

Invasion of Reich Looms

M-8 Tanks Blast Path to Belgium



M-8 tanks fire on German 88 positions near Vic-sur-Aisne in the drive which carried American First Army Forces commanded by Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges to Belgium.

4 Armies Poised; Security Silence Masks Advances

The United States First, Third and Seventh and British Second Armies last night were preparing a gigantic final offensive into Germany itself to be launched somewhere along a 500-mile stretch of frontier between Switzerland and northern Holland.

Army leaders again invoked a strict security silence on all but localized actions as the armies jockeyed for positions, masking their concentrations behind a series of small-scale engagements.

While the four Allied armies were covering the final

miles up to the frontier against varying opposition, the Canadian First Army was progressing steadily with the cleanup of Channel ports. Brussels Radio reported unofficially that the Channel port of Le Havre had been liberated.

Tension Similar to D-Day

Phil Ault, United Press correspondent, reported that "the tension and urgency of preparation all along the front is in many ways similar to that immediately before D-Day."

The line-up of the Allied armies as they disappear under the security blackout follows:

In the north, British Second Army troops forced a crossing of the Albert Canal, which bisects Belgium in a southeasterly direction. They met heavy opposition, but got a firm footing five miles across the canal at Bourg Leopold. They are about 26 miles from the nearest point of Germany with a little southeasterly appendix of Holland lying before them.

Next southward stands Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges' First U.S. Army, which reached the outskirts of the fortress city of Liege, which guards the gap between southern Holland and the Ardennes Forest. Other First Army troops are striking eastward through Ardennes and on from Sedan.

Then further south comes Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third U.S. Army which is deployed along an approximately 50-mile front behind the Moselle River with Metz and Nancy immediately before them. Gen. Patton's men have established bridgeheads across the Moselle River, the last river barrier before Germany itself.

Nazis Holding Actions

The Germans are fighting strong holding actions along the river, apparently to obtain additional time to strengthen the Siegfried Line. Continual enlargement of the Moselle bridgeheads by American

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End of Siege At Brest Is Now at Hand

WITH U.S. FORCES OUTSIDE BREST, Sept. 7 (Delayed).—Bitter fighting has marked every inch of ground that the Americans have gained toward the vital Brittany port of Brest, but the end is in sight.

German forces under Lt. Gen. Ramcke now are confined within a perimeter of 13 miles and they are reported to be blowing up dock installations and wrecking harbor facilities.

Coming into the prisoner cages are steady streams of Nazis, including some paratroops—the backbone of the Brest defenders. The prisoners say that they feel they have been forgotten. They stand, they declare, is dismissed in radio reports by the phrase "and Brest also was bombed." "Doesn't anyone know we are here?" they add.

Recent reports stated that U.S. infantry, artillery and aircraft had teamed up to capture 6,700 Nazis from the Brest garrison.

Ford Willow Run Plant Is Closed After Walkout

DETROIT, Sept. 8.—The Ford Motor Co. closed its Willow Run Plant today at noon and sent 15,000 employes home after more than 2,000 workers in six departments walked out in a dispute over the transfer of 20 riveters.

Meanwhile, two strikes by 18,000 maintenance workers in the Briggs Manufacturing Co. and the Packard Motor Car Co. plants ended after the War Labor Board issued a return-to-work order.

1,000 Heavies Hit Oil Plants

Chemical and synthetic oil plants at Ludwigshafen and other targets in Germany were raided yesterday by more than 1,000 British-based U.S. Fortresses and Liberators as bad weather curtailed the operations of French-based aircraft.

A German column of more than 300 vehicles, manned by 1,000 Nazis, was smashed and forced to surrender Thursday by Ninth Air Force P47s, it was announced yesterday. The column was attacked along a 30-kilometer stretch of road between Chateauroux and Issoudun, 112 kilometers south of Orleans. When the air attacks ceased, French Forces of the Interior took the remnants of the Germans prisoner, pilots reported.

At a cost of only one Thunderbolt, the warplanes destroyed 285 horse-drawn vehicles, 25 ammunition carriers, 20 fuel cars and 88 trucks.

Two Armored, Four Infantry Divisions Drive on Germany

By Wes Gallagher
Associated Press Correspondent.

WITH THE THIRD U.S. ARMY, Sept. 8.—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's headquarters has revealed that the Fourth and Seventh Armored Divisions supported by four crack infantry divisions have been among the spearheads driving on Germany.

The infantry divisions include the Fifth, of Iceland fame, and which fought with both the First and Third Armies, the 35th, 80th and 90th.

The Fourth Armored, which smashed from the west coast of the Cherbourg peninsula into Brittany

to take Nantes and hem German garrisons in the ports of St. Nazaire and Lorient, turned north and swept through Sens, Orleans, Troyes and Montargis, followed by the 35th Division.

The Seventh Armored, often with units of the Fifth Infantry Division riding into battle as doughboy-tank teams, followed by the 90th as consolidating troops, took Chartres, gateway to Paris.

