

# Arnhem Stand Broken After 10 Days

## Allied Forces Land On Dalmatian Coast



### Albania and Jugoslavia Islands Are Invaded On Wide Front

Allied ships and planes have been landing seaborne and airborne forces in Albania and the islands of Jugoslavia for the past 11 days, and the troops are now in action "on a wide front." Allied headquarters in Rome revealed yesterday.

Berlin said the landing operations stretched "from Albania along the whole Dalmatian coast to the north," roughly a 300-mile front.

Three sentences half buried in the routine Mediterranean communique announced the news that Allied ground forces had invaded the Balkans—with none of the usual fanfare that accompanied previous landings.

"Since Sept. 16," the naval section of the communique said, "landing craft of the Royal Navy, covered and escorted by destroyers and light coastal craft, have been operating among the southern Dalmatian islands carrying the troops and Partisans engaged in harassing the German withdrawal."

"Bodies of troops have also been landed on the mainland of Albania."

The air section added one sentence:

"Seaborne and airborne troops of the Land Forces of the Adriatic are at present operating on a wide front in the

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## 1,100 Heavies Blitz Germany 3rd Day in Row

For the third straight day more than 1,100 American heavy bombers yesterday swarmed over western Germany to blast key rail and industrial objectives, while fighter-bombers continued their unremitting attacks on Rhineland communications and strongpoints in the path of the U.S. First and Third Armies.

The Eighth Air Force Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by upwards of 500 Mustangs, Thunderbolts and Lightnings, bombed with the aid of instruments through heavy overcast.

More than 100 Me109s and FW190s singled out one group of heavies, while other groups reported no attacks by enemy fighters. Forty-two U.S. bombers and seven fighters were lost. Eighth pursuits shot down 31 Nazi planes and destroyed five more on the ground. The heavies' gunners shot down five.

### Like Grid Formations

2 Lt. Arthur Shay, of the Bronx, N.Y., navigator on the Liberator Patty Girl, reported: "The Luftwaffe, well over 100 of them, picked us up several minutes after we had bombed our target at Kassel. They came in at 15 abreast and were strung out like a football forward wall."

"On every side Libs from our group were burning and exploding and men were bailing out, delaying the opening of their chutes until they had cleared the combat area."

The B17s and B24s plastered a tank factory at Kassel, a chemical and synthetic oil plant at Ludwigshafen, an industrial plant at Cologne and an ordnance depot at Mainz, as well as railroad yards along the Rhine.

In giving constant support to the ground forces the Ninth Air Force fighter-bombers have flown more than 3,000 sorties in the past ten days, losing 29 planes against 18.

## New Rule Aids Glider Troops To Hold Bonus

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27—U.S. glider troops will not forfeit their bonus if combat conditions, lack of equipment or injuries received in glider accidents prevent them from complying with the extra pay requirements, the War Department announced today.

Normally to qualify for the additional pay, glider personnel are required to make at least one flight every three months. However, the new ruling specifies glider personnel will not lose out financially as long as they make four flights in any 12-month period.

The War Department added that for the purpose of computing the number of flights, those made within a period of 90 days prior to July will be considered to have taken place on that date.

## British Epic of Arnhem Gets Play in U.S. Press

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (AP)—The epic of Arnhem has brought the heroism and tenacity of British armed might to first place in the U.S. press after months in which the lightning drives of American forces in France have monopolized American interest.

Both in banner headlines and in editorials, American newspapers have accorded highest praise to Britain's fighting men since the Battle of Britain.

### Aimee McPherson Dead

OAKLAND, Cal., Sept. 27—Aimee Semple McPherson, noted Evangelist, died today after a long illness.

## 'Geronimo'



## Bloody Arnhem Survivors Want To Fight Again

By Richard McMillan

United Press War Correspondent

WITH BRITISH ARMY BEFORE ARNHEM, Sept. 27—Struggling through a hurricane barrage of fire from 88mm. guns, tank-cannon and machine-guns, the last survivors of the band of British airborne troops who had held the Arnhem bridgehead for nine days at Arnhem were ferried over to our lines during the night.

Bloody and mudstained, exhausted, hungry and bearded, the remnants were brought to safety. They were beaten in body but not in spirit.

"Let us get back again, give us a few tanks and we'll finish the job," they said after already having carried out one of the most glorious actions in history.

The tragic yet heroic cavalcade returned from what one London sergeant described as "The kind of hell I never dreamed could exist on earth." Every one of them had a story to tell of terror by day and by night, of ceaseless enemy attacks with flame-throwers, tanks and self-propelled guns firing high explosive and armor-piercing shells.

"I was in Crete, and that was a piece of cake compared with the bridgehead at Arnhem," one Red Devil officer, Capt. Bethune Taylor, of Cheltenham, said.

As he spoke, groups of survivors, many stretcher cases, many wrapped in blankets, some hobbling with sticks, flooded like a tide of broken yet staunch-hearted humanity up from the river banks into our lines.



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos

Allied paratroopers pour into Holland (above) as waves of C47s overhead unload more men and cargo for the battle on Dutch soil. In lower picture, the camera catches one paratrooper landing head first while around him his buddies are descending and landing in more orthodox fashion.

## Dutch Cow Pasture Becomes Bustling Airport for Supplies

By James Chaney

Special to The Stars and Stripes

FIRST ALLIED AIRBORNE ARMY AIRSTRIP, Holland, Sept. 27—This former cow pasture, now bustling with trucks and aircraft, has become a frontline airport for First Allied Airborne Army Skytroops.

The cows, chased from its green surface only two days ago, still look on longingly from across the fence.

The first supply planes to land on this strip—C47s of Maj.-Gen Paul L. Williams' U.S. troop carrier forces—opened the England-to-Holland shuttle service Tuesday afternoon without accident or incident. An estimated 2,000,000 pounds of vehicles, ammunition and supplies were deposited on this strip in less than three hours.

### Berlin Slightly Mistaken

But as the last C47 groaned toward home Berlin Radio swooped with propaganda guns blazing.

"Allied airborne forces attempted to reinforce their units trapped in Holland today," a German announcer said in a report picked up by aircraft radios. "The aircraft were turned back or destroyed by Luftwaffe fighters."

Pilots and crews of the 400-odd troop carrier planes in the initial flight did see hundreds of fighters, but the fighters were not the Fuehrer's. The C47s flew to the cross-bordered strip and back between

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## Fighters Of Air Division Pulled Back

## British Press New Meuse Drive; Yanks Now Face Winter Campaign

The heroic stand at Arnhem by men of the British First Airborne Division—who withstood constant attack by superior German forces for ten days in an effort to hold open a vital gateway to Germany—ended after the division completed a withdrawal, SHAEF disclosed yesterday.

German troops were in full control of Arnhem and the north bank of the Lek extension of the Rhine River, after the remaining airborne soldiers, withdrawing mainly during Monday night, crossed to the south bank for a link-up with other British forces there.

It was not revealed how heavy the British losses were at Arnhem. The Germans, claiming that they had wiped out the entire airborne division, normally 9,000 men, put the figures at 1,500 killed and 6,400 captured, 1,700 of them wounded.

### 2,000 Reported Withdrawn

An American broadcaster, speaking from Paris, said that at least 2,000 troops from the division got across the lower Rhine River out of an original force of between 7,000 and 8,000.

He said approximately 1,200 wounded were left behind, together with numerous British doctors who stayed to work in captivity. The German commander in the Arnhem area was reported to be looking after the wounded, he added.

The new British drive eastward from the Holland corridor continued toward the Meuse River. Unconfirmed reports by Paris Radio said that the Second Army had apparently given up the plan of advancing north of Arnhem and had started an offensive toward Duisburg and Essen.

### Drive on 40-Mile Front

One British column was 13 miles southwest of the Kleve flank of the Siegfried Line, while other forces were along the Maas—Dutch lower reaches of the Meuse—for five miles. Spearheads north and south of there approached the river on a 40-mile front.

If the Allies had captured Arnhem, which is on the north bank of the Rhine where it turns eastward, they would have been across the last major water barrier before the Reich. Now driving east, British columns have two rivers ahead of them—the Meuse and the Rhine. The Germans have already blown up one Meuse bridge at Gennep, about ten miles southeast of Nijmegen.

The only report from the First Army sector said the Yanks had captured Griveldange, 10 miles east of Luxembourg city and a mile from the German frontier.

### Metz Fort Bombed

An Associated Press dispatch by Don Whitehead from the First Army front said that "with the Germans battling desperately along the Reich's border and the weather steadily worsening, the Allied armies are facing a prospect of having to fight a winter campaign before Hitler's forces are finally crushed."

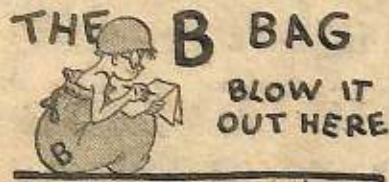
From Third Army headquarters it was reported that one of the three main forts guarding Metz was blasted by Allied planes. But the Germans, who apparently sheltered in the deep fortifications during the raid, later leveled heavy mortar fire at a follow-up infantry assault.

Bad weather made the withdrawal from Arnhem necessary, said reports from SHAEF. Rain and cloud prevented the dropping of adequate reinforcements and supplies at the right place and the right time.



