

Two U.S. Armies Advance in Alsace

B26s Blast At Siegfried Line Targets

1,500-Plane Daily Blows At Reich Curtailed By Weather

British-based Marauders of the Ninth Air Force attacked Siegfried Line defenses inside Germany and a railroad yard at Saarbrücken yesterday while the weather curtailed the strategic blows at the Reich which Eighth Air Force planes, numbering on the average more than 1,500 a day, have been delivering for the past few days.

All the medium bombers returned safely, encountering no enemy fighters and moderate anti-aircraft fire. The Marauders struck at fortifications near Webenheim, 20 miles east of Saarbrücken, blasting "dragon teeth" defenses.

Ninth fighter-bombers dive-bombed rail communications in the areas of Düsseldorf, Cologne and Aachen, destroying and damaging locomotives and railroad cars, as well as cutting tracks in many places.

Early reports indicated that the fighter-bombers of the 19th Tactical Air Command scored effective results against a wide variety of German targets.

Reports of the great air battles which took place during the four-day period, Sept. 25-28, in which 100 Nazi planes were shot down against the loss of 110 U.S. heavies and 25 fighters by flak and enemy pursuits, revealed a tricky, but not unusual, pattern of attack by the still-punching Luftwaffe.

Nazis Concentrate Attacks

While some bomber and pursuit groups in a single day's operation reported little or no enemy fighter opposition, one attacking force ran into 100 or more Messerschmitts and Focke-Wulfs which were attacking the bombers.

"These Germans must have orders to concentrate on our bombers," said 1/Lt. Donald A. Dunn, fighter pilot from Bellingham, Wash., who destroyed three FW190s in Thursday's air battle. "There was a bunch of them between us and the bombers. When they saw us they didn't break or turn to fight. They kept right on going at the Forts."

Some indication of the Luftwaffe's concentrated efforts may be drawn from the following statements by members of returning bomber crews after Thursday's attacks on the Reich when enemy fighter opposition was reported heavy over the Magdeburg area, while in the previous day's operation the Luftwaffe showed itself in strength over Kassel.

Big Escort Idle
MAGDEBURG—Capt. Robert W. Sheets, of Tacoma, Wash., who led a Fortress group formation, said: "The German fighters came swarming out of the clouds beneath us in formations of 30 to 50. They would rip through our formation, swerve around, and come back and take another crack at us. I guess there is life still left in the Luftwaffe."

KASSEL—"We had a fine escort of P47s that was big enough to take care of any enemy fighters, but none appeared." S/Sgt. James D. Murphy, of Paris, Ill., top turret gunner on the B24 Slick Chick, related.

"We met some flak during the bomb run." S/Sgt. Claude C. Swann, B24 tail gunner from Jasper, Ala., reported. Two German jet planes were reported in our vicinity and we later saw them in the distance. They didn't come in to offer any opposition."

BBC Drops Glenn Miller Band But Denies It's 'Not Acceptable'

Broadcasts by Maj. Glenn Miller's SHAEF orchestra, which officers of the G-1 morale section consider to be "about 1,000 per cent successful" in lifting the spirits of Allied troops, have been dropped from the home service of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

The London Daily Sketch published a report that Miller's orchestra was banned from the home service because the BBC thinks his music is not acceptable to the British public.



BBC representatives, denying the Sketch report yesterday, claimed that Miller's music was used only temporarily in their home service to fill a vacation gap, now ended, of their

Where U.S. Bombers Strike



In a smashing four-day aerial offensive this week against strategic targets in the Reich, Eighth Air Force heavies have plastered Hitler's vital industrial areas. The Luftwaffe, scarce since D-Day, has re-appeared and dogfights over the targets remind Allied airmen of the pre-Normandy days when the air force carried the major load of the war against the Nazis.

Roosevelt Rebukes Argentina For Nazi Ideals and Methods

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29—President Roosevelt sharply denounced the Argentine government at a press conference today and at the same time laid down an eight-point Administration program to build "a sound economic foundation for future peace" after Germany's defeat.

Soviets Battle For Key Cities

Pitched battles for the transportation hubs of Oradea and Szeged marked the Red Army's campaign yesterday against wavering Hungary.

A Berlin military commentator implied last night that both cities had been lost when he claimed that Szeged and Oradea were "again in Hungarian hands." Szeged is 55 miles west of Arad and about 28 miles inside Hungary.

Rumors that Budapest's government of Hungarian generals was looking for a quick way out of the war made the Germans cautious in their comments.

Snow in Carpathians
German News Agency's Col. Ernst von Hammer said that German and Hungarian troops launched counter-attacks all along the 100-mile front from Timisoara to Oradea. He added that the first snow had fallen in the Carpathians, considerably hampering operations.

Berlin fixed the Soviet strength in the Baltics at 107 divisions, the bulk of which are now massing around Riga for the reduction of the Latvian capital and a push south on East Prussia.

German resistance around Riga was reported in Moscow dispatches to be increasing with numerous rivers and swamps employed to build a deeply staggered defense system.

Heavy artillery has begun to pound the East Prussian defenses in the Suwalki sector, Berlin reported. Soviet aircraft joined the bombardment, which may be the opening of a renewed offensive.

Use Tirpitz Guns Ashore
The Germans are dismantling the guns of the battleship Tirpitz and are placing them on the Norwegian shore to increase defenses in case of an Allied invasion, Rome radio said yesterday.

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ITMA program. They also declared his music was still available to the British public on their General Forces program. Advance information quoted by the Sketch said Miller's name does not appear in the general forces' list for Oct. 14.

No Effect on GI Hearers
Officially, a spokesman at the office of Col. E. M. Kirby, chief of the radio branch, Bureau of Public Relations, who is now in France arranging for radio facilities for the most advanced troops, said the BBC decision on Miller did not affect SHAEF's radio service of transmitting Miller's broadcasts to soldiers in Europe.

Miller's comment was, "My only interest is to play for the Allied forces." The BBC research department estimated that Miller's broadcasts carried on the home service were heard by 4,000,000 British people—a total defined as "a good average for a dance band, but nothing exceptional, possibly because there was no advance publicity."

Enter 1st Defenses Of Belfort Gateway With 3-5 Mile Gains

Two American armies, smashing forward through fierce Nazi resistance on Alsace-Lorraine battlefields where doughboys in 1917-1918 fought the Germans, reached a point 11 miles from the Belfort Gap yesterday.