The 80th Division has been widely used on almost every sector since the break-through, doing the tough, dirty mop-up work all the way from the Brest peninsula to the Seine.

Observers See Dewey Favors Quick 'Demob' For U.S. Troops After Victory

Meeting Believed Near On Post-War Europe, War in Pacific

By Virgil Pinkley

United Press Correspondent.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—It was believed likely tonight that President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill would meet soon somewhere in North America—probably Quebec—to lay final plans for cracking Japan and to discuss policies in Europe following the defeat of Germany.

The conversations are expected to be informal, conducted on a smaller and quieter scale than those at Casablanca, Cairo, Teheran or even the earlier Quebec conference.

The agenda will probably include: 1) Means to push the mounting offensive against Japan; 2) final approval of plans to crush Germany militarily this year; 3) occupation of Germany by Russia, Britain and the United States; 4) application of Lend-Lease to other countries as well as Britain; 5) the Polish border question; 6) the question of minority territories in general; 7) peace terms for Germany; 8) international control by the United Nations to prevent further outbreaks of aggression; and 9) general Anglo-American co-operation.

Underground Nazis?

Allied and neutral capitals were puzzling last night with rumors of Nazi plans to "dive underground" following Germany's defeat, in an effort to build up secretly for a third world war.

The Stockholm correspondent of the London Daily Mail reported: "The Nazi plan for going underground when the German Army is defeated has now been fully developed. Already it involves hundreds of thousands of trained men and women, and is backed by staggering sums of money and arms, or means to get them."

Meanwhile, as Switzerland reiterated that it would not shelter war criminals, the London Evening Standard reported that Rib-

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Declaring that servicemen should be brought back to the United States and discharged at the earliest possible moment after victory, Gov. Thomas A. Dewey charged the present administration planned to demobilize the Army slowly because Mr. Roosevelt feared the resumption of a depression.

Formally opening his campaign for the presidency at a GOP rally in Philadelphia, the New York Governor said that Europe's army of occupation should be confined to those voluntarily choosing to remain in the armed forces.

"The New Deal proposes to keep men in the Army because it is afraid of the resumption of its own depression," Dewey said. "They can't think of anything for us to do once we stop building guns and tanks."

Meanwhile, Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director, notified all local draft boards that unless unforeseen military contingencies develop, the armed forces would need approximately 600,000 men from July 1, 1944, to Jan. 1, 1945.

USUAL STORY: 'No Comment'

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—President Roosevelt today parried questions when asked at his press conference to comment on Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's opening campaign speech. He advised newsmen to say he'd smiled broadly and said nothing.

Po Valley Occupation In Italy Anticipated

An advance to the Gothic Line and the occupation of the Po Valley is momentarily anticipated, Gen. George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, said yesterday in a congratulatory message to the Fifth Army on the anniversary of the Salerno victory.

Although offensive operations in Italy were hampered by extremely bad weather, American patrols west of Florence made deep advances north of the Lucca-Prato road and gained contact with outposts of the Gothic Line.

"The last phase of a German debacle is now at hand," Marshall said in his message to Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark.

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Someone Is a Liar

The Joe who said in your swell paper that New Mexico has the highest golf course in the world is a liar. That honor goes to Leadville, Colo., 11,637 feet elevation, where they furnish oxygen masks for players and nine holes is all a guy can stand.—S/Sgt. Krelling, Sta. Co. Sqdn.

Doughnut War

Doughnuts to the claim of T/5 Slemplewski and his Pal in yesterday's Stars and Stripes that they ate the first doughnuts after the D-Day landings in France. On June NINTH, three days after we landed, a few of our crew made doughnuts, which we admit could have tasted better, but, under the conditions then existing, were not too bad.

JIM HOLEN, ALBERT D. HAY, PHIL HAWLEY

Hershey Draws Fire

So Gen. Hershey thinks it would be cheaper to keep men in the Army until there is room for them in private business. Are we inmates of a prison, waiting for our "good conduct" parole? What's the sense of fighting if we can't get out and enjoy what we fought for?—Pvt. Jack Dieker, Engineer.

Who's going to liberate the liberating armies? Town after town is falling to our great armies in France. But what about those boys whose duty is to carry on? Shall the cream of American youth be kept away from home and be allowed to deteriorate in some far-off country? Or shall they be allowed to return home to a freedom they justly deserve? We are fighting boss rule. Let us not have it back home. Let the people at home and let us who are concerned vote on Gen. Hershey's idea on election day.—A Few Battle Casualties in a Hospital in Britain.

All along the lines of beds here in the hospital the boys are talking about what Gen. Hershey said. We are from some of the famous divisions of this war—the 2nd., 4th., 29th., 79th., 101st. Airborne and 82nd. Airborne.