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**2 GIs—Only 1 Credit**  
 Sept. 18, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,  
 Last spring the fighter group blew into camp from the States like a March wind, and like they owned the ETO. To date they have received two Bronze Stars, which have a new significance now under the demobilization law. Some of the service group boys who work along side of them and were here two years ago, a more dangerous time, get nothing but an ever-contracting T/O. For my information what kind of an army is this, and on what is merit based?—Cpl. Duff Arnett.

Two GIs are working in the same office, the same shop or the same hangar. They work the same hours, receive the same pay, and share the same dangers, if there is any danger. They have been in the ETO the same length of time. So the guy with that thrilling title of "fighter squadron" gets two or three bronze stars, along with the thing that really counts, more points toward going back home. We fellows in service groups don't give a damn about the decorations, but we feel we are just as entitled to the points as those birds are.—Cpl. G. R. Morrow.

We believe the awarding of Battle Participation Credit (bronze stars on the ETO ribbon) is not made on a fair basis to the members of this station as well as other similar stations in this theater. This is important as it has a direct bearing on the release of each man from the Army under the credit point plan and will cause service squadron men who are just as deserving, and who worked on the same station and did much of the work to keep the planes of this station on an operational status, to be discharged at a later date than the fighter squadron personnel, who were awarded the Battle Participation Credit for the battles "Air Offensive, Europe," and "Western Europe."

It is our belief that only the fighter pilots who actually were the only ones to participate in combat with the enemy should be awarded the bronze stars on their ETO ribbons. No doubt our TS tickets are due for another punch but at least we have let off some steam and possibly done some good in this matter. Here's hoping that something will be done to remedy this situation.—Some of the boys of the — Service Squadron; Sgt. Wayne T. Roberts, S/Sgt. Ray A. Dedrick, S/Sgt. L. H. Oliphant, Sgt. Frank J. Mahen, S/Sgt. Frank P. Del Deo, S/Sgt. Oliver R. Gustavson, F/Sgt. Arthur S. Amilki, S/Sgt. Edward Solon Jr., T/Sgt. L. L. Limoges, S/Sgt. Kenneth C. Young.

**He Likes Demob Plan**  
 Sept. 23, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,  
 Recently much gripping about our demobilization has been done by our master minds of 38. They say they should get out first. Of course it doesn't matter if they have dependents or not—they're old and should get out. A guy of 24 with dependents can wait.

I'm not 24 nor 38, but I think that our present system of demobilization is a good plan. I'm hoping it stays just like it is. I think dependents and service should dominate and not age. To the poor men of 38 I'd like to have them know that there are a lot of young guys wanting to get discharged and start having a home of their own.

After this is all-over we'll be discharged within reasonable length of time. So let's not worry too much, men.—Cpl. M. Cernyar, Eighth Air Force.

**Where's My Decoration?**  
 Sept. 25, 1944

Dear B-Bag,  
 I am the proverbial weak link in the chain of command. My morale is so low it has to jump up to touch bottom, and this is the reason. Every GI Joe and his fraternal relation stagers around this base dolled up like an Xmas tree. There are medals for photo lab technicians, armorers, AMs and all sorts of technicians.

I run the base movie projector and I want my medal. I also sweep out the theater in the ayem and I want my cluster. When these jokers who won the war with a stillson wrench or a fountain pen get home they'll look like vets of every battle from Marengo to the Marne and my bare chest will cause comment, such as "Aha, the ETO latrine commandant—in charge of mop and pail."

Where's 'ell's my decoration? I want a tri-bladed prop surrounded by a wreath surmounted by an eagle and blazoned with a lion rampant, argent and gules with the heraldic motto "ad nauseam per ardua."—A Non-Hero with Ambition.

**Hash Marks**

And then there was the sage GI who commented, "Dames? I treat 'em like War Bonds. I get a new one every month!"

This clever verse comes from the pen of Capt. Burt Sims. It's called "Special Request."

"Ask for something," she wrote; "Candy, cigarettes . . . or sox . . ." (Thanks, baby, but what I want Won't fit a five-pound box.)

Ecery Experience. Pvt. Howard Carey reports that one dark night a vampire bat perched on his shoulder and gurgled, "Any blood, bud?"

A GI crawled back to his foxhole badly battered. His hair was matted, and he had a black eye. "What hap-



pened?" asked a pal, "did the Jerries get you?" "No," sighed the victim, "I just tried out some of those Stars and Stripes French lessons."

A Navy guy just told us the story of two pilots shot down in the Pacific. They were floating around on a rubber raft when they saw a Jap sub rise to the surface. One pilot waved to the sub. "That's the stuff," said his companion, "Get 'em close to us and we'll ram hell out of them!"

Afterthought (by Pinky): Man is the greatest invention in the world and woman is an improvement on that invention. That's probably why so many men stay out so late—they're looking for improvement.

The folks back home are all set for Victory. In Boston, a sign warns the patrons of Thomas Console's barber shop.



"You sit in the chair at your own risk. Soon as Victory bells ring I will drop my tools—whether you're half-shaved or half-haircut!"

This little bit of doggerel was left in our typewriter by Sgt. Mark Folsom: A snapshot shows my arm around her waist, I can't recall her name, but through the years, I'll always marvel that such a homely face Seemed so lovely after seven beers.

Famous Last Words: "I'm no wolf," insists Pfc Joe King. "I just have an unusual way of saying 'Hellooooooow.'" J. C. W.

**Will We Gum Up the Victory?**

An Editorial

ACCORDING to our favorite newspaper, the "any gum chum" racket has now been exported to Germany. Which poses a neat problem.

Your old man and mine fed gum to the German kids in 1919. We're back fighting these kids today. One of the reasons is that Germans are convinced that we have gum and they haven't. We're a "have" nation—they're a "have-not" nation. We own lots of gum trees or whatever it is gum grows on—while Germans are squeezed into a small gumless area without enough spearmint, peppermint or tutti-frutti to make life bearable.

The Germans' hankering for gum—or land to grow gum and other stuff on—has led to five wars in 75 years—all started by Ger-



mans. This time we're out to knock the gum-hunger out of the Germans once and for all.

So what happens when we roll into the Fatherland and start pass-

ing out the gum? To Germans it's more proof of how rich the Americans are—and how dumb. Why dumb? Because only dumb, decadent people would cross the Atlantic Ocean, fight across half of Europe, leave several tens of thousands of their best manhood in cemeteries—only to turn into gum-dispensing machines the minute they hit their target.

Ike Eisenhower laid down the line on the gum-chum business. In his proclamation to the Germans, now being posted in German towns, he says: "We come as conquerors." Not as pals. Not as liberators. Not as suckers. But as conquerors.

Far be it from us to yank the gum out of a German kid's mouth. But we sure do hate to see us gum up the victory.

**Over There**

**Obliging Nazis Toss Grenade Back Twice Till GI Pulls Pin**

S/Sgt. Charles J. Regno, of Springfield, Mass., and a group of Germans played catch with a hand grenade for several minutes when the American forgot to pull the pin.

Regno had two grenades in his hands and had just pulled the pin on one when the Germans on the other side of the hedgerow lobbed a "potato-masher" near him. Regno threw both his grenades.

In a moment, one of the grenades came sailing back. The American grabbed it and frantically heaved it toward the enemy again. Once more it came back, like a bouncing ball.

Finally realizing the pin hadn't been pulled, Regno yanked it out and sent the explosive on its third trip toward the enemy. An explosion and yell followed, and the sergeant was satisfied.

One of his dog tags was shot off during the engagement, but Pvt. Paul Dumas, of Somersworth, N.H., believes he got the best of an exchange with the Germans. He came out of the fight with a German officer's pistol.

Dumas, member of a field artillery unit in the Fourth Armored Division, fought with ten Frenchmen who had 30 Germans on the run. During the night-long fight Dumas lost a dog tag and got a bullet crease in his helmet, but he's mighty proud of that pistol, which he got after killing a German officer.

Maybe it was luck. Pvt. Emil E. Anton, of El Campo, Tex., drove his jeep into a veritable hornet's nest of mines, and drove it back out again, without a bang.

The road Anton had planned to take was jammed with traffic so he started down a side road. He was traveling about 30 m.p.h. when he notice some suspicious-looking branches in the road. Investigation revealed a German Tellermine squarely between the two front wheels. Behind the jeep were six more mines.

Very, very gingerly Anton backed his jeep away and resumed his original route, traffic jam or not.

WAC T/5 Jeannette Fields, of the Bronx, N.Y., has taken stock in the French phrase "C'est la guerre"—which appears on a sign above the entrance to her tent in France. She also named a local mongrel "C'est la guerre," as well as the jeep driven by T/5 Bertha Craig, of Long Island, N.Y.

A FIFTH Infantry Division radio operator, T/5 Marvin Centers, of Stallings, W. Va., lost all his extra clothing and equipment—and a billfold containing snapshots of his girl friend—when he had to abandon his half-track in a small convoy ambushed by the enemy.

The other day the mail clerk handed Centers an official envelope containing his billfold, which had been taken from a German prisoner. Nothing was missing, not even the snapshots.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 (AP)—"Helmet fatigue," a new and strange malady, has developed in France to plague the American serviceman, says Lt. Col. Sidney Lund, former Hollywood motion picture executive, who has just returned from an Army Pictorial Service mission in France.

It seems there was a film shown in a little French town several miles from the front lines. The ground was "wet" (another way of saying six inches of mud) and the men had nothing to sit on. One GI sat on his helmet. The show ran two hours. The GI had helmet fatigue.

