

WOMEN SPIES IN THIS WAR—

Cautious Else Weusenfeld Serves as Ring Paymaster

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—Plump Else Weusenfeld, listed by FBI as No. 3 world war II feminine spy, was an efficient Manhattan legal secretary who may have turned Mata Hari for love.

"It is interesting to note," says the FBI record in her case, "that Else Weusenfeld first came to the attention of the federal bureau of investigation because of her association with Hans Ritter, a principal in the German espionage system. Else Weusenfeld began living with Hans Ritter in 1935."

ALLIES FIGHTING TO BEAT WINTER

Snow, Due in Belgium Within 6 Weeks, Bound to Make Tasks Harder.

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SOMEWHERE IN BELGIUM

Oct. 4.—As October begins, we are not less than six weeks from the winter weather which will cover the well-paved but precipitous road of eastern Belgium with such a blanket of snow that wheeled traffic can barely move.

Back of the Siegfried line and back of the Rhine the Germans have a fine network of strategic railways which can operate at all seasons and to all points of defensive positions.

Thus, if we get caught in this neighborhood when snow falls, it will be more difficult to crack through or turn remnants of the Siegfried line to get onto the Rhine and, if we want to finish the war this year without relying on a German home front crackup, to push on into the heart of the Reich.

To do the job we must have decent weather for air operations.

"It's" are Listed

If we can operate our air force in ideal weather conditions any break-through of the Siegfried line will depend upon the strength of the Germans opposite us, upon the always problematical effect of air bombardment, and upon the power of our infantry to plow ahead irrespective of loss. We can only be sure of the last.

Our ability to get onto the Rhine will depend upon weather to a very large extent. We will have to face many obstacles which cannot possibly have been mapped during the recent bad weather. They will have to be blasted by our air forces, and our air forces, fine as they are, cannot operate without visibility.

The job of crossing the Rhine is something we will have to do when we get there and the job of getting there is so formidable that it puts the crossing into the background.

But if one insists on looking that far forward, it must be realized immediately that the crossing is bound to be an enormous business.

About 400 Yards Wide

During most of its course on our front the Rhine is between 300 and 400 yards wide and its bridges are reputed to have been prepared for demolition at the moment they were built.

The ground behind dominates the crossings and is ideal for gun emplacements.

The American tendency, during such a period as this, is to go into reverse and be violently pessimistic. Such a fantastic party as the Americans had in their triumphant race across France is bound to have its hangover.

Military experts have always anticipated a terrific time on the Rhine if we had to cross it in winter. They also anticipated a terrific time in getting through the Siegfried line.

Happy and amazed though they are at our luck in reaching and breaching the Siegfried line, they promise nothing regarding the Rhine and refer you to the politicians if you demand prophecy.

At least, one correspondent has sent home for his skin just to show how he feels. Guess who?

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TECKEMEYER TO VISIT POST-WAR PARLEY

Earl B. Teckemeyer, Indianapolis realtor and member of the board of governors of the National Institute of Real Estate Brokers, will attend the post-war action conference of the National Association of Real Estate Boards the week of Nov. 27 in Chicago.

PENSIONERS WILL MEET

Indiana Old Age Pension group is sponsoring a card party at 8 p. m. tomorrow in the McKinley clubhouse, 2217 E. Michigan st.

RATIONING DATES

MEAT—Red stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through K5 in Book 4 good indefinitely for 10 points each.

CANNED GOODS—Blue stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through R5 in Book 4 good indefinitely for 10 points each. No more blue stamps will become valid until Nov. 1.

SUGAR—Stamps 30, 31, 32 and 33 in Book 4 are good indefinitely for 5 pounds. Stamp 40 in Book 4 good for 5 pounds of canning sugar. No one is eligible for additional home canning sugar except those who produce for sale.

Applicants applying for canning sugar should send in one spare stamp 37, attached to the application for each applicant.

GASOLINE—Stamp A-13 for 4 gallons through Dec. 21. B3, B4 and B5 and C3, C4 and C5 good for 5 gallons; (4th quarter) good

for 5 gallons through Dec. 31. E, E1 and E2 good for 1 gallon; R, R1 and R2 are good for 5 gallons but are not valid at filling stations. Consumer may exchange R for E at his local board to purchase non-highway gasoline.

