

# 'Yield or Be Razed,' Aachen Told

## Is This Picture Too Good To Be True?



The above picture was received from Holland by the U.S. Signal Corps, without details as to the circumstances under which it was taken. This photo could rank among the most remarkable of the war. Shown are Yank paratroopers in a spray of Dutch soil.

## 7 Red Armies Attack Prussia

Seven Soviet armies, spearheaded by no less than 1,000 tanks, have launched an attack against the East Prussian border, Berlin reported last night as Moscow dispatches announced Red Army vanguards had reached the Baltic and cut off an estimated 150,000 Germans.

The Lithuanian Baltic port of Memel, from which the Russians were only 12 miles distant Monday night, was reported under fire from Soviet artillery and there was a strong possibility that the fast-moving Russians, advancing 17 miles a day, were already in the city's outskirts.

To the south, Russian troops within 55 miles of Budapest were reported to have cut the Vienna-Orient Express line, main traffic artery between Germany and the Balkans, between Belgrade and Budapest.

Col. Ernst von Hammer, German News Agency commentator, said the Soviet offensive against Memel and Libau (or Liepaja), 60 miles north of Memel, "continued with undiminished violence on a broad front," supported by numerous fresh tank and infantry reinforcements.

He admitted the Russians had "succeeded in gaining more ground in the direction of Memel and in occupying several places north and east of the city," but said nothing to indicate Soviet units had cut through to the Baltic 20 miles south of Memel, as reported by Reuter in a Moscow cable. There was no confirmation of this from other sources.

Beyond describing the size of the East Prussian assault, von Hammer gave no



indication where the Soviets' main thrust was launched. He did mention, however, strong holding attacks at Novograd, south of East Prussia about 55 miles due west of Bialystok, and at Vilkaviskis, about 40 miles southwest of Kaunas on the road to Konigsberg.

In Hungary, von Hammer conceded, the Russians succeeded in establishing "a string of bridgeheads" on the west bank of the Tisza River, which almost bisects the country from north to south about 60 miles east of Budapest.

### Churchill, Stalin Confer

MOSCOW, Oct. 10 (UP)—Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin sat up until 1 o'clock this morning discussing the war. They began their talk at 10 PM.

Earlier Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden conferred with Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov from 6.30 to 8 PM.

'Stop the Presses'—the Admiral's Kidding

## 'Allied Fleet in Jap Waters Fires 26 Warships off Korea'

PEARL HARBOR, Oct. 10 (Reuter)—A communique from the commander-in-chief, Pacific Fleet, says that powerful Allied naval forces have attacked a portion of the Japanese fleet lying at anchor near the entrance to Fusan Harbor, on the southeast coast of Korea. Twenty-six out of approximately 80 Japanese warships were set on fire and the remainder dispersed.

With this startling announcement Adm. Chester W. Nimitz hoaxed the world for 25 minutes yesterday.

It was one of the queerest snafus of the war.

Nimitz, holding a press conference at Pearl Harbor, turned from a discussion of the importance of weather in Pacific operations to tell assembled correspondents:

"You may be interested in this communique."

Then, with solemn face, he began reading:

"Powerful Allied naval forces . . .

By the time he mentioned an attack on the Japanese fleet correspondents began rushing copy to the cables a few words at a time.

When he said Fusan Harbor, eyes jumped to maps, found Fusan on the southern tip of Korea, about 140 miles from the nearest point of the Japanese island of Kyushu, little more from Japan's great southern harbor of Nagasaki.

In newspaper offices all over the world editors hung over teletypes eating it up word by word.

### 'Amazing Exploit'

In London, Reuter's naval correspondent whipped out a piece that was typical of Allied reaction:

"This truly amazing exploit by the warships under the command of Adm. Chester Nimitz—undoubtedly the most daring of the whole Pacific war—means that not only did the Allied task force 'trail its coat' right across the southern shores of Japan, but did in fact penetrate into the innermost lair of Japan's naval fortress."

