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U.S. Troops In Belfort Gap

FDR Says No Rift On Peace Plan

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29 (UP).—Declaring reports of a split within the Cabinet regarding plans for post-war treatment of Germany were "essentially untrue," President Roosevelt today gave his press conference an eight-point program for handling the Reich which, he said, had approval of the State, War and Treasury Departments.

In the form of a letter to Leo T. Crowley, foreign economic administrator, the proposed plan would see to it "that Germany does not become a menace again to succeeding generations," Mr. Roosevelt said.

Meanwhile, Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and Secretary of State Cordell Hull remained silent, neither denying nor confirming the earlier reports of a policy split. Morgenthau and Stimson canceled their press conferences today, while Hull shrugged off reporters' questions.

Morgenthau purportedly had favored a plan to strip post-war Germany of all its industry and reduce it to a state of small farms.

B 26s, Havocs Hit Targets 35 Miles West of Frankfurt

Flying their deepest penetrations of the war, Ninth Air Force Marauders and Havocs yesterday afternoon bombed troop concentrations and supply depots at Bingen, 60 miles inside the German-Luxembourg border and 35 miles west of Frankfurt. Other Ninth AF formations bombed enemy targets at Julich, 10 miles inside the German-Holland border and 25 miles west of Cologne.

Great clouds of smoke were reported by the returning pilots, who said that heavy damage was inflicted on German supply depots, troop barracks and railroads transporting men and supplies to the Siegfried Line. Heavy flak was encountered, with five aircraft reported missing.

Earlier in the day, nearly 250 France-based Marauders and Havocs dropped more than 350 tons of bombs in the Trier-Aachen sector. Anti-aircraft defenses ranged from moderate to intense. Two bombers were reported missing.

82nd, 101st Airborne Landed in Netherlands

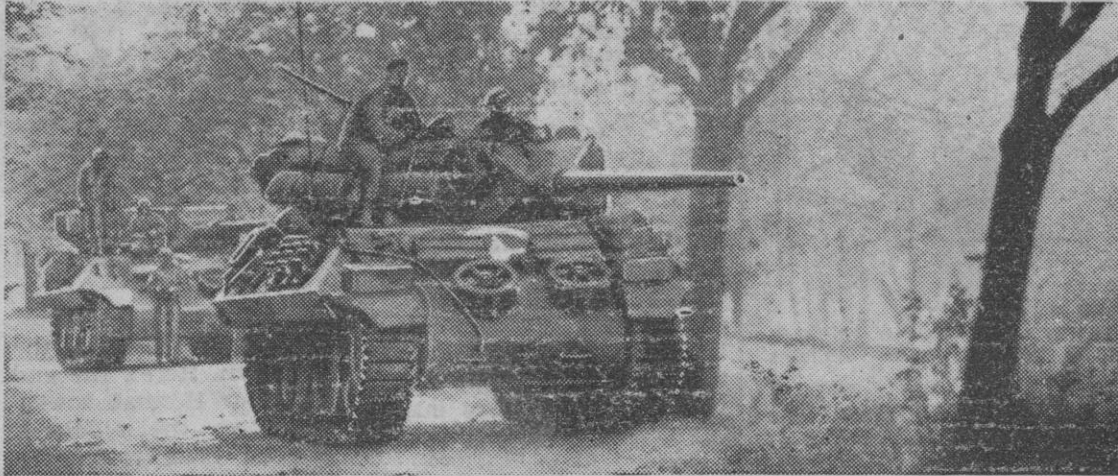
SUPREME ALLIED HQ, Sept. 29 (AP).—The American 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions, veterans of the D-Day landings in Normandy, were a part of the great Allied air army dropped into Holland, it was disclosed last night.

The divisions landed in the Eindhoven and Nijmegen areas, but it was not revealed which one got across the Maas River and swept down upon the Nijmegen bridge from the north, ripping out demolition charges before the Germans could destroy the span.

EMERGENCY IN DENMARK

LONDON, Sept. 29.—The German News Agency reported today that a state of emergency had been declared in Denmark.

Hitting the Reich's Defenses



The three-inch gun of an American tank destroyer hurls shells at Nazi troops holding out along the German border, where enemy defenses were over-run by troops of the First U.S. Army, who pushed into the Reich, Sept. 12.

FDR Assails Axis Influence In Argentina

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—President Roosevelt, in his press conference today, denounced Argentina for submitting to an "increasing application of Nazi and Fascist methods" and charged that "the Nazi press and a few irresponsible individuals in this and certain other republics" were seeking "to undermine the position of the American republics."

Termining the situation in Argentina "an extraordinary paradox," the President referred to "a growth of Nazi and Fascist influence" despite the fact that "a vast majority of people in the Argentine have remained steadfast in their faith in their own free democratic traditions."

Mr. Roosevelt said: "I subscribe wholeheartedly to the words of Churchill . . . when he declared: 'This is unlike some small wars in the past, where all could be forgotten and forgiven. Nations must be judged by the part they play.'"

5th Army Takes Mountain Sites

Fifth Army troops in Italy yesterday had one of their most successful days, capturing three mountain peaks dominating the vital Florence-Bologna road. Further east, American troops made important gains on the Forenzuola-Imola highway, and reports from the extreme western sector said Brazilians had advanced against determined opposition, supported by U.S. Negro troops. Since the start of the offensive, Sept. 13, the Fifth Army has captured more than 3,400 prisoners.

In the Adriatic sector, Eighth Army troops were engaged in fierce fighting, with the Germans throwing in frequent counter-attacks north of the Rubicon.

Bad weather hampered air operations.

Fear the Germans Took World War I Treaty

PARIS, Sept. 29 (UP).—Paris is asking whether the Germans have taken the original Treaty of Versailles.

