

For Once, the Ground Is Over Paratroops' Heads



Riga Captured; **EastPrussiaOn**

Riga, capital of Latvia and last of the Baltic capitals to hold out against the Red Army, fell yes terday, depriving the Germans of one of their few remaining Bal-tic naval bases, Marshal Stalin announced in an order of the day. Meanwhile, Russian troops opened up what Associated Press called a full-scale offensive against East Prussia, just nine miles northeast of the important border city of Tilsit.

The Red offensive, though heaviest in the Tilsit area, was stretched along 200 miles of East Prussian border.

Meanwhile, as Moscow observers predicted the imminent capitulation of Hungary, Russian forces in the last of Hitler's Balkan satellites rolled on toward Budapest. There was no indication as to how close the Reds were to the capital, but the German embassy was said to have fled, and the Soviets were reported within 15 miles of cutting The above picture received from Holland by the U.S. Army Signal Corps, without details as to the circumstances under which it was ten. This photo could rank among the most remarkable of the war. Shown are Yank paratroopers in a spray of Dutch soil. taken.

Vast Drive for 396 Jap Planes Destroyed In 2-Day Blow at Formosa

> PEARL HARBOR, Oct. 13 (UP). - While Tokyo announced continued U.S. aerial assaults against Formosa, today, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz gave first confirmation of the great American blow against the island fortress in Japan's inner defense ring, revealing U.S. planes destroyed tinent with a British force.

396 enemy aircraft and sank or damaged 100 Japanese ships Wed-

nesday and Thursday. Nimitz' communiqué said 45 American planes, all carrier based, were lost in the two-day assault, but Jap reports today reiterated that China-based B29 Super-Fortresses joined the carrier-craft in the attack.

Jap losses included 27 large and medium ships sunk, 14 probably sunk and 22 damaged, plus 37 small craft sunk or damaged. Aerial combat accounted for 221 enemy planes, while 175 were destroyed on the ground.

See Philippine Attack

Report Athens Gorre Liberated by **Greek Patriots**

CAIRO, Oct. 13.—Athens, capital of Greece, was reported liberated by partisans tonight as Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, supreme Allied Mediterranean commander, broadcast to the Greeks that he was about to land on their con-

Unofficial reports said that the Greek flag was flying over the Acropolis in Athens and that the Athens radio was in Allied hands. As word of the city's liberation spread, ex-Greek Premier Sophocles Venizelos said: "My joy is indescribable. I hope shortly to celebrate the liberation of Crete."

Three proclamations were broadcast tonight from Allied Mediterranean Headquarters calling on the Greeks to co-operate with British forces.

DAGWOOD A PAPA HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 13. -- Dagwood has a daughter. An eightpound four-ounce girl was born yesterday to Patricia Van Cleve Lake, wife of Arthur Lake, Dagwood

Nazis Mass Tanks, Men For Battle

First U.S. Army troops yesterday were clearing Germans from the cellars and buildings of the eastern section of Aachen which German radio admitted virtually had been flattened by an "unprecedented streamroller of fire."

Covered by a deafening artillery barrage and by dive-bombers which attacked ahead of them, the Yanks met surprisingly light opposition as they entered the ruined city, but all signs pointed to a bitter battle, with crack Nazi reinforcements racing toward the besieged town and enemy armor massing.

In the city itself, although the advancing Yanks braved considerable small arms fire, resistance appeared to be cracking, Acme photographer Andy Lopez told Henry Gorrell, United Press correspon-

British Troops Gain

However, at least one panzer division already has been rushed from Holland to the Aachen sector, it was disclosed yesterday, and a staff officer at British Second Army Headquarters said there were signs that more Germans were being shifted south.

In an effort to stem the developing German counter-attack, artillery and dive-bombers battered troop and tank concentrations in the vicinity of Rohe, five miles northeast of Aachen.

More German tanks were massing near Aachen than ever had been seen before on any one sector of the First Army front, a United Press dispatch said.