Back in Pearl Harbor Nimitz came to the end of his communique:

" . . . this devastating blow has isolated enemy armies in Korea and cut them off from their home bases."

Then, with a little grin, he came to a part he had ignored before—the date.

"This communique, incidentally, is dated late June, 1592," he said—and then the blow fell. He had been talking about a Chinese-Korean exploit during an early Japanese invasion of the peninsula, supplementing earlier remarks about Kublai Khan's having twice almost invaded Japan only to have his ships destroyed by gales.

The Associated Press explained later that "the mistake was discovered after the first nine lines of the dispatch had been received in San Francisco—too late to prevent transmission on the trunk wires of a bulletin based on the assumption that Adm. Nimitz was referring to current events."

"The bulletin was killed," AP added, "the moment the San Francisco cable desk discovered the admiral was talking about a disaster which befell Kublai Khan hundreds of years ago."

## RAF Hits Ruhr Coal Center

RAF Bomber Command Halifaxes late Monday night blasted Bochum, one of the principal centers of the Ruhr iron and steel industry.

Situated between Essen and Dortmund, Bochum has three railway yards (Riemke, Langendreer and Dalhausen) in the vicinity, and produces about 30 per cent of all the Ruhr's coal output.

Yesterday's adverse weather grounded British-based U.S. heavies.

## Brazil to Relieve South Atlantic Fleet

U.S. Naval forces in the South Atlantic will be transferred shortly to the Pacific for the war against Japan, and Brazilian vessels will take over their patrol duties off South America, Rio de Janeiro radio said yesterday.

The station quoted an interview by Adm. William O. Stewart, chief of staff of the U.S. Navy's Pan-American division. He was said to have announced an "early transfer" of all U.S. naval strength to the Pacific theater.

Rio dispatches said earlier the transfer of U.S. patrol duties to Brazil was decided at a conference between the Brazilian minister of marine and the chief of the Fourth U.S. fleet.

## Warns of U-Boats In Norwegian Waters

Gen. Eisenhower yesterday warned that vessels sailing in Norwegian waters do so at their own risk because of the U-boat menace.

He pointed out that U-boat fleets driven from bases in the Bay of Biscay now carry out operations from Norwegian ports.

## Patton Sends Big Dagger To Little Woman

BRUSSELS, Oct. 10 (UP)—Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers (R.-Mass.) ended a two-day visit to American hospitals in Belgium and took off for Paris carrying a gift from Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., to his wife—a huge German dagger.

Wearing a tin hat, battle jacket and slacks, the gray-haired Congresswoman was full of praise for American doctors, nurses and orderlies and said "it almost defies description the way they carry on in the face of horrible conditions."

## U.S. Snubs Argentina

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (Reuter)—Argentina has not been invited to be represented at the White House Columbus Day celebration Thursday, when President Roosevelt will broadcast to America.

## B17s' Greatest Epic Told, One Year After 10 Forts Downed 60 Nazi Fighters

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, Oct. 10—Veteran airmen of the 390th Bomb Group, commanded by Col. Joseph A. Moller, of Chicago, looked back one year today to a comparatively minor bombing attack on railroad yards at Munster, Germany, where ten of the group's Fortresses threw a jolting "Sunday punch" into the Luftwaffe to score the greatest aerial victory of the war by a lone group in a single engagement.

There were no headlines for the 100 heroes who came back from the fiery hell over the ancient German terminal in the Ruhr, nor for the crews of eight Forts which didn't come back.

Few of the men realized the greatness and the importance of their victory. That they had fought a nightmarish battle, accomplished their assignment, and got back with their skins was all that seemed to

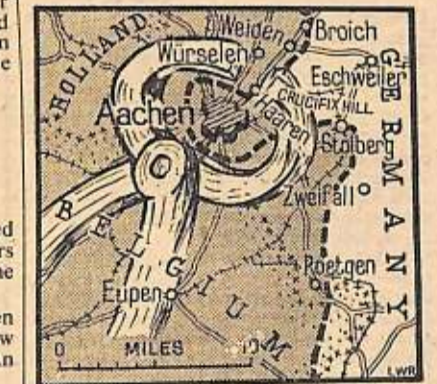
matter then. They were too tired, too scared, too thankful, and too depressed over the loss of 80 of their comrades to care much about anything.

