

Pictures the World Has Waited For—Yanks in Germany



Associated Press Photo



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo



Associated Press Photo

In these first pictures of American infantrymen in Germany, doughboys at left march across border from Belgium into Aachen Stadt Forest, while on right they make headway through woods. In center, T/S Charles D. Miller, of East Syracuse, N.Y. (at wheel), with a Belgian patriot-soldier, parks one of the first U.S. jeeps to enter the Reich near the village square of Roetgen.

London—New York
Paris—Rennes
Saturday, Sept. 16, 1944
Vol. 4 No. 272 1^D

THE STARS AND STRIPES

Daily Newspaper of U.S. Armed Forces

London Edition

in the European Theater of Operations

Daily French Lesson

Non, je ne veux pas d'oeufs
Non, juh nuh vuh pah duhf
No, I don't want any eggs

U.S. Invades Islands 300 Miles From Philippines Yanks Blaze 10-Mi. Break Into Reich

2 Landings In Moluccas And Palau

MacArthur Makes Surprise Strike After 3-Day Sea-Air Blows

Twin American invasions of Morotai in the Moluccas and of the Palau Island group, which placed U.S. forces within 300 miles of the Philippines and imperiled Japanese sea communications with the south, were announced almost simultaneously yesterday by Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Adm. Chester W. Nimitz.

Both landings were made under cover of heavy naval and air bombardment and followed a fierce three-day attack upon the southern half of the Philippines by Adm. William F. Halsey's Third Fleet, which accounted for 501 Japanese aircraft destroyed, 136 ships and 36 smaller craft sunk or damaged.

MacArthur Goes Ashore

MacArthur, who went ashore on Morotai after directing landing operations from a cruiser, said that his forces had achieved complete surprise and that a beachhead had been secured with very light losses. Morotai, northernmost island of the heavily-bombed Molucca group, lies north of the much-bombed Halmahera Island, where the Japs evidently expected the Allies to attack. "We shall shortly have an air and light naval base within 300 miles of the Philippines," MacArthur said.

The landing of American Army and Marine assault forces on Palau was announced by Nimitz only nine hours after the troops poured ashore at undisclosed points in the group. Carrier-borne aircraft and surface combat ships supported the amphibious operations and beach-

(Continued on page 4)

Manufacturers Start Planning New Cars But That's About All

DETROIT, Sept. 15 (ANS)—The nation's car manufacturers began today planning their immediate post-war automobiles with the formal approval of the War Manpower Commission as a limited number of technicians and engineers went to work revising specifications of the last 1942 models produced by the industry.

There was no discussion of when car production might be resumed. It was agreed such production would have to wait, not only till the end of the German phase of the war, but must be delayed until production commitments in the war with Japan have been met.

The program agreed upon called for the assignment of technicians to such work as developing new material specifications to replace metals no longer available or undesired, planning plant layout and considering appearance changes in models to be produced when war needs have been met.

Paris-Cherbourg Trains Resume

The Paris-Cherbourg railway is open to traffic again and the first train from the coast reached Paris yesterday, said Paris Radio quoted by the United Press.

Philippines Next



Germans Attack Finnish Island

By Robert Sturdevant

Associated Press Correspondent
STOCKHOLM, Sept. 15—Germany attacked Finland's strategic Finnish Gulf island of Hogland early today, plunging the Finns into what appeared to be an undeclared war with their former Nazi "brothers in arms."

The Nazi blow fell on the final day the Finnish government gave the Germans to clear out of all Finland as a pre-condition for peace with Russia. The landings were made at several points along the island's coast, and all were repulsed except one which the Finnish High Command said was being mopped up this morning.

The Hogland attack was interpreted in informed circles as an obvious German attempt to retain control of its blockade of the Finnish Gulf in which the Russian Baltic Fleet has been bottled up for three years.

Some sources suggested the outbreak of hostilities on Hogland might touch off a conflagration throughout the Baltic. It is no secret that Sweden is greatly perturbed by the development which, it is thought, might threaten the Finnish Aaland Islands, lying just off the Swedish east coast.

18 Killed, Damage Heavy As Hurricane Lashes East

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (ANS)—A hurricane which battered 900 miles of the Atlantic seaboard, took 18 lives and caused damage estimated at \$30,000,000, was expiring today off the coast of Nova Scotia.

Although meteorologists had feared it would be one of the worst hurricanes in two decades, it was less disastrous than expected. The hurricane of 1938 which followed the same trail killed 611 persons and created damage of \$300,000,000.

A half-dozen large cities and 11 states were littered with debris from winds that varied from 80 to 100 miles an hour. Roofs of houses were ripped off, power and telephone lines torn down and thousands of trees uprooted.

Skyscrapers in New York swayed from

Soviets Open Final Battle For Warsaw

New Red Blow Struck In Baltic for Riga, Germans Report

Behind a crushing barrage from Soviet artillery entrenched in the newly won suburb of Praga, across the Vistula, Polish-born Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky yesterday opened the final battle for Warsaw—even as Berlin announced the launching of still another Red Army offensive.

The Russians' new blow, the Germans said, was struck in the Baltic—an "extremely powerful" three-pronged attack aimed at Riga, with more than 40 infantry divisions in action behind "many" armored and air formations.

German News Agency said the Soviet's main blows were loosed at three points: northwest of Madona, 80 miles east of Riga; near Bauska, 40 miles south of Riga; and on both sides of Valga, on the Latvia-Estonia border, 90 miles north-east of Riga.

Demolitions Under Way

In Warsaw, center of an artillery duel between the Russians on the east bank of the Vistula and the Germans on the west bank, the enemy began demolitions in the capital itself, according to the daily communique from Gen. Bor, commander of the Polish underground army.

Bor reported the Germans had blown up the main railway bridge linking Warsaw and Praga across the Vistula, and also one other span identified as the Ponjagowski Bridge.