We don't want any sympathy from any one and if Gen. Hershey thinks that way it's okay with us. But as a soldier next to me just said, "We've been in these itchin' O.D.s long enough without keeping us longer than necessary. We believe in having a good standing army made up of men that haven't either been away from home or in long. If our wish to go home is granted we will be more than happy that our point of view was brought to light.—Pfc Coleman Pokronev, 1st Div.

What kind of country are we fighting for if I may ask? The very idea! Keep soldiers in the Army after the war until jobs can be secured for them. Of course 45 per cent want us to stay in the service. Why not? They have good jobs. To hell with the soldier. Why not have a nice little army of occupation composed of that 45 per cent? We know they would love that. Think so?—Sgt. H. J. Albritton, Medical Detachment.

[The Stars and Stripes previously pointed out that while Gen. Hershey's views could be expected to carry weight because of his position as Selective Service chief, servicemen's discharge is a matter for the War and Navy Departments and Congress.—Ed.]

Hash Marks

Quip of the Week (by Sgt. I. W. Harker). "It seems apparent that a large number of Germans are being driven 'in-Seine.'"

Adm. Kiichi Endo, commander of a Jap fleet routed recently off New Guinea, is believed to have fled his



sinking ship and perished in the Cyclops jungles. An American staff officer with a flair for sign-posts erected one in Endo's memory at a plantation bordering the jungle. It read: "Admiral Endo Slept Here." On Pim Beach, near Hollandia, is another sign: "Admiral Endo Flew Here." And deep in the jungle is this final memento: "Admiral Endo Dead Here."

From Pfc Jim Kruse comes a suggestion for another decoration for Chairborne Troops—the DFC, Distinguished Filing Cross.

GI Switchboard Operator, Cpl. Joe Surzyn, has a bad case of telephone nerves these days. His very close pal is a guy named Cpl. Do-



minic Nicoletti. One day he calls comes through, "I'm Major Nicoletti. Is this the Army Air Force Station Number?" "It ain't the Navy base!" quips Surzyn, who thinks his pal Do is pulling his leg. Amid the spluttering on the other end of the wire comes a request for transportation. So Surzyn says, "Stop it Nick, you're breaking my heart; and please get off the line. I've got a lot of calls coming in." At this point the spluttering over the line becomes so terrific that the operator lets the call through to transportation and discovers that he has been talking to an officer just arriving at the outfit to take over a new assignment—Major Louis J. Nicoletti.

HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"Ask him what you do for recreation around here."

Let's Set the Post-War Pattern

ABOUT one soldier in every ten in this man's Army is a Negro. Wherever you go—from the beaches to the front—you see these lads doing their stuff.

Which leads up to the story of three GI's—white boys—who were caught on the road one night with the gas needle angling toward the zero mark.

They made several bids for refill without success—until they pulled into an orchard where a Negro medic outfit was dug in for the night. Piled in a neat stack under a tree were about 30 cans—all empty. Empty, that is, except for the few drops that always stick inside the neck of a GI can.

Well, those Negro GI's came out of their holes, and tilted the empties into one



can. By the time the 30 cans were wrung dry, there was enough gas in the jeep to get the next dump.

"Don't mention it," was what the Negro sergeant

said as the GI's pulled out.

The decent things Joes do for each other should be mentioned. They ought to make things a little easier when we go back home.



UNDER a widely known statue in Paris, three GI's from the Ninth Tactical Air Command helped a young French mother in the delivery of twins early the other evening.

Pfc Edgar M. Finton, of Detroit; Pvt. Herbert Goldstein, of Brooklyn, and Pvt. Hugh Monfuletho, of Buffalo, were walking down the avenue when they heard a woman's voice frantically call for help. They rushed over and found two French women, the younger of whom was about to begin labor.

Taking off their field jackets, Goldstein and Monfuletho assisted with the delivery while Finton acted as an MP, detouring traffic and keeping crowds away.

When policemen arrived the two babies were crying lustily.

"The mother took the whole thing a lot more calmly than I did," Goldstein said, while Finton observed: "That's one thing I was never taught in basic training."

All three soldiers were so excited they forgot to find out if the twins were boys or girls.

Nine crew chiefs of the Thunderbolt fighter bomber

group commanded by Col. Cecil L. Wells, of Edwardsville, Ill., think they have cranked up a new record for plane performance—their nine P-47s have flown more than 1,200 sorties without a single turn back due to mechanical failure.

Highest scorers are S/Sgt. Merton F. Olson, of Elgin, Ill., and S/Sgt. R. A. Miller, of Parkersburg, Pa., with 152 abortless missions each. Second place went to S/Sgt. Orin C. Buffington, of Ellijay, Ga. Tied for third place are S/Sgt. Donald A. Groves, of Matador, Tex., and S/Sgt. Edward T. Delaney, of Iowa City, Ia., with 137 apiece.