That, and military censorship, are the principal reasons why the story is told now for the first time.

Here's what the crews of those ten returning bombers had done: Destroyed 60 front-line German fighters, probably destroyed six more, and damaged eight, to complete the destruction of six full-strength German fighter squadrons. Impressive as it is, the final score failed to include the unknown, but substantial, number of attackers destroyed by the bombers which never returned.

Never before—nor since that Sunday afternoon, Oct. 10, 1943—had one isolated group of less than 20 Fortresses more decisively defeated a concentrated

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An Editorial

# World's Worst Sunday Driver

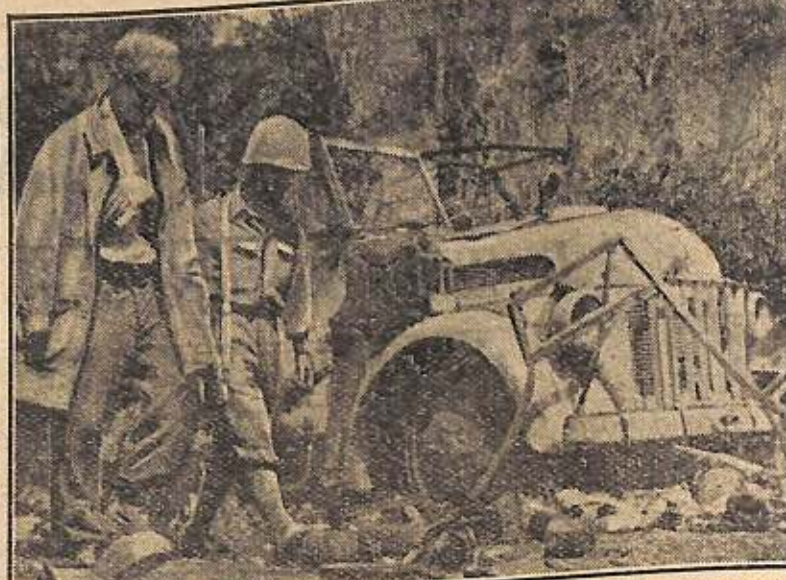
**H**ERMAN the German is the world's worst Sunday driver. Here he is, walking away from the accident. Leaving the burnt-out, beat-up wreck beside the road.

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 link.

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.

## Hash Marks

Some Waves, moving into recently vacated headquarters, were surprised to find signs like this in their new home: "Please do not leave cigar butts around the basins."

Health tip from the Minneapolis Times: "A glass of milk and a kiss at bedtime are relaxing." But, mister, we don't like milk!

Our nomination for the most brilliant conversation of the week (overheard in an ETO office). Officer: "I wonder why the hell Washington sent us this empty envelope." Stenographer: "What's in it?"

Unhappy thought: If there's a depression after the war maybe the streets back home will be crowded with ex-GIs from the ETO saying, "Brother, can you spare a nickel for a cup of TEA?"

Daffynition. Morning: The time of day when the rising generation retires and the retiring generation rises.

'Tis rumored that Germany is going to have to issue a new set of postage stamps. The present ones bear pictures of Hitler and Goering—and people keep spitting on the wrong side.

As far as we are concerned, Hitler is on the right track. If he keeps firing Nazi



officials he's bound to get around to himself.

And still another Daffynition. Baby: A tube with loud noises at one end and complete lack of responsibility at the other.

Is it true that a certain GI thought seriously of passing up a chance to go to OCS because a commission would curtail his pleasant life at the ARC clubs?

Tee, hee, Dept.: Instructors at an Army Weather Observers School back in the U.S.A. arranged a picnic at a nearby pleasure resort. It rained all day.