His communique added that for the first time since the Poles rose against the

(Continued on page 4)

Peace Meetings Slowed By Agreement Stalemates

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (ANS)—The complicated and tortuous course of getting agreement among the nations of the world on an international security organization was revealed today with disclosure that the Dumbarton Oaks conference may take twice the time originally scheduled.

Tanks in Siegfried Line Beyond Aachen

U.S. Infantry Division In 3 Countries at Once

WITH FIRST ARMY INFANTRY, Aachen Forest, Sept. 15—A crack infantry division of the First Army had units in three countries yesterday.

"Our feet are in Belgium," Capt. Joseph Zera said, "our right hand is in Germany and our rear echelon, to mix a metaphor, is in France."

Indian Tactics Rout Germans

By Andy Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
WITH U.S. FIRST ARMY INFANTRY, Aachen Forest, Sept. 15—American foot soldiers drove through these woods in old-time Indian style yesterday, running from tree to tree to rout the Germans in front of them.

The infantry took up a crescent-shaped position around Aachen, the historic German city of 160,000 people. From open spots in this dark, tall-treed forest you could see most of the city's 20 ancient church steeples. The city itself seemed lifeless.

From a position in the forest 2/Lt. Robert E. Readle, of Indianapolis, saw a German train pull out of the city loaded with equipment. The artillery put down a small barrage.

"I think they were a little too late to stop the train though," Readle said.

Trap Nazis in Tunnel

During the day one platoon of a battalion commanded by Lt. Col. John Corley advanced and was cut off by 100 Germans. Two other platoons behind came up and the three platoons sandwiched the Germans between their fire.

In another section a mile and a half from Aachen 300 Jerrys were forced into an 800-yard tunnel by shellfire. The Americans took up their positions to fire artillery direct into the mouth of the tunnel and stationed machine-guns at the other end.

When one unit was held up by a concrete pillbox in the side of a hill the Yanks watched the doors of the box open and saw the German gun fire. Then the doors closed. The Americans sighted a 57mm. on the doors of the pillbox and fired. That was the end of another Jerry fort.

Although the infantry has been meeting resistance most of the fortifications are inadequate and outdated so far.

"I think a lot of the Siegfried Line talk was bluff," Corley said. "We have found few permanent fortifications. What would the Germans want defensive forts for when they planned to conquer the world, not defend themselves from it? We have found trenches where we were supposed to find pillboxes."

U.S. Takes Over 19 More Mines

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (Reuter)—The government today took over 19 more coal mines in West Virginia and Kentucky "as a result of the existing and threatened strikes and other labor disturbances,"

Patton's Army Takes Nancy, Nazis Quit Maastricht

U.S. First Army troops, expertly cleared Nazi pillboxes with flame-throwers and tanks, thrust ten miles deep into Germany yesterday at the northern end of Luxembourg and threatened to achieve a clean break through the Siegfried Line.

American tank spearheads blasting a hole into the Reich 40 miles to the south, in the vicinity of Aachen, were reported to have pushed into the full depth of the Siegfried defenses and to have penetrated five miles east of Aachen, leaving infantry holding heights above the city on three sides.

Germans Admit Losses

The Germans admitted the loss of "several strongholds of the western fortifications."

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army meanwhile rolled into the key French city of Nancy, 70 miles west of Strasbourg, without having to fire hardly a shot. First infantrymen in found that except for a few snipers the Germans had fled during the night.

The enemy also gave up the town of Maastricht, on the Dutch-Belgian border, 26 miles west of Aachen.

It was not all in the Allies' favor, however. A series of violent enemy counterattacks forced the British to give up a briefly-held bridgehead over the Meuse-Escaut canal, in the area north of Gheel, 25 miles east of Antwerp, although they beat off the assault and held onto another bridgehead in the same area.

Canadians Yield Bridgehead

Canadian infantry likewise was forced to yield a narrow bridgehead over the Leopold canal south of the Scheldt River, where the Germans are protecting a withdrawal corridor for their coastal troops cut off by the British thrust to Antwerp. The order to withdraw was given when the Canadians found they were unable to get more troops across the bridgehead because of heavy mortar and machine-gun fire.

Far behind the Battle of Germany, the

(Continued on page 4)

Senate Bill Creating 'Super' Army Rank Okayed by Stimson

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (ANS)—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson revealed today that the War Department favors the elevation of two Army officers to a "super rank" to be created by Congress. The rank probably would be that of field marshal.

"I understand there is a bill which has passed the Senate," Stimson said, "and is now before the House creating the advanced rank of Fleet Admiral and authorizing the raising of two Naval officers to this grade."

"I have been asked my opinion on similar advances in rank for two Army officers. I have advised Congress that the War Department concurs in this action on the understanding that a distinction will be made between the title of the new rank and the title of General of the Armies held by Gen. Pershing."

An Editorial

There's Dynamite in That Smile



THIS picture ought to have a poison label on it— or a big red sign marked DANGER! It shows a Yank playing with dynamite.

A smiling, handshaking, cigarette-mooching, baby-faced Kraut prisoner is as dangerous, in a way, as a hard-pan, sneering, death-dealing SS man or Panzer trooper. An hour ago, maybe, he was planting a teller mine or squeezing the trigger of a Kar 98. He's the same guy—with a different weapon.

He's lost the fighting part of the war. Now he's out to make friends and influence people. He's all set to wheedle, whine and white-wash his way into our good graces—and convince us that Germans are just a pack of kindly kinfolk who are really democrats at heart.

The Yank looks undecided. Maybe he's going to fall for the toothpaste smile. Or maybe he

remembers that these Nazis are the original hate-boys—the lads who, when they were top dog, didn't look so friendly and peaceful as they do now.

able to prove they really think a man matters—that we're all members of the same human race—that they're not out to run the world.