Relaxing after a particularly hard day at the front, Lt. Col. Carlton P. Russell, of Carthage, Miss., and Capt. Bill Watson, of Hugo, Colo., walked into a small French town and spotted a jeep burning furiously. Next to the jeep, a soldier stood silently, watching the blaze.

"You'd better be careful of that thing, it's dangerous," Russell told the soldier. It was, because the enlisted man was a German, who knocked the colonel's revolver from his hand. Russell smacked the Jerry over the head with his rifle butt. Then he fired the carbine at onrushing Germans and killed four more.

FIVE members of Company B of an Engineer Combat battalion have been awarded the Soldier's Medal for heroism during the Normandy campaign. They are Pfc. Lester B. Howell, of Cadiz, Ohio; Pvt. Joseph S. Pasquette, of Superior, Wis.; Pvt. Domenic Pellucano, of New York; Pvt. Ernest D. Short, of Harlan, Ky., and Sgt. Roy Ham, of Betzylany, Ky.

Their citation reads that "with out regard to their own safety" the five rescued two men who had been pinned under a burning jeep which was loaded with ammunition. Their action prevented the death of the two men.

Anything can happen in France.

An officer in the 90th Infantry Division was visiting the QM section recently when a prisoner was captured. While searching the German, the group was strafed and in the excitement the officer dropped his pistol. Immediately everyone joined in the search for the lost weapon and a moment later someone noticed that the prisoner was missing.

Jerry was found in an adjacent hedgerow shortly afterward—on his hands and knees helping look for the pistol.

ADMIRING shipmates are telling the story of a fighting sailor who is sitting in the brig at Cherbourg awaiting an AWOL court martial—and all because he wanted to see a little fighting.

The gob, torpedo man on a PT boat, came back from a patrol in the hottest waters of the Channel and was given a brief pass. Instead of returning to his ship, he was picked up a week later, AWOL.

Most sailors over-the-hill hole up in Cherbourg or hitch hike a ride to England—but not this fellow. Army MPs found him driving an ammunition truck at the front beyond Paris.

Here's a story of Nazi-held Russians—40 of them—who were so eager to surrender to the Second Infantry Division that they marched in a group up to the CP and doughboys, seeing the formation advancing, sounded a general alarm. There was no firing, however, and the Russians explained they'd had enough war.

The 39 enlisted men and an officer were captured by the Germans several years ago and forced into the Nazi Army. Before they left the enemy lines, they removed parts from Mark IVs and once over the American lines they threw the nuts and bolts away.

SEVERAL hundred officers of a base section headquarters in Brittany took over a former German WAC dormitory for their billets the other day. Each bed used by the former occupants had the name of the particular girl. The one assigned to Capt. William B. Mirkin bore this label: "Obgeer Merken."

T/4 Paul Brown, of Troy, N.Y., who acts as a one-man mine detector in forward movements of his Eighth Infantry Division field artillery battalion, flattened himself to the earth as a German ME109 passed overhead.

Brown looked up to see a black object hurtling directly toward him. Then he heard a dull thump.

The "bomb" turned out to be an auxiliary gas tank, jettisoned by the German pilot. Other men in the outfit saw Brown pick up the tank, fondle it, and mutter: "Nice can, nice can."



In the red-hot Pacific Coast League race the league lead recently changed hands nine times in 10 days, the tenth day being an off day with no games.

Ossie Bluege, manager of the Washington Senators, has only been thrown out of a ball game twice in 25 years in baseball. The second time was not so long ago in Boston, and Ossie got tossed without even uttering a cussword. While fussing with Umpire George Pipgras Ossie said: "You know that Bucky Harris used to call you? Well, that goes for me too." Pipgras immediately tossed him out of the game.

Two major league vets, Paul Dean and Willis Hudlin, have won all but four of the games that the Little Rock Travelers have taken in the second half of the Southern Association race.

When the Dodgers bought Ben Chapman from Richmond of the Piedmont League, they kicked in with \$20,000 and some players. It has now been made public that Chapman had an agreement whereby he got half his purchase price for himself.

Ron Northey, of the lowly Phils, needs a homer in the Cincinnati park to be the only man in the National League to hit for the circuit in all parks.

Princequillo, the Boone-Hall Stables stake campaigner that rose from the ranks of selling platters to win over \$100,000, has been retired. The Prince bowed a tendon in the Saratoga Handicap, and the injury ended his racing career.

The Chicago Bears have signed a new tackle prospect who will be something for the league's big boys to stare at. The new kid is Tiny Lee from Texas and he stands 6 feet 6 inches and weighs 280.

Number four spot in the batting order usually is the honor spot, but they can't get a player that wants it on the Seattle team in the Coast League. On five occasions a player in a hitting streak has been lifted to the cleanup spot and immediately fell into a slump.

Joe Medwick, old Card star now with the Giants, is the only man in the league who has hit 30 or more doubles every year since 1932.