In gains of three to five miles, infantrymen of the Third and Seventh Armies penetrated the first line of the Belfort defenses. Their offensive in the southern sector, German sources said, was aimed for a breakthrough at the gap into Germany.

Slaps Cigar, 300 Give In

BREST, Sept. 29 (AP)—War is sometimes like a game of poker. Even if you do not hold good cards you can beat your opponent by out-bluffing him.

Take the case of T/Sgt. Herbert R. Brammer, of Arlington, Tex., who captured 300 Germans single-handed simply because he had the presence of mind to knock a cigar out of the mouth of the German nearest him.

He was just one American against hundreds of Germans armed to the teeth deep in a tunnel in a Brest cliff.

"When I saw all those Germans I didn't know whether to run or start shooting," he said. "So I shouted to them to surrender and knocked the cigar out of the first man's mouth just to let them know I was serious."

He then herded the German officers and men into a double file and led them off to a prisoner cage.

Bologna Road Heights Taken

ROME, Sept. 29 (AP)—Battling north-eastward in Italy through mud and rain, American troops of the Fifth Army have captured Monte Battaglio, 11 miles from the Bologna-Rimini road at Imola, and have seized three key heights commanding the direct road north to Bologna, it was officially announced today.

Eighth Army forces on the Adriatic advanced to the southeastern edges of the Po Valley. But the enemy is dug in with strong defense lines parallel to the Fiumicino River, the first major water barrier encountered since the breakthrough into the level country, and is fighting savagely.

An official report said "important advances have been made" on the west flank of the Fifth Army and "the entire Gothic zone has now been penetrated with the exception of a small area on the west coast."

The Eighth Army's total booty on the Adriatic sector in the present offensive was reported to include 9,000 prisoners, 74 armored fighting vehicles and 43 anti-tank guns, among which are 25 88-mm. guns.

Switzerland Will Forbid Export of War Material

BERNE, Switzerland, Sept. 29 (Reuter)—The Swiss government announced today a decision to ban export of war material, "including arms, ammunition, fuses, airplane parts and products used for the manufacture of war material," effective Oct. 1. The ban will apply to all belligerents under the Hague Convention.

'Boots, Boots . . . Yanks' Refrain



A three-day rain made a quagmire of the ground in the Nancy area, but these three sets of feet—soldiers of a U.S. armored force—advance despite the slimy mud.

Eight Villages Captured

More than eight villages were captured in the drive, which ran into one ambush and beat back several defensive counter-attacks which cost the Germans heavily.

In the northern sector, British forces threw back three German counter-attacks, launched against Nijmegen and its prized bridge over Reichswald Forest, where U.S. paratroopers were fighting to strengthen their foothold within eight miles of the Cleve flank of the Siegfried Line.

There were no reports on fresh Allied airborne landings which the Germans had reported Thursday, or on the British 14-mile front along the Maas River. German reports said this British push was aimed at driving a wedge between the Germans in northwest Holland and the Nazi forces defending the industrial Rhineland.

Counter-Attacks Repulsed

German attempts to chop off the spearhead of the Holland corridor were beaten off in the Nijmegen area. The Nazis tried to throw a bridgehead across the Rhine a few miles west of Arnhem, and made a series of vicious jabs against the western flank of the corridor, but every thrust was repelled.

On the First Army front, American and German artillery exchanges grew more intense—one U.S. division reported 1,200 rounds fired at them, with just about an equal amount going back—and heavy fighting continued in the Stolberg area east of Aachen.

Four major German counter-attacks in one area of the Third Army front, north of Nancy, were thrown back, and American troops captured Chateau Salins, 17 miles northwest of Nancy, after it had changed hands three times.

The Canadians surrounding Calais agreed to a 24-hour armistice required by the Germans to permit the evacuation of civilians from the town. It is to last until noon today.

At the same time, the Canadians captured Cap Gris Nez, silencing the big cross-Channel guns.

Three Brittany Ports Now In Operation by Allies

Three Brittany ports, used by Allied navies to carry supplies to Western France, as well as by the Allies during the assault on Brest and on other vital objectives along the Peninsula, are in operation, U.S. Naval authorities announced yesterday.

The ports are: Morlaix, Roscoff, and St. Michel-en-greve. The biggest is Morlaix, where Nazi forces blew the canal locks. U.S. army engineers moved into the city with heavy equipment, removed the damaged lock gates, and repaired and replaced them in record time.

An Editorial

'End of Nazi-ism'—Eisenhower

MILITÄERREGIERUNG—DEUTSCHLAND KONTROLLGEBIET DES OBERSTEN BEFEHLSHABERS PROKLAMATION Nr. 1

AN DAS DEUTSCHE VOLK:

Ich, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Oberster Befehlshaber der Alliierten Streitkräfte, gebe hiermit folgendes bekannt: Die Alliierten Streitkräfte, die unter meinem Oberbefehl stehen, haben jetzt Deutschland besetzt. Wir kommen als Sieger. Wir werden nicht als Besatzer, sondern als Befreier betrachtet.

STARS and Stripes believes every GI in the ETO should read Gen. Eisenhower's Proclamation No. 1 to the People of Germany, a part of which is reproduced in German above. This is the official attitude of the Allies and it plainly tells the Germans that: "We come as conquerors." This time there is to be no coddling of the enemy, no escape for guilty Nazi Party leaders, the Gestapo and others. And GIs will note that all resistance to our entry—i.e., snipers and others—will be "ruthlessly stamped out." This Proclamation is being posted in German towns as fast as the Allies capture them.

Forces will be ruthlessly stamped out. Other serious offences will be dealt with severely.

All German Courts and educational institutions within the occupied territory are suspended. The Volksgerichtshof, the Sondergerichte, the SS Police Courts and other special courts are deprived of authority throughout the occupied territory. Reopening of the criminal and civil courts and educational institutions will be authorized when conditions permit.

All officials are charged with the duty of remaining at their posts until further orders, and obeying and enforcing all orders or directions of Military Government or the Allied Authorities addressed to the German Government or the German people. This applies also to officials, employees and workers of all public undertakings and utilities and to all other persons engaged in essential work.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, General, Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force.