As the Americans, followed by tank destroyers, worked their way through Aachen's streets, British troops to the north, supported by U.S. tanks, advanced 2,000 yards (Continued on Page 4)

AachenVanishing Under A Terrific Yank Hammering



Planes Sweep

Aachen Sector

More than 250 Ninth Air Force

Marauders and Havocs yesterday

bombed rail lines at Langerwehe,

14 miles east of Aachen, while

fighter bombers continued the

In another medium-bomber at-

tack, the railroad span over the

Meuse at Roermond, in eastern Hol-

pounding of Aachen defenses.

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BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

Old & Young & Points.

First, we range in age from 38 to 47. . . overseas since May, 1943. combat ever since.

Second, some of us are married with no children, others with children and others not married.

Third, we read articles in The Stars and Stripes and papers from home that men in the States over 16 very likely will not be drafted; men over 28 are too old for combat. All of the above listed items boil down to just one question in our minds. Why upon completion of hostilities here on the Continent, do we old men need any points for a discharge?-POP, Combat Engineers.

举 米 米 One of the most important fac-. tors in any discussion on demobilization was conspicuous by its absence-age. I am speaking now for a group of . . . 38-year-old men who are undoubtedly considered good material for the Army, but who will probably be informed when seeking employment in the post-war period that they are much too old.

Let's have demobilization with justice for the older men who cannot make, the necessary adjustments which military life calls for. Up to the present we have given our best, which cannot continue for ever.

All we want is a square deal that we might leave the Army in an opposite frame of mind from that which the writer signs himself.-Disgruntled, Serv. Gp.

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Plenty of us were in love when we left the States, and many of us are engaged to prove it. We didn't get married because we didn't think It was wise to do so before we were through with the army. We love our gals as much as the boys who threw caution to the winds and got married,

We have the same right to happiness that they have. I don't think we should be penalized for taking cognizance of the fact that a "Joe" Is a risky bet as a husband while he's overseas.

No attention is being paid to age -a great error. A vast number of GIs will have to start life from scratch when they don civilian clothes.

The man under 25 when he gets out can afford to spend a couple of years getting back on his feet. Many boys around 20 will under the present system be preferred, to men around 30. Think of the difference In their problems when they get out. A year to one is worth five to an-other.-Cpl. J. C., MP Bn.

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This is the first rest we've had since D-plus-6; if you can call ducking enemy artillery a rest. So we have been catching up on our read-ing. We note all this beefing about men over thirty being too old to light and should go home first.

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We'd all like to go home but our lob right now is ending this mess with the Jerry.

THE STARS AND STRIPES

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An Editorial. hisGuyWon'tLetYouGoHome

An unknown contributor sends us his daffynition of a GI meal: "An impossible combination of F you don't catch the next boat home after Gerfoodstuffs prepared with complete many quits, here's one of indifference and served in as un-appetizing a manner as possible." the guys to blame. Daffynition. War Humor: A situation that makes a Pvt. smile

* * * He's a German Junker. His name is Col. Von Auloch. He has a monocle in his right eye and a fishy stare in his left. His hat is tipped at a cocky angle. There's a cocky smile on his lips.

* * 米 Is this guy licked? Not by a long shot. He still believes it is Germany's destiny to rule the world. His army was beaten in 1918. His army is being beaten again in 1944. But that makes no never mind to Col. Von Auloch. * *

We're not just talking about this particular colonel. We're talking about the thousands of men of his class who will survive the present war. 米 * *

That's one of the tough things about fighting a war with the Germans. You can beat them in the field. You



can smash their cities. You can punish their leaders.

But you can't get rid of guys like Col. Von Auloch. They go back home to their estates. They start their plotting and planning. They make shrewd deals. They pick a new paperhanger to stir up the masses. And finally comes Der Tag.

* * * It's on account of militarists like Von Auloch that

going some of us aren't home right away when "cease fire" is sounded. *

* It's because of guys like him that several tens of thousands of American soldiers are never going home at all.

张 米 It's because of guys like him that, unless we're tough and careful, millions of us, or our kids, may be leaving home in another 20 years.

