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Saturday, Oct. 28, 1944

## **Toll Rises** For Routed Fleet

By Frank L. Tremaine United Press War Correspondent,

PEARL HARBOR, Oct. 27.-American warships and carrier planes blasted the remnants of Japan's fleet fleeing the Philippine waters today and indications were that the final toll of enemy warships sunk or damaged in the terrific sea battle may exceed 40.

At least 34 Japanese warships, including ten battleships and three carriers, already are known to have been sunk or damaged, an estimated two-thirds to three-quarters of the three enemy naval forces which challenged the U.S. Third and Seventh Fleets.

(In addition to the light carrier Princeton, the U.S. lost two escort carriers which have not been named, two destroyers and one de-stroyer escort sunk, the Navy Department announced.)

Opens Door to Tokyo

The stunning blow was believed to have knocked out, at least temporarily, almost all Japan's available battleships and carriers, leaving the door to China and even Japan's home islands wide open to U.S. naval forces. Observers freely predicted that the victory would speed the liberation of the Philippines, accelerate plans for seizing bases on the China coast and pave the way for future blows against the Japanese homeland, including Tokyo.

(Vice Adm. Thomas Kinkaid, commander of the Seventh Fleet, was quoted by Reuter as saying that the action was "a complete naval victory of great importance" and that "it has brought us that much closer to the end of the war.' In Washington, Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal com-mented that the battle "constitutes an Allied victory, but we too have lost ships and had others dam-

#### Still Large, Says Forrestal

(Forrestal remarked that "the enemy still has a sizeable fleet" and that "as we know from our own experience, crippled vessels may be able to limp to port to undergo repairs and come out and fight again. Therefore, although the temporary damage which we have inflicted upon the Japanese navy is heavy, they may be able eventually to repair part of that damage.)

Gen. MacArthur reported that U.S. planes were keeping the retreating Japanese under "continual attack" and announced the damaging of an additional enemy cruiser but gave no details. Adm. Chester w Nimitz's headquarters has been silent on the battle since yesterday. Gen. Stilwell announced, ing to Reuter, that 14th Air Force Liberators struck remnants of the fleeing task force in the South China Sea, severely damaging a transport, a freighter and a tanker. His communiqué said that 880 tons of shipping was probably sunk and 1,200 tons damaged.)

#### 23 Battleships Operate With Fleet, Navy Says

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (ANS) -Twenty-three battleships now are operating with the U.S. fleet, at least 17 of them in the Pacific, the Navy Department disclosed today in a Navy Day statement. It also reported that two new supercruisers, the Alaska and Guam, are in commission.

The first known fight between a battleship and tanks also was reat Montmartin-en-Graigues in support of the Normandy landings.

#### Hedy La-Ma

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Hedy Lamarr returned to Hollywood yesterday from a twoweek vacation at Big Bear Lake, Cal,, with her actor-husband, John Loder, and jubilantly told reporters that she now is expecting a baby-about the middle of next June, she said.

## Yanks Carve 40-Mile Front In Leyte Push

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HQ., Leyte, Oct. 27 (AP).-Fast-moving American doughboys surged deeper in-land on Leyte Island today to free 15 additional towns and have now carved out a 40-mile-long invasion

The advance continued despite increased Japanese resistance west of Palo in the north central sector and a counter-attack which was repulsed. MacArthur's men now control Leyte's entire eastern coast.

## Ninth Snarls **Nazi Transport**

NINTH AIR FORCE HQ., France, Oct. 27.—Railroad lines were cut in 41 places west of the Rhine yesterday by fighter-bombers of the Ninth Air Force.

The Thunderbolts and Lightnings flew almost 500 sorties in support of the U.S. First and Third Armies and the Sixth Army Group in the areas of Metz, Kaiserslautern, Co-

blenz, Belfort and Mulhausen. In addition to the destruction of a railroad bridge at Rheinbach, a communications center 20 miles south of Cologne, the fighter-bombag included 15 locomotives disabled, 20 railroad cars destroyed or damaged, four buildings bombed, five bridges destroyed or damaged and three motor trucks knocked out.

## Holland Invaders Press On

## **New Landing** Took Foe by Surprise

British Tommies who crossed the Scheldt River estuary early Thursday morning and invaded the Dutch north shore about 50 miles west of Antwerp advanced a mile inland last night. On the mainland, the Germans, pushed back in Tilburg and and at other points in Western Holland, were trying to retreat across the River Maas.

The waterborne invasion by British troops of the First Canadian Army, which SHAEF confirmed yesterday, landed in misty darkness on the Beveland Peninsula which juts out into the English Channel to form the north shore of the Scheldt estuary.

11 000 Nazis in Trap

German radio said that the landing had been smashed, but Allied field dispatches said the German garrison was so befuddled by the assault that the invaders were able to take seven miles of beach and climb over a 20-foot coastal dyke before the enemy woke up to what was happening.

Isolated on the peninsula and adjoining islands, 11,000 Germans defending the coast and field artillery guns which blockade Antwerp were penned between invaders and Canadians advancing down the peninsula from the

(Continued on Page 4)

#### **Meredith Will Portray** Ernie Pyle Role in Film

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 27.—Burgess Meredith has been placed on in-active duty by the Army, in which he is a captain, and will play the role of Ernie Pyle in the movie "GI Joe," Producer Lester Cowan announced today. The film will be based on Pyle's book, "Here Is

Meredith, stage and screen star, entered the Army as a private in February 1942, and after a series of promotions was assigned to the ETO where he wrote, produced and acted in two training films.

Big Allied Blows to Open

'Last Lap,' Says Churchill;

Prime Minister Churchill told the House of Commons yesterday that fiercer battles are ahead this winter.

## Allies in West Hold 3-1 Edge In Manpower

SHAEF, Oct. 27 (UP).—Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt, German commander-in-chief in the West, has less than 500,000 troops facing Gen. Eisenhower's forces along a 600-mile front, it was estimated to-

This gives the Allies well over a 3-to-1 combat superiority on the basis of Prime Minister Churchill's recent estimate that there are 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 Allied military personnel in the West, of which more than half are combat troops.

The German manpower shortage is so severe it is expected new Volksturm (home guard) units—already in action in East Prussta-will soon appear on the Western front wearing civilian clothes and the official Peoples Army arm band, instead of uniforms.

40,000 Nazi Casualties Daily

Germany has been suffering an average of 4,000 casualties daily since D-Day and the need for re inforcements is so desperate that units, including patchwork

A most reliable indication of the German manpower situation is seen in the fact that a division captured at Aachen had been activated only six weeks before.

Germany's present desperate manpower and armor shortage is due to body blows which have destroyed 36 divisions and led to the capture of about 625,000 prisoners since Dtary personnel, it was pointed out: day. Even during the comparative 1.—English-speaking Aliens are lull in the West, the Allies cap-Iull in the West, the Allies cap-tured 106,000 prisoners.

The individual German soldier 2.—Persons who profess not to is still fighting doggedly despite a shortage of artillery, tanks and air support and his morale is considered good.

Recheck Soldier Ballots

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (ANS) .-The War Ballot Commission sent to state authorities yesterday the formula for a secret test to determine whether soldier votes on federal ballots are genuine. Genuine ballot blanks, the commission explained, were printed on special paper which reacts to the secret

## Sees Final Phase Big 3 in Full Accord, He **Declares**

LONDON, Oct. 27.-Prime Minister Churchill told the House of Commons today that 'the present stage of the war is dour and hard and fighting must be expected on all fronts to increase in scale and in-

"We believe that we are on the last lap," he said, "but this is a race in which failure to exert the fullest effort to the end may protract that end to a period almost unendurable to those who have the race in their hands after struggling so far.

