

Daily German Lesson
Wir werden Sie bezahlen.
Veer vayrdun Zee betzahlen
We shall pay you

Daily French Lesson
Puis-je vous faire un cadeau?
Pweej voo fair an cad-O!
May I give you a present?

Yanks Battle in Aachen

Doughboys Enter Blazing City as Hun Counter-Attacks Fail

First Army infantrymen, bringing cold steel and grenades into action against the fanatical defenders of Aachen, were fighting yesterday in the factory district in the northeastern outskirts of the burning German frontier city, while other doughboys with armored support smashed a tank-led counter-attack to the north.

"The enemy is hidden in ancient caves, sewers and basements, which are almost impregnable to air and artillery attacks, but we'll take it," declared a senior officer at the front.

Battered again yesterday after Wednesday's five-hour, 130-ton air assault, and hammered by shells from the heaviest artillery, Aachen's southeastern section was ablaze and a pall of smoke obscured the city under the second day of punishment following rejection of the American ultimatum calling for unconditional surrender.

Fighting flared on the perimeter of the city, on the north, east and southeastern sectors, as the Germans, their attempt to relieve Aachen having been smashed in a bitter two-hour clash in Wednesday's dusk, threw in one counter-attack after another.

Infantry and tank battles were reported in Bardenberg, north of Aachen; Nazi counter-thrusts in the Haaren area were beaten back with heavy losses to the enemy, and to the southeast the Americans advanced to cut the Monschau-Dueren road against stiff resistance.

The Bardenberg fighting, described as some of the heaviest of the campaign, was still in progress, for here the Nazis were aiming at preventing the American pincers from completely closing around Aachen.

Arnhem Bridge Destroyed

The Arnhem bridge over the Rhine, stake in the week-long fight of the British First Airborne Division, was destroyed Saturday by Allied bombers, a dispatch from the British Second Army front disclosed.

The Germans, with four infantry and two armored divisions in this general area, were believed planning to send troops over the bridge to link up with those in a small bridgehead on the south shore of the lower Rhine four miles west of Arnhem, both forces then to fall upon the British, the report said.

With the strategic span severed—part of it in the river—and their plan disrupted, the Germans abandoned their bridgehead.

The possibility of a Nazi withdrawal from northwestern Holland was reported in dispatches from Canadian First Army headquarters, which said 6,000 German demolition experts during the last 10 days had wrecked more than 10 miles of quays and other installations in Rotterdam and that Royal Air Force reconnaissance had spotted congested traffic on roads running south and east from that city and from The Hague.

Peace League Sought Before War's End—FDR

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (AP)—The U.S. aims at establishing the "solid foundations of the peace organization without further delay, and without waiting for the end of hostilities," President Roosevelt declared today in a broadcast address at the White House before chiefs of Latin American diplomatic missions, assembled in celebration of Columbus Day.

"Substantial progress has already been made and must be continued as rapidly as possible," he said.

Cops Called to Handle Sinatra's Frenzied Fans

NEW YORK, Oct. 12 (AP)—Police reserves were called to Times Square today to handle an hysterical crowd of teen-age youngsters storming the Paramount theater to hear Frank Sinatra, the crooner.

The shrieking crowd rushed the police lines, ripped the shirt off one policeman and smashed the window of the theater's box office.

When Sinatra made his first appearance on the stage the audience screamed and ran up and down the aisles. The outburst was too much even for the crooner, who halted the performance and pleaded for quiet.

'Labor Battalion' Was SS Unit

Yanks Fight Fierce 5-Day Battle as Woods Prove Trap

OVERLOON, Holland, Oct. 12 (UP)—For five days in a boot-shaped woods just north of the little cross-roads town of Overloon, in east Holland, 500 American infantrymen and 800 Germans fought one of the fiercest battles of the Dutch campaign.

It started with what the Americans thought was going to be a small job of clearing the woods—an area about as big as Times Square—and finished with a furious chase from tree to tree and fox-hole to fox-hole.

The Americans, an armored unit, were ordered to clean up the woods to take some of the pressure off Gen. Dempsey's spearhead. The only Germans reported in the woods were a labor battalion.

In walked the Americans, right into the trap. Trees turned out to be pillboxes. Rocks turned out to be pillboxes. Even the mounds of dirt were pillboxes, and off to the sides of the woods where

tanks were to have gone through the ground was alive with mines.

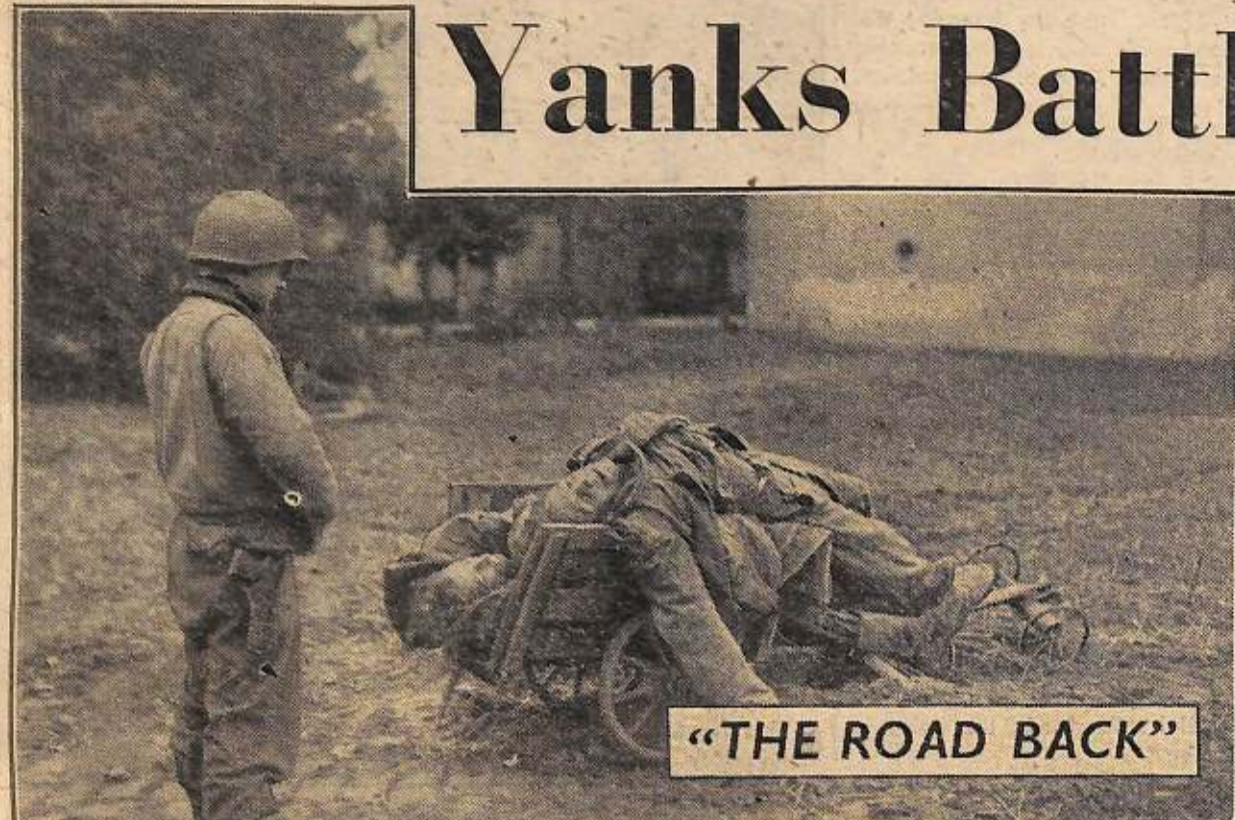
On top of this the Germans had set their artillery to shell the northern part of the woods, with rocket mortars sending over 16 to 20 at a time.