BERLIN MAGDEBURG HT COLOGNE KASSEL

AT Dunkirk a German transport plane hovered around for a few minutes yesterday and finally parachuted out a sack of 5,000 letters. The mail was addressed to German · soldiers fighting in the vicinity, but it was dropped by mis-

mothers and wives of German infantrymen and after sampling them, British officers came to the conclusion that Germans at home were pretty pessimistic about the

* * * The battalion aid station of

one 101st Airborne regiment was hit last week and a medic, T/5 Robert Hall, of Seekonk, Mass., suffered a broken leg. Hall made out his ewn casualty report and within a few minutes he had splints on his broken leg and was hopping around

treating others wounded by the same blast. 米 米

Pfc Julian Riley, of St. Louis, earned the nickname of "Road Block Riley" while on guard recently on a dark night. Posted behind a machine gun, Hiley saw a German motor column approach, let loose with his gun, killed two foot guides, stopped the entire column, took 15 prisoners and captured eight fullyloaded supply trucks and two medical vehicles.

* - * you go AWOL it might not be the best thing to report to Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee for transportation, but here is the report of Pvt. Harry Budniewski:

"While hitch-hiking on an airstrip and being AWOL with a buddy of mine from a hospital, we were fortunate enough to come across a good Joe. After hearing our story about laying around in a hospital waiting for our wounds to be dressed every four days and how we took off when we thought we could get back in time, he told us to hop in his plane. After we got seated he gave us a lecture-not a bawling out, but just a little about what hospitals have to contend with, then he smiled and wished us luck platoon's actions played a big part in the company's success in breaching the Siegfried Line.

SOMETIME ago the Germans S captured a few men of the 35th Division. Soon afterward, the Germans made the announcement that the Americans were happy because they were slated for a safe return to America after the war. That night, in a big fight, the 35th took some German prisoners. The next day German lines were bombarded with leaflets which told them that the German prisoners were happy because they, were going to America-not after the war but right away.

The two Americans who are probably the most honest Joes in the Army are T/Sgt. Roy D. Dyer, of Toronto, Kan., and T/4 Lloyd J. Dickinson, of Estill, S.C. They are the two members of a QM truck company, who returned the bonds worth \$25,000 to the Frenchman who drew a map for them on an envelope from his pocket and then gave them the map. Inside the envelope was the \$25,-000. The Frenchman advertised through The Stars and Stripes and the boys returned the

"A LL this and pregnant too," says

shepherd dog, Eleanor, who saved

Lt. Milton L. Fleischer, of West Orange, N.J., of his German

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oney.



Hash Marks

at his own misfortune-and laugh

Words of Wisdom by an un-

known Confucius. A kiss in the

dark has enlightened many a man.

Leaving a blind date, a corporal was heard to remark, "Boy, some

faces stop clocks, but hers stops calendars!"

Oh, those legal terms! A Lon-

don dairy was fined \$40 for selling

milk in a bottle "to which the eggs

of the parasphinera bergenstami

were adhering"-or, as they would say in Brooklyn, "a fly got in the

Ironical note. A few weeks back

when Germany's satellites were de-

serting her left and right, one of

the Nazi radio stations kept plugging the tune "All Alone."

Cpl. Ronald Steizel spotted this amusing "double-feature" program listed in his hometown newspaper.

The Uptown Theater intriguingly advertised: "Delinquent Daugh-

ters"—"Abroad With Two Yanks."

gulations state that enlisted WACs

will not "date" male officers and

the breaking of this rule is a prob-

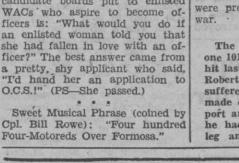
from Capt. Jane Mauerhan.

Another delightful WAC story

bottle."

at his Sergeant's.

candidate boards put to enlisted WACs who aspire to become of-ficers is: "What would you do if an enlisted woman told you that she had fallen in love with an officer?" The best answer came from

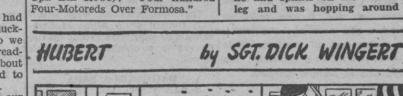




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take within British lines.