"The enemy has two hopes. The first is that by lengthening the struggle he may wear down our resolution. The second and more important hope is that division will arise among the three great powers (U.S., Britain and Russia) by whom he is assailed and whose continued union spells his doom."

Allied Unity Assured

But, reporting good results from his recent Moscow conference with Marshal Stalin following his Quebec talks with President Roosevelt, Churchill declared: "Let all hope die in German breasts that there will be the slightest division or weakening among the forces that are crowding in upon them and will crush the life out of their resistance.

While he expressed himself as "highly satisfied" with the results achieved at Moscow, Churchill added that "no final result" could be obtained until the heads of all three governments met again, which he "earnestly trusted" they might do before the end of the year. The Prime Minister was "very

glad to inform the House that our relations with Soviet Russia were never more intimate and cordial than they are at the present time."

"Upon the tangled questions of the Balkans, where there are Black Sea interests and Mediterranean interests to be considered," he said, 'we were able to reach complete agreement and I do not feel that there is any immediate danger of new units, including patched soldiers from all services as well as Volksturmers, are getting only the minimum training before being the minimum training before being before being below the minimum training before being below to be a second t the Balkans in Hungary.

"We have reached a very working agreement about all these countries singly and in combination with the object of concentrating all their efforts and concerting them with our efforts against the common foe."

#### Spaatz Plinks Guitar While Astaire Hoofs

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 27.-Dancer Fred Astaire, returning from a two-month USO tour of the Western Front, yesterday reported that Gen. Eisenhower's star entertainer at a dinner party was "a soldier named Carl Spaatz (the lieutenant general commanding USSTAF).

"Spaatz came out with a guitar tucked under his arm and proceeded to give out with some licks," Astaire said. "That guy had rhythm on his encore. I danced and he plinked. What

## Army Warns of Increase In German Spy Activity

increase in enemy espionage acti-vity, a headquarters spokesman said yesterday that the need for tight security now is greater than it was during the first days of the

continental campaign.
With the West Front now comparatively stable and Allied suspicions lulled somewhat, the Germans, it was pointed out, have had time to reorganize their intricate spy system, badly disrupted by the speed of the through France. the Allied advance

Now, it was emphasized, is the logical time for enemy intelligence to accelerate its espionage campaign and co-ordinate the activities vealed in the same statement. The of the variety of Gestapo members, Arkansas fired on German tanks soldiers in civilian dress, paid in-at Montmartin-en-Graigues in supists behind the Allied lines.

Warning soldiers of an expected | In an elaboration of security orders which already have been brought to the attention of all mili-

necessarily friendly to the Allies

speak English may understand it. 3.—Information which seems trivial to the soldier may be of immense military importance to the enemy when correlated with other known facts.

The spokesman pointed out that a greater part of the civilian help formerly employed by the Germans now are working for the U.S. Army in billets, messes and other installations. Discussion of military affairs in such places, he warned, or in bars, recreation centers and other public places is prohibited.

#### One Strike, Two Out

During the Brest campaign, Pvt. Tinsley Landrum, an Eighth Infantry Division rifleman and a pretty fair baseball player in his Apalade, Ga., home town, caught and threw back a Jerry "potato masher" grenade with good effect. In the same attack another potato masher knocked his rifle

under guard in a dry creek bed

When three German half tracks,

not seeing the German guards,

opened fire, killing one American

and wounding another, Wilderman

dashed across a field, shouting in

German that the men were pri-

Then he talked two of the guards

into escaping with him, and led them across an open field in short

rushes, through heavy fire. He re-

turned to the creek bed, wounded

in head and legs. He explained to the other Americans the route of escape, then talked 150 Germans

into surrendering. He led the en-tire group back across the lines

again, still under heavy fire, to complete his self-assigned mission. Pvt. Wilderman has been awarded

Forced to crash-land his P47 on a hillside after it had been

shot up by flak over enemy ter-

ritory, 1/Lt. Ike Dorsey, of Ope-

lika, Ala., scrambled for a clump of bushes, not sure which side of the line he was on. In a

moment he knew. An armored car bearing a two-starred red placard drove by and Opelika jumped aboard. He was whisked to safety. Maj. Gen. Lindsay McDonald Silvester, commander of the Seventh Armored Division, was the front-touring brass.

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Under Cover

the Silver Star.

Stars Save Bars

not far from the front lines.

out of his hands and destroyed the piece. Landrum picked up a German rifle from among several nearby-just in time to pick off two Nazis who were sniping at him. After the battle he examined the other German rifles. The one he had snatched was the only one of the bunch that was loaded.

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Bennie Sent Me S/Sgt. Ben Gribble, 28th Infantryman from Jermyn, Pa., one of the first men to enter a Siegfried Line pillbox after the enemy fled, found several cases of hand grenades, potato-masher type, abandoned there. For the past few weeks the sergeant has been returning them to their rightful owners.

#### Switch to Toyland

During a shelling the First Division was taking in Germany, Pfc Alfred J. Byess, of North Charle-ston, S.C., took off across a field which was under fire, approached his CO, Capt. Kimball R. Rich-mond, of Windsor, Vt., and asked for permission to draw a battery.

After the German barrage had stopped, Richmond walked across



the field over which Byess had returned to see what the urgent need for the battery had been.

In the middle of the floor of a battered French house less than 400 yards from German lines, Capt. Richmond found Byess sitting at the switch of an electric train. The engine was careening around a curve in the toy tracks surrounding the jeep driver when the captain came in.

#### · Praise for 4th Armored

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The Fourth Armored division has been commended for meeting "its assigned tasks with the greatest distinction" in a letter written to Maj. Gen. John S. Wood, division commander, by Maj. Gen. Manton E. Eddy, commanding the XII Corps.

The commendation says, in part: "Since the beginning of your historic drive through Orléans to the east, the Fourth Armored division has met its assigned tasks with the greatest. distinction. The manner in which it seized successfully the towns of Sens, Troyes, Vitry-le-François and Commercy, and assisted in the capture of Montargis and Châlons-sur-Marne, was conspicuous evidence of its courage, its high state of combat efficiency and the aggressive spirit of its leaders.
"I congratulate the Fourth

'Armored division on its past-I wish it Godspeed and an early victory in the future."

#### \* Silver Star Story

## Pvt. Helmut Hans Wilderman, of

New York and the 80th Division, was captured by the Germans and, with 30 other Americans, was placed

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## Week of War on World's Fronts









A week of war in the ETO ended with Allied armies hacking their way deeper into Holland and Belgium. In the Pacific, the toll of Jap warships is expected to exceed 40 following the fierce clash with the U.S. Navy. Red armies drove into East Prussia towards Insterburg to threaten the great seaport of Koenigsberg. On the Finnish front, Russians crossed the Norwegian border to seize Kirkenes, chief German escape port on the Barents Sea. In Italy, Allied troops inched closer to Bologna.

## In the last stages of the Brittany

campaign, Eighth Infantry Division doughboys captured two high Wehrmacht officers. In the jeep taking them to a PW enclosure rode Maj. Louis S. Sohn, of Atlanta, division provost marshal. One of the captives spoke excellent English and he engaged Sohn in conversation on a variety of subjects, among them literature. And he made the surprising statement that he was particularly fond of the works of Thomas Wolfe, novelist, and George Santayana, philosopher, which are barred from Nazi libraries. "You read their books?" Sohn

asked unbelievingly.

"Oh yes," was the reply. "I have read them all I slip a cover of 'Mein Kampf' over the book when

HUBERT

## he B Bag Blow It Out Here

#### Training

All our men have been under shell and small arms fire off and on since being in France. That's OK. This is not: Our Bn. Commander seems to think we should have close order drill and learn how to apply bandages, something we have been doing a good job of under fire for months and for

by SGT. DICK WINGERT

which we have been commended! Now, there seems a lull in the fighting, and we could be really resting and writing home more than ever .- Pvt. H. S.