Then hidden machine-guns began spitting at the Americans.

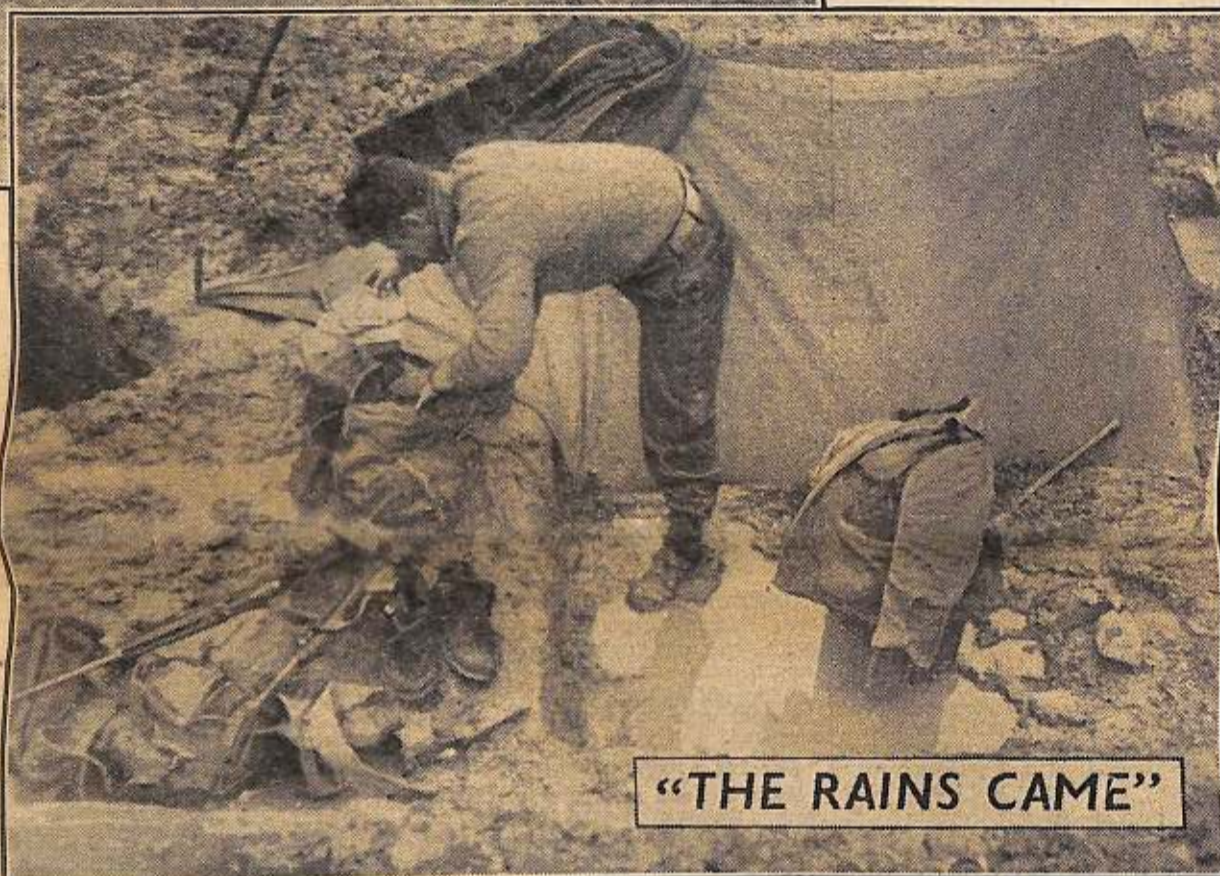
The "Labor Battalion" turned out to be an SS unit as fanatical as anything the Germans have in the field.

Time after time the Americans shot the Germans off the very rims of their fox-holes as the SS men counter-attacked. Sometimes the Germans were dug in only 10 feet away and when the artillery stopped for a moment both sides would come up to attack with bayonets.

For five days the battle raged fiercely until it was realized that the tanks on the flanks of the woods were in a hopeless position and the force was withdrawn from the woods.



"THE ROAD BACK"



"THE RAINS CAME"

550 Heavies Blitz Reich; Only 3 Lost

Approximately 550 Liberators and Fortresses of the Eighth Air Force, supported by some 500 Thunderbolts and Mustangs, ranged over northwestern Germany yesterday, hitting an aircraft components factory at Bremen, the marshalling yards at Osnabruck, and other targets.

Crews reported good results at Bremen, where the targets were hit visually. The aircraft factory there was believed to have been turning out armored vehicles. Enemy aircraft rose in opposition in the Bremen area and 18 were shot down.

At Osnabruck, an important railway center between Munster and Bremen, targets were attacked through scattered clouds and by instruments through overcast. There was no aerial opposition there.

Some of the escorting fighters dropped down to strafe locomotives, radar installations, oil tanks, freight cars and other military objectives.

The operations cost three bombers and six fighters.

Supporting the ground forces at Aachen, the Ninth Air Force continued sending fighter bombers over that city to bomb and strafe it. Tanks, some of them protected by earthworks, were the special objectives of some formations.

Other Ninth fighters ranged into Germany to hit at railway yards and lines in the Dusseldorf area.

Of the 18 enemy aircraft shot down in the Bremen area four were bagged by 1/Lt. Charles E. Yeager, of Hamlin, W. Va., leader of a Mustang squadron. Yeager was wounded last March in action over Berlin. Recovered, he went to Gen. Eisenhower for permission to return to action.