Some day the Germans may be

Hash Marks

Overheard after a bout with a bottle of Calvados. "They laughed when I stood up to sing. But how was I to know I was under the table!"

Remember the good old days when you had a jalopy and a miss in the front seat was better than two in the motor?

We understand the girls over here have



coined a new rank for the U.S. Army. The new rank is WFC—Wolf First Class.

Who said that? A sailor is a man who makes his living on water but never touches it on shore.

Sage Comment from T/4 Bernard Freeman. "I note with approval your new front page box containing a daily French lesson and would like to make a further suggestion along the same lines. With rumors of duty in the Pacific Theater floating around would it not be the essence of foresight to begin a similar department in Chinese and Hindustani?"

Lesson in Tact. At a reception a young officer was asked by a widow to guess her age. "You must have some idea," she said coyly as he hesitated. "I have several ideas," he admitted with a smile. "The trouble is that I hesitate whether to make it ten years younger on account of your looks or ten years older on account of your intelligence."

Afterthought. Wonder who would fare worse in American hands—Hitler or that man Nissen of hut fame?

Daffynition. A paratrooper is a guy who climbs down trees that he never climbed up.

Word of Advice. A few words mumbled in church and you're married. A few words mumbled in your sleep and you're divorced.

After seeing a lot of pictures of Japs we often wonder why it is they hate to lose their faces.

Observation. A gal and an automobile are a lot alike. A good paint job



conceals the years—but the lines tell the story.

Robert Quillen says the dream of every GI is to see a bulldozer doing its stuff where he can stand and watch it without being shot at.

J. C. W.

HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"Let's go thru just one more town then call it a day!"

Hitler's Last Battlefield

By The Associated Press

Hitler's last battleground—Germany itself—is a country of some 181,700 square miles, comparable in size to Colorado and Nebraska combined.

Its dense population of about 80,000,000 is supported largely by industry, mining, shipping, agriculture, forestry and—with Germany's large urban population—by business. But Germany has had to rely upon imports of many raw materials, and the land is poor and must be greatly fertilized.

Inside Germany are superior transportation facilities for war, including a 7,500-mile inland waterway system, vast railroads and modern highways. Hitler built



several key military roads from border to border. Today, much of this network of transport stands blasted by Allied bombs.

On the north, Germany's sea frontage includes many inlets but few harbors as good as that of the much bombed ports and submarine bases of Hamburg and Bremen. Shipping emphasis has been placed on the big navigable rivers like the Rhine, Elbe and Oder, to a lesser extent the Danube and Weser. The internal canal system is so large that were it extended in a straight line it could reach half way from New York to San Francisco.

Rich In Industry, Coal

In western Germany there are the Ruhr and Saar valleys, rich in industry and in coal. Essen, with the vast Krupp armament works, is located there. The entire area has been incessantly bombed, however. These valleys are the site of many heavy industries which have kept laboring legions busy since Hitler's rise to power.

Allied air commands have placed a priority upon German industries for months, smashing at aircraft producing centers of Bernburg, Aschersleben and Halberstadt; communications and rubber plants at Cologne, munitions factories in Berlin, Stuttgart, Brunswick and Munich; synthetic oil plants in Leipzig; naval bases at Kiel and Wilhelmshaven; chemical plants and scientific laboratories in Frankfurt and Schweinfurt. These cities and others like them became boom towns with the import of captive labor.

32 Pct. of Veterans File Pension Claims

DENVER, Sept. 15 (ANS)—Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, chief of the Veterans Administration, said that 32 out of every 100 veterans discharged from World War II have filed claims for disability pensions and two-thirds of the claims adjudicated have been allowed. Hines told the Disabled American Veterans' national convention that neuro-psychiatric disabilities comprised 40 per cent of the claims approved. He said there were 229,000 World War II veterans on the pension rolls at the end of July and that dependents of 30,000 deceased veterans were receiving pension payments. "Although many men have thus far been discharged for disability," he said, "comparatively few have availed themselves of the right to vocational training."

1st Army Head Recognized for Tactical Ability

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 15 (ANS)—Lt. Gen. Courtney Hicks Hodges, a man few Americans know, is a quiet 57-year-old Georgian who was born in Perry, Houston County seat, and nearly became a reporter on his father's weekly newspaper instead of the commander of the U.S. First Army.

He is the antithesis of his friend and one-time West Point classmate Lt. Gen. George Smith Patton Jr. He is restrained, rarely raises his voice and has a reputation as an infantry tactician within Army circles. He taught tactics at West Point years after flunking there as a plebe, and his record in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and now Germany attests his greatness.

It's More than Talk

He's a very wonderful person and that isn't just the talk of a wife, Mrs. Hodges said today at Atlanta, where she is living with her sister, Mrs. Roy Minier. "It's hard to speak of him without going into superlatives," Mrs. Hodges continued. "The Army has always been foremost in his mind. He failed at West Point as a plebe but he enlisted as a private as soon as he was released. He worked terribly hard at mathematics, his weak point, at the Military Academy, and took all kinds of competitive examinations.

"It was hard to get ahead in the Army in those days. He became a corporal, then a sergeant, and realized his ambition when he was made second lieutenant after a hard competitive examination. It was always a source of quiet pride to him that he got his commission just a year after his class graduated at West Point and received their commissions.

Little Time to Write

"I last heard from him a few days ago—just a few words from Paris. He's been rather busy ever since, I gather. I haven't stopped buying newspapers and listening to the radio since this big drive opened."

Mrs. Hodges, the former Mildred Lee of Birmingham, also revealed that the general is a crack shot and an outstanding skeet shooter.

The Hodges met at an Army party when Hodges, then a major, was an instructor at the Air Corps Tactical School, Langley Field, Va. They were married in 1928.