It was kept in the strong room of the French Foreign Office, but the only key to the door is missing and nobody will be able to get into the room until the door is opened by a locksmith.

Army Says Franc Is Not Changing; Mark's Value Set

No change is imminent in the official rate of exchange of francs, Brig. Gen. N. H. Cobbs, ETO Fiscal Director, announced yesterday.

"It is understood that there are many rumors that the official rate of exchange of francs applicable to U.S. forces is about to be changed," his statement said. "I can authoritatively state that they are without foundation. The official rate of exchange is 49.5663 francs to the dollar and 200 to the pound, and transactions at other rates are forbidden.

"In particular, the use of dollar and sterling currency in commercial transactions by members of the U.S. forces will be strictly dealt with."

Mark Worth Ten Cents

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—President Roosevelt told his press conference today that the value of the German mark had been set at ten cents in U.S. currency or six pence in English money.

In replying to a correspondent's query, the President showed astonishment that this information had not been published previously.

N.Y. Stickup Men Get \$43,000 in 4 Holdups

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Two hours after four daring robberies in Manhattan and Brooklyn netted stickup men \$43,000, police booked two suspects in connection with the holding-up of a brokerage firm in the Equitable Building, Manhattan. The stickup wave resulted in a city-wide hunt in bars and nightclubs for "free-spenders."

One Yank and a Tall Story End the War for 61 Germans

FOURTH ARMORED DIV. HQ., Sept. 29.—Although he knew there were only nine other Americans within ten miles, Sgt. Douglas Herndon stepped out in front of a German column, convinced a Nazi major that his troops were surrounded and forced the surrender of 61 men and 25 vehicles.

The action, which took place in the vicinity of Douchy, France, was revealed today with announcement of the award of the Silver Star to the Hamilton (Ohio) soldier of the

Bombers Sink 65 Jap Ships In Philippines

Sixty-five Japanese ships were sunk in two new air attacks on the Philippines, it was announced yesterday. Two other vessels were damaged.

Land-based bombers under Gen. Douglas MacArthur hit two large vessels off the southern islands Wednesday, while carrier-based aircraft sank 65 ships and attacked airfields on Luzon in the north last Friday.

In China, west of Canton, the Fourteenth Air Force was giving active support to hard-pressed Chinese troops who were fighting off new Japanese attacks.

Chinese Outlook Glum

CHUNGKING, Sept. 29 (AP).—Recent Chinese defeats and the possibility that the American Air Force may lose more air bases in China is producing an atmosphere of gloom here unmatched since the dark days when China was fighting the war alone. The Chinese don't doubt the Allies will defeat Japan, but the opinion of both Chinese and Americans seems to be that the war has already been prolonged several months as the result of these reverses.

ANOTHER DOOR OPENS

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Sept. 29.—The Harvard Board of Overseers approved today a faculty recommendation that women students be eligible for admission to the Harvard Medical School in September, 1945. In the school's 162-year history, the enrollment had been confined "to men of high scholaristic standing."

Blow Perils Defenses of SW Reich

The south and central sectors of the 450-mile western front flared into action yesterday as Seventh U.S. Army troops stormed into Belfort Gap, historic gateway to southwestern Germany, and Americans of the Third Army pressed their advance toward the Reich over 82 smashed German tanks.

In battles marked by increased enemy aggressiveness, Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's U.S. and French infantry, despite fierce counter-attacks backed by heavy artillery fire, captured Clairegoutte and a number of other villages on the approaches to the pass and then rolled on into the vital gap itself.

Braving determined tank, mortar and small arms opposition, Yanks of the Third Army yesterday pushed 1 1/2 miles into the Forêt de Parroy after a day in which Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's forces knocked out 82 Nazi tanks. Most of the tanks were turned into masses of burning steel as they attempted to flee from a trap sprung in the forest.

Record 1-Day Tank Bag

The huge number of kills, probably the greatest mark ever scored in one day by Patton's armor, boosted the number of enemy tanks destroyed by the Third Army since Aug. 1 to 1,184.

On the British Second Army's front in Holland, the Germans tried with undiminished fury to smash the increasing threat to their northern defenses. West of Arnhem, the Nazis recrossed the Rhine in boats during the night, but a considerable portion of their bridgehead was wiped out in fighting which still was continuing yesterday. There were no new attempts to cut the Eindhoven-Nijmegen corridor and Gen. Dempsey's troops widened their salient to about ten miles.

In contrast to the stiff fighting elsewhere, there was a comparative lull on the First U.S. Army sector, where doughboys made a small advance in a wooded area six miles northeast of the Dutch town of Sittard. Artillery fire on both sides was decreasing and the Germans made fewer probing expeditions into the Yank lines.

Nazi Communications Blasted

Advances in the Moselle sector, held down by the Third Army, came after a near-record offensive against German communications and fortifications by the Nineteenth Tactical Air Command. Flying more than 570 sorties, the U.S. fighter-bombers destroyed 58 locomotives, damaged nine more, destroyed 147 railroad cars and

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Class Brr-r-r Duds For Foxhole GIs

WITH U.S. FIRST ARMY, Germany, Sept. 29 (AP).—American troops are getting their first issue of winter clothing—heavy underwear, overcoats and extra blankets.

Rainy weather has already set in and chill and frosty nights and mornings make heavier clothing welcome to frontline troops who have been shivering in their light clothing.

THE B BAG

BLOW IT OUT HERE

Another Point

Special to S/Sgt. Lewis H. Heininger: We became the parents of 9lbs 1oz Lewis Harold Jr. on Sept. 3.—Mrs. Lewis Heininger.

Hats Off to the Cavalry!