**Notes from the Air Force**

T/SGT. Carl Walker, a chemical warfare non-com at the Liberator base commanded by Col. Eugene Snively, started a miniature poultry farm at the beginning of the year and raised 30 chickens and ducks which were consumed recently at a party for officers and enlisted men.

S/Sgt. Gerald B. Rheinscheld, of Logan, Ohio, has racked up a maintenance mark of 131 consecutive missions without an abort or turnback for mechanical failure. The Mustangs serviced by the Eighth Fighter Command crew chief have flown a total of 470 hours and 50 minutes.

UNITED Nations Day was the theme of the celebration which marked the completion of 200 combat missions, flown in three theaters of operation by the Liberator group commanded by Col. Ramsey D. Potts Jr., of Memphis, Tenn. Representatives from the U.S., Great Britain, Russia, Holland, Norway, Poland and Egypt, together with Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, USSTAF commander; Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, Eighth Air Force



Col. A. Shawi, of Egypt, signs short snorters

commander, and Maj. Gen. William E. Kepner, Second Bombardment Division commander, were present to salute the men who have bombed enemy targets from bases in the Middle East, Africa and Britain.

Highlight of the occasion was an aerial review with 60 Liberators in perfect formation, passing over the field at 1,500 feet, followed by 50 Mustangs. Former commanding officers of the group, which holds a Presidential citation, were Col. David Lancaster, of Miami, Fla.; Jack Wood, of Riverside, Cal.; and Robert Miler, of Clinton, Ill.

Yehudi Menuhin, world famous violinist, accompanied by Marcel Gazelle, Belgian pianist, recently gave two concerts at the Fortress base commanded by Col. H. W. Bowman, of Arlington, Va.

EMPLOYING scrap and salvage materials, S/Sgt. Casimir P. Surek, Eighth Air Force radar technician from Chicago, has designed and built during his off-duty time a radio station at the Fortress base commanded by Lt. Col. William E. Creer, of Provo, Utah, which relays music and news reports over more than 200 speakers in barracks, mess halls, hospital wards, day rooms and club lounges.

He built two 60-watt amplifiers and a control table with innumerable switches, monitoring devices and microphone connections and enclosed the entire unit in a sound-proof room. Adjoining the control room, Surek set up a studio theater for special "live" programs. The sergeant also provided facilities for broadcasting from other parts of the airfield, such as the Aero Club and the base playhouse. His installation also has facilities for picking up BBC programs by radio and AFN features by direct wire.



"Buzz Adolf and tell him that man is here."

# Warweek

Hubert has French down for Count Death Diary of a Nazi who knew Doubt Wrong Guesses by the Champ Guesser

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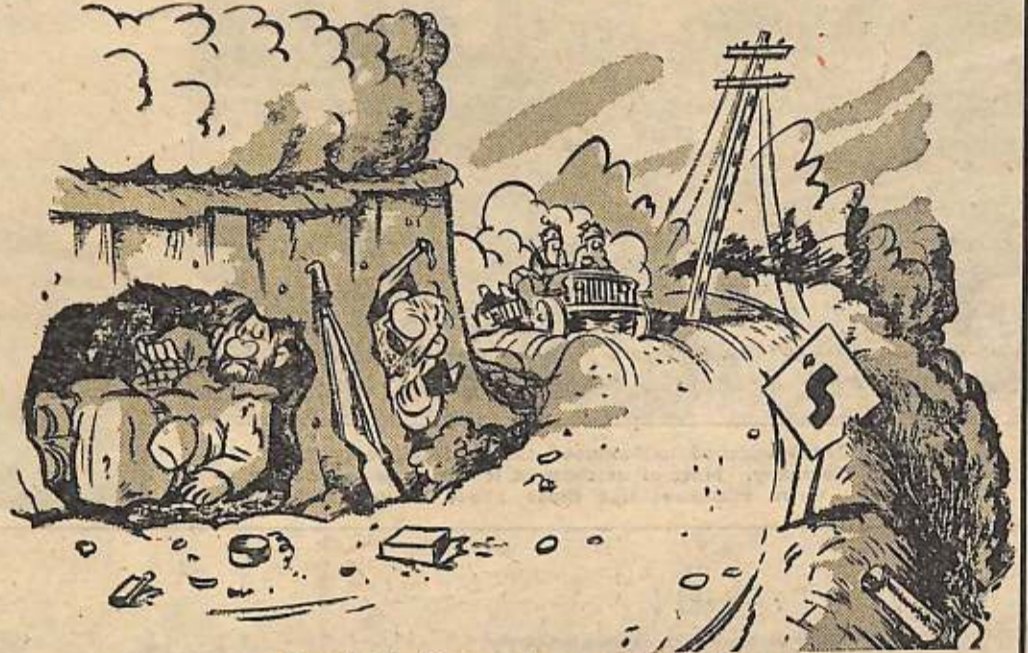
## Hubert in France

by Dick Wingert

EVERY GI in this theater knows Hubert, that soldierly character who weaves through this war like something in a bad dream. Hubert sweated out the first year or so in the U.K. Now he's in France—and God help our Allies glorieux (alley-ya glorce-uh) when Hubert tangles with the French language.

Here are eight episodes of Hubert's contribution to Franco-American relations—sketched on the spot by Sgt. Dick Wingert and presented, with sound effects, because they may help some struggling GI to savvy the parley-voos chatter.

This is no college French course, it's just intended to provide a couple of laughs and a couple of phrases which may come in handy, somewhere in la belle France. Pick out the ones that fit and try 'em on your French girlfriend (petite ami—pe-teet ahmee). In the first panel (right) Hubert gets set for a comfortable night of sweet dreams:



Good night, Sarge, call me at 10 o'clock  
Bohn-swa, Sarge, a deez eur  
Bon Soir, Sarge, A dix heures



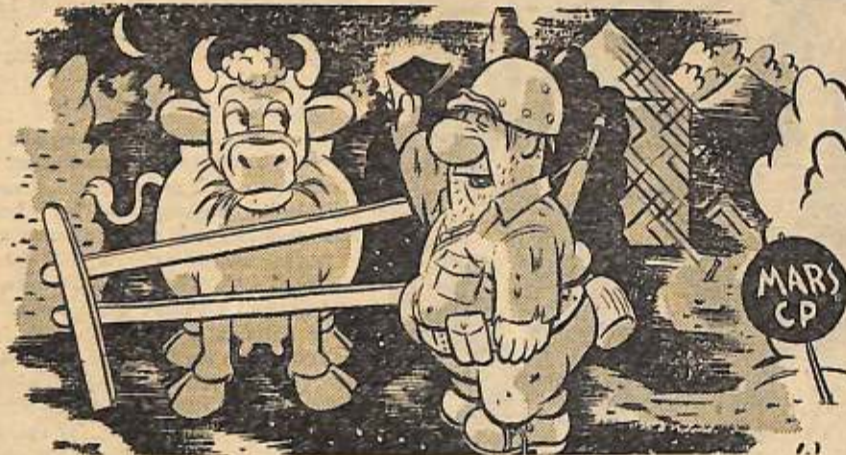
Hubert makes a hit with "here's how, my friends"  
Ah vot-ruh son-tay, maze ahmee  
A votre Santé, mes amis



Where's the gents' room?  
Oo ay ler lavah-bo?  
Ou est le lavabo?



Wolf Talk: "Will you wash my clothes?"  
Vooley-vooh muh blanshisay may lange?  
Voulez-vous me blanchisser mes linges?



Romance: "You are so beautiful, darling!"  
Vooz-et see bell, Cheree  
Vous etes si belle, Chérie



Directions: "Where's the nearest town?"  
Oo ay lah veel lah plooosh?  
Ou est la ville la plus proche?



The bad news: "How much do I owe you?"  
Say kom-bee-en, la dissiion?  
C'est combien, l'addition?



Butter and egg man: "Any eggs for sale?"  
Ess-kuh vooz avvey daze erf a vondruh?  
Est-ce-que vous avez des oeufs a vendre?

# From the Wreckage of a Nazi Half-Track in France Comes the Story of German Defeat and Disillusion



1938—THE WORLD watched half-amused as the Nazi party grew and prospered in Germany. Most of us thought it was a joke, nothing to worry about. Grim Hitlerites like those above thought differently.



# Diary of a Soldier Dead

By Ed. Willcox  
Warweek Staff Writer



NEWSREELS showing the German military might were of only minor interest to us. We looked, yawned, and wished the feature picture would start. Who cares about a bunch of Krauts playing soldier? We didn't.



WE AT PHOTOS of the goose-stepping legions like the one above. We Americans were more interested in whether the Reds or the Cardinals would drop the pennant. We bought another hotdog, fanned ourselves with our scorecards, and swore at the umpire.



Then with blitzkrieg methods which shocked the world, the Nazis gobbled up France, Belgium, and Holland in 39 days, took a ten minute break, and then set out for the East. It looked like nothing would stop the Wehrmacht as the Russian armies retreated before the panzers.

AT THE FRONT, East of Verdun, Sept. 27—Shortly after midnight the Germans attacked with one of those small armored assault teams they've been using among the tiny villages and bleak patches of woods in this part of France. When the wind shifts now, you can still smell the pungent odor of powder and burnt rubber, oil and flesh.

When the attack came, our men who were dug in in the sector awoke in their foxholes with all hell breaking loose and the sound of the Germans shouting their guttural commands above the clatter and rumble of their half-tracks and Tiger tanks.