The letters were mostly from



As members of this "over-age group," we have yet to find ourselves unable to keep up with the "youngsters." We have been doing It in France, Belgium and Holland for the last three months and know we can continue to do so until the Wehrmacht is kaput.

We agree that age should be considered in demobilization, but let's stop worrying about being too old fight.—S/Sgt. Wolfe (34) and to Buddies Age 31-38, Inf.

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What about us, under 21, who were dragged out of school to serve in the ETO, CBI and South Pacific. We who weren't considered capable of voting, drinking alcoholic beverages, or owning our own auto, but yet, here we are.-Recon. Young sters. *

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Another group (over-age) not mentioned are men who are veterans of World War I as well as War II. They should be, without any hesitation on the part of their government, preferred in the selection of those chosen for immediate release following hostilities. - Cpl. Charles S. Lindley, Finance.



in making it back.

"The good Joe was Gen. (three stars) Lee and the distance he took us was 240 miles. Give him a boost, he is a real GI."

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It took guts for T/Sgt. Fred Leno, of Salem, N.J., to call for artillery fire to strike in the area occupied jointly by his platoon and a company of German infantrymen.

His platoon had been caught in an exposed position, pinned down and isolated by the German company. The Germans were looking down the throats of Leno's platoon on three sides and there was nothing other American outfits in the vicinity could do for them.

"Dig deep," Leno ordered as he called for his own artillery. The artillery poured into the area and when it lifted Leno and his men charged out of their holes in an attack.

They killed 12 Germans and captured 32. The rest re-treated. Leno's company commander, Capt. George Sibbald, of Cleveland, Ohio, said the

his life at Carentan by leaping for the throat of a Jerry about to bayonet her master. Eleanor just gave birth to nine pups, the first of which entered the world on the back end of a bouncing 6th Armored Division truck in convoy. Only one of the nine died. Pvt. Edmond C. La Salle, of San Francisco, was treating a wounded man when three Germans popped out of a bush and took him prisoner. A slight knowledge of German and a few

violent gestures helped the medic convince the Jerries that their position was hopeless and he returned to his outfit leading a line of Nazis.

来 来 来 Today is D-plus-130 and on this day an 83rd Division Pfc writes in to say that he was born June 6, 1917, and that his name is D. Day-Pfc D. Day.

Saturday, Oct. 14, 1944

THE STARS AND STRIPES

SPORTS

Cadets on the March



Army's Bob Dodds (33) (lower right center) carries the ball for a short gain against North Carolina in the first half of their game at West Point which the Cadets won, 46-0. Carolina's End Jim Godwin (53) tries to tackle Dodds. Other Tarheels identifiable are Left Guard Edwin Golding (72) and Quarterback Bobby Weant (27). Interference is being run by Army Guard Joe Stanowicz (63).

Once Over Lightly _By Charlie Kiley

must be plenty peeved at those who still maintain a minor league attendance record for a single game was set the other night when 52,833 filed into Baltimore's Municipal Stadium to see the Orioles face the Louisville Colonels in the fifth game of the "Little World Series." Hague sold more tickets not once, but twice, for Jersey Giant opening games—61,164 in 1941 and 55,218 the following year.

The big difference is that Baltimore's crowd actually saw the game in the huge stadium with 65,000 seating capacity. Only about 32,000 of those who annually buy tickets from Hague on Jersey's opening day can squeeze into Roosevelt Stadium's 24,000 seats and standing room.

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SHORT SHOTS: To see their Orioles in the "Little World Series" for the first time since 1925, Baltimore turned out 95,000 strong for three home gameswhich should make some major league cities sit up and take notice. . . St. Louis, for example, had more people on hand to see the Browns win their season finale against the Yankees than it did for any game of the World Series. . While Joe Louis named two GIS in Italy as the best heavyweight prospects he saw on tour, the champ confessed his stiffest workouts were the five exhibilions against Cpl. Elza Thompson, Negro strong boy from Cary, Ind., who hooked on the Louis entourage in

England.