1,000 Planes Hit Formosa

A force of 1,000 Allied planes was reported by the Tokyo radio yesterday to have raided the big Japanese island of Formosa, off the southeast coast of China between Japan and the Philippines.

Word of the attack, in which Tokyo claimed that 100 Allied planes were shot down, followed raids by U.S. carrier-based planes on the islands of the Ryukyu group, between Formosa and Japan.

Meanwhile, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced a new landing by American troops on another island in the Palau group, which lies southeast of the Philippines. The landing, the 11th in the Palaus, was made on Bairakaseru, seven miles northwest of recently occupied Garakayo.

Half U.S. Resources in War
NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 12 (Reuter)—Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. last night told a war bond rally that half of the total resources of the U.S. now are being devoted to waging war. War expenditures since Pearl Harbor, Morgenthau said, have amounted to about \$208,000,000,000.

Two Nazis who once rode the juggernaut of blitzkrieg over Europe (top) are borne in a nondescript barrow for burial near a German town captured by Americans. Somewhere on the Reich front (bottom), a sodden GI, his tent and equipment in the mire of a half-completed enemy tank trap, plumbs the moist depths of a musette bag for anything dry.

'Hard Job Ahead, But Victory Is Certain,' Eisenhower Says

SHAFF, Oct. 12 (UP)—Gen. Eisenhower held a press conference today in which he gave the impression of complete confidence.

He painted a picture of Allied armies hitting at the enemy ceaselessly, regardless of the weather, until victory was won.

"We have a hard job ahead, but victory is certain," Eisenhower declared.

"In Germany there will be no fraternization," he also said. "We go in as conquerors."

Resumption of full-scale onslaughts, Eisenhower told the correspondents, must await the building-up of communications and supplies. A million tons of supplies, he pointed out, could not be moved from England to the front in ten minutes.

Eisenhower praised the morale of Allied troops now dug in along the western frontier of Germany. He singled out airborne troops for a special tribute.

Not Enough Credit

"I feel myself that not enough credit has been given to the tremendous advantages that accrued to us through the operation of the First Allied Airborne Army," he said.

"The First British Airborne Division not only gave to all the Allied forces one of the most gallant examples of bravery, fortitude and courage in all this war, but by drawing upon themselves the fury of the German counter-attack they enabled us to hold important bridges.

"It was a valiant maneuver, and it does not detract in the slightest degree from the excellent work and courage of the 82nd and 101st U.S. Airborne Divisions which came behind them. They did excellent work, and I am proud of them all."

Referring to the people of occupied Germany, he said: "We shall treat them justly, in conformity with civilized standards as exemplified by our government. We will have nothing else to do with them except in necessary official relationships."

Russian Tanks Attack Memel

By The Associated Press

A crashing tank battle was being fought before Memel last night as the Red Army attacked in a furious bid to cap its Lithuanian campaign with the capture of the first major city in German territory.

More than 200 Soviet tanks rumbled into the assault, according to a German radio broadcast, which said that the clash of armor was developing into one of the heaviest of the whole eastern front war.

An Algiers radio report last night said Russian troops had broken into Memel and that there was fighting in the streets. Soviet troops were reported officially to be within five miles of the city.

On the southern front Soviet troops yesterday captured Oradea Mare, a com-

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TWA, PAA Vie for Route

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (ANS)—Officials of Pan-American and Transcontinental and Western Air Lines will apply to the Civil Aeronautics Board next Monday for permission to operate between the U.S., London, Paris and Calcutta. TWA said it would charge \$263.80 for the one-way trip between New York and London.

An Editorial
Are They Prepared for Tomorrow?



Are they ready to join hands with other human beings on a basis of equality—without bigotry, without racial hate, without senseless suspicion and fear?
Are they able to sense when the things they fight for are threat-

ened? When freedom is attacked far away, will they realize it totters in their own home town?
If not, better keep that rifle handy. Hang on to those grenades. Because sure as shooting, brother, you'll be needing them some day again.

Hash Marks

Thanks to an officer of one of our Allies for this nifty: A young lieutenant of his unit, strolling along with a pretty nifty babe, met his CO. "This is my sister," the loopy explained bashfully. "That's all right," the CO replied kindly, "she used to be mine."
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Then there is the GI over here who doesn't like to be called "Private." He



refers to himself as "one of Gen Eisenhower's assistants."
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Daffynition. Blotter: Something you look for while the ink dries.
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Our spy on the home front reports things are so bad at the draft boards they're pasting midgets together.
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Modern Fable: A Yankee sailor, passing a French sailor on Broadway, whispered, "Say, bud, do you want to buy an American postcard?"
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Believe It Or Not: A mess officer of a certain base section received a request from a unit for a double ration of spuds.
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And then there was the wolf who knew all the ankles.
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The Swedish press offered this version of the difference between the Danes and the Norwegians in their resistance to the Nazis. The Norwegian says, "No," and doesn't do it. The Dane says, "Yes," and doesn't do it either.
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A big, burly, blustering merchant seaman strolled into the seamen's club the other day and looked the place over. He



was a barrel-chested guy who looked as if he could tear a London telephone directory in half with his bare hands. Suddenly he eased up to the desk and stage-whispered, "Can I get some soap coupons?" "But you don't need soap coupons," said the female clerk, "you can get all the soap you want aboard ship." Our he-man hero looked around nervously, then confided, "But I prefer Yardley's Lavender."
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Last Year's Daffynition. Golf ball—what a man chases when he's too old to chase anything else.
J. C. W.

Are They Prepared for Tomorrow?

W E'D like to meet the driver of this jeep and the guy handling that automatic rifle. Whoever they are, these Joes are good soldiers.
* * *
That automatic looks ready for any emergency. There's an extra clip in easy reach. There are three grenades handy just in case. And the camouflage net will come in handy when they bed down for the day or night.
* * *
They're sure ready for a fight. They're a credit to their training.
* * *
They're likely to live to a ripe old age.
* * *
We'd like to meet these Joes. We'd like to find out if they're as ready for tomorrow as they are for today.
* * *
Are they ready to join other men of good will in an effort to build a lasting, universal peace? Or are they hankering to get home and let the rest of the world go hang?

Eddy Visits Front Under Fire To Fox Germans at Moselle

By Wes Gallagher
Associated Press War Correspondent

NANCY, France (AP)—A 52-year-old American general who came up through the Army the hard way engineered the breakthrough of the German High Command's last stand in France along the Moselle River line.
He is Maj. Gen. Manton E. Eddy, of Chicago, who made the Ninth Division one of America's crack shock divisions in the African, Sicilian and Cherbourg peninsula campaigns. For his work with the Ninth Gen. Eisenhower elevated Eddy to the command of the XII Corps, which led the Third Army break-out advance through Brittany and then north through France at a 50-mile-an-hour a day pace to the Moselle.
(Dispatches from the U.S. Third Army front credited Eddy's XII Corps with Sunday's six-mile advance on a 20-mile front between Nancy and Metz.)
Eddy still directed the campaign at the front when he took over a higher command.



