

THE BIG PARADE—

## 'I Saw Them Fighting Man to Man at Metz, And Neither Bombs Nor Shells Mattered'

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ON HEIGHTS ABOVE METZ  
ON MOSELLE RIVER, Sept. 10.—  
8:30 p.m.—While armored infantry pushed slowly across the Moselle river at other points, one American outfit in a woods directly across the river from here was engaged this afternoon in a pitched battle so fierce neither side paid any attention to artillery, fire or planes.

Elsewhere we were winning but near the village of Corny our advance was a harsh bitter thing.

G.I.'s were hammering their breath away against enclosing Nazis—G.I.'s who had guts enough to force their way across the river three days ago but who now were finding it difficult to push ahead.

Overhead American Thunderbolts

roared in an endless circle with Germans' black and red flak bursting around them. Now and then a plane peeled off from its' mates to dive toward two concealed German forts in the hills behind the woods.

Through the telescope it was easy to see German soldiers crouched in foxholes in a wide meadow flanking the American position.

From far behind us, American field guns poured shell after shell into the German positions and we saw clouds of smoke where they hit.

But both the Germans in the meadow and the Americans in the woods were curiously unconcerned about either the shelling or the planes, so intent were they on killing each other.

This was a fight of infantry against infantry, man against man,

## Ernie's New Book to Include Last Dispatches From Front

Ernie Pyle's last dispatches from France will be included in his new book, "Brave Men," the publisher announced today. Publication date of the book has been moved from Oct. 26 to Nov. 7 in order to include his later columns.

Advance orders for the book began pouring in to local book stores early in the summer when it was first announced that a new Pyle book would be published.

The Times' columnist's book on

## 5TH SEIZES TWO ITALIAN TOWNS

Engage German Troops on  
Outer Positions of  
Gothic Line.

ROME, Sept. 11 (U.P.)—American troops captured the important towns of Prato and Pistoia northwest of Florence today and advanced northward to engage Germans in the outer positions of the Gothic line.

U.S. 5th army units, who were revealed for the first time today to be operating near the center of the allied line across the peninsula, made a surprise advance by crossing the Sieve river 12 miles north of Florence.

The Americans on the western side drove north of Lucca and engaged its forward positions.

Prato and the larger town of Pistoia, 10 miles northeast, both are main highways and a rail line leading to Bologna, key city of the Po Valley northward.

Germans in the Adriatic sector, meanwhile, launched a heavy counter-attack against British positions along a razorback ridge just west of San Savino. The British repelled the attack.

## FEAR ESCAPED NAZIS SEIZE WOMAN, AUTO

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sept. 11 (U.P.)—Three girls displayed this note to police today:

"Dear Friend. Am being kidnapped by German spies. Get help quick."

They were walking along a suburban road yesterday. A speeding car forced them off the pavement. As the car whizzed by they saw a weeping woman in it and the note came fluttering out, they insisted.

The girls were Wauhanna Welch, 11; Lanelle Hodge, 10, and Uvelde Garrison, 11.

Four German prisoners of war escaped from Camp McCain, near here, last Tuesday, and still are at large. Police thought it was possible that they had kidnapped a lone woman and stolen her car.

## MISSIONARY TO TELL OF WORK IN AFRICA

Miss Gertrude Shoemaker, a missionary who has just returned from Africa, will tell of her work abroad at a missionary meeting at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Olive Branch Christian church.

Representing Oliver Branch and Linwood Christian churches, Miss Shoemaker has spent 17 years in Africa and has not had a leave for seven years. She will leave Indianapolis Sept. 24 for Salem, Ore., where she will visit her parents.

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## DAUGHTERS OF NILE QUEEN COMING HERE

MATTOON, Ill., Sept. 11 (U.P.)—A wave of alarm bordering on mass hysteria gripped this city of 15,000 persons today, following a night in which three more attacks by the "Madmen of Mattoon" were reported and men armed with shotguns, revolvers and clubs patrolled the streets in search of the phantom anesthetist who sprays his victims with "gardenia" gas.

She will be entertained with a luncheon at the L. S. Ayres & Co. tearoom tomorrow and a dinner at the Lincoln hotel tomorrow night. Local officials of the order will be hostesses at both functions.

another victim. The stained foliage was sent to the state crime laboratory for an analysis.

Latest victims were two young mothers and a schoolteacher. Mrs. Kenneth Fitzpatrick, 20; Mrs. Richard Daniels, 24, wife of a soldier, and Miss Frances Smith, principal of the Columbian high school, who reported that the prowler visited her home for the fifth time last night.