Ruling Boosts Grid Prospects Of Navy Squad

Four-Year Eligibility Will Allow Return Of Six Stars

ANNAPOLIS, Sept. 8.—The already strong Nav. 1 Academy football team became one of the nation's most powerful when Academy Superintendent Rear Adm. John Beardall announced that Navy would follow the National Collegiate Athletic Association's ruling that college players could play four years of varsity ball.

The ruling will allow Navy to use several stars who played before entering the Academy and were sidelined after three years of varsity competition.

Four All-Americans will be eligible this season because of the ruling, including Hall Hamberg, who previously played at Arkansas; tackle Don Whitmire, former Alabama star; and two former Princeton stars, center Jack Martin and halfback Benny Martin.

In addition Dave Barksdale and Marshall Steves, who were benched last year after playing for two years, will return. Barksdale is a blocking back while Steves is a guard.

Syracuse Lists 7 Games

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Ossie Solem, head football coach at Syracuse University, has announced a seven-game schedule for the Orange squad, which has been absent from formal intercollegiate competition since the close of the 1942 season.

Syracuse opens against Cornell at Syracuse on the night of Sept. 23. The rest of the schedule includes: Columbia, Oct. 7; Lafayette, Oct. 14; Temple, Oct. 21; Boston College, Oct. 28; Penn State, Nov. 4; and Colgate, Nov. 18.

Oklahoma Using "T"

Norman, Okla., Sept. 8.—Oklahoma University's Big Six football champions under Coach Dewey Luster are working out with single wing and T formations, and are expecting Don Tillman, one of last year's guards, to report. He will not start to work out for a few days, however, as he is recovering from a recent eye operation.

Michigan Stresses Defense

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Sept. 8.—After stressing offensive football for the first two weeks of practice, Fritz Crisler's Michigan eleven have switched over to defensive tactics with emphasis on pass defense.

Crisler said the squad will concentrate on pass defense until they open their season against the Great Lakes Sailors.

Set at Short



By Pap

Tigers Defeat White Sox, 3-2, To Slice Lead

Detroit Only 1/2 Game Out of First Place In American

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—The Detroit Tigers moved to within a half game of the league-leading New York Yankees when they beat the Chicago White Sox, 3-2, here in a night game that originally was scheduled for the afternoon but was postponed because of wet grounds.

Ruffus Gentry, who has been knocked out of the box 20 times this season, finally came through to pitch his eighth complete game. He kept the Sox away from second base during the last six innings.

The Tigers opened fast with two runs in the first inning off Johnny Humphries. Roger Cramer and Eddie Mayo started things going with singles and both moved up on a sacrifice by Pinky Higgins. Dick Wakefield then came through with a single to bring both runners home.

What proved to be the winning tally was scored in the third stanza when Cramer tripled and Mayo singled him home.

Singles by Hal Trosky, Eddie Carnett and Mike Tresh accounted for the Sox first run in the second inning with the other marker scoring in the third without a hit. Wally Moses walked, took second on an infield out, and scored when Mayo booted Trosky's grounder between first and second.

Gentry gave eight hits and Humphries allowed seven as the two clubs wound up their competition for the season with the same record they showed last season. The Tigers won 13 with the Sox taking nine.

Cleveland Nips Redskins, 9-0

CLEVELAND, Sept. 8.—The Cleveland Rams, playing their first game since the close of the 1942 National Professional Football League season, defeated the Washington Redskins, 9-0, in an exhibition game here before 12,000 fans at Municipal Stadium.

Halfback Tommy Colerra put the Rams out in front early in the contest as he broke through right tackle on the second play of the game and raced 60 yards through the Washington eleven to score. Fullback Walter West converted to give Cleveland a 7-0 advantage.

The Rams scored their other two points in the second period when Ken Stepzm, trying to kick out from behind his own goal line, was nailed by Steve Plitto for a safety.

Fans Tending to Overlook Hopp in Cardinal Outfield

As the St. Louis Cardinals pound along the victory trail toward their third straight National League pennant, it has become the custom for baseball fans to sing the praises of Martin Marion, the Cooper brothers, Stan Musial and Ted Wilks, but it's seldom if ever that anyone says anything about John Leonard Hopp, the Hastings, Neb., gardener, who has been hitting better than either Musial or Dixie Walker for the last month and now is only a couple of percentage points away from the National League batting title.

Blessed with great speed and a powerful throwing arm, Hopp is one of the finest outfielders in the business today, but he didn't come into his own until Terry Moore and Harry Walker left the Cardinals' outer garden to join the Army. Now he has a regular job for the first time since he broke in with the Cards back in 1939.

Hopp leads the fleet Cardinal team in base stealing and trails Musial only by a couple of runs for the league scoring lead.

CALLAHAN GOES TO SCRANTON LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 8.—Smiling Dick Callahan, star hurler of the New Orleans Pelicans, who received a \$15,000 bonus for signing with the Boston Red Sox, has been shipped down the river to Scranton of the Eastern League.