New WAC Enlistees No Longer to Pick Own Posts and Jobs
WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (ANS)—Women who enlist in the WAC after Oct. 31 will no longer be allowed to select their own stations and assignments, the War Department said. The privilege is being withdrawn because the Army needs greater flexibility in some stations and Army installations. A severe shortage of WACs while others are overcrowded. The privilege of applying for service in the Ground Forces, Service Forces or Air Forces will not be affected by the new ruling.

THE STARS AND STRIPES

Printed at The Times Publishing Company, Ltd., for U.S. Armed Forces, under auspices of The Special Service Division ETOUSA.
Contents passed by the U.S. Army and Navy censors; subscription 26 shillings per year plus postage. ETO edition. Entered as second class matter Mar. 13, 1943, at the post office, New York, N.Y., under the Act of Mar. 3, 1879. All material appearing in this publication has been written and edited by uniformed members of the Army and Navy except where stated that a civilian or other outside source is being quoted. Editorial office—The Times, Printing House Sq., London, E.C.4 (Tel. Cen. 2000). Business and circulation offices—37 Upper Brook St., London, W.1 (Tel. ETOUSA 2133).
Vol. 4, No. 272, September 16, 1944

THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

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

Getting the Job Done

Sept. 9, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,

I'm not exactly a chairborne soldier but am somewhat removed from combat, and I want to add my hearty endorsement to those who say combat troops should be given full credit when partial "demob" time comes. This is as it should be.

There are, however, three factors that I think the demobilizers have left out without due consideration:

- 1—Age.
- 2—Dependents other than wife and children.
- 3—Marital status.

In regard to the first factor, if age is not a consideration, why have men past 30 now been put into a "last resort" category? And none are now being drafted. Wouldn't it be fair, if that is what they are basing the demobilization plan on, to continue the drafting of men between 30 and 38 and when the time comes let those over 30 out, on relative merit?

This question is based on the assumption that "fairness" is an objective.

Second—Class B dependents. There are many fine men who have for no reasons of their own been charged with the responsibility of aged parents, who perhaps too are living on "borrowed time" till "Johnny" comes home again where they might get one more chance to see their son. This was a factor, for awhile, in mobilization. It should be given a relative importance now.

Last, but not least—a married man should be given at least some credit for his brave effort to keep his country socially balanced. It is ridiculous not to consider this factor. Social, economic and moral reasons support this factor.

Let me add this, however. We can't get in too big a hurry to get home when Germany is beaten. My brothers and yours are in the Pacific. We might as well consider it another war to win.

Let's take the emphasis off of going home and put it where it belongs—getting the job done.—Cpl. H. B. Hayes, AAF.

'Baldy' Speaks Up

Sept. 12, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,

After reading the Army's plans for demobilization, I was very surprised to find that a man's age was not considered as a determining factor towards release from the Army.

Under the induction rules today thousands of 1A men, 27 years of age, will never serve a day in the Army as they are considered too old. And yet the Army has thousands of men, married and single, who were inducted at a much older age, and some of these blind in one eye, &c.

Now my point is this. If these men are not sent back to Civvy Street as soon as conditions permit, their chances of raising a family, establishing a business, buying a home and saving enough money to keep them off the relief rolls in their old age will soon be gone, and those are the things that most of us are looking forward to. And it's a tough job for even a young man.

A lot of us were too old for combat outfits so we've had no opportunity to gain any of those precious combat points. Yet we feel we should get back to Civvy St. as quick as possible as we have very few productive years to waste and get to work on our own future.

Before the war, industry said a man of 40 was too old, so we've got a tough job to do in a few short years. We've been glad to help, but when our help is no longer needed we would like to get home and take up the fight for our own future and security—points or no points.—Baldy.

Fighting Fire Fighters

Sept. 10, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,

We have been reading your B-Bag with great interest. This outfit would like to share a little mention. Perhaps you have heard of Naval Shore Fire Control, but your writings show no indications of it. So here goes.

The invasion was a great success and we feel we had something to do with the ball rolling. We landed on D-Day, H-Hour; we were assault troopers. You heard of the Nevada, Enterprise, Hermi-tage and a few of those other big babies. Well, who do you think did their firing, who helped the doughboys when things were getting tough?

That just gives a little idea of what we boys did. We don't want credit, but here's a chance to clear up a few mysteries. We don't like to be known as fellows who put out fires as plenty think. So let us have a plug.—The Fire Fighting Boys; Pts. A. Taub, A. Rotho, M. Smithers, P. Matishella, J. Bailey, F. Collins, A. Wills.

Lightly

By Charlie Kiley

NEW YORK, Sept. 15—American League President Will Harridge confidently predicts that almost 100 per cent of the circuit's players in the service will



Will Harridge

be ready to "resume their pre-war stardom" when hostilities end. Harridge based his forecast on baseball's comeback records following World War I and the condition of present day soldiers, as well as the play of the few big leaguers already returned from service and back in the game. A check of the ages of players on the national defense list, Harridge declares, leaves only 37-year-old Luke Appling, 33-year-old Hank Greenberg and 31-year-old Cecil Travis as possible exceptions.

Harridge may be right, but this column is a strong dissenter where it concerns servicemen who have been in combat or overseas for any length of time. Harridge failed to mention that "possible exception."

The Tigers' Virgil Trucks at Great Lakes, the Yanks' Joe DiMaggio in Honolulu, and players in the same spots may well come back to regain stardom or at least major league quality, quickly because they've been playing and keeping in condition under more or less ideal conditions. But young Bob Feller of the Navy and young Buddy Lewis, a glider pilot in the Pacific, together with others under combat stress or unable to play much, will need two years to bounce back, if they do at all, in our opinion.

Servicemen are under far greater hardships now than in 1918, especially in the disease-infested Pacific; they've been at war longer than World War I men; the athletes' hardened physical condition greatly differs from the loose, supple muscles necessary for baseball. The Tigers' Dick Wakefield came back from the Navy in July to star for the Tigers, but never was too far from a ball field or within thousands of miles of a combat area. This column would like to hear the opinions of major or minor leaguers in England and France on the subject.