Tracers from machine-guns of the hard-pressed American outfit lit up the woods, and grenades and bazooka shells were exploding everywhere among the trees and bushes. It was beginning to get light when a battalion of infantry, supported by tanks, moved up. Armor clashed in a sharp, fierce battle. Essen steel ground against metal forged in the hearthfires of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It wasn't an important engagement and it will probably never be mentioned any place but here. It was big enough to mean the end of the war for about 700 captured Germans and the end of everything for a couple hundred more. We lost a number of our boys, too.

### Half-tracks Blasted

Today the dead Germans and their burned-out vehicles have been picked clean. There isn't a pair of boots or a firearm of any kind in working condition where the Nazi dead and their wrecked armor sprawl in tangled, twisted defeat against the green of the hillside. The French civilians, men, women, and children, came out of their stone cottages a hundred yards away, walked across the field, and stared soberly and unsympathetically at the corpses.

The enemy halftracks had been blasted as they drew into formation for the attack. A dozen of them stood track-to-track, as though ready to pass in review—but they were twisted and broken heaps of scrap.

A tank, hatches open, lay half in a ditch, as though it had been hit while trying to run for cover. The right track was in the field, yards from the vehicle, and the earth was churned and torn where the single track had gnashed at the sod, trying to get away. The path of the tracks in the field showed how the driver had frantically tried to escape when he realized that he was to die in this little pasture.

He lay beside his tank, boots pulled off, waiting for the six-by-six of the Graves Registration outfit which was loading up the dead Germans to cart them off to be buried.

### Hard to Read Script

The burned-out vehicles had a red tint—like the bottom ends of andirons, or the lid of an unlighted stove, and everywhere was the litter of papers around the bodies. That's one of the characteristics of the morning after of combat—the letters, postcards, pictures—all the little personal things that men shouldn't carry into battle, but always do somehow.

When it rains the ink blurs and fades and you can hardly read it and you have to squint to read it at all. You squat beside the wreckage of battle, trying to piece together the odds and ends of an individual, puzzling it out in halting high school German.

Inside the end vehicle there are two dead

crew members, sprawled where the shell blast had thrown them. There the papers had been protected a little, and they lay scattered among the half-used boxes of 20-mm. shells, away from the rain. That is where Gerhard Hauptmann's diary was lying. That is where I found it.

It was a small morocco bound book and many of the pages were frayed and dog-eared from long service. Pasted to the inside of the back cover was a picture of a blonde girl in a white dress. She was smiling and holding a bouquet of flowers. Written across the picture was, "Meine lieb, immer," my love always, and it was signed "Frieda."

The entries had been made sporadically and covered a three year period—a lot of fighting in Africa, as well as in the French campaign. Here and there was an address, a name, or a telephone number. It was difficult to decipher the notes made in pencil and scribbled a year ago. But the account of the fighting in France since early summer was legible and clear. It was odd to see into a German's mind.

On June 8, Hauptmann made an entry which, translated, read: "Today there was much air activity and we were bombed and strafed many times as we moved up toward where the fighting is. I saw none of our planes, but they will come—perhaps tomorrow we will see them again. We are told that there is hard fighting ahead, but we are assured that we will throw them back into the sea. We fight better than they do because we fight for Hitler and the Fatherland."

### Tired and Weary

For four days there was no entry, and then, "I am very tired. We have been fighting for three days with little rest and all of us are hoping the reinforcements arrive soon. The British and the Americans have too much equipment. We must have more help if we are to beat them. They can't fight and it is only their equipment and guns that have saved them."

"The Americans get rattled and they try to hide from us by getting near the ground. Our machine pistols frighten them and they fall to the ground and lie still. It is easy to kill them."

On June 15, as the Nazi Panzers massed to stem the inward push of the Allied tankers wrote, "We have been through the worst fighting any of us have seen. The artillery and bombings from the air are frightful. Friends who fought against the Russian dogs say this is worse. It is only because we know that we will win finally and because we know that we will finally know that he fights for the Fuhrer and able to go on."

"Our thoughts are of home and of our families and friends. We shall never give up what is rightfully ours and we will kill them all before it is over."

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# of a German

Before he died, this Wehrmacht Soldier Penned his personal story of conquest, His professional notes on his enemies



IT TOOK LONG, bitter months to change that picture, but doggedly the Tommies and Yanks fought and won Africa, Sicily, half of Italy, and finally struck at the Continent itself. The Wehrmacht couldn't stand up to it—their half-tracks (like this one) were shattered, their troops beaten.

Hauptmann wrote, "I have been here for three days against everything... these American holes too shallow... we attack. Yes... and killed more machine-guns because... Our infantry... Our infantry... the tank."

Attack "They come hours... blows, and we... for them. And... light cigarettes... when they walk... at night." "I am eager for news... come up now are

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Slowly Hauptmann's faith in Der Fuhrer, his certainty that victory would be theirs, began to flag. Most of the entries were still made with the insistent, blind conviction that Germany would win, but from time to time a line or a passage would crop up to show that he was beginning to think—beginning to question and to wonder.

"Their (American) equipment is more than we can overcome. Never have we fought against such a weight of supplies and men. We are outnumbered, and, though we fight with all our hearts, it is still not enough and we must fall back again finally.

"Herbst said yesterday that he thinks the Luftwaffe will not come as we were promised. He said that he thinks that there is no way to build more planes because our factories have been destroyed.

I am certain that our fighters will be in the air this week—our officers have told us that the Luftwaffe waits until Der Fuhrer decides to strike a telling blow. If they don't come soon we shall all be bombed to pieces, of that I am certain, too."

Hauptmann thought of home—he lived in Cologne. He made references to home and things that he had done, people he knew—the sentimental little things that all of us sometimes write down, but more often just think about and forget about.

"I would like to be with Frieda tonight. I remember my last leave when we had the picnic in the country and drank cold beer together in the evening. And all of our plans for after this is over—I often wonder if it will ever be like that. It seems very distant now and hard to remember."

### Ranting and Raving

And then after a sentimental entry, there would follow pages of ranting and raving about the German superiority, the Americans and their stupidity, and the secret weapons which would win the war for Germany. It presented a clear-cut picture of a man taking a terrific beating and trying to sell himself the idea that everything was all right.

"These ungrateful French," Hauptmann wrote, "they seem happy that Europe is again falling into the hands of England and the United States. They appreciate nothing we have done for them. They were not fit to be a part of the New Order. We know that now and we will not treat them so well the next time."

Hauptmann, like most of his brothers-in-arms, is sure that even though Germany is beaten this time, there will be another time. Our big problem will be to keep that dream of the next time from becoming a reality.

"The French help the Americans and the British," Hauptmann wrote, "and they are suddenly very big and independent. We have caught them trying to help the enemy and whenever we find that we kill them without mercy. They are traitors and they are eager to put the Jews and the Com-

munists in control of Europe. We should kill them all for their ideas."

Eleven days passed before another entry was made in the diary. This time, Hauptmann wrote of bitter defeat, retreat, and bewilderment.

### Fault at Home

"If we lose this time," he complained, "it will not be because we have not fought as well as we could. Those at home will be at fault. Something is wrong and none of us are able to decide what it is, but things could not go so badly unless something was wrong at home. We are eager for news of what is happening within Germany. We are afraid that there will be weaknesses there—"

Four days later he wrote, "Every day is the same now. We are falling back each day and we don't have time to stop and fight. Our officers say that we will regroup and make a stand to win when we get to the German border. Thank God, we have the Siegfried Line to hold them back."

Fears began to creep into Hauptmann's mind—was the war almost over? Were the Russians winning new victories in the east? Was there trouble at home? Would he ever see home. He wrote less and less—the entries became shorter and less spirited. Hauptmann seemed bitter and disillusioned, with little of his cocky superior attitude left.

"Last night," he wrote on September 13, "we talked of the happenings on the eastern front and some say that the Russian dogs will push our armies back into Germany itself. God in heaven, if that happens we will all be lost. If I believed that, I would go home now and kill my parents and my sisters before I would leave them there for the Russians to kill."

### Promise Secret Arms

Like a football coach, trying to rally a losing team, Hauptmann's commanding officer tried to rally his men—give them reason to fight when almost all reason was gone. After one such talk, Hauptmann wrote what turned out to be his second last entry in his diary.

"We are told," he said, "that we will win even now. Our officer has told us that new weapons are being used to bring England to her knees and that other new weapons which will help us crush the enemy are on their way. Soon we shall be able to fight back on even terms with them. Until then we must fight harder and have confidence in our Fuhrer. Hitler has sent our division his best wishes and has assured us that victory will be ours, no matter what the odds."

The final entry, written the day before the attack which was Hauptmann's last, was scrawled hurriedly and nervously in pencil.

"We have been ordered to attack tonight. It seems useless because we are hopelessly outnumbered now. There are too few of us to make any difference. But we have been ordered to attack, anyway. We will attack, but I think it is a mistake.

### Learned of Fear

"I have never been afraid before," Hauptmann wrote, "but I am afraid now. We are all beginning to wonder what the end to all of this will be. It is clear that we cannot hope to win. We have fought as well as we knew how to fight, but we aren't able to stop them. I pray every night that I will live to see Germany again. I want to go home very badly and at times I think I will not get there at all."

There was nothing more after that—several blank pages, but nothing more.