Minor League Results

International League			
Syracuse	2	Baltimore	1
Montreal	3	Buffalo	2
Newark	8	Jersey City	1
W. L. Pct.			
Baltimore	82	65	558
Newark	83	66	557
Buffalo	77	72	517
Toronto	60	63	559
Jersey City	71	77	480
Montreal	70	78	473
Rochester	68	80	457
Syracuse	63	82	442
American Association			
Milwaukee	6	St. Paul	0
Toledo	4	Indianapolis	3
Louisville	Columbus postponed.		
W. L. Pct.			
Milwaukee	98	48	671
Toledo	92	56	622
Louisville	83	59	584
St. Paul	80	63	559
Columbus	80	67	544
Indianapolis	57	88	393
Minneapolis	51	93	354
Kansas C.	38	105	286
Eastern League			
Elmira	2	Utica	1
Albany	10	Scranton	9
Binghamton	7	Williamsport	4
W. L. Pct.			
Hartford	94	37	718
Albany	87	46	654
Utica	64	68	485
Binghamton	62	66	484
Williamsport	50	84	373
Southern Association			
Atlanta	6	Birmingham	1
Nashville	4	Little Rock	3
New Orleans	3	Chattanooga	2
Memphis	Mobile postponed.		
W. L. Pct.			
Nashville	42	23	646
Memphis	41	24	631
Atlanta	42	25	627
N. Orleans	36	36	506
Chattanooga	26	45	366

Terry And The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate



By Milton Caniff



Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features



By Al Capp



Byron Nelson Favored In Texas Golf Tourney

DALLAS, Tex., Sept. 8.—Byron Nelson has been installed as favorite to take the \$2,000 first prize in the Texas Victory Open golf tournament here with Lt. Ben Hogan of the USAAF considered the best dark horse.

Hogan is on leave and has been here several days playing over the championship course.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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

APOs Wanted

Lt. Bertza, East Chicago, Ind.; Sgt. Esther Freedman, Columbia, S.C.; Sgt. Ernest M. Hazner, Jr., Oklahoma City, Okla.; Sgt. John D. Jarrott, Fort Worth, Tex.; Lt. Paula Krull, Pitching, Mass.; Capt. Solomon, Sunbury, Pa.; Pfc. Alva Moore Sumpkin, Jr., Columbia, S.C.

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LOST

A one-ton Trailer, USA Number 0665335, bearing unit serial number 34522. Lost unloading at Beach on or about Aug. 20, 1944. Walter R. Christmas, Executive Officer.

Sofia Declares War on Reich; Asks Red Peace

Soviets Enter Bulgaria Unopposed; Rumania Battles Hungary

While unopposed Russian forces began entering Bulgaria from Rumania, Bulgaria last night declared war on Germany and asked Russia for an armistice. Russia had declared war on Bulgaria Tuesday.

At the same time, Rumania declared war on Hungary, one of the few Balkan nations still playing ball with Hitler, and Hungary said its forces were fighting against Rumanians to defend Transylvania.

In announcing Bulgaria's declaration of war against Germany, Sofia Radio announced all Allied prisoners of war being held there would be freed. It welcomed the Red Army as "an army of brotherly peoples" and said the government would "restore a democratic régime in Bulgaria."

Meanwhile, Free Yugoslav Radio announced the Serbs had risen in general revolt and were attacking German garrison forces in that country while Marshal Tito's Army of Liberation, driving to link up with Russian troops, claimed that all rail lines in Yugoslavia had been cut.

Three Narew Bridgeheads

Crossing the Rumanian-Bulgarian border without opposition, Red Army troops yesterday went from 20 to 40 miles to occupy Ruschuk on the Danube and the Black Sea port of Varna.

On the Warsaw front, the Germans admitted the Reds had built up three bridgeheads across the Narew River north of the city, while Moscow announced "new attacks over a vast area." Fighting was still going on in Warsaw itself.

Meanwhile, Soviet alpine troops were reported driving deep into the Transylvanian Alps, followed by Cossack units and Russian tanks, which were running on Rumanian oil from the recently captured Ploesti refineries.

Japs Open China Drive

In an effort to capture the important 14th U.S. Air Force base at Kweilin, the Japanese have thrown 225,000 men into a full-scale drive from Hunan toward the border of Kwangsi, southernmost province of China, a Chungking communiqué announced last night.

The Chinese admitted the loss of Lingling, strategic point in southern Hunan 15 miles from the Kwangsi border. The Japs were also reported massing troops in northern Indo-China for a smash into Kwangsi.

Meanwhile, in the Far Eastern air war B29 Super-fortresses yesterday made another attack on industrial targets in Jap-dominated Manchuria in northern China, while escorted heavy bombers attacked an airdrome south of Menado in the Celebes.

