

Nazi Line Can Be Cracked Says Veteran of Moselle

Germany's Siegfried line in the Moselle river region can be fractured by the French and British. And when it is, Hitler will be as well as locked, for by a penetration of the Nazi "west wall" at this point the Allied forces will be in position to launch a flank attack at the line, while at the same time drive up the Moselle river, the natural gateway to the heart of the Reich.

This is the opinion of Gilbert I. Stuart, Medford contractor, who saw front line action in the World War with the Fourth Engineers of the Fourth division, and after the Armistice was stationed for nine months in the same Moselle region in which most of the heavy fighting in the current conflict has been carried out.

What's more, Mr. Stuart said he believed, the French and British not

It is known that the French possess probably the greatest array of heavy artillery in the world, that they are the finest gunners, and I look for them to start a furious assault on the Siegfried line, supplemented by hundreds of bombing planes, prior to a large-scale infantry and tank push.

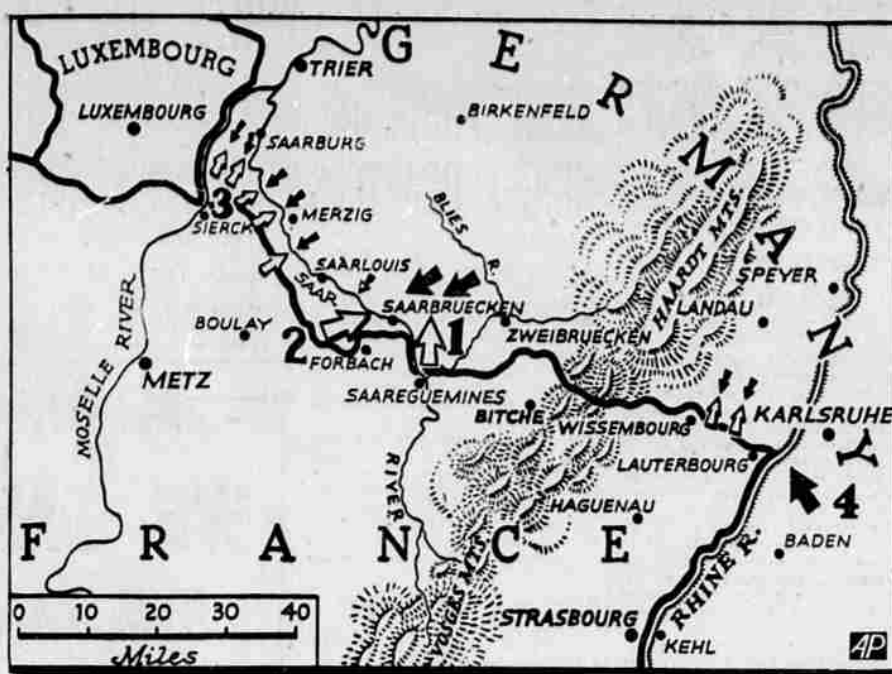
The present strategy of the French, it appeared to Mr. Stuart, is to work slightly northeast to the important German town of Trier on the Moselle river, in order to flank the Siegfried line. It was in Trier that Mr. Stuart was stationed with the American army of occupation, and the military importance of the town can't be underestimated, he stated.

Saarbrücken Key Point.
Saarbrücken, a German city in the Saar region south of the Moselle river and which the French have claimed to have encircled on three sides, is another key position which would prove valuable to the French

only can crack the Siegfried line, but that's just what they are planning to do.

No Major Battle Yet.
"Apparently there hasn't been a major battle in the region," he said, "and the reason, I believe, is that the French are moving up a tremendous number of heavy artillery pieces to bombard the Siegfried line."

Four Highspots on Western Front



This map shows the four high-spots as reported from Paris on the western front. French motorized units were reported in the suburbs of Saarbrücken (1). From forest of Warndt, French artillery (2). In area north of Trier (3), hand-to-hand fighting reported. While reports of German troop movements from Baden (4) led Swiss to believe Germans expected a major French drive.

TRANSIENT SENTENCED TO 35 DAYS IN JAIL FOR THEFT OF RADIO

Jerry Perkins, a transient, was sentenced to 35 days in the county jail yesterday by Justice of the Peace William R. Coleman, on a charge of larceny of a 1932 model radio, from Marguerite Walker.