WITH PLENTY OF GUTS, drive, and teamwork, the Allied armies literally crushed the German armies in France. These photographs tell the story in terms of dead Krauts, burned-out vehicles, and the litter of a defeated army. A battered diary near a dead Nazi tells the story in a different way.

Hauptmann died the next night. He will never see Germany again.

I took a long look at him sprawled in the half-track, blouse torn open showing a grey sweatshirt, clotted with blood. His face was pale and there was a greenish tint around his eyes.

### Fed on Lies

The Graves Registration boys drove up, glared at me, and then into the half-track.

"How many," the fellow yelled from the truck.

"Two," the corporal said, peering into the armored vehicle.

"What's that?" the corporal asked me, pointing to the diary.

"It's one of the saddest stories I ever read," I answered. "It is the tale of a guy who was fed on a pack of lies and crap until he began to think he was hot stuff. It's a diary. And there is where I found it."

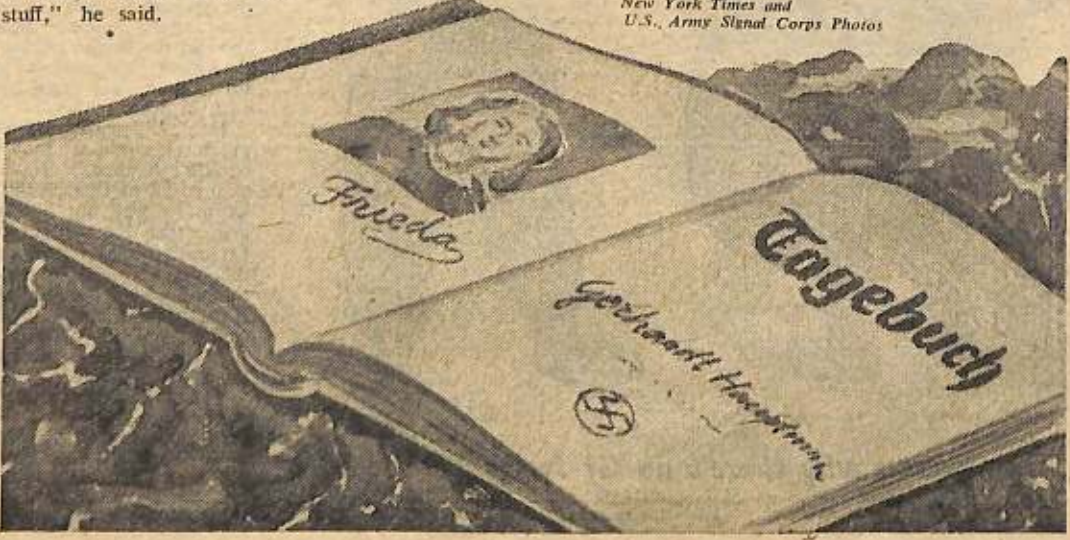
I tossed it back into the half track where I had picked it up.

The corporal picked it up and leafed through it, then threw it back into the half-track.

"Hell, I can't read that stuff," he said.



New York Times and U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos



# Hitler's Guesses Were World's Worst

Here's a score sheet on the "leader's" Failures at the crystal ball routine; This is why Wehrmacht is slowing down

By France Herron  
Warweek Staff Writer

BACK in the whirling '30's, when the main topics of conversation were the Notre Dame-Ohio State football fantasy, or the gurglings of an up and coming crooner named Crosby—or if Lou Gehrig hit more home runs than the Babe—the Germans unlocked a jail door and let Adolf Hitler, a relatively unknown paperhanger, walk free.

This guy Hitler had spent most of his jail time writing a book called Mein Kampf—My Battle—in which he laid out his own personal plans of running the world. He also made a lot of predictions, and set himself up as a sort of Nostradamus the Second, who could tell you if it was going to rain next Friday or if Turkey and Italy would fight on the Nazis' side.

Nothing dampened Hitler's wild enthusiasm for making these predictions—which he said were based on his "intuition"—and even after Mein Kampf had gone the bookstore rounds he was on the soapbox giving tomorrow's stories in today's speeches.

The outcome of these speeches couldn't have been better—for the ex-corporal from Austria. The German people—who are always looking for a flimsy excuse to slam some little guy—welcomed his orations. They figured that their "man of destiny" had finally arrived from Valhalla—the man who would make them masters of the world.

### Nazis Get in Gear

That's all Hitler needed. His program—and you know all about that—began to roll. Then came more speeches; more predictions. Hitler dared say anything and everything, because in those good old days he thought the Wehrmacht's mailed fist could back him up.

Here are some of those predictions—those "things to come" statements—which Der little Fuehrer would rather have you forget all about. He would like you to forget because as the sands of time do a fade-out on him, he—and other Nazis—will give out with other stuff; other stuff which they'll want you to believe.

But look how his predictions of yesterday panned out.

After Dunkirk, in 1940, Hitler made this proclamation:

"The greatest battle of all time has been brought to a victorious conclusion by our soldiers. The greater part of the British Expeditionary Force has been annihilated, taken prisoner or forced to flee from the Continent. Three French Armies have ceased to exist.

### Total War Promised

"Greater Germany dominates the air, sea and coasts of the North Sea and the Channel. As our enemies still reject peace they shall have a total war of annihilation."

And in November of 1940, fat with victories tucked under his belt, Herr Hitler gathered his cohorts in the Munich Beer Cellar and said this:

"If Britain declares the war will go on, I am quite indifferent. The war will go on till we finish it. Believe me, it will end in our victory."

And in December of the same year,



New York Times Photo  
... Germany's "man of destiny."

Adolf the Sage told nervous munition workers:

"Should Britain attempt to gain a foothold somewhere on the Continent she will meet us again. Where the German soldier stands no other soldier will ever set his foot."

Today it's a different story. Where the German soldier once stood, he now lies buried—and Allied troops have rolled right on toward Berlin. But that's part of the stuff you're not to remember—if Hitler can help it. Nor other predictions, such as this one, made as a New Year proclamation in 1941:

"The year 1941 will see the German Army, Navy and Air Force considerably strengthened. Under their blows the last boastings of the warmongers will collapse. We are in deadly earnest when

we affirm that for every bomb they drop, ten, or, if necessary, 100, will be dropped in its place."

### Landings Pooh-Poohed

And here's one that was blown sky high with the West Wall. On the subject of "possible enemy landings on the Continent," Hitler quieted German fears with this:

"The British have been driven from the Continent once and for all. If the British really intend to undertake an offensive against the Continent they should notify me and I will see that a suitable district is evacuated to allow them to land and will then speak to them in the language they understand."

This prediction is the grand-daddy of famous last words. He made it before Rumania and Bulgaria tossed in the sponge—and before we crossed France and closed in on German borders:

"Only fools imagine that 1918 will be repeated."

In 1942 Hitler started his predictions on Russia's fate. It was the ninth anniversary of the Nazi regime, and was about time to give the German public another push. He said:

"I can tell you this. The German soldier at the front has the feeling of towering superiority over the Russian. To compare him would be an insult."

He added:  
"We have not made a wrong calculation in any of our plans. I have a right to say this, because the enemy (Russia) has already been beaten."

### Russians in the Bag

Hitler handed himself the lie when, not more than five months after he said the Russians had already been beaten, he made this statement:

"One thing we know today—the Bolsheviks will be annihilatingly defeated by us in the coming summer."

Now Der Fuehrer began dipping into figures. The advances made by his armies in Russia, so he thought, permitted him to buttonhole his closest associates in the Munich Beer Cellar and say:

"Never before has a gigantic empire been smashed in a shorter period than has Soviet Russia this time. There is a total loss of at least 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 Soviet soldiers. No army can recover from such losses.

"The German soldier has put the battle in its right perspective and has brought down Stalin, the companion of Judas, a murderer, in a deadly fall."

### Hitler on Stalingrad

The fact that the corpses of Germany's fighting men dotted the entire Russian front didn't enter into the prophetic paperhanger's speeches. Instead, he said this about Stalingrad:

"I wanted Stalingrad because of its importance as a junction. That is why we took it. That is why we have got it now except for some very small parts."

Shortly afterwards Josef Stalin announced that the Russians had Stalingrad well in their grip—and that the Germans were reeling back in frenzied retreat. But that made no dent on Hitler. He made no attempt to apologize to the Kraut public for being wrong. No, far better to let them forget; to let them think about something else.

So he changed tunes. He switched back to his old hatred, England. He was as sure as anything in the world that nobody would attempt a Second Front against Europe. With this in mind, he said:

"Had I in front of me a serious opponent I could figure out where a second front would come. But with these military idiots one never knows where they will attack."

