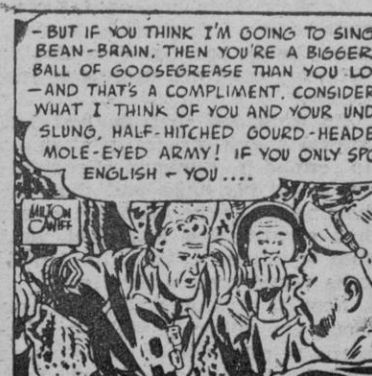
By Al Capp



Terry And The Pirates

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By Milton Caniff



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

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Guns Continue Fierce Dueling For Warsaw

The battle of Warsaw increased in fury yesterday as Russo-Polish and German forces completed their third day of heavy artillery dueling across the Vistula River, separating the Polish capital and suburban Praga.

Rooftop observers on both sides were pinpointing targets and machine guns kept up a steady stream of fire on the Aleksandrowski bridge, leading from Praga into the heart of Warsaw. One of the three main spans connecting the two cities, this bridge was said to be still intact.

Polish patriots inside the beleaguered capital kept up their harrasing activity against the Germans, and Gen. Bor, leader of the resistance forces, said Soviet planes had dropped arms and food every day since Wednesday.

Other Russian forces were reported fighting their way toward Hungary after breaking out into open country from the Transylvanian Alps.

Russian troops Saturday entered Sofia, capital of Bulgaria.

Tito's Men Make Landings

Landing operations on the central Dalmatian islands have been carried out by units of the 26th Division of Marshal Tito's Yugoslavian Partisans, Tito's headquarters announced yesterday.

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east of Luxembourg, at Echternach and Bollendorf. Advances to a point about one mile inside Germany were made in this sector.

In the Brittany peninsula, the battle for Brest was in its final stages, with U.S. infantrymen engaged in street-to-street fighting.

The Seventh Army in southeastern France threatened German forces fighting Allied troops in Italy by capturing Modane, a French rail junction three miles from the Italian northwest frontier. Modane is 45 miles from Turin, one of the communications and industrial centers of northern Italy.

Heading for the Belfort gap, other Seventh Army columns were opposing a conglomerate German army, composed of naval units, labor battalions and miscellaneous troops evacuated from the southern coast of France.

Field Marshal Montgomery, 21st Army Group commander, told his troops in a special message last night that nearly 400,000 Germans had been captured by Allied forces and that "there are many more to be collected from those ports in Brittany and the Pas de Calais which are still holding out."

"Our American allies are fighting on German soil in many places and very soon we shall all be there," he said. "No human endeavor can now prevent the complete and utter defeat of Germany's armed forces."

Spellman Says Mass, Opens Paris ARC Club

Archbishop Francis J. Spellman, military bishop for both the Army and Navy, yesterday blessed the American Red Cross Rainbow Corner Club in Paris after celebrating mass in Notre Dame cathedral.

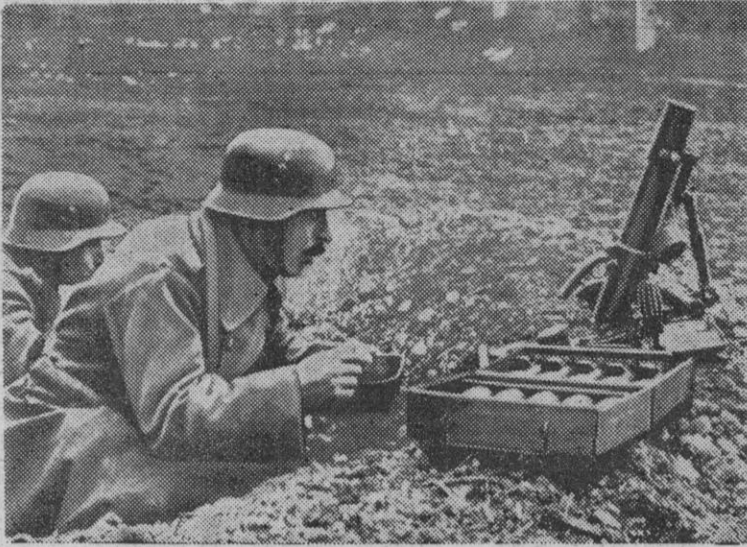
This occasion was the official opening of the club in the Hôtel de Paris. The archbishop was accompanied by Col. John E. Foley, of Memphis, Tenn., and he was received at the club by Mrs. Helen Gibson, director.