## Tank Missions

Well, here is just a few words for us tankers.

The Air Corps has a system where their men get medals and citations and such. The records of our Tank Battalion will show countless battles and deeds of heroism and so many new faces that one can always say, "Who's that???," at any chow line.

Now how about the tankers that go out in each battle and come back. Couldn't so many missions count up for them like the Air Corps?—S/Sgt. D. T. Mejo.

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#### \* Right Perspective

In the S & S of October 9 I read on page one that gains were made by the U.S. forces to the extent of six miles in depth on a 20-mile front. Turning to the last page I read that our allies, the Russians, in a breakthrough in Lithuania advanced on a 175-mile front as far as 62 miles in four days.

Without lessening the credit for our own Army or our gains, don't you really believe that the Russian gains should have made page two? (Page one!-Ed.)

#### \* \* Shore Patrol!

Wingert

"Pappy!

We hope the jerks that wrote the statement in your Oct. 13 issue headed "Lowering the Boom" will read this-if they can read. Two to one these sailors are nothing but a few boots that just came over and are stationed in England.

We've lived with these soldiers who have done the bitching. You boots can bet your sweet life that these guys have the right to bitch. A. F. Sniegoski, BM2c., and three

Once upon a time there was a first sergeant who gave blood for a blood transfusion. An hour later, the fellow who got the blood was found frozen to death. Could be, could be.

GIs of one outfit in France have added a classy ex-Nazi vehicle to their motor pool. It's a Lincoln



Zephyr reportedly used at one time by Rommel. The boys have disinfected and deloused it thoroughly.

Revised Daffynition. A "Fox" is French.

Fun on the Home Front: Two women were chatting. Asked one, "How do you manage to get your husband



nights?" "It's easy, dearie," replied the other, "He came home unexpectedly early one evening, so I ealled, 'Is that you, Jack?'—and his name's Bob."

Overheard at a beachhead. "Yeah, this is a fine up-to-date camp area-complete with all the modern inconveniences."

Note to London taxi-drivers: Pedestrians should be seen and not hurt.

J. C. W.

## Once Over Lightly

By Charlie Kiley -NEW YORK, Oct 27.—Whether it's a soldier like Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges, who came up through the ranks of enlisted men, or a football coach like Notre Dame's Ed McKeever, who went to college on a freight train with 35 cents in

his pocket, there always is an interesting story behind the career of a self-made man.

McKeever, who says he is bossing the Irish gridders on "a rain check," is a wartime replacement for Frank Leahy at South Bend. He also is the personable young man of whom people are asking: "Who's this Mc-Keever guy anyway?"

BACK in 1931, McKeever showed D up at Notre Dame because he idolized Knute Rockne, but Rock didn't live to have McKeever play for him and the young Texan didn't stay at South Bend long enough to play for anybody else. He left Notre Dame after his freshman year, with only some change in his pockets and the agility to hop a box car back to the Lone Star State, where he enrolled in Texas

Pete Cawthon, presently coaching the Brooklyn Tigers, was grid mentor at Tech then and made it possible for McKeever to live in a small room in the gym. For three years, Mac sparked Tech to 30 victories in 35 games from his right halfback position; when he was graduated, Ed became one of Cawthon's assistants.

McKeever's connection with Leahy was born during one of Cawthon's coaching clinics at Lubbock, Texas. They hit it off so well that Cawthon was the least surprised when Boston College called Leahy, and Leahy called McKeever. It was the perfect combination—Leahy, molder of Fordham's "Seven Blocks of Granite," and McKeever, brilliant tutor of backs. Later, when ND beckoned Leahy back to his alma mater, Boston College offered the head coach's job to McKeever, but Ed turned down the portfolio to follow "the

MCKEEVER'S ability to sell a bill of goods probably dates back to the time he was 14, when his mother died and his father was an invalid. To keep the home fires burning, Ed sold—of all things— rattlesnake skins. He says it was the most lucrative job he ever had since the only expense was ten cents now and then for salt to cure the skins.

It is felt here the Irish's murderous schedule is going to catch up

Still it may be wise to follow the gamblers' long-standing watchword: "Never bet against Joe Louis, the Yankees or Notre Dame."

#### Help Wanted -AND GIVEN

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

FOUND

WALLET belonging to Cpl. Thomas E. McDonald. Maj. Chas. W. Matthews. WALLET initials E. D. P. on "Red Ball" near Tropper. Capt. Leo S. Kigin

SERVICE RECORDS which are floating around France. I can't make an allotment for my wife and baby who can use the money very much. Pfc G. Carey, 33349784.

CAMERA left in jeep (driven by colored driver) on Friday, Oct. 13, in front of Brittany Base Section. Reward, Capt. J. P. Donnelly.

WALLET somewhere in Holland, It con-W tains the only picture I have of my mother who died 4 years ago. Pfc M. F. Pottle.

#### Sorry We Goofed Up A Bit on Li'l Abner

"Transposition". . . to change about, putting one in the place Webster could of the other. get away with it, but not Pvt. Bert Marsh, Issaquah, Wash., S & S staffer who did that to Li'l Abner this week. Friday, Oct. 27, was changed with Thursday, Oct. 26. Jumped on and forced to confess his sin, Marsh wept, said he was thinking about Issaquah, Wash. (Li'l Abner and Daisy Mae are back in order now.)



## Eagles Risk Eastern Lead **Against Giants Tomorrow**

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—Now that the burly Green Bay Packers have virtually sewed up the western title by outlasting the Cleveland Rams, 30-21, the National Football League spotlight will shift to the east Sunday when the front-

Cooper Best,

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 27.—When

Connie Mack, the grand old man of baseball, speaks his mind, base-

ball students usually pay close at-

when Connie

talks about

catchers, he de-

finitely knows

his business be-

cause he spent

his younger days

behind the plate,

then later had

a gent named Mickey Coch-

rane, one of the

best, on his pay-

Connie point-

roll.

ed to the neighboring National Lea-

gue for today's "lesson." He named

Walker Cooper, the sturdy Cardinal

catcher, as the best receiver on the active list, and added that Walker,

plus his brother Mort, form the best brother-battery of all-time.

The sage ol' gent refused, how

ever, to compare Walker Cooper

with Cochrane, Connie's choice for

Hoss of the Osage, has signed a

contract to manage the San Diego

Padres of the Pacific Coast League,

Salary terms were not divulged,

and it was not announced whether

Martin would play or merely master-

THAR HAINT ROOM IN THIS COMMOONITY FO' TWO HOOMIN BEANS AS POW'FUL AS AH 15 F.P

AH IS!

WHAREVAH YO' IS-HYAR AH COMES !!

it was announced today.

mind from the bench.

Pepper Martin Signs

Walker Cooper

all-time-everything.

running Philadelphia Eagles invade

It's quite likely that the eastern scramble will be decided at the Connie Says Polo Grounds when the Eagles, who haven't had a single pass intercepted by the opposition this year, run up against the league's best ball-swipers.

THE STARS AND STRIPES

Each club had an easy time last week as the Giants blanked the Pitt-Cards, 23-0, and the Eagles administered the fourth straight de-

feat to the Boston Yanks.
With the Redskins' Slingin' Sammy Baugh and Frankie Filchock operating as usual, several records will be jeopardized when the Pitt-Cards storm into Washington.

Sammy's seven completions in 15 tries against the Brooklyn Tigers was nothing compared to Filchock's 15 in 26. Filchock has connected for 50 passes in three games, and he's aiming at Cecil Isbell's alltime league mark of 146 comple-tions in 1942. Filchock has seven games to go, which means he is ahead of Isbell's pace.

