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 "... Sixty trench-foot casualties were admitted to U.S. Army hospitals in one area for every 100 battle casualties. . ." From *The Stars and Stripes*, Nov. 29.

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 "... Wriggling the toes, even inside the shoes, helps to keep the blood flowing normally. . ." Col. J. E. Gordon, Chief of Preventive Medicine, ETO.

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Third Army Crosses Saar

In Vanguard as Yanks Keep Rolling Ahead



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

American tanks open fire and the assault is on. This unusual panorama shot of Yank tanks in action was made by a Signal Corps photographer somewhere along the front in Germany.

Nazis, In Retreat, Scorch Own Land; 9th Takes Julich

U.S. Third Army troops smashed across the Saar River yesterday, hurdling their last major water barrier to the Rhineland at Saarlauten, Nazis retreating from the river's west bank burned a village in their wake—first evidence of a scorched earth policy inside Germany.

In the south, Germans blew the three great river bridges east of Strasbourg as they pulled back across the Rhine from French Alsace to Baden, in the Reich. Northward, U.S. Ninth Army forces on the Roer River crushed the last enemy pockets in Julich, main German stronghold on the road to Cologne, United Press said from the front.

On their right flank, U.S. First Army troops launched two new attacks toward the Roer, 5,000 yards ahead of them, and early front reports said they captured Luchem, west of Duren.

'Biggest Tank Battle'

In Holland, British Second Army troops swept across a 25-foot anti-tank ditch to within 1,000 yards of the destroyed Maas River bridge at Venlo, in a local attack launched early yesterday, Reuter reported.

Stars and Stripes Correspondent Morrow Davis with Ninth Army disclosed that a tank battle, which the Germans described as the biggest ever waged on the Western Front, ended Nov. 22 with the Ninth German Panzer Division and the 15th Panzer Grenadier Division in fighting retreat toward the Roer. More than 400 German and American tanks were locked in the six-day struggle, which surged back and forth on a three-mile front, he said.

South of Julich, where Ninth Army troops mopped up the west bank of the Roer yesterday, First Army launched an attack at midnight and a second assault at dawn west of the Roer. The two thrusts

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Gestapo Trial Bares Torture

Trial of the Paris Gestapo gang, charged with robbing, torturing and murdering French patriots during the occupation, was scheduled to resume today with the Government asking 12 defendants about the torture and deportation of Genevieve De Gaulle, 20-year-old niece of Gen. Charles De Gaulle.

The presiding judge read the statement of Henri Chamberlin, alleged gang chief, admitting the organization of an espionage ring in Algiers for the Nazis. Police said Chamberlin made 17,000,000 francs out of silverware stolen from the American Embassy.

Army, N. Dame Win Weekend Grid Games

Army's undefeated, untied football team defeated Navy, 23-7, in the annual service game Saturday before 69,000 at Baltimore. Dale Hall, Felix Blanchard and Glenn Davis led Army's first victory in six years over the midshipmen.

In the No. 2 game of the day Notre Dame overpowered Great Lakes, 28-7, at South Bend. Other football results are on page 3.

Smokes Tieup Is Lifting, Say House Visitors

Normal cigarette distribution may be resumed next week in ETO areas where there are no transportation problems, visiting members of the House Military Committee reported yesterday, according to the Associated Press. They said high American officers told them there are plenty of cigarettes at European storage depots, but that lack of transportation, due to the need to keep supplies flowing to the front, caused the famine in rear areas.

"The question came down to one of whether it should be bullets or butts," Rep. Clare Boothe Luce (R.-Conn.) said, "and, of course, priority went to bullets."

Will Raise Peacetime Force

An ETO PX official reserved comment on the statement that normal distribution may be resumed shortly and said he hoped to clarify the situation at the end of this week.

Discussing overseas service, Rep. Overton Brooks (D.-La.) said all combat soldiers and men who have been in Europe more than two years should go home after the war ends. He added that Congress, at its next session, must consider legislation to

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Delegates Open Global Skyway

CHICAGO, Dec. 3 (ANS).—Delegates of the 54 nations at the International Civil Aviation Conference voted unanimously yesterday to open the world's skyways to global airlines without restriction as far as actual flight is concerned.

Bypassing controversial economic issues, the delegates agreed to sign a separate document setting up two "freedoms of the air" as the basis of international policy—the privilege of flying over any nation without landing and the privilege of landing anywhere for non-traffic purposes, such as repairs or because of bad weather.

8th Army Troops Gain In Push Toward Russi

ROME, Dec. 3. — Eighth Army troops continued their advance between the Montone and Lamone Rivers, moving to within less than two miles of the town of Russi, Allied headquarters announced today. West of Faenza, Eighth and Fifth Army forces captured hill features,

Forts Batter Tokyo Anew; Yokohama Hit, Japs Report

Superfortresses from Saipan Island struck at Tokyo yesterday for the fourth time in little more than a week. A "substantial force," Washington announced, rained bombs on industrial targets, blasted previously, in the Japanese capital and also, by enemy account, raided Yokohama.