* * *

SHORT SHOTS—Odds on the Cardinals over the American League entry in the World Series have dropped from 4-1 to 5-2 as a result of the Cards losing seven of the last 15. Dropping the last nine encounters with the Pirates left the Redbirds on the short end of a season's series with one club for the first time since 1940. Joe McCarthy has named Hank Borowy, Rookie Mel Queen and either Walt Dubiel or Tiny Bonham to oppose the Tigers in a three game series with Detroit, starting Tuesday. Steve O'Neil will naturally have his Newhouser-Trout meal ticket, plus Stubby Overmire. . . . At Russian race-tracks—yeah, they got 'em—to win a bet you have to pick both the winner and second place. This is the best explanation yet of why the Russians are so rugged—they never know when they're licked.

Harry Leibold Rumored To Succeed Fitzsimmons

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 15—Harry "Nemo" Leibold, manager of the Louisville Colonels of the Southern Association, is a red-hot favorite at the moment to succeed Freddie Fitzsimmons, rumored on his way out as pilot of the Phillies.

The Philadelphia Record, attributing its information to "a source close to the Boston Red Sox," pointed out that Leibold had a successful tenure as manager of the Red Sox' Scranton (Pa.) farm team and that he and Herb Pennock, Phillies' general manager, had been close personal friends since they played with the Sox in 1921. Contacted in Milwaukee, Leibold said he knew nothing about it.

Oops, Velly Solly

A double Spam cluster to readers of this page who have corrected us on the error in last Monday's ETO Sports and Mirror. Duke Kahanamoku is, and always has been a Hawaiian and not Japanese as stated in that column.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, ETO Sports and Mirror.

Star in Aquacade



Two of the stars of the Victory Aquacade which has been touring Eighth AF stations are June Rogers, of London, and Pvt. Russ Saunders, of Hollywood. The Aquacade, which last Sunday attracted 6,000 at Weston-super-Mare, makes its last appearance tomorrow at the Marshall Street Baths, London. Show starts at 2.30.

Pigskin Preview

Sooners, '43 Big Six Champs, Have 10 Lettermen Returning

By F. W. Crawford
Associated Press Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 15—The Big Six may be missing on a couple of cylinders but don't count on it unless you're prepared for the backfire that comes from unexpected and pent-up gridiron explosions.

That's the gist of the warning voiced by Reeves Peters, conference commissioner, who says the loop will show improved football in all quarters.

In spite of Peters' optimism, Nebraska and Kansas State, forsaken when Uncle Sam parceled out his naval "V" students, are wondering where they will get manpower to contest the Navy-blessed schools. Missouri, to some extent, is wondering about the same thing.

Down in Soonerland, Dewey Luster, colorful coach of Oklahoma's 1943 Big Six champions, has ten lettermen back, including Derald Lebow, considered by many the best back in the conference last year.

The bantam-sized Oklahoma mentor, however, refuses to accept the loop's crown before the season starts.

Adolphe Lewandowski, who leads Nebraska's once proud and mighty Cornhuskers, expects an improved team headed by Ken Hollins, a 200-pound fullback.

Ward Haylett, popular Kansas State coach whose Wildcats failed to win a game last year, expects more 17- and 18-year-olds and some seasoned 4-Fs to help his cause.

Chauncey Simpson, at Missouri, who finished in a tie for second place with

Iowa State last fall, expects more manpower, but the quality may be slightly below par. Simpson's team leader Don "Bull" Reece is gone, but Bill Dellastatious, triple-threat, may become the best back in the conference. He has recovered from injuries sustained late last season. The arrival of Max Ripey, letterman at full-back last year, and two freshmen, Walter Reed and John Wowan, both fleet halfbacks, also have bolstered the squad.

Silent Mike Michalske, of Iowa State, and Henry Shenk, at Kansas, both with large V-12 enrollments, may surprise the Sooners.

The coaches have voted to ask their directors to relax the no scouting agreement, but they didn't tamper with the rules. They have 22 non-conference foes scheduled and see only confusion if the code is changed.

The scouting rule recommended would allow "spying" on each conference opponent once during the season.

NBA Suspends Chalky Wright

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15—Chalky Wright, former world featherweight champion, has been suspended indefinitely by the NBA for failing to appear for his twice-postponed bout with Jackie Wilson.

The bout, originally scheduled for Tuesday night at Griffith Stadium, was advanced to Wednesday, when rain again interfered, and it was finally decided to hold the bout indoors at the Uline Arena last night. But Eddie Walker, Wright's manager, refused to let his puncher go through with the fight.

Walker explained that Wright has a title fight scheduled in New York against champion Willie Pep Sept. 29 and needed time to train.

The suspension takes in all NBA member commissions, but Wright's title fight will not be affected, since New York is not a member.

POWs Seek Bowl Ducats

PASADENA, Cal., Sept. 15—The Tournament of Roses has received its first reservation for the 1945 New Year's Day Rose Bowl game. It came from six American fliers who are prisoners of war in Germany.

Phils Sign 16-Yr.-Old Shortstop

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 15—Ralph Caballero, 16-year-old New Orleans native, has been signed by the Phillies.

Seeks to Drop Kick for Point

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15—George Preston Marshall, local laundry baron and owner of the Washington Redskins, came out today for abolition of the point after touchdown, terming it a "letdown" and a boring ceremony.

"It's an after-climax," Marshall said. "The crowd gets a great kick out of seeing a running or passing play that results in a touchdown, but the place-kick try for one point is a letdown."

Marshall feels that the abolition of the extra point will make games more interesting to fans and thinks the National League will follow his advice, as it is faced with plenty of post-war competition, with three professional leagues scheduled to start operating after the shooting stops.