NEW YORK, Oct. 13. — Jersey City's Mayor Frank Hague must be plenty peeved at those four years in the Federal pen for draft dodging, was he "didn't want to hurt anybody."....Suckers who fall for the present-day grunt-groan farce and who likewise feel no pain should be interested in Garibaldi's confession that "it was different in my line of work because the way I did it they never felt anything."You ain't kiddin', brother.

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OUESTION BOX : To T/5 John Zimmerman, APO 350....In the three years that Tommy Harmon played with Michigan against Minnesota he did not score a touch-down...The Gophers won all three games, 7-6, 20-7 and 7-6...The only point scored by Harmon was a placement after his team's touchdown in the second game.

Tulane plays host to Rice, and Wake Forest faces VMI. In a nocturnal contest tonight, Ken-tucky visits Georgia. The mighty Randolph Field team expected to toy with Southern

Methodist in the southwest head-liner, while Tulsa plays Texas Tech, Louisiana State meets Texas Aggies, and Texas entertains Oklahoma at Dallas. The muddled west coast situa-tion will be clarified somewhat

when tomorrow's warfare ends. Washington, cruising through a soft schedule, squares off against Whitman for the second time, Pa-cific goes to California, St. Mary's tackles UCLA, and Southern Cali-fornia battles St. Mary's Pre-Flight.

LANDIS IMPROVING

CHICAGO, Oct. 13. - Improvement in the condition of Kenesaw M. Landis, baseball's high commissioner, confined with a heavy cold, was reported at St. Luke's Hospital here today.



By Dick Grueneberg Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

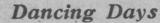
Cmdr. Jack Dempsey, the former world's heavyweight boxing cham-pion and now a physical training officer in the Coast Guard, held a reunion in Paris

yesterday with Georges Carpentier, the famous French heavyweight.

It was a much happier meeting

the challenger in the fourth round. "I saw Georges last night," Dempsey said yesterday, "and he convinced me that reports of his being a collaborator are a lot of bunk. I honestly feel he is on the up-and-up. He told me that' one of the main reasons he was suspected was because of a dinner party he attended and the Nazis asked him to shake hands with Max Schmeling."

Dempsey, in Paris for a brief visit, described his visit with Car-



Army Battles Pitt Today

Undefeated **Irish Meet** Dartmouth

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—Ed Mc-Keever's dynamite-laden Notre Dame football machine invades the bailiewick of undermanned Dartmouth tomorrow in the country's No. 1 "independent" clash of the day.

the day. Dartmouth, held to a 6-6 stand-off by Holy Cross and stampeded by Penn, 20-6, obviously is no match for the high-geared Irish eleven, which wrecked Pitt and Tulane in its two previous starts. In other top eastern games tomorrow, Penn enjoys a comparative breather against Williams and Mary, Yale confronts Columbia, Cornell entertains Colgate and Penn State battles Bucknell.

The Big Ten settles down to serious business with Illinois hop-ing to return to the winning side of the ledger against Iowa, Michigan greeting Northwestern and Ohio State playing Wisconsin." In non-conference tiffs, Indiana tests Nebraska, Minnesota bumps into Missouri and Purdue encounters Iowa Pre-Flight. Down under the Mason-Dixon line, Auburn visits Georgia Tech,

Sherhan (80) of North Caro-lina Pre-Flight crashes into a piggy-back tackle by Jenkins of Navy after Sherhan had run 25 yards with a completed pass from Otto Graham. The Mid-dies lost, 21-14.

Draft Board 'Frees' Baugh

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13. - The Washington Redskins heard encouraging news today when Slingin' Sammy Baugh, their brilliant passer, announced that his draft board would permit him to play on weekends.

The former Texas Christian triple-threat star had retired to his Rotan, Texas, ranch after his draft board threatened to take awaw his 2-C classification. Now, however, the board's chairman, Caleb Simmons, has given Baugh the green light to play on Sundays. Baugh said he wouldn't be able

to play this week when the Red-skins tackle Boston because he couldn't get a plane reservation.