At the same time, Pearl Harbor announced that in five raids last month Liberators heavily damaged Japanese airfields on Iwojima Island, about midway between Saipan and Japan. The Japanese had been launching raids from there against U.S. Saipan bases.

Japs Occupy Kichang

Pacific news was not all favorable, however. A Chungking announcement that U.S. planes had attacked Kichang revealed that the Japanese had occupied the city, some 400 miles below Chungking.

Kichang is 90 miles southeast of Kweiyang and is an important stepping-stone toward the latter city. Kweiyang is the principal city on the highway between Kuming and Chungking and its loss would nullify the new Ledo-Burma road, imperil additional U.S. air bases and menace Chungking itself.

Heavy tropical rains still mired the ground offensive against Ormoc on Leyte Island in the Philippines but U.S. planes continued pounding Japanese installations elsewhere in the Islands.

California GIs Voted To Ban Closed Shop

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Dec. 3 (ANS).—Californians in the armed forces voted two to one in favor of a proposed state constitutional amendment which would have banned the closed shop in union contracts, partial survey of absentee ballots disclosed today. The civilian electorate defeated the proposal three to two in the Nov. 7 election and the absentee vote was not large enough to change the result.

Pearl Harbor Trials Vetoed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP).—Army and Navy inquiry boards found that errors of judgment in Hawaii and Washington contributed to the Pearl Harbor disaster. Secretaries Henry L. Stimson and James V. Forrestal said in simultaneous statements yesterday, but discovered no grounds for any court-martial proceedings.

The Secretaries of War and the Navy summed up the boards' conclusions in their statements and said that the reports themselves could not be made public until after the war, for security reasons.

The Secretaries said they would continue personal investigations and, when all the evidence was in, would review their present tentative decisions against disciplinary action.

The Stimson and Forrestal statements wiped out the proposed court-martial trials of Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short and Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel, in command at Pearl Harbor at the time of the attack. Kimmel's lawyer said that Forrestal's statement "means that Adm. Kimmel has been cleared."

Henderson Gets ETO Job

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP). — Leon Henderson, former price administrator, leaves for London shortly and eventually will go to Germany to handle economic affairs in that part of the Reich which will be controlled by the Americans during occupation.

Med School Invites 'Foxhole Doc'

By Robert Richards
 United Press War Correspondent.
 WITH FIFTH DIV. NEAR METZ, Dec. 3.—T/4 Duane N. Kinman, the "foxhole surgeon" who performed a delicate throat operation with a rusty jackknife and a fountain pen, sat down quickly as if weak in the knees today. He had just been offered a free medical education at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, O.

"Golly, that's just what I wanted to do all my life," said the former

College Place, Wash., truck driver and auto mechanic whose battlefield operation astounded medical men. "I wanted to go to college and learn to be a surgeon, but I always told myself it's no use—I'll never get together enough money. Now it looks as I've got the chance I've always wanted."

The offer was made to Kinman, who had just been elevated from private to T/4, by President W. F. Lautner of Western Reserve, provided he could pass pre-medical

exams. Kinman performed a wind-pipe operation, saving the life of a dying GI during a heavy mortar barrage. A shrapnel wound in the throat had cut off the soldier's breathing.

Kinman, the only son of his widowed mother, said: "My mother and three sisters will be really proud of me now. I want to study and become a first-class surgeon rather than just a physician. They do some mighty wonderful things every day here."



How to Act in the U.S.

Upon entering this paradise, I would suggest firstly, a deep, deep breath; secondly, gulp and swallow hard; thirdly, let your eyes moisten, sparkle or laugh. It's optional. You must be absolutely extravagant about the whole thing. In fact, I know you will. After momentarily glimpsing a dock full of vague, but nice people who seem to be screaming and shouting their heads off, do likewise. As you step down upon the ground, you will, of course, kiss same. Above all, do not become upset if these American people think you strange in your ways and customs. Their ways of living are indeed stranger. They sleep—in beds! They eat the strangest foods. And the clothes they wear: such variation, such finesse. A most painstaking people. But we shall have no alternative. In due time we must adopt their ways.—Pvt. Al Stann.

Demob's No Problem

Hearing over the news broadcast last night that Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg have already asked that they be included in the police-up of Germany, brings a new ray of hope. It all boils down to this: They will be more than glad to share in the occupation of Germany. And then, too, we have a bunch of boys who plan on staying in "after it's over." All told, here's one GI who isn't losing any hair worrying over the demobilization problem.—Pvt. G. F. Danik, AAA.

One Team

Just a few front line men who are sick and tired of reading about those IA guys bitching about being in 4F outfits. We think that they have a job to do and without their help we wouldn't be up as far as we are now. So, please tell these guys to stop bitching and do their job and we'll all get home sooner.—Pfc "Mole" Toth and four others, AAA AW Bn.

Never Satisfied

Can you explain to us how it is, or why it is, that on our PX days, which incidentally are few and far between, we are offered captured German cigars and German cigarette lighters. Yet these articles, when purchased by us, are checked off our ration cards.—Sgt. C. A. B., Gen. Hosp. (These supplies are Government property—a toothbrush or pipe serves the same purpose no matter where it was made. If Uncle Sam gets more than the "overhead" out of the German stuff, the profit goes to the Company Fund.—Ed.)