Czechs Freeing Homeland

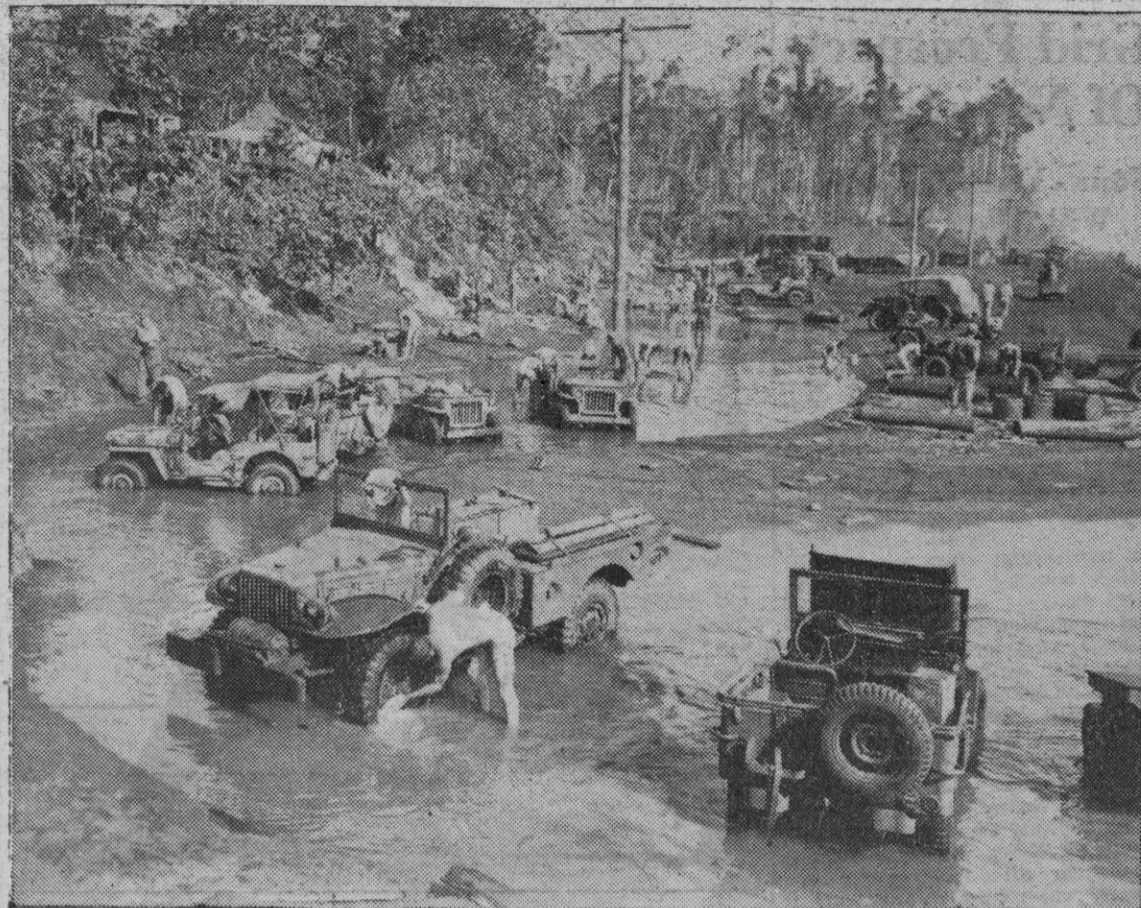
The Czechoslovakian government in exile announced in England yesterday that almost half of Czechoslovakia had been liberated by partisans. In Washington, Secretary of State Cordell Hull said the U.S. government had recognized the Czech forces fighting in Czechoslovakia as regular combat troops, entitled to full rights as belligerents.

Archbishop Spellman To Say Mass in Paris

Archbishop Francis J. Spellman, of New York, military bishop for both the U. S. Army and Navy, will offer solemn pontifical mass in the presence of Cardinal Archbishop Suhard, of Paris, at 10 a.m. tomorrow at the Cathedral of Notre Dame de Paris.

Archbishop Spellman is on his second tour of Army establishments in the ETO at the request of President Roosevelt and has already visited the Italian front and the United Kingdom. After a five-day stay in Paris, much of which he is spending with the wounded in Army hospitals, he will visit other areas in the ETO.

Saturday Night in New Guinea



Stripped for their jobs, American soldiers manage to remove some of the grime of battle from themselves while cleaning their vehicles, which they drove into a small river in Dutch New Guinea.

Eisenhower Presents Shield Yanks 40 Miles To Paris for Its 'Courage' From Belfort

By Jules B. Grad
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Beneath the Arc de Triomphe, France's symbol of a nation's eternal freedom, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower yesterday brought to the people of Paris America's thanks for their "courage and resolution" in liberating the great French capital.

A few hours after he flew into Paris by special plane, the Allied commander presented to M. Tollet, president of the Paris Liberation Committee, a replica of the supreme headquarters shield. It soon will be replaced by one in metal.