We all know of one particular cavalry unit that has been doing a splendid job along the Brittany coast, and never once have you made mention in your paper of these hard driving, hard fighting (CENSORED) Cavalry.—Sgt. Edner Datz, Recon. Co.

Welcome, Brother!

The newspapers have been continuously publishing articles on the GI Bill of Rights. What about the men that are planning to stay in the Army? Have any provisions been made for them as pertains to pay and allowances after the war, etc. Just curious.—"Stevie."

(Nothing now but we are sure that those of us who want out will see to it that you are well taken care of.—Ed.)

GI Crooks

Our B bag's just arrived from London with much of the stuff missing, including personal articles, such as shoes, handkerchiefs, gloves, cigarettes, etc. I don't know where the bags were burglarized, but I do know that this has happened many times. I have suffered from these GI robbers six different times.

I guess it's a waste of time to report this incident to my CO, since the last time I made a similar report I was told to get the missing stuff and pay for it.

I think fellows who steal from their buddies are about the lowest type of vermin and that we should have some protection from them.—Sgt. Roy E. Patrick.

Credit for 'Old Fogies'

A complete analysis and discussion of the Demobilization Plan published by the War Department would take a great deal of time and space. However, the enlisted personnel should make known their dissatisfaction with the plan in view of the fact that it was stated that the men in the service were interviewed prior to the promulgation of the plan. It would be enlightening to know who these men were.

Policy should be based on common sense and logic. I fail to find any common sense or logic in keeping men over 38 years of age in the Army when officers of like age are being released. Furthermore, men over 38 have not been drafted since the latter part of 1942 and many of that age have since been released. So far as I know the policy of the War Department was to get younger men, and it has given these younger men greater opportunity than the men in the higher age brackets. I cannot be convinced that to release men over 38 would in any way endanger our war effort. At least the age factor should be given greater consideration when large scale demobilization begins.

The method of drafting men was severely criticized because of the lack of co-ordination—young men were still in civvies when older men were being drafted. The same weakness is apparent in the Demobilization Plan—younger men will be out much sooner than the old fogies.—S/Sgt. Hyman H. Hammer, AAF Sta.

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Hash Marks

"Why can't they assign me to do something useful?" griped a WAC, "a man could do this job!"

Maybe it's war nerves. In Philadelphia there's a joint with a special juke box for war-weary customers.



You can insert your nickel in a special slot and get five minutes of silence.

It's still a bit crowded in Washington, we understand. A Pic we know writes that he went to the big city on leave and was lucky—he got a room with adjoining towel.

Lt. D. G. Fisher reports that while returning from a mission over the Continent his plane ran into the most dense fog he had ever encountered. After a few minutes flying in the soup, the waist gunner livened up the situation by calling over the inter-phone: "Submarine at 4 o'clock high!"

Daffynition: Poker—A game where a good deal depends on a good deal.

Fun on the Home Front: Many announcers had been auditioned for the opening broadcast sponsored by Rupperts Beer. Finally the perfect



voice was picked and the stage was set. The orchestra gave out with a flowing fanfare and the announcer boomed: "Booperts Rear is on the Air."

Overheard in the U. K. Dimout: "I think Mr. Churchill went to Quebec mainly because he was running short of good cigars."

Private Breger



"Oh, oh! You shouldn't have asked for cream!"

An Editorial

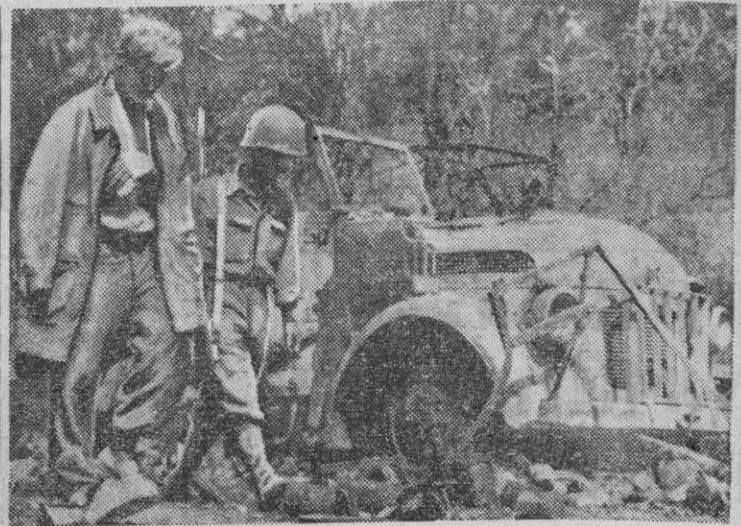
World's Worst Sunday Driver

HERMAN the German is the world's worst Sunday driver. Here he is, walking away from the accident. Leaving the burnt-out, beat-up wreck beside the road.

He bought the car in 1933. It was advertised as the volkswagen—the car of the German people. So much down—and so much a month. Month after month and year after year.

Finally it was delivered—FOB Berlin. It was a rearing, tearing, flame-spitting chariot. It broke all records. It ran down or smashed up or brushed off everything on the road. It was the 1939 Nazi super-duper version of that old 1914 jalopy that just barely failed to make the grade.

The Fuehrer designed it. He taught Herman how to drive. He spread out the maps and laid out the grand



tour. It sure was a honey. First Europe—then the rest of the world.

Well, here's the end of the volkswagen. Here's the end of the tour. Herman bowled along down the middle of the road once too often. Now the cops have him—and he's headed for the clink.

That's a proper finale for

a Sunday driver. But what about a punishment to fit the crime?

We hope the traffic court won't forget this bird is a fifth offender. That he's left a heap of wreckage in his path. That he never carries any insurance. And that the highways and byways of the world won't be safe until he loses his license—for good.



ONE of the few armored jeep outfits in the ETO is operating with American airborne troops in Holland and the mission of the jeeps is reconnaissance patrol work.