Casting Trouble

While in England we operated an Ordnance Supply Depot that had the highest percentage of issues of any in the UK. Since landing in France we have been furnishing the bull gang for a Base Depot and have acquired the company motto, "NULLO BASTARDU CARBORUNDUM." We are not too good for this type of work, but why isn't there an appropriate assignment for us? Is our skill, ability and experience in supplying vitally-needed Ordnance Supplies no longer needed? Our past is filled with words of praise and letters of commendation. Our present is filled with heartaches and prayers that in the near future we shall be assigned to the task for which we were trained.—Sgt. S. H. Simpson, Ord. Field Dep.

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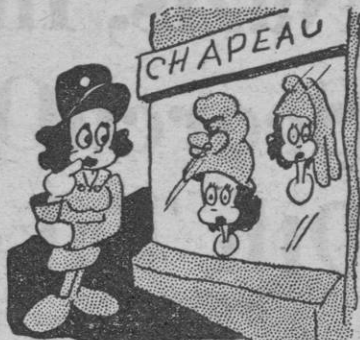
Hash Marks

Signs of the Times. (Reported by Pfc Andrew Bernas) Over the entrance to a fighter base headquarters are the words, "Get Used To Civilian Habits—Close The Door."

Overheard in the Blackout. "She's the quiet type—she lives on hush money."

If all the GIs were laid end to end in a mess hall, they'd reach.

Who said that? With all the WACs in the Army the war should



end soon—no lady will stand for wearing the same hat two years in succession.

It happened to Lt. Francis Cleary. He was riding in his tank through a liberated city amidst cheers and shouting of the populace, when a whitehaired, bearded Frenchman hopped alongside the tank and shouted at him. Cleary tried to dismiss the old man with shouts of "No compree—no compree Français." At that moment the tank stopped and in the dead silence the old man stood half-exhausted from his running and made this plea, "But, monsieur, I am speaking English!"

Overheard on the Home Front. "Dearie, why don't you join the WAVES and release a man." "It's more fun holding on to one."

To coin a phrase, many guys will probably celebrate V-Day by getting "Plastered in Paris."

Then there was the cannibal's daughter who liked the boys best when they were stewed.

A sailor's wife once complained, "Why are you so indifferent? When we were first married you said I had a figure like a beautiful ship." Hubby replied, "Yeah, but your cargo has shifted."

J. C. W.

Births

Folks at Home Send These GIs Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival: PFC Norman D. Davis, Schenectady—Philip Steven, Nov. 9; Pvt. Howard Y. Fredlund, Roosevelt, N.Y.—girl, Nov. 17; Lt. Irving J. Taylor, Pasadena, Calif.—Laurence Joseph, Nov. 21; Pvt. Virgil Johnson, Pauls Valley, Okla.—Denise Evelyn (born in Harrogate, Yorkshire, England), Nov. 6; Sgt. Norman L. Browne, N.Y.—boy, Nov. 24; 1/Sgt. Robert S. Connell, Scranton—Robert Aloysius, Nov. 4; Pfc Irving Jaffe, Brooklyn—David Jerome, Nov. 3; Pvt. Frankie McCormick, Verona, Pa.—Mary Kathleen, Nov. 24; M/Sgt. Martin M. Harbison, Alton, Mo.—Sandra Darlene, Nov. 24; Lt. H. P. Warshour, New York—Arlene Helen, Nov. 23.

Private Breger



"Whatcha complainin' about? You never had breakfast in bed in civilian life, did you?"

When Winter Comes to Europe



Winter means different things in different parts of Europe. In the north, the Allies have passed the worst belt of gooey soil. In Holland begin the swampy soils which stretch on through Denmark. Snowfall is fairly heavy on the Western Front, ranging from one and one-half to two and one-

half inches in December and January. Northern Poland and northeastern Germany are fairly warm.

Heavy snow is common in the Czechoslovakian highlands and ice interrupts Elbe and Danube traffic six to eight weeks. "Sunny Italy" becomes icy in the Alps regions and rain and melting snow will make the going tough for the Allies.



Well, It Gets Through

2/Lt. Jay C. Swisher has found out how the APO turns a wedding gift to a Christmas present. Last March, when Swisher was married, a friend mailed him the gift. When

he received it a few days ago in Luxembourg, he remailed it to his wife, who lives in Vermillion, S.D. He hopes it gets there in time for Christmas.

But if you've lost confidence in the APO listen to this story. Pfc Harry A. Hoffer, of the 80th Inf Div., received a letter from his seven-year-old nephew addressed to:

Harry 35618553 Postmaster-N.Y.

Success Story

Shells were landing so close to the foxhole of Pvt. James L. Haney, of Oologah, Okla., and the Second Inf. Div., that Haney decided he ought to get out of there. Three times he tried it, and three times he was blown back into his foxhole by shells that landed within 15 feet of him. The fourth time, he made it, tired but undamaged.