In other games Sunday, Frankle Sinkwich and his Detroit Lions will entertain the Packers; the Rams

## By Pap Irish Confront Illini In Today's Top Game

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—To Ray Eliot's scatback youngsters from Illinois tomorrow befalls the task of trying to detour Notre Dame's championship-bound eleven, while eastern attention will be focused on Yankee Stadium, where the

undefeated Cadets of West Point will risk their slate against unpre-

dictable Duke.

Last year, when the Irish had everything and Eliot was plugging along with a squad of nobodys, Notre Dame turned in a painful 47-0 victory. And although the Illini again are underdogs, Eliot has a lightning offense that certainly will at least harass the Irish.

In Claude "Buddy" Young, fleet Negro sprint champion, the Illini have the Big Ten's leading scorer. Young has romped to ten touchdowns, including five in his team's conference engagements with Indiana, Purdue and Iowa, and when he carries the ball the defense has a hectic time catching up with him.

#### Duke May Surprise

Idle last Saturday, the Blue Devils of Duke had time to think about their tough-luck record to date and plan a comeback against Army. After thumping Richmond, 61-7, the Devils Lowed to Penn, 18-7; fell before North Carolina Pre-Flight, 13-6, and stumbled against Navy,

Although none of those setbacks has been decisive enough to mark Duke as a have-not, it isn't likely that the winless pattern will be changed tomorrow. Led by Glenn Davis and a formidable array of cohorts, the Cadets have plowed through North Carolina, Brown, Pittsburgh and Coast Guard Academy, trouncing all by overwhelming margins.

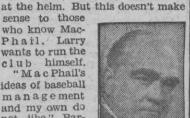
Navy, beaten twice after being considered one of the country's foremost squads, bounces back from last week's defeat by Georgia Tech to encounter Penn, while the Army-Duke affair will share New York fans with the CCNY-NYU tilt.

#### **Bucks Oppose Gophers**

In the Midwest, unbeaten Ohio State entertains Minnesota, Great Lakes ventures to Wisconsin, Tulsa plays host to the Oklahoma Aggies and Texas Christian faces Oklahoma in a nocturnal contest.

Down in Dixie, two games tonight share the spotlight. Undefeated Georgia Tech draws a fearsome op-ponent in Georgia Pre-Flight and Georgia meets Louisiana State. Southern Methodist at Tulane fea-

tures tomorrow's docket.
Texas journeys to Rice and Texas A & M plays North Texas Aggies, while California opposes Washington and Southern California faces



Ed Barrow

tation at Georgetown, S.C.
"I am the only legal surviving trustee of the New York club," Barrow continued, "and in a position to stop the sale to any man I don't want as the new owner. I am not sympathetic toward MacPhail's effort to buy the Yankees

Barrow KOs

MacPhail's

Yankee Bid

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. - The

Yankees are still on the market—but not as far as Lt. Col. Larry

MacPhail is concerned—President

Ed Barrow made plain today in an

interview with Dan Daniel of the New York World Telegram.

MacPhail has written several letters to Barrow recently, but has

not been given any answer. Larry

assured Brother Ed that if the syn-

dicate of MacPhail, Dan Topping

and John Hertz obtained control

of the club, Barrow would remain

sense to those

who know Mac-Phail. Larry wants to run the

club himself.
"MacPhail's

ideas of baseball

management

and my own do

not jibe," Bar-

row said before

he left for a va-

cation on Tom

Yawkey's plan-

"I have given a lifetime of years and effort to the New York club, I think I have built something and I think I should be allowed to pick the sort of owner I want."

Barrow explained that while the Yanks were still for sale they no longer had to be sold. The 1944 season, with 780,995 paid admissions at home and 891,636 on the road, netted a profit, which satisfied the stockholders who last year were clamoring to get out.

MacPhail-realizes it would be a great opportunity to buy the Yankees, and for a few hours he was confident of negotiating the In fact, he stopped off at Ebbets Field, where he once was boss, and offered jobs to his old St. Mary's subordinates.

That, however, was before Barrow spoke his mind. It's a good thing none accepted MacPhail's ofwill visit the Bears, and the Tigers | fer because a job in Brooklyn is will play the Yanks in Brooklyn. | fer because a job in Brooklyn is better than no job at all.

## East, Midwest Lag at Gate

petition factor that is keeping col- last year. To Manage San Diego lege football alive during the war Coast, South and Southwestern SAN DIEGO, Oct. 27. - John increased pace over last year in 'Pepper" Martin, the famed Wild every section of the country except the east and midwest, a United Press survey of major schools today revealed.

A check of attendances of 39 key schools throughout the nation disclosed that their games thus far have attracted 1,799,996 cash cus-

WAL- FRY MAN MIDE! -IT'S
TH'SOLID LEAD STATCHOO O' OLE
GEN'RAL JUBILEE P. CORNCOB.
IT MUSTA TOPPLED OFF TH'
MOUNTING WHICH WERE TH'
SCENE O' HIS GREATEST
TRIUMPH-"CORNCOB'S DISASTER

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—The com- | tomers, an increase of 66,251 over

The Rocky Mountain, Pacific also is turning the turnstiles at an areas all showed gains, with the Rockies making the biggest percentage of increase and the South the largest actual number of additional fans.

The biggest decline was noted in the midwest, which is attributed to gasoline rationing, while the east has been doing business for the entertainment of only slightly less people than in '43.

## **Pep Decisions Jack Leamus**

MONTREAL, Oct. 27.—Willie Pep, currently trying to get a match with Juan Zurita, NBA lightweight ruler, further cemented his hold on the featherweight throne-New York-Pennsylvania-Connecticut version—here last night.

The veteran puncher rapped out a decision over Jackie Leamus. Baltimore Negro, in a ten-round non-

Pep's showing, however, failed to change the mind of Abe Greene, NBA president. "Pep is good," Greene said, "but from where I sit, Zurita still has to polish off the lightweights before starting on the featherweights."

Li'l Abner

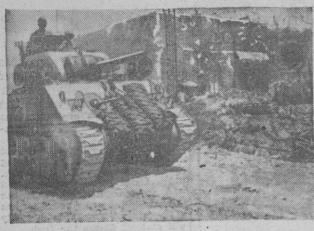
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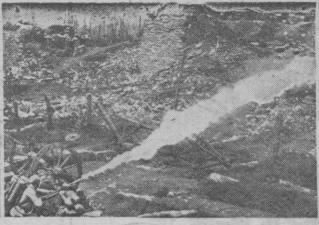


By Al Capp



## Same Kind of War Across the World—But Sunnier Skies







For U.S. troops on both sides of the world, it's the same kind of tough, pillbox-pounding, blockhouse-busting war. But while the skies are wintry and cold over the 500-mile western front, the sun shines in the summery Central Pacific and on the mainland of Southern China where Marines and infantry are cracking Japanese-style pillboxes. A U.S. Sherman tank (left) rumbles past the remains of a Japanese blockhouse perforated by guns of the First Marine Division ouring fighting on Peleliu Island in the Central Pacific. In China (center) a Chinese soldier trained by the U.S. assaults a Japanese pillbox with a flame thrower outside of the Japanese bastion of Tengchung. Marines wounded in the fierce battling on Peleliu (right) are given first aid treatment by medics close to the beach.

**News from Home** 

## U.S. to Build **MerchantShips** On Bold Scale

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (ANS) .-Under Presidential direction, the Maritime Commission went to work today on a "bold and daring" building program aimed at keeping this country at the forefront of post-war passenger and cargo shipping.