Perkins has signed a complaint charging Ralph Johnson, another transient, with theft of wearing apparel belonging to Perkins, including a suit of clothes and three neckties.

Johnson as yet has not been arrested. Testimony at the hearing showed Perkins had taken the radio to his room with the announced intention of buying it. He claimed that Johnson had taken the radio, sold it and purchased wine, which both drank. Perkins declared he had no part in the radio sale, but a second-hand store man said both were present. Perkins claims that when the first supply of wine was exhausted, Johnson stole his clothes, and sold them for funds to buy more wine. Madison L. Stanton and Charles D. Gers, both of Medford, charged with non-possession of an auto license, were each fined \$2 and costs.

WILLARD, O.—(UP)—The ages of the guests at Mrs. Myra McElfish's 83rd birthday party totaled 1,110 years. The youngest guest was 69.



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if they could capture it, Mr. Stuart pointed out. The land around Saarbrücken is a high plateau, he explained, and if it fell into French hands the Allies could command a fine position to attack the main fortifications of the Siegfried line.

In this terrific French artillery bombardment which Mr. Stuart expects to occur very soon, delayed-action shells will probably be used, he said. These shells, he explained, are constructed to explode only after a considerable penetration of their object, and he predicted they would cause vital damage to the iron and steel forts on the Siegfried line. In his opinion, no concerted Allied drive will be attempted until the French heavy guns have hammered the line for several days.

Machines Big Factor.
In contrast to the opinion of many military men, Mr. Stuart believes that machines, especially airplanes, will play a huge part in determining the ultimate outcome of the war. Although admitting that planes can't capture and hold a position, he pointed out that they would prove invaluable in destroying roads and supply bases behind the front lines, making it difficult to transport food and military supplies to the troops.

More and more, he explained, machines were being used to do the work of men, in peace as well as war. He cited several examples of peacetime machinery which accomplished what many men could not do in years past. Tanks should also be effective in certain types of operation, such as destroying machine-gun nests, clearing out barbed-wire entanglements and such, he stated.

Nazis Bound to Lose.
If no other nations become involved in the war, and Germany is forced to fight France, Great Britain and Poland, the Nazis can't win, in Mr. Stuart's opinion. They are bound to lose because their financial system won't stand the strain of a war, he asserted.

"Germany is desperately short on oil, rubber and copper—vital war necessities—and I don't see how they

can obtain them. They have no gold with which to purchase these materials and it isn't logical to assume any nation will extend Germany credit or accept German currency in exchange for such things as she needs. Following the World War the German mark dropped in value until 50 billion marks meant only one cent in American exchange, and the memory of this should make other nations wary."

DE MOLAY SEATS NEW OFFICERS IN PUBLIC CEREMONY

Medford DeMolay chapter's installation and dance in the Masonic temple last night attracted the largest attendance ever recorded at a chapter event here.

Officers for 1939-40 were installed at a public ceremony after which dancing was enjoyed. The chapter also inaugurated its fall program of meetings and other activities and it was announced that regular sessions at 7:30 p. m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month would be started September 20. Preparations were also begun for the district conference to be held here in the first week of December.

Elected officers installed last night were William C. Strang, master counselor, and Richard T. Nelson, junior counselor.

Appointed officers installed were Edward Evanson, senior deacon, Donald Hathaway, junior deacon; William Littrell, senior steward; William Townes, junior steward; Donald Wood, chaplain; George Coddling, Jr., marshal; Robert Lee, standard bearer; Kenneth Barrett, sentinel; James Elliott, orator; Jack Pruitt, almoner; Robert Bryant, first preceptor; Robert Oirt, second preceptor; Ernst Ludwig, third preceptor; Robert Leonard, fourth preceptor; Frank Dixon, fifth preceptor; William Thordike, sixth preceptor, and Mark Miller, Jr., seventh preceptor.

RED CROSS TO AID WAR SUFFERERS

Jackson county chapter of the American Red Cross will receive but is not soliciting contributions for relief made necessary by the war in Europe. It was announced today by George T. Frey, chapter chairman. This is the policy adopted by the central committee for all Red Cross chapters, Mr. Frey said.

The war funds will be used for needed supplies which will be distributed impartially in accordance with Red Cross policies, Mr. Frey related. Contributors may designate the country for the relief of which they wish to have their contributions utilized, he stated.

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