Could Use Relief Hurler

Pvt. Gene C. Sloan's, of Vonore, Tex., was the only casualty in his Second Inf. Div. platoon when the Germans counter-attacked. Vonore's arm gave out on the 18th grenade. Following instructions, Sloan threw a grenade when he heard a noise during the night. Then he heard another noise and threw another grenade. When the German attack began he really hurled them. On No. 18 he was so tired that he barely tossed it out of his foxhole. It fell so close that a splinter pierced his arm.

AEF-RADIO-AFN Program-AFN

- TOMORROW 0730—Sgt. Ray McKinley. 0925—Music America Loves Best (AFN). 1410—Melody Roundup (AFN). 1715—The Canada Guest Show. 2015—Fred Waring (AFN). 2030—Maj. Glenn Miller. 2105—Charlie McCarthy (AFN). 2135—Dinah Shore (AFN). 2205—Hit Parade (AFN). WED., DEC. 6 0830—Music by Sammy Kaye (AFN). 1215—James Melton Show (AFN). 1300—Cpl. Saddlebags (AFN). 1545—On the Record (AFN). 1715—Music by Freddie Martin (AFN). 1830—GI Journal (AFN). 2030—British Band of AEF. 2105—Mildred Bailey Show (AFN). 2130—Bob Hope Show (AFN). THURS., DEC. 7 1105—Duffie Bag. 1230—Chamber Music of Lower Basin St. 1300—BBC Symphony (AFN). 1715—Canada Swing Show. 2115—Swing Sextet. 2130—Music for All. 2205—Eddie Condon's Jazz Session (AFN). 2235—Reminiscing. FRI., DEC. 8 0830—Music by Vincent Lopez (AFN). 0925—The AEF Ranch House. 1105—Duffie Bag (AFN). 1305—John Charles Thomas (AFN). 1630—RAF Symphony Orchestra. 1900—Command Performance (AFN). 1930—Double Feature (AFN). 2030—Moonlight Serenade (AEF Band). 2206—Xavier Cugat (AFN). 2230—Here's to Romance (AFN). SAT., DEC. 9 0830—Music from America (AFN). 1410—Downbeat (AFN). 1500—Amer. dance band (Sgt. R. McKinley) 1545—On the Record. 1830—Vera Lynn. 1915—Music from the Movies. 2030—Frank Morgan (AFN). 2205—Jubilee (AFN). 2235—Latin-American Serenade. SUN., DEC. 10 0830—Hour of Charm (AFN). 1000—Religious Service. 1330—Sammy Kaye's Sun. Serenade (AFN). 1425—Anne Shelton. 1500—National Barn Dance (AFN). 1715—AEF Special. 1815—Andre Kostelanetz (AFN). 1900—Comedy Caravan (AFN). 2105—Mail Call (AFN). 2135—Guy Lombardo's Autographs (AFN).

Army Routs Navy, 23-7, in Service Classic

Irish Swat Great Lakes, 28-7

Dancewicz Parades ND To Easy Win

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 3.—Notre Dame, beaten this year only by Army and Navy, trounced Great Lakes, 28-7, here yesterday to gain partial revenge for its 1943 last-second defeat that dislodged the



Bob Kelly

Irish from the undefeated ranks. That defeat ranked the Irish for a full year and there was no doubt about their intentions yesterday when they took the field before 38,000 customers. The Bluejackets, who outweighed Notre Dame six pounds per man, enjoyed a slight edge in the first half, but Frank Dancewicz rallied his cohorts, who averaged 18 years of age, and they outran and outfought the sailors in the second half.

The sailors broke the ice on the first play of the second quarter when Jim Youel sneaked over from the one after Great Lakes had covered 23 yards in four plays. However, the Irish rebounded to knot the count before the half, scoring on a 15-yard pass from Dancewicz to Bob Kelly.



Frank Dancewicz

Dancewicz' booming punt that rolled out on Great Lakes' six resulted in another Irish tally in the third period. Ed Saenz, sailor halfback, fumbled on the next play when hit by Guard Johnny Mas-trangelo and End Doug Waybright recovered in the end zone for the Irish.

The South Benders collected two more touchdowns in the final period. After a drive bogged down on the three, Dancewicz reeled back and lobbed a payoff pass to Bob Skoglund. Eight minutes later, Kelly intercepted Youel's pass on the Irish 29 and ran it to Great Lakes' 48. Dancewicz raced across on the next play.

| | ND | GL |
|---------------------------|-----|----|
| First Downs..... | 11 | 11 |
| Yards Gained, rushing 148 | 151 | |
| Passes Attempted..... | 19 | 20 |
| Passes Completed..... | 8 | 5 |
| Yards Gained, passing 72 | 72 | 62 |
| Yards Penalized..... | 15 | 35 |

CAGE RESULTS

- NYU 62, Ft. Hancock 30.
- Long Island 72, Camp Shanks 26.
- Carnegie Tech 27, Slippery Rock 25.
- Detroit 56, Fort Wayne 29.
- Sedalia AAF 41, Westminster 29.
- Wayne 37, 728th Battalion 26.
- Michigan State 44, Drake 36.
- Indiana 44, Camp Atterbury 22.
- Columbia Midshipmen 70, Columbia U. 54.
- Cornell 59, Rider 35.
- Brooklyn College 52, Yeshiva 41.
- Illinois 64, Chanute Field 25.
- CCNY 53, Montclair Techs. 46.
- Kentucky 56, Ft. Knox 23.
- Minnesota 50, South Dakota 28.
- Augsburg 45, Carleton 36.
- Loyola of South 59, Big Springs AAF 38.