Meanwhile police planned to make a check of state hospitals preliminary to investigating persons recently released.

which also was detected by her husband. She was taken to her mother's home, where a physician was called to treat her swollen lips and parched throat.

The attack on Mrs. Daniels occurred about 20 minutes earlier, police said. She heard a noise on the front porch and went out to investigate when she got a whiff of the gardenia-like odor of the gas which made her faint, she said.

Another attack which occurred Saturday night also was reported to police last night.

AN INVESTMENT IN GOOD APPEARANCE

## CAPTURE DIJON, BESIEGE VESOUL

### French, Yanks Rush Toward

Junction in Central  
France.

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ROME, Sept. 11.—French troops of the allied 7th army have captured Dijon, vital transport center and biggest city in East-Central France, in a drive through one of the biggest barriers to a junction with American forces to the northwest.

The fall of Dijon, historic city of 85,000 on the left flank of the allied drive toward the Belfort gap and Southwestern Germany, was announced at allied headquarters.

"French army forces occupied the important communications center of Dijon," a special announcement said. "American troops reached the outskirts of Vesoul. Strong enemy resistance continues north of Riom."

Communications Center



Second Lt. Norman E. Davis, 212 W. Washington st., refers to a GI primer in seeking directions from Pierre in France. Lt. Davis is a pilot in a P-51 group.

## WLB Opens Study Of Wage Policies

### In Reconversion

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (U.P.)—The war labor board will re-raise its wage stabilization policy in the light of potential reconversion problems, it was learned today.

The board has begun a study of the probable impact on its wage and disputes policy by large scale industrial reconversion after the defeat of Germany.

And it is scheduled to receive two reports this week which will influence its decision as to whether it should recommend a change in the little steel formula, which limits general wage increases to 15 per cent of the January, 1941 level.

These reports will be submitted by the "basic steel" panel which heard the demands of the United Steel Workers (C.I.O.) for a general increase of 17 cents an hour and panels created to hear American Federation of Labor arguments for lifting the wage ceiling.

Inasmuch as W. L. B. authority over wage stabilization extends to Dec. 31, 1945 and over labor disputes until six months after the war, its decision to relate any possible change in wage policy to reconversion problems was influenced by the war production board announcement last week that most controls over civilian production will be relaxed after the fall of Germany.

## YOUNG G. O. P. CHIEFS MEET TOMORROW

Young Republican club district and county chairmen and vice-chairmen will hear a talk by Mrs. Gypsey Webb Corbin of Lawrenceburg, Ky., national vice-chairman of the Young Republican clubs, at the Claypool hotel tomorrow.

Tom E. Potter of Terre Haute will preside over the meeting, which many state candidates are expected to attend.

## NAVY TO INDUCT 600,000 BY JULY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—The navy plans to induct 600,000 men by next July to bring its peak strength to 3,389,000 for new and greater blows against Japan, according to Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal.

He said the defeat of Germany would not mean curtailment of the naval training program.

He declared that an average of 11 ships a day for a total of 4063 vessels were added to the U.S. fleet during the fiscal year ended last June. In addition, 20,000 new landing craft were launched and the navy air arm doubled in numerical strength.

## U-BOATS IN ATLANTIC STRETCHED THINNER'

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (U.P.)—German submarines in the Atlantic have been forced to "stretch even thinner their difficult lines of operation" following the allied invasion of France.

In a joint statement on submarine and anti-submarine operations in August, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill reported that the Germans have been forced to fall back on Baltic and Norwegian bases for their underseas craft.

## KIWANIS TO HEAR WAR FUND LEADER

Kenneth W. Miller, manager of the United War and Community Fund, will speak at Wednesday's Kiwanis meeting at the Columbia club on "Freedom of the Radio and Press."

## NAME SOUTH BEND MAN

Elli F. Seebirt of South Bend today was elected member of the board of governors of the American Bar association at the opening session of the house of delegates. He will represent the seventh district.

## MOTHERS CLUB TO MEET

Terrace Avenue Mothers' club will hold its first meeting of the current school season at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Kindergarten building, 1400 S. East st.

## REPORT ITALIAN STRIKES

LONDON, Sept. 11 (U.P.)—The Algers today reported general strikes in Bologna, Reggio, Rimini and Genoa, and partial strikes in Turin and Milan.

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