Chairman Emory S. Land of the commission announced the call for an expanded merchant marine plan after a conference with President Roosevelt and Henry J. Kaiser, shipbuilder. Land said the President told him: "We must not let our merchant marine become static in design and we must build our advance models as soon as shipyard space and manpower are available."

Land said the building program when blueprinted will be undertaken on a competitive bid basis. After the ships are completed they will be sold to private operators. He declared that this country especially needs modern, comfortable, low cost passenger ships

Kaiser said the building program would be sufficient to keep his yards operating should he be the successful bidder but that it would not support his present number of

Jap Gets Major's Leaf ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 27.-John Aiso, 36-year-old Japanese-American, was made a major today at Fort Snelling, becoming the highest ranking nisei in the U.S. Army. Aiso, a Harvard Law School graduate, enlisted in the Army three years ago. He now is attached to the language school at Fort

Air Freight Service

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Oct. 27.-American Arlines will begin an air freight pickup service at Adams Field, shipping air freight on regular passenger planes. Arbin D. Southern regional vicepresident of the company, said Little Rock would become an important air-freight distribution center after the war.

Cincinnati Fire Kills 7

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CINCINNATI, Oct. 27 (ANS). Seven persons were killed and 11 injured in a fire which swept the Cincinnati Pencil Co. in the heart of the downtown section today. Firemen estimated the loss at more

GI's Siamese Twins Die PAINTSVILLE, Ky., Oct. 27. (ANS).—Siamese twin girls who lived only a half hour were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dora McKenzie on Oct. 13, their physician revealed today. The father, a soldier, was home on furlough at the time. babies were joined at the chest.

Oil Heat Coming Back WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (ANS). Householders in the East and Midtle West who converted from oil to coal heating may return to oil heating Nov. 1, although rationing of fuel oil will continue, the gov-

ernment announced today.

#### Memo to Cpl. Plum: Drop Folks a Line

Memo to Cpl. George C. Plum, MP. from Corryville, Ohio, somewhere in the ETO:

Your parents haven't heard from you since the invasion started, and have had no word from the War Department that would indicate you were a casualty or a prisoner. Yours was the only vacant chair at a party to celebrate your parents' 31st wedding anniversary. Why don't you drop them a line, they're

## **Nazis Reported** Moving Plants

The mysterious night floodlightof four Rhineland cities in violation of normal blackout practice prompted speculation yesterday that the Germans either are dismembering their industries and moving them eastward, or that the need for supplies has become so urgent that the Nazis are disregard-ing the threat of night raids. Ninth Air Force pilots have re-

ported street light illumination outside factories at Cologne, Neuss and other cities each night for the past three weeks.

A United Press dispatch from Supreme Allied headquarters reported the floodlighting "leads to the most common unofficial speculation that Germany's industrial heart is being broken up." Reuter's attributed the lights to the necessity of maintaining a constant flow of supplies.

#### **Thunderbolts Now Bear** 2,500-Lb. Bomb Load

NINTH AF HQ.—Thunderbolt fighter-bombers now go into action with 2,500 pounds of bombs, it was announced yesterday. The new bomb load is achieved by carrying a halfton bomb under each wing, and a 500-pounder slung under the fu-

Princess Beatrice Dies LONDON, Oct. 27 (Reuter) .-

Princess Beatrice, 87, died in her sleep early yesterday. She had been in failing health for some time. The princess was a daughter of Queen Victoria, the wife of the late Prince Henry of Battenberg, and the mother of former Queen Victoria Eugenie of Spain, who flew here from Switzerland to be at her bedside.

## No 'V' Signs in Malmedy—Reds Repulse Yanks Are Hated Conquerors Tank Assaults

By Jimmy Cannon Stars and Stripes Staff Writer GERMAN - BELGIUM FRON-TIER, Oct. 27.-You don't have to read the sign-posts on the truckfurrowed roads to know you have crossed into the disputed province of Malmedy. The people look away from you as you go through their towns. The children run from the filthy barnyards into the house as you approach. The farmers in the field never pause in their plowing to give you the two-fingered V sign you get in France and the rest of Belgium. There are no Belgian flags flying except those on the White Army buildings.

This may be Belgium on the map of the free world, but in the hearts of most of these people it is still Germany. The Treaty of Versailles took Malmédy away from Germany and gave it to Belgium. But in towns we are not welcomed as liberators but hated as invaders.

#### Resident Puzzles GI

In this town, the florid, heavyboned villagers wear high, shining leather boots. There are skis in the hall racks of the bat-infested, hot-watered, electric-lit, handsomely furnished houses. There are tall silver-capped pewter steins on the shelves, the pharmacy of the town is well stocked with drugs that the German army could have used.

"I can't figure them out at all," said Pvt. Archie Pelkie, of Canton, N.Y. "I went into this lady's house when we took the town and she told us how glad she was to see I was very suspicious about all that malarkey because she was telling me all this in German. goes on to say she wants no part of Hitler or nothing like that.

#### Lady Admits Being Nazi

"We needed the house for a CP so I went upstairs and right there on the bureau is a big picture of a German soldier in uniform. asked who it was and she says it is her son who is in the German army. I look around and the place is filled with Nazi stuff. There's books about the Nazi party and everything else and the lady finally admits she is a member of the party. They evacuated her, naturally, and that's the last I seen of her. The lady says the last she heard of the guy in the picture he was at St. Lo. I took a good look at him and says maybe this guy is almost as soon as it fell.

the sniper who almost gave it to

A small broken-toothed civilian, with a mud-freckled derby that too small for his owl-eyed small-nosed florid face, stood in the street. He spoke English with a stammering desperation and closed his eyes and seemed in pain every time he began a sentence.

The CIC officer asked about him,

"We checked him and he is all right," the CIC officer said, "But we have one rule around here. Every man, woman and child is a potential enemy."

## West Front...

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mainland. Only escape route left

to the Germans was by sea.

Eastward on the boggy Holland
mainland, British Second Army troops entered the communications center of Tilburg.

Northeast of Tilk British troops cleaned out the last German resistance in the southwest section of Hertogenbosch, which last night was declared free of ene-

my troops.

With all but three of their escape bridges across the Maas captured or blown, German preparations for a withdrawal from the West Holland area began, according to Reuter's, with a counter-attack on the eastern flank of the British

Four thrusts along a ten-mile front were made by the Germans in what front-line reports said was an attempt to relieve British pressure to the west and permit an

organized withdrawal.
On the Third Army front in the Metz sector, German harassed U.S. positions with fire ranging from shells of 11-inch guns to machine guns and mortars.

unched yesterday northeast of Embermenil in the Vosges. No word was received on the progress of two other German attacks which were said to be light.

N.Y.C. Has First Snow NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (Reuter) .-

The first snow of the winter, companied by a strong wind, fell in New York City today. It melted

## In E. Prussia

MOSCOW, Oct. 27 (AP).—Heavy counter-attacks by German tanks against the growing Russian salient in East Prussia were beaten back by Red Army artillery today, while fighting in the Arctic sector consisted of mopping up six settlements in the Petsamo Province region.

Despite Nazi reinforcements in East Prussia, Russian forces secured control of a 15-mile stretch of a secondary railway which runs northwest to Tilsit from the main Koenigsberg-Kaunas line near Stal-

In the Carpatho-Ukraine sector the Soviets struck in a two-pronged attack towards Ungmar, last important German-held town there.

ANOTHER NAZI GENERAL DIES LONDON, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—The death in East Prussia of a German infantry general named Priesz was reported by the German Overseas News Agency today. He was the fourth Nazi general whose death was announced in the last 24 hours.

#### SPITSBERGEN SUPPLIED

LONDON, Oct. 27 (Reuter) .- A naval force has completed an operation by which winter supplies and relief forces were taken to the Norwegian garrison on the island of Spitsbergen, the Admiralty announced today.