Fort Sheridan Cancels Six Football Games

FORT SHERIDAN, Ill., Sept. 15—The Fort Sheridan football team will play a scheduled game Saturday with Great Lakes but has canceled the remainder of its schedule. Telegrams of cancellation were sent to Northwestern, Iowa Pre-flight, Lawrence College, Bunker Hill Naval Base, Marquette and the Lincoln (Neb.) Army air base.

The small Sheridan squad of 25 men took a terrific physical beating from Western Michigan last Saturday, losing 67-6.

Voiselle Not As Giants

NEW YORK, Sept. 15—Mel Ott's of the Polo Grounds last night to do and go into a tie for fourth place in the Cubs, who split a double-header with other major league game the Dodger

Bill Voiselle became the first Giant Hubbell won 22 and Cliff Melton won 20 in 1937 as the Giants climbed into fourth place. The Ottmen unloaded an eight-run attack on Vern Kennedy in the sixth, with Ernie Lombardi's homer starting it off. Charlie Schanz opened for the Phils and was charged with the defeat, leaving in the third after giving the Giants a 2-1 lead. The scheduled second game was rained out.

Hank Wyse Falters

It took the Reds 12 innings to tame the Cubs in the first game of the twin bill at Chicago, the winning runs in their 3-2 victory coming on walks when Hank Wyse blew up with the bases loaded. The Bruins rallied for one run in the last of the 12th on Andy Pafko's triple and Bill Schuster's single, but Ed Heusser stopped the threat for his 13th victory.



Ray Mueller

Ray Mueller, Cincinnati catcher, set a major league record for consecutive games in one season by catching his 134th and celebrated with a homer in the second stanza. It was also his 196th straight game. Paul Erickson and Hy Vandenberg preceded Wyse to the mound for the Cubs, with Wyse the loser as the Cubs outthit the Redlegs, 12-8.

Hughes' Circuit Smash Nets Three

Roy Hughes' circuit smash with two on featured a four-run Cub attack on Jim Konstanty in the fifth inning of the nightcap. Konstanty, who lasted until the eighth, was charged with the defeat as Paul Derringer went the route for the Cubs and gave up nine hits. In winning, 4-2, the Cubs got only five.

A single by Augie Galan with the bases loaded in the last of the ninth gave the Dodgers the run they needed to defeat the Braves, 5-4, under lights. And the triumph was enough to push Durocher's men up into sixth place, replacing the Braves. Al Javery started on the mound for Boston and was followed by Johnny Hutchinson and Charlie Barrett. The Brooks made 11 hits to the Braves' ten, with Les Webber, who relieved rookie Fred Wells in the eighth, getting the nod. Hutchinson was the loser. The nightcap was rained out.

London Upsets Freddie Mills

MANCHESTER, Sept. 15—Freddie Mills, Britain's leading contender for S/Sgt. Joe Louis' world heavyweight title, saw his chances for a title shot at the Brown Bomber vanish in the haze of the ringside here tonight as he dropped a close 15-round decision to Jack London.

London, with a 42-pound weight advantage, used a powerful right hand to the body in racking up his close victory margin. As early as the sixth round, London staggered Mills against the ropes and although the Bournemouth strong boy came back strong after each attack, his speed and marksmanship were not enough to offset London's sledge-hammer pounding.

Although Mills was in perfect condition, he had to stand up to a withering barrage, especially during the latter stages of the tussle when London battered him continually.

Brewers Bounce Back To Blank Colonels, 5-0

NEW YORK, Sept. 15—The Milwaukee Brewers bounced back to defeat the Louisville Colonels, 5-0, yesterday and even the count in the second day of American Association playoffs, as Toledo won its second straight from St. Paul, 10-7.

In their Southern Association playoff battle the Memphis Chicks took their second straight from Nashville, 5-4, while International and Eastern League playoff games were again cancelled by weather.

Four AL Clubs Get Ticket Bids

NEW YORK, Sept. 15—World Series reservations are coming in to four offices in different American League cities as the Yankees, Tigers, Browns and Red Sox prepare to fight it out for the flag.

Legion to Seek OK to Sign Vets Still in Service

Amendment by Congress Necessary to Change Group's By-Laws

CHICAGO, Sept. 15 (ANS)—Members of the American Legion trickled into town today amid indications that the annual convention would attract a heavy attendance.

National Commander Warren H. Atherton predicted that a proposal to ask Congress to amend the Legion's incorporation act to permit the immediate enrollment of men now serving in the armed forces would be one of the most closely debated issues before the sessions starting Monday. During recent travels, he said, he had found an almost equal division of opinion.

He reported that 300,000 men who had come home from World War II had joined the Legion and that many more still on active duty had indicated they would sign up as soon as they were eligible.

Asked if current veterans would establish new groups, he said that "a number of organizations may be formed. It will be the sentiment of this organization to cooperate with them, but most Legion members would prefer to see its ideals advanced by new blood rather than have it become a last man's club."

Russia - - -

(Continued from page 1)

Nazis' Warsaw garrison 45 days ago "the Russians dropped small amounts of food and arms in the suburbs of the city."

In spite of the Germans' bridge demolition, the first assault wave of Russian and Polish infantry was hurled across the Vistula from Praga early yesterday morning, according to an Associated Press correspondent in Moscow. There were no details.

Praga, captured after a continuous 36-hour assault that mounted to one of the most violent offensives seen on the eastern front, was a complete ruin by the time Polish infantrymen fought their way through its burning streets at bayonet point.

The Russians broke into the town only after forcing fortifications 30 miles long and 13 miles deep. Front-line dispatches said the defenses included concrete bunkers, deep anti-tank ditches, steel barricades and acres of barbed wire and minefields.

Four hundred miles to the south, in Transylvania, the Russians stormed their way into Turda, 15 miles south of the Transylvania capital of Cluj, from which a main rail line runs west to Budapest.