After pronouncing the blessing, Archbishop Spellman chatted with a crowd of GIs, autographed cards for them and promised to write to the parents of those who handed names and addresses to him.

NAZIS QUITTING CRETE?

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 17.—Stockholm's Tidningen reported today that German Lt. Gen. Moeller had begun evacuation of Crete without receiving orders from the high command.

Last Meal on the Dniester



This German photo, received through a neutral source, purports to show a Hungarian mortar crew eating on a Dniester bridgehead. Since the picture was taken the Russians have swept over the river and crashed into Hungarian-held Transylvania.

Nazis Holding Out in Ports On Channel Blasted by Planes

Typhoons and Spitfires of the Second Tactical Air Force yesterday blasted the Nazi-held Channel ports of Calais, Boulogne, Dunkirk and Cap Gris Nez, while Italian-based heavy bombers hammered rail yards and oil refineries in Budapest in twin attacks on Hitler's dwindling defenses.

Oklahoma Town Plans Factory to Assure Vets Jobs

BRISTOW, Okla., Sept. 17.—This community, determined that its returning veterans will have jobs, has started a box factory run entirely by veterans.

It was started in March but burned down Aug. 12; however, H. T. Wolfe, chairman of the Bristow Re-employment Committee, said it would be rebuilt in October.

When fire struck, the plant had orders for 50,000 cases for soft drinks. The boxes are made from cottonwood lumber grown in this area.

More Whisky in 1945, Less Beer, Says WPB

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Additional beverage alcohol will be produced in America soon, although the nation's beer supply will be smaller next year unless malt production is expanded, WPB announced yesterday.

20,000 Nazis in Mass Surrender to Yanks

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was a German general willing to discuss peace terms if there were Americans in the vicinity. Magill met Elster and began negotiations.

To preserve his honor, Elster requested of Magill that the latter have two battalions of Americans cross the Loire, where a token battle would be staged.

This, Magill, after discussion with Gen. Macon, refused to do. Instead, he requested the Ninth Air Force to have a large number of planes hovering in the vicinity while negotiations were resumed. Further, he informed the Air Force he would display a white panel on his vehicle in case the surrender terms were agreed to, a yellow one if not.

Impressed by Power Plan

Impressed by the display of air power, Elster agreed to the surrender terms but requested that American representatives attend the conference on conditions in civilian clothes. This, too, was refused, and on Sept. 10, Magill, with his driver, Pfc Ralph E. Anderson, of Lancaster, Ohio, accompanied by a Belgian officer and Elster and his aide, drove through Chateau-neuf-sur-Cher, still under German control, with an American flag on the car.

Germans gaped at the sight of the car and some, noticing the German general, saluted smartly,

even though obviously puzzled at the paradox.

Agreement Reached

They drove to Issoudun and there, at the prefecture, an agreement was reached, whereby Lt. Col. Jules K. French, of Merrified, Va., of the 83rd Infantry, went to the German CP and conducted operations while the Germans moved forward to the Loire for the formal surrender.

Elster was told to bring his army in three columns to the banks of the river. There they were to lay down their arms in a mass, formal surrender.

This procedure would take several days, so the Germans were allowed to retain their weapons in order to protect themselves from wandering bands of Maquis unaware of the agreement.

As the column proceeded, Elster, apprehensive of possible carnage from the air force, said to Magill: "Thank you for not strafing us yesterday."

He explained that he had lost several liaison officers in attempts to establish communications between all his units and that the holding off by the American planes had strengthened his belief, held also by his men, that the Americans would respect their word.

Next it was arranged that an American officer be with the Germans at all times on their march and that, in return, a German of-

U.S. Lack of Cigaretts Blamed on Hoarders

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—"Hoarders" of civilians, who allegedly have stocked enough cigarettes to last for the duration, were blamed by officials of five large cigarette firms today for the current shortage of smokes in America. They added that the shortage probably would end with the war in Europe.

