

Vital Rhine Bridge Seized in Holland

Scribe Chutes to Holland -- and Scoop

S. & S. Reporter, 'Too Old' for Pacific, Is First in Eindhoven

The Stars and Stripes Correspondent Herb Palmer dropped into the office yesterday and asked, "Did you miss me?" To the answer, "Where the hell have you been?" he said he'd dropped onto Holland the other day and happened to have been the first Allied soldier in Eindhoven. He also happened to have kept the diary printed below, so all was forgiven. Forty-six-year-old Palmer, of Hawthorne, N.Y., served four years in World War I, after joining the British infantry in 1915. In World War II he was with a U.S. infantry unit in California until transferred out "because they thought I was too damn old for the rigors of Pacific warfare."

Friday, Sept. 15

Got a call from paratroops and figured something was up, so went out there for

a visit. When I got there, they asked if I wanted to make a combat jump with them over Holland. Always had wanted to be a combat paratrooper, though being over 45 ruled me out before. Said OK.

Sunday, Sept. 17

Plane took off at 11 AM, and we jumped at 1:30 PM. As we crossed the German front line, flak and machine-gun bullets sprayed us—and plenty of them. Flak was busting all around us as we reached the jumping-off place. Capt. Cleveland R. Fitzgerald, of Amarillo, Tex., set for his 47th jump, casually said, "Let's go," and dropped out the door. I was second man to jump—but first I asked Sgt. Alex Belinski, of Youngstown, O., to push me in case I hesitated. It turned out he didn't have to.

Flak was all around us as we jumped,

but I was thinking more about hitting the ground than being hit. Took two pictures on the way down from Rolleiflex, strapped around chest. Was about to take a third, when I saw the ground coming up pretty fast, so decided to let it go.

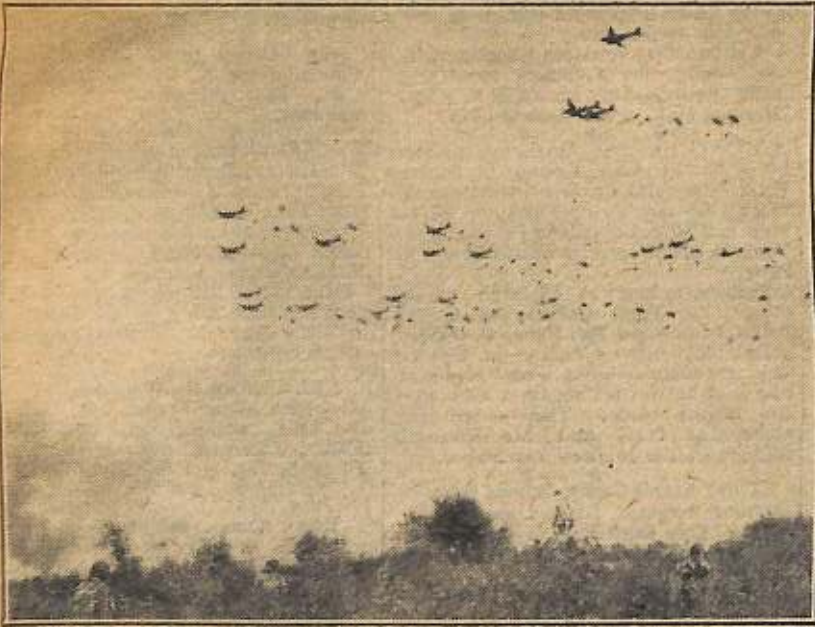
We got together at the flares marking assembly points and made our way to the village, about a half mile north. No casualties on the way, due to bad shooting by Germans and good air cover by P38s. The 38s had knocked out two German tanks on the edge of the field where we landed, which helped us plenty.

There were about 70 Germans in the village sniping from houses or around what turned out to be an ammo dump. They were quickly disposed of—one reason being there were too damn many of us for them.

At the first street corner, the paratroops I was with killed three Germans, and accounted for 15 in all. Two of our men were badly wounded by a German machine-gun, up the next crossroad at the entrance to a bridge. After a lot of firing on both sides, the machine-gun was silenced.

Two Germans on the other side of the bridge set fire to a truck before we killed them. The truck was filled with ammunition, and explosions from it lasted for two hours. Another paratroop bunch

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These pictures were taken during the actual airborne landings by Stars and Stripes Correspondent Herb Palmer, who jumped with the paratroopers. While parachuting to earth, Palmer took the top shot of paratroopers in the air, with the gray puff of flares visible in the sky. After landing, he caught a shot (middle) of Allied planes going away and of landed soldiers stripping for action in the clumps of bushes. Palmer took the lower picture of two Allied soldiers and Dutch civilians after a town was taken a few hours after landing. The Dutch in their wooden shoes brought along beer for the soldiers.



Herb Palmer

Troops Jump Into Warsaw, Nazis Report

U.S. and British bombers have dropped Polish paratroopers into Warsaw to bolster the underground's battle inside the city with the Wehrmacht, German News Agency reported yesterday, at the same time admitting that Russian troops had made new crossings of the Vistula.

The enemy report, which omitted to say on what day the landings were attempted, was not confirmed by any other source. It said "a large formation" of bombers dropped "a number of Polish commando leaders," but "all of them were shot up while still floating to earth."

Claims Landings Wiped Out
The agency's military commentator, Col. Ernst von Hammer, declared German troops wiped out all Russians who reached the west bank of the Vistula. He said landings were attempted not only from Praga, the Warsaw suburb east of the capital, but also north and south of the city.

Moscow dispatches meanwhile asserted the German defenses in the Baltic had been smashed by Marshal Leonid Govorov's breakthrough and 38-mile advance from the Narva area toward Tallinn on a 75-mile front. Although still some distance from the Latvian capital, Govorov has a relatively clear path over the Estonian coastal plain.

Gen. Ivan Bagramyan's army was in the immediate approaches to Riga's suburbs and Moscow observers expected the city would fall soon.

Ike Restricted --- By Doctor

PARIS, Sept. 21 (Reuter)—Gen. Eisenhower has been confined to his camp for several days on his doctor's orders.

The general has been driving himself to a point where his exceedingly tough physique could not stand the pace. His health deteriorated so much he was literally instructed not to leave his camp for several days. He is in tip-top form again today, however.

At his new command post in eastern France, the supreme commander is chained to his desk by a flood of administrative work which has caught up with him in the past couple of weeks.

He has done a considerable amount of traveling by air over western Europe in the past days, chatting with his army groups and his army commanders, but he is never able to get far from his control post for long.

FDR Back in Washington
WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 (UP)—President Roosevelt has returned from the Quebec talks with Prime Minister Churchill, the White House announced today.

U.S., British Forces Drive to Split Nazis; 1st Army Attacks

American airborne forces and British troops captured a vital Rhine bridge intact at Nijmegen yesterday and the Allied drive to split the German forces in Holland moved ahead.

Tanks roared across the bridge, seized after fierce fighting had halted the advance at Nijmegen, and swept ahead toward a link-up with more airborne forces 10 miles farther north in the Arnhem area.