Signs of the Times: An Oregon youth, ordered to jail and fined for speeding, was released when he explained that he was hurrying on his way to an Army induction center.

Famous Last Words: "Yessir, I polished my buttons—but I guess they're made of green gold."

Afterthought: Horse-sense is what horses have that keeps them from betting on humans.

J. C. W.

## 10 Forts Bagged 60 Fighters In Epic Munster Battle

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Luftwaffe horde of more than 350 fighters.

The only remaining fliers at Moller's station who participated in the battle are: Lt. Col. Louis W. Dolan, of Denver, Colo., air executive officer; Maj. Gene C. Willms, of Millard, Neb., staff bombardier; Capt. Robert D. Brown, of Houston, Tex., a combat leader, and Capt. Douglas I. Gordon-Forbes, of Hollywood, Cal., another staff bombardier.

Alone, Brown's bomber, Cabin In The Sky, which also carried Forbes, knocked down 11 German planes during the melee, after all bombers in its squadron formation had been shot down during the 35-minute holocaust.

Among the crews lost at Munster was the one commanded by Lt. John G. Winant Jr., son of the U.S. ambassador to Great Britain.

The story of the battle was told by Forbes, who saw the grim spectacle unfold. "Even De Mille could never reproduce that one," he declared.

### Skies Looked Quiet

The first appearance of German fighters was spotted as the formation turned onto its bomb run. Escorting fighters, having reached the rim of their range, had left the bombers with the skies looking quiet over the target.

Then, suddenly, the interphone exploded as the tail gunner shouted: "Enemy fighters at five, six and seven o'clock, low, hitting the group behind us." The Germans had launched a perfectly co-ordinated attack, striking the moment our escort was out of sight.

"We caught the brunt of that first attack," Forbes related. "Starnes (2/Lt. George E. Starnes, of Columbia, S.C.) was hit at the middle of his ship by a rocket, and the plane started to break in half. It nosed up and crashed into

another just above in the formation. Both planes fell away and went down in a column of smoke. A ship on our right blew up with a great red flash. I saw the right waist gunner come out of his window in a grotesque swan dive. His chest was shot away."

All around them a great battle raged. The sky filled with the debris of men and planes. It ceased to be a battle in any organized sense and became a nightmare of attacking fighters and burning fighters and bombers. At one time close to 50 planes were burning and going down around them. The sky was so full of parachutes, it looked like a paratroop invasion.

### Sights Large Formation

As they neared the target, Dolan sighted a large formation of planes off to their right. At first he mistook them for Forts, because they were stacked up in a similar type of formation. But then as they turned into them and fanned out like an old Prussian infantry company charging, he identified them as twin-engine rocket planes.

"We had fought every inch of the way to the target after the bomb run had started," Forbes said. "The railroad yards were wide open. Bombs splattered all over them."

After calling out "bombs away," Forbes manned his gun. "I didn't have to look for targets," he recounted. "They were everywhere."

Capt. Bill Cabral, of San Francisco, pilot of the B17 Eight-Ball had a huge hole in his right wing, big enough for a couple of men to crawl through. The ship had been hit by a rocket and was in plenty of trouble.

Brown asked his tail gunner how the squadron was holding up, and the latter answered, "What squadron, Captain? We're all alone up here." They had lost five ships in about ten minutes. The other squadrons had fared little better.

### Spots 36 Fighters

Seconds later, Brown spotted 36 enemy fighters just ahead. And for the first time Forbes felt like throwing in the sponge. The cause seemed hopeless. They had been battling for what seemed like hours, though actually the fighting over Munster lasted just 34 minutes. The group behind had been literally blown out of the sky.

The ammunition was almost exhausted, shell casings were piled up a foot-deep on the floor. And still the Jerries came. Although they didn't know it at the time, a pair of empty guns which the Cabin's ball turret gunner was waving was the only protection left for the ship's belly. He kept off many attacks by tracking the fighters.