Li'l Abner



By Courtesy of United Features.

Georgia Tech Races Through Georgia, 44-0

ATHENS, Ga., Dec. 3.—Georgia Tech's Yellowjackets, slated to oppose Tulsa in Miami's Orange Bowl game, captured the Southeastern Conference football title by whipping Georgia, 44-0, here yesterday in the 39th renewal of one of Dixie's greatest gridiron feuds.

More than 28,000 fans watched the Yellowjackets triumph at Athens for the first time since 1893.

Tech turned on the steam early and it was no contest after Freshman George Mathews tossed a 19-yard touchdown pass to End Charlie Murdock and Frank Broyles passed another over the goal line to Mathews in the first quarter.

Tex Ritter passed to Murdock to set up Broyles' four-yard payoff buck, and Broyles connected with Mathews shortly thereafter to give Tech a 26-0 margin at the intermission.

Horvath to Get Heisman Cup

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Les Horvath, Ohio State's All-America back, today was named the winner of the Heisman Memorial Trophy as the outstanding college football player of 1944. He will receive the award at the annual banquet at the Downtown Athletic Club Tuesday night.



Les Horvath

Horvath received 412 votes to 287 for Glenn Davis, Army back who leads the nation's scorers. Felix "Doc" Blanchard, Army fullback and blocker de luxe, was third, with 237.

Angelo Bertelli of Notre Dame was the winner last year.

Tilden Trips Weber In 'Kelly Bowl' Tilt

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—Tilden's Blue Devils gave the public high school league its first victory in four years by shading Weber of the Catholic loop, 13-7, before 65,000 shivering fans at Soldier Field yesterday in the annual "Kelly Bowl" charity football game.

Tilden broke a 7-7 deadlock in the third period when Bill Gay scored on a pass from Ed Kriwiel.

So. Methodist Flattens TCU

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 3.—Southern Methodist flattened the Southwest Conference champions, Texas Christian, 9-6, here yesterday, thereby stripping some luster from the Cotton Bowl game here New Year's Day when TCU meets the Oklahoma Aggies.

Pete Kotlarich's 22-yard field goal gave SMU a 3-0 lead, but Randy Dogers took a lateral from John Hadaway on the next kickoff and ran 80 yards for a touchdown just before the half ended.

Early in the third period, Bobby Folsom scored from the six-yard mark, culminating a 60-yard march.

Title's Passes Feature LSU Victory Over Tulane

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 3.—Jack Tittle filled Tiger Stadium with passes yesterday to lead Louisiana State to a 25-6 victory over Tulane. Tittle heaved touchdown passes to Charley Webb and Paul McCarson and set up a score by Elwyn Rowan. Gene Knight's 50-yard run, following an interception, completed the LSU scoring.

Phils Want Hoover

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 3.—The Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Phillies recommended today that J. Edgar Hoover, FBI chief, be selected to replace the late Kenesaw Mountain Landis as baseball's high commissioner.

Ferrier Leads Coast Golf

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—M/Sgt. Jim Ferrier, former Australian golf champion now in the U.S. Army, fired a 66 yesterday to grab the halfway lead in the \$14,500 San Francisco Open Golf Tournament with a 36-hole total of 141.

Mark Fry, winner of the first round, added a 73 to his opening 69 to trail Ferrier by one stroke.

Byron Nelson's 71 put him in a three-way tie for third place with George Fazio and John Geersten, each with 143.

Ferrier, one of golf's longest drivers, added putting accuracy to his repertoire yesterday, dropping

7 Bouts in Paris Tonight

Seven GI boxing matches will be staged tonight at the Palais de Glace, Paris, under auspices of the ARC. The first bout will start at 7:30 P.M.

FOOTBALL SCORES

- FRIDAY NIGHT'S SCORES
Tulsa 48, Miami 2.
Daniel Field 28, Newberry 7.
- SATURDAY'S SCORES
Army 23, Navy 7.
Notre Dame 28, Great Lakes 7.
Georgia Tech 44, Georgia 0.
Oklahoma 31, Nebraska 12.
Arkansas 41, Arkansas Aggies 0.
Virginia 26, North Carolina 7.
Southern Methodist 9, TCU 6.
Louisiana State 25, Tulane 6.
Texas Tech 7, South Plains AAF 6.
Rice 18, Southwestern 0.
Denver 27, Colorado College 13.

Kaydet Hero



Felix Blanchard

Toronto Leafs Regain Lead

TORONTO, Dec. 3.—The Toronto Maple Leafs climbed back into first place in the National Hockey League last night by defeating the New York Rangers, 4-3. The victory gave the Leafs a one-point margin over the Montreal Canadiens, who were idle.

Jack McLean netted the deciding goal midway in the third period on an assist by Jack Kennedy. Nick Metz scored twice and Wally Stanowski once for other Toronto goals.