Armed with 50cal. machine guns and protected by thick sheets of armor, the jeeps often go, in the words of Lt. Joseph De Masis, of New Village, N.J., "where wise men fear to tread."

Be that as it may, a lot of smart soldiers have gone places in the armored jeeps and have produced results. Lt. Richard Pendergast, of Nyack, N.Y., captured 50 prisoners while on patrol near Goresbeck. Lt. Ernest Smith, of Glen Rock, Wyo., beat off a strafing Stuka while riding one of the armored jeeps.

The outfit is not exclusively mobile, however. Often jeeps are draped with soldiers who, dismounting, patrol on foot over hillcrests.

With his face hit and bleeding from a flak wound received during a mission over France, 1/Lt. William A. Merchant, of Wichita, Kan., with his A-20

Havoc "Static Chaser" operating on one engine and with the bomb bay gas line severed, returned his ship to friendly territory and prepared to make an emergency landing at a Ninth Air Force field.

As he was about to land, Merchant saw a B26 Marauder pull out on the runway in preparation for a takeoff. Rather than hit the Marauder, Merchant gunned his limping Havoc, cleared several telephone wires and crash landed in a wheat field without further injury to himself or his crew, S/Sgts. Kenneth P. Brown, of Evansport, Ohio, and Clifford J. Harp, of Evansville, Ind.

With the roar of battle still ringing in their ears, citizens of the small town of Florenville were treated to what was probably the first GI jive concert in Belgium when CWO Edward A. Roncone, of Pittsburgh, and his "Invaders" got hot on Jerry's heels with such tunes as "Pistol Packin' Mama" and "Milkman, Keep Those Bottles Quiet."

In an apple orchard west of the town, the 56-piece band warmed up with a few marches, then broke down to ballroom size for a swing session, while Belgian girls and GI hepheads cut a few quick ones on the turf.

PARISIAN pedestrians in the vicinity of the Arc de Triomphe witnessed a movie-style "rodeo" the other day when T/Sgt. Stuart G. Jensen, of Natick, Mass., balanced himself on the running board of a speeding ambulance to pluck a pretty, 16-year-old French girl from the back of a runaway horse.

The girl lost control of her mount in the Bois de Boulogne and the frightened animal dashed into the Avenue de la Grande Armée and past a Ninth Air Force Engineer Command ambulance driven by Pfc Harry T. Cunningham, of Baltimore. Cunningham, a former amateur jockey, immediately gave chase as bystanders and cyclists scurried for cover.

After a race along almost the entire length of the avenue the ambulance overtook the horse. First Jensen tried to seize the reins, without success. Then he climbed out on the running board and, in

the best Hopalong Cassidy manner, made the rescue.

The girl, who apparently had seen a few horse operas herself, cooperated fully, even to the enthusiastic administration of the traditional reward—a kiss.

It took 26 years and the fortune of war, but M/Sgt. Russell Frost, an ordnance man with the Fifth Infantry Division, visited the same French farmhouse in which, as a private in the Signal Corps, he ate chow which hastily-departing Germans of World War I had left cooking.

ONE enemy vehicle and four German officers with one shot was the score of a tank destroyer crew of an armored division while guarding a bridge over the Seine. The firing was at night, but the men held their fire until the target was 25 yards away, and their 76mm. gun demolished the car and killed the four German officers who were occupants.

The crew, commanded by 2/Lt. Edwin T. Leirer, of Indianapolis, included Sgt. Stephen Krewsky, of Bradford, Conn., gun commander; Cpl. Floyd Eaton, of Dana, Ind., anti-tank gunner; T/5 Mike F. Emineth, of Menoken, N.D., driver; and Pfc James Martino and Pvt. Paul Colangelo, both of Middle Village, N.Y., cannoners.

"Card Index Commandos" and "Personnel Roster Rangers" is what they are calling members of a corps machine records unit, who have been turning up with more men than they can account for in their files. The other morning they brought in their second batch of prisoners in three days, bringing their total of captured Germans to 17.

ASSEMBLED in a bivouac area near Mars La Tour, a Negro quartermaster service company attached to the XX Corps was commended by the corps commander in a citation read by Lt. Col. Jack B. Baker, of Portland, Ore., "for outstanding service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between Aug. 1 and Sept. 15."

Men of the unit, since arriving in France, have handled rations and gasoline for front-line troops, the collection and burying of U.S. and enemy dead, and loading and unloading of rail and truck shipments.



Lightly Once Over

By Gene Graff

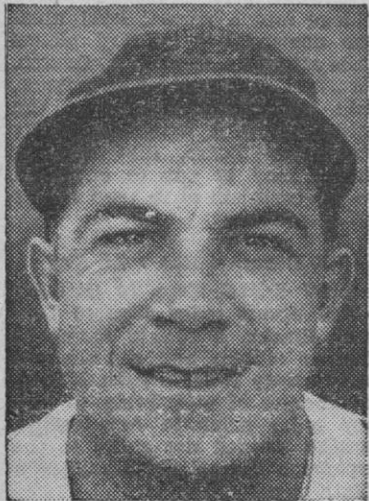
Ballots in the annual poll among sports writers to name the most valuable player in each major league have been dropped into mail-boxes and it is just a question of time until the lucky individuals are revealed.

Perhaps the most glaring slap occurred in 1942 when Ted Williams, Boston's youthful refugee from a fire station, ran a badly outdistanced second to Jolting Joe DiMaggio. That was the year Ted tortured rival pitchers for a fancy .356 average to head the American League. Unfortunately, it also was the year he fell cat with the baseball scribes, so when the time came to make their choice they lowered the boom right smack on Williams' naive head.