Maj. Gen. Manton E. Eddy

Directs Traffic Amid Shells
When a critical point was reached in crossing the Moselle he was found on the river bank, personally directing traffic over a key bridge with shells landing all round.
The first attempts to establish a bridgehead met with failure. Then the general gambled that the Germans would believe Hitler's dictum that the Allies were "military idiots" and would never try to

cross in the south because there the Moselle split into six sizeable tributaries. American armor and infantry forces crossed the Moselle in bitter fighting before the Germans could get set. The German High Command, turning to guard the southeast, took their eyes off the vital sector between Metz and Nancy to the north and Eddy was quick to take advantage. At the most critical moment up rolled the general in a jeep and with German shells falling all around, told the armored force commander to cross and attack.
The general, who looks like a kindly college professor, rose from lieutenant to major in the last war and fought over much the same ground as his command took around St. Mihiel in this war.

Notes from the Air Force

LT. Col. John R. Hoover, photo reconnaissance pilot from Cresson, Pa., recently received the DSC, second highest U.S. Army award, for extraordinary heroism in action between June 6 and 19. He volunteered for and flew the first shuttle reconnaissance mission from England to Russia. Flying for hours over enemy territory in his unarmed plane, Hoover encountered weather conditions which, according to his citation, "ordinarily would cause a pilot to return to his base." Hoover successfully carried out the assignment, obtaining important photographs of military installations deep in Europe.

Diving at well over 600 mph with his P51 out of control, 2/Lt. Hugh J. Moorhouse, of Phoenix, Ariz., was amazed to see a Focke Wulf 190 directly below him diving at the same speed. "The Jerry thought I was chasing him and kept looking back at me," he related. "I dropped nearly 12,000 feet before I could regain control of my ship and pull out at 800 feet. The Jerry crashed and exploded. I didn't fire a shot."

CAPT. Cowan Scott Hill Jr., P51 pilot from Britton, Okla., recently destroyed two enemy planes over Leipzig, ran out of ammo and came out of the clouds alone in the midst of a formation of 40 Nazi craft. He flew with the Jerries unnoticed for over 100 miles. When the Germans circled their airfield preparing to land, Hill headed for home.

The Fortress group commanded by Col. Dale O. Smith, of Reno, Nev., has completed 200 combat missions.

MECHANICAL maintenance crewmen at a veteran Fortress base recently celebrated their second year overseas with a barbecue and chicken-fry. The GIs who handled the preliminary dressing before putting the chickens on a spit over an open fire were S/Sgts. Robert



C. Stone, of Indianapolis, Ind., and Michael T. Jacobs, of Iron Mountain, Mich.; Sgts. Charles H. Stoner, of Fort Scott, Kan., and James T. McShane, of Minneapolis, and Cpls. James H. Fisher, of Lubbock, Tex.; Alfred L. Tomlinson, of Harrison, N.Y.; James Nolan, of Astoria, N.Y., and Elmer Rosner, of Yuba City, Cal.
Left to right, Tomlinson, Jacobs, Nolan and Stone are shown plucking away.
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The Liberator Midge in the group headed by Col. Clifford J. Hellin completed 57 operational missions before changing any of its original four engines. M/Sgt. Wallace N. Templeton, of West Palm Beach, Fla., is crew chief, assisted by Sgt. James O. Milam and Cpls. Jaro R. Blahuta and L. P. Agnoni.

ARMY POETS

To An Unburied Enemy
Beneath the thick hedgerow,
Sione deaf to life's tone,
Forgotten, neglected,
You lie all alone.
No longer a menace
Your arrogant airs:
You're dead and you're rotting,
And nobody cares.
The flesh-eating insects
Grow fat where you fell;
The squeamish pass by you
And spit at the smell.
The banners, the glory,
The wreaths for the brow;
The love of the leader—
Oh, where are they now?
Before your jaw loosens,
Before your eyes cave,
I hope that they find you
And dig you a grave.
I condone all your faults;
Forgive that warped brain—
But I thank a just God
That you died in vain.
T/S Peter Alfano.

UP FRONT WITH MAULDIN



"We gotta blast 'em out. They found out we feed prisoners C rations."

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

Airborne Medics on Job
Oct. 5, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,
Your story concerning the formation of an airborne evacuation hospital, carried in the Sept. 29 issue, tramped right on our collective "footsies." We are members of an airborne medical company and have a record of being on the scene, operating, on D-Day, June 6, in Normandy and on D-Day, Sept. 17, here in Holland. We are not company aidmen or detachment personnel, both of whom have a rougher, tougher job than ours, but a full-fledged, completely-equipped medical company.
In both France and Holland our medical officers have provided expert surgery in amputations, chest wounds, gun-shot bellies, etc. Oxygen therapy, whole-blood transfusions, and administration of plasma have helped more than one man hold to the thread of life while nimble fingers repaired gaping wounds. Many of our own troopers and a goodly number of Adolf's Krauts are alive today, not because an airborne evacuation hospital is in the making in the states but because airborne medical companies have been right on the job in this theater.
Don't let anyone mislead you into believing that the airborne troops can hope for nothing more than first aid till someone comes through with evacuation.—S/Sgt. Edward A. Miller, T/5 Joseph J. Steflik, T/5 Carl J. Wunthir, AB Med. Co.
[All credit to the excellent work being done by airborne medical companies, such as yours, already in the field. Our story indicated the new unit, a full-size, 400-bed evacuation hospital which can be flown by C47s to the wounded, will be of added benefit to combat troops. It can support 25,000 troops.—Ed.]

A "Blow" at Hoarders
Oct. 2, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,
I propose three rousing huzzahs (British style) for your editorial "This Eight Ball is Spilling Blood." There is a somewhat different but equally vicious waste that is prevalent in the ETO. Hoarded on the shelves of supply rooms are tons of excess equipment salted away by greedy officers and sergeants in quantities sufficient for three or four times the number of men they supply. A roll of tape stacked away when this war ends is as surely wasted as the roll used as backing for a picture frame. And this is an insidious waste often unappreciated by commanders who rub their hands in glee over the pile of stores that will see them through the war. They may have enough to see them through the next war, too. High on the list of guilty men are the "good" supply sergeants who "have everything." My practice in recent months has been to examine all my stores when the truck goes for supplies. Invariably I have items to return to the depot.—Reuben Berman, Major, MC.