#### 100-Mission Bomber Named for Free France

The first American A20 Havoc light bomber to complete 100 missions in the ETO was christened "La France Libre" and dedicated to liberated France yesterday afternoon in a ceremony at Le Bourget airfield, near Paris. Brig. Gen. Victor H. Strahm, Ninth Air Force chief of staff, dedicated the plane'sfuture missions to the "gallant French nation," in the presence of U.S. Seventh Army troops repulsed three of five counter-attacks of Air, and high ranking Allied of-

#### Texas Leads in Oil

HOUSTON, Tex., Oct. 27.-The Lone Star State still holds its title as the nation's No. 1 filling station. Oil totals, both in volume of production and in extent of exploration and drilling for oil, give the state the lead, according to the Tulsa Oil and Gas Journal. Oklahoma is runner-up.

By Milton Caniff

Terry And The Pirates

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# Warweek

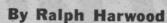
Water Barriers Can't Stop Our Troops Interview Reveals Nazi Guerrilla Plot More Combat Tips From Old Sergeant

Saturday, Oct. 28, 1944

# Over the River

## -and through the Reich

Stream Crossings Among Toughest Operations We Have Faced Thus Far: Here Are Methods Which Have Worked



Warweek Combat Correspondent

lot of water has gone over the dam since the Normandy days of the war, and a lot of American soldiers have gone over the water here and there to get to where they are at this sitting—strictly in Hitler's hair. Most of these soldiers had never worried too much about the layout of Europe, but they could sit down now, if they felt like it, and spiel off the names of a dozen or so rivers that run through Northern France, Belgium and the western fringes of the Reich itself.

First there was the Vire just south of the beaches, and then in quick succession, after the St. Lo breakthrough, the Mayenthe Sarthe, the Orne, the Eure and the Seine. Farther east and north doughboys made the acquaintance of such streams as the Marne, the Aisne, the Somme the Meuse-names they'd heard the old man mention while bragging about his part in the last war. There have been other rivers, too, and any number of ditches which probably have names that only the locals can pronounce.

#### There's Still the Rhine

Maybe the names aren't so important, anyway, except that a soldier lives to bull once in a while about the big deals he's been in on. What is really important is that the American soldier, by and large, knows one hell of a lot more about the combat crossing of rivers in general than he did a few months ago. It's knowledge which is standing and will continue to stand him in good stead through the closing rounds of the brawl with Hitler and company in the Nazis' own back alley.

There is still the Rhine-which may have to be crossed under conditions not resembling a Sunday afternoon ferry ride. It compares in size with maybe the Hudson or the Columbia or the Arkansas, or possibly the upper reaches of the Ohio or Mississippi. In other words, it's no mean creek, and there are a couple of other water barriers short of Berlin where the infantry and engineers may have to do their stuff all out.

The best way to cross a river, of course, is by the bridge that al-

ready spans it. That is exactly what American troops have done in a surprising number of cases in spite of the Heinie's vaunted demolition ability.

#### Manage to Wreck Them

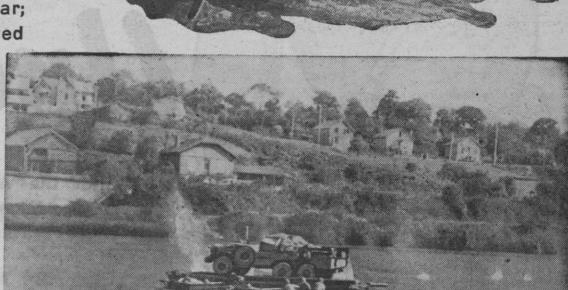
One outfit did it again recently in Belgium by sending a sneak force on a roundabout route to the bridge while the main body put pressure on the retreating Germans' rearguard. The surprise group got home while the enemy was still frantically trying to get his remnants across before blowing the works.

Usually, however, the manages to destroy the bridges behind him—if our air stuff hasn't already taken them out to cause him grief. He knows from his own bitter experience of the past few months that to blast a bridge is about the most effective possible delaying action. Fighting desperately in his own bailiwick, he'll miss even fewer chances to slow down the American attack than he

#### Hesitation Is Bad

Crossing a river in boats or by a footbridge carried up in sections or by wading will always be a difficult military job. The flat, open expanse of the water gives the defense a perfect field of fire, providing it can see or hear. Then, too, water is simply not the infautryman's natural field of opera-tion, and the thought of maybe having to do some swimming, weighted down as he is, tends to

make the bravest Joe hesitate. Veteran outfits know, however,



U.S Army Signal Corps Phot ENEMY FIRE kicks up the surface of water as army engineers manning pontoon ferry deliver a vital armored vehicle in support of infantry assault troops already across river.

U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

ANTI-TANK GUNS are first-priority infantry support weapon in crossing operation. Here American soldiers shepherd one of the hard-hitting 57 mm. pieces to far shore on pontoon raft.

that any hesitation is bad, that speed is essential in successfully carrying out a crossing. They have learned how to minimize the natural disadvantages of the operation. They know, for example, that picking good launching and landing sites can make all the difference in the world, and they pay plenty of attention to their reconnaisance and preliminary planning.

#### Need Good Approach

As Capt. Edwin I. Shuttleworth of Philadelphia, Pa. and the 9th Division puts it:

"One of the most important things is getting the boats to the water. You've got to have a good approach to the launching site in order to get going with speed."
"Of course," says another officer

who's been in on these river deals several times, "You can't forget that Jerry knows the best sites, too. You've got to keep that in mind always and not do the most obvious thing. You may move down a nice, sloping bank with an equally inviting spot all picked out on the other side, only to dis-

cover suddenly that the enemy has figured you'd jump off at that point all along. His reception committee likes to greet you just about the time you reach midstream. Pick the second or third best place to cross if there's a

Here's a river tip from Pvt. Lawrence F. Holland, 9th Division infantryman from Corsicana, Texas, who says:

Where the bank is steep. have riflemen secure the crest and then get other men busy right away relaying machineguns, mortars and ammo up the grade by the human chain method. Don't lose any time getting this stuff up where it can be put to good use if the enemy tries a fast counter-attack, as he very often does."

choice and unless your air and patrols can tell you what he's got waiting for you."

Some officers and men swear by the night-surprise type of crossing although all agree that it is extremely hard to pull off. The great-

est quiet is necessary in moving up to the bank for this operation. Everything must be hand carried, including boats. Vehicles must be kept far back or, if they are to be rafted over with the first elements, they must be pushed to the bank by hand. The slightest clanking of equipment will almost always bring a flare over the whole opera-Yet it is amazing the stealth with which a good, veteran outfit can move when they want to. Surprise night crossings of rivers have been accomplished time and again by our troops on the way to Germany, and there will be others to come, just as successful.

#### Smoke Helps Cover

"The best time to cross a river is just before dawn," says Sgt. Vertrice Matherly, also of the 9th Division, whose home is in Nobles-ville, Indiana. "That's the sleepiest time in any man's army. I should

"Then too," continues the sergeant, "you have a double advantage in crossing at this hour. The

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M-4 TANK and fresh troops move to the attack over span thrown across ruins of bridge dynamited by retreating Germans.



fugees or "displaced persons," an They are innocent-looking, baby-exceedingly convenient role for a faced boys of 16, 17 or 18. They man whose identity is falsified and whose intentions are strictly of a guerrilla nature.

This unbelievable story of deliberate treachery—of a plan to surrender with one hand while hurling the covert grenade or firing the hidden pistol with the other—was recounted in dispassionate, matter-of-fact tones by one of the men who had aided in the actual carrying out of the plan.