This year, unless Bill Nicholson of the Cubs is chosen for his home run hitting or Bucky Walters of the Reds or Rip Sewell of the Pirates for their pitching, the National League's most-valuable rightfully belongs to St. Louis.

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There is Stan Musial, the hard-hitting outfielder who ranks second only to Dixie Walker of the Dodgers in the individual batting derby; Ray Sanders, the slender first baseman who seldom leaves runners stranded on the bases; Walker Cooper, whose dependable work behind the plate has steadied youthful pitchers, and



Johnny Hopp

antiquated Pepper Martin, the last of the original Gas House Gang whose fighting spirit is second to none.

But ahead of these stars we'd place Johnny Hopp, the sandy-haired handyman of the Redbirds. Hopp currently is slugging at the merry pace of .335, has scored 105 runs and his case history compares to that of Hank Greenberg, who took a transfer from first base to the outfield in perfect stride.

Johnny broke into baseball in 1936 with Norfolk as an outfielder and continued to patrol the pastures for two years with Rochester. In '39 he occupied first base for Houston, came to the Cardinals as an initial sacker, but was dislodged from first base last year to make room for Sanders.

* * *

In eight years under the banner of organized baseball, Hopp amassed the puny batting average of .271. Considering his current mark, he not only has adapted himself to the outfield but also has added a heretofore hidden power at the plate.

No doubt the best way to solve the American League dilemma would be to ignore Vern Stephens, George Stirnweiss, Johnny Lindell, Bobby Doerr, Rudy York, Dick Wakefield—and designate Hal Newhouser and Dizzy Trout as co-winners.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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

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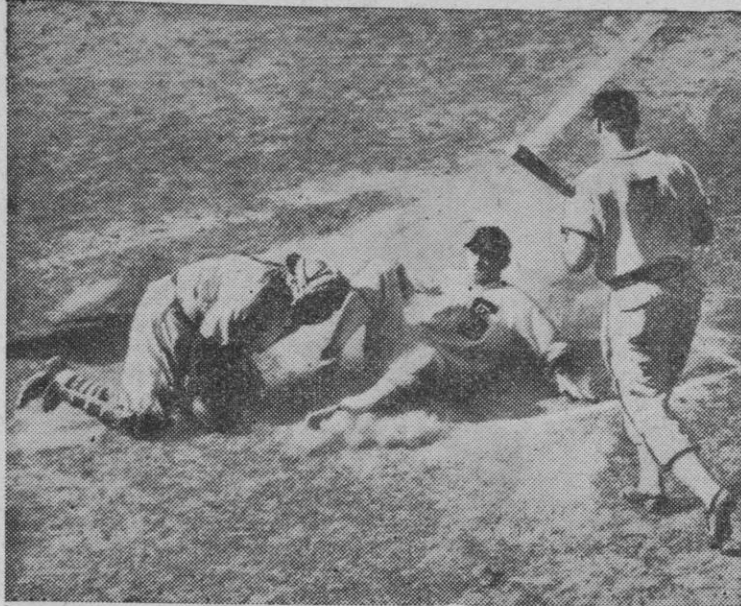
CAMERA KODAK 120, folding type, left in vehicle driven by officer on September 7 on road near Vincennes. Cpl. George D. Thompson, ASN 35294903.

RED CROSS BAG containing exposed 616 film left in jeep in which I was given a lift by an officer on September 18. Pvt Dale C. Sloan.

FOUND

WALLET belonging to Edward E. Thompson, 35298567. Lt. Henry P. Kiernan.

Base Path Larceny



Wally Moses, White Sox outfielder, is safe as he steals home in recent game against the Browns. Catcher Tom Turner of the Browns tries to put the ball on the Sox' leading base stealer, while Hal Trosky (7) steps out of batter's box to watch play.

Cadets Tackle N. Carolina; Navy Opens Against Flyers

NEW YORK, Sept. 29. — College football shares the sports spotlight with the tight American League baseball race tomorrow when the nation's campus gridgers do-or-die in the first full complement of games on the 1944 calendar.

The afternoon promises to be woeful for natives of North Carolina. Not only do the Tarheels face the prospect of getting their ears pinned back by the Cadets of West Point, but North Carolina Pre-Flight bumps into one of the strongest Navy elevens in Annapolis history.

In two other eastern attractions, Notre Dame confronts Clark Shaughnessy's Pittsburgh squad and Duke invades Penn's lair. These four contests are expected to give an early line on the eventual national champion.

Shifting to the south, LSU entertains Alabama at night, Wake Forest visits Georgia, Tennessee hosts Kentucky and Georgia Tech plays Clemson. Southwest headliners are Randolph Field at Rice, Southwestern at Texas and Texas A & M at Texas Tech.

In the midwest, Great Lakes Naval, which drubbed Purdue a week ago, tackles Illinois, 26-18 master of Indiana last Saturday. In other games, Indiana duels Michigan, Purdue faces Marquette, Minnesota jousts with Nebraska, Missouri battles Ohio State and Northwestern meets Wisconsin.

On the Pacific Coast, the Trojans of Southern California, held to a 13-13 deadlock last week by UCLA, return to the wars against Pop Stagg's College of Pacific team. The Uclans play California and Washington enjoys a breeze against Whitman.

2,359,910 Fans Saw Pacific Coast Games

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 29. — The Pacific Coast League hit the jackpot this year when 2,359,910 customers paid to see the minor league in action.

The figure doubles 1943 attendance and exceeds the former record, set in 1924, by 124,000 paid admissions.

BREWERS PEDDLE PRUETT

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 29. — The Brewers of the American Association today sold Catcher Jim Pruett to the Athletics, making a full team that Milwaukee has sold to the majors this season.