Paris Radio broadcast an unconfirmed report that the link-up had already been made.

With the link-up completed, Allied forces would be in a position to drive to roll up the Siegfried Line from the north, and to push west to trap powerful German forces against the sea.

2 Air Forces Continue Blitz On Rail Lines

The Eighth and Ninth Air Forces yesterday continued their bombing of Nazi railroad facilities. More than 250 Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by 150 Mustangs, blasted railway yards at Mainz and Coblenz, as well as a synthetic oil plant at Ludwigshafen and other targets in western Germany, while French-based Marauders for the third straight day attacked three busy rail centers in the Trier sector.

Meanwhile, about 500 Italy-based 15th Air Force Forts and Libs again struck at rail communications supplying German troops facing the Russians on the southern front, plastering two railroad yards and three rail bridges in Hungary.

No enemy planes attacked the British-based B17s and B24s, of which three were lost. The weather was unfavorable.

Two Thunderbolt groups which went out yesterday in aid of the airborne troops in Holland shot down 20 enemy planes.

The high-scoring Eighth P47 outfit commanded by Lt. Col. David C. Schilling, of Traverse City, Mich., who scored a triple kill himself, bagged 14 in the

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A new First Army attack—to force a large breach in the Siegfried Line—also combined to stretch German resistance in the north.

In the south heavy fighting raged along the Third Army front in the Moselle Valley. The Germans threw in constant counter-attacks, losing at least 53 tanks.

Base of Salient Widens

As the base of the British salient in Holland broadened to 25 miles, the fate of between 70,000 and 100,000 Germans caught in western Holland became more serious. It was believed they were still capable of powerful counter-attacks, however, and some Nazi troops attacked advanced British columns in a bid to plow a way through to the German frontier.

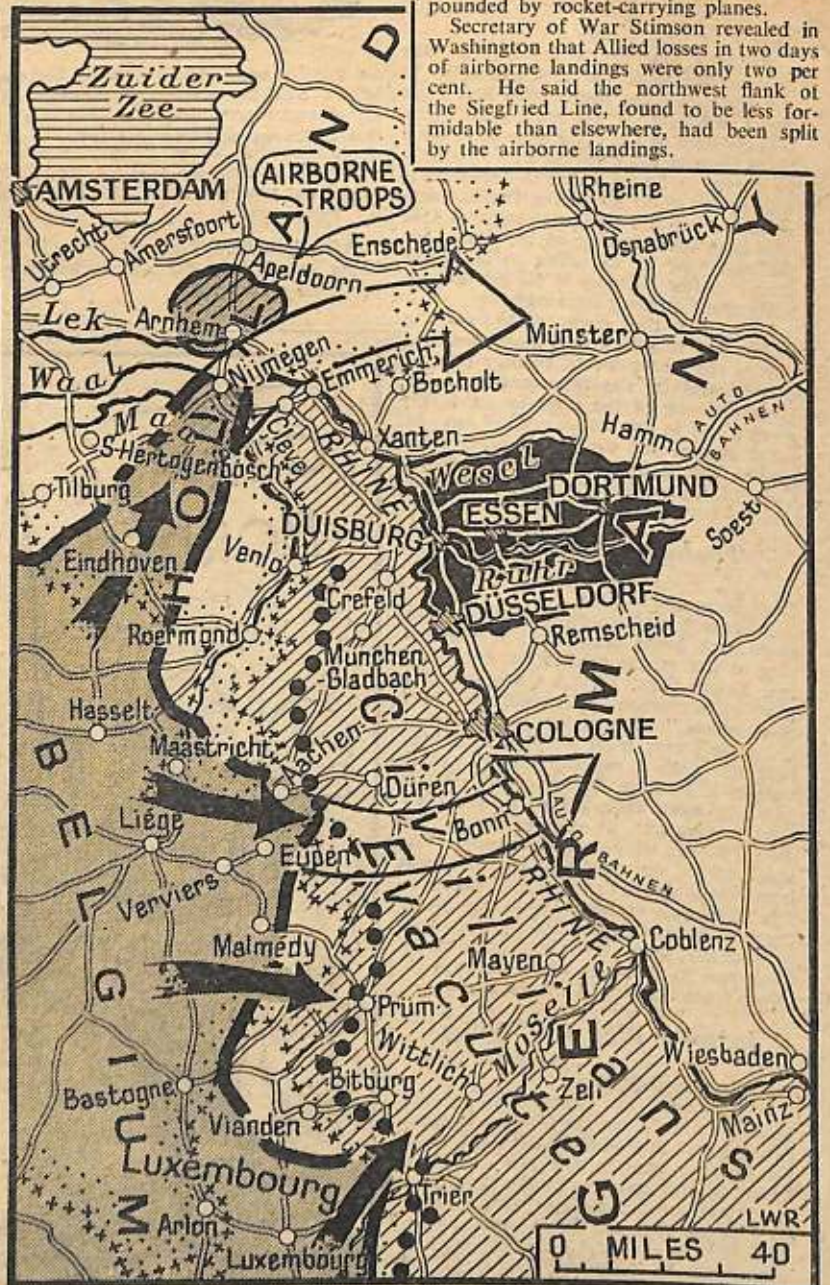
Violent battles developed around the Nijmegen bridge across the Waal River—extension of the Rhine in Holland—before Yank paratroopers and British tanks captured it. The Germans threw in training divisions and communications troops to try to hold the thrust across it and prevent the link-up with endangered airborne forces.

Berlin reported earlier that the Allies had opened a narrow line of communications between airborne forces at Arnhem and the ground troops near Nijmegen.

First Army troops began an attack through a mine-strewn forest southeast of Aachen to drive a broad wedge in the Siegfried Line. The attack met with increasing resistance.

Reaching a point six miles from Metz infantrymen of the Third Army were the nearest yet to the fortress, which was pounded by rocket-carrying planes.

Secretary of War Stimson revealed in Washington that Allied losses in two days of airborne landings were only two per cent. He said the northwest flank of the Siegfried Line, found to be less formidable than elsewhere, had been split by the airborne landings.



As Allied troops approach the Rhine and apparently aim to flank it on the north, German civilians are reported evacuating the area between the river and the frontier. The industrial Ruhr is shown in black.

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THE B BAG



BLOW IT OUT HERE

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

One Common Cause

Sept. 16, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes, Allow me to pay tribute to you and your staff concerning the editorial "Let's Set the Post-War Pattern," in Sept. 15 Stars and Stripes. However short that article is, it does much to better relations between us GIs over here who are fighting for one common cause.

I speak from experience when I say that, Heaven knows, that something should be done along that line, and I feel that just such small items as that inserted in our paper at frequent intervals would do much to solve one of the greatest problems that America has ever had to face.

I, myself, am a colored GI, and I know the entire story. I am here in a hospital ward, the only one of my race, and I am treated well. The greatest trouble that exists between us GIs is misunderstanding, and I am sure that editorials like "Let's Set the Post-War Pattern" can do much to bring about such an understanding. Hoping to see more of the same in the near future, I remain yours sincerely—Victor C. Carlton, 1/Sgt., Army of U.S.A.