Votes for Dick Tracy ...
Oct. 11, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,
I am very much disgusted with the remarks of a certain "A. P." about putting "Dick Tracy" in the paper. No one asked him to read it (or her as the case might be) and I'm sure one less subscription isn't going to cause the paper to go into bankruptcy. I don't like "Li'l Abner" either, but I don't go around condemning it for those who do enjoy reading it. I think remarks such as this person made should be kept to themselves; if the paper had to please everyone it could never be published.—A GI in the Medics.

He Wouldn't Strike
Oct. 9, 1944.

Dear Stars and Stripes,
I always read The Stars and Stripes stories of the EM and nurses. So here is one for the same column. I just read the news about being discharged after the war in the ETO was won. I would like to see everyone discharged, but don't you think that we—the boys that have served from early '41—should go home first before the boys who just came in did?
We would like to have a chance at some of that high-priced labor before it is too late, for part of our time in service was \$21.00 per month, which was mighty little.
So how about some of those guys that have been drawing that good money being kind enough to divide with us and help us fight this war? We will be glad to do the work much cheaper and not strike like some we have read about. Can you help us to solve that problem?—A Front-line Medic.

Orioles Trip Colonels, 5-3, For Minor Title

BALTIMORE, Oct. 12—The Baltimore Orioles came from behind with a three-run rally in the seventh inning here last night to defeat the Louisville Colonels, 5-3, and capture the Little World Series, four games to two.

Bob Latshaw started the winning rally for the Orioles with a double with one man down. Stan Benjamin flied out, but Howie Moss drew a base on balls, and when Nick Polly, Colonel third baseman, bobbled Felix Mackiewicz's grounder, Latshaw scored and Moss took third. Catcher Fred Waldron threw wide of third trying to pick off Moss, and Moss tallied. Frank Skaff then came through with a single, sending Mackiewicz home and Pitcher Mel Deutsch to the showers.

Bobo Palica Mound Winner

Otie Clark took over on the mound for the Colonels at this point, but the damage had been done and the Orioles were "in," with Bobo Palica, third Baltimore hurler, the winner and Deutsch the loser.

The Orioles outthit the Colonels, ten to seven, with Stan West and Sam Lawry preceding Palica on the hill.

The Orioles, champs of the International League, won their way into the series by defeating the Newark Bears in the final playoffs and the Colonels stopped the Saint Paul Saints in the final American Association playoffs.

Postman Becomes Scout as Elevens Trade Plays by Mail

EAST LANSING, Mich., Oct. 12—Speaking of gentlemen's agreements, Michigan State and Kansas State, which meet on the gridiron Saturday, have hit upon one which will allow the coach of each team to look the Office of Defense Transportation squarely in the eye.

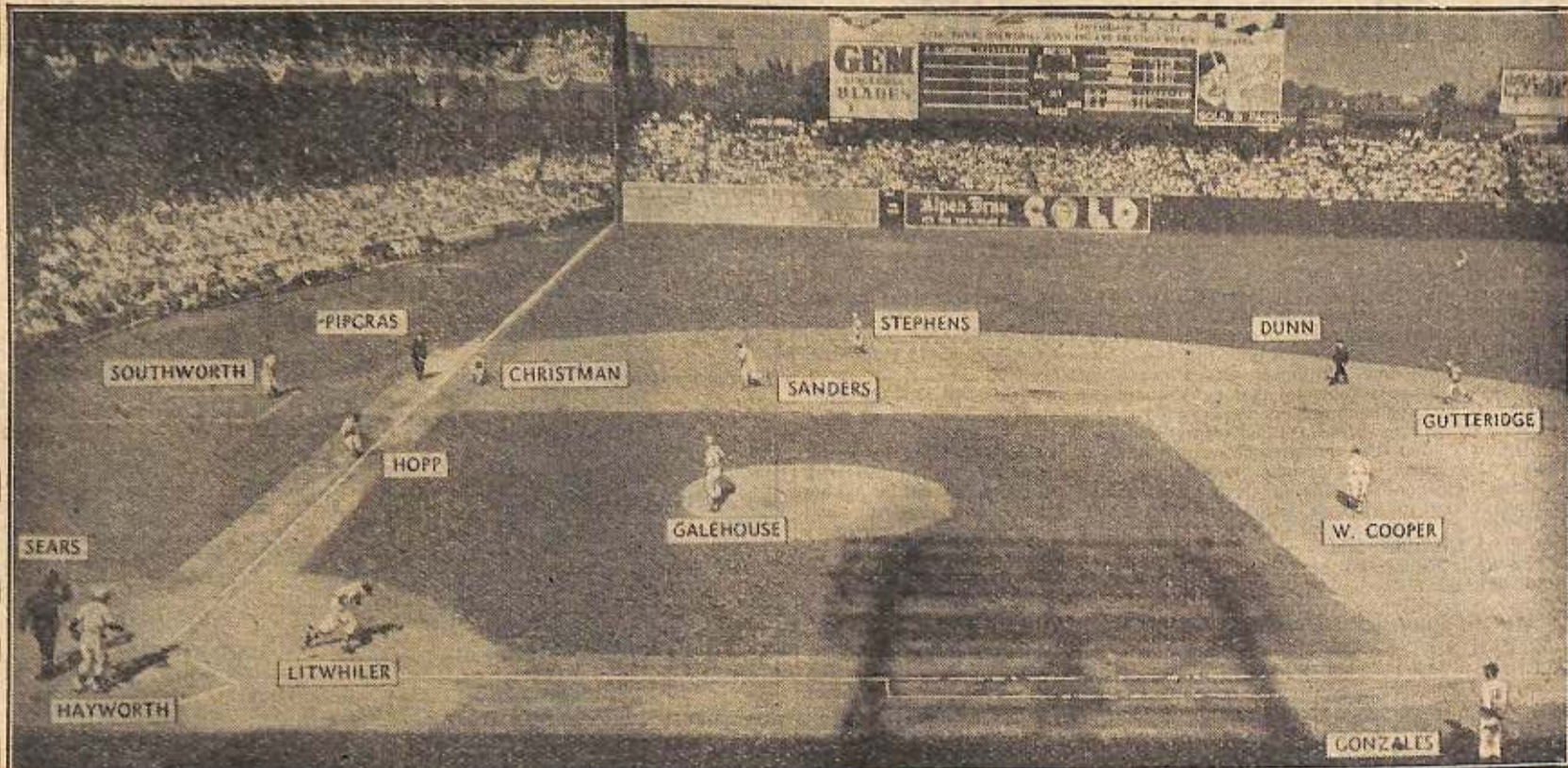
Because of distances involved, the teams have agreed not to scout each other's games but will mail formations and other "general information" to the other so that there will be some general idea on what to expect.