GEN. EISENHOWER

blished to exercise these powers under my direction. All persons in the occupied territory will obey immediately and without question all the enactments and orders of the Military Government. Military Government Courts will be established for the punishment of offenders. Resistance to the Allied

TO the People of Germany: I, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force, do hereby proclaim as follows:

1—The Allied Forces serving under my command have now entered Germany. We come as conquerors, but not as oppressors. In the area of Germany occupied by the forces under my command we shall obliterate Nazi-ism and German Militarism. We shall overthrow the Nazi rule, dissolve the Nazi Party and abolish the cruel, oppressive and discriminatory laws and institutions which the Party has created. We shall eradicate that German Militarism which has so often disrupted the peace of the world. Military and Party leaders, the Gestapo and others suspected of crimes and atrocities will be tried and, if guilty, punished as they deserve.

2—Supreme legislative, judicial and executive authority and powers within the occupied territory are vested in me as Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces and as Military Governor, and the Military Government is esta-

Hash Marks

Sgt. Henry Malone just got a letter from a friend in Hollywood. The guy says the typewriters out there are specially built—just hit ONE key and it types the word "sensational." Hit the key on the shift and it types, "colossal."

This little conversation is printed for no other reason than to show that there are some honest men around these days. C.O.: "Why aren't you working?" Pvt.: "I didn't see you coming, sir!"

At a certain air service command depot there's a lowly GI who's treated with the utmost respect at all times, even by the big brass. A stranger to the base asked,



how come? "Simple," came the explanation, "he's a Pfc." When he asked what that had to do with it, the stranger was told, "Yeah, I said he was a Pfc—Personal Friend of the Colonel."

Tip to the Post-war Planners (from Sid Schapiro). Getting cuffs on pants won't worry most ex-soldiers. Getting pants on the cuff will be the problem.

Signs of the Times. (Another unsigned verse in our typewriter.) A fad that started years ago Has now become much stronger, For every day the women seem To wear their legs much longer.

A pretty smile—a lovely torso—can make a friendly—feeling moreso.

We had forgotten it was leap year until we heard an American girl in the services over here tell her Allied boy-friend, "Marry me—and I will take you back to the States!"

Some statistician has estimated that the average soldier has a vocabulary of about



5,000 words—that is, until he trips over a footlocker—than he just ad libs.

Conversation during a Date. "Do you mind if I turn out those lights—I freckle easy!"

Conversation in a Red Cross Club lounge. "I see by the papers that nine sergeants and a private were killed in a wreck." "Poor chap!"

WAC Philosophy. Generally the woman chooses the man who will choose her. J. C. W.

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THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

Paging Mr. Anthony Sept. 19, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes, Mr. Hutton's article, "It's a Thorough Business Bidding the Army Goodbye," leaves me and my fellow compatriots in a state of vehemence and indignation not to mention the fact that consternation reigns supreme throughout our ranks.

It is now fairly obvious that the crowning insult must confront the lowly war-weary, army weary GI before he can shake off the shackles of his morbid past. So he must have a counselor, to straighten out his woes and put his mind at ease. Some Brilliant Mr. Anthony to counsel and guide him before he sets foot out into the cruel wide world. Now isn't that just ducky wucky. . . . So Mr. Anthony is going to find out whether we are happy to be home. When he asks me that I think I'll just smile pretty and say "guess" or if I should lose control of myself I shall not hold myself responsible for the ensuing scene.

So he is also going to give us some shrewd advice. Now what do you know about that. And all this for nothing too. It would indeed be a sorry state of affairs if GI Joe had to depend upon the inevitable expert to make up his mind for him. When this expert commences to throw the superlative adjectives in my direction my mind shall be in a complete state of blankness if not uncontrollable fury.—Plenty of highly PO GIs.

Hospital GI Approves Sept. 22, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes, I am a regular reader of your paper—it's very interesting. I'm in a hospital plant in the ETO. There are only three colored boys in this ward and we get along like any human should. Here in this hospital we are treated well regardless of race, creed, or color. It's all the same. My opinion on the post-war pattern: let's settle it once and for all, it means a lot to us and will bring more understanding.—A regular army GI, Franklin Latham Jr., 1/Sgt.

Ninth Army Booster Sept. 22, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes, I just came back from France where I was with the Ninth Army. While there I never got a chance to learn the insignia. I don't think many GIs know about the Ninth, and if they do they think it's the army of occupation. Couldn't you clear this up by printing the insignia and telling them the Ninth is over there for combat?—A Ninth Army Signal Lineman. [Sorry but SHAEF senior censor says there is no release on this insignia.—Ed.]

He Hates Our Editor Sept. 26, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes, A few more of those very brilliant editorial achievements like the one in the issue of Monday, Sept. 25, "So You Wanna Go Home?" and I'll be convinced that the German propaganda headquarters has taken control of "our" newspaper. I'd like to meet the strong-backed and hairy-chested editor responsible for such a weak-kneed and hare-brained article. There is plenty I could say but my time does not permit. Congratulations!—Cpl. Robert A. Kennedy, 33361403.

A Break for 38ers Sept. 15, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes, Being over 38 myself, I have noticed the writeups of men over that age. I was called up for promotion as locomotive engineer when entering the service and the draft board beat me out of it by just 14 days. If they are going to keep us old married men in, after the fall of Germany, I think they should put us on the jobs we know and will have to return to. With the number of Railway Operating Battalions in this theater they could help us a lot by putting us into the units that will help us keep fit for the job we have to go back to.—T/4 A. B. Pickthorn, Ord. Med. Co. AF.

Medics Deserve \$10 Bonus Sept. 21, 1944

Dear B-Bag, I would like to add my tuppence worth to the Infantry Plug for front line medics carried in your paper Sept. 22. Speaking for myself and my buddies at the front, there is no reason that we can see for our aid men not getting that \$10 a month that we get. I've heard our boys say that they (the medics) deserve it more than we do. Personally I've seen them get up and go to help someone when I wouldn't have moved for anything. Nothing anyone could do for them would be too much. So if you can, why not use your influence to help them? I'm sure you will be backed up by all infantry men in France.—Pfc Linton R. Cron, Inf. [S. and S. agrees and hopes the WD will correct this injustice.—Ed.]

Bing Wears Fatigue Hat—He Earned It

The Lighter Side Over There

SO far no mess sergeant has captured a regiment of SS troops by sprinkling salt on their posteriors, but Americans in France have taken prisoners in practically every other conceivable way. Here is one of the latest wrinkles in capturing the enemy:

Pfc Charles Sanders, of Hecla, S.D., an unarmed aid man in the Second Infantry Division, walked up to three guys at dusk one evening to ask for a cigarette. To his amazement, three Germans dropped their arms and surrendered. Still unarmed, Sanders marched them to his company headquarters.