Sept. 19, 1944

This note is inspired by the editorials that are being printed daily in The Stars and Stripes. I look forward to this paper every morning with more interest than I did to my hometown paper. It is the best news printed in this ETO.

"Let's Set the Post-War Pattern" is one of the finest, most simple and most direct statements we have had on our own little war that will come when we get home if we are not careful now. The men who are winning this Democracy for the world are certainly the ones to put our Democracy into active practice in their own country. The American soldier, no matter what his incident of birth or tint of skin, is first an American with but one standard for Democracy.

The Stars and Stripes is setting the pace for our papers at home in this type of editorial. May it keep this pace and may we have our war-time paper in our lasting peace.—H W B, Veteran ARC Worker.

He'd Send USO Rangers

Sept. 15, 1944.

Dear Stars and Stripes, Reading your article in the B Bag column has made me very interested in the demobilization plan. Now here's the way I look at it. There are a great many soldiers here in the ETO who have been living in grief for a period of 12 months or more. So if General Hershey is waiting for us to go to the Pacific Isles, when the hell are the great mass of GIs who have been training in the States for the past year or so going to do their share? After all, why is all this money being spent on their training?

If we are the ones going to the Pacific you might as well make civilians out of the whole lot of them. I think they should be the first to go, and a great majority of the boys in the ETO, given a rest in the States, and as soon as we're needed we would be more than glad to fight again.—The Boys of Duffey's Corner, Ed, Bob, Betsy, Chief, Al, Hector and Johnny.

'Foxhole Pillow' Gripe

Sept. 18, 1944.

Dear Stars and Stripes, It appears we have more Section Eight cases back home every day. I'm referring to the article printed in The Stars and Stripes Sept. 18, "A Christmas gift any service man will enjoy—a fox-hole pillow." I wonder if Mr. McCutcheon's ever tried sleeping in a fox-hole and with a pillow? Better yet, I wonder if we have time to sleep? If he has any more chip ideas for the civilians to give gifts as such to the service men, I'm sure we are not interested. We are breaking our backs to end this war immediately so we can spend, if possible, this Christmas at home with our loved ones and occupy a clean bed for a change. What say, men, do we expect to spend Christmas in foxholes with pillows?—A casual from France, Pvt. J. Jendziewski.

Infantry Plug for Medics

Sept. 14, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes, We want to know why the Medico's who follow the Infantry in combat can't get this \$10.00 raise along with the Infantry men in this new bill for Expert Infantrymen pay? We think they are as well entitled to it as we are. They go with us, they are in as much as we are and what do they get? We think it is our part to bring out the danger of Medico's who go into combat with the Infantry. They are doing a swell job on the lines and we think they should come in on this raise as well.—The Boys of Hosp. Ward, 20-S-4, England.

Hash Marks

Turning the Tables: And then there was the sailor who treated all his girls with wine. He wanted a little port in every sweetheart.

Snappy Repartee: Pfc Sigh Massee of Brooklyn was telling his Mustang Base Public Relations officer that he had made a rendezvous with an FW-35 on a recent Liberty run. "What's an FW-35?" asked the PRO anxiously. "A Female Wolf—35 years old!" quipped Massee as he headed for the door.

Cpl. Bill Rowe reports that an armored car reached Brussels bearing no less than nine names on its sides, tracing its varied travels: "Auburn Tiger, Ft. Sill Vester, The Ft. Hamilton Fish, Bizerte Gertrude, El Morocco, Tunis Tillie, Salerno Sadie, Normandy Nell and Brussels Baby!"

A Marine wrote his gal friend back home that he was sending her an old Polynesian bathing costume. She received a box—EMPTY. But her indignant reply

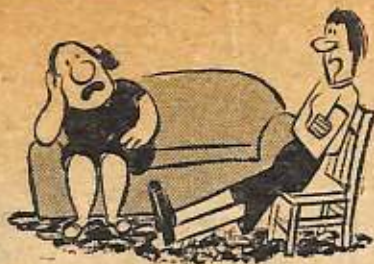


squelched the gyrene. She mischievously wrote back: "Thank you, darling. I am wearing your gift on the beach and having the MOST fun."

A mess sergeant once remarked, "Chickens are the most useful animals in the world—you can eat 'em before they are born and after they are dead." (Unfortunately, sarge, we have to eat ours in powdered form.)

Visiting a few days in an English home, a WAC took time out to write a few letters home while the family was gathered in the living room after supper. Suddenly she looked up and asked the head of the family, "How do you like American V-Mail forms?" Papa blushed and didn't answer; so the WAC continued, "They are really quite different from the British ones, you know." Papa continued the blush and whispered hurriedly to his wife. Mama giggled and explained to the puzzled WAC, "Sorry, Papa thought you said 'female' forms."

Ain't it the truth! A young gal explained to her mother, "Yes, I'm in love with Joe but I can't marry him. He's



an atheist and doesn't believe there's a hell." Said the mother consolingly, "Go ahead and marry him, dear—between the two of us we will convince him!"

Sign in a mess hall: If the meat's too tough for you, get out. This is no place for weaklings.

Afterthought. Platonic love is like being asked into the wine cellar for a bottle of ginger ale.

J. C. W.

An Editorial Take a Look at Tomorrow

THIS picture is a crystal ball. Look into it and you see a vision of tomorrow.

You see the world coming to America for help and leadership. The worried, pleading, hopeful look in this old man's eyes will be in the eyes of the world. The questions on his lips will be on the world's lips.

"What shall we do?" he asks. "Where can I get food? Where can I get work? How can I pull my family together? What should I do to put our life in order?"

These are big questions. We can't duck them. We don't know what this Civil Affairs officer is telling the old man. Neither do we know what America will tell the world.

All we know is this! That America is you and me and the folks back home. That the world trusts us, respects us and is looking to us for the signals. That, like it or not, you and I and the folks



back home must give the world its cue.

The future of the world depends on whether you and I and the folks

back home have the wisdom, sincerity and size to do the job right.

If we haven't, well—a soldier's job is never done.

Over There

A Chip Off the Old Block Needs a Leaf Off the Tree

"DEAR Dad: Here 'are your captain's bars, which I have used at home and in Africa, Sicily and England, in Scotland and Wales, in Normandy and east of the Seine and now in Belgium. Have you any major's leaves for me? Devotedly, Preston."

This brief note was written by Maj. George P. Frazer, serving with the Second Armored Division in France, to his father, Col. George H. Frazer, U.S.A., retired, of Nashville, Tenn.

The captain's bars Frazer wore prior to his promotion Sept. 8 were worn by his father in World War I.

Serving with a field artillery unit of the Eighth Infantry Division, Cpl. Buster L. Morbito, of Niles, Ohio, is called "the bookie-barber."

He cuts hair under fire and books double-or-nothing bets on his shrapnel-dodging prowess.

When the whine of an oncoming shell is heard, Morbito and his GI customer make a headlong dive for a nearby hole. If the barber gets in first, he gets paid double—if not, the haircut is on the house.

THERE are probably numerous candidates for the honor of firing the first shell into Germany, but the American public recognized Pfc Joseph P. Muckton, of Carteret, N.J., as the man, on the

strength of an eyewitness report by NBC correspondent James Cassidy.