Jack Dempsey Comes to ETO

By Tony Cordaro
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

LONDON, Sept. 29. — Lt. Cmdr. Jack Dempsey of the Coast Guard was just another guy in uniform to Londoners yesterday. The former heavyweight champion of the world arrived unexpectedly and made the sight-seeing rounds unnoticed, far different from Joe Louis' arrival to the ETO.

This is Jack's second trip to England. When he was heavyweight champion of the world, he stopped off while en route to France to visit with boxing friends and cronies. This time Dempsey will remain for a short period in connection with the Coast Guard physical fitness program.

The Manassa Mauler won the title July 4, 1919, when he knocked out Jess Willard in the fourth round. Some say it was the third, but to avoid arguments on the subject we will say that Willard failed to answer the bell in the fourth. He held it until 1926 when Gene Tunney scored a ten-round decision at Philadelphia.



Jack Dempsey

Detroit Lions Face Packers Tomorrow

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Curly Lambeau's formidable Green Bay Packers, having already won two National Football League games, will play host to the Detroit Lions Sunday when the Motor City eleven inaugurates its 1944 schedule.

In the only other game on Sunday's league slate, the Cleveland Rams, who shaded the Pitt-Cards, 30-28, last Sunday, will oppose the first-starting Brooklyn Tigers at Buffalo.

Rain Stops AL Games; Tigers Benefit by Lull

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—The weatherman conspired with the Tigers yesterday when he washed the entire American League schedule off the slate, forcing the contending clubs to play doubleheaders today.

Hal Newhouser and Dizzy Trout, Steve O'Neill's durable hurlers, have proved their ability to pitch out of turn without undue hardship, but the postponement makes it necessary for Luke Sewell of the Browns and Joe McCarthy, Yankee pilot, to shuffle their riddled pitching staffs without giving the pitchers ample rest.

O'Neill, still one game in front with four more to play, said he would send Rufus Gentry to the hill in today's opener against the Senators and Trout after his 28th victory in the nightcap. Newhouser may have to go again tomorrow after two days' rest because Stubby Overmire, Detroit's diminutive southpaw, has come up with a touch of bursitis, but that still leaves Trout for Sunday's finale, if necessary.

The Yankees, trailing by three games, will depend on Ernie Bonham and Hank Borowy in today's last-stand twin feature with the Browns, being opposed by Nelson Potter and Jack Kramer. Potter was slated to twirl yesterday; now it's doubtful that he'll be ready to return Sunday if the title depends on that final game.

Although the Cardinals chalked up their 104th triumph yesterday by blanking the Giants, 2-0, be-

Lippy Signs To Manage Bums in '45

BROOKLYN, Sept. 29.—Who do you suppose signed a contract today to return for another year as manager of Brooklyn's (beloved) Bums? That's right, Leo "The Lippy One" Durocher is coming back.

Branch Rickey lured his pilot into a conference today and prevailed upon Leo to keep the job for another year. This brings to four the total of big league managers fired by newspapermen this year only to be rehired by their bosses. Jimmy Dykes, Bill McKechnie and Freddie Fitzsimmons were all rumored on the skids but were signed for another semester—and now Lippy's back.

Durocher came to the Dodgers from the Cardinals as a short-stop in 1937 under Manager Burleigh Grimes and was appointed manager in '39. He brought the club from seventh to third that year, second in 1940, and guided the Bums to their first pennant in 21 years the next year.

Draft boards have stripped the Dodgers in recent years and Rickey commented today, "Leo has done a good job with the material on hand and can't be blamed for the team's failure to finish higher."

Any National League umpire who believed what he read in the papers about Lippy being fired would do well to keep in mind Brooklyn's fighting slogan: "Wait till next year."

Pacific Coast Teams Win Softball Crowns

CLEVELAND, Sept. 29. — West coast entrants took both world amateur softball titles here yesterday when Hammerfield, Cal., repeated in the men's division and the Lind and Pomeroy squad from Portland, Ore., annexed the women's crown.

Both clubs went extra innings to win by identical 1-0 scores. Hammerfield beat the Ft. Wayne, Ind., Zollners, while the Portland gals turned back the Phoenix, Ariz., Ramblers.

Playoff Plans

If the Tigers and Browns finish tied for the American League pennant, the title will be decided in a playoff game at Detroit next Monday, the American League office in Chicago announced yesterday.

A coin was flipped yesterday and Don Barnes, Browns president, cried "Heads" over the phone from St. Louis, but it came up tails. This was the first case in the league's history where such plans were drafted.

How the AL Race Shapes Up Today

If the Tigers sweep their four games with the Senators, they'll win the pennant regardless of what happens in St. Louis where the Browns are entertaining the Yankees.

Three victories over the Browns by the Yanks and four defeats for the Tigers would create a triple-tie.

hind five-hit pitching by Blix Donnelly, the National League champions suffered a jolt when it was learned that Max Lanier might miss the World Series. The star southpaw of the Redbirds has a sore arm, sore back and stiff neck and unless he responds to treatment will be unable to play.

Danny Litwhiler's 18th homer was the telling blow as the Cards pinned the defeat on Ewald Pyle, who yielded seven hits.

In the only other game played yesterday, the Reds defeated the Dodgers, 10-6, by belting three Flatbush "pitchers" for nine runs on nine hits in the fourth inning. Frank McCormick clubbed his 20th home run with two on to spark the blast against Art Herring, Freddie Wells and Al Zachary, while Clyde Shoun checked the Bums.