Croons 1,500-Mile Tour in France Since Sept. 3

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE, Sept. 29—Singing in mess halls, fields, from the backs of trucks and in the squares of captured towns, Bing Crosby, together with his USO-Camp show troupe, has traveled more than 1,500 miles and put on as many as five shows a day for American soldiers since his arrival in France Sept. 3.

Dressed in ODs and a fatigue hat, Crosby has sung his way across France, putting on shows for troops spread from the beachheads to the front lines. On several occasions, the group has appeared within gun-shot range of German positions. While in the Valognes area, Crosby joined forces with Fred Astaire, the star of another USO group, and during his visit to the troops of the Third Army, he sang with Dinah Shore and her entertainment unit. His regular supporting cast is made up of Joe DeRita, comedian; Darleon Garner, dancer; Jeanne Darrell, blues singer; Buck Harris, guitarist, and Earl Baxter, accordionist.

Dominates the Show Although Crosby dominates the show, singing such old favorites as "If I Had My Way" and "White Christmas," and songs from his latest pictures, Jeanne Darrell's "Embraceable You" and her duet with Crosby on "Easter Parade" have proved extremely popular with troops. Crosby usually closes his programs by singing "White Christmas" and expressing the hope that Christmas, 1944, will find the men home.

Bing also doubles as master of ceremonies for the show, joking about Army food, his four sons and life on the home front. A favorite with soldiers has been his remark when a plane passes. "For a moment, I thought it was the stork again," Bing says. Soldiers who proffer pictures of their wives, sweethearts and families are countered with photos of Crosby's wife, the former Dixie Lee, and his four boys. While appearing at a 35th Infantry Division unit, Crosby autographed a picture of the son of Sgt. Cortez Stanley. Stanley's son had caddied for Crosby on Santa Anita golf course, near Los Angeles. During the tour of U.S. installations and areas, Crosby's group has lived the same life as the troops, occasionally sleeping on the ground and frequently eating K and C rations.

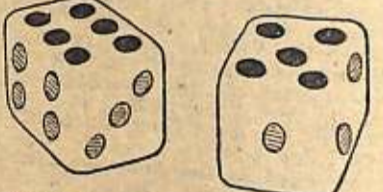
Free Dogtags for K-9s MERCER, Pa., Sept. 29 (ANS)—Canine veterans of World War II aren't going to be forgotten—at least in Mercer County. All K-9s discharged from the armed forces are to get free licenses. If need be, Treasurer Alex Elliot said he would pay the state and county fees out of his own pocket.

Notes from the Air Force

WAC Pfc Edith M. Jorgensen, teletype operator at an Air Service Command in the ETO, believes she belongs to a bigger Army family than any GI Jane or Joe in England. She has six brothers and one sister sweating out chow lines all over the world.

The Liberator squadron commanded by Maj. Robert F. Hambaugh, of Birmingham, Ala., has completed 105 sorties without a single abort.

2/Lt. John M. Becht, of Lima, Ohio, flying on a routine training mission near Sioux City, Ia., last spring, jumped from a burning bomber and parachuted safely to the ground. The date: May 11. While flying in the crew of the Fortress Berlin Special the bomb-laden B17 caught fire while still over England. Again



Becht bailed out to safety. The date: July 11.

On the way home from bombing a chemical plant at Merseburg, Germany, another Fortress in which he was flying was set ablaze. Once again Becht parachuted down safely, landing in France. The date: Sept. 11.

In one year of operations, the Mustang group commanded by Col. Joe L. Mason, of Columbus, Ohio, has destroyed 475 enemy craft—300 in the air and 175 on the ground in over 200 missions. The top squadron is led by Lt. Col. John C. Meyer, of Forest Hills, N.Y. It has passed the 200-mark in victories.

1/Lt. Henry W. Brown, Mustang pilot from North Arlington, Va., destroyed nine Nazi planes in two consecutive missions, setting six afire in a strafing attack and shooting down three Me109s the next day.

With 12 enemy craft shot down and 14 high-scoring fighter pilot in the group commanded by Col. William J. Cummings Jr.

M/Sgt. Roy D. Wrightman, flight line chief from Pontiac, Ill.; M/Sgt. Otto C. Lucht, communications section chief from Milwaukee, Wis., and T/Sgt. George A. Meyer, engineering flight chief from Holmen, Wis., all in the Mustang squadron commanded by Maj. Bert W. Marshall Jr., of Greenville, Tex., have been awarded the Bronze Star.



"Forgive me, Sir, but I was simply carried away by the fervent joy of the populace!"

AL Program Washed Out; Contenders Fight to Wire

NEW YORK, Sept. 29—With the World Series less than a week away and no American League team yet picked to play the Cardinals, things were further complicated yesterday when the whole American loop schedule was washed out. The Yankees' four game series with the second-place Browns was postponed until today, as was the Tigers-Senators series.

Once Over Lightly

By Charlie Kiley

NEW YORK, Sept. 29—There are a lot of red faces among the nation's sports writers who are following the Tigers and Browns to the wire in the American League race. When the Associated Press polled 64 of them last April only one picked the Browns to win the flag, and not a single one figured the Bengals to finish any better than third.

The lone prophet whose crystal ball showed the Browns is Ed Wray, sports editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, whose reason for selection, besides civic pride, was: "It looks like a good year for the city to save ODT lots of grief and make it an all around St. Louis World Series."

How cockeyed sure even the so-called experts can be is shown in the order of finish as seen by the writers. They made the Yankees almost prohibitive favorites, followed by the Senators, White Sox, Indians, Browns, Red Sox, Tigers and Athletics. Not only did they fail to cast a single first or second place vote for the Tigers, but only three thought they'd finish as high as third.

The Senators, picked to finish second incidentally, will wind up in the cellar about 25 games behind the winner. The Cardinals, of course, were heavily favored to win their third straight National loop title, with 57 backers, but the Pirates, who'll be the runner-ups, were figured to end up no better than sixth.

Lack of pre-season support for the Browns was not surprising in view of their sixth-place finish in '43, with little or any improvement during the winter. But even after Luke Sewell started the club off with nine straight and the Browns led the league, with the exception of eight days in May, until ousted by the Yanks Sept. 4, the Browns didn't have too many boosters outside St. Louis. The gamblers' long-standing bywords, "Don't bet against Joe Louis or Notre Dame," seemed to prevail. Now fighting down the stretch for their first pennant, the Browns have few supporters who believe they'll outpace the Tigers.