Whether this "information" will include such specific data as naming the period when the sleeper plays and Statue of Liberty acts are pulled was not stated. But you can bet your overseas stripes that the losing team will have a great deal of fault to find when looking through its filing cabinet after the brawl is over.

Trout's Father Dies

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Oct. 12—Virgil Trout, 60-year-old father of Detroit right-hander Paul "Dizzy" Trout, died in a hospital here last night from injuries received in a fall at his home.

Cardinals Muff Scoring Chance in Series Opener



With the bases loaded and two out in the third inning, Danny Litwhiler, Cardinal left-fielder, hits to Brownie Mark Christman at third, forcing Ray Sanders, Card first baseman, for the third out in the opening World Series game. The Browns won, 2-1.

Randolph Field Eleven Tabbed As Tops by Opposing Coaches

SAN ANTONIO, Oct. 12—If you go in for picking champions ahead of time you might keep at least one eye on the football team they have built at Randolph Field this year. If you care to take the word of the coaches of two teams that have already met the mighty Randolph touchdown-manufacturing machine, they are just about the greatest bunch of stars collected on one regular squad.

"I don't ever recall seeing a football team with so much strength," Jess Neely, Rice coach, says. "We thought we might play them a good game because they might not play their very best and might not be in the sharpest shape, but we learned otherwise. They beat us, 59-0."

Dana Bible, whose Texas Longhorns took a 42-6 drubbing from the Bombers, said, "Randolph Field has the individuals for one of the greatest football teams of all time. If they can get a little better coordination and keep their victory spirit—well, I'd like to have a team like that."

Jimmy Stewart, Southern Methodist coach, whose Mustangs meet the fliers Saturday night, said he'd like to play two

teams against Randolph. "It will take a nine-man line, six guys to back it up and seven to watch the passes," he said.

Just a few of the reasons why coaches of teams who have games with the Randolph gridders in the offing are suffering from disturbed sleep are: Billy Dudley, former University of Virginia All-America back; Pete Layden, outstanding back at the University of Texas; John Looney, Texas Christian and Pittsburgh Steeler end; P. V. Robertson, 200-pound center who formerly played with the Brooklyn Dodgers, and Everett Elkins, 195-pound quarterback who raised havoc with opponents of Marshall College and the Chicago Cardinals.

Maj. Hank Gowdy Put On Inactive Status

COLUMBUS, Ga., Oct. 12—Maj. Hank Gowdy, first major league player to enlist in World War I, and Special Service officer at the Ft. Benning Infantry school, has been returned to the inactive list, headquarters announced today.

Gowdy returned to the Army from the coaching lines of the Cincinnati Reds in January, 1942.

Navy 'Solves' Tilt Mystery

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12—A sports mystery story which might well be titled "Blackout," or "Two Tickets to ?" was a mystery to everybody but its sponsor today. Which is a mysterious way of putting the simple fact that the Navy denied that the site of the annual Army-Navy football game had been changed when inquiries were made as a result of a blackout overprint eliminating the words "at Annapolis" on envelopes containing tickets for the game.

The Navy emphasized that the game would be played at Annapolis and no explanation for the overprint was made. Much pressure had been brought on the War and Navy departments to switch the site to a large city so more people could see the game and the suggestion was offered that the contest be played in connection with war bond sales.

Ferris Lauds British On Olympics Stand

NEW YORK, Oct. 12 (Reuter)—Daniel J. Ferris, member of the American Olympic Committee, commenting on the bid of three members of the International Olympic Committee to hold the next Olympic Games in London, said he was delighted to hear that British officials were considering holding the games there.

"I am glad to hear they are showing interest in holding it as soon as the war is over," he said.

Waner, Derringer Slated For Overseas Junket

NEW YORK, Oct. 12—Paul Waner, Yankee outfielder, and Cub Pitcher Paul Derringer have volunteered to go overseas to entertain troops. Former Pitcher Waite Hoyt and Jimmy "Ripper" Collins, ex-Cardinal first baseman, also have said they would like to go.

Stengel Won't Manage Brewer Nine Next Year

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 12—Casey Stengel, former manager of the Boston Braves and Brooklyn Dodgers, who came from retirement in mid-season to guide the Milwaukee Brewers to the American Association pennant when Charlie Grimm returned to the Chicago Cubs, says he will not return to Milwaukee next year.

"I came out of retirement to help Grimm," Stengel said. "I had other offers, but decided to stay out of baseball this year to rest my broken leg. When Grimm asked me to come here I did so, but next year it will be different."

Slats Unable to Match Wagner Afield

NEW YORK, Oct. 12—All this talk about Martin "Slats" Marion and Honus Wagner that's been coming from St. Louis recently leaves the younger generation somewhat confused as to whether Marion is as good or better than the old Flying Dutchman from Pittsburgh.

There is probably nobody better qualified to compare Marion and Wagner than Sid Mercer, New York Journal-American baseball writer who saw both the Dutchman and Marion in their prime, and Sid says without hesitation, "I'll take Wagner."

Mercer points out that "Wagner could do anything Marion can do, and a little better. Over a period of ten years, from 1900 to 1909, Wagner led the National League in batting seven times."

Rogers Hornsby, who saw Marion when he started his career and played against Wagner, gives the nod to the Cardinals' stringbean shortstop. But Sid points out that the Rajah came to the Cards in 1915 and Wagner quit in '17 after playing big league ball 20 years.



Honus Wagner

The inference is that Hornsby didn't see much of Honus. "Wagner was built close to the ground

and had long arms and enormous hands with which he smothered erratic grounders," Mercer continued. "He got there easily with amazing ease and grace. He made the hard ones look easy and his timing on scoops and throws was uncanny."

There has never been any question about Wagner's superiority over Marion with a bat, but as far as Mercer is concerned there is no question about it in the field either.

"Aside from batting, Marion is a fine shortstop," Mercer says. "But Wagner was better." And nobody is going to change Mr. Mercer's mind.

If you get Mercer warmed up to the subject he will "even remember Wagner when he was a first-rate big league outfielder." That was in 1900, when Bones Ely was covering short for Pittsburgh. The Dutchman roamed the pasture in 134 games and batted a cool .380. He didn't become a regular shortstop until 1903.

"But for the next ten or 12 years he was the absolute tops among the infielders of that or any other day," Mercer points out.