Dartmouth Grid Pilot Expects Early Call

HANOVER, N.H., Oct. 13.-Earl Brown, 29-year-old Dartmouth football coach, said tonight he expects to be inducted early next month. The disclosure came as a surprise since he has been direct-ing the physical training program of Navy V-12 trainees stationed

here. Dartmouth plays Notre Dame Saturday and Brown says that's pentier to a group of U.S. Navy the only game he can look for-

Cadets Shoot To Maintain **Clean** Slate

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NEW YORK, Oct. 13.-Two teams considered among the nation's strongest before the season started, but already having tasted defeat, will be fighting to salvage some of their prestige tomorrow when the Middies of Annapolis match touchdowns with Duke.

Coach Oscar Hagberg has a fearsome array of backfield talent at Navy this season, but is lacking experienced linemen. In peppery Hal Hamberg and rugged Bob Jenkins, Navy has two of the nation's outstanding backs, and the Middles are likely to rebound from their defeat by North Carolina Pre-Flight to dump all comers-at least until

On the other hand, the Blue De-vils are only a shadow of last year's Southern championship team. Even Marine trainees on the campus have failed to brighten the picture for Coach Eddie Cameron, and Duke already has fallen before Penn and Chapel Hill Naval.

Unless Clark Shaughnessy's Pitt eleven unveils some new-found weapons tomorrow, the high riding Cadets of West Point will turn in their third consecutive one-sided triumph of the season. The Pan-thers were futile against Notre Dame two weeks ago, and Red Blaik's Army team is considered virtually on a par with the Fighting Irish.

Even if Pitt's T-formation befud-dles the Cadets occasionally, the Panthers still will have to deal with such versatile runners as Tom Lombardo, Glenn Davis, Max Minor, Doug Kenna, Bud Troxell, Bob Chabot and Bobby Dobbs, among others. In other words, there's no backfield famine at the Point this year.



(Here is how today's college football games look to some of the nation's experts):

BY DAN PARKER.—Army over Pitt, Navy over Duke, Yale over Columbia, Notre Dame over Dartmouth, Holy Cross over Villanova, Cornell over Colgate.

SOUTH BY JACK TROY.—Georgia Tech over Auburn, Georgia over Kentucky, Louisiana State over Texas Aggies, Mississippi State over Arkansas. ;

MIDWEST

BY ARCH WARD .- Indiana over Nebraska; Minnesota over Missouri, Michigan over Northwestern, Ohio State over Wisconsin, Purdue over Iowa Pre-Flight, Marquette over Lawrence, Michigan State over Kansas State.

SOUTHWEST BY OSCAR FRALEY.—Texas over Oklahoma, Tulsa over Texas

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FDR Proposes Security - Body FormationNow

WASHINGTON, Oct: 13 (UP) .-President Roosevelt urged yesterday that "solid foundations" of a world peace organization be established "without further delay and without waiting for the end of hostilities."

"There is no time to lose," the President said in a nationally-broadcast Columbus Day address before diplomats of all the Latin-American countries except Argentina, with which the U.S. no longer has formal relations

Mr. Roosevelt's plea followed by three days' publication of a ten-tative blueprint for post-war security drawn up by American, British, Russian and Chinese delegates at the Dumbarton Qaks security conference. The plan called for an organization of all peace-loving na-tions, including a powerful council backed by armed force.

"There must be time for discussion by all peace-loving nations, large and small," the President said "Substantial progress has already been made and it must be con-tinued as rapidly as possible."

In urging peace organization before the war ends, Mr. Roosevelt paved the way for Congressional debate on the issue. Some in Congress have voiced opposition to approving the proposed security or-ganization until terms of the peace treaty are known.

Asks Haven for Jews

NEW YORK, Oct. 13 (UP) .-Coming out for a "free, democratic, Jewish commonwealth in Palestine," Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, GOP Presidential nominee, said today after a conference with Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the executive committee of the National Zionist Emergency Council, that he was for a reconstituted Palestine "in order to give refuge to millions of dis-tressed Jews driven by tyranny from their homes.