Ranger tallies were made by Walter Atanas, Fred Thurier and Ab DeMarco.

Hockey Standings

| | W | L | T | Pts | G | OG |
|----------|----|---|---|-----|----|----|
| Toronto | 10 | 4 | 0 | 20 | 56 | 45 |
| Montreal | 9 | 4 | 1 | 19 | 53 | 36 |
| Detroit | 7 | 4 | 2 | 16 | 62 | 42 |
| Boston | 5 | 7 | 1 | 11 | 53 | 58 |
| New York | 2 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 42 | 62 |
| Chicago | 2 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 48 | 72 |

Ninth 'Thunderbolts' Score 3rd Victory, 7-6

Dick Tewksbury, of Wabash, Ind., former Purdue fullback, scored a first-period touchdown and conversion that gave the Ninth AAF 2nd AADA football team a 7-6 victory over the Ninth AAF Defense Command yesterday at Pershing Field, Paris. It was the Thunderbolts' third straight victory.

John Kornoff, of Los Angeles, ex-Washington Stater, scored on a short plunge for the losers in the second period.

SHAEF Gridmen Win, 19-0

The SHAEF football team defeated Fourth Service Group Blue Devils, 19-0 at Versailles yesterday. Wilson Brooks, Pete LaTona and Johnny Bauers scored SHAEF touchdowns.

GIs in Scoreless Tie

The 442nd Engineers and First General Hospital football teams played to a scoreless tie yesterday at Municipal Stadium, Paris.

Menichelli Held to Draw

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Fernando "The Mighty" Menichelli, Argentine heavyweight, added substance to a growing suspicion he is not a very good boxer by fighting a ten-round draw with Johnny White, of Jersey City, at the St. Nicholas Arena last night.

Cadets Finish 1944 Season Without Defeat

By Andy Rooney

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau
BALTIMORE, Dec. 3.—The Kaydets of West Point swept to a decisive 23-7 victory over Navy before 69,000 fans at Municipal Stadium here yesterday to conquer the Middies for the first time in six years and finish their '44 schedule unbeaten and untied.

By winning, the men from the Point captured the mythical national championship and established themselves as the greatest Army football team in history.

Glenn Davis, Los Angeles plebe sensation who increased his season's scoring total to 120 points for the nation's best mark, and Felix "Doc" Blanchard, All-America fullback from Bishopville, S.C., led offensive operations for Army. But it was the Cadet line that told the real story of the game.

Army's line was a question mark in all pre-game arguments. Navy's forward wall was no question mark in any one's mind—except that of Army. But Navy's line, touted as the strongest in the country, was pushed around and badly mauled by both Army lines as Coach Col. Earl "Red" Blaik continued his two-team wholesale substituting.

Dale Hall Scores
After a scoreless first period, Davis, Blanchard and Dale Hall went to work, hammering out 56 yards before Hall took the ball from Capt. Tom Lombardo and scooted 25 yards to score. Blanchard was the heavy-man during the drive, crashing through Navy's tackle position manned by All-America Don Whitmire time after time.

Blaik's first stringers forced a safety two minutes into the second half. Navy was shoved back to its own 14 on three running plays. Then John "Swede" Hansen, Navy

end, dropped back to kick, but his punt was blocked by Arch Arnold, whose father, Maj. Gen. Archibald Arnold, commands the Seventh Division on Leyte. Hansen chased the bounding ball into the end zone and fell on it just ahead of Army's End Ed Rafalko.

The Middies came to life late in the third period, starting on their own 26-yard stripe and parading downfield on the good right arm of little Hal Hamberg, their passing specialist. Hamberg ran the ball three times and completed two of three passes before an Army penalty carried the ball to the one-yard line. Clyde Scott plunged across on two tries and Vic Finos converted.

When the fourth quarter opened, Davis intercepted a pass and returned to his 48. Blanchard carried three times and Davis once to advance to Navy's 20. After Max Minor made one yard, Blanchard plowed through the Middies' vaunted forward wall three times to score.

Army regained possession after Navy tried three futile line bucks. Davis and Blanchard collaborated to move from their 31 to midfield. On a quick-opening play, Davis cruised 50 yards behind sparkling blocking by Blanchard and End Barney Poole to a touchdown.

| ARMY NAVY | |
|---------------------------|-------|
| First Downs..... | 12 8 |
| Yards Gained, rushing 208 | 83 |
| Passes Attempted..... | 8 22 |
| Passes Completed..... | 4 7 |
| Yards Gained, passing 30 | 81 |
| Yards Penalized..... | 45 55 |

By Al Capp



Smokers' Panic In U.S. Blamed For Scarcity

NEW YORK, Dec. 3 (AP). — A nationwide survey disclosed today that panic buying by smokers is about as much to blame for the civilian cigarette shortage as an estimated 20 to 50 percent reduction in supplies to wholesalers.

Cigarette manufacturers, distributors and retailers and many regional OPA officials said that buying of extra packs by famine-scared millions threatens to make the situation progressively worse.

All over the country, smokers keep tabs on tobacco delivery hours and rush from one line to another or repeat in the same line until the clerk spots them.