American League

All games postponed, rain.				
	W.	L.	Pct. G.B.	
Detroit	86	64	.573	1
St. Louis	85	65	.567	1
New York	83	67	.553	3
Boston	76	74	.507	10
Cleveland	72	78	.480	14
Chicago	69	81	.460	17
Philadelphia	68	82	.453	18
Washington	62	88	.413	24

National League

	W.	L.	Pct. G.B.	
St. Louis	104	47	.689	...
Pittsburgh	89	61	.593	14 1/2
Cincinnati	88	63	.583	16
Chicago	74	76	.493	29 1/2
New York	65	86	.430	37
Boston	62	88	.413	41 1/2
Brooklyn	61	90	.404	43
Philadelphia	59	91	.393	44 1/2



Hungary Ready To Desert Axis, Soviets Believe

MOSCOW, Sept. 29 (AP).—While the military situation around Riga and Warsaw remained unchanged, there were indications today that Hungary might be on the verge of deserting Hitler.

As the Red Army pressed forward toward Hungary on a 100-mile front, the Russians appealed to Hungarians to save their independence by joining the cause of the United Nations. Observers said there would be little surprise if Hungary followed the example of Rumania, Bulgaria and Finland.

Hungarian generals have been reported extending peace feelers as their country's defensive position becomes worse.

Meanwhile, there was still no Moscow confirmation of both Hungarian and German reports that the Soviets had crossed the border from western Rumania.

Here's One Way To Obtain Those German Pistols

19th TACTICAL AIR COMMAND HQ, Sept. 29 (AP).—Each commander whose outfit participated in the aerial round-up of 20,000 Germans who surrendered en masse Sept. 16 has been presented with a German automatic pistol as a souvenir. The pistols were selected from hundreds turned in by the Germans when they surrendered at three points along the Loire River.

Those receiving pistols included Col. George S. Bickell, Nutley, N.J.; Cecil L. Wells, Edwardsville, Ill.; William Curry, Raleigh, N.C.; Anthony V. Grossetta, Tucson, Ariz.; Robert L. Delashaw, San Antonio, Tex.; Bingham T. Kleine, Gonzales, Tex.; and Lt. Col. Joseph L. Laughlin, Omaha, Neb., and William Schwartz, Houston, Tex.

Demands Raise For Steel Men

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—Philip Murray today demanded action on a 10-month-old wage demand of the United Steel Workers (CIO) and said an unpublished OPA study showed that a general 17 percent increase, as sought by the union, could be granted without making a price increase imperative.

Murray, president of the CIO and of the steel workers, began the union's final argument before the War Labor Board in one of several cases on which a possible change in government's wage policy may hinge.

Accord Is Reached In Security Parley

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—The Dumbarton Oaks post-war security conferences have led to a "large measure of agreement on the recommendation for the general framework of organization," the chairmen of the U.S., Russian and British delegations said today in a joint communiqué.

The communiqué said: "The conversations between the U.S., United Kingdom and Soviet Union delegations regarding establishment of a world security organization have been completed. These conversations have been useful and led to a large measure of agreement for the recommendation for the general framework of organization and, in particular, for the machinery required to maintain peace and security."

FREAKY CRAB HAUL

MOBILE, Ala., Sept. 29.—A freak of nature provided Mobile residents with thousands of crabs and shrimp which were found on the eastern shore of Mobile Bay. Natives said a sudden mixture of fresh water from the Tensas River with salt water of the Gulf forced the crabs ashore. Three youths picked up \$68 worth of fish.

All Restrictions Lifted On Vets Seeking Jobs

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—Paul V. McNutt, War Manpower Commissioner, announced today that all restrictions have been lifted for veterans seeking jobs. Previously, veterans of this war were exempt for only 60 days from the controls which seek to channel workers into essential industries.

The order has an immediate effect on 1,500,000 men who have been discharged already and will affect all men who are discharged in the future. Hitherto, all workers have had to clear through the United States Employment Service. The new order will affect veterans of the women's services as well as men.

U.S. Troops In Belfort Gap

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damaged 224, destroyed 45 motor transports, shot up eight marshaling yards, cut rail tracks in 72 places, destroyed seven barges, closed two tunnels and knocked out six gun positions.

Of 60 enemy planes sent against the Third Army, 16 were shot down. Throwing back four counter-attacks, the Third Army recaptured Château-Salins, 17 miles northwest of Nancy and 25 miles from the German border.

In southeastern Luxemburg, Remich was freed and further to the south Port-sur-Seille was liberated.

After a ten-hour cease-fire order asked for by the German commander at surrounded Calais to discuss the position of civilians, Canadians yesterday morning launched an attack on Cap Gris Nez, last strong-point defending the Channel port.

Other Canadian units were steadily expanding their bridgehead over the Antwerp-Turnhout canal.

Highest Honor Awarded Cook Who Died a Hero

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—T/5 Eric Gunner Gibson, of Chicago, Swedish immigrant who was such a good cook he had to beg for the chance to win renown as "the fightingest man" in the Third Infantry Division, has been awarded posthumously the Congressional Medal of Honor.

The 24-year-old cook was killed on the Anzio beachhead last January after he single-handedly charged and captured four German machine-gun positions despite artillery fire that knocked him down. He had made a deal with his CO whereby he could go into action with his company, as long as he reverted to his kitchen duties when the outfit was relieved.

ARC OFFICIAL HERE

Richard F. Allen, national American Red Cross vice-chairman in charge of insular and foreign operations, has arrived in Paris with ARC Commissioner Harvey D. Gibson to meet representatives of the French Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies and inspect ARC installations in France.

G1 Ferry Crosses the Oise



American jeep crosses the Oise River near Compiègne, France, on raft propelled by ropes from opposite shore. In background is main bridge, wrecked by Germans before they fled town.

A Lull in the Pacific



While other leathernecks await their turn, a Marine cuts a rug with Patty Thomas, dancer with Bob Hope's USO troupe in the South Pacific. Best dancer got a kiss from Patty.