They're Already Active

His story explains some of the things which the first units to reach German soil had not und stood at first. It explains the experience of one British correspondent who telegraphed his London paper that he was puzzled by the fact that many German civilians in captured towns would greet him smilingly on the streets but, if he looked back after passing them, would be smirking at each other behind his back.

The plan explains the mysterious barrages which land on our troop concentrations from time to time despite the lack of German observation planes or any high point in enemy hands fit for direct ob-

The farther we go into Germany, my informant insisted, the more of this kind of thing would be ountered. So far we have only scratched the surface, and that surface is in an area notably cooler than the rest of Germany toward Hitler and his works. Yet even in the predominantly Catholic and non-Nazi Rhineland the undercover "cells" of the Nazi Party

Work in Secret

Every care is being taken to

livered ones," he replied.

Right now, he declared, German

Right now, he declared, and prevent real German civilians from learning the details of this last desperate plot of the Nazi fanation Never too sure of their hold on their hidden gunmen would be denounced if they were easily iden-

t-out plan.

The Underground Army

Whenever one of these hidden Nazis arrives in the town to which he has been ordered, he reports to the local Gestapo chief for orders and local information. He is advised on where to settle himself, what kind of work to undertake and who can be trusted as a member of the underground

One part of the work consists of "passive" activity — the gathering of information and the transmission of it to the "active" units. These latter are made up of young SS troops and members of the Hitler Youth Organization. Their mission is sniping, sabotage and demolition.

They Specialize in Murder

They have been trained in woodcraft, in long-range marksman-ship and in the handling of excountry, getting information from

entries have been made in the municipal records—in watered ink.

In other cases they pose as restellth, in the night.

are as dangerous as rattlesnakes, as unreasoning and as vicious. The ex-official who unfolded this

astounding tale assured me that these Nazi torpedoes all had com-plete and detailed instructions on how to make their getaway after. a coup and that each man had memorized the location of several re-assembly points and the names of the contact men.

These agents would have ready answers for the ordinary checkup and would be provided with all sorts of convincing "evidence" of the truth of the statements they hald make.

The non-belligerent or passive faction would be found well entrenched and most difficult to detect in the very communities where they are most dangerous.

I asked my informant how the Nazis had had time to work out this elaborate network of spies, tip-sters, and killers in the few short oths since D-day..

"Did the party leaders expect they would have to fight on German soil?" I asked him. "Did they expect to lose the second Battle

He shook his head.

"No," he said. "Von Runstedt promised he would hold France. Hitler believed him—but Von astedt was wrong." "Then what was the underground

for? If they didn't think we were coming, they had no reason to think they'd need an organization The former Nazi official smiled

-and spread his hands in an elo-

families in the Rhineland and even in Central and Western Germany are making preparations for the bitter days they expect are "They learned... they saw what coming. Despite food stringency guerrillas can do to an Army... in and rigid rationing, the German Russia..."

evidence that modern Germany is prepared to perish by the sword in a welter of blood, fire and des-

Only one major question remained. I couldn't understand how a regimented Germany with an Army whose organization, equipment and world could, at the last, turn to the irregular guerrilla fighting of a frontier war. I put it this way:

"Tell me, how could the officers of the General Staff, the men who Versailles Reichswehr into the huge and powerful Wehrmacht, turn to this kind of thing? How couldthey get away from their Staff College training and, at the end, plan to depend on 16-year-old kids with bottles of gasoline, grenades and pistols? How can they accept that as the end of Germany's

For the first time in our interview the German official looked me straight in the eye. There was sheer, stark fear in his face. His voice was almost a whisper and the words came haltingly.

Hitler's "Pitchfork Army," the Germans say, is already in action on the Russian Front. In the form of spies and military informers, some elements have already been encountered by our advanced units in Western Germany. The deeper we go into Naziland, the more of these enemy guerrillas we will encounter. This article explains who they are, what they are and what they have been ordered to do.

These irregular fighters, armed with light automatic arms and relying as much on the fear that they inspire as they do on the actual casualties which they can inflict, may seem out of place in modern mechanized war. Their tactics-a combina-

of place in modern mechanized war. Their tactics—a combina-tion of the Hollywood gangster and the Indian raiding parties of the old "Wild West"—strike the casual investigator as use-less against tanks, bombing planes and modern infantry. They may look that way on paper, but the success of the Russian guerrillas, of Marshal Tito's Jugoslav Army and of the French Forces of the Interior, the FFI, make it clear that this type of action has not been put out of date by the products of Pittsburgh, Essen and Birmingham.

No soldier concerned with his own safety, no officer response sible for the lives and welfare of his men, can afford to ship and in the handling of explosives. They are experts with the knife, the garrotte and the blackjack. They can live off the knife, they are live off the knife, they can live off the knife, the garrotte and the words of a famous leader of the F F I, exactly what these guerrilla blackjack. They can live off the knife, the words of the kni well equipped.

Every echelon of the Nazi Party is an armed force—and that goes down to the ranks of the "Hitler Jugen," the fanatical youngsters of the party who have never known any but a Nazi world, have never listened to any voice but the Fueh-

No Arms Shortage

All Germany is an arsenal and every lathe, every drill press and and the RAF have not destroyed, has been turning out war weapons for more than four years. Added to these are the arms of the countries Hitler conquered—plus the carbines, tommy guns and pistols dropped for United Nations parti-sans by Allied planes—but which fell into the wrong hands.

In Germany there'll be no shortage of hidden arms and probably no shortage of hidden explosives one of the guerrilla's most useful

One of the first objectives of these under-cover fighters, once we have occupied the country, will be the transportation system. Long supply lines make transportation a vital link in the chain—the Germans discovered that for them-selves, in Russia. It is reasonable to expect, then, that at least a part of their underground forces will be assigned as train-wreckers and track destroyers.

Road Convoys Important Rolling-stock, too, will merit their

attention since blowing up a loco-motive in the roundhouse is as good as derailing it in the open

Next in importance, after rail transportation, will be the road convoys of trucks loaded with food, ammunition, clothing, gasoline, re-placement parts and all the endless supplies of a modern Army in the field. Action against them can be of two kinds:

Ambush by small armed parties of desperate "suicide snipers," and passive activity such as demolitions, mining, road blocks and very noses of aler the spreading of metal "spurs" on the hillmen did it. the surface of dark roads to punc-

tire had been punctured. Trucks carrying replacement tires ran into a "spurred area" of its own and it too was immobilized.

Canals and rivers form an important part of the transportation systems of the European countries. This is true, both in Germany and in France. Locks, flood-gates and bridges are ideal targets for the lone saboteur, armed with demolition charges and a detonator.

Air transportation is another phase of behind-the-lines activity which is sure to attract the attention of the plainclothes Nazis.

Experts at this deadly game of military hide-and-seek say that grounded planes are duck soup for a determined man armed with incendiary materials and equipped with a thorough knowledge of the woodsman's tricks of movingunseen and unheard—at night.

These tricks are, basically, very imple. There are three funda-

Stay in the shadows, make no sudden moves, always stay IN FRONT of something so that you are never silhouetted against the skyline. Those are the rules these Nazi guerrillas will never violate. Men pitted against the Germans must know all their tricks-plus a few of their own—if they are to stay alive, happy and useful in this final, violent phase of the war.

Soldiers who have never experienced them may find it hard to believe how effective these tricks

Men who served in the pre-war British Regular Army, on India's Northwest Frontier, learned what these tricks were and how they worked. For instance:

Modern military rifles were scarce—and greatly in demand among the wild tribesmen of the hill country beyond the Khyber Pass. The only source of supply was the camps of British patrols. It seems an almost impossible assignment—to sneak into a bivouac and steal rifles from under the very noses of alert sentries, yet

niped at with their own weapons

steal a rifle which had been buried -and had a man sleeping on top of the earth. Yet the rifles kept on vanishing. British soldiers, waking in the early morning, clawed into the loose earth under their beds—but found their wea-

This is how the hillmen did it: Creeping silently and slowly into the sleeping camp, past the sen-tries who may have looked right at them, but couldn't see them because they moved so slowly in the shadows, the thieves crawled ide the sleeping Tommies.