SHORT SHOTS—The other day Billy Southworth named Mort Cooper, Max Lanier, Harry Brecheen and Ted Wilks the Cardinal starters in the World Series, but had to eliminate Lanier, whose ailing arm and back may keep him out. Headed for the staff's best record, Lanier has dropped his last six games. . . . Chalky Wright, who goes after Willie Pep's featherweight title tonight, says he's going to England to "make a million" after the war because "if Mills and London can draw all those people in Manchester I can fight until I am too old to lift my arms." Flat-nosed Chalky evidently doesn't think much of our pugilistic cousins. . . . Wonder why somebody doesn't say, "Break up the Cardinals." . . . Lou Gehrig's widow says she's in pro football for fun—and business. The first of her sex to own a club, she's co-owner of the New York franchise in the newly organized American loop. Working for Mrs. Gehrig not only will include playing ball, according to her own admission, but attending post-game parties where handsome brutes are supposed to make sub-debs swoon and get favorable publicity in the social columns.

As things stand now the Tigers have a great advantage over the Browns, who are one game back, and the Yankees still three behind. One Tiger victory coupled with a single Bomber loss will eliminate the McCarthy men.

Steve O'Neill intends to send Ruffus Gentry after today's first game against the Nats, and Dizzy Trout after his 28th victory in the nightcap. Hal Newhouser may have to go again Saturday after two days' rest because Stubby Overmire, Tigers' diminutive lefty, has come up with a touch of bursitis and will probably lay off until the Series. Trout again Sunday will wind up the season.

Yank Manager Joe McCarthy said he would toss Ernie Bonham and Hank Borowy in today's double-header against Nelson Potter and Jack Kramer. That McCarthy is still very much involved in the pennant race is evident from his absolute refusal to play the Browns at night.



HANK BOROWY



ERNE BONHAM

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In the only two games in the National League yesterday the Reds defeated the Dodgers, 10-6, and the Cards blanked the Giants, 2-0. Frank McCormick's 20th homer with two on in the fourth highlighted a big Cincinnati attack on three Dodger "pitchers" which netted nine of their ten runs.

Blix Donnelly allowed five hits in hurling the Cards to their 2-0 shutout over the Giants, gaining the decision over Ewald Pyle, who gave up seven blows.

The Deacon Puts An End to Sinister Brooklyn Rumors

BROOKLYN, Sept. 29—Who do you suppose signed a contract today to return for another year as manager of Brooklyn's Delightful Dodgers? Right! Leo the Lip is coming back.

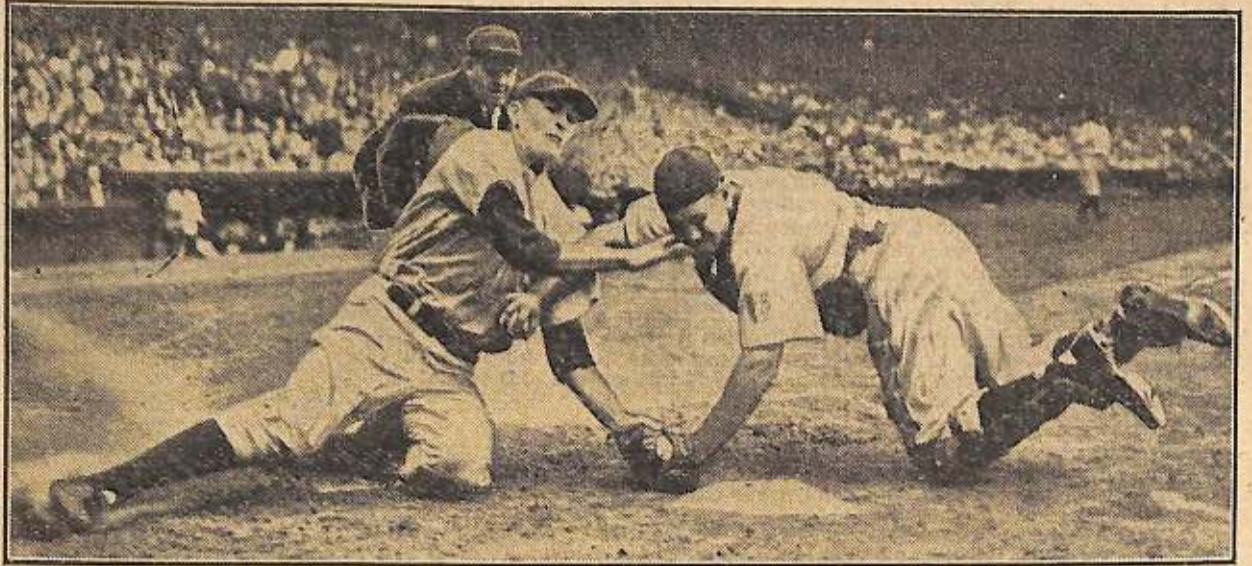
Branch Rickey lured his pilot into a conference today and prevailed upon Leo to keep the job for another year. This brings to a total of four the number of big league managers fired by newspapermen this year, only to be rehired by their bosses. Jimmy Dykes, Bill McKechnie and Freddie Fitzsimmons were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

Any National League umpire who believed (hopefully) what he read in the papers about Leo being fired would do well to keep constantly in mind the Brooklyn fighting slogan, "Wait Till Next Year!"



LIPPY DUROCHER

Lindell Out at Home in Tiger Game



Johnny Lindell, Yankee center fielder, made a brave effort to make home plate in the third inning of a game at Briggs Stadium on Crossett's grounder to Higgins at third base. But Tiger Catcher Swift is shown putting the ball on him after effectively blocking the plate. Yanks lost, 8-2.

Braddock's Former Manager Held Under Arrest by Army

NEW YORK, Sept. 29—Joe Gould, manager of Jimmy Braddock when the latter was world's heavyweight champion, and now an Army captain, is under arrest at Camp Shanks, charged with having conspired to influence the awarding of contracts involving more than a million dollars worth of Army equipment.

A statement issued by Army Service Forces at the Brooklyn Port of Embarkation said: "As a result of investigation by the Army Intelligence Division of the New York Port of Embarkation, Capt. Joseph Gould has been placed in arrest at Camp Shanks, N.Y., pending further investigation of charges alleging violation of the 96th Article of War, in that he conspired to defraud the government by unlawfully influencing an award to a particular corporation of contracts for the manufacture of Army equipment, and with accepting money in connection therewith."