Directly ahead, streams of white vapor trails appeared—P47s charging in. "It's difficult to express the feeling that swept over me at that moment," Forbes commented. "All the weariness of battle seemed to drain every ounce of strength I had. I felt like yelling and praying at the same time."

The battered German forces whirled in a hurry and high-tailed it in disorder. The Thunderbolts caught a few and shot them down. Then they returned to herd home.



**The Original Sad Sack**  
I have no pin-ups on my wall;  
I'm never ever broke.  
I cross the street when near a pub;  
I neither curse nor smoke.  
I flee from girls with naughty eyes;  
I shun indecent wit.  
I'd rather hang than cheat in love.  
I'm dead and don't know it!  
T/5 Peter Alfano.

## Notes from the Air Force

M/SGT. Kenneth F. Harrison, of Danville, Ill., Fortress crew chief, has been awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct and outstanding services.

The Fortress group commanded by Col. James S. Sutton, of Findlay, Ohio, has completed 245 operational missions.

ROBERT M. Shaw, P51 pilot from Pittsburgh, celebrated his promotion to rank of captain and the completion of 300 combat flying hours in the ETO by destroying his eighth enemy plane over Holland.

M/Sgt. John V. Norberg, of Tolley, N.D., a crew chief at the Fortress base commanded by Lt. Col. Thomas S. Jeffrey, of Arvonia, Va., received the Soldier's Medal for heroism in extinguishing a fire which resulted from a taxiing accident. The blazing B17 was fully loaded with gasoline and bombs.

WEDDING Bells pealed Sunday for a couple of Army "cops"—MP Capt. F. Jay Nimitz, assigned to the Prisoner of War Division, Theater Provost Marshal, and WAC Sgt. Mary Lou Stevens, of the Army Airways Communications System, a unit popularly known as "the traffic cops of the air."

Mary Lou, a WAC since January, 1943, arrived in the ETO recently and the couple



WAC Sgt. Mary Lou Stevens and Capt. F. Jay Nimitz.

met again for the first time in 22 months, going ahead with plans for the wedding they had put off in the States when Nimitz, then a staff sergeant, went overseas.

They obtained the necessary official approval, but, during the 60-day waiting period required here, Nimitz was transferred to France. Taking no further chances on deferring the ceremony, the couple were married while Nimitz was in London on a brief leave.

S/Sgt. Herman J. (Pop) Walker, of Memphis, Tenn., P51 crew chief, has logged 83 combat missions, totalling 346 operational hours, without once turning back because of mechanical failure.

WHEN M/Sgt. Joseph P. Bechtel, of New Orleans, and Louis L. Collins, of Long Beach, Cal., inspected an overhauled airplane generator at their Air Service Command depot it marked the completion of the department's 100,000th hydraulic and electrical accessory repair in nine months. Bechtel heads the electrical shop while Collins is foreman of the hydraulic division.

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## THE B BAG

BLOW IT OUT HERE

NOTE: Lack of space forces us to limit all letters published to not more than 200 words.—Ed.

### GIs Died There, Too

Oct. 3, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,  
Not to take credit away from the British Airborne—they deserved every bit they received—but so do a lot of American Paratroopers. I'd just like to remind the people who think it was an "all British operation"—for the British newspapers and radio made it look that way—that a lot of American Paratroopers gave their lives in the same operation.

I'm a member of one of the two U.S. Airborne divisions that jumped in the Nijmegen-Arnhem operation on Sept. 17. We fought for days without relief, captured and held the Nijmegen bridge and also the city. We also carried the fight into Germany itself. All this was done with the cost of many American lives, for we fought tanks with rifles and machine-guns.

Our casualties were very high, but we held our own and kept advancing and both divisions are still in there fighting. So when you mention the Airborne operation in Holland, how about mentioning Americans also, for it was Allied, not just British?—A Wounded American Paratrooper.

### Cheesecake's a 'Buoy'

Oct. 6, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,  
Gentlemen, editorials are not the easiest thing to write so that all may observe and agree at the same time. However, your observation today on "Cheesecake, etc." very aptly touched something which is as truly typical American as the slang we use and the uniform we wear.