Rolled Them Away

Once in position, they placed the point of a knife against the sleepng soldier's back or shoulder and then began increasing the pressure, slowly but steadily. In a few seconds the sleeping soldier stirred uneasily and uncomfortably. The knife-point pressure kept up. Still asleep, the soldier stirred again, rolling AWAY FROM THE KNIFE

In a few moments the hillman trench, scooped out the weapon, rolled the soldier back into place again and slipped away into the darkness, armed with a new Lee-

There aren't any tribesmen from the North West Frontier in Germany and even if there were, rifles could be safeguarded by chaining them together.

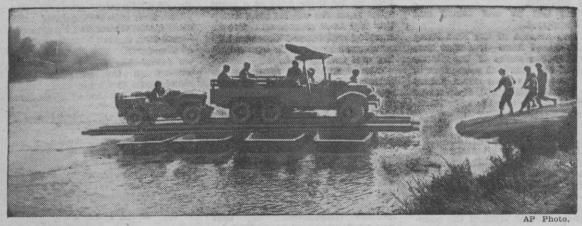
All Have Answers

All guerrilla tricks have answers usually simple answers. In that kind of war imagination, resourcefulness and courage take the place of armored columns and co-operating air force. The defense is the same. Instead of fields of fire. the defender uses his brain. It is up to him to put himself in the place of the enemy, look at his own security measures as if they were those of an enemy and then plug any gaps he can find. The smarter he is at this game—the safer he will be and the longer he will live when the Nazi gunmen hunt targets for their sch So many rifles were stolen— or their potato-masher grenades.





## **How Yanks Cross River Barriers**



SMOKE SCREEN, against which vehicles being ferried across river are silhouetted, effectively hinders German shelling of crossing site. Here men ashore haul raft in close for fast unloading at good landing place.

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remaining darkness covers the first part of the operation, and the coming daylight a little later shows you where you're going on the other side. That's the greatest problem so far as crossing under cover of darkness is concernedthe difficulty of regrouping and getting oriented in relation to objectives.

Where there is no possibility by reason of the terrain or situation to make a surprise crossing in the darkness, smoke is usually used, wind permitting, to screen the jump-off and blanket the enemy's observation.

#### Enemy Gets Confused

Usually, a smoke crossing is accompanied by several feints at points along the bank other than where the wet run actually is made. The object of this, of course, is to screw up the enemy and keep him spread out as long as possible. He's got to be ready wherever you're laying your smoke, at least until he is absolutely sure which point is the hot one

The enemy's temporary uncertainty is what makes it sure that if the crossing can be carried out swiftly it's all to the good and will pay dividends when you get ashore and go to work securing a solid The importance of speed in a river crossing operation

There are a lot of little matters minimize the danger of a crossing. of footbridge with them to throw For one thing, a man should be across a narrow stream. They somewhat familiar with the tricks were confronted with a steep and of rowing a boat. And playing the current of the stream is important in avoiding a tiresome, timetaking struggle to come out at the right point on the other side. Even in launching a boat there's a right way and a wrong one. Wesley Emwright, of San Diego, Cal., a platoon sergeant in the 9th Division, relates:

"We had to push our boat over a high bank into the water. You've got to push them out fast under those conditions, or the bow will go under.'

#### Wait Till Boat Grounds

"Another angle to bear in mind," the sergeant went on, "is that, unlike in an amphibious assault from the sea, you do not bail out until the boat grounds. Few rivers have the shelf-like floor of the ocean close inshore. On the contrary, there may be deep water right up to the bank, and a man is not much good for the business at hand if he has lost his gear in the soup. Besides that, it's far healthier to get in away from the water and the exposed bank as quickly as possible." Still another type of river cross-

cannot be over-emphasized, ac- ing is where the assault infantry cording to the men who have made goes under an all out artillery barrage. Such a crossing was made by elements of the 30th Division. that contribute to the speed and These troops hand carried sections slippery far bank, beyond which were pillboxes, a fortified woods and an old castle from which the Germans directed heavy small arms and machine-gun fire upon

#### Means to An End

The difficult assignment was carried out, however, in a mini-mum of time. The five pillboxes emplaced to command the river at this point were quickly reduced, as was the castle stronghold later, along with the woods into which the supporting artillery poured 1300 rounds of HE in one tenminute phase of the attack. Division engineers had a vehicle bridge in before the night was out.

The military job really starts when the troops land on the far shore after any river crossing. The crossing itself, like a parachute jump or a forced march, is merely a means to an end-to get at the enemy. In this regard, troops once ashore must drive hard and fast for their predetermined assembly point, or lose no time in cleaning out small arms fire and knocking off enemy OPs. Hesitating to

assemble or reorganize near the to fight the Krauts on their home bank is bad. Fast dispersal ashore lot." is essential if losses are to be held down.

That does not mean that the assembly point or primary objective should be far in. In fact, if it is very far in, trouble is invited. Pvt. Virgil Raper, of McMinnville, Tenn., who has operated with forward elements of a 9th Division crossing party, says:

"If you drive too far in at first, the Germans like to follow you up and surprise you. You've got to keep your exit open, building your defense up and down the road. You can't do this if the distance is great."

T/Sgt. Karl Klopfer, 9th Division machine gun platoon sergeant,

"It's best to bite off just enough ground to get the bridge across at first. You've got to have tanks

A thorough map study by everybody down to the last Joe taking part in the operation is the only commonsense preliminary to a river crossing. That way men do not need to bunch up to keep from getting lost. If they know the layout fairly well they can usually get to where they are supposed to go in small groups faster than in large ones.

It's vitally important that the enemy OPs be taken out quickly because artillery and vehicles cannot ordinarily be rafted across in support of the assault elements as long as enemy guns are throwing observed fire into the river. The rafts are too much like sitting ducks. And the engineers' job of getting the support bridge in for the passage of armor is out of the question if some German is calling his shots from a nearby hilltop.

## SERGEANT'S CORNER

The Old Sergeant's front line agents have come up with a hatfull of new items on the latest tricks of the enemy. Here are some of them, presented because they may help other outfits which have not yet been committed.

One of the latest tricks of the Germans is placing booby traps under American mines in areas where they have made successful local counter-attacks, and then fallen back again. In other words, don't try picking up our own mines in re-won territory without giving them a very careful going-over.

Veteran infantrymen, now operating inside Germany, are noting a new characteristic of German

automatic-weapons fire:
These guns "climb" when they are fired, so if the first few shots don't hit a man, the rest are almost sure to go over his head.

More and more the Germans are using flares at night as "bait" to draw fire in the hope that our men will give away their positions. The moral is "don't let flares tempt you to fire-that's why they send

them up." Some bazooka men are now

operating in two-gun teams which enables them to get off the second shot much faster than if they had to re-load. When they have a target, they are ready with a onetwo punch. When two bazooka shells slam into German armor the inventors of this two-gun method say, "the crew can't figure out what hit them. Lots of times they jump out. It's easy to knock off the tracks that way, too."

Men who have faced-and defeated them—say the enemy's flame-throwing half-tracks are not as dangerous as they are terrifying. Here's their advice to new troops:

"Don't be afraid of half-tracks with flame throwers. If the ground or grass is damp they won't hurt you. Remember, the guy behind it can't observe his fire, there's too much smoke.

"You can work up around the side of it, or behind it, and knock out the vehicle itself with grenades—it's only a half-track."