### Message to Churchill

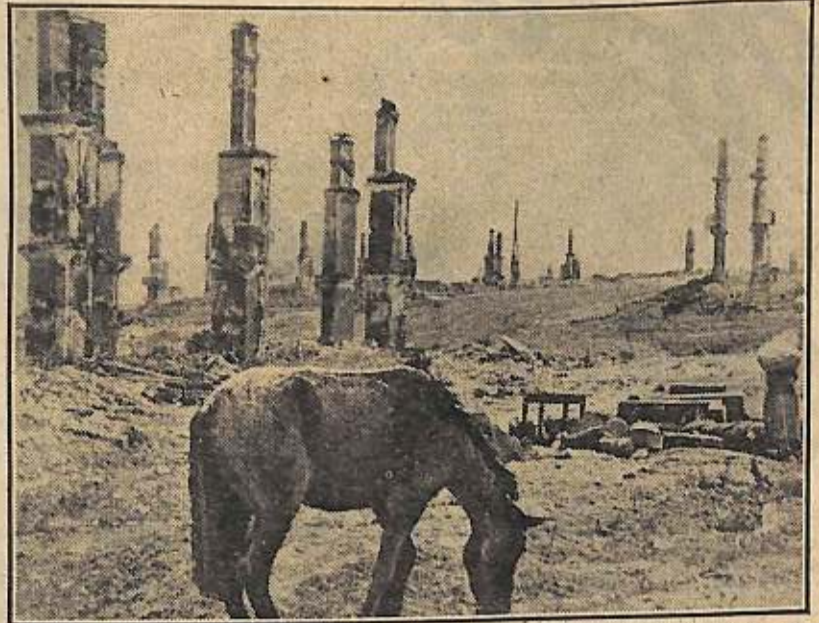
"Let me assure Mr. Churchill that wherever he may choose for his next attack he may consider himself lucky if he remains on land for nine hours."

"And," said Hitler, "from Norway to the Spanish frontier German divisions are awaiting the attack of the enemy. Dieppe showed the British that a landing on the Continent only leads to speedy annihilation. They will have the same experience in other places."

Herr Hitler spouted off with lots of predictions about the "invasion that couldn't happen." He assured and reassured all of Europe that it could never worm its way out of the German iron grip; that the Allies from across the Channel would never come. His predictions were also heaped at the Allies themselves—as though he was frightening them; pulling a bluff that no one would call.

In a New Year's proclamation for 1944 he said:

"That the British intend to land in the west, in the Balkans, in Norway or Holland is not new. We have taken all these intentions into account, and have prepared ourselves not only with regard



New York Times Photo  
A LIVE HORSE and a dead city. That was typical of Stalingrad, the place that Hitler said he captured, even while his soldiers were dying by thousands at the city's gates.



OWI Photo  
ADOLF HITLER said that "where the German soldier stands, no other soldier will set foot." But these 260,000 Nazi prisoners captured in Tunisia may well wonder what Der Fuehrer meant.



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo  
MORE SUPERMEN captured in Belgium. It was lads like these who Hitler said could lick the world. But they've had their war, despite their boss's phony predictions.

## Illustrating a One-Man Troop Movement

HERE ARE YOUR SECRET ORDERS WHERE TO GO. YOU ARE NOT TO OPEN THEM UNTIL YOU ARRIVE SAFELY AT YOUR DESTINATION!



The reason why there's no GI Jerry this Week.

Pigskin Preview

Navy Has Makings of a Great Team

By Chip Royal

Associated Press Features Sports Editor
NEW YORK, Sept. 27—The Navy has made a habit of taking 'em over every-



Bobby Jenkins

Jenkins or Hal Hamberg of Navy; Doug Kenna or Dean Sensenbaur, Army; Elting Johnson, Bucknell; Allan Richards, Penn State; Frank Muehlhouser, Colgate; Johnny Small, Penn.

When football practice started, Naval Academy foes only had to worry about such grid greats as Jenkins, who, while playing with Alabama, wrecked Boston College in the Orange Bowl two years ago; piano-legged Joe Sullivan, Bill Barron, Jim Pettit, Capt. Ben Chase, Leon Bramlett and Jack Baker.

Recognizes Four-Year Rule

Then Annapolis let loose a broadside by announcing that the Middies would recognize the four-year eligibility rule thereby regaining the services of Hamberg, the peppery passer and climax runner; the great tackle, Don Whitmore; hulking Jack Martin, 240 pounds of experienced center; and veterans Ben Martin, Dave Barksdale and Marshall Steves.

Put the above-mentioned talent together with an abundance of large, muscular and willing replacements and it's easy to see why Navy's foes are staying awake night wondering what to do.

Up at West Point, the Cadets started concentrating on the Middies at the first practice. Coach Earl Blaik is determined that the December encounter with the rival service school will find his charges ready to sink the Navy or else.

Blaik knows that his backfield will be okay. The highly regarded Kenna appears ready to click. Speedy Glenn Davis, Capt. Tom Lombardo, Max Minor, Dale Hall, Bobbie Dobbs, George Troxell, and the sizzling Sensenbaur will hold their own with any touchdown babies.

The Army line is a different story. Sole returning regular will be big Joe Stanowicz. He will be flanked by some of last year's reserves and Plebes. Even so, word from the Point is that the Cadets will have a better, faster charging line than last year.

As for the other colleges in the East, a big squad of Navy trainees will make

Bucknell a championship contender if the boys aren't transferred before the season ends. Coach Woody Ludwig will field a bunch of husky veterans who can give and take with the best of them.

Yale will have a tall, tricky eleven. Coach Howie Odell has five 1943 starters in the line but the backfield has been stripped of every varsity performer.

Dartmouth will make it tough for all foes if Coach Earl Brown can uncover some expert wingmen. The Indians from Hanover have the toughest schedule of any team, including Notre Dame, and if they come through will merit national attention.

Holy Cross will depend on numerous freshmen. Harvard, Princeton and Boston College don't expect very much and have carded only a few games.

Syracuse started off by beating Sampson Navy but lost to Cornell, 39-6, Saturday. Penn State will have a formidable front if the V-12s stay around Penn has a large squad but they're small in experience.



Doug Kenna

Browns, Tigers Triumph; Yankees Subdue Chisox

NEW YORK, Sept. 27—Brilliant pitching jobs kept the Tigers and Browns locked in a tie for first place in the American League yesterday as Dizzy Trout poured it on the Athletics, 6-0, and 35-year-old Sig Jakucki blanked the Red Sox, 1-0, under lights. The still-punching Yanks struck along, three games back, by socking the White Sox, 9-5, in another night game. Each team now has five more games to play. However, any combination of two Tiger or Brown triumphs and New York losses will eliminate the McCarthy-men.

Detroit's 6-0 victory over the A's was Trout's 27th victory and seventh shutout of the season and—once again—brought him even with Mat Newhouse with the most victories in the major leagues.



Dizzy Trout

In winning, the Tigers regained their long-range batting sights and smacked two Mack hurlers for 13 raps, two of the blows being homers by Dick Wakefield and Rudy York. Wakefield's drive, a tremendous shot of 402 feet, went past Roberto Estelle in deep center field in the opening frame. Luke "Hot Potato" Hamlin started for the Mackmen and gave up all the Tiger runs before retiring in the fifth.

All five Boston hits off Jakucki were singles as the Browns won their seventh straight and came up with the only run of the ball game in the first inning. Chet Laabs brought the tally home, singling and scoring with two out on Milt Byrnes' base knock. Mike Ryba, 39-year-old veteran of Joe Cronin's mound staff, allowed only four hits. The victory was Jakucki's 12th and his first since Aug. 21.

Bombers Off to Bad Start

The Yankees started off badly against the White Sox and were trailing, 4-0, at the end of the fourth, but tied it up in the fifth with a rally sparked by homers off the bats of Oscar Grimes and Nick Etten, and salted it away in the fifth. Hershel Martin scoring all the way from first when Johnny Lindell singled with the sacks mobbed. Bill Zuber took the mound nod while Buck Ross was the victim.

In the other American League game the Senators downed the Indians, 8-3. Joe Heving's 62nd relief appearance of the season setting an American League record. Dutch Leonard scattered eight Indian hits, while his mates collected 15 off five hurlers, with Al Smith the loser.



Frank McCormick

The Cincinnati Reds downed the Giants in both ends of a twin bill, 8-5, and 6-4, with the winning runs in the first game coming on Frank McCormick's homer with a man on in the seventh to give Jim Konstanty the nod over Johnny Allen. McCormick collected homer number 19, also with a man aboard, in the fourth inning of the second game as Tom de la Cruz gained a decision over Ken Miller.

Corsairs Strengthen Hold

At Boston, the Pirates scored all their runs in the first frame and defeated the Braves, 6-2, to strengthen their grip on second place. Max Butcher limited the Beantowners to seven hits as Nate Andrews suffered the loss.

The Phillies and Cubs split a twin bill under the lights, with the Bruins annexing the first game, 4-0, to clinch fourth place, and the Phillies taking the nightcap, 10-1. Hank Wyse spun a four-hitter as the Cubs clubbed loser Al Gerheuser and three other pitchers for 20 hits in the opener. The Phils turned the tables in the second affair, clouting loser Bob Chipman, Hy Vandenberg and Japhet Lynn for 17 blows as Vernon Kennedy pitched six-hit ball.

The Cardinals sharpened their batting eyes for the World Series by collecting 14 hits to defeat the Dodgers, 8-7, as Freddie Schmidt was returned the winner over Hal Gregg. The Dodger defense—if it can be called that—fell apart in the fifth inning to allow the Cards to score six times.

Ott Suspends Weintraub

NEW YORK, Sept. 27—Phil Weintraub, slugging outfielder of the Giants, felt the wrath of Manager Mel Ott and was suspended for the remainder of the season "for indifferent playing." Weintraub, sidelined by injuries several times this season, failed to make a hit in six times at bat against the Pirates Sunday. He has batted .321 in 97 games.

Once Over Lightly

By Charlie Kiley

NEW YORK, Sept. 27—This has been Luke Sewell's greatest season in a 23-year diamond career, but ironically it has cost him the friendship of his closest pal in baseball.