396 Jap Planes Are Destroyed

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Marcus Islands, northeast of the Philippines

2-Monday, carrier-based U.S. planes swept the Ryukyu Islands, north of the Philippines and only 200 miles from Japan, blasting 58 ships and destroying 89 planes.

3—Tuesday, unidentified targets on Luzon, in the Philippines, were blasted.

4-Wednesday, American planes raided Formosa, biggest Jap naval base outside of the home islands and only 225 miles north of Luzon. Tokyo Radio said the attacks were still in progress today.

5-During the week American Marines pressed their attacks in the Palaus, due east of the Philip-pines and "stepping stones" to the islands.

6-U.S. planes Sunday made their fifth raid against Balikpapan oil bases in Borneo, west of the Philip-

Ferd the Bull Facing A No Cow, Cow Bogey

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J., Oct. 13.—Ferdinand the Bull and his pals have a bleak future. Test tube cows produce more milk than bossies conceived in the good old way, according to Dr. J. W. Bartlett, head of Rutgers University's dairy department. He said the artificial insemi-

nation system eventually would boost the state's total by 124,-000,000 pounds of milk a year. Ferdinand was not available for comment.

Value of Points Still a Mystery

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (AP) .-Whereas Britain's published demobilization plans allow each Tommy to figure out his discharge standing, American soldiers cannot compute the probable date of their release from the Army because the War Department has not decided on the point value for various types of service, the Army and Navy Journal said today.

In presenting its demobilization plans to Congress Sept. 6, the War Department said discharges would be based on four credit factors; Service, overseas duty, combat and parenthood. However, it was said that no values in credit points would be announced until after Germany's defeat.

Meanwhile, Secretary of War Stimson labeled "absolutely un-true" reports that the War Department would delay partial demobilization in order to ease the job situation at home. Stimson said only two things would delay dis-charges: (1) Military necessity in the war against Japan, and (2) shipping space.

TOP OIL FIELD

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oct. 13. West Edmond Field in central Oklahoma now rates as one of the alltime major oil discoveries in Amer-ica, according to Detan A. McGee, vice-president of Kerlyn Oil Co. With 165 wells producing and more than 600 yet to be drilled, the area will be more than double the size of Oklahoma City Field.

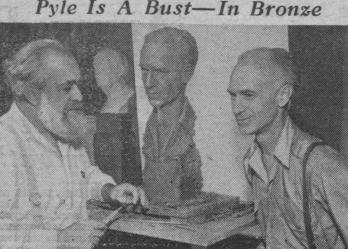
Pocket Booked

Bing 'Captures' Town

Bing then told of his "capture" of a town. "We came to a town and I noticed the name. It was one I'd seen on the war maps that morning as being in German hands I turned to the lieutenant with me and said, Do you know where you are?' He said, 'Nope, I'm afraid I'm lost.' I immediately asked, 'Lieutenant, will you do me a favor and turn this thing (a jeep) around and let's get the hell out of here?'"

They beat a hasty retreat, Crosby said, and that evening he had din-ner with the commanding officer, who asked Crosby where he'd been

Bing also said that there was very little talk about the election among soldiers in France. Asked who the GIs' favorite entertainer was, he smiled wryly and said, "Bob



Two years of sweating it out with GI Joe in Sicily, Africa and Normandy didn't end the tribulations of Ernie Pyle, famous war correspondent, who recently said goodbye for a while to writing. Now he's sweating out a sculpture by Jo Davidson, New York—and seems to be taking it pretty well, at that.

U.S. Complacency Worries West Front Troops-Crosby

NEW YORK, Oct. 13 (INS) .- American soldiers on the Western Front are worried about complacency on the home front, Bing Crosby asserted today.