Gould is also charged by the Army with attempting to influence a witness to testify falsely in his behalf. Reports on further investigation by the officer appointed for the task will be turned over to Maj. Gen. Homer Groninger, port commander, who will then determine whether or not the case will be referred to a general court-martial.

Navy Bars V-12 Personnel From Intercollegiate Sport
WASHINGTON, Sept. 29—The Navy Department has announced that V-12 physical instructors and administrative personnel stationed at colleges will be banned from participation in intercollegiate athletics. It was emphasized that the ruling does not apply to naval personnel assigned for additional study.

Illinois was the first college to report that it was affected by the ruling. End Sam Zatkoff and Guard Jim Ellison will be forced out of the Illini game with Great Lakes tomorrow.

Like Old Times
Planet Photo
Cmdr. Jack Dempsey casts a professional eye on S1/c William Bernstein's shiner during a tour of ETO Coast Guard units.



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S & S Scribes Recall Tigers 'Back When'

By John Wentworth
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

When Charlie Kiley made the statement from New York a while back that he would eat his hat and wirephoto a picture of same if the Tigers succeeded in beating out the Yankees he caused considerable disturbance in these parts. Detroit boosters from Piccadilly to the Siegfried Line belched and spat upon the words and the best thing they had to say for comrade Kiley was that they wished he lived long enough to see the end of the race and then choke to death very slowly while eating his khaki bonnet.

And now that the Tigers seem to have all but accomplished the "impossible" Kiley probably will be pleased to learn that a couple of adjective tossers in The Stars and Stripes editorial room here are forwarding requests for pictures of the chapeau-crunching fete.

Special Reasons

Incidentally they both have special reasons for feeling the way they do. Pete Lisagor, who used to play a bit of baseball for the University of Michigan, quite frequently recalls the day he was sent out by his coach, Ray Fisher, to "look over a big kid who is hitting the ball a mile for Kelyvn Park High in Chicago." The "big kid" was Richard the Rifle Wakefield, credited by Steve O'Neill as being the spark behind the Tiger stretch drive.

"He was a catcher then," says Pete, "and you couldn't take your eyes off him when he was behind the plate chiefly because you kept wondering just when he was going to get himself killed. He caught as many in his right hand as he did in his mitt. But when he came to bat your fears were centered only around the rival infield. He smacked the ball so hard those kids were really in danger."

Ended Up at Michigan
It will be recalled that Wakefield eventually ended up at Michigan before Walter O. Briggs Sr. got him for \$2 grand and a new automobile.

The other scribe here who "feels partly responsible" for the success of Steve O'Neill's Bengals is George Maskin, who reported the doings of Hal Newhouser when Prince Hal was registering from 15 to 18 strikeouts a game for a Detroit American Legion nine. George dispels any doubt in Detroit boosters' minds about Newhouser's ability to pitch every three days by recalling that "in those days if he couldn't pitch three or four days a week he used to sulk and think he was underworked."

For those reasons and the little matter of civic pride, Lisagor and Maskin are planning on giving Brother Kiley no rest. They want to see a picture of Charles chawing on his hat. "I hope the bum gets khakiacid stomach," says Pete.



DICK WAKEFIELD



HAL NEWHOUSER

Major League Results

National League
Cincinnati 10, Brooklyn 6
St. Louis 2, New York 0
Other teams not scheduled.

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
St. Louis	104	.47	689	New York	65	.56	430
Pittsburgh	89	.61	593	Boston	62	.88	413
Cincinnati	88	.63	583	Brooklyn	61	.90	404
Chicago	74	.76	493	Philadelphia	59	.91	393

St. Louis at New York
Cincinnati at Brooklyn
Chicago at Boston
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia

Leading Hitters

Player	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Walker, Brooklyn	144	525	77	109	.362
Musial, St. Louis	144	559	109	191	.342
Medwick, New York	126	489	65	165	.337
Hopp, St. Louis	136	517	105	173	.335
Cavarretta, Chicago	152	612	107	195	.315

Runs Batted In
Nicholson, Chicago, 117; Elliott, Pittsburgh, 107; Sanders, St. Louis and McCormick, Cincinnati, 102.

Home Run Hitters
Nicholson, Chicago, 33; Ott, New York, 26; Northey, Philadelphia and McCormick, Cincinnati, 20.

American League
All games postponed.

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Detroit	86	.64	573	Cleveland	72	.78	480
St. Louis	85	.65	567	Chicago	69	.81	460
New York	83	.67	553	Philadelphia	68	.82	453
Boston	75	.75	500	Washington	62	.88	413

New York at St. Louis (2)
Washington at Detroit (2)
Boston at Chicago (night)
Philadelphia at Cleveland (2)

Leading Hitters

Player	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Boudreau, Cleveland	145	567	92	186	.328
Johnson, Boston	140	507	107	166	.328
Doerr, Boston	125	468	93	152	.325
Stromweiss, New York	150	628	124	200	.318
Fox, Boston	121	496	72	156	.315

Runs Batted In
Stephens, St. Louis, 103; Johnson, Boston, 100; Lindell, New York, 100.

Home Run Hitters
Etten, New York, 22; Stephens, St. Louis, 19; Lindell, New York, 18.

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.

Film Mix-Up
WILL Capt. Buttac, a pilot of a P38, please contact Sgt. Leroy Schueller, c/o Help Wanted, as the sergeant has received his pictures by mistake.

Found
IDENTIFICATION card belonging to Lt. Alfred A. Emond Jr.—CWO Tony Vicente.
WALLET and identification papers belonging to Pvt. Cyril M. Wozniak.—CWO Tony Vicente.

LIL ABNER

Cal Capp

In Those United States

Farm Machinery Freed Of Government Control

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29 (ANS)—The rationing and distribution control of all farm machinery and equipment except corn pickers was ended suddenly today in keeping with the government's policy of removing wartime regulations as soon as they are no longer essential.

The action was announced by Marvin Jones, War Food Administrator, who said that the season for using most of the rationed implements had passed and the need for further controls "is not anticipated."

Meantime, the Agriculture Department revealed that America's greatest back-to-farm migration already is in swing. It reported that among the most interested farm applicants are servicemen, who are eager to buy farms with the money they anticipate the government will pay or lend them after the war.