Boys Resell for Profit

Many communities report that boys empty cigarette vending machines as soon as supply men fill them and resell the cigarettes at a profit.

Some harassed retailers say they may not renew their cigarette licenses when they expire because of unreasonable customers. One dealer in New York State said that "men and women accuse me of lying when I say I haven't any cigarettes. One woman picked up a heavy cardboard 'No Cigarettes' sign from the counter and threw it at me."

Reports by cities included these:

Des Moines, Ia.—A tobacco truck driver reported that he saw the same women follow him into four stores.

Albuquerque, N.M. — A young married woman, her five-year-old son and her white-haired mother joined a cigarette shopping line. Piped the kid: "What are you buying those cigarettes for, Grandma? You don't smoke."

Had Dozen Packs

Buffalo, N.Y.—A retailer reported that a young woman asked him if he had any cigarettes. "No," he replied, "I wish I had some to smoke myself." "I'll sell you some," she said, and reached into her handbag where she had a least a dozen packs. She explained she had been going from store to store collecting them.

Portland, Ore.—An old lady obtained a pack of cigarettes from a grocery that sold only to regular customers with the plea, "I need them so badly. My son is in pain and wants a cigarette." As the clerk handed them over he caught sight of some 30 packs in her shopping bag.

Reno, Nev.—Stores here have inaugurated a system by which a customer must return an empty cigarette package bearing the name of the store and the date of purchase to get a fresh pack. One woman returned the ashes of part of her package, saying she had inadvertently thrown it into the fireplace.

Attempt to Swim Roer River Wins Scout a Pass to Paris

WITH U.S. NINTH ARMY, Dec. 3.—"A damn good try" to cross the Roer river may prompt the folks back home to wonder "how ya gonna keep" Pfc L. D. Beeler down in the mountains round Cumberland, Ky., "after he's seen Patee."

Lt. Col. Glover S. Johns, battalion commander from Corpus Christi, Tex., sent a six-man infantry patrol out Tuesday night to (a) beat the woods for Germans supposed to have crossed the Roer; (b) find out the width and depth of the river, and (c) reconnoiter for a likely spot to effect a crossing.

"The first man to cross the river gets a pass to Paris," Col. Johns promised.

Sgt. William F. Cannon, patrol leader from Frederick, Md., set out with Beeler, Pfc Edward W. Abbe, of Cleveland; Pvt. Lawrence V. Mason, of Rosebank, N.Y.; Pfc Floyd R. Bryan, of Gladwin, Mich., and Pfc Joseph E. Abbatiello, of Syracuse, N.Y. With them went T/5 Albert T. White, public relations man from Rutherford, N.J.

The patrol reached the river, but heard German voices directly across, so it moved to another spot.

Nazi Diaper Sniper, Aged 11, Is Captured

WITH THE 5th INF. DIV., FRANCE.—An 11-year-old German sniper with a man-sized, telescopically-sighted rifle was pulled out of a tree in France by Co. B, 2nd Inf. Regt.

He wore a child-size helmet and camouflage cape. Identification papers gave his age. Immediately after he was taken, Co. B captured 47 Germans who, according to Pfc Harry Gordon, of Chicago, were mostly "in their teens or late forties."

Greek Police Slay 15 Reds

Greek government police opened fire on thousands of Communist demonstrators marching past the Royal Palace in Athens yesterday in defiance of a government ban. The Communists said that 15 were killed and 148 wounded, including some women and children.

In Rome, at the same time, groups of young Communists attacked Royalists emerging from their first big mass meeting since the liberation.

The Athens demonstration brought to a head differences between the EAM, leftist resistance organization, and Premier Papandreou's government. The EAM had proclaimed a general strike for today and the government countered by forbidding demonstrations.

A Reuter dispatch said Greek police opened fire with machine guns and tommy guns. When more demonstrators arrived, the dispatch continued, "the police increased the intensity of their fire, probably using mortars and light anti-tank guns."

WD Coops Up U.S. Chickens

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (ANS).—The government ruled today that after Dec. 11 virtually all chickens produced and processed in the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula and Shenandoah Valley must be set aside for Army purchase. This region normally supplies from 60 to 80 percent of the needs of East Coast civilians.

The embargo is expected to stay in effect for at least the first three months of 1945.

War Food Administration Chief Marvin Jones and Quartermaster General Edmund B. Gregory asked civilians to remember, if poultry supplies grow short, that "chicken is for fighters first." Eastern markets still may expect the usual 20 to 40 percent of their chicken supplies which are produced in areas outside the embargo region, however.

Rolling to Rhine, Not Through It



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Trucks of the Third Army plow through hub-deep water on a flooded Lorraine road, under weather conditions typical of those encountered in Gen. Patton's current smash toward the Rhine River.

A Village Lies Still in Death After War Hurtles Through

By Jimmy Cannon

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WITH 80th INF. DIV., Dec. 3.—The dead hold Farbersvillers now. Once the enemy did and then we came. But they returned and so did we. Today only the dead are there. The fish in the shallow creek are the only living things in the town, which lies prostrate in the basin between the disfigured hills.

Russians Score 30-Mile Gain

Important Soviet successes on the Hungarian fronts both south and north of Budapest were admitted by the Germans yesterday.