Your editorial crystallized into words, thoughts and ideas which are ever in back of the minds of soldiers throughout the world to whom "cheesecake" is a buoy until the day they are cast safely up on the shores of home. You hit the spot! Hats off to you all.—Harry M. Cohen, 2nd Lt., Sig. C.

### Gripe No. 1 on 'Femmes'

Oct. 7, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,  
Disappointed in your giving this glamor publicity space on the front page of 10/7/44. Pretty WACs and undue glorifying of female beauty is one "Pet Peeve" of mine in war.

Most of us have reached the conclusion that there are too many "femmes" in uniform considering their necessity. With the sole exception of nurses, who incidentally earn their commissions by previous training and experience, all this female business is plain "hogwash."

Our Ernie Pyle has the right idea in pleasing the service man. He is a big man in the fourth estate simply because he follows an old news tradition—names make news and add the home address. There are thousands of human interest shorts whose importance should command more space.—Pvt. A. A. Abraham, Inf.

### You're Wonderful, Girls

Oct. 5, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,  
In an effort to keep the record honest let me say, in answer to Pfc Graham's complaint about the NAAFI, that I have seen several such clubs, and many Red Cross clubs. It has been my experience that club admittance rules vary with local conditions. Many NAAFI clubs are very hospitable to American Forces, and I have seen many Red Cross clubs which, for one reason or another, found it necessary to exclude British Forces.

I also want to take this opportunity to express for all GIs (I don't believe anyone wants to be left out) our appreciation to all the British girls who have given so much of their free time voluntarily as hostesses, waitresses, etc., at American Red Cross clubs. It is impossible to express our genuine feelings. You are wonderful, girls.—Sgt. Don Groth, R.C.D.

### Let's Get the Job Done

Sept. 30, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,  
For some time I have been reading all the bitching of both the young and the old timers in the B Bag and cannot help but think they both have their points. But for the benefit of all let me say that it is no disgrace to be old but it is damn unhandy. When you pass 35 it is damn hard to get a job, and for that reason the age should be considered.

Of course being young you wish to get a start. Sure you look for a job but lacking experience it is hard to land one so it takes a little time to get that start. But what the hell's the rush. The war is not over so let's quit bitching about going home and get this damn job over and then we can all go home and fight it over every year when we meet as we who were fighting the war both here and in the States in '17 and '18. Yours for a speedy victory.—Pvt. Harry P. Comingore, Repair Sqdn.



"Naturally it's steak—oops, Sorry!"



In Those United States

Murray Says 3rd of GIs Lack Job Guarantees

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (ANS)—American labor leaders sounding off on post-war employment today predicted a bleak scene—20,000,000 idle, a depression, a slimmer pocketbook for the average man and no statutory assurance that many returning servicemen will get their jobs back—unless concrete preventative measures are taken immediately.

Speaking at The New York Times meetings on "Labor and the Veteran," Philip Murray of the CIO asserted that perhaps as many as one third of the 12,000,000 men now in uniform were unemployed when they entered the service and hence, under existing laws, have no job protection.

In the cases of other veterans, he said, many will find that advanced skills acquired in military service would make their old jobs inadequate.

Meantime, Economist Boris Shishkin in the union's publication, visioned a "deadly depression" with at least 11,000,000 unemployed after the fall of Germany—a payroll cut "enough to knock the bottom out of the civilian market." Nine more million, he said, would lose their jobs after the fall of Japan.

Shishkin's forecast came as the AFL prepared to renew its demand that the War Labor Board ask President Roosevelt to break the "Little Steel" wage ceiling formula to offset higher living costs. The AFL is to offer new evidence.

At the same time a study made public by the Brookings Institution indicated a national income of \$127,000,000,000 in 1947 compared with other estimates which have run as high as \$240,000,000,000.

