

Correspondents Change Pace To Give Small Incidents in War's Horror, Humor Reality

By Four United Press War Correspondents

Come with us and see the sights of battle and meet the people fighting it.

For weeks, now, we've been reporting to you the great victories. Today we want to tell you about the small things which give war its horror, its humor, and its reality.

By Robert Richards

With the American Third Army on the Moselle River, Sept. 10—(U.P.)—Sixteen wounded men got back across the river last night in boats and a few others got back by daylight today, pulling themselves along by rope in a rowboat ferry under a howling fire by German machine-guns, mortars and 88 mm. guns.

"We must get to them... we must!" said Medical Corps Maj. Bert Rightman, standing, his fists clenched, on the bank, watching the explosions on the other side.

Our men were in a woods, and we could not see them. But we could see plainly the Germans, in broad meadows, who flanked their positions. We could see the helmeted heads of the Germans leaning over the machineguns which they were firing into the woods. Our

Thunderbolt fighters roared over endlessly with German shells bursting about them, and occasionally a plane dived toward a concealed German fort in the hills behind the woods.

The trees grow close to the water's edge here. Solemn black crows line the fences despite the fire. Two miles behind the river, soldiers clean their mess kits.

By Robert Vermillion

With the American Seventh Army, South Central France, Sept. 10—(U.P.)—Forty American soldiers were captured by the disorganized German 11th panzer division. They were herded into a prisoners' cage and soon were chatting with English-speaking guards. One of the Nazis asked them what they were fighting for.

"I'm fighting to end the war you Germans started," said Lt. John O. Stewart of Bar River, Mont. "What are you fighting for?"

"All Germany is fighting for now is time," replied a German lieutenant. "Hitler has a new secret weapon that you'll see soon and it'll change everything."

A little later, when no other Germans were near, the lieutenant whispered to Stewart: "We've been getting that line of bull for months now."

The panzer division was retreating toward the Reich and the Americans were loaded into a truck with two guards.

At first they were at the head of the column, but hurrying German vehicles kept passing until, finally, they were at its end.

The 40 of them were working on the two guards, telling them about the marvels of Hollywood and assuring them that American soldiers got thick, juicy steaks three times a day.

Pretty soon the guards ceased to be guards. The truck turned around and joined the pursuing Americans.

By Henry T. Gorrell

With an American Armored Division, South of Liege, Sept. 10—(U.P.)—The battle was fought

Dewey Visits His Michigan Birthplace



Leading a parade of thousands of jubilant citizens, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, his mother, Mrs. George Dewey, and his wife drive to the City Hall of Owosso, Mich., where the Republican presidential nominee gave a brief speech before speaking the night in his birthplace.

yesterday in cold weather when the German columns, one of which was 10 miles long, were cornered in the woods at Louveigne between Liege and Verriere by our reconnaissance tanks and armored cars. Aided by artillery, planes and infantrymen with bazookas, the Germans suffered heavily while we had comparatively few casualties.

A general miraculously escaped injury when a mortar shell exploded only a few feet away. Three of his staff officers were wounded and another was killed. The general was untouched.

The Luftwaffe has been showing up a little on this sector and during the last few hours I have seen a number of dog fights. During the night enemy planes were particularly active trying to locate our spearhead. It was a hot night in the air, but it was so cold on the ground that this morning I found frost on my bedroll.

While the tanks, artillery and planes worked on the Germans, some doughcocks watched the show, but others read old newspapers or knocked apples off the trees. To them it was old stuff, but the black and white cows in the pastures moo in terror.

By Edward W. Beattie

On the Moselle Battlefield, Sept. 10—(U.P.)—American and German artillery and mortars duelled savagely over this fabu-

lous valley today.

Six years ago this was one of the most peaceful sections of Europe. The people worked in their fields, drank their fine wine, strolled through the pleasant woods. Today flashes of angry fire punctuated the gloom of the woods; blue-gray smoke drifted across the vineyards. Below there was the constant chatter of machineguns.

Through glasses, I watched two Germans in a foxhole manning a spandau, firing spasmodic, hysterical bursts into the woods the Americans hold.

Upstream, American boats were crossing. The serenity of the tree-clad hillsides from that direction was marred by great clouds of drifting dust and smoke from shellbursts.

Behind us, down the valley, somebody flushed a sniper and there was a brief rattle of small arms fire. Back there, a corporal was cutting hair for a wire-laying outfit at 25 cents a man.

"FIGHTING FOOL" RESTS

Monrovia, Calif., Sept. 13—(U.P.)—Adm. Raymond A. Spruance, "Fightin' Fool of the Pacific," today spent his first day of a two-week vacation by triumphantly remembering it was his wife's birthday. "Got home just in time," he grinned on his arrival yesterday for a brief rest on his orange ranch.

The capital of Canada was moved from Kingston to Montreal in 1844.

ROMANIA, ALLIES SIGN ARMISTICE

Moscow, Sept. 13—(U.P.)—An armistice agreement was signed by Romania and Russia yesterday, marking the first time the three major Allies have jointly formulated terms for a defeated mutual enemy, it was announced today.

Unlike the Italian armistice, of which the Russians were informed and consulted at long distance, the Romanian terms were drawn up in face-to-face discussions among Soviet and Anglo-American representatives. They reached a full understanding before the terms were submitted to the Romanians.

Another innovation was the fact that Marshal Radu Y. Malinovsky, one of the two Soviet conquerors of Romania, signed the agreement in behalf of Russia, the United States, and Britain.

The terms were not disclosed and may not be for some time.

WAC Assignment Choice to Cease On October 31

Lt. Alda Ingraham, WAC recruiting officer, today announced that she had been notified by recruiting headquarters in Portland, that job assignments of the recruit's own choice would cease October 31.

Recruiting will continue at the same accelerated pace to attain the goal the war department has set for the Women's Army Corps, the need for WACs is as great or greater than it has ever been.

Lt. Ingraham said she will be glad to talk to any interested women at any time in the U. S. army recruiting station in the Medford Postoffice building.

Queen Victoria University was opened at Cobourg in 1836, and later moved to Toronto.

G. PASS LEGION BUYS BUILDING

Grants Pass, Ore., Sept. 13—(Sp.)—Grants Pass American Legion post has purchased the Dr. G. B. Bailey office building, corner of F and Fifth streets, for use as a post headquarters. Without a dissenting vote the Legionnaires culminated a year's action for a post-owned building at one of the largest meetings of the American Legion Monday evening.

It has been felt by local members that as veterans of the present war return and become members of the American Legion, expansion of the present building may be made to accommodate an increased membership. A minimum of alteration only will be required to care for needs of the post at present. The purchase included the lot directly west of the building also. Rooms for the auxiliary will also be provided, it was stated, and work parties

are scheduled in the near future with the hope of having the building ready for use for the Oct. 9 session.

ASTOR TO WED
New York, Sept. 13—(U.P.)—John Jacob Astor, III, scion of the Astor family, will be married to Gertrude Gretsich, 21-year-old Smith college graduate and New York debutante, Next Monday, Miss Gretsich's mother disclosed today.

SNEAD DISCHARGED
San Diego, Sept. 13—(U.P.)—Sam Snead, 1942 professional

golfers' association champion and holder of numerous other tournament crowns, has received a medical discharge from the navy, and has left for his home in White Sulphur Springs, Va.

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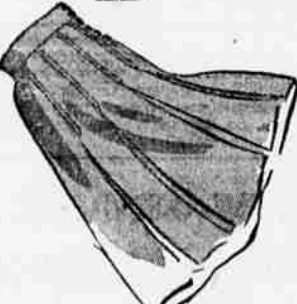
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