"The first shelling of Germany by U.S. forces in this war took place Sunday, Sept. 10, when a projectile from a self-propelled 155mm. Long Tom was fired from Verviers, Belgium, ten miles from the border," Cassidy told radio listeners. "The shell was set off by Pfc Joseph P. Muckton and went crashing into Biddchen, on the Siegfried Line, just after 11:20 AM."

Surprised while bathing, cooking and shaving in a sunken road, about 30 Nazis were killed by U.S. infantrymen. Some of the Germans were even sun-bathing as the Yanks approached them from one side and opened fire.

Unaware that American troops were in the vicinity, the Germans apparently hadn't posted guards, according to T/Sgt. Harmon Hall, of San Antonio, Tex.

AMONG the first Americans to meet when Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army and Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh Army linked up were a Stars and Stripes circulation man and two Yank magazine correspondents bound for Paris.

Speeding along at 65 mph to foil snipers, the Yank staffers, Sgt. George (Slim) Aarons and Sgt. James P. O'Neill, pulled their jeep up before the first GI they encountered—Pfc Pete Hannson, who said he was setting up a new Stars and Stripes route. They parted after exchanging Paris and Mediterranean editions of the soldiers' newspaper.

T/Sgt. Lonnie Corley, Second Infantry platoon sergeant from Olney, Tex., doesn't have much faith in the carbine, although for a while he thought it was a pretty good weapon.

First he shot and killed a German 500 yards away while on the run in an advance. Then he reached a sunken road and missed a Nazi only 15 feet away.

WHILE combat infantrymen were betting on who would be the first GI into a French town being bombed by Allied planes, a division headquarters chauffeur, Pfc Floyd M. Starks, of Santa Barbara, Cal., entered the town—driving a corps liaison officer.

A U.S. Reporter's Story

Netherlands - Born, Troop Glider-Borne, Homecoming Morn

By Bill Boni

WITH AMERICAN AIRBORNE FORCE, Holland, Sept. 21 (AP)—It has been quite a homecoming.

Maybe I am the first war correspondent to return to the country of his birth by glider behind the enemy lines.

Our ship dug its nose into soft plowed ground beside a farmhouse, within a few miles of my grandmother's home.

At first people were bewildered by the parachutes and gliders and troops everywhere. Since then they have been joyous and jubilant, with considerable amazement thrown in, when they find I speak Dutch and was born here.

Soon I hope to find if the old house is still there. I may even meet some

Notes from the Air Force

THE crew of the Fortress Innocent Bystander flew with the 15th Air Force from Italian bases and bombed targets in Rome, Vienna, Belgrade, Bucharest, Budapest and Sofia. With the Eighth Air Force in the ETO, the Innocent Bystander has bombed Paris and Brussels. The crew missed Berlin by being on leave.

Members of the crew include Capt. Harold Tiaht, Burbank, Cal., pilot; 1/Lts. George W. Clark, Santa Rosa, Cal., co-pilot; Maxim Barasch, New York, navigator; and Robert E. Braithwaite, Columbus, Ohio, bombardier; T/Sgt. Wilbert H. Weweler, Latonia, Ky., radio operator; S/Sgt. Orville V. Hardy, Malvern, Ia.; Carl W. Rohrer Jr., Hagerstown, Md., ball turret gunner; Darl L. Brochardt, Ute, Ia., waist gunner, and James M. Daley, Wilwaukee, Wis., tail gunner.

The Fortress group commanded by Col. Maurice A. Preston, of Tulara, Cal., has completed 200 combat missions.

FACED with a critical shortage of vital radio crystals for fighters and bombers, T/Sgt. James T. Johnson, of Weatherford, Tex., serving with a radio research department at an ASC depot in the ETO, broke the bottleneck by inventing an intricate testing machine.

Over \$1,750,000 worth of radio equipment has been saved by the reconditioning since Aug. 21 of 50,000 heretofore useless crystals.

1/Lt. Charles R. Woodrum, Fortress pilot from Silver Spring, Md., received the DFC, while S/Sgt. Winifred C. Miller, Liberator waist gunner from Houston, Tex., got the Silver Star.

IN June, 1/Lt. Karl K. Dittmer, of El Reno, Okla., completed a tour of operations as a Fortress pilot, then put in three months as a ferry pilot and is now flying the Mustang Big Gas Bird in Col. Joe L. Mason's fighter group.

1/Lt. De Wayne J. Maxwell, of Chicago, flies the P51 Sparky II. When he was a GI in the cavalry, Sparky I was his favorite horse.

THE Fortress group commanded by Col. George L. Robinson, of Los Angeles, recently marked its second anniversary in the ETO.

In 230 operational missions, the group has unloaded 11,735 tons of bombs on targets in Germany and enemy-occupied territory. The gunners have destroyed 337 enemy planes, probably destroyed 113 and damaged 134.

In an attack on two FW190s, Capt. Joseph T. McKeon, of Maspeth, N.Y., pursued the Nazi fighters all over the sky and then, as he closed in for the kill, discovered his own guns had jammed.

"We had just pulled out of a 15,000-foot dive—the three of us bunched right together—when I managed to maneuver myself into striking position," he related. "Without being too obvious, I sort of lingered behind and let them get away while they were still scared."

ONE officer and six enlisted men of the Eighth AFSC received bronze stars recently.

The recipients were 1/Lt. Joe N. Magee, of Robstown, Tex.; M/Sgt. Kenneth C. Baldwin, of Tulsa, Okla.; Foster L. Lowrey, of Newport News, Va.; and John O. W. Lofgren, of Denver, Colo.; and T/Sgt. James E. Johnson, of Coronado, Cal.; Raymond T. Sylvester, of Portland, Ore.; and James N. Elliott, of Athens, Tenn.



"Do you suppose, Ludwig, it would be appropriate to ask for gum?"

FAULKNER

Pigskin Preview 2nd AF Has Pass-Packed Backfield

By Roy Roberts
Associated Press Sports Writer

DENVER, Aug. 21—The Rocky Mountain region is keying up for its liveliest football season in years.

War scuttled the mountain country's college conference competition when it blacked out the sport at Wyoming, Brigham Young, Colorado State, Montana and Montana State and left Denver, Utah and Utah State to carry on with 17-year-olds, 4-F's and a smattering of discharged service men.

But the same war has pyramided the football fortunes of Colorado College and Colorado, schools now devoted largely to sailor-marine training, and added two super-strength service squads to the mile-high melee—the bounding Broncos of Fort Francis E. Warren at Cheyenne and the sky-skimming new Superbombers of Second Army Air Force at Colorado Springs.

These drill-toughened clubs will battle each other in a round-robin that brings some capital letter football names to the mountains, and some will venture far from home in search of national service honors.

13-Game Schedules

The Superbombers have scheduled 13 opponents, among them the Iowa Seahawks at Lincoln Oct. 7, Fort Warren at Dever Nov. 11, Washington University at Spokane Nov. 18 and Fourth Air Force of March Field at Denver Nov. 26.