Pointing out that cigarette production at present was only 15 percent below normal "plenty to go around," the officials also blamed "chain-smoking because of alleged war nerves, and not smoking cigarettes down to the last puff."

Scores Dewey on Demob Issue

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Sept. 17.—Assailing as "reckless and baseless" a charge by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey that the Roosevelt Administration did not intend to demobilize the armed forces as quickly as possible, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes said here that he found it disturbing that the GOP candidate "has stooped to pluck the heartstrings of every American mother, wife, sweetheart and child... with a charge as false as any ever promulgated by Goebbels."

Ickes said that Dewey quoted Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, draft chief, and added: "Whatever Gen. Hershey, who is a Republican, may have said, he was not speaking for the Administration."

Airborne Army Invades North

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tresses on enemy ack-ack positions and a RAF night attack on Dutch airfields. As a result, the great sky train encountered practically no Luftwaffe opposition and very little flak.

Broadcast to Dutch

A member of Gen. Eisenhower's staff, in a broadcast to the Dutch people, told Netherlanders south of the rivers Lek and Rhine to exert one last supreme effort and give full assistance to Allied and Dutch forces.

A Reuter dispatch yesterday suggested that some artillery possibly was dropped with the troops. It was said that it would be no problem to drop 75mm. howitzers, especially if they were dismantled.

Chicago Host To Veterans of Last Two Wars

CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—Young, newly-discharged veterans of World War II mingled with bald and portly World War I veterans here today as the American Legion prepared for the opening of its annual convention tomorrow.

National Commander Warren H. Atherton predicted that a proposal to ask Congress to amend the Legion's incorporation act to permit immediate enrollment of men now in service would be "one of the most closely debated issues."

Regarding the establishment of new groups by current veterans, Atherton said:

"A number of organizations may be formed. It will be the sentiment of this organization to co-operate with them, but most Legion members would prefer to see its ideals advanced by new blood rather than have it become a last man's club."

Delegates are expected to discuss universal military training. Atherton said he personally favored a blending of military instruction with academic subjects in a year of compulsory training for youths 18-22.

\$2,000,000 STORM DAMAGE

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Damage caused by last week's hurricane was estimated at \$2,000,000, while the still-incomplete death toll was placed at 18. The famous Steel and Million Dollar piers at Atlantic City, N.J., were severely damaged.

MEMO FOR JEEP ADDICTS

DES MOINES, Ia., Sept. 17.—If you plan to own a jeep after the war, be prepared to pay about \$15 for a license, buy three flares and equip it with reflectors—that is, if you plan to drive in Iowa. The state has classified the jeep as a commercial vehicle, which must comply with rules governing trucks.

COOPER HEARING SEPT. 29

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Sept. 17.—Jackie Cooper, 21-year-old movie actor, now in a Navy V12 training unit at Notre Dame University, and three other defendants will be arraigned September 29 on charges of contributing to the delinquency of minors, Prosecutor Arthur F. Scheer announced.

MPs Nab Troops Selling Supplies to Parisians

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ness before it reached serious proportions.

Reiterating that Paris is off limits to all troops not in the city on official business, Seine Section headquarters emphasized that organization liberty passes to the French capital were not valid. Unit commanders issuing such passes to Paris will be subject to disciplinary action, the announcement said.

In addition to preventing unauthorized entries through use of road blocks, MPs are patrolling Paris streets, checking the identity and papers of all officers and enlisted men.

Although promising that AWOLs would be dealt with severely, the provost marshal said that men merely lost would receive help in finding their outfits.

Buhrmaster stressed that French civilians were not allowed to ride on military vehicles.

Buhrmaster said current uniforms regulations in Paris were simple: Whatever uniform is worn simply must be worn properly.

Bit of Tarnished Brass Is Polished Off and Out

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau.

NEWARK, N.J., Sept. 17.—Maj. Leo Hecht, formerly attached to the Army Quartermaster Corps at Charleston, S.C., was dishonorably discharged by a court-martial and sentenced to four years' imprisonment for turning over Army supplies to his father, Emanuel Hecht, 58, owner of a small department store in Englewood, N.J.

The father was sentenced to a year and a day in prison and fined \$3,000 in U.S. District Court for receiving and selling the stolen goods.