'Greasy' Neale Seeks Revision Of Missed Field Goal Rule

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 12—Professional football, which prides itself on having pioneered many rule changes that have opened up the play-for-pay game and forced the colleges to follow suit, are missing a bet, in the opinion of Earle "Greasy" Neale, coach of the Philadelphia Eagles, in not allowing a defensive team to run back unsuccessful field goal attempts. Neale, whose Eagles are favored to snag the Eastern Division title in the National League this year, said he would advocate abolition next year of the rule preventing defenders from running the ball.

"I've never been able to understand,"

Neale said, "why we can't run a missed field-goal attempt from the end-zone. This is a situation which leaves one team absolutely helpless in an offensive way. When the ball goes wide you have a player standing alone on the goal-line with the ball but unable to run with it because of a rule which for some unexplainable reason is included in the National League code."

With that off his chest, Neale went on to point out that—under any rules—his Eagles will be a fairly hard team to beat this year. "We have a fine training club," he said. "Everybody abides by the training rules and there is no dissension."

Neale feels that the addition of Baptiste Manzini, Vic Lindkwog and Steve Van Buren should strengthen the team considerably. He expects the most trouble from the New York Giants. "That team is always difficult for us to beat," he adds.

Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune



By Chester Gould



By Courtesy of United Features

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, 37, Upper Brook St., London, W. 1, or APO 887, U.S. Army, Telephone, ETOUSA, Ext. 2131.

Amateur Filmmakers

ARMY Pictorial Service, Amateur Film Department, APO 413, has completed a "dead" file composed of prints and negatives belonging to individuals whom they cannot trace who sent films in for processing before Aug. 1. If at any time you are in London they would be glad if you would call in and look through their files where you may possibly recognize your film. On the other hand, if this is impossible, will you furnish the following particulars and they will endeavor to locate your film for you:

- SIZE
- BLACK AND WHITE
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- MOVIE OR STILL
- BY MAIL OR HAND
- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SHOTS
- NAME
- AGFA FILM
- KODACOLOR
- DUPAYCOLOR
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- UNIT

Reunions

THE following towns and districts will hold reunions at the American Red Cross Mostyn Club, Edgware Rd., London, next week. Dinner 7.15 PM. TUESDAY, Oct. 17, Portland, 7.15 PM. WEDNESDAY, Oct. 18, Salem, Eugene, Oregon; WEDNESDAY, Oct. 19, Berkeley, Oakland, Stockton, San Francisco, Los Angeles, California; THURSDAY, Oct. 19, Harrisburg, Lebanon, Steelton, Columbia, Pennsylvania; FRIDAY, Oct. 20, Holyoke, Springfield, Yonkers, Northampton, Mass.

Camera Wanted

VOIGTLANDER Brilliant or Reflex 120 wanted. —Sgt. Conrad W. Schirtz.

In Those United States

Petrillo Rejects FDR Plea to Lift Record Ban

CHICAGO, Oct. 12 (ANS)—James C. Petrillo, head of the American Federation of Musicians, today rejected President Roosevelt's request to remove the Union's 26-month-old ban on making recordings and contended such a step would take business away from concerns that have agreements with the AFM.

In a nine-page telegram to the President, the AFM chief stated that since the prohibition went into effect Aug. 1, 1942, the union had entered into contracts with 105 firms and individuals, that they were producing nearly 4,000,000 records a month and that the restriction now affected only two companies—RCA-Victor and Columbia.

"There is only one solution to this problem," the Petrillo message set forth, "the federation can accept and that is for these two companies to sign the same contract as 105 other companies have signed if they wish our members to work for them in making recordings and transcriptions."

"The only good that would come out of lifting of the ban would be to permit these two companies to resume manufacture of records for civilian use with resulting tremendous profits to them. That would be accomplished by taking business away from those companies who have signed with the American Federation of Musicians and who are now supplying the public with all necessary recordings," Petrillo said.

The White House and the RCA and Columbia firms made no comment on the developments.

GI, 63, Protests Discharge

HOUSTON, Tex., Oct. 12—Despite protests that he was "young" enough to serve, 63-year-old Cpl. P. H. Scroggins has received a medical discharge from the Army after serving two years in England with the Engineers.



P. H. SCROGGINS

With five sons and two sons-in-law in the service, Scroggins attempted several times to enlist in Houston in 1942 but was always turned down. Finally he was accepted in San Antonio. His oldest son, S/Sgt. P. H. Scroggins, 33, of the Infantry, was wounded in France and is now in a hospital in England.

Punchy Scene

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 12 (ANS)—A disagreement over a movie scene resulted in a one-punch bout between Actor George Sanders and Producer Robert Bassler on the film set, Bassler said today.

"I was called out on the set yesterday when George disagreed on the manner of reading certain lines of dialogue. We got into an argument and he hit me." There were no falls and the pair later shook hands and made up, Bassler said.

Thanksgiving Snafu Again

NEW YORK, Oct. 12 (ANS)—Again this year the U.S. can't get together on when to celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Five states—Florida, Idaho, Nebraska, Texas and Virginia—plan to observe Nov. 30 through local choice. Forty-one states and the District of Columbia have fixed Nov. 23 following a Federal statute. Arkansas and Georgia are considering observing both dates.

Alcoholic Education Group Opens Broadway Office

NEW YORK, Oct. 12 (ANS)—A new office opened on Broadway this week—one run by the National Committee for Education on Alcoholism, a group sponsored by the Yale University plan for alcoholic studies.

Mrs. Marty Mann, who admits that she once drank her way through a debutante's fortune, through a series of positions in Europe and finally out of a job at Macy's, runs the establishment which, she said, eventually would have branches all over the U.S.

The organization, Mrs. Mann revealed, will try to drive home three concepts: (1) Alcoholism is a disease, (2) alcoholic-sick persons can be helped, and (3) they are worth helping.

Mrs. Mann added that there are 600,000 chronic alcoholics in the U.S. and more than 3,000,000 people who are excessive drinkers. She is convinced the committee's efforts will bring results.

Dr. E. M. Jellinek of the committee, who runs a similar clinic at Yale, agreed with Mrs. Mann. He revealed that he has treated 170 patients at New Haven during the last six months and "84 per cent of them have become total abstainers or make only occasional slips."

Groaner's Wrong Grunt

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 12—Charles Gouidi, better known to Hollywood wrestling fans as John Garibaldi, got a four-year federal prison sentence today for a draft violation despite a protest that he couldn't fight in the armed forces because he "didn't want to hurt anyone."

"It was different in my line of work. The way I did it they never felt anything," he protested.

Dark Plot

DETROIT, Oct. 12—Robert James King, four-months-old white child abducted ten days ago by his newly employed negro nursemaid yesterday was returned to his parents. The woman in whose home the child was found said that she had sought to delude her husband into believing the child was theirs by altering its complexion with a sun-tan makeup.