The Superbombers represent the carefully screened football talent of some 40 air bases in 14 states, mostly west of the Mississippi.

The pass-packed backfield is commanded by Lt. Glenn Dobbs, All-America from Tulsa University in 1942 and Service All-America from Randolph Field in 1943. This is the Mr. Dobbs who completed 21 passes in 29 tries for Tulsa in the 1942 Sun Bowl game, one of them a last-minute touchdown for a 6-0 win over Texas Tech, who shot



Lt. Glenn Dobbs
Superbombers' Super Passer

eight straight completions in the 1943 Sugar Bowl game, the last one for a touchdown, and who, though injured, kept hitting the pace last year as Cpl. Dobbs of Randolph Field, then starred in last month's All-Star-Bear game.

Then there's Lt. Billy Sewell, ex-Washington Stater who led the nation's collegiate passers in 1940 with 87 completions, and there's Lt. Ray Evans who won the same honor in 1942 with 101 completions on behalf of Kansas.

Shouldering into this rangy, barbed-shoulder backfield is stocky little Cpl. Chet Laniewski, 19, Ambridge, Pa., high school star in football, basketball, baseball, track and swimming.

Next to the youngest Superbomber is the biggest—230-pound, six-foot, six-inch Pfc Bob Hendren, 20, graduate of Clarinda, Iowa, high school, who will play end opposite powerful Lt. Nick Susoeff of Washington State.

Broncos to Meet Seahawks

Fort Warren is happily situated with 15 squadmen of 1943. The Broncos did right well with a regional schedule last year, and this year have expanded their game list to include the Iowa Seahawks at Iowa City Oct. 22 and Great Lakes at Chicago Nov. 24.

Colorado College, champion of the Rocky Mountain Independents and one of six untied, undefeated college teams in the nation last year, was handled roughly by sailor and marine transfer orders and has only two regulars left, Halfback Johnny Ziegler, formerly of Colorado, and Tackle Reed Nostrum, from Utah U.

Colorado's lone veteran is pass-snatching End Dave Anderson of Billings, Mont., but the new Buffalo edition will be big if not experienced.

Utah, Utah State and Denver will not send their youngsters against bruising service clubs but will stay in their own class.

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

PARIS, Sept. 21—Today's \$64 question: Has Grand Old Man Connie Mack stopped laughing at Uncle Charlie yet? It's a pity Kiley didn't consult Connie before risking his life on a precarious limb. (Ed. Note—Connie Mack last week picked the Tigers to win the pennant.)

But then, Charlie was recently married, and his wife undoubtedly influenced his prediction. Our uncle is too wise for such a naive outburst, even if he is probably flak-happy from the battle of Times Square.

At this writing, the result of the opening Tiger-Yankee game has not reached Gay Paree, but a Gotham victory can't lift McCarthy's staggering pupils any higher than they are. Even a sweep by the Bombers is merely a temporary dying gasp from the has-beens and never-weres, and with Trout, Newhouser, Overmire and company refreshed for the series, easterners will ruefully admit a sweep unlikely.

To forestal Uncle's hat-eating ordeal let's hypothetically assume the Yanks win all three. Then what? They still have a bumpy uphill voyage against the Indians, Chisox and Browns, while St. Louis and Detroit entertain the deflated Red Sox, Senators and Athletics at familiar home lots.

The Bosox have lost their swing and the Senators never had any to begin with, and our favorite refugee from the ETO ruined the possibility of the Mack-men stirring up a rumpus with his hex. Connie's pupils were happily going nowhere until their honor became involved with Charlie and now they're willing to forgive and forget.

In other words, Kiley better brace up, kiss the missus on the cheek and rush for Detroit, so that GIs in the ETO will be able to follow the World Series progress.

And what size hat will our New York commando eat?

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.

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Camera Mix-up

WILL the person who got my camera instead of his own at the Hans Crescent Club checkroom Sept. 8 write to Harold D. Lockhead, c/o Help Wanted.

Reunions

THE following towns and districts will hold reunions at Mostyn Club, Edgewood Rd., London, W.1, at 7.15 PM, Sept. 25: Great Falls, Billings, Helena, Butte (Montana), Sept. 26; Cheyenne, Laramie, Platte, Casper, Homer, Sept. 27; Cortland, Syracuse, Auburn, Ogdon (New York), Sept. 28; Salt Lake City, Ogden, Provo (Utah), Sept. 29; Fargo, Bismark (North Dakota).

Tom Thumb Was a Better Bargain

Uncle Mike Pulls Lou Oma Out of Hat to Take On Tami

NEW YORK, Sept. 21—A gentleman by the name of Barnum, who did fairly well in the circus business back in the days when GIs were willing to pay for the privilege of seeing Japs perform their acrobatics, has said that there is one sucker born every minute. And Mike Jacobs, New York boxing mogul, is once again very happy over that state of affairs.

In fact, Mike will try to take advantage of it tomorrow night when he puts on a ten-rounder between Lee Oma, of Detroit, and Tami Mauriello, of the Bronx.

Mauriello was originally scheduled to fight Joe Baksi, a tough gent from Kulpmont, Penn., but Baksi was forced to withdraw because of a heavy cold and Oma was pulled out of the Jacobs hat of substitutes.

Oma has been sparring with Mauriello, while Tami trained for Baksi, but he was forced to quit recently because of an injured ankle. Maybe that's why Friday night's bout, scheduled for 12 rounds, has been cut to ten.

And yet there are those who call those obviously sincere sportsmen, the wrestlers, nasty names!

Midwest and Coast Share Weekend's Football Spotlight

NEW YORK, Sept. 21—The Pacific Coast will share the spotlight with the Midwest this weekend as the college football season enters its second week. Southern California meets UCLA in the big Coast game at Los Angeles, while Washington plays Williamette at Seattle, Saint Mary's Pre-Flight tackles College of the Pacific at Stockton and California takes on Saint Mary's at Berkeley.

Four Big Ten teams head the list in the Midwest. Michigan mixes it with Marquette, Indiana takes on Illinois in the first conference game of the year, and Minnesota plays the Iowa Seahawks. Cornell plays Syracuse in the top eastern game, while Colgate is scheduled against Sampson Naval, West Virginia takes on Pittsburgh, Villanova meets Scranton and Bucknell opposes Muhlenberg.

Southwest and Big Six elevens cross swords when Texas Christian plays Kansas and Arkansas visits Missouri. In the Rocky Mountain sector, the Second Air Force plays Whitman, and Washburn struggles with Colorado College.

Tribe Acquires Two Hurlers

CLEVELAND, Sept. 21—The Indians have purchased Bill Connes and Earl Henry, left-handed pitchers, from the Wilkes-Barre team of the Eastern League.

5 Grid Rule Changes Okayed by EICFA

NEW YORK, Sept. 21—Rule changes advocated by the Eastern Intercollegiate Football Association last month have been approved, with one exception. The rule permitting forward passing from any place behind the line of scrimmage failed to get sufficient support.