Drive in Italy

ROME, Oct. 13.-British Eighth

Army troops broke a ten-day dead-

lock in their advance to the edge of

the Po River valley today to roll back the Germans' Adriatic flank

on a broad front as Fifth U.S. Army units attacked behind a

blazing aerial barrage and fought

furiously to break Nazi defenses

The Eighth Army swung ahead in a general offensive which gained

ground everywhere except along a

narrow Adriatic coastal strip. Oia

the Fifth Army front, German resistance stiffened in some sectors but U.S. forces partly flanked the town of Livergnano, ten miles

NO-GLARE TARGETS

SOUTHBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 13.

-More accurate gunfire has been

made possible by a new method of

reducing the light glare in glass

lenses and prisms, it was announced

HavocGroupTakesOn

Friday 13th, Licks It

A NINTH AIR FORCE BOMBER BASE, FRANCE, Oct.

13.-Friday the 13th, traditional

bad-luck day, worked in reverse

today when the Havoc bomb

group commanded by Col. Tho-

mas R. Ford bombed a railroad

bridge at Venlo, a first-priority

target requested by the ground

The first A20 took off at 0913;

south of Bologna.

south of Bologna.

today.

forces.

Returning from a 6 1/2-week tour of the front during which he "captured" for two minutes a German-held town, Crosby 8th Opens New

said "There was one question that soldiers everywhere asked me, Do people back home think the war is won?' They're concerned by the complacent attitude they find in the newspapers and they don't like post-war discussions-they want the people to think about winning the war, not what they'll do after it is won.

Crosby, pipe in hand, had words of highest praise for the men at the front. "The closer you get to the front. The closer you get to the front, the higher the morale," he said. "They're cleaner shaven, their clothes are cleaner, they're more precise, and their salutes really snap. The sight of a familiar face is enough to send morale soaring at the front-it's in the rear lines and evacuation hospitals where entertainment is really needed."

during the day. "I told him," Crosby said, "and he said, "That's in German hands.' We had it for two minutes, I told him."

Orders More Machinery for Farms in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—Presi-dent Roosevelt directed WPB Chairman J. A. Krug today to step up production of farm machinery so the U.S. may continue its record food production into the post-war period.

"War-time experience has demon-strated that a fully-employed America will consume food in quantities substantially in excess of the pre-war period," the President told Krug.

He said the U.S. would export vast amounts of food after the war, both through UNRRA for liberated countries and through commercial channels of foreign trade. The farm-machinery problem, he added, already was well in hand, with substantial increases in production because of the war emergency. However, he pointed out, many agricultural implements have become scarce and obsolete and some have simply worn out.

COOLING 'EM OFF

DALLAS, Tex., Oct. 13.-Sundayschool attendance is on the upgrade in Dallas as the result of a decision by Fire Marshal B. C. Hilton. Faced with a wave of fires started by juveniles, he sentenced offenders to attend Sunday school every week for three months and write him weekly letters on the classes.

LET'S GIVE 'EM FAGS

LAWRENCE, Kan., Oct. 13.-The U.S. cigarette shortage has caused feminine smokers to turn to pipes. A clerk in a Lawrence drug store reports that she sold a whole card of two-bit corn-cob pipes to women this week. And another clerk said that three U. of Kansas co-eds bought pipes when they were un-able to purchase cigarettes.

Aachen Attack Is Stepped Up

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toward the Meuse from the east flank of the Second Army's Dutch salient. Five miles west of the Meuse, the British occupied Overloon, only ten miles from the German frontier.

For the sixth straight day on the U.S. Third Army front, house-tohouse fighting raged in Mazieres-les-Metz, one-third of which still was held by the Germans. At Fort Driant, where Americans both above and below ground occupied the bastion's southwest corner, the situation was unchanged.

Aachen, at close range, looks like a hulk of ruins, Don Whitehead, Associated Press correspondent, re-ported. He said that although there were many buildings in the docened aity intact it had fakan doomed city intact, it had taken a terrible beating and fires were blazing in many sectors.

Prisoners taken in the early hours of the attack reported that 65 German tanks had been knocked out Thursday by the combined air and