Their Warsaw offensive northeast of Warsaw made new progress with the capture of Novogrod on the east bank of the river, ten miles northwest of captured Lomza and little more than 20 miles from the East Prussian border.

U.S. Invites 50 Nations To Civil Aviation Parley

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (Reuter)—The State Department today announced that more than 50 countries have been invited by the U.S. Government to an international conference on civilian aviation in the U.S. beginning Nov. 1.

Change Your Clocks And Let Lights Shine

British double summer time, in effect since April, ends tomorrow—which means that GIs get an hour's extra sleep.

The change officially takes place at 3 AM, when clocks and watches should be set at 2 AM.

The end of double summer time will be the signal for the lights to go on in the ETO to the extent of a dimout. London, however, will not be any brighter when the blackout is eased until special technical difficulties are overcome.

Italy Bombers Plaster Athens

While bad weather the last two days slackened the aerial onslaught against Germany from Britain, up to 500 Italy-based Fortresses and Liberators yesterday plastered three airdromes jammed with transport aircraft, intended for the evacuation of key Nazi personnel, and submarine pens, in the area of Athens.

Several hours earlier the RAF had raided the same airfields for the second straight night.

The Eighth, Ninth and 15th Air Forces flew 19,243 sorties and dropped 21,154 tons of bombs on Germany and enemy-occupied territory during their six-day offensive ending Sept. 13.

The Eighth destroyed about 480 enemy aircraft in the air or on the ground, while the Ninth bagged approximately 80. The 15th's figures were not available.

U.S. Permits French Return to Embassy Empty Since 1942

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (AP)—The U.S. today permitted the French delegation here to move into the extensive French Embassy building, a capital show place which has been under the care of the Swiss legation since diplomatic relations were broken with the Vichy French government in November, 1942.

Some observers saw in the move the beginning of the gradual program of greater recognition of Gen. Charles DeGaulle's provisional government in preparation for the forthcoming national elections in France which are expected to give DeGaulle a wide majority.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull meantime said he thought that France should be consulted about the future of Germany and he was sure she would be.

Gas Ration to Stand Pat Until Europe War Closes

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (ANS)—No changes in gasoline rationing can be expected before the end of the war in Europe, the office of War Information said today.

How much additional gasoline will then be available for civilians will depend on how much the Army and Navy will need after Germany surrenders. Estimates now are being prepared by the military authorities.

When more civilian gasoline does become available rations for trucks and buses will be increased first.

UAW Will Hold Referendum On No-Strike Vow

Plan to Revoke Pledge To Go Before Union Membership

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Sept. 15 (ANS)—The CIO United Automobile Workers Union in a stormy convention session today reaffirmed its pledge not to strike for the duration of the war but stipulated that the whole question of whether to rescind the pledge or continue it be placed before the union rank and file for a referendum vote within the next 90 days.

Many delegates had advocated that the commitment be abandoned.

At the same session, Sidney Hillman, chairman of the CIO Political Action Committee, called upon the union's 1,200,000 members to donate \$1 each to the PAC but emphasized that contributions were to be "voluntary."

Hillman said that the Smith-Connolly Act makes it illegal for a union to spend its funds on national elections.

"I want you delegates to go home and ask your members to make contributions, but be sure you point out they are voluntary," he stated.

Hillman declared that the election of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey would mean "the end of the road for labor."

UMW Withholds Stand

CINCINNATI, Sept. 15 (ANS)—The United Mine Workers leadership submitted to the union convention today a proposed resolution condemning President Roosevelt on the ground that he attempted to destroy the miners' organization and praising Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, but refraining from formal endorsement of the Republican presidential nominee.

Denies Quebec Named 'Chief'

QUEBEC, Sept. 15—Stephen Early, President Roosevelt's secretary, yesterday denied that "any so-called super command" for the Pacific was being considered at the Quebec Conference.

Early said the commanders for the forthcoming offensives against the Japanese were selected before President Roosevelt met Prime Minister Churchill here this week.

Whether the approved commander for the Pacific included men now operating there or a new command was something, Early said, he didn't know.

The arrival of Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, appeared to be centered on the German political clean-up once the Wehrmacht has been crushed. He was reported carrying fresh proposals on European advisory commissions and recommendations for the occupation of the Reich.

B26s Hit Gothic Line From Corsica Bases

While Corsica-based Marauders for the first time flew sorties in close support of the Eighth Army in the Adriatic sector yesterday Canadian tanks and infantry crossed the Marano River, last water barrier before Rimini, and reached within a mile of the Rimini airfield.

The Marauders plastered newly constructed loops of the Gothic Line southwest of Rimini.

Fifth Army troops forged ahead against heavy enemy resistance in the main Gothic defenses, taking two mountain positions four miles north of Lucca and advancing above Pistoia along roads leading across the Apennines.

Request to Manufacture Vacuum Cleaners Okayed

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (UP)—Permission to resume production of vacuum cleaners—the first reconversion to civilian production—has been granted the Electrolux Corp. by the War Production Board.

The board recently gave local manpower officials power to permit resumption of civilian goods in individual plants where manpower, machinery and materials were available.

Mahurin Married in U.S.

FORT WAYNE, Sept. 15 (ANS)—Maj. Walker Mahurin, whose bag of 21 German planes in the European theater as a Thunderbolt pilot gained him a ranking as Indiana's foremost pilot of the war, and Miss Patricia Sweet were married.

Germans Meet the Jeep



Associated Press Photo
A large German family gathers around an American jeep which formed part of the first Allied column to enter the Reich.



18 Congressmen Lose Out

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (ANS)—A study of the now completed 1944 Congressional primaries showed today that five senators and 13 House members were defeated as against four Senate and 22 House incumbents who list out in the 1942 primaries.