Never a Dud by Hope

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 10—Comedian

Bob Hope brought back from his recent Pacific tour a Japanese gun which he thought was unloaded—but it blasted a hole through the floor of his den.



BOB HOPE

Hope was showing off the weapon to Buddy De Sylva, Paramount producer. Pointing the gun at a desk, he casually pulled the trigger and the bullet hit the kitchen downstairs.

According to De Sylva, Hope's first words after the explosion were: "How's the cook?"

Plan W. A. White Fund

EMPORIA, Kan., Oct. 10 (ANS)—

Final suggestions have been approved by the Emporia Memorial Committee of the William Allen White Foundation for local participation in a nation-wide foundation in memory of the late editor of the Emporia Gazette. Plans call for a bronze statue, a loan fund for college students and a contribution to the White School of Journalism fund at the University of Kansas.

Home Front Optimism

DENVER, Oct. 10 (ANS)—The Denver

police department isn't going to be caught by surprise on V-E Day. The department today directed all members of the force going on vacation to spend their time in the city until further notice so an adequate contingent would be on deck in case peace should come suddenly.

OK So Long as They Don't GI Lana's Sweater

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 10 (ANS)—Lana Turner's long golden hair was done up today in a fashion both glamorous and GI thanks to a compromise between Hollywood hairdressers and Lt. Louise M. White, of the WAC.



LARAIN DAY

too, because it's off the collar.

Lana, Laraine Day and Susan Peters are principals in the movie of WAC life and training and Lt. White is sure they'll be a help in the WAC's recruiting drive for 42,000 enlistments by Dec. 31.

Least prospective WACS get the notion that the glamor in the uniform is all studio fostered, the lieutenant emphasized that the stars' uniforms were strictly GI, lent by the Army and altered, as any WAC would have done, to fit each girl.



LANA TURNER

Lt. White, here to see that a new picture "Women's Army" conforms to WAC rules and regulations, had conceded that some of the suggested hairdos were both beautiful and glamorous "but hardly," she said, "the type of coiffure a girl could put up herself between reveille at 6 AM and breakfast at 6.30 AM with a shower, dressing and her share of housekeeping to be done besides."

The solution is that Lana's hair, though it is put up by hairdressers, is done in braids and rolls of the type a girl conceivably could manage unaided. It's GI,

No Spik Baseball

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 10 (ANS)—Two French sailors, unable to speak English and definitely unimpressed with



the radio accounts of the Sixth World Series game, yesterday grinned affably at a large taproom crowd of baseball fans—then dropped a nickel in a loud-playing juke box.

Peace Plan Skirts Debate

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (AP)—The government's plan to put the U.S. into a world organization backed by force is heading for a storm of national debate with President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull apparently seeking to prevent a possible disagreement on any single issue from wrecking the whole enterprise.

This strategy is considered responsible for the determination of officials to refrain now from bringing into debate the question of whether Congress should give its approval each time the world organization calls for American men, guns, ships and planes to suppress a threatening aggressor.

The Dumbarton Oaks plan fails to call for any such commitment on the part of the U.S. It provides, instead, only for the promise to undertake to supply forces in accordance with the constitutional processes.

Since responsible diplomatic officials are known to favor a system which would obviate the need for Congressional debate each time specific forces are called for, reluctance to raise the issue is regarded, partly at least, as an effort to minimize debate on this point at present.

10th U.S. Landing Made in Palau

While Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced a new landing in the Palau Islands and Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported a heavy bomber attack on Zamboanga, second largest city on Mindanao, in the southern Philippines, Tokyo claimed yesterday to have sunk one U.S. aircraft carrier off Halmahera Tuesday and heavily damaged another.

Nimitz said elements of the 81st Infantry Division quickly established a bridgehead on Garakayo, an islet two and one half miles north of Peleliu, and began advancing inland against light opposition. It was the tenth landing in the Palau group since Peleliu was invaded Sept. 14.