Five other rules were accepted. They are: (1) Out-of-bounds kickoffs prohibited, with penalties for each out-of-bounds kick until a fair kick is made; (2) a one-inch artificial tee will be permitted on the kickoffs; (3) illegal forward passes will be less severely penalized; (4) the offside rule and penalties will be clarified, and (5) a defensive team may advance a ball fumbled by opponents.

Bengals Subdue Yanks; Brownies Triumph, 5-2

NEW YORK, Sept. 21—Manager Steve O'Neill threw Dizzy Trout at the Yankees yesterday, and whatever it was that Dizzy threw at them was plenty good, as the Tigers stopped the champs for the second straight day, 8-2, to increase their lead to four games over the Gothamites while the Browns hung on, only a game and a half off the pace, by stopping the Senators, 5-2.

In notching his 25th triumph of the year, Trout pitched seven-hit ball while his mates hit hard behind him. The Bengals put the game on ice in the eighth frame with a five-run rally after the Bombers had crept to within one run of a tie. Dick Wakefield was the big noise in the winners' batting attack with a 405-foot inside-the-park homer in the opening frame in addition to three singles. The Bombers' runs came in the seventh when Nick Eiten singled and Frankie Crosetti hit a three and two pitch into the lower left field stands. Mel Queen, rookie right-hander, started for the McCarthymen and gave up 11 of 12 Detroit hits before he was relieved in the eighth by Floyd Bevans.



American League					
Detroit 8, New York 2	St. Louis 5, Washington 2 (night)	Chicago 6, Philadelphia 1 (night)	Cleveland 11, Boston 10 (13 innings)	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Detroit .80 62 .563	Cleveland .68 75 .476	St. Louis .79 64 .552	Philadelphia .67 77 .465	New York .76 66 .535	Chicago .66 77 .462
Boston .74 68 .521	Washington .61 82 .427	Washington at St. Louis (night)	Philadelphia at Chicago (night)	Other teams not scheduled.	

National League					
Pittsburgh 2, Brooklyn 1	Philadelphia 3, Cincinnati 2 (twilight)	Cincinnati 6, Philadelphia 4 (night)	Other games postponed.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
St. Louis .96 45 .681	New York .63 77 .450	Pittsburgh .83 58 .589	Boston .58 82 .414	Cincinnati .80 61 .567	Philadelphia .58 82 .414
Chicago .66 73 .475	Brooklyn .58 84 .408	Chicago at New York (2)	Pittsburgh at Brooklyn (2)	Cincinnati at Philadelphia (2)	St. Louis at Boston

Leading Hitters

National League					
Walker, Brooklyn	G AB R H Pct.	135 490 75 175 .357			
Musial, St. Louis	125 468 93 152 .325				
Medwick, New York	123 477 63 162 .340				
Hopp, St. Louis	128 487 104 162 .333				
W. Cooper, St. Louis	102 359 51 115 .320				
Weintraub, New York	100 341 53 109 .320				

American League					
Johnson, Boston	G AB R H Pct.	132 479 103 157 .328			
Doerr, Boston	125 468 93 152 .325				
Fox, Boston	114 468 70 152 .325				
Boudreau, Cleveland	138 538 89 173 .322				
Stirnweiss, New York	142 592 114 187 .316				

Runs Batted In

American League—Stephens, St. Louis, 101;
Johnson, Boston, 96; Lindell, New York, 92.
National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 108;
Sanders, St. Louis, 101; Elliott, Pittsburgh, 96.

Home Run Hitters

American League—Eiten, New York, 20;
Stephens, St. Louis, 19; Johnson, Boston, and Lindell, New York, 17.
National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 32; Ott, New York, 26; Northey, Philadelphia, 19.

Vols Capture Southern Title

NEW YORK, Sept. 21—The Nashville Vols battled their way to the Southern Association championship yesterday by defeating Memphis, 11-10, and gaining a 4-3 playoff game edge, while in the International League Buffalo stopped Baltimore, 1-0, in a game that was called at the end of the seventh because of rain.

Buffalo now holds a 2-0 edge over Baltimore in games and is favorite to meet the Newark Bears, who eliminated the Toronto Maple Leafs in four straight, for the International League crown.

In the American Association Saint Paul defeated Toledo, 2-1, to even the series at the three games, while in the Eastern League Utica defeated Hartford, 9-8, to eliminate the Connecticut team three games to two and enter the finals against Binghamton.

On the Way Up



Keystone photo

This quintet of lovelies was snapped at the recent AAU swimming meet at Kansas City. Keep your eyes on them for they're of championship caliber. Their names? We've taken care of that.



Chet Laabs

Chet Laabs' three singles leading the attack. A double by Mike Kreevich, a single by Laabs and Milt Byrnes' double clinched the game in the seventh frame. Kramer got himself out of a tough jam in the same inning when, with three men on and nobody out, he extinguished the fire at the cost of only one run. Hafner lasted seven innings in losing.

Chisox Sweep Series

The White Sox swept their two-game series with the Athletics last night with a 6-1 victory and climbed to within a half-game of sixth place. Russ Christopher held the Dykesmen to two raps in the first six frames, but he blew up in the seventh, allowing all six runs. Orval Grove started for the winners, but Ralph Hodgins batted for him in the big seventh and Gordon Maltzberger finished. Christopher, the loser, was relieved by Joe Berry in the seventh.

It took the Indians and Red Sox 13 innings to come to an agreement at Cleveland yesterday, the Tribe finally pushing across two runs to win, 11-10. Joe Cronin's men scored two runs in the ninth to tie the count, 9-9, then forged ahead in the 13th on Bob Johnson's single and Jim Tabor's double.

But the Indians came back in the home half to clinch the game on two walks, Lou Boudreau's double and a long fly by Ken Keltner. Each team used four pitchers, with Jim Bagby winning over Yank Terry. Tabor collected four hits in seven tries for the Sox, and Ray Mack got four for six for the Tribe.

Bucs Rip Dodgers

The Pittsburgh Pirates prolonged the National League pennant "race" by defeating Leo Durocher's hapless Hooligans, 2-1, as Nick Strincevich hurled a six-hitter and hung up his 14th win. Fred Wells, Dodger rookie right-hander, gave up both corsair runs before leaving for a pinch-hitter in the seventh.

In the only other National League action, the Phillies topped the Reds in a twilight skirmish, 3-2, but Cincinnati came back to cop the night game, 6-4, breaking a six-game Philly winning streak and giving Bucky Walters victory number 22. Charlie Schanz scored his 13th decision in the opener, which was settled in the eighth when Tony Lupien, doubled and rode home on Ron Northey's single. Ed Heusser was the loser. Eddie Miller, usually a meek character with a bat, was the whole show for the Reds in the nightcap, driving in five of their six runs, three on a homer in the fourth. Ken Raffensberger, who lasted five innings, was charged with the setback.

Dodds to Take Crack At Indoor Mile Mark

OMAHA, Sept. 21—Gil Dodds, Boston divinity student and holder of the world's indoor one mile record—4:06.4—will return to competition this fall for a crack at his own mark.

Dodds, who hasn't raced since last March, said his retirement was only temporary and was influenced by a sprained ankle. He already has started working out.