In the area west of the Danube River below Budapest, Marshal Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian Army smashed at least 30 miles westward from Pecs to capture the highway center of Kaszovar on the road to the Austrian frontier by German account, and also penetrated northward toward Budapest. Moscow reported that Red troops in this new campaign were advancing across Hungary at the rate of ten and 20 miles a day.

Miskolc, important road and rail junction 80 miles northeast of Budapest, was evacuated by the Germans ahead of Marshal Melinovsky's westward advance toward the Danube River above the capital.

The capture of Miskolc was announced officially last night by Marshal Stalin in an order of the day which described it as a chief enemy defense bastion and center of the Hungarian arms industry. Another order announced the seizure of Satoraljaujhely north of Miskolc, junction of railroads connecting Hungary, Czechoslovakia and southern Poland.

Loses 2 Sons, Husband; 3rd Boy Will Go Home

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PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 3.—Mrs. Mary Di Gennaro's son Sammy is coming home from the wars.

Her two other sons, Dominic and Angelo Jr. were killed in action, and her husband committed suicide after hearing of the second son's death. She was notified by War Department today that Pvt. Samuel T. Di Gennaro, recuperating from wounds in an English hospital, would be given permanent duty in the U.S.

"We got into town at 10:30 AM and by dark we had driven them out," said Lt. Col. William J. Borston, of Ft. Worth, commanding the Third Bn. of the 317th Inf. Regt.

"I was in my CP when it happened," Borston said. "The tanks came through the fog that had sprung up like a suddenly recruited German ally. The infantry followed spraying fire like insane gardeners with deadly hoses."

Returned With Tanks

"I didn't have a runner, so I took off for the regiment and came back with the tanks," Borston said.

In the streets, the voices of the enemy shouted. "Col. Smith says it's okay to surrender, Yanks."

"Col. Borston came back riding on a tank and shot the first three Germans he saw with his Tommy gun," said Maj. E. J. Barszaz, of Pittsfield, Mass., executive officer.

In a barn across from the CP, S/Sgt. Graydon A. Rief, of Cincinnati, sat working at his radio as Germans battered at the door and called for him to surrender. "They made it bend, but they couldn't break it. The funny thing was that the door wasn't even locked," said Rief.

Tank Battle...

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His tank was knocked out by a Royal Tiger. The crew "bailed out," but the Sherman didn't burn. Bean crawled back, and when the Tiger padded by on its 34-inch treads, Bean fired the last armor-piercing shell, hitting the Tiger in the engine compartment and setting it afire.

Another Sherman gunner, Sgt. Michael Fritzman, of Salem, Ohio, kayed four Mark IVs and one self-propelled gun, but couldn't get a Panther or Tiger, although he bounced shells off half a dozen. But by ganging up on the Jerries, tricking them into range of the TDs and by guts and luck, the counter-offensive was smashed.

Third Crosses Saar As Nazis Scorch Earth

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converged from the north and south on the Nazi superhighway to Cologne.

United Press said Third Army forces drove across the Saar using a bridge captured intact at Saarlautern, where the river divides the town. Earlier reports said they were battling in the west side of the city, and to the north had drawn up along the river's west bank for 16 miles.

In the south, U.S. Seventh Army troops battled 300 Germans in a section of Strasbourg near the big Rhine bridges, Stars and Stripes Correspondent Wade Jones said.

Battle on Rhine Banks

As artillery shells zoomed overhead, American and German infantrymen battled in a seven-story apartment building on the city's east side, he said.

Germans still fought east of Strasbourg on the Rhine banks after destroying the bridges.

The Rhine bridges east of Strasbourg include a six-span, double-tracked railroad bridge with lattice girder superstructure and masonry piers and abutments, and a three-span road and street-car bridge of similar construction. Southeast of the city, a double-tracked railroad bridge of steel construction spans the river.

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raise a peace-time force of 1,000,000 men to help police Europe.

Soldiers here, he pointed out, "are wondering whether they will have to do guard duty in Europe after the shooting ends." He said a law drafting men to replace soldiers now in the ETO would be a logical solution to the problem. After a short training period in the U.S., he said, new draftees could be assigned police jobs in Europe.

Since arriving in France, the committee has visited Le Havre and Cherbourg ports and inspected other Army installations. Members indicated they plan an extensive tour to study soldier needs and ETO facilities.

The visitors left Paris yesterday for forward areas.

Savings in ETO Hit New High

Despite early Christmas and souvenir shopping by soldiers throughout the ETO, savings hit a new high during October, according to Brig. Gen. H. N. Cobbs, theater fiscal officer.

Only 16 per cent of the soldiers' pay was spent through civilian outlets. The remainder went into insurance, allotments, war bonds, savings, or was spent at post exchanges or QM sales stores.

Tank Destroyers Find 32,000 Jerricans

WITH U.S. SUPPLY FORCES IN FRANCE.—In a concentrated jerrican-recovery drive, one tank destroyer outfit in Advance Section, Com Z, has brought in more than 32,000 cans, Maj. Robert W. Rummele, executive officer, announced.

Terry And The Pirates

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