Heavy bombers, with fighter escort, caused large fires and explosions along the waterfront at Zamboanga, site of Japanese airfields and a seaplane base. Strafing fighters, MacArthur reported, destroyed six floatplanes and fired a 1,000-ton vessel, two cargo ships and a barge.

U.S. Spends 150 Million To Raise Mmunition Output

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (Reuter)—Expansion of the rocket and heavy ammunition program of the U.S. ordnance department has necessitated the construction of additions to existing munitions plants involving a cost of \$150,000,000, it was announced today.

The new construction is already more than one-third completed and the remainder is under way.

Americans' Sabbath in Germany



Beneath the figure of Christ on the Cross, a group of American soldiers, weapons slung over their shoulders, files into this church in a village somewhere in the Reich, while German children, blithely unconcerned, skip through the yard.

Some Stones Better Left Unturned

Yank Contraption Looses Witch (What Else Could It Be?)

GREAT LEIGHS, Essex, Oct. 10 (UP)—The witch of Scrapfaggot Green is at it again.

The clamor has increased among the villagers to get her back under her stone from which she escaped when an American bulldozer shoved the stone aside while widening the road for military traffic. Later this week, Harry Price, head of the London University Council for Psychological Investigation, has promised to come here to attempt to get the Scrapfaggot witch back into her grave and her stone once more safely anchored over her chest, as it had lain for 200 years since the witch was burned at the stake.

Warden Tells Tale

The chief village warden, W. J. Sykes, this morning told about the latest supernatural didoes, attributed to the witch's

Long Handles



"No more shivering" is written in the expression of S/Sgt. Mario Yaroniano, of Brooklyn, N.Y., as he dons winter garb issued to GIs in Holland.

having her first ghostly gallop in 20 decades.

"Mr. McIntosh came running in here last night all out of breath," said Sykes. "Now McIntosh is a hard-headed Scot and as sober and honest a man as you could ask to see."

"What's up, Mac?" I asked him while he recovered his breath.

"Sykes," he says, "you know my wife is visiting her old mother in Scotland. I am lying quietly in my bed about to drop off to sleep when I hear the back door slam."

"Then," says McIntosh of a sudden, "I feel a chill and the bedsprings creak. The covers flutter and there's a decided lump in the bed between me and the moonlight streaming through the window."

"Sykes," he says, "my voice freezes in my windpipe. Before I can summon strength and jump out of bed or give a shout, the lump disappears, the bedroom door opens, and I hear the front door slam."

"Sykes," he says, "I'm not going back to that house again tonight, and I'm telegraphing my wife to return, as soon as the post office opens in the morning."

Book Jackets Shifted

"Mrs. Warren, who lives at Victoria House up the road—a widow lady and as responsible a witness as any judge could qualify—came in yesterday to tell me that sometime Sunday night the dust jackets of all her books had been shifted. The Shakespeare jackets were on Galsworthy and the Somersets Maugham was on Tolstoy."

"We found Beasley's geese yesterday morning. They disappeared, you know, the night the stone was moved."

"And where do you think we found them? Not five yards away from the stone!"

"This morning, Mr. Chippings came in with one of the oddest tales yet. Chippings is a retired flying officer."

"He tells me the first thing he sees when he goes into the yard is that his rabbit pen is empty. He pries around a bit and finds his rabbits—in the chicken coop hopping around as if they belonged there—and one of the rabbits was seated in the box hatching an egg."

"If this ain't the work of the witch, I hope the inn here ain't the oldest inn in Essex, founded 1170."

By Chester Gould

Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune



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British, Greeks Take Corinth

British troops and Greek patriots occupied Corinth, important Greek port and railway town near the Corinth Canal, as the German garrison fled northward yesterday.

Pursuit of the enemy across the Corinth Canal to Athens, about 43 miles east of Corinth, appeared to be the next Allied move. There was little indication that the Germans would hold any ground longer than necessary to evacuate themselves.

Before leaving Corinth, the Germans drove railway engines and 200 trucks—full of live horses, mules, and cattle—into the canal to prevent Allied use of them.