ELSEWHERE ON CAPITOL HILL

President Roosevelt signed a bill permitting WAVES and SPARS to serve in Hawaii, Alaska and other American possessions, but not aboard ships. The Treasury Department announced the Sixth War Loan Drive to raise \$14,000,000,000 will start Nov. 20.

The War Department disclosed that as of Sept. 4 there were 192,846 German prisoners of war in the U.S. The Red Cross disclosed that 29,250 Americans are now held by the Japanese. Of the total, 19,934 are POWs, the remainder civilians.

Reverse Lend-Lease supplies to the U.S. forces overseas during the first quarter of 1944 totaled \$500,000,000, the Commerce Department announced. Frankie Sinatra nearly swooned himself while singing for President Roosevelt at a tea yesterday.

Rent Doubled in Year

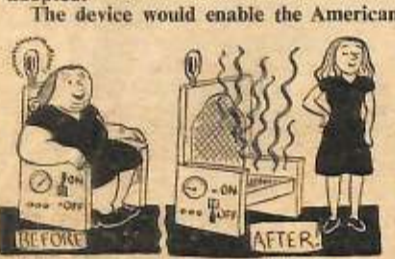
NEW YORK, Sept. 29 (AP)—Joseph P. Kennedy, former ambassador to Britain, was named at a public hearing before the New York City council committee on general welfare yesterday as the owner of a skyscraper in Manhattan where the rents were said to have been doubled in a year. Kennedy said that the building was owned by a trust representing his children.

Penicillin in Drug Stores Soon

NEW YORK, Sept. 29 (ANS)—The day is in sight when penicillin will be sold at the corner drug store, Fred J. Stock, Chief of the WPB's Drug and Cosmetic Branch, said. He disclosed that 200 billion units of penicillin now are being produced monthly and additional facilities now projected would supply enough of the drug for distribution through regular trade channels.

Wonder Chair Abolishes Upholstered Seats

CHICAGO, Sept. 29 (ANS)—Hollywood will lose its monopoly on feminine glamor if a machine proposed by Dr. Nathan Mininberg, of New York, is adopted.



The device would enable the American woman of tomorrow to obtain a custom-built figure by merely sitting in a chair and relaxing. The nearby beauty shop would be able to substitute a Vargogirl for a middle-aged spread. Dr. Mininberg explained how electric motors hidden in the leather upholstery of specially designed couches and chairs would take off fat by rotating in a circular motion. The machine, called a "multiple oscillator," works on the principle that fat accumulates only in those areas where circulation is poor.

There would be no more spreading waist lines, enlarged ankles, large hips, flabby tissues and double chins. But that is not all, Dr. Mininberg declared. Not only would the oscillator take off fat, but it would put it on in the appropriate place. "It will build you up if you are the stringbean type," Mininberg said.

20 Confederate Vets Meet

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Sept. 29 (ANS)—Twenty veterans of the Confederacy—several of them clad in their old gray uniforms—opened what may be their last reunion yesterday in the Exchange Hotel which stands on the original site where the Confederate government was organized. Among the group was J. W. Nixon, of Jasper, Ala., who celebrates his 114th birthday in December.

Log Rafts Now Streamlined

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 29 (ANS)—Old-fashioned logging rafts will soon come out in a modern streamlined version, C. B. Duffy of the Eastern Western Lumber Co. announced. The new rafts are built like bullets and three-fourths of each is submerged. The rafts are towed by barges. The new type raft is more easily controlled and less influenced by high winds and currents.

Housing Shortage

NEWARK, N.J., Sept. 29 (ANS)—The following classified ad ran in the Newark Evening News: "Four sisters desire five-room heated apartment in East Orange, furnished or unfurnished. We have tried everything. Horses refused to leave stables for us. The streets are too cold at night. Please help us."

Champ Cotton Picker

BLYTHEVILLE, Ark., Sept. 29 (ANS)—Virgin Mote, of Black Oak, is the nation's champion cotton picker after gathering in 102 pounds to beat a field of 197 from 14 states. Wesley Buck, of Hornersville, Mo., last year's champion, finished second. Third place went to S. B. Parker, also of Hornersville.

American Forces Network

- "AFN"—Your American Radio on the road to Berlin
0755 hours-2300 hours
On Your Dial
1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.
218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.
Saturday, Sept. 30
0755—Sign On and Program Resume.
0800—World News.
0810—Songs by Kate Smith.
0830—Music by Glen Gray.
0900—Headlines—Combat Diary.
0915—Man in Blue.
0930—American Dance Band (Sgt. Ray McKinley).
1000—Headlines—Morning After (Duffy's Tavern).
1030—Strike up the Band.
1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
1105—Duffie Bag.
1300—Headlines—Sports News.
1305—Grand Old Opry.
1330—Yanks Radio Edition.
1400—Headlines—Downbeat with Bob Crosby.
1430—Army Talks.
1450—Music in Threequarter Time.
1500—Headlines—Strike up the Band.
1530—Combat Diary.
1545—On the Record.
1630—Music from America.
1700—Headlines—Raymond Scott Orchestra.
1715—Miss Parade.
1745—Mark up the Map.
1755—American Sports News.
1800—World News.
1805—Your State.
1815—Glenn Miller Sextette.
1830—Waltz Time.
1900—World News.
1905—Soldier and a Song.
1915—Music from the Movies.
2000—Headlines—News from Home.
2015—Top of the Evening.
2050—Command Performance.
2100—World News.
2105—Saturday Night Serenade with Gustave Hienrichs Orchestra.
2130—Gracie Fields Show.
2200—Headlines—Xavier Cugat with Don Rodney and Nita Rosa.
2230—Suspense.
2300—Final Edition.

- 0930—Hour of Charm, with Phil Spitalney All-Girl Orchestra.
1000—Headlines—Morning After (Command Performance).
1030—Radio Chapel.
1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
1105—Duffie Bag.
1300—Headlines—Sports News.
1305—Corporal Saddlebags.
1330—Sammy Kaye's Sunday Serenade.
1400—Headlines—Yank Swing Session.
1425—Ann Shelton.
1500—Headlines—National Barn Dance.
1530—Canadian Strings.
1600—Headlines—Family Hour with Al Goodman's Orchestra.
1630—Take Your Choice.
1700—Headlines—Victory Parade, with Bob Strong's Orchestra.
1715—Andie Kostelanez Orchestra.
1745—Mark up the Map.
1755—American Sports News.
1800—World News.
1805—GI Supper Club.
1900—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
1905—Comedy Caravan, with Jimmy Durante and Gary Moore.
1930—Hit Parade, with Mark Warnow's Orchestra and Frank Sinatra.
2000—Headlines—Combat Diary.
2015—Showtime.
2030—Front Line Theater.
2100—World News.
2105—Jubilee.
2135—Guy Lombardo's Musical Autographs.
2200—Headlines—AFN Correspondent.
2205—Cleveland Symphony.
2300—Final Edition.