Senatorial renomination fatalities included four Democrats and one Republican. All four defeats two years ago were on the Democratic side.

Nine Democratic and four Republican House members failed at the primary polls this year as against 15 Democrats and seven Republicans in 1942.

Maine Vote Cheers Dewey

VALENTINE, Neb., Sept. 15 (ANS)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey Tuesday hailed what he called the greatest Republican landslide in Maine's history as assuring the election of the GOP Congressional and National ticket in November.

Greeted here on his transcontinental campaign tour by a colorful outpouring of Sioux Indians, cowboys and ordinary citizens, the Republican presidential nominee was obviously elated at the election of the Republican state ticket in Maine by a majority, as he figured it, of 70 per cent.

80-Octane Gas Adopted By Army for all Vehicles

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (ANS)—Maj. Gen. G. M. Barnes, chief of the Army Ordnance Research and Development Service, revealed today that 80-octane gasoline, popularly known as highest quality, has been adopted for standardized use in all of the Army's land and amphibious vehicles.

Using one gasoline for the seven different types used heretofore greatly simplified the Army's supply problems, he said. Barnes said that the all-purpose 80-octane was suitable for long storage under extreme climatic conditions.

Record Resort Season Ends

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Sept. 15 (ANS)—The biggest summer season in Atlantic City's 90-year history is about to end. Over 10,000,000 visitors spent around \$90,000,000. Beach-front hotels had 100 per cent occupancy during July and August.

U.S. Invades Jap-Held Islands 300 Miles From Philippines

(Continued from page 1)

heads were established against stiff ground opposition. Palau, in the western Carolines group, less than 500 miles from the Philippines and 1,200 miles west of Truk, is one of the biggest island naval bases in the chain screening Japan and has been repeatedly attacked by Allied air and naval task forces.

Amphibious operations on Palau are being directed by Vice-Adm. T. S. Wilkinson, commander of the Third Amphibious Force, while the expeditionary force is commanded by Maj. Gen. Julian C. Smith of the Marines.

MacArthur's communique from Morota revealed that the Jap had expected landings "in the lower areas where he had accumulated very strong

forces in the heavily defended positions." Heavy air raids against Halmahera led the Japs to concentrate their strength on that island, which the new landings bypassed. A UP report stated that with Morota in his hands, MacArthur will be able to cut supply line feeding 200,000 Jap soldiers in the East Indies, as well as prepare a springboard to the Philippines. The three-day air battle over the Philippines between carrier-borne aircraft of Halsey's fleet and the Japanese air force swept over the Panay, Cebu, Negros and Leyte islands and resulted in a smashing defeat for the Japs.

Presence in the Southwest Pacific area of the U.S. 13th Air Force was revealed by Allied Headquarters. It has augmented the operations of the Fifth Air Force, and suffered no losses in its first strike against the southern Philippines.

American Forces Network

1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc. 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.

Saturday, Sept. 16

- 0800—Sign On—Program Resume.
- 0815—Man in Blue.
- 0830—Music in the Modern Manner.
- 0900—Headlines—Melody Roundup.
- 0920—Combat Diary.
- 0915—American Dance Band.
- 1000—Headlines—Victory Parade (Jerry Wald).
- 1015—Personal Album (Jane Frazee).
- 1030—Strike up the Band.
- 1055—Home News from the U.S.A.
- 1100—Headlines—Morning After (Jubilee).
- 1130—Duffie Bag.
- 1300—World News.
- 1310—Sports Flashes.
- 1315—Great Music.
- 1330—Yanks Radio Edition.
- 1400—Headlines—Downbeat.
- 1430—Army Talks.
- 1450—Music in Three-Quarter Time.
- 1500—Headlines—Strike up the Band.
- 1530—Combat Diary.
- 1545—On the Record.
- 1630—Miss Parade.
- 1700—Headlines—John Charles Thomas.
- 1730—Raymond Scott.
- 1745—Mark up the Maps.
- 1755—American Sports News.
- 1800—News—Program Resume.
- 1805—GI Supper Club.
- 1900—World News.
- 1905—Comedy Caravan with Jimmy Durante and Garry Moore.
- 1930—Your Hit Parade.
- 2000—Headlines—News From Home.
- 2005—Report from the Western Front.
- 2015—Top of the Evening.
- 2030—Front Line Theater.
- 2100—World News.
- 2105—Jubilee.
- 2130—Guy Lombardo.
- 2200—Headlines—AFN Correspondent.
- 2205—Cleveland Symphony.
- 2300—Final Edition.
- 2305—Sign Off.

- 1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
- 1105—Duffie Bag.
- 1300—Headlines—American Sports News.
- 1305—Corporal Saddlebags.
- 1330—Sammy Kaye's Sunday Serenade.
- 1400—Headlines—Yank Swing Session.
- 1425—Anne Shelton.
- 1455—Invitation.
- 1500—Headlines—National Barn Dance.
- 1530—Combat Diary.
- 1545—Tommy Dorsey.
- 1600—Headlines—Family Hour with Al Goodman's Orchestra.
- 1630—Take Your Choice.
- 1700—Headlines—Victory Parade.
- 1715—Andre Kostelanetz Orchestra.
- 1745—Mark Up the Maps.
- 1755—American Sports News.
- 1800—News—Program Resume.
- 1805—GI Supper Club.
- 1900—World News.
- 1905—Comedy Caravan with Jimmy Durante and Garry Moore.
- 1930—Your Hit Parade.
- 2000—Headlines—News From Home.
- 2005—Report from the Western Front.
- 2015—Top of the Evening.
- 2030—Front Line Theater.
- 2100—World News.
- 2105—Jubilee.
- 2130—Guy Lombardo.
- 2200—Headlines—AFN Correspondent.
- 2205—Cleveland Symphony.
- 2300—Final Edition.
- 2305—Sign Off.