By Courtesy of United Features

In Those United States

Legion Urges One-Year Military Training for All

CHICAGO, Sept. 21 (ANS)—The American Legion yesterday concluded its 26th annual convention by electing Edward N. Scheiberling, Albany (N.Y.) attorney, as national commander and adopting resolutions recommending:

- 1—Unconditional surrender and permanent disarmament of Germany and Japan with opposition to a "soft peace."
2—An association of free nations "implempted with whatever force may be necessary" to maintain peace and prevent a recurrence of war.
3—Immediate enactment of legislation for universal one-year military training of physically qualified young men upon the expiration of the Selective Service act.
4—The continued control by the U.S. of Army and Navy bases abroad needed for national security; maintenance of an American Navy capable of combating "any probable combination of hostile ships" and "vigorous opposition" to the scrapping of any first-line ships; support of a free enterprise system with government control limited, and "prompt and sympathetic administration of the 'GI Bill of Rights.'"

Jobs for GIs Prime Duty

HERSHEY, Pa., Sept. 21 (ANS)—Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Chief of Selective Service, today said a unity of effort in securing jobs for the millions of returning servicemen is "a duty for the entire nation. We must not be too much concerned about stepping on each other's toes or about taking credit for what we do. The important thing is to assure a job for every returning serviceman."

Must Yield Overtime

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 21 (ANS)—Union workers must be willing to sacrifice overtime and bonus pay after the war in order to provide full employment for returning servicemen, William Green, president of the AFL, said. Green warned of a temporary slump in employment during reconversion but said this would be offset by an unprecedented demand for civilian goods.

After All, Major, We're All in This Together

NEW YORK, Sept. 21 (ANS)—Dorothy Lamour rolled into town for a time with her husband, Maj. Ross Howard III, but photographers on hand to meet the actress at Penn Station found her in the arms of two sailors—not her husband's. One of the middies merely grinned at the camera, the other looked at Miss Lamour longingly. Her husband looked, too. Later in the day, the sarong lady visited a downtown department store and took over the controls of one of the elevators—no new job for her. Before being "discovered," she ran elevators at Marshall Field's in Chicago.

Packard to Hire 28,000

DETROIT, Sept. 21 (ANS)—The Packard Motor Car Co. plans to hire 28,000 employees after the war—about double its pre-war personnel—President George T. Christopher said today. The plant figures to turn out 200,000 automobiles a year and expects to continue making aircraft engines in a newly purchased factory here.

Oh, Baby

CHICAGO, Sept. 21 (ANS)—The stork at Brookfield Zoo was a bit weary today. Births included a 45-pound baby rhinoceros, said by officials to be the second rhino ever born in captivity. Director Robert Bean described the baby rhino, whose mother weighs 3,000 pounds, as "the most beautiful, ugly baby in the world."

One Thing and Another at the Capital

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 (ANS)—The Senate Commerce committee approved legislation authorizing payments not to exceed \$7,500 for merchant seamen permanently injured from causes related to the war effort. . . . Selective Service officials disclosed "an unusual number of men over 30" have asked to be inducted. . . . The first phase of the Dumbarton Oaks world security conference will end next week. . . . Under-secretary of War Robert P. Patterson warned against "sentimentalism" in the peace with Germany and Japan.

Freighters Set Record

CLEVELAND, Sept. 21 (ANS)—After breaking all records for hauling, freighters on the Great Lakes will be docked next month for the winter—the earliest closing since the war started. Up to Sept. 1 the ships had carried 54,500,000 tons of ore, 2,000,000 more than for the same period in 1943.

Chirp-hic-Chirp

PEEKSKILL, N.Y., Sept. 21 (ANS)—There are crickets around here which have hangovers. Henry D. Swain, acting superintendent of public works, recommended that pans with stale beer be set around houses to poison the crickets. The result: the crickets drank the beer and began chirping louder.

5th Army Wins 4 More Peaks

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Sept. 21—Fifth Army troops captured four more mountains guarding the route to the Lombardy plain in Italy and today were approaching the mountain village of Santa Lucia, half a mile south of the famous 2,962-foot Futa Pass, key position in the Gothic Line.

Marshal Albert Kesselring was reported moving troops from the west coast to bolster the central Gothic Line north of Florence.

In the Adriatic sector Allied troops advanced within 2,000 yards of Rimini.

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Friday, Sept. 22

- 8755—Sign On—Program Resume.
8800—World News.
8810—Songs by Frank Sinatra.
8825—Music in the Manner of Jimmy Dorsey.
8900—Headlines—Combat Diary.
8915—Personal Album with Ann Ayers.
8930—AIF Ranch House.
8940—Headlines—Morning After (Major Glenn Miller).
1030—Strike up the Band.
1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
1103—Duffie Bag.
1300—Headlines—American Sports News.
1305—John Charles Thomas with Victor Young's Orchestra.
1310—Downbeat.
1400—Headlines—Visiting Hour.
1500—Headlines—Strike up the Band.
1530—Combat Diary.
1545—On the Record.
1630—It Pays to be Ignorant.
1700—Headlines—Melody Roundup.
1715—At Ease.
1730—London Column.
1745—Mark Up the Map.
1755—American Sports News.
1800—World News—Program Resume.
1805—GI Supper Club.
1900—World News.
1905—Duffy's Tavern.
1915—Bob Crosby with Les Tremayne and Shirley Mitchell.
2000—Headlines—News from Home.
2005—Report from the Western Front.
2015—Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians.
2030—Here's to Romance.
2100—World News.
2105—Ransom Sherman Show.
2115—California Melodies with Frank Duval's Orchestra.
2200—Headlines—Ten O'Clock Special.
2300—Final Edition.
2305—Sign Off.

On the Continent listen to your favorite AFN programs over the Allied Expeditionary Forces Program: 583 kc. 514m.

What They Do in the Infantry



Here is the infantryman's war—slogging through the mud. These American doughboys move across the approaches to the Moselle River, in France, unimpeded by the sticky terrain.

British Planes Raid Sumatra

Striking within 625 miles of Singapore, British carrier-borne bombers from an Eastern Fleet task force attacked a railway repair center at the northern tip of Sumatra Monday, meeting hardly any opposition, it was announced yesterday.

At the same time U.S. Marines in the southwest Pacific were reported by a correspondent aboard the Palau expedition flagship to have brought under control two-thirds of Peleliu island, 600 miles east of the Philippines.

The Navy Department announced the Marines on Peleliu had killed an estimated 7,045 Japanese in bitter fighting, and Army troops on southernmost Angaur had wiped out an additional 600.

Dispatches from Southeast Asia headquarters said the Sumatra raid took the Japanese completely by surprise and no ack-ack fire was encountered.

It was the sixth time since April the fleet had struck virtually unchallenged at the Japanese defense perimeter. The target was Sigli, a railway maintenance town inside the Malacca Strait. One plane was lost.

Censoring of GI Ballots Brings Denial from Army

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 (ANS)—The Army today officially denied charges its censors had opened envelopes containing soldier votes in State primaries. Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson when asked about the charges said that the War Department had investigated them and inquiry "had not disclosed to date a single ballot envelope opened by Army censor."