SHOES—No. 1 and No. 2 "airplane" stamps in Book 3 good indefinitely. A new stamp will become valid Nov. 1.

TIRES—Commercial vehicle tire inspection every six months or every 5000 miles. B card holders are now eligible for grade 1 tires if they can prove extreme necessity. All A holders are eligible for grade 3 tires, including factory seconds, if they find tires which may be purchased.

FUEL OIL—Period 4, and 5 coupons valid through Aug. 31, 1945. All change-making coupons and reserve coupons are now good. Period 1 good immediately.

Takes Out Papers

Plump, efficient Else came to America in 1927 from her home in Essen, Germany, to marry Albert Weusenfeld of Pontiac, Mich. She was divorced by him on cruelty charges two years later. She then studied nursing, stenography and became a secretary on a German-operated steamship line. From 1935 to 1941 she was secretary to the law firm representing New York City's German consulate general. She became a naturalized American citizen, but always said she was an American only "on paper."

She was a terrified, cautious, efficient spy. Her job involved getting no information for the Nazis, but she sent information collected by others to principals in Germany. She operated as a "forwarding address."

Two Plotters Meet

Cautious Else took no chances. When Lilly Stein was sent to New York City in October, 1939, to join the Frederick Duquesne spy squad, she was referred to Else. Lilly brought for Duquesne, spy ring leader, \$300 and microphotographed instructions to get information about gun turret design, anti-fog devices, automatic range finders, bacteriological warfare, anti-aircraft shells, gas masks, size of army and navy, shipments of war materials and troop movements. They met at a hotel and playgirl Lilly gave the password to substantial workaday Else. "Greetings from friends in Verdun-on-the-Ailler," said Lilly, and was received into the Duquesne ring.

All Actions Tabbed

Else served as paymaster for some members of the Duquesne ring, a far-flung group whose couriers rode trans-Atlantic planes out of South America and sailed on neutral ships. She kept at her fingertips the movements of all members of the ring.

Else lived in constant fear of apprehension, says the FBI, but at the same time she must have been thrilled by her job. She and Lilly Stein became pals, though Else was 40 and Lilly only 25 when they met in 1939. They visited each other, sat by the hour talking about their respective espionage operations, running down Uncle Sam, saying how smart the Germans were.

Trip Plans Thwarted

Else thrilled her friends with talk about forwarding contacts in Tokyo and sending messages to Germany "over the top," possibly meaning Siberia.

She was planning a trip to Germany in 1941. For 16 months Hoover's G-men had been weaving a net around Duquesne ring members, of whom Else was one, and she was arrested June 28, 1941.

AIR COMBAT CREW EXAMINATIONS HELD

Examinations for air combat crew training and the army specialized training program are given at 8 a. m. and 1 p. m. every day except Saturday afternoon and Sunday at the U. S. army recruiting station and AAF examining board, 419 Federal building.

Enlistment into the air combat crew program is open to young men 17 to 18 years old. In order to participate in the army specialized training program, the youth must be graduated from high school before March 1, 1945, and not be more than 17 years and 9 months of age at the time he is accepted for the program.

CAA CLOSES CLASS OF INDOCTRINATION

A group of Indianapolis Civil Air patrol officers has concluded a two-day indoctrination course at Stout field. The members are:

Eugene Adams, Panora Apostol, Earl Armstrong, Claude Alchison, James E. Beck, Eunice Lorene Beatz, Arthur O. Brandenburg, Harold Cornwell, Vera Coir, Merle Denny, Ruth Denny, Ray Davis, Raymond G. Doyle, Stephen Howard East, Irving M. Faure, William M. Hyllon, Irene Hyllon, Webster E. Jones, Iris M. Kersey, Wendell Loy, Frank Lane, Harry C. McQuinn, Marybeth Moore, Carl F. Meyer, Ralph Meisner, Robert Owen, Lloyd A. Pratt, Lloyd Peerman, Allan Raup, Henry Maurice Swenson, Harry E. Sharpnack, Rita Smith, E. K. Stewart, Joseph V. Rones, Walter B. Smith, Leon Teeler, Adeline M. Toms, Walker W. Winslow, Fred Worley and Stephen Yost.

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