- Sunday, Oct. 1
0755—Sign on—Program Resume.
0800—World News.
0805—Music for Sunday.
0830—Music by Vincent Lopez.
0900—Headlines—Combat Diary.
0915—Bandwagon, with Jan Garber and Morton Downey.

Lovely 'Corn,' This



If this is the type of tall corn Iowa grows, we'll take a bushel. She's Betty Ruth Cadwell, Iowa's gift to the Hollywood search for the "most beautiful girl in the world" to play the role of "Salome" in a forthcoming picture of the same name.

FDR Rebukes The Argentine

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he was not going to do any guessing himself.

Continuation of lend-lease "until the complete defeat of both Japan and Germany" was made a cardinal principle of the President's economic program, laid down in a letter to Crowley. He also called for economic warfare against Japan and intensified efforts to keep the Pacific enemy from getting strategic and critical materials for her war program.

Besides paragraphs on lend-lease, control of Germany, economic warfare and shutting Japan off from critical materials, the eight-point program also called for international post-war trade on "as full and free a basis as possible," relaxation of controls over exports "with a view to encouraging private trade," reduction of the government's foreign purchases after Germany's defeat, and quick disposal of any property surpluses.

Mr. Roosevelt said his outline of policy had the approval of the State, War and Treasury Departments. He also told his press conference that with the entry of Allied troops into Germany it had been decided to value the German mark at 10 cents, or sixpence English money.



Negro Paper for Dewey
PITTSBURGH, Sept. 28 (ANS)—The Pittsburgh Courier, largest Negro newspaper in the U.S., today announced its endorsement of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey in a front-page editorial. The paper said it did not believe "that the Democratic administration can cope with the employment problems of the post-war era."

Browder Speaks for FDR
NEW YORK, Sept. 29 (ANS)—Earl Browder, Communist leader, today appealed for the re-election of President Roosevelt.

"The election of Dewey would signal an end to this nation's cooperation with the Soviet Union, plunge Europe into a civil war and turn America's back to the whole idea of the world peace organization," Browder said.

GI Crashes National Gallery With Rainbow Corner Painting

By Richard Wilbur
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A GI artist inducted from Macy's department store in New York ended yesterday with a painting in the National Gallery in London.

Sgt. Richard Howard, former poster designer at Macy's, made it into Britain's august art center by way of "Rainbow Corner"—the name of his painting which now hangs in the National Gallery as part of an art exhibition entitled "American Artists Report on the War."

Toughest part of this artistic journey was on Shaftesbury Avenue, Howard recalled, as he glanced at his painting of the famed GI hangout on a stately National Gallery wall. "I sat my tail down in front of the Trocadero one sunny day," he said, "and before I got very far with my sketching I was surrounded by a bunch of kibitzers, mostly sailors and civilians, who kept telling me not to draw Rainbow Corner that way."

"They thought I was drawing it crooked, and insisted that I ought to straighten out nearly every line."

Crooked or not, Howard's "Rainbow

Loss of More Chinese Flying Bases Looms

Gloomy Chungking Fears Waning Prestige And Longer War

CHUNGKING, Sept. 29 (AP)—Recent Chinese defeats and the possibility that the American 14th Air Force may lose additional bases in China have produced an atmosphere of gloom in this capital, unmatched since the dark days when China was fighting the war alone.

(A Japanese communique broadcast yesterday by Tokyo and picked up in New York said Japanese forces advancing on Kweilin had occupied Paoching and Tanchuk, site of an advanced American airbase.)

Chungking does not doubt that the Allies will defeat Japan, but a consensus of both Chinese and Americans seems to be that the war will be prolonged for several months as a result of recent reverses.

In addition, the prestige of the Chinese central government has been harmed. This is important, not only with respect to relations between the Chinese and their allies, but because reverses have resulted in the central government losing a certain amount of face in dealing with the Communists in the north.

The reduction in offensive strength and the loss of air bases have greatly weakened the possibility of Chinese cooperation with American forces in the Pacific in the event of an American attempt to seize an important China coast port.

U.S. Planes Hit 65 Jap Vessels

American carrier-based bombers, in their fourth attack on the central Philippines this month, sank 22 Japanese ships, damaged 43 others and destroyed 36 aircraft last Saturday, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced yesterday.

A destroyer and three destroyer-escorts were among the shipping sunk. Two other destroyer-escorts were damaged.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported at the same time that patrol planes operating in the Sulu archipelago, 100 miles southwest of Mindanao in the southern Philippines, sank a 10,000-ton Japanese troop transport and damaged a 6,000-ton freighter-transport.

Airfields Bombed
Nimitz said Saturday's attacks by the Third U.S. fleet were directed at airfields on the islands of Cebu, Leyte, Negros, Luzon and Masbate, and at shipping in the nearby Visayan sea. Seven enemy planes were shot down in combat, 29 were destroyed on the ground.

Besides the destroyer and destroyer-escorts, he listed as sunk: One troop transport, three large, six medium and five small cargo ships and three large oil tankers. Of the 43 vessels damaged, 15 were described as probably sunk.

Ten American planes were lost, and the crews of eight were listed as missing.

1,100 Japs Wiped Out

COLOMBO, Ceylon, Sept. 29—A recent four-minute blitz by a USAAF "Earthquakes" bombardment group of the Third Tactical Air Force killed an estimated 1,100 Japanese in four troop concentration areas around Indaw, 80 miles southwest of Myitkyina, it was announced today.



The Brow Is Coming

The ominous-looking creature above is The Brow, latest blackguard thrown in the path of master detective Dick Tracy by Chester Gould, creator of The Mole, Flattop, Pruneface, Little Face, B-B Eyes, Redrum, 88 Keys and Mama. Six strips of Tracy vs. The Brow will appear in Monday's issue of The Stars and Stripes, and thereafter Tracy will pursue the scoundrel once daily in these pages, come hell or high water (and deliveries of the Gould strip from the U.S.)

A secret tip-off indicates that The Brow may be done in pretty soon, but there can't be any doubt that Gould will come up with a deadlier villain next.