Luke Sewell

Long time affections born when both were room-mates and teammates with the Senators blew up between Luke and Ossie Bluege during the last Browns-Senators series in St. Louis, when mild-mannered Ossie got fed up with the Browns riding his Cuban players and challenged Sewell to have it out under the stands. There was no one more startled than Sewell, whose first reaction was that Ossie was joking. But Bluege, who in 24 years in the game, never has been known to make enough noise to wake a baby, wasn't fooling one bit. The Senator pilot had stood rival clubs' acid cracks about the Cubans all season and felt the Browns had gone too far.



Ossie Bluege

He accused Sewell of approving the remarks and sending bench-warmer Tom Turner out of the dugout to answer a challenge by Roberto Ortiz after Brownie stars had started trouble. Ortiz dislocated a finger in the ensuing brawl on the field, after which Bluege stormed out of the dugout and might have climbed all over Sewell's frame if the umpires hadn't stepped in. Luke didn't pick up the offer to settle under the stands, but the pals, who had never passed up a chance to boost each other, lost their friendship in the heat of battle.

While the Tigers were taking another giant stride in the direction of the pennant yesterday inside reports from Detroit say Steve O'Neil is as jittery as a French female collaborator in a barber's chair because Hal Newhouse's leaky heart, which makes him unfit for military service, is showing the strain of hard work. With Stubby Overmire laid up with a sore arm after only one appearance since Sept. 17, O'Neil can't afford to lose Newhouse at a time like this and rely solely on Trout, who worked yesterday with only two days' rest.

There is no longer any doubt that the Newhouse-Trout combine is the most valuable pair of hurlers of "modern" baseball. With 54 wins equally divided between them, Hurricane Harold and Dizzy are within one game of the total racked up in 1920 by Cleveland's Jim Bagby and Stanley Coveleskie. The Motor City Miracle Men have already made the Dean brothers of '34 look like bushers in contributing to a pennant drive.

Eagles Trounce Yanks in Debut

BOSTON, Sept. 27—The Boston Yankees made their debut in the National Football League last night by absorbing a 28-7 pasting at the hands of the Philadelphia Eagles before 25,000 at Fenway Park.

The Eagles scored in every period and the Yanks were saved from a shutout in the last quarter when Teddy Williams, former Boston College back, scooted 25 yards around right end to climax a 68-yard drive.

In handing the newly organized Yanks their first league setback, the Eagles stuck for the most part to ground plays, all four of their touchdowns being scored on smashes from inside the ten-yard line. Roy Zimmerman, Jack Banta and Mel Bleeker tallied on plunges from the two, and Ernie Steele went over for the final tally from the six. Zimmerman place-kicked three extra points for the Eagles and Augie Lio drop-kicked Boston's seventh point.

Shaughnessy Refused \$125,000 to Coach Skins

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 27—Considerable light has been thrown on the subject of whether Clark Shaughnessy is coaching the Washington Redskins or not with the revelation by George Preston Marshall that Shaughnessy had refused a \$125,000 contract to coach the Washington pros for five years.

"I offered Shaughnessy \$25,000 a year for five years last March on the coast," Marshall told newspapermen.

Jenny Had Same Trouble

Gunder Makes Up His Mind—He, Andersson Will Tour U.S.

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 27—Less than 24 hours after Gunder Haegg was quoted as saying he knew nothing about an invitation to America and didn't think he'd accept it anyway, the American Legation announced today that Gunder the well-known Wonder will return to the U.S. and take part in the winter indoor meetings. Haegg will be accompanied by his arch-rival, Arne Andersson, and hurdler Haakan Lidman.

According to present plans the trio will appear in the States late in October and throughout November. The athletes are expected to leave Sweden shortly as they desire at least two weeks' training before entering competition.

The "Swedish Express" has expressed a preference to meet Gil Dodds, Boston

Divinity student, who chased him all over the country during Haegg's summer tour last year. It's likely they'll meet as Dodds, who ran outdoors this year, said he'll be back for the indoor meets.

The proposed tour is being arranged by the Treasury Department with bond sales the motive.

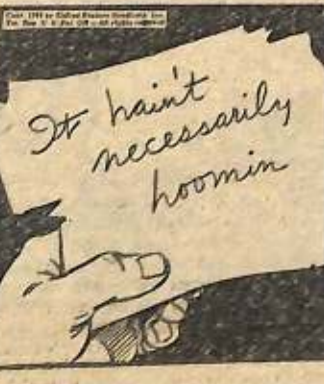
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By Courtesy of United Features

Ramblers Hope To Stymie Pitt Along Airlines

NEW YORK, Sept. 27—Notre Dame, generally regarded as the nation's outstanding football team last fall, will have its mettle tested Saturday when the Irish open up against the T-formation engineered by canny Clark Shaughnessy of Pittsburgh. Shaughnessy, mindful that there might be someone spying for the Irish in the stands last Saturday, unveiled only half his attack in swamping West Virginia, 26-13.

When the Irish come up against the Panthers the only thing they'll know about Shaughnessy's passing attack will be the fact that Shaughnessy didn't use it against the Mountaineers. His vicious running attack, however, ground out 296 yards against 22 for the opposition, and those figures make it quite evident that Pitt merely scored what she needed to win. The only ray of light for Notre Dame is the fact that Pittsburgh was halted and shoved back by West Virginia's second-half passing attack. And Ed McKeever, the new Irish coach, has Joe Gasparella ready to fill the air Saturday.

Last Saturday also furnished a line on first opponents for the Army and Navy, big power-houses of the East. Army shouldn't have much trouble with North Carolina, as the Tarheels' rumored immaturity was confirmed by a 7-0 defeat at the hands of Wake Forest. However, the North Carolina Pre-Flight eleven belted the Cherry Point Marines, 27-14, and they promise to at least make things interesting for the power-laden Middies of Annapolis.

Kentucky Will Be Tough

Kentucky gridders served notice on Dixie schools that they'll be tough when they gave Mississippi a 27-7 beating, but it's still too early for anybody to be pinning any "champion" labels on.

California accomplished absolutely nothing toward proving who is who in the Pacific when they battled UCLA to a 13-13 tie, while the most favorable impression in the Midwest was created by Minnesota in losing, 19-13, to a tough Iowa Pre-Flight team.

Some of the better games around the country this weekend are:

- EAST—Dartmouth vs. Holy Cross; Yale vs. Coast Guard; Colgate vs. Rochester; Brown vs. Tufts; Harvard vs. Worcester Tech.
MIDWEST—Great Lakes vs. Illinois; Minnesota vs. Nebraska; Ohio State vs. Missouri; Northwestern vs. Wisconsin; Purdue vs. Marquette.
SOUTH—LSU vs. Alabama; Mississippi vs. Florida; Tennessee vs. Kentucky; Georgia Tech vs. Clemson.
SOUTHWEST—Arkansas vs. Oklahoma Aggies; Colorado College vs. New Mexico; Rice vs. Randolph Field; Texas vs. Southwestern; Texas Aggies vs. Texas Tech; TCU vs. Lubbock AAF.
WEST—College of Pacific vs. So. Cal. and California vs. Second AF.



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In Those United States

# Boeing Plans Two-Deck Commercial Air Liners

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27—A new double-decked four-engine passenger and cargo plane for post-war commercial use will be built along the same general line as the Army's Superfortresses by the Boeing plant in Seattle, where B29s are being turned out, it was revealed today.

Officials said that the principal difference between the cargo version and the present bomber version would be a larger fuselage. The general weight and performance of the new planes are expected to be about the same as that of the B29s.

The double-deck interior arrangement would bring to aviation a feature long popular in motor buses in larger cities. The passengers could be carried on both levels, or just on the top with the bottom reserved for the cargo.

While the Superfort cargo ship would be larger than the Lockheed Constellation—the largest cargo plane flying today—it would be smaller than the Vultee Commercial now set for production in Fort Worth, Tex.

### Elsewhere in Washington

The AFL called on President Roosevelt to correct what it called a gross inequity between workers' income and cost of living expenditures to prevent strikes in the reconversion period. . . . Jean Brunner, head of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, demanded a "blackout" on immigration into the U.S. for ten years after the war.

War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt announced returning servicemen now have free rein to seek any kind of civilian jobs. Until now, discharged veterans were exempt from manpower controls for only 60 days after leaving the service.

### Winter War Possible—Pyle

DANA, Ind., Sept. 27—War Correspondent Ernie Pyle last night told hometowners that he believes that "the European war could go on all winter." Pyle said that the "Germans are fighting desperately and there's nothing to prevent them from continuing to put up stiff resistance. So don't think the war is over until the shooting ends."

### Connie Bennett Quits No. 4

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 27 (ANS)—Film stars Constance Bennett and Gilbert Roland have separated because of "temperamental differences," it was disclosed today. The marriage is the fourth for Miss Bennett. At the same time, Mrs. Carole Gallagher Foran sued Dick Foran, a cowboy actor, for divorce alleging cruel treatment.

### Snake Cultists Hold Protest Service

HARLAN, Ky., Sept. 27 (ANS)—Faithful adherents of the snake-handling Church of God held a day-long service in front of the Harlan courthouse yesterday protesting the action of authorities in placing four of their ministers under bond after a woman worshipper died from rattlesnake bites.

Immediately after the courtyard service closed, one minister, the Rev. Willard Cress, conducted a funeral service for the snakebite victim, Mrs. Maudie Lankford, 28, wife of a Harlan coal miner. Mrs. Lankford was the third Kentuckian to die from snakebites suffered at the Church of God's services in two years and second to die this year.