As Gen. Eisenhower laid a wreath on the tomb of France's Unknown Soldier of World War I, squadrons of Marauders, Thunderbolts and Mustangs dipped low over the Arc and then roared at tree-top level down the wide avenue of the Champs-Élysées.

High Officers Present

Among those standing at rigid attention at the north gate of the Arc with their commander were Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, Gen. Eisenhower's chief of staff, and Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, commander of the Central Group of Armies.

"Two weeks ago, French and Allied troops made their entry into the city," Gen. Eisenhower told Paris government representatives. "They came to give the coup-de-grace to the last elements of the enemy remaining here, but the liberation of Paris was already complete.

"Armed with courage and resolution, the men of the French Forces of the Interior, who for four years under the inspiration of Gen. De Gaulle had never ceased to struggle against the enemy, went into the streets to drive out the despised invader. The glory of having largely freed their capital belongs to Frenchmen."

'Liberty Comes Home'

Asserting that every member of the Allied forces shared the joy when Paris was at last returned to its people and to France, Gen. Eisenhower said: "Liberty has come back to one of its traditional homes."

These words are inscribed in French on the plaque:

"Insignia of Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, presented by General Dwight D. Eisenhower on behalf of the officers and men of the Allied Expeditionary Force to the City of Paris to commemorate its liberation."

OO-LA-LA

The First Army band will give a concert in American jazz and French music at 3 p.m. tomorrow at the Trocadéro, on the Seine opposite the Eiffel Tower, Paris.

Reich Invasion Reported Near

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troops below Nancy may soon outflank both Metz and Nancy.

At Besançon, the Seventh U. S. Army is plunging northeast along the western fringe of the Alps toward the Belfort Gap. The Seventh Army, commanded by Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, landed in southern France early in August.

The German forces radio yesterday quoted Berlin newspapers as confirming the appointment of Marshal Walter Model, a "hedgehog expert," as commander-in-chief of German forces on the western front, succeeding Marshal Gunter Von Kluge.

Yanks Study Map of Belgium



First group of Americans from an infantry division pause at the Belgian border near Maquenoise to study a map

Willkie Blames 2 U.S. Parties For 'Next War'

Dem., GOP Platforms Confuse and Deceive, He Declares

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Wendell Willkie today denounced both American major political parties—Democrat and Republican—for "preparing the soil for sowing World War III."

Writing in Colliers Magazine under the title "Cowardice in Chicago," he declared: "Both platforms contain an irreconcilable paradox which in its plain implication can only confuse, deceive and disillusion the American people."

"This paradox," he said, "is the promise that permanent or lasting peace can be attained with what is popularly called 'loss of sovereignty.'"

"What we shall create is at best a consultative pact of 'peace-loving' nations, an arrangement which may be different in words but in fact will not differ at all from most alliances of history. To be realistic, we should say frankly we are exchanging this small measure of our traditional sovereignty for a greater good preventing wars among men."

WACS RUN AD CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—The Women's Army Corps is spending \$2,200,000 for recruiting and advertising between July 1 and Nov. 1, the War Department disclosed. Officials said the WAC has been authorized \$5,000,000 to spend in advertising for about 7,000 recruits needed to bring the Corps up to authorized strength.

SET NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—National Freedom Day would be proclaimed by the President each Feb. 1 under terms of a resolution offered in the Senate by Sen. Joseph Guffey (D., Pa.) and Sen. Harry S. Truman (D., Mo.). The date would commemorate Lincoln's signing the congressional resolution prohibiting slavery and involuntary servitude.

30,000 JAPS LEAVE CAMPS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—More than 30,000 Japanese-Americans have left internment centers on indefinite leave, it was announced today. Sixty thousand Japs are still in eight regular centers and 18,500 in segregation centers for people of questionable loyalty. Another 5,000 are on seasonal leave.

ASKS 'MICHIGAN' SHIP

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—A petition from the Michigan Department of the American Legion asking that the next constructed battleship be named U.S.S. Michigan was presented to the House.

Says Nazis Planning To Go Underground

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bentrop and Von Papen were in Lisbon making arrangements for asylum for themselves and their friends in Portugal.

In Washington, Secretary of State Cordell Hull told his press conference he would require further confirmation and clarification before commenting on the Argentine Embassy's denial that Argentina would provide a haven for Nazi war criminals. He added that he was hopeful action would be taken to prevent war criminals entering Portugal and Switzerland.

The London Daily Telegraph's Berne correspondent said Marshal Pétain and other Vichy leaders had fled their temporary residence near Belfort and were in Germany.

FDR DENIES PEACE REQUESTS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—President Roosevelt told his press conference today he had received no peace overtures from within Germany.

HITLER RECALLS ENVOY

MADRID, Sept. 8.—Diplomatic circles here confirmed a report today that Hans Dieckhoff, German Ambassador to Spain, left by air for Berlin yesterday on an urgent summons by Hitler. He will be replaced by Franz Von Papen.