V3 Secret Out, 2 Unions Agree Weapon Is Not On Price Fixing

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE, Sept. 29 (AP).—Germany's third secret weapon—V3—is a 14-ton projectile with an explosive radius of almost two miles, according to information obtained by American Third Army troops in Germany.

V3 is 18 meters long, 1.65 meters in diameter, with take-off propelled by a mixture of liquid air and alcohol. It is shot into the air vertically and controlled by radio.

Apparently, the Germans have not got V3 into operation as yet.

1,083,880 Tons of Jap Shipping Sunk Since '43

As Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger declared yesterday at Sixth Army headquarters, Southwest Pacific, that "the Japs are licked and in a position which any sensible nation would regard as hopeless," a Washington announcement said planes of the U.S. 14th Air Force had sunk or damaged 1,083,880 tons of Jap shipping since Mar. 10, 1943. B-24s accounted for most of it in sweeps over the Formosa Straits and along the south and southeast China coast.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—In a joint statement, the AFL and CIO today proposed that prices on civilian goods whose production is resumed when reconversion begins should be no higher than they were in 1941 and 1942.

William Green, president of the AFL, said that the price controls must not be abandoned with victory lest "we be pushed into a destructive booby trap planted on the very threshold of post-war prosperity."

Meantime, the CIO's Cost of Living Committee said that "the responsibility of the Office of Price Administration in reconversion pricing is to protect the standard of living of American people against further increases and to provide a post-war price level which is conducive to full employment."

Army Sets Up a School For Helicopter Training

FREEMAN FIELD, Ind., Sept. 29.—Establishment here of the nation's first military helicopter training school was disclosed today by the Seventh Army Air Force. Personnel are officer instructors rated as pilots and enlisted field mechanics.

Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of Freeman Field, said two officers from the field recently made aviation history when they flew two helicopters 725 miles on the longest formation flight ever made by rotary-type planes in America.

Social Security Credit For Troops Aim of Bill

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—A bill providing social security credit for personnel in the armed forces based on the assumed salary rate of \$160 monthly was introduced in the House by Rep. B. W. Gearhart (R-Cal.). The measure follows suggestions of Chairman Arthur J. Altmeyer of the Social Security Board and would prevent loss of social security credit.

FREAK MISHAP KILLS

ALBANY, Ore., Sept. 29.—Uninjured when the car they were riding in struck a power pole, Sgt. Louis J. Querirolo, Jr., and Pfc. Walter A. Rourke, both of Camp Adair, died when they stepped out onto a high voltage wire brought down by the crash.

Trains Crash In Iowa Yards; 9 Die, 75 Hurt

MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., Sept. 29.—Nine persons were killed and more than 75 injured, many seriously, when a fast Chicago and Northwestern railroad freight train sideswiped a passenger train in the Northwestern yards on the outskirts of Missouri Valley last night.

The passenger train was pulling through the yards when "Calumet," a meat train from Omaha to Chicago, plunged into the side of the fifth coach, turning over five coaches.

B. W. Wilson, of Omaha, a witness, said "the train was traveling slowly when the grinding crash occurred that seemed to last for several seconds and then the train turned over with a great crash... The confusion was terrible and moans and cries of the injured arose amid the noise of the pileup. It was a miracle more people were not killed."

The known civilian dead included Ben White, of Council Bluffs Ia.; Edward Mayer, of Ashland, Neb.; Paul G. Storaasli, of Luverne, Minn.; Mrs. Ben White, of Council Bluffs, and Mrs. Ida McLarnin, of Merville, Ia.

SEES AIRCRAFT SLUMP

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—The American aircraft industry, now the world's largest, employing nearly 2,000,000 persons, faces a drastic plunge into a normal level when the demand for military planes ends after war, William A. Burden, Assistant Secretary of Commerce, said tonight. Burden cited the estimate of J. A. Krug, of the War Production Board, that the industry may be cut to one-tenth to one-twentieth of its present rate of operations.

EX-SEAMAN HELD AS SPY

NEW YORK, Sept. 29 (Reuter)—FBI agents today arrested Laurent Brackx, a former Merchant Marine captain and a lieutenant in the Navy Reserve from 1931-42, on charges of attempting to convey radar plans to Axis agents. Brackx pleaded not guilty to the espionage charge which carries a death penalty.

PRAIRIE PARADISE

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 29.—A drinkers' oasis opened here yesterday when 4,000 cases of 4 1/2-year-old bourbon whisky went on sale to any and all customers in an old storeroom, leased for a month. The whisky may be bought, by the case and the four promoters of the sale said they didn't expect to be in business a full month.

BALLOTS FOR PENNSY MEN

HARRISBURG, Pa., Sept. 29.—Governor Edward Martin said today that Pennsylvania had mailed 550,000 voting applications to members of the armed forces and other voters out of the state. This figure is more than one-eighth of the total voting strength of Pennsylvania.

NEVER SAY DIE

JEFFERSON CITY, Me., Sept. 29.—Maurice Lee Coleman, 22, is in the Army after fighting a long pre-induction battle. He was rejected eight times by the Army and Navy because of a heart condition. The ninth time, he succeeded at Jefferson City Barracks.

ONE MAN'S OPINION

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 29.—Testimony by Mrs. Gladys Shanbeck that her husband, who has been married four times, once told her that "six years is long enough to live with any woman," has just won her divorce in an uncontested hearing before presiding Judge James T. Lawler.

A 'BUG' ON FLEAS

FOREST GROVE, Ore., Sept. 29.—Dr. C. Andressen Hubbard, professor of biology at Pacific University for 22 years, will retire to devote his whole time to the study and research on his specialty—fleas.

DORIS DUKE GOING OVER

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 29.—Doris Duke Cromwell, the tobacco heiress, has left for overseas duty in the United Seamen's Service, it was disclosed today.