Under a special law passed in 1940 prohibiting the handling of snakes at religious services, Cress was fined \$50 and placed under a \$500 peace bond. Coroner Fielding Hensley said that the case would be handed to the Grand Jury for investigation.

No snakes were used in yesterday's public service, authorities said.

### New Ford After War

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Sept. 27 (ANS)—Henry Ford II today predicted the Ford Motor Co. would market a new low-priced car after the war. It will be "the cheapest car offered the public" since the days of his grandfather's famous Model A, he said. Ford said the low price would be justified because the new car would combine economical use of space and weight.

### Japs Withhold POW Data

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 (ANS)—The Japanese government has reported on only "very few" American prisoners of war in the last year, while similar information from Germany has been "relatively prompt and full," Lt. Col. Joseph B. Kavanaugh, chief of the American Section of the POW Information Bureau, said. American morale in the German camps was described as high.

## 5th Army GIs Advance 3 Mi.

German resistance stiffened along the entire Italian front yesterday but American Fifth Army troops gained up to three miles in violent fighting while the British Eighth Army cleared the last Germans from south of the Rubicon and established a bridgehead seven miles wide across the river.

The German high command threw elements of three divisions into the Fifth Army sector above Florence to check the American threat to its supply line.

Northwest of Firenze, 25 miles north of Florence, the Fifth captured 4,000-foot Montebeni and the southern slopes of Montefreddi overlooking the Florence-Bologna road.

Canadians moving up the Adriatic coast reached the outskirts of Bellaria, eight miles beyond Rimini.

Medium bombers knocked out eight road and rail bridges in the Po valley Tuesday.

## Airborne - - -

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aisles of escorting P51s, Lightnings and Spitfires.

From planes of the supply fleet, the countryside from flooded coastal regions to Nijmegen looked as peaceful as a "Hans Brinker" illustration. Except for scattered shell and bomb craters, tank tracks and what appeared to have been a large German Army camp, the Dutch landscape was virtually unmarred by battle.

In small villages and farm communities along the route of the low-flying C47s people looked up to wave at the formation, and in fields windmills toiled slowly as they have throughout the German invasion.

In the midst of the scene lay acres of British and American gliders dropped during the past week—all seemingly undamaged—and an occasional C47 knocked down by flak during the air invasion.

### On Right Element

1/Lt. Robert J. Phillips, of Marlin, Tex., pilot of the C47 "Mary Jo," and 2/Lt. Colvin T. Smith, of Memphis, Tenn., co-pilot, took the plane up the corridor from Eindhoven toward Nijmegen on the right element of the squadron. They and their radio operator—S/Sgt. George F. Crooks, of Waukegan, Ill.—and the flight engineer, T/Sgt. James A. Nordness, of Milwaukee, Wis., had been warned that the mission would be tough. The danger never materialized.

They landed their cargo, British driver James Hewson, of Brighton, Sussex, and his jeep and trailer, with the help of a group of British glider pilots, and were off for home again less than 30 minutes later.

### Mrs. FDR Urges Vet Plans

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 (ANS)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt yesterday urged communities to organize for aiding returning servicemen. She said "planning ahead is not just a government job."

## New Prussian Drive by Reds Seen Imminent

By the Associated Press

Signs of a fresh Soviet offensive against East Prussia appeared last night as a Russian descent on Riga broke up the Germans' strong flanking position north of the province.

German Overseas News Agency reported a series of sharp attacks directed against East Prussia from Russian positions inside the Suwalki triangle and the Lithuanian side of the border south of the River Niemen.

The battle in Latvia, which is becoming the graveyard of the German northern army corps, was swiftly approaching a climax. Moscow dispatches described the German retreat as a rout.

### Last Stand at Riga

Developments of the last few days made it appear that the Nazis would make their last strong stand in the Baltics at Riga, defending the port to the bitter end and at all costs keeping open a coastal corridor of escape to the south.

It was the Germans' advantageous position in the Baltics—outflanking the Soviet armies lined up before East Prussia—that held up the all-out offensive farther south.

Now the position is disintegrating and the time may have arrived for a full scale invasion of East Prussia. Two Soviet armies—Zakharov's Second and Cherniakhovsky's Third White Russians—reached their jumping off places more than a month ago.

In western Transylvania the Russians mounted a series of new attacks along a 70-mile front facing Hungary. The Germans placed the pressure points at Arad, in the direction of Szeged, and at Gyula and Oradea, farther north.

Russian shells still poured into the blackened ruins of Warsaw, where the Germans have been forced to dig tunnels to maintain communications.

## All B29s Back From Jap Raid

A large force of B29 Superfortresses bombed Anshan and Dairen in Manchuria Tuesday without loss of a single plane, the War Department announced yesterday after the raiders had returned to their Chinese bases.

Results were difficult to assess, it said, since most of the bombing was through heavy clouds. Japanese ack-ack was weak and fighter opposition light.

The Department said that in addition to the blow at Anshan's steel mills and Dairen's port area, other B29 formations attacked targets at Loyang and Kaifeng, in occupied China. Results were good.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced 686 Americans had been killed in the Palau operations up to Monday. He listed 406 others missing and 4,408 wounded.

A SUPERFORTRESS BASE, Western China, Sept. 27 (AP)—A dozen Japanese medium bombers raided this base last night in retaliation for the attack at Anshan yesterday. The alert lasted two and a half hours, but no Superfortresses or runways were hit.

The B29s carried larger bomb loads to Anshan due to plane improvements and new techniques.

## Balkans - - -

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Adriatic country, which includes Albania and the islands off Yugoslavia.

The troops operating in Albania were said to be mainly British, in dispatches from Allied HQ, but German News Agency told of "strong American air and sea formations attacking island groups off the Dalmatian coast" yesterday morning. It said they met "heavy resistance."

The current operations against the central Dalmatian islands began a week ago Sunday when a commando assault party swarmed ashore on Solta island, opposite the Yugoslav port of Split. By the following Saturday, correspondents were permitted to reveal yesterday, Solta had been mopped up and the Allies were in control of all the central islands. British Navy patrol craft frustrated German efforts to escape to the mainland.

The new landings appeared designed to bottle up the Nazi garrisons in Greece. Reports have been current for weeks of a German withdrawal from that country.

Istanbul dispatches reported yesterday that Greek patriots occupied the island of Samothrace in the northern Aegean after its Bulgarian garrison evacuated it.

## ETO Rookies Become WACs



## ETO-Trained WACs Receive Superiors' OK

By Mark P. Folsom

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

REPLACEMENT DEPOT, Sept. 27—The little "top-kick," 1/Sgt. Ruth Andreck, of Pittsburgh, referring to the 44 WACs who were the first American civilians to be inducted into the WAC and trained in the ETO, said, "There were no 'gold-bricks'. These girls were grateful for the opportunity to come into the Army and were the easiest, most responsive group I've ever handled."

"I say that after having trained crews for 17 months in Des Moines, Iowa."

Sgt. Andreck's observations were confirmed by Col. Alfred H. Aldridge, Pennington, N.J., executive officer of the base, who gave the address at Monday's graduation exercise. "I suspect some of the GIs who watched you march by just now will be glad to see you leave the post," he told them. "They probably feel by way of comparison you have the edge on them."

### Receive Endorsement

The WACs received another endorsement from Capt. Theodore Smith, Phillipsburg, Kan., an administrative officer under ETO WAC Director Col. Anna W. Wilson, who said, "They march like veterans—even if they may still duck their heads a little when they salute. I've seen a good many WACs come in from the States and this company has the same snap and military precision which characterizes WACs trained at Ft. Des Moines and Ft. Oglethorpe."

Edinburgh-born Pvt. Alma Coats, fresh from receiving her ETO ribbon and WAC certificate, said, "I found Army life a little strenuous at first—particularly the getting up at 6 AM. I used to be business manager for a dance band and would go to bed at 3 or 4 in the morning—or not at all. Since I've been here I've been ready for bed at 9 every night."

### Were Sad Looking

"I agree," she added, "with 'Tex,' my husband, that we were a sad looking bunch when we first arrived here. But we're on the ball now, at least Col. Aldridge said so."

Two sisters, Anna and Julia Mangan, of New York City, stenographers in Rushden, Northamptonshire, said they were bored with their civilian jobs.

Pvt. Nancy Banvard, Baldwin, Fla., had been a trapeze artist. "I traveled all over the world," she said, "then the act broke up when war started and I couldn't get home."

"I must say it was a little hard getting used to Army life at first, but now I'm in I enjoy it. I speak French and sincerely hope I'll be sent to France. I learned the language in school and from talking with French artists I met on the road."



The first WACs recruited and trained in the ETO receive certificates at the completion of their training. Above, Pvt. Margaret Day, of Winchester, Eng., via Floral Park, L.I., salutes Col. Alfred Aldridge, the executive officer of the base, as she receives her "diploma." Below, Pvt. Julia Mangan (left) gets the ETO service ribbon pinned on by her sister, Pvt. Anna Mangan.

## New Assault Craft to Take Troops from U.S. to Pacific

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (Reuter)—A new type of assault and cargo vessel capable of transporting battle units direct from loading points in the U.S. to Pacific objectives has been given top production priorities, Navy Secretary James V. Forrestal told his press conference today.

He said the craft were such vital links in Pacific operations that he recently appealed to shipbuilders to produce at least five of them every two days.

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