Recruits, But no Army

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 12 (ANS)—Three young men alighted from a train at Tullahoma, Tenn., expecting to be in-



ducted into the Army at Camp Forrest only to find the induction station there had been transferred to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

AFN Radio Program

American Forces Network—with the AEF on the Road to Berlin.

On Your Dial
1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1413 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.
218.1m. 215.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.

Friday, Oct. 13

- 0755—Sign On—Program Resume.
 - 0800—World News.
 - 0805—Songs by Martha Tilton.
 - 0825—Music by Lenny Conn.
 - 0900—Headlines—Combat Diary.
 - 0915—Personal Album with Ginny Sims.
 - 0930—AEF Ranch House.
 - 1000—Headlines—Morning After (Maj. Glenn Miller).
 - 1030—Strike up the Band.
 - 1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
 - 1105—Duffie Bag.
 - 1200—News.
 - 1205—Duffie Bag.
 - 1300—Headlines—Sports News.
 - 1305—John Charles Thomas.
 - 1330—All Time Hit Parade.
 - 1400—Headlines—Visiting Hour.
 - 1500—Headlines—French Lesson.
 - 1505—Strike up the Band.
 - 1530—On the Record.
 - 1630—It Pays to be Ignorant.
 - 1700—Headlines—Melody Roundup.
 - 1715—At Ease.
 - 1730—London Column.
 - 1745—Novelty Time.
 - 1755—American Sports News.
 - 1800—World News.
 - 1805—GI Supper Club.
 - 1855—Mark up the Map.
 - 1900—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
 - 1985—Duffie Tavern.
 - 1995—Double Feature with Les Tremayne.
 - 2000—Headlines—Combat Diary.
 - 2015—Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians.
 - 2030—Here's to Romance.
 - 2100—World News.
 - 2105—Ransom Sherman Show.
 - 2135—California Melodies with Frank Duval.
 - 2200—Headlines—Ten O'Clock Special.
 - 2300—Final Edition.
 - 2305—Sign off until 0755 hours, Saturday, Oct. 14
- On the Continent listen to your favorite AFN programs over the
Allied Expeditionary Forces program:
583 kc. 514m.

Drafting of Discharged Veterans to Stop

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (ANS)—Selective Service Headquarters today announced steps to halt the reinduction of veterans who have been honorably discharged from military service.

Hereafter, such veterans will be retained in Class 1-C, a classification given to all men in the armed forces. Thus, in the eyes of the draft officials, discharged men still will be in uniform.

Ike's Desk in Museum

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (ANS)—Seats of might in Washington have made way for a new addition—the chair and desk from which Gen. Eisenhower directed the Allied invasion of Europe. The Smithsonian Institution has put the furniture on display with the consent of Eisenhower and the War Department.

'Eyes . . . Right!'



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Grinning at their own little joke of throwing a highball to this scantily clad window dummy as they marched in mock-review down a street in Merckstein, Germany, are S/Sgts. B. Odell, of Nevada, Mo., and A. Krupa, of Utica, N.Y.

Russia - - -

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munications center in Transylvania eight miles east of the Transylvania-Hungary border, on one of the railroads linking Hungary and Rumania.

Two other tank battles raged on the Russian front—one before the Latvian port of Riga, 140 miles northeast of Memel, and the other in Hungary on the outskirts of Debrecen, strategic north-eastern communications center.

Berlin confirmed Hungarian reports that one of Marshal Malinovsky's spearheads had reached Kecskemet and that there was fierce fighting in this city, which is only 50 miles from Budapest.

A sharp offensive along the Narew River, northeast of Warsaw, is one of the latest threats to East Prussia. The German military commentator, von Hammer, admitted that Soviet shock troops succeeded in breaking into Rozan, 44 miles north of Warsaw and only 33 miles southeast of the German frontier.

"The northern wing of the German line in the Rozan sector has withdrawn westward some distance in the course of a great offensive battle which raged through yesterday without respite," von Hammer said.

Bologna Gets 'Cassino' Raid

ALLIED MEDITERRANEAN HQ, Oct. 12 (Reuter)—Italian-based Liberators and Fortresses today attacked German Army installations in the outskirts of Bologna in a record air assault by a heavier force than that which hit Cassino.

The operation, which was co-ordinated with a mission of medium and fighter-bombers, was carried out by the greatest number of 15th Air Force bombers ever over one target area.

Eighth Army troops advancing through the region below Savignano, seven miles inland from the Adriatic coast, gained two miles yesterday.

On the Fifth Army front a fierce battle raged for the mountain village of Livergnano, ten miles south of Bologna, where the Germans were making an all-out stand rather than withdraw and expose the Po valley.

Anglo-Russian Accord Seen On Poland

By Daniel DeLuce

Associated Press Staff Correspondent
MOSCOW, Oct. 12—An atmosphere of Soviet-Anglo-American harmony provided the Moscow background for the final delicate negotiations over the governmental fate of Poland today.

It was believed that this would not have been revealed to the eyes of the world if there were not substantial grounds for hoping that the Premier of the Polish Government-in-exile, M. Mikolajczyk, and the Lublin Committee of National Liberation were at last within sight of agreement.

(United Press reported M. Mikolajczyk arrived in Moscow Thursday aboard Mr. Churchill's plane.)

It is known that the question of a united Poland has been the political objective, uppermost in Mr. Churchill's mind during his present mission to Moscow.

Settlement Important

He is known to regard a Polish settlement as of paramount importance for the political health of Europe and the further cementing of the Soviet-Anglo-American alliance.

No personal objections to M. Mikolajczyk have been apparent in Moscow. As things now stand, practically all issues have been disposed of concerning Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Jugoslavia and Greece.

Gen. Sir Alan Brooke, chief of the Imperial General Staff, and his group of British military experts are understood to have been assessing, together with the Soviet supreme command, ways and means of cracking open the Austrian gateway to Germany with the heaviest possible impact.

From the latest developments in the Danube basin Austria appeared likely to be the next southern battlefield within a very short time.

What About Something To Eat, Congressman?

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (ANS)—What does the American soldier think about overseas?

Rep. Brooks Hays (D-Ark.), who has just returned from France, listed four topics as foremost in the thoughts of U.S. fighting men:

- 1—Demobilization.
- 2—Peace-time adjustment, such as getting a job.
- 3—Veterans' rights under the "GI Bill."
- 4—Politics.

Plane Talk and Bad News, Hirohito



This stack of glistening symmetrical patterns are dorsal fins for the Boeing B29 Super Fortress which soon will join the growing fleet of giant bombers en route to Tokyo and other vital points on the Japanese mainland.



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