Caffery Is Slated To Become First U.S. Envoy to Paris

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 (AP)—Jefferson Caffery, American Ambassador to Brazil, is slated to be the first U.S. Ambassador to liberated France.

Caffery, career diplomat from Lafayette, La., returned this week from his post at Rio de Janeiro and is consulting with State Department officials. The first step toward his new job is expected to be his appointment to replace William Phillips as political adviser to Gen. Eisenhower on French affairs.

The post will carry the personal rank of ambassador but official rank will probably be withheld until the U.S. accords complete recognition to the new French government.

Senate Places its Okay On New Ambassadors

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 (ANS)—The Senate swiftly approved the appointment by President Roosevelt of new ambassadors to the Netherlands, newly-freed Belgium and exile governments of Yugoslavia, Poland and Norway whose early liberation was hinted by the Presidential action.

Also confirmed were nominations of new envoys to Colombia, Bolivia and El Salvador as well as Tuesday's nomination of George Wadsworth, of New York, as minister to the newly recognized republics of Lebanon and Syria.

Bills for V-Day Pass Congress

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 (ANS)—With major post-war legislation out of the way, Congress adjourned today in order to head home for some fence-building before the November elections.

The lawmakers completed action yesterday on the last of four major bills in the event of a sudden German collapse when the House sent to President Roosevelt legislation drawing the outlines for demobilization of civilian war workers and reconversion of war industries.

While neither the measure setting up an Office of Mobilization nor another which charts the way for disposing of upwards of \$100,000,000,000 of surplus war properties satisfied everybody, the feeling prevailed that the framework would hold until after the election.

More satisfactory to all is the already-signed legislation creating:

- 1—A system for terminating war contracts intended to help industry make a speedy shift from war to civilian production by offering credit and other aids.
2—A program for war veterans in the "GI Bill of Rights" under which men and women of the armed forces are to get unemployment compensation, hospitalization, educational and home and business-owning opportunities.

Air - - - - -

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air, of which S/L Michael Gladych, a visiting Polish pilot with the group, got two.

The group commanded by Lt. Col. Ben Rimerman, of Omaha, Neb., shot down the other six.

Bombing just ahead of Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges' U.S. First Army, the medium bombers struck in three waves and dropped 200 tons of bombs on key Nazi railroad yards at Ehring, just north of Trier, and Pronsfeld and Gerolstein, some 30 miles to the north, which have been jammed with troop and supply movements for the past week.

New Contract Demands Are Framed by Miners

CINCINNATI, Sept. 21 (ANS)—The United Mine Workers convention ended yesterday with the framing of new contract demands and an appeal by President John L. Lewis for the same measure of support next year which miners gave him in the four-strike wage fight of 1943 and 1944.

"For 16 long months," Lewis said, "we weathered those adverse circumstances and lived through those trying vicissitudes only because of loyal confidence and support."

Fare Enough

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 20 (ANS)—The woman passenger, who was by herself, handed the bus driver two tickets. "I weigh 481 pounds," she explained, "and I really take up two seats." She wasn't kidding.

Scribe Chutes to Holland, Leads Allies to Eindhoven

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captured about 30 Germans, and brought them to the crossroads.

Dutch people were all out of the houses by the time the firing ended, and were busy cleaning up the debris. They were very clean people—asked if they could bury the Germans right away.

Monday, Sept. 18

Hitch-hiked ten miles south to the outskirts of Eindhoven, where a brigadier general said we hadn't taken this town yet. He was pretty busy on a telephone—another paratroop unit was about to come down—so I went on ahead.

As the first Allied soldier in Eindhoven, I got a terrific reception—Dutch people were handing me beer, kissing me, and all that, and a lot of them seemed so glad to see an American they just wanted to touch my hand.

There were some Germans farther down the street, and I could have had a scrap if the civilians hadn't made it so difficult to get down there. So I gave up, as I saw the paratroops coming along, and ducked into a house to get away from the civilians. The house turned out to be a barber shop, where they gave me some of the best beer I've

had since New York and a shave.

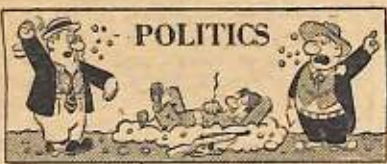
Tuesday, Sept. 19

Hitch-hiked back to Brussels, where they were still celebrating their liberation after two weeks. It was a big thrill for me—the second time I've seen Brussels freed from the Germans. I was there with the infantry in 1918, after slogging along the ground for about a million miles and always being tired out by the time you got to your objective to fight.

This 1944 war is easy to get to, and the whole trip was well worth while as I am now privileged to wear paratroop wings.

The men who made a success of this particular airborne landing were:

- Capt. Cleveland R. Fitzgerald, Amarillo, Tex., jumpmaster and commander of Co. B Paratroops
Sgt. Willard O. Weaver, Evansville, Ind.; Cpl. Ernest Moorhead, Indiana, Pa.; Sgt. Bert Riggs, Statesboro, Ga.; Pfc Richard Holbinski, West Allies, Wis.; Pvt. James Cassidy, Jersey City; Pvt. Sumner Conant, Peabody, Mass.; Pvt. Arthur A. Justice, Haverhill, O.; Pvt. John F. Webb, Providence, R.I.; Pvt. Joseph H. Smith, DeLham, Mass.; Pvt. Ailin F. Carter, Winston, Salem, N.C.; Sgt. Alex Behnski, Loungstown, O.; Pvt. Ralph Cooke, Boston; Pfc Julian Otejar, Lowell, Mass.; Cpl. William I. Burr, Los Angeles, and Pvt. Bernard B. Rourke, Richmond, Ind.; Pvt. George H. Kief, New York City.
Capt. John W. Kelly, Winamac, Ind., pilot; Lt. Eugene E. Timmons, Evansville, Ind., copilot; 1/Sgt. Wilson C. Smith, Ft. Wayne, Ind., crew chief, and S/Sgt. Gerhard W. Jackson, Stambaugh, Mich., radio man.



Dewey Wants Housecleaning

EUGENE, Ore., Sept. 21 (ANS)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey today proposed a Federal government housecleaning that would put "the people who have lived close to people" in administrative posts.

'Indispensable Man' a 'Straw Man'

NEW YORK, Sept. 21 (AP)—The "indispensable man" proposition was originated by the Republicans," Sen. Harry S. Truman, Democratic vice-presidential nominee, said today in commenting on Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's charge at Portland, Ore., that President Roosevelt considered himself "indispensable to the entire world."

"We never said there was an indispensable man," Truman said. "We believe there should be a man of experience in the White House at this time."

Bricker Confident of Pennsylvania

BALTIMORE, Md., Sept. 21 (ANS)—Gov. John W. Bricker today said he "was convinced that the Republicans will carry Pennsylvania."

Barney Ross for Roosevelt

NEW YORK, Sept. 21 (ANS)—Barney Ross, former boxing champion and Marine hero on Guadalcanal, announced today the formation of a "Young Americans for Roosevelt" organization, which he described as a nation-wide group. Its objective, he said, was to enlist 100,000 prominent young people to